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## Winmeen Current Affairs

## 1. Which Indian city has been ranked first on the WHO's list of 15 most polluted cities?

- [A] Varanasi  
 [B] Faridabad  
 [C] **Kanpur**  
 [D] Delhi

- ✓ The report on 'Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014-2019' has recently released by a Delhi-based environment body - Climate Trends. As per report, Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur has been ranked 1st on the WHO's list of 15 most polluted cities.
- ✓ Faridabad (Haryana) stood at 2nd position, followed by Varanasi (UP), which is the Lok Sabha constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The report claimed that the situation in Varanasi is deteriorating as its MP has focused on beautification and infrastructure.
- ✓ The Air Quality index (AQI) in Varanasi reached an alarming 490 in 2017 and 384 -- very poor category -- in December 2018.
- ✓ The report also noted that MPs of Lucknow and Kanpur -- Home Minister Rajnath Singh and senior BJP leader Murlu Manohar Joshi respectively -- have mostly been silent on the issue of air pollution in their respective constituencies.
- ✓ Gaya and Patna in Bihar are 4th and 5th on the list, while Delhi is 6th and Uttar Pradesh capital Lucknow is 7th. Cities of Agra, Muzaffarpur, Srinagar, Gurugram, Jaipur, Patiala and Jodhpur are also on the WHO list of most polluted cities.

## 2. Sabooj Sathi project of which Indian state has got the UN-backed WSIS Prize 2019?

- [A] Kharkhand  
 [B] **West Bengal**  
 [C] Kerala  
 [D] Uttar Pradesh

- ✓ Two schemes of the West Bengal government for skill development and distribution of bi-cycles to students have won the prestigious World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS-2019) awards under

the aegis of the United Nations in Geneva. The schemes are "Utkarsh Bangla" and "Sabooj Sathi".

- ✓ Out of 1062 nominations in 18 categories, Utkarsh Bangla got the topmost award and emerged a winner in Capacity Building category. Sabooj Sathi ranked in the first five as a champion project under ICT application: E-Government category.
- ✓ The "Utkarsh Bangla" project aims at creating a pool of skilled candidates who are industry ready, while under the "Sabooj Sathi" scheme, bi-cycles are distributed to students between class IX and XII studying in government run and government aided schools and madrasahs of the state.
- ✓ Earlier, in 2017, the West Bengal government had received another UN award for its 'Kanyashree' project, a targeted conditional cash transfer scheme aimed at promoting education among girls.
- ✓ The WSIS Prizes is an international contest to create an effective mechanism to evaluate and recognise individuals, governments and private bodies for outstanding success in implementing development oriented strategies that leverage the power of ICTs as an enabler of the development.

## 3. Which Indian personality has been honored with the Freedom of the City of London?

- [A] **Alice G. Vaidyan**  
 [B] Atul Sahai  
 [C] M.R. Kumar  
 [D] Hemant Bhargava

- ✓ Alice G. Vaidyan, the CMD of the General Insurance Corporation (GIC) of India, has been awarded the Freedom of the City of London in recognition of her work to promote insurance ties between India and the UK.
- ✓ The Freedom of the City of London dates back to the 13th century and has since developed into an honour bestowed upon individuals who make an impact in the financial hub of London, referred to as the City or the Square Mile.
- ✓ The Freedom of the City of London is a very special and ancient tradition.

## 4. Which of the following telescopes has captured the first-ever Black hole image?

[A] James Webb Space

[B] Hubble

[C] EHT

[D] Spitzer Space

- ✓ Astronomers have captured the first-ever image of a black hole, which is located in a distant galaxy known as 'Messier 87' (M87), through a network of 8 linked radio telescopes known as the Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) Collaboration.
- ✓ The black hole in the centre of M87 has a mass of more than six billion solar masses. The picture shows an intensely bright 'ring of fire' surrounding a perfectly circular dark hole.
- ✓ MIT Computer scientist Dr. Katie Bouman has been credited for developing an algorithm that allowed the world to see what a black hole actually looks like. The EHT is a consortium of more than 200 scientists that has been in the works for about two decades.
- ✓ The EHT telescope achieved the necessary firepower by combining data from 8 of the world's leading radio observatories, including the Atacama Large Millimetre Array (Alma) in Chile and the South Pole Telescope and created an effective telescope size of the Earth.
- ✓ Black holes were first predicted by Einstein's theory of relativity and now, the first black hole photo confirms his theory. A black hole is a region of space whose mass is so large and dense that not even light can escape its gravitational attraction.

5. Which Indian sportsperson is the recipient of the New Zealand Prime Minister's Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship for 2019?

[A] Abhinav Bindra

[B] Sania Nehwal

[C] Mary Kom

[D] Deepa Malik

- ✓ Rio Paralympics silver medallist Deepa Malik has been named the recipient of the New Zealand Prime Minister's Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship for 2019 in recognition of her inspiring achievements.
- ✓ She will travel to New Zealand as a Sir Edmund Hillary Prime Minister's Fellow and meet with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern as well as visit Paralympic sporting organizations. Here, she will work to

promote sporting, cultural as well people-to-people relationship between India and New Zealand.

- ✓ Till date, she has won 58 national and 23 international medals and has been honoured with the Padma Shri and Arjuna Award. Deepa won the silver in shot put F53 event in 2016 Rio Paralympics.
- ✓ Athletes in F53 category can do only seated throws and they have full muscle power on their shoulder, elbow and wrist in the throwing arm. She recently joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

6. Who has been appointed as the first-ever woman Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia University (JMI)?

[A] Najma Akhtar

[B] Zahra Nigah

[C] Sarwat Zahra

[D] Shanaz Nabi

- ✓ Professor Najma Akhtar has become the first-ever woman Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia University (JMI) for a period of five years or until she attains the age of 70 years, She is also the first lady vice chancellor of any central university in Delhi.
- ✓ Ms. Akhtar has four decades of academic scholarship in educational leadership. She is known for spearheading international educational administrators' course for senior officials from 130 countries for more than 15 years at National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) in New Delhi.

7. Which tech giant has launched a new open platform "Anthos" to run and manage apps from anywhere?

[A] Microsoft

[B] Google

[C] Facebook

[D] Wipro

- ✓ Google has introduced a new open platform called Anthos to run and manage apps from anywhere.
- ✓ It is based on the Cloud Services Platform and would let users run applications on existing on-premise hardware investments or in the Public Cloud.
- ✓ Anthos not only allows customers to deploy Google Cloud in their own data centres but also gives them the flexibility to build, run and manage their workloads within their data centre, on Google Cloud,

or other cloud providers (Multi-Cloud), without making any changes.

- ✓ Anthos will also let users manage workloads running on third-party clouds like Amazon AWS and Microsoft Azure.

8. Which of the following banks has signed the first co-origination loan agreement with Paisalo Digital?

[A] BoI

[B] SBI

[C] PNB

[D] BoB

- ✓ To empower AGRI, MSME segment and small businesses, the State Bank of India (SBI) has signed the first co-origination loan agreement with PAISALO Digital Limited. It is the first agreement of its kind in the country that SBI has signed.
- ✓ This will introduce a platform for the last mile customer. Here, the loan ticket is designed at Rs 10,000 to Rs 2 lakh.
- ✓ The company expects to disburse 200,000 loan applications in FY20. The move is to enable the customers to reach with ease and use the platform for smooth loan disbursal and repayment easily.
- ✓ PAISALO Digital Ltd is a systemically important non-deposit taking NBFC registered with the Reserve Bank of India and has been in operations since 1992.

9. Who has been appointed as the new CMD of National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC)?

[A] Anoop Kumar Mittal

[B] Sudha Das

[C] Shiv Das Meena

[D] P S Mani

- ✓ Shiv Das Meena, an IAS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre of 1989-Batch, has been appointed as the CMD of National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC).
- ✓ He will succeed Dr. Anoop Kumar Mittal. The NBCC is a blue-chip Government of India (GoI) Navratna enterprise and is headquartered in New Delhi.

10. India and which European country have launched joint Industrial R&D programme to address shared challenges?

[A] Italy

[B] Sweden

[C] France

[D] Germany

- ✓ India and Sweden have recently launched the India-Sweden Collaborative Industrial Research and Development Programme on the occasion of the Sweden-India Innovation Partnership AI for All Summit in New Delhi.
- ✓ The programme will address a range of global challenges through technology and innovation. The Joint programme is co-funded by Indian Department of Science & Technology (DST) and Sweden's Innovation Agency – Vinnova.
- ✓ The new programme brings together the world class excellence of Sweden and India to address challenges in the area of Smart Cities and Clean Technologies and Digitalization / Internet of Things (IoT).
- ✓ Vinnova will provide funding to Swedish side participants upto 2,500,000 Swedish Krona as grant. On the Indian side, conditional grant of upto 50% with a limit of INR 1.5 crores per project to Indian project partners to be provided.
- ✓ This Programme is technically and administratively managed by the Global Innovation & Technology Alliance (GITA) on behalf of DST in India and Vinnova in Sweden.

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1. Meena Kumari Maisnam has clinched gold in which category at the Cologne Boxing World Cup 2019?

- [A] 64kg
- [B] 60kg
- [C] 51kg
- [D] 54kg

- ✓ Meena Kumari Maisnam from Manipur clinched gold in the 54 kg category at the 2019 Boxing World Cup in Cologne, Germany.
- ✓ Reigning youth world champion Sakshi (57 kg) and India Open champion Pwilao Basumatary (64 kg) lost their final bouts and finished with silver medals.
- ✓ Hence, India completed a haul of five medals from this prestigious European tournament following Pinki Rani (51kg) and Parveen (60kg)'s bronze medal wins on 13th April 2019.

2. Which country to host the world's foremost Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit?

- [A] China
- [B] India
- [C] UAE
- [D] Japan

- ✓ The world's foremost Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit will be held at the Dubai World Trade Centre in UAE from April 30 to 1st May, 2019. The aim of the inaugural 'AI Everything (AIE)' is to empower global dialogue on the future of government, business and society.
- ✓ The two-day event will bring together world leaders to define the underlying pillars of governance, business and society - augmenting the world's happiness. It will be hosted by the UAE National Programme for Artificial Intelligence, with the support of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and in strategic partnership with Smart Dubai.
- ✓ The AIE will unravel real-world use cases across industries, and forge collaborations and partnerships, hosting over 130 influential speakers.

3. Gelete Burka, who won the women's race at the Paris Marathon 2019, is from which country?

- [A] Ethiopia
- [B] Jamaica
- [C] Israel
- [D] Norway

- ✓ Ethiopian athletes Gelete Burka (women's race) and Abrha Milaw (men's race) won the 43rd edition of the Paris Marathon on 14th April 2019. They led a record 60,000 participants to the finish line through the French capital.
- ✓ Milaw won the men's race with a time of 2 hours :07 minutes and :50 seconds. Burka was the fastest woman with 2 hours :22 minutes and :48 seconds. In the wheelchair race, Julien Casoli won for a third time.
- ✓ The fastest disabled racer put up a time of 1 hour:36 minutes and :57 seconds. The Paris marathon is one of the world's most popular running events.

4. The people of which state has recently celebrated "Vishu" as their new year?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Telangana

- ✓ In Kerala, people are celebrating the Malayalam New Year "Vishu" with traditional gaiety and fervor on 15th April 2019.
- ✓ The word Vishu means 'equal' in Sanskrit, and it marks the sun's transit to the Mesha rashi (the first astrological sign in the zodiac).
- ✓ The day begins with people taking Kani darshanam (or Vishu kani) soon after waking up. The elders or women in the family prepare the Vishu Kani a day before by using edible stuff like rice grains, cucumber, pumpkin, coconut, mangoes, betel leaves, flowers, coins and fruits and a metal vessel called "urali" in front of a mirror that reflects the image of their deity.
- ✓ A special yellow flower named Konna is a must in the Kani. Elders gift money ( kaineettam ) to younger members.

- ✓ They also exchange gifts with their loved ones and wear new clothes. On this day, devotees visit temples and offer their prayer to Lord Krishna, who is worshipped on this day. People also visit Sabarimala Ayyappan Temple, Guruvayur Sree Krishna temple or the Kulathupuzha Sree BaalaShastha Temple to have a 'Vishukkani Kazhcha' viewing in the early hours of the day.
- ✓ And like all other festivals, Vishu is incomplete without an elaborate meal. There will a delicious meal -the Sadya which consists of different varieties of preparations.

**5. Who has become the first Indian to be appointed Chair of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Health and Safety Committee?**

- [A] S V Sunil
- [B] P R Sreejesh
- [C] Dilip Tirkey
- [D] **Bibhu Kalyan Nayak**

- ✓ Bibhu Kalyan Nayak from Bhubaneswar has become the first Indian to be appointed Chair of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Health and Safety Committee by the world governing body. He will serve a two-year term lasting till the first executive board meeting after Congress 2020.
- ✓ He has extensively trained in Sports Traumatology and Sports and Exercise Physiology from National Institute of Sports Medicine at Havana, Cuba & National Sports Centre at Madrid, Spain. Nayak also served as a medical officer for the 2018 Men's World Cup.
- ✓ He was commissioned in the Army Medical Corps of the Indian Army in 1995 and has worked in the Army Sports Institute, Pune for six years.

**6. Who has been conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award-2019 at the 4th APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Conclave?**

- [A] Mamta Kharab
- [B] Arjun Halappa
- [C] **A K Singh**
- [D] Amit Rohidas

- ✓ Director General at Life Sciences – DRDO, Dr A K Singh has been conferred with Lifetime Achievement

Award-2019 during 4th APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Conclave at Chandigarh University, Mohali.

- ✓ He is recognized for his rich contribution in the field of life sciences, aerospace and aeronautics. The DST scientist has more than 18 patents and has contributed in more than 57 research publications at an international and national level.
- ✓ The conclave was organised by the university to mark World Creativity and Innovation Day (WCID).

**7. Who of the following has been chosen for 2019 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize?**

- [A] Mazen Darwish
- [B] Mahmoud Abu Zeid
- [C] **Kyaw Soe Oo**
- [D] Dawit Isaak

- ✓ Journalists Kyaw Soe Oo and Wa Lone (Myanmar) has been chosen for 2019 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize. Both laureates are serving 7-year prison sentences.
- ✓ At the time of their arrest in Yangon on 12 December 2017, they were working for the Reuters news agency, reporting on alleged human rights violations in Myanmar's state of Rakhine. The prize will be awarded on 2 May as part of the celebration of 2019 World Press Freedom Day (3 May) which is taking place in Ethiopia.
- ✓ The Prize recognizes outstanding contributions to the defence or promotion of press freedom especially in the face of danger. It is named after Guillermo Cano Isaza, the Colombian journalist who was assassinated in front of the offices of his newspaper El Espectador in Bogotá, Colombia, on 17 December 1986.
- ✓ The \$25,000 Prize is funded by the Guillermo Cano Isaza Foundation (Colombia), the Helsingin Sanomat Foundation (Finland), and The Namibia Media Trust.

**8. Which of the following banks has topped Forbes' list of Indian banks 2019?**

- [A] **HDFC Bank**
- [B] ICICI Bank
- [C] IDFC Bank
- [D] SBI

- ✓ Forbes has recently compiled a first-ever list of the World's Best Bank 2019 in terms of customer services and technological advancements. The private lender, HDFC Bank, was ranked at the top of the Forbes list of Indian banks, followed by ICICI Bank, DBS, Kotak Mahindra Bank and IDFC Bank.
- ✓ However, India's largest public sector bank, the State Bank of India (SBI), did not even make it to top 10 of the list and was ranked 11th by the customers. Forbes had partnered with Statista, a market research company, to measure the best banks in 23 countries.
- ✓ Interestingly, this survey ignored any financial performances like P&L statements and balance sheets in favour of a customer's opinion.
- ✓ The survey compiled data from around 40,000 customers around the world for their opinions on their banking relationships. The banks were rated on the basis of 5 key attributes - trust, digital services, financial advice and fees.

#### 9. Who has been sworn-in as the new prime minister of Palestine?

- [A] Salim Zanoun
- [B] Mahmoud Abbas
- [C] **Mohammad Shtayyeh**
- [D] Ahmed Qurei

- ✓ Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh has been sworn-in as the new prime minister of the State of Palestine by President Mahmoud Abbas at his headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah.
- ✓ The 18th Palestinian government since the establishment of the Palestinian Authority in 1995 was sworn in according to a presidential decree issued by Abbas.
- ✓ The State of Palestine is a de jure sovereign state in Western Asia claiming the West Bank and Gaza Strip with Jerusalem as the designated capital, although its administrative center is currently located in Ramallah.
- ✓ It is recognized by 136 UN members and since 2012 has a status of a non-member observer state in the United Nations – which implies recognition of statehood. It is a member of the Arab League, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, G77, and the

International Olympic Committee (IOC) and other international bodies.

#### 10. The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has tied up with which scientific institute to protect coastal wetlands?

- [A] **ISRO**
- [B] BARC
- [C] DRDO
- [D] VSSC

- ✓ In a major attempt to build resilience against the impact of climate change, the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) and the Space Applications Centre (SAC) of ISRO have joined together to map, validate and protect smaller wetlands in the coastal region aimed at restoring them through coastal livelihood programmes.
- ✓ Both the organizations will develop a mobile app and a centralised web portal with a complete database of wetlands that are smaller than 2.25 hectares in the country. Such smaller wetlands cover an area of more than five lakh hectares across the country, while Kerala having as many as 2,592 smaller wetlands.
- ✓ As per the MoU, the two scientific institutes aim to identify and demarcate wetlands and restore the degraded wetlands through suitable livelihood options like coastal aquaculture. The app will be used for real-time monitoring of the wetlands and giving advisories to stakeholders and coastal people.
- ✓ The collaborative move is part of a national framework for fisheries and wetlands recently developed by the National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) project of CMFRI.

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1. On which date, the 2019 International Day of Human Space Flight is observed on which date?

- [A] April 14
- [B] April 12
- [C] April 15
- [D] April 17

- ✓ The International Day of Human Space Flight is observed every year on April 12 to mark the beginning of the space era for mankind, reaffirming the important contribution of space science and technology in achieving sustainable development goals and increasing the well-being of States and peoples, as well as ensuring the realization of their aspiration to maintain outer space for peaceful purposes.
- ✓ On 12th April 1961 the first human space flight was carried out by Yuri Gagarin, a Soviet citizen. This historic event opened the way for space exploration for the benefit of all humanity.

2. India's first-of-its-kind 'Voter Park' has recently inaugurated in which of the following cities?

- [A] Kolkata
- [B] Pune
- [C] Dehradun
- [D] Gurugram

- ✓ India's first-of-its-kind 'Voter Park' has recently inaugurated in Gurugram, Haryana to increase voter awareness and educating people about the electoral process. At the park, voters will get information about the polling process and the history of elections in the country.
- ✓ The purpose of establishing Voter Park was also to motivate eligible people to vote in the Lok Sabha election so that they can contribute to the progress of the country.
- ✓ A 'Selfie Point' has also been set up in the park, where people can click selfies displaying the indelible ink mark on their finger after casting their vote.

3. What is the theme of the 2019 World Allergy Week (WAW)?

- [A] The Agony of Hives
- [B] The Global Problem of Food Allergy
- [C] Anaphylaxis - When Allergies Can Be Severe and Fatal
- [D] Airway Allergies - A Human and Economic Burden
- ✓ The World Allergy Week (WAW) is an annual initiative of the World Allergy Organization (WAO) to raise awareness of allergic disease and related disorders and advocate for the provision of training and resources in the diagnosis, management, and prevention of these diseases and asthma, which are rising in prevalence around the world.
- ✓ The 2019 theme is "The Global Problem of Food Allergy". In 2019, the WAW ran from 7th to 13th April and the focus area was food allergy.

4. Pradeep Choubey, who passed away recently, was the renowned personality in which field?

- [A] Politics
- [B] Sports
- [C] Poetry
- [D] Journalism

- ✓ Pradeep Choubey (70), the renowned Hindi poet, has passed away in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh on April 12, 2019. He was the younger brother of celebrated humorist, satirist and poet Shail Chaturvedi.
- ✓ Born on 26th August 1949 in Maharashtra's Chandrapur district, Choubey shifted to Gwalior. He quit his job at Dena Bank to pursue his passion of poetry and travelled across the nation enthraling audiences with his punches, several of them targeted at the orthodox elements of society. Besides humour, he was famous for satirical comments on the system.

5. Which country has developed the world's first armed amphibious drone boat?

- [A] China
- [B] United States
- [C] Russia
- [D] Japan

- ✓ China has successfully tested the world's first armed amphibious drone boat 'Marine Lizard' in Wuhan, capital of Central China's Hubei Province.
- ✓ Built by Wuchang Shipbuilding Industry Group under China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation

(CSIC), the drone ship could be used in land assault operations and is capable of forming a combat triad with aerial drones and other drone ships.

- ✓ The Marine Lizard can be remotely controlled via satellites and have a maximum operation range of 1,200 kms. It possesses the capability of forming a combat triad with aerial drones and other drone ships.
- ✓ The Marine Lizard's payloads include an electro-optical system and a radar system. In the weapon department, it is equipped with two machine guns and a vertical launching system for anti-ship and anti-aircraft missiles. This amphibious drone boat can autonomously sail, avoid obstacles and plan routes.

#### 6. Which Indian sportsperson has clinched the 2019 Dutch International badminton title?

- [A] Parupalli Kashyap
- [B] Srikanth Kidambi
- [C] **Harsheel Dani**
- [D] B. Sai Praneeth

- ✓ Harsheel Dani from India has clinched the 2019 Dutch International badminton title at Hague in Netherlands. In the final, he defeated Mads Christophersen of Denmark by 15-21, 21-12, 21-13.

#### 7. The 4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific (RCAP) Congress 2019 has started in which of the following cities?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Ahmedabad
- [C] Shimla
- [D] **New Delhi**

- ✓ The 4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific (RCAP) Congress 2019 is a platform for discussing the opportunities and mechanisms of executing the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which is started in New Delhi on April 15, 2019.
- ✓ The three-day event is being hosted by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation in association with UN (ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability). This event is being organised in India for the first time and 31 countries are taking part in this programme that was inaugurated by the vice president.

- ✓ The RCAP Congress 2019 is offering cities and regions from Asia-Pacific a variety of innovative solutions that build resilience to climate change at the sub-national level.

#### 8. India's first foreign interactive and exotic world park has come up in which of the following cities?

- [A] **Mumbai**
- [B] Kochi
- [C] Kolkata
- [D] Chennai

- ✓ In Mumbai, EsselWorld launched India's first foreign interactive and exotic world park at the Essel World Bird Park in Gorai. The rain forest themed park is spread across 1.5 acres and is home to over 500 birds belonging to 60 different exotic species.
- ✓ Hence, this is the first bird park in India to host three different varieties of birds – aquatic, terrestrial and free flying birds - across terrains, ranging from rainforests, deserts, rocky decks and lakes, all located within EsselWorld in Gorai.
- ✓ It is equipped with small ponds for aquatic birds, dense cover of trees for birds to incubate their eggs and a water stream that offers drinking water to birds.
- ✓ It also houses a special bird's kitchen and healthcare centre. Some of the key attractions in the park are Ostriches, African grey parrots, Blue gold macaws, Toucans, Black swan and Rainbow lorikeet among others.

#### 9. The women's safety app "My Circle" has been launched by which of the following telecom companies?

- [A] Reliance
- [B] **Bharti Airtel**
- [C] BSNL
- [D] Vodafone

- ✓ Telecom operator Bharti Airtel in collaboration with FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) launched a women safety app – My Circle - to help women in case they face any problem or a panic situation.
- ✓ The application is carrier agnostic which would work on phones with any telecom service network, both Airtel and non-Airtel. The app enables women to send SOS alerts to any five of their family or friends

in 13 languages including English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Punjabi, Bangla, Urdu, Assamese, Oriya, and Gujarati. A woman in distress can send an SOS alert by pressing the SOS prompt on the app.

- ✓ It can also be activated by voice command through Siri on iOS. It will instantly send an SOS alert along with the user's location over SMS to the five contacts selected by the user and advise them to immediately reach out or respond to the emergency situation.
- ✓ The free-to-download app is now available on Google Play store (Android) and will be available on App Store (iOS) shortly.

10. What is the operational range of the India's first indigenously designed Sub-sonic Cruise Missile 'Nirbhay'?

[A] 500 Km

[B] 1000 Km

[C] 250 Km

[D] 5000 Km

- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has recently successfully test fired the underdevelopment long range subsonic cruise missile 'Nirbhay' from launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha.
- ✓ It has a operational range of 1000 km and can fly very low to the ground to avoid detection by enemy radar called terrain hugging capability.
- ✓ The state-of-the-art missile is the India's first indigenously designed and developed long-range sub-sonic cruise missile. It is capable of loitering and cruising at 0.7 Mach at altitude as low as 100 metre and covered the designated target range in 42 minutes and 23 seconds.

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1. Notre Dame, sometimes seen in news, is located in which country?

- [A] Italy
- [B] United Kingdom
- [C] France
- [D] Germany

- ✓ UN cultural experts have recently offered to help in rebuilding the iconic structure of the famed Notre Dame cathedral in Paris.
- ✓ The cathedral is a universal symbol and the centre of France and its devastation has left people across nations shocked. UNESCO World Heritage Centre Director Mechtild Rossler said that the Cathedral is part of the World Heritage site officially known as "Paris, Banks of the Seine", inscribed on the World Heritage List, in 1991'.
- ✓ The Notre Dame represents a historically, architecturally, and spiritually, outstanding universal heritage.
- ✓ It is also a monument of literary heritage. The cathedral, where construction began in the 1160s extending for more than a century, is considered to be the finest example of the French Gothic style of architecture, with its groundbreaking use of rib vaults and buttresses, stained glass rosettes and sculpted ornaments.

2. The historic Mujibnagar day has recently celebrated in which of the following countries?

- [A] Myanmar
- [B] Bangladesh
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Sri Lanka

- ✓ In Bangladesh, the historic Mujibnagar has recently celebrated on April 17, 2019. The day marks the oath taking ceremony of Bangladesh's first government in 1971 at Baidyanathtala in Meherpur.
- ✓ On this day in 1971, senior leaders of the liberation movement of Bangladesh had assembled at Baidyanathtala to form the provisional government of independent Bangladesh.

- ✓ Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was declared the President in absentia as he was arrested and flown to Pakistan after the Pakistan military crackdown on the then 'East Pakistan' on the night of March 25, 1971.
- ✓ The day is being observed by political parties and social and cultural organisations through various programs across Bangladesh.

3. Which IIT has found a new method to detect breast and ovarian cancer?

- [A] IIT Kanpur
- [B] IIT Bombay
- [C] IIT Roorkee
- [D] IIT Delhi

- ✓ Researchers at the IIT Roorkee have identified a new method to detect two of the worst forms of cancer in women – breast and ovarian cancer.
- ✓ The research published in the journal, 'FASEB Bioadvances' details the use of whole saliva as a body fluid for early detection of breast and ovarian cancers, as opposed to the traditional method of using blood samples.
- ✓ The research team, led by Professor Kiran Ambatipudi from the institute's biotechnology department, identified certain proteins present in the saliva which act as potential biomarkers indicative of breast and ovarian cancer metastasis.

4. ICC has partnered with which UN organisation to organise #OneDayforChildren at the Men's Cricket World Cup 2019?

- [A] UNIDO
- [B] UNICEF
- [C] FAO
- [D] UNESCO

- ✓ International Cricket Council (ICC) Cricket for Good CC has partnered with UNICEF to organise #OneDayforChildren campaign at the Men's Cricket World Cup 2019.
- ✓ Former England batsman and #OneDay4Children ambassador Nasser Hussain along with all-rounder Chris Woakes launched the tournament-wide campaign focused on bringing the world of cricket

together as one team to help build a better world for every child.

- ✓ There will be #OneDay4Children activity throughout all 48 matches of the event, peaking with a day of celebration during the England v India game on 30 June at Edgbaston.
- ✓ The money raised will support UNICEF's work in cricket playing nations to help children learn to play and be healthy.
- ✓ The tournament will run from 30 May to 14 July. The semi-finals will be played at Old Trafford in Manchester and Edgbaston in Birmingham on 9 and 11 July respectively, while Lord's will host the final on 14 July. The 10 teams in the tournament will play against each other in a single-league format, with the top four sides after 45 matches to qualify for the two semi-finals.

5. The 8th edition of Home Expo India 2019 has started in which of the following cities?

[A] Greater Noida

[B] Pune

[C] Shimla

[D] Kanpur

- ✓ The 8th edition of Home Expo India 2019 began at India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida on April 16.
- ✓ It covers sectors with maximum thrust and growth potential in home decor, furnishing, furniture, flooring and textiles.
- ✓ About 500 companies in permanent marts will be exhibiting their collection under these categories. The 3-day exhibition has been organized by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts.

6. Indo-Pacific Wing, which is in news recently, has set up by which of the following union ministries?

[A] Ministry of External Affairs

[B] Ministry of AYUSH

[C] Ministry of Culture

[D] Ministry of Earth Sciences

- ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has set up an Indo-Pacific division in the foreign office to integrate the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), ASEAN region and the Quad.

- ✓ The new division is a brainchild of foreign secretary Vijay Gokhale and is intended to give a coherent architecture to the Indo-Pacific policy.
- ✓ It is a big step by the Government and it is expected to give thrust to the Indo-Pacific centred policymaking. The Indo-Pacific Wing is currently headed by joint secretary Vikram Doraiswami.

7. The Human Exploration Rover Challenge 2019 has recently conducted by which of the following space agencies?

[A] Roscosmos

[B] JAXA

[C] ISRO

[D] NASA

- ✓ Three Indian student teams won awards in NASA's 25th edition of Human Exploration Rover Challenge 2019 at the US Space and Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama on April 12-13.
- ✓ The team from KIET Group of Institutions in Ghaziabad won the "AIAA Neil Armstrong Best Design Award" in the college/university division. The Mukesh Patel School of Technology Management and Engineering from Mumbai won the "Frank Joe Sexton Memorial Pit Crew Award" in the college/university division.
- ✓ Lovely Professional University from Phagwara, Punjab, won the STEM Engagement Award. Nearly 100 teams took part in the competition, hailing from 23 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, as well as a record number of countries, including Bangladesh, Germany, India, Mexico, Morocco and Peru.
- ✓ The competition challenges high school and college teams to design, build and test human-powered roving vehicles inspired by the Apollo lunar missions and future exploration missions to the Moon, Mars and beyond.

8. What is the theme of the 2019 World Haemophilia Day (WHD)?

[A] Outreach and Identification

[B] Treatment for All, The Vision of All

[C] Sharing Knowledge Makes Us Stronger

[D] Hear their voices

- ✓ The World Haemophilia Day (WHD) is observed every year on April 17 to increase awareness of haemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders.
- ✓ The 2019 theme 'Outreach and Identification', encourages people to meet and connect with other people who have had similar experiences, and what it is like. It will be observed with the slogan – 'Reaching Out: The First Step to Care'.
- ✓ Haemophilia is an inherited genetic disorder that impairs the body's ability to form clots. This condition is dangerous as it can cause excessive loss of blood in case of injuries, easy bruising, and also bleeding between joints and in the brain. Haemophilia can only be managed but does not have a cure.

9. Which Indian institution has launched a 5G Lab for banking and financial sector?

- [A] IRDA
- [B] SIDBI
- [C] RBI
- [D] NHB

- ✓ The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), an arm of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has launched a 5G Use Cases Lab for banking and financial sector.
- ✓ The use of 5G will change a range of technologies and applications including point of sale machines in the banking sector which were now using 2G .
- ✓ The 5G lab will develop and domesticate 5G use cases and set up a research and development experience platform for banking and financial services.
- ✓ It will also collaborate with various stakeholders including banks, government and financial institutions for 5G promotion and absorption of best practices.

10. Dr SK Shivakumar, who passed away recently, was the renowned scientist in which field?

- [A] Biology
- [B] Space
- [C] Chemical
- [D] Mathematics

- ✓ Dr SK Shivakumar, the renowned space scientist and former Indian Space Research Organisation Satellite

Center (ISAC) director, has passed away in Bengaluru on April 14, 2019.

- ✓ He was part of the team that developed the telemetry system for Chandrayaan-I - India's first lunar exploration mission.
- ✓ A native of Mysuru, he was responsible for designing deep space communications equipment. He was involved in the development of the 32-metre dish antenna that can communicate with satellites millions of miles away.

## Winmeen Current Affairs

1. Which country has launched its first satellite 'Raavana-1' into space?

- [A] Maldives
- [B] Indonesia
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Sri Lanka

- ✓ Sri Lanka has launched its first satellite 'Raavana-1' into space from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's East Shore. It weights around 1.05 kg and the lifespan of the satellite is around one and a half years. The launch marks Sri Lanka's entry into the global space age.
- ✓ Under BIRDS project, the satellite was designed and built at the Kyushu Institute of Technology in Japan by two Sri Lankan research engineers. Its camera mission is to capture images of Sri Lanka and its neighbouring countries.

2. Nepal has successfully launched its first satellite NepaliSat-1 into space under BIRDS project of which country?

- [A] Japan
- [B] India
- [C] China
- [D] United Kingdom

- ✓ Nepal has successfully launched its first satellite NepaliSat-1 into space from Virginia in the United States. The satellite was developed by the Nepalese scientists. NepaliSat-1 is a low orbit satellite which will be in the 400-km distance from the Earth's surface. It will be stationed at the International Space Station (ISS) for a month and then it will be sent to orbit the earth.
- ✓ The satellite will take photographs on a regular basis to gather geographical information of the country. It weighs 1.3 kilograms, making it a small satellite with limited capability. The Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) initiated the launch of the country's own satellite under the BIRDS project of the Japanese Kyushu Institute of Technology.

- ✓ The BIRDS project has been designed in association with the United Nations (UN) and aims at helping countries launch their first satellite.

3. Rare Kakapo parrots, sometimes seen in news, are found in which of the following countries?

- [A] Vietnam
- [B] India
- [C] New Zealand
- [D] Australia

- ✓ The critically endangered 'Kakapos' - the world's fattest species of parrot - have enjoyed a record breaking breeding season, according to New Zealand's Department of Conservation (DOC). This year, 76 chicks have been hatched under the DOC's conservation scheme, with 60 expected to reach adulthood.
- ✓ This will significantly boost the population which has grown to 147 adults since a small number of the plump green, yellow and black birds were discovered in 1970. The kakapo is an "unusual" parrot as the females control the breeding process and only mate every two to four years when their favourite fruit grows in New Zealand's Rimu trees - the period is known as a "mast year".
- ✓ New Zealand's kakapo recovery programme is so tightly monitored that although they remain in the wild, each one has a radio transmitter attached to its body and there are monitoring systems embedded in their nests. It is claimed that kakapo is probably one of the most intensively managed species in the world.

4. Liquid methane has recently spotted on which satellite in the solar system?

- [A] Triton
- [B] Titan
- [C] Ganymede
- [D] Callisto

- ✓ By using data obtained by NASA's Cassini spacecraft, the researchers discovered deep lakes (more than 300 feet, or 100 meters) filled with methane on Saturn's moon Titan. The team also found "phantom lakes" that fill and empty periodically.

- ✓ It must be noted that Titan is the only known body in our solar system other than Earth with a liquid on its surface. But rather than a water cycle, it has a methane and ethane cycle. The new findings represented further evidence about Titan's hydrological cycle, with liquid hydrocarbons raining down from clouds, flowing across its surface and evaporating back into the sky.
- ✓ This is comparable to Earth's water cycle. Titan, with a diameter of 5,150 km, is the solar system's second largest moon, behind only Jupiter's Ganymede. It is bigger than the planet Mercury. The research was published in the journal Nature Astronomy.

5. What is the theme of the 2019 World Heritage Day (WHD)?

[A] Rural Landscapes

[B] The Heritage of Sport

[C] Heritage for Generations

[D] Protect our Green Heritage

- ✓ The World Heritage Day (WHD) is celebrated every year on April 18 to promote the cultural heritage across the world. The 2019 theme is 'Rural Landscapes'. It is also a day of international solidarity in favor of strengthening and safeguarding heritage world-wide.
- ✓ The day also aims to seek recognition for the people involved in preserving the sites, especially scientists, archaeologists, geographers and engineers. As of 2018, India has 36 World Heritage Sites including Western Ghats, Sundarbans National Park, Taj Mahal, City of Ahmadabad, Nalanda University, Mahabodhi Temple in Bihar and Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh.

6. Who has been named as the goodwill ambassador of the Indian team for the Street Child Cricket World Cup?

[A] Virat Kohli

[B] M S Dhoni

[C] Harmanpreet Kaur

[D] Mithali Raj

- ✓ Ace cricketer Mithali Raj has been named as the goodwill ambassador of the Indian team for the Street Child Cricket World Cup (SCCWC-2019). She

joined former captain Saurav Ganguly and IPL franchise Rajasthan Royals in supporting the team.

- ✓ The Street Child Cricket World Cup (SCCWC-2019) is the first cricket world cup for street-connected children. The tournament is being organised by Street Child United (SCU), a UK based organisation, which has a legacy of holding street child tournaments around major sporting festivals like FIFA World Cup in South Africa, Olympics in Brazil, FIFA World Cup Russia and more.

7. The researchers of which country have successfully printed the world's first 3D heart by using a patient's biological material?

[A] China

[B] Israel

[C] France

[D] United States

- ✓ The researchers at Tel Aviv University have successfully "printed" the world's first three dimensional (3D) vascularised engineered heart using a patient's own cells and biological materials to completely match the immunological, cellular, biochemical, and anatomical properties of the patient.
- ✓ Their findings were published in a study in Advanced Science. Until now, scientists in regenerative medicine have been successful in printing only simple tissues without blood vessels. But the latest feat is the first time scientists have created a complex organ with biological materials.
- ✓ The process of creating the 3D printed heart started with a biopsy of fatty tissue taken from patients. The cellular material from the tissues was used as the "bionic ink" for the print job.
- ✓ That allowed researchers to create complex tissue models including cardiac patches and eventually an entire heart. The proof-of-concept feat could pave the way for a new type of organ transplant.

8. Learning Coin, which is in news recently, is launched by which of the following international organisations?

[A] IMF

[B] AIIB

[C] ADB

[D] UN

- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank (WB) have jointly launched a project called "Learning Coin". It is a private blockchain-based coin and only accessible within IMF and the World Bank to help both multinational agencies learn about the merits of blockchain.
- ✓ The coin project has been launched in order to conduct research and learn more about the core technologies that have been used to implement cryptographic assets such as Bitcoin (BTC) and Ether (ETH).

9. TESS Mission of which space agency has discovered its first Earth-size planet - HD 21749c?

[A] Roscosmos

[B] JAXA

[C] NASA

[D] ISRO

- ✓ The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) Mission of NASA has discovered its first Earth-size planet - HD 21749c. The newly-discovered planet is about 89% Earth's diameter.
- ✓ The planet is likely very hot, with surface temperatures perhaps as high as 800 degrees F (427 degrees C). It orbits HD 21749, a K-type dwarf star located 53 light-years away in the southern constellation. It is likely a rocky as it circles its parent star in just 7.8 days.
- ✓ This is the 10th confirmed planet discovered by TESS, and hundreds of additional candidates are now being studied.

10. Who has been honoured with the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in fiction category?

[A] Rebecca Makkai

[B] Richard Powers

[C] Clare Barron

[D] Tommy Orange

- ✓ Richard Powers has been honoured with the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in fiction category for his innovative novel 'The Overstory', which shows us the world through the perspective of nature.

### Winmeen Current Affairs

1. Chhyoiphel Kundeling monastery, which is in news recently, is located in which of the following countries?

[A] Nepal

[B] India

[C] Bhutan

[D] Sri Lanka

- ✓ The Chhyoiphel Kundeling Monastery has recently inaugurated by a Buddhist scholar Shyalpa Tenzing Rinpoche at Lisankhu village in Sindhupalchok district in Nepal. The Monastery has been reconstructed with Government of India (GoI) grant of 18.9 million Nepalese rupees. Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India Dr. Ajay Kumar was also present on the occasion.
- ✓ In addition to reconstructing the monastery, the project also included building additional infrastructure such as residences, kitchen, sanitation facilities and compound wall. The Chhyoiphel Kundeling Monastery was established in 1946 with the active initiation and contribution of Lisankhu villagers.
- ✓ It has been carrying out various socio-cultural activities like teaching Buddhism, Thangka painting, wood carving and sculpting etc. Apart from being an important heritage building, the monastery is also an integral part of social and cultural life of people in the area.

2. Mueller report, sometimes seen in news, is associated to which of the following causes?

[A] Glaciers and climate change

[B] Terrorism and responses to terrorism

[C] IPL spot-fixing and betting case

[D] Russian Interference in the 2016 US Presidential Election

- ✓ Russia has recently dismissed the findings of the long-awaited report by US Special Counsel Robert Mueller and said that it failed to present any evidence of Russian meddling in the 2016 US elections.
- ✓ The report titled "Report on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential

Election" details extensive contacts between Donald Trump's 2016 campaign and Russian operatives who, it said, sought to tilt the election in Trump's favor. It is the product of a 22-month investigation by Robert Mueller.

- ✓ He was appointed to probe Russian interference in the 2016 elections and possible collusion between Russia and the Trump campaign. The 448-page report did not find evidence of a criminal conspiracy between Trump's 2016 election campaign and Russia.

3. Who has been appointed as new Prime Minister of Israel?

[A] Reuven Rivlin

[B] Benjamin Netanyahu

[C] Benny Gantz

[D] Yisrael Katz

- ✓ Israeli President Reuven Rivlin has formally nominated Benjamin Netanyahu for a fourth consecutive term as prime minister and officially launched a process that is expected to result in a new government dominated by religious and nationalist parties in the coming weeks.
- ✓ Now, Netanyahu has 28 days to form a government, with a possible extension of a further two weeks.
- ✓ The results from the April 9 election put Netanyahu on course to become Israel's longest-serving prime minister later this year, surpassing the state's founding father David Ben-Gurion. If Netanyahu fails to form a coalition within 42 days, Benny Gantz (leader of the rival centrist Blue and White party) would be given a shot at assembling a government.

4. ISO 31000:2018 is a standard related to which of the following tasks?

[A] Information technology

[B] Ships and marine technology

[C] Human resource management

[D] Risk management

- ✓ The Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Limited has been certified with ISO 31000:2018 by TUV India for applying a risk management system in line with the standard. The Certificate is an international risk management

standard which provides guidelines, principles, framework, and a process for managing risk.

- ✓ It can be used by any organization regardless of its size, activity or sector. The application of these guidelines can be customized to any organization and its context. It is valid for a period of 3 years from April 07, 2019, to April 06, 2022.

5. Which of the following banks has partnered with M1Xchange TReDS platform for MSME bill discounting?

- [A] Bank of India
- [B] SBI
- [C] Bank of Baroda
- [D] Bank of Maharashtra

- ✓ On April 17, Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has partnered with M1Xchange Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform for MSME bill discounting. TReDS is a digital platform to support Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to get their bills financed at a competitive rate through an auction where multiple registered financiers can participate.
- ✓ In addition to TReDS platform of Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (RXIL) & Invoicemart (A.TREDS Ltd), the bank has now on-boarded as financier on the TReDS platform of M1Xchange of Mynd Solutions. Mynd Solutions is a technology management firm which runs the TReDS platform of M1Xchange.
- ✓ The main purpose of TReDS platform is to facilitate smooth flow of liquidity in the system and make finance available at a competitive rate. The cost of funds will be reduced for MSMEs as banks will be bidding based on the risk rating of a corporate.

6. Which Indian cricketer has been appointed brand ambassador of bus ticketing platform 'redBus'?

- [A] Rohit Sharma
- [B] Virat Kohli
- [C] MS Dhoni
- [D] KL Rahul

- ✓ Cricket icon Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been appointed brand ambassador of bus ticketing platform 'redBus'. Dhoni will appear in a hockey player avatar in his first cameo for the brand, slated to be launched soon.

- ✓ According to celebrity managers, Dhoni's brand endorsement deals can be in the range of Rs 3-10 crore, depending on the size of the company he is associated with and the size and duration of the contract. Currently, the cricketer endorses an array of brands across categories, including fantasy sports firm Dream11, Colgate, MasterCard, Orient Fans, Bharat Matrimony, Indigo Paints, SRMB Steel, and health supplement brand Revital H among others.

7. Jerrie Cobb, who passed away recently, was the first female astronaut candidate of which space agency?

- [A] Roscosmos
- [B] NASA
- [C] JAXA
- [D] Canadian Space Agency

- ✓ Jerrie Cobb (88), NASA's first female astronaut candidate, has passed away in Florida on March 18, 2019.
- ✓ In 1961, Cobb became the first woman to pass astronaut testing. Altogether, 13 women passed the arduous physical testing and became known as the Mercury 13.
- ✓ But NASA already had its Mercury 7 astronauts, all test pilots and men. None of the Mercury 13 ever reached space, despite Cobb's testimony in 1962 before a Congressional panel. She wrote in her 1997 autobiography 'Jerrie Cobb, Solo Pilot', 'My country, my culture, was not ready to allow a woman to fly in space'. Cobb also served for decades as a humanitarian aid pilot in the Amazon jungle.

8. Christina Koch, who will set a new record for longest spaceflight by a woman, is the astronaut of which space agency?

- [A] JAXA
- [B] Roscosmos
- [C] NASA
- [D] CNES

- ✓ NASA astronaut Christina Koch will set record for longest single spaceflight by a woman. Her mission on the International Space Station (ISS) has extended to 328 days. Koch arrived at the space station on 14th March 2019, and now is scheduled to remain in orbit

until February 2020. With this, she will eclipse the record of 288 days set by former NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson in 2016-17.

- ✓ As part of the schedule changes two new astronauts, Andrew Morgan and Jessica Meir, will join Koch on the ISS later this year, their first space flights ever. Morgan will also stay at the ISS longer than originally planned, getting there in July and remaining there until mid-2020.
- ✓ By extending the space flights of Koch and Andrew Morgan, NASA will be able to gather more data on the changes to human cognitive and bodily functions to support its future missions to the Moon and Mars.

- ✓ NRIs will now be able to open account in IDBI Bank without submitting paper documents. FATF is an inter-governmental body which devises policy and sets standards to promote effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.
- ✓ The body has 38 member countries, including the US, UK, India, Japan, China and France, among others.

9. On which date, the 2019 National Civil Services Day is celebrated in India recently?

[A] April 21

[B] April 20

[C] April 22

[D] April 23

- ✓ The National Civil Services Day (NCSD) is organized every year on April 21 in India by civil servants to rededicate themselves to the cause of citizen and renew their commitment to public service and excellence in work.
- ✓ This date is chosen to commemorate the day when the first Home Minister of Independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers on April 21, 1947 at Metcalf House, Delhi. He referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India.'

10. Which of the following banks has launched paperless account opening facility for NRIs?

[A] ICICI Bank

[B] Axis Bank

[C] IDBI Bank

[D] HDFC Bank

- ✓ IDBI Bank has launched the 'NRI-Insta-Online' account-opening process for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) residing in Financial Action Task Force (FATF) member countries. The person will not be required to furnish physical documents and KYC proofs for opening an account with the bank.