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1. The 2019 Financial Literacy Week is an initiative of which of the following Indian organizations?

- A) RBI B) Ministry of Finance
C) SEBI D) IRDA

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will observe 2019 Financial Literacy Week across the country from 3rd to 7th of June. The theme this year is – “Farmers and how they benefit by being a part of the formal banking system”. The posters and leaflets will be used to spread awareness and spread the message of financial literacy among the farming community.
- ✓ The RBI has advised banks to display the posters and content in their rural bank branches, Financial Literacy Centres, ATMs and websites. It will also undertake a mass media campaign this month on Doordarshan and All India Radio to disseminate essential financial awareness messages to farmers.

2. Who is the head of the committee that recently submitted the Draft National Education Policy to the Union HRD Minister?

- A) Madhav Gadgil C) M Radhakrishnan
B) M G K Menon D) K Kasturirangan

- ✓ Former ISRO chief Dr. K Kasturirangan led Committee has recently submitted the draft National Educational Policy to HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank in New Delhi.
- ✓ The policy draft recommends incorporation of Indian knowledge systems in the curriculum, constituting a National Education Commission and curbing arbitrary fees hikes by private schools.
- ✓ The expert panel also proposed massive transformation in Teacher Education by moving all teacher preparation and education programmes into large multidisciplinary universities or colleges.
- ✓ It added that the topics will include Indian contribution to mathematics, astronomy, philosophy, psychology, yoga, architecture, medicine, as well as governance, polity, society, and conservation course on Indian knowledge systems. The existing NEP was framed in 1986 and revised in 1992.

3. Who has become the first-ever spinner to bowl the first over in a World Cup?

- A) Dale Steyn B) Monty Panesar
C) Hashim Amla D) Imran Tahir

- ✓ Imran Tahir, the leg-spinner of South Africa, has scripted history by becoming the first-ever spinner to bowl the first over in a World Cup during the opening match of the 2019 World Cup against England at the Oval. Tahir (40 years and 64 days) also became the oldest South African to play in a World Cup match.
- ✓ Prior to this, New Zealand great Martin Crowe had surprised everyone in the 1992 cricket World Cup by bringing off-spinner Dipak Patel into the attack in the second over.

4. Which state government has decided to ban online food delivery without hygiene rating?

- A) Tamil Nadu B) Punjab
C) Gujarat D) Kerala

- ✓ The Punjab government has decided to make it mandatory for all online aggregators to ensure that food supplied by them have hygiene rating as per the guidelines of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- ✓ The online order and delivery mechanism of food supply has created a physical disconnect between the consumer and the food maker. Hence, the onus of ensuring the quality of food and the hygienic condition under which food is prepared, has shifted to the intermediate food delivery mechanism.
- ✓ Thus, keeping this in mind, the state government has decided that all the online food order-delivery companies shall ensure that FBO's registered or affiliated with them have their hygiene rating done from the FSSAI empanelled companies.

5. Which state government has recently banned Ads & sale of e-cigarettes?

- A) Uttar Pradesh B) Rajasthan
C) Karnataka D) Madhya Pradesh

- ✓ On the occasion of 2019 World No Tobacco Day on May 31, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has banned production, distribution, advertisement and sale of Electronic-cigarette in the state.
- ✓ The decision will be an important step to curb addiction among youths. According to the health department officials, both online or offline sale, storage, production, distribution and advertisement of e-cigarettes in the state has been banned.

6. Which state government of India has won the 2019 WHO award for tobacco control?

- A) Jharkhand B) Andhra Pradesh
C) Rajasthan D) Haryana

- ✓ The Medical & Health Department of Rajasthan government has won the prestigious 2019 World Health Organization (WHO) award in recognition of its achievements in the field of tobacco control.
- ✓ The department's Additional Chief Secretary, Rohit Kumar Singh, received the award at a function to mark 2019 World No Tobacco Day in New Delhi. The Health Department of the State is the only government body in India which is awarded for its Tobacco-Free Initiatives.
- ✓ Beside this, WHO has selected five organisations from the South-East Asian region for the prestigious award. Three other organizations in the South-East Asian region have been selected from Thailand and Indonesia, while the Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute is also among the recipients of the award.
- ✓ Every year, WHO recognizes individuals or organizations in each of the six WHO Regions for their accomplishments in the area of tobacco control.

7. Who has become the first woman fighter pilot to fly Hawk jet?

- A) Avani Chaturvadi C) Bhawana Kanth
 B) Priya Singh **D) Mohana Singh**
- ✓ Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh has become the first woman fighter pilot to fly by day a Hawk advanced

jet aircraft. She achieved the feat at the Kalaikunda Air Force Station in West Bengal. Lt Mohana's training involved flying both air-to-air combat and air-to-ground missions.

- ✓ She has undertaken many practice missions which involved firing of rockets, guns and dropping high calibre bombs and has also participated in various Air Force level flying exercises. She has a total of over 500 hours of incident-free flying, of which 380 hours are on the Hawk Mk 132 jet.
- ✓ She had, along with two other women pilots, Bhawana Kanth and Avani Chaturvadi, joined the fighter stream in June 2016. Earlier, in May 2019, Flight Lt. Bhawana Kanth became the first daytime woman fighter pilot to fly a MiG-21 Bison.

8. Puerto Williams, which has become the world's southernmost city, is located in which of the following countries?

- A) Ecuador C) Peru
B) Chile D) Argentina

- ✓ Puerto Williams is the main settlement, port and naval base on Navarino Island in Chile. It faces the Beagle Channel. Recently, Puerto Williams has become the world's southernmost city after the Chilean authorities upgraded its status from hamlet to city.
- ✓ It took over the title from Ushuaia, the capital of the Argentine province of Tierra del Fuego. Puerto Williams is the port of entry and major hub for scientific activity linked to Antarctica and the islands south of Isla Grande de Tierra Del Fuego.

9. Who has become the Youngest Parliamentarian in the history of Indian Parliament?

- A) Ramya Haridas B) Jothimani S.
 C) Sumalatha Ambareesh **D) Chandrani Murmu**

- ✓ Chandrani Murmu (25) has created history by becoming the youngest Member of Parliament (MP), after elected to the 17th Lok Sabha from Keonjhar (Odisha) in the 2019 Indian general election as a member of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD).

- ✓ She defeated two-time BJP MP Ananta Nayak by a margin of 66,203 votes. Ms. Murmu earned her B. Tech degree from a Bhubaneswar-based engineering college.
- ✓ Previously, the record of Youngest Parliamentarian was held by Dushyant Chautala, who represented Hisar Lok Sabha Constituency in Haryana in the 16th Lok Sabha.

10. Which city to host 10th National Science Film Festival of India (NSFFI) in 2020?

- A) Agartala B) Bhubaneshwar
C) Lucknow D) Mohali

- ✓ The 10th edition of National Science Film Festival of India (NSFFI) is scheduled to be held in Agartala, Tripura on January and February 2020. The aim of the fest is to raise awareness about science and environment through films. This the second time the show will be held in a North Eastern city.
 - ✓ The film festival is being held with the objective of highlighting science, technology, innovation, energy, environment, agriculture and traditional knowledge in a simple way that would bring science closer to common people through simple ways of explanation.
 - ✓ The film festival would include films produced by UNICEF, UNESCO and filmmakers from different countries. It will also include entries from Tripura and other states.
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1. Who has been sworn-in as new PM of Australia?

- A) Scott Morrison B) Malcolm Turnbull
C) Peter Cosgrove D) Ken Wyatt

- ✓ Scott Morrison has been sworn-in as new Prime Minister of Australia, after retaining the position in the 2019 general election.
- ✓ Along with Deputy PM Michael McCormack, Mr. Morrison was sworn in by Queen Elizabeth's official representative, Governor – General Sir Peter Cosgrove, at a ceremony in the capital, Canberra.
- ✓ Mr. Morrison became Australia's 30th Prime Minister through an internal party vote in August 2018. The 46th Parliament of Australia is expected to open in the first week of July.

2. Which Indian writer has been announced as the 2019 winner of the \$100,000 Nine Dots Prize?

- A) Yawar Ahmad C) K Joshi
B) Annie Zaidi D) Meera Kumari

- ✓ Mumbai-based freelance writer, Annie Zaidi has been announced as the 2019 winner of the \$100,000 Nine Dots Prize for her essay 'Bread, Cement, Cactus'. Her essay is the combination of memoir and reportage to explore concepts of home and belonging rooted in her experience of contemporary life in India, where migration – within the country, especially from villages to cities – is high.
- ✓ The winner of the Nine Dots Prize is supported to develop their response into a full-length book, which is published by Cambridge University Press (CUP), and given the opportunity to spend a term at the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), Cambridge University.

3. On which date, the 2019 edition of International Everest Day is observed recently?

- A) May 29 B) May 27
C) May 30 D) May 28

- ✓ The International Everest Day is observed every year on May 29 to mark the first successful climb to the world's highest peak Mount Everest.

- ✓ On this day in 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa reached the zenith of the mountain and became the first humans to achieve the feat in memory of the first summit of Mt.

- ✓ The day is celebrated with memorial events, processions, and special events in Kathmandu and the Everest region. Nepal decided to observe the day as International Everest Day since 2008, when the legendary climber Hillary passed away.

4. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers?

- A) Courage for Peace
B) Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace
C) Law, Order, Peace
D) Peacekeeping Is a Global Partnership

- ✓ The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is observed every year on May 29 to pay tribute to the invaluable contribution by the uniformed and civilian personnel and to honour more than 3,800 peacekeepers who have lost their lives while rendering peacekeeping services.
- ✓ The 2019 theme is "Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace". This is the date when in 1948 the first UN peacekeeping mission named the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), began operations in Palestine.
- ✓ Since then, more than one million men and women have served in 72 UN peacekeeping operations. India is the 4th largest troop contributor to the UN peacekeeping missions.
- ✓ UN peacekeeping has helped countries move from war to peace. At present, India contributes about 6,400 peacekeepers to various missions across the world.

5. Gian Chand, the veteran Freedom Fighter has passed away. He was from which state?

- A) Himachal Pradesh B) Bihar
C) Punjab D) Uttar Pradesh

- ✓ Gian Chand (93), the veteran freedom fighter, has passed away at his native village in Ramgarh of Chamba district, Himachal Pradesh on May 27, 2019. Born on 26th October 1926, Chand was a member of Azad Hind Fauj led by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

6. Which of the following AMCs has become the first Indian fund house to introduce WhatsApp transaction platform?

A) SBI Mutual Fund

B) Motilal Oswal AMC

C) Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund

D) Reliance Mutual Fund

- ✓ Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company (AMC) has launched its WhatsApp transaction platform for new as well as existing investors. It is the first of its kind initiative by any fund house in India to do mutual fund transactions through the popular cross-platform messaging app.
- ✓ Investors can use WhatsApp to invest in any scheme from Motilal Oswal AMC. This feature is not a part of WhatsApp Pay and is different from using it as a payment channel.

7. Ivo Karlovic, who has become the Oldest Man to win a match at French Open, is from which country?

A) Germany **C) Croatia**

B) France D) Spain

- ✓ Ivo Karlovic (40) of Croatia has become the oldest man to win a match at the French Open since 1973, after he defeated the 37-year-old Feliciano Lopez of Spain in a first-round duel of the 2019 French Open Tennis Tournament at Roland Garros.
- ✓ Karlovic is also the oldest to win a Grand Slam match since 1978. The record for women is held by Elizabeth Ryan, who was 42 when she won the 1934 women's doubles with Simone Mathieu.

8. Which state government has decided to set up India's first 'Blockchain District'?

A) Karnataka

C) Andhra Pradesh

B) Jharkhand

D) Telangana

- ✓ The Telangana government has decided to set up the India's first 'Blockchain district' in Hyderabad to create an ecosystem for all the start-ups and institutes working in the space.
- ✓ Though the Blockchain technology encompasses all domains, the district would focus on banking, financial services and insurance; pharma and healthcare; logistics and supply chain; and the government sectors.
- ✓ The district would have a co-working space, an international liaisoning office, a T-Hub-like incubator to mentor early-stage start-ups in the Blockchain space and a supporting R&D institute to promote innovation.

9. Which state government has launched Aroma Mission to boost medical plants?

A) Tripura

B) Nagaland

C) Meghalaya

D) Mizoram

- ✓ Conrad K Sangma, the Chief Minister of Meghalaya, has launched Rs 18-crore Aroma Mission at Byrwa in Ri-Bhoi district with an aim to strengthen the livelihood condition of farmers and create employment opportunities in the state. The move will boost the cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs).
- ✓ As part of the mission, a Memorandum of Agreement was also signed between the Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP) and Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA) for a collaborative work on medicinal and aromatic plants.
- ✓ The CIMAP is a frontier plant research laboratory of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The chief minister also called for preserving forest cover while announcing the government's plan to plant one million trees on World Environment Day on

June 5 in different parts of the state especially in catchment areas.

10. Which of the following countries is / are member states of BIMSTEC?

A) Mauritius B) Indonesia

C) Thailand D) Kyrgyzstan

- ✓ India has invited the leaders of the BIMSTEC Member States for the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 30, 2019.
- ✓ Beside this, the invitations have also been sent to the President of Kyrgyzstan Sooronbay Jeenbekov who is the current Chair of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth, the Chief Guest at this 2019 Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD).
- ✓ The invitations are in line with the Government's focus on its 'Neighbourhood First' policy. The BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) member states are: Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan including India.
- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind will administer the Oath of Office and Secrecy to Modi for the second term and other members of Union Council of Ministers at a function in Rashtrapati Bhavan.

1. Who has been appointed as the new National Security Advisor?

A) Rajiv Mathur B) Dineshwar Sharma

C) Ajit Doval D) Rajiv Jain

- ✓ Ajit Doval, a 1968-batch IPS officer & a former Intelligence Bureau (IB) chief, has been reappointed as the National Security Adviser (NSA) for a five-year tenure. He has also been given a cabinet rank in recognition of his contribution in the national security domain. This is for the first time that an NSA has been given a cabinet rank.
- ✓ He had played a key role during the Balakot air strike after the Pulwama terror attack and the cross-border surgical strike. He also drew praise for his role during the 73-day stand-off between India and China at Doklam — situated at a tri-junction between India, China and Bhutan.
- ✓ He was also India's main negotiator with the hijackers of Indian Airlines plane IC-814 taken to Kandahar in 1999. Doval worked as an intelligence officer for over 33 years during which he served in the North East, Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab.

2. Which football team has won the 2019 Champions League trophy?

A) FC Barcelona C) Tottenham Hotspur

B) Real Madrid **D) Liverpool FC**

- ✓ In Football, Liverpool FC won the Champions League for the sixth time at Madrid on June 1, 2019. In the final, Liverpool beat Tottenham Hotspur with a 2-nil after game defining moments at the start and end of the game.
- ✓ Mohamed Salah put Liverpool in front after just two minutes when he converted a penalty following a handball by Moussa Sissoko. Then, with three minutes left, substitute Divock Origi drove low and powerfully past Tottenham keeper Hugo Lloris to ensure that Jurgen Klopp won his first trophy as Liverpool manager.

3. Ruma Guha Thakurta, who passed away recently, was the veteran actress of which regional cinema?

A) Bengali B) Odia

C) Telugu D) Kannada

- ✓ Ruma Guha Thakurta (84), the veteran Bengali actress & singer, has passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal. She was best known for her roles in Satyajit Ray-directed films such as Ganashatru (1989) and Abhijan (1962). Ruma founded the Calcutta Youth Choir, a song and dance troupe, in 1958.

4. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of World Milk Day?

A) Drink Move Be Strong

B) Drink Milk: Today & Everyday

C) Drink Milk, Be Strong

D) Raise a Glass

- ✓ The World Milk Day is observed every year on 1st of June to provide an opportunity to focus attention on milk and to publicise activities connected with milk and the milk industry.
- ✓ In 2001, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) selected June 1st as World Milk Day, which celebrates the important contributions of the dairy sector to sustainability, economic development, livelihoods and nutrition. The 2019 theme is "Drink Milk: Today & Everyday".

5. Which Indian-origin personality has been appointed UN-Women Deputy Executive Director?

A) Anita Bhatia B) Pramila Jain

C) Kiran Sharma D) Varsha Khanna

- ✓ Indian-origin Anita Bhatia has been the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) for Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships.
- ✓ The key appointment comes less than a week after UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed Indian Army officer Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar as his new Force Commander of the UN Mission in South Sudan.

6. Which High Court has recently declared Animals as legal persons?

A) Delhi High Court B) Madras High Court

C) Bombay High Court D) Punjab & Haryana HC

- ✓ The Punjab and Haryana High Court has recently ruled that all animals are legal persons entitled to legal rights like human beings in Haryana. The verdict comes nearly a year after Uttarakhand High Court passed a similar order to protect and promote greater welfare of animals.
- ✓ Both the orders were written by Justice Rajiv Sharma, who was transferred from Uttarakhand to the Punjab and Haryana High Court at Chandigarh in 2018.
- ✓ The order was passed in a case where the Punjab and Haryana High Court was informed that 29 cows were packed in a cruel manner while being transported from Uttar Pradesh to Haryana. The Court has also directed that animal-driven carts are given the 'Right of Way'.

7. NGTS-4b, which is in news recently, is associated to which of the following planets?

A) Neptune C) Uranus

B) Jupiter D) Mars

- ✓ The researchers at the University of Warwick in the UK have discovered a rogue exoplanet - NGTS-4b - with its own atmosphere in the Neptunian Desert.
- ✓ The Neptunian Desert is the region close to stars where no Neptune-sized planets are found. This area receives strong irradiation from the star, meaning the planets do not retain their gaseous atmosphere as they evaporate leaving just a rocky core. However, NGTS-4b still has its atmosphere of gas.
- ✓ NGTS-4b, nick-named 'The Forbidden Planet' is smaller than Neptune but three times the size of Earth. The exoplanet has a mass of 20 Earth masses, a radius 20% smaller than Neptune, and temperature of 1000 degrees Celsius.

- ✓ It is the first exoplanet of its kind to have been found in the Neptunian Desert. The NGTS telescopes are situated at the European Southern Observatory's Paranal Observatory in the heart of the Atacama Desert, Chile.

8. Who has been appointed as new Goa's brand ambassador to promote yoga?

A) Balkrishna C) Namrata Menon

B) Ramdev D) Jaggi Vasudev

- ✓ Namrata Menon, the Panaji-based Yoga instructor and fitness expert, has been appointed as the Goa's brand ambassador to promote the ancient system of physical and mental practices in the coastal state.
- ✓ The objective of this initiative is to increase awareness about the benefits of yoga and encourage people to inculcate a healthy lifestyle.

9. Which President of India has been bestowed with Mexico's highest civilian award?

A) Pranab Mukherjee B) A P J Abdul Kalam

C) Ram Nath Kovind D) Pratibha Patil

- ✓ On 1st June 2019, Ex-President Pratibha Patil has been conferred the "Orden Mexicana Del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle) in the MCCIA Bhavan, Pune.
- ✓ It is the highest civilian award of Mexico given to foreigners in recognition of their outstanding services to strengthening the bilateral ties between Mexico and other countries and outstanding services to the Mexican nation or humanity.
- ✓ Patil, India's first woman President (2007-2012), became only the 2nd Indian head of state to get the award. Earlier, the late President S Radhakrishna had been conferred this honour.

10. Who took charge as the Union Minister in the newly formed Ministry of Jal Shakti?

A) Giriraj Singh

B) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

C) Mahendra Nath Pandey

D) Pralhad Joshi

- ✓ The Government of India has formed a new 'Jal Shakti' Ministry by merging the ministries of Water Resources and Drinking Water and Sanitation with Gajendra Singh Shekhawat at its helm.
 - ✓ The ambit of the Ministry will encompass issues ranging from international and inter-states water disputes, the Namami Gange project, the flagship initiative to clean the Ganges, its tributaries and sub-tributaries and provide clean drinking water.
 - ✓ Rattan Lal Kataria will be the Minister of State in the newly formed ministry. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Shekhawat defeated Vaibhav Gehlot, the son of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, from Jodhpur by a margin of 2.74 lakh votes.
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1. Which city hosted the 14th summit of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation?

- A) Baghdad B) Damascus
C) Tehran D) Mecca

- ✓ In a strong reaction, the Government of India has recently rejected the reference of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) in its final communique at the 14th Islamic summit in Mecca, Saudi Arabia on May 31.
- ✓ The Union Ministry of External Affairs has stated that the OIC has no locus standi in matters relating to the state of Jammu and Kashmir, which is an integral part of India. It is reiterated that OIC should refrain from making such unwarranted references.
- ✓ Earlier, at the 2019 Mecca Summit, the OIC reiterated its support for the legitimate rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and also appointed a special envoy for the state.
- ✓ The OIC is an international organization consisting of 57 member states & 53 of them Muslim-majority nations. Pakistan has been behind such anti-India references in the OIC communiqués / resolutions.

2. On which date, the 2019 edition of International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed?

- A) June 4 C) June 2
B) June 3 D) June 5

- ✓ The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed every year on June 4 to acknowledge the pain suffered by children throughout the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse. This day affirms the UN's commitment to protect the rights of children.

3. Who has been sworn-in as the new president of El Salvador?

- A) Nayib Bukele B) Mauricio Funes
C) Alfredo Cristiani D) Antonio Saca

- ✓ Conservative businessman Nayib Bukele has been sworn-in as the new President of El Salvador. His presidency breaks three decades of bipartisanship between the conservative Nationalist Republican

Alliance (ARENA) and the outgoing Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN).

- ✓ Hence, Bukele is the first candidate to win the presidency since the end of the Salvadoran Civil War who didn't represent either of the major two parties.

4. The Aapki Beti scheme is associated to which of the following state governments?

- A) Uttar Pradesh B) Chhattisgarh
C) Madhya Pradesh D) Rajasthan

- ✓ The Rajasthan government has recently increased the financial assistance given to school girls under the 'Aapki Beti' scheme and ex-gratia payment to the families of polling personnel who die during election duty.
- ✓ Under the Aapki Beti scheme, girls living under the Below Poverty Line and whose mother or father or both have died get annual financial assistance in the state. The amount has been increased to 2,100 from Rs 1,100 for the girls studying in class 1 to 8 and for the girls in class 9 to 12, the financial aid has been increased to Rs 2,500 from Rs 1,500.
- ✓ Similarly, the government has also increased ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of an official killed on election duty to Rs 20 lakh from Rs 15 lakh.

5. Which state government has recently passed resolution to increase reservation for OBCs to 27%?

- A) UP B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Haryana D) Rajasthan

- ✓ In Madhya Pradesh, the state Cabinet has passed a resolution to increase reservation quota for Other Backward Classes (OBC) from existing 14% to 27%. The matter will now be taken up in the monsoon session of the state Assembly.
- ✓ If implemented, Madhya Pradesh will become the only state in the country to have a 27% quota for OBCs. Earlier, the Madhya Pradesh government passed an Ordinance on March 9 to implement the quota. However, the Madhya Pradesh High Court had stayed the Ordinance on March 19.

6. Jaspal Inder Singh Kalra, who passed away recently, was associated to which field?

- A) Sports B) Science
C) Journalism D) Chef

- ✓ Jaspal Inder Singh Kalra (71), the celebrated chef and culinary revivalist has passed away on June 4 in New Delhi. He earned epithets like 'Czar of Indian Cuisine' and 'Taste Maker to the Nation', and was popularly known as Jiggs Kalra. Kalra was the first Asian to be inducted in the International Food and Beverage Gourmet Hall of Fame.

7. Which Indian personality has been elected external auditor of WHO?

- A) Aruna Sundararajan C) Pramod Kumar Misra
B) Rajiv Mehrishi D) Pradeep Kumar Sinha

- ✓ Rajiv Mehrishi, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has been elected as external auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO) for four years from 2020 to 2023. He was elected at the 72nd World Health Assembly in Geneva in May 2019.
- ✓ This is the 2nd major international audit assignment for the CAG this year following his selection for the post of External Auditor of FAO in Rome earlier this year in March 2019.
- ✓ Currently, Mehrishi is also on the Board of Auditors of the United Nations and Vice-Chair of the UN Panel of External Auditors.

8. Enoplotrupes tawangensis, which is in news recently, is a new species of which of the following beetles?

- A) Hispine beetle C) Dung beetle
B) Lady beetle D) Mountain pine beetle

- ✓ Enoplotrupes tawangensis is a new species of dung beetle that has been discovered in Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh. The species is shining dark blue in colour and, measuring up to 27 mm, is relatively bigger than most of the dung beetles.
- ✓ The specimens were first collected and studied by two scientists from the Zoological Survey of India:

Kailash Chandra and Devanshu Gupta. From India, approximately 65,000 species of insects are known, of them, more than 22,000 species are beetle.

9. The 2nd edition of World Bicycle Day is observed on which date?

- A) June 3 B) June 5 C) June 2 D) June 4

- ✓ The 2nd edition of World Bicycle Day is observed by United Nations on 3rd June to encourage a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transportation.
- ✓ The day is now being associated with promoting a healthy lifestyle for those with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. The bicycle is a symbol of sustainable transportation and conveys a positive message to foster sustainable consumption and production, and has a positive impact on climate.

10. Which of the following countries are the members of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QSD)?

- A) India, Russia, South Korea & China
B) India, US, Japan & Australia
C) India, Indonesia, Myanmar & Thailand
D) India, Nepal, Bhutan & Bangladesh

- ✓ In Bangkok, the 2019 edition of Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) was attended by senior officials of India, US, Japan and Australia to hold consultations on their collective efforts for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region and to reaffirm their shared commitment to preserving and promoting the rules-based order in the region. The four countries underscored their intent to continue regular consultations on Indo-Pacific engagement and initiatives together and with other interested countries and institutions. The consultations were part of the Quad an informal strategic grouping consisting of India, US, Australia and Japan. China has been trying to expand its military presence in the Indo-Pacific which is a biogeographic region. China claims almost all of the South China Sea whereas Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan have also counter claims over it.

1. Exercise 'Kharga Prahar-2019' has recently carried out by the Indian Army in which of the following states?

- A) Jammu & Kashmir B) Haryana
C) Punjab D) Uttarkhand

- ✓ The Indian Army and Indian Air Force (IAF) has jointly carried out a week-long special training exercise "Kharga Prahar-2019" in the plains of Punjab. The exercise, which began on May 27, was undertaken by various units and formations of Army's Kharga Corps.
- ✓ The exercise setting also incorporated aspects of joint training wherein para drops from Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft were carried out and simulated battlefield air strikes were conducted in support of ground forces. Ambala-based 2-Corps, popularly called as Kharga Corps, possesses 50% of the Indian Army's offensive capabilities and has the mandate to launch offensive attack, in case any conflict or war breaks out with neighbouring Pak.
- ✓ In 1971, while positioned in West, it helped in division of Pakistan. The elite force was deployed somewhere in the desert sector during the Kargil conflict. The Kharga Corps has been stationed at Ambala since 1985.

2. Who has been chosen for the 2019 J C Daniel Award?

- A) Aranmula Ponnammamma C) Srikumaran Thampi
B) Jose Prakash D) Sheela

- ✓ Sheela, the veteran Malayalam actress-director, has been chosen for the prestigious J C Daniel Award for her contributions to the film world. She is only the second woman to get it, after Aranmula Ponnammamma in 2005.
- ✓ The award comprising a cash prize of Rs 5 Lakh, a citation and plaque will be given away at a function here on 27th July 2019. It is the Kerala's highest award in Malayalam cinema. The award is named after J C Daniel, who made the first silent movie in Mollywood.
- ✓ Sheela is popularly called as Sheelamma by her admirers. She had debuted in the tinsel town through the M.G. Ramachandran-starrer Tamil movie 'Paasam' during early 1960s.

- ✓ She was the first recipient of the 'Best Actress' award instituted by the Kerala government through the 1969 movie 'Kallichellamma'. In 2005, she won the National Film Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in the Malayalam film 'Akale'.

- ✓ Sheela also holds the Guinness World Record for acting in the largest number of films opposite the same hero- late Prem Nazir- in nearly 130 films.

3. Dinyar Contractor, who passed away recently, was associated to which field?

- A) Arts B) Sports
C) Photography D) Film Industry

- ✓ Dinyar Contractor (79), the veteran actor and theatre legend, has passed away in Mumbai on June 5. He was best known for his comic roles in films and was awarded a Padma Shri in 2019.

4. Which Indian-American personality has been chosen for the USIBC Global Leadership Awards 2019?

- A) Jay Chandrasekhar B) Anand Chandrasekaran
C) Sundar Pichai D) Ashok Amritraj

- ✓ In United States, Google's India-born CEO Sundar Pichai and Nasdaq President Adena Friedman have been chosen for the prestigious Global Leadership Awards 2019 by business advocacy group USIBC in recognition of the two companies' contribution as the leading technology-driven platforms.
- ✓ The award by Washington-based US-India Business Council (USIBC) would be conferred upon them during the 2019 India Ideas Summit. The USIBC Global Leadership Awards recognise top corporate executives from the United States and India whose companies play a major role in catalysing growth in the US-India commercial corridor.

5. Which country's women hockey team has clinched the Cantor Fitzgerald U21 International title?

- A) Bangladesh B) India
C) Bhutan D) China

- ✓ The Indian junior women's hockey team clinched the 2019 Cantor Fitzgerald U21 International 4-Nations title after beating Ireland 1-0 in the final at Dublin, Ireland on June 4. With 3 goals in 4 games, Mumtaz Khan finished as the highest goal scorer of the tournament.

6. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, who has been elected as President of the 74th session of the UNGA, is from which African country?

- A) Nigeria B) Egypt
C) Tunisia D) South Africa

- ✓ Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, Nigeria's Ambassador to UN, has been elected as President of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA). In accordance with the rules, the President of the 74th session of the General Assembly should be elected from among the African States. Muhammad-Bande was elected by acclamation and he will succeed Ecuador's Maria Fernanda Espinosa in September 2019.

7. Who has been appointed as Director General (DG) of the India Meteorological Department (IMD)?

- A) Mrutyunjay Mahapatra C) K J Ramesh
B) S Christopher D) Avinash Chander

- ✓ Mrutyunjay Mahapatra, the renowned scientist and cyclone warning specialist, has been appointed as the chief of India Meteorological Department (IMD). Popularly known as the 'Cyclone man of India', he will take charge of his new assignment on August 1 for a period of five years.
- ✓ Mahapatra and his team at the Cyclone Warning Division (CWD) of the IMD have earned praise for their accurate forecasts on cyclones, its wind-speed and likely impact on life and property including during the recent cyclone 'Fani', when their timely warnings enabled the authorities to ensure early evacuation of millions of people.
- ✓ Over the last six years, the CWD has given accurate forecasts on cyclones including when Phailin (2013), Hudhud (2014) and Titli (2018) hit the eastern coast.

- ✓ The IMD is responsible for weather and climate-related forecasts in the country. It is also mandated to issue warning to people about severe weather phenomenon like cyclones, dust storms, heavy rain and snow, cold and heatwaves, among others.

8. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of World Environment Day?

- A) Green Economy C) Beat Air Pollution
B) Connecting People to Nature D) Go wild for life

- ✓ The World Environment Day is observed every year on 5th of June to raise awareness of the environment and specific environmental issues. The theme for 2019 "Beat Air Pollution" is a call to action call to combat this global crisis.
- ✓ To celebrate the 2019 WED, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) of India has launched the song 'Hawa Aane De' to spread awareness about Air pollution. The theme song is written by Swanand Kirkire and sung by Shantanu Mukherjee, Kapil Sharma, Sunidhi Chauhan and Shankar Mahadevan.
- ✓ On this Day, the Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar has launched #SelfieWithSapling campaign to promote awareness about environmental protection. Mr. Javadekar also urged people to plant a sapling and post a selfie with it on the social media.

9. Who is the author of the book 'Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge'?

- A) R Sreekandan Nair B) Ashis Ray
C) Sanjay Manjrekar D) Harsha Bhogle

- ✓ The book 'Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge' has been authored by veteran broadcaster and writer Ashis Ray. It is a book on the history of the tournament from an Indian perspective that has been formally unveiled by the chief executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board, Tom Harrison.
- ✓ The book reviews all tournaments from 1975 to 2015 and also previews the ongoing 2019 World Cup in England and Wales.

- ✓ All matches of India, since the inaugural World Cup 44 years ago, are recorded as well as every semi-final and final regardless of whether India featured in them or not.

10. The 2019 Global Disability Summit is scheduled to be held in which of the following cities?

A) New Delhi B) New York

C) Paris **D) Buenos Aires**

- ✓ The 2nd edition of Global Disability Summit will be held at Buenos Aires, Argentina from 6-8 June 2019. The Indian delegation will be headed by Thaawarchand Gehlot, the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment.
- ✓ The objective of the summit is to deliberate on issues across the world concerning empowerment and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and to work out a mechanism for enabling them to live an independent and dignified life.
- ✓ The Indian delegation will also participate in the bilateral discussions with Government of Argentina for developing a Memorandum of Understanding between the two countries on 9-10 June 2019.

1. What is the India's rank at the first-ever SDG Gender Index?

- A) 106th B) 95th
C) 84th D) 77th

- ✓ India has been ranked 95th out of a total 129 countries in the first-ever SDG Gender Index, which measures strides made in achieving gender commitments against internationally set targets.
- ✓ The index has been developed by Equal Measures 2030, which is a partnership among global and regional organisations from the civil society and the development and private sectors. It includes The African Women's Development and Communication Network, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, International Women's Health Coalition and Plan International.
- ✓ The overall index scores are based on a scale of 0–100. A score of 100 indicates the achievement of gender equality in relation to the underlying indicators. A score of 50 would indicate that a country is about halfway to meeting its goal.
- ✓ India's score of 56.2 means that it is among 43 countries that fall in the 'very poor' category. Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, Slovenia, Germany, Canada, Ireland, and Australia rank as the top 10 countries in the index.

2. Laldingliana Sailo, who passed away recently, was the noted editor of which news channel?

- A) Doordarshan C) Zee News
B) The Hindu D) Indian Express

- ✓ Laldingliana Sailo (76), the former Doordarshan and All India Radio news editor, has passed away in Aizawl. Sailo, a senior officer in the Indian Information Service, was inducted as Field Publicity Officer under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in the year 1972.
- ✓ He retired as Director in the Directorate of Field Publicity for Kohima Region.

3. Who has been sworn-in as new Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court?

- A) Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel

B) N V Ramana

C) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud

D) Jasti Chelameswar

- ✓ Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel was sworn in as new Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. Lt Governor Anil Bajjal administered the oath of office to Justice Patel at a function held at Raj Niwas.
- ✓ Earlier, Justice Patel was posted at the Jharkhand High Court. The Supreme Court Collegium had recommended his name for the appointment as Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. With an approved strength of 60, the Delhi High Court has a shortage of around 24 judges.

4. India has recently notified a tax data pact with which of the following countries?

- A) Cuba B) Panama
C) Guatemala D) Marshall Islands

- ✓ India has notified a Tax Information Exchange Agreement (TIEA) with the Marshall Islands, which enables a bilateral sharing of banking & ownership information and allows officials of one country to undertake tax examinations in the other.
- ✓ The TIEA for exchange of information with respect to taxes was signed on March 18, 2016 at Majuro, the Capital of the Marshall Islands. India notified the TIEA on May 21.
- ✓ The TIEA is based on international standards of tax transparency and exchange of information and enables sharing of information on request.
- ✓ The agreement will enhance mutual cooperation between India and the Marshall Islands by providing an effective framework for exchange of information on tax matters which will help curb tax evasion and tax avoidance.

5. Which of the following metros has become the India's first project to receive power from waste-to-energy?

- A) Kolkata metro B) Delhi Metro
C) Bengaluru metro D) Chennai metro

- ✓ The Delhi Metro has become the India's first-ever project to receive power generated from a waste-to-energy plant. According to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), the project is also in line with Prime Minister Modi's "Swachh Bharat Mission".
- ✓ This will also help in creating awareness on the importance of waste management and utilizing waste in a sustainable manner.
- ✓ The DMRC has started receiving 2 MW power from a 12 MW capacity plant in Ghazipur. The DMRC will take approximately 17.5 million units per annum from this plant. However, the energy off-take will depend upon the actual generation of the plant.
- ✓ The waste-to-energy plant set up by East Delhi Waste Processing Company Limited (EDWPCL) is based on a public private partnership (PPP) involving the Delhi government, the East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) and EDWPCL. The waste-to-energy plant will mitigate over 8 million tons of greenhouse gases (GHG) over the life of the project.

6. Who will chair the Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs?

- A) **Rajnath Singh** B) Amit Shah
C) Nirmala Sitharaman D) Narendra Modi

- ✓ Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will chair the Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs and be part of the all-important panel on political affairs headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ Singh was also made a member of two new committees set up by the Modi government -- the Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth and the Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development, to propel growth and investment. Both the committees will be chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah.

7. Which is the most congested city in the world, according to TomTom Traffic Index 2018?

- A) Moscow C) Lima
B) New Delhi **D) Mumbai**

- ✓ The TomTom Traffic Index 2018, carried out by location technology specialist TomTom, covered 403 cities in 56 countries and defined congestion as the extra time added to road travel when traffic doesn't flow freely.
- ✓ Mumbai topped the list of cities with drivers expecting to spend an average of 65% extra travel time stuck in traffic. New Delhi ranked 4th with a congestion rank of 58%.
- ✓ Bogota (63%) in Colombia and Lima in Peru (58%) were ranked second and third on the list respectively, while the Russian capital Moscow (56%) ranked fifth. The study found that in 2018, the best time to drive in Mumbai was between 2 am and 5 am.

8. Who has won the 2019 Women's Prize for Fiction?

- A) Zadie Smith C) Kamila Shamsie
B) Kate Mosse **D) Tayari Jones**

- ✓ American author Tayari Jones has won the 2019 Women's Prize for Fiction for her novel "An American Marriage". The book portrays a young African American's wrongful conviction and how it affects his marriage.
- ✓ Jones wins £30,000 and the 'Bessie' - a limited edition bronze figurine. The prize is one of the biggest international celebrations of women's creativity.

9. Who is the newly appointed vice chairman of NITI Aayog?

- A) **Rajiv Kumar** B) V K Saraswat
C) V K Paul D) Ramesh Chand

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently reconstituted the federal policy think-tank National Institution of Transforming India (NITI) Aayog by introducing key Cabinet ministers as members as ex-officio members.
- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home minister Amit Shah, Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar are now ex-officio members of the think tank that is headed by Mr. Modi.

- ✓ Rajiv Kumar will continue to be the vice-chairperson, along with full time members—Ramesh Chand, VK Saraswat and VK Paul.
- ✓ On 15th June 2019, Prime Minister will chair the 5th meeting of NITI Aayog's Governing Council to discuss various issues concerning water management, agriculture and security. The council includes all chief ministers, lieutenant governors of union territories, several union ministers and senior government officials.
- ✓ This will be the first governing council meeting under the new Modi government. NITI Aayog was constituted via a resolution of the Union Cabinet on 1st January 2015 & replaced the erstwhile planning commission.

10. Sinai Peninsula, which is in news recently, is located in which of the following African countries?

- A) Libya B) Tunisia
C) Egypt D) Algeria

- ✓ The Sinai Peninsula is a peninsula in Egypt, and the only part of the country located in Asia. It is situated between the Mediterranean Sea to the north and the Red Sea to the south, and is a land bridge between Asia and Africa.
- ✓ Recently, it is in news because the Egyptian security forces has killed 14 suspected militants during a raid carried out in the restive Sinai Peninsula in response to a deadly checkpoint attack.
- ✓ The Islamic State extremist group had claimed responsibility for attack in which 8 Egyptian police officers have been killed in a militant attack on a checkpoint in the northern Sinai Peninsula.
- ✓ The attack took place west of the city of El-Arish, as local people celebrated the Islamic festival of Eid al-Fitr on 5th June 2019.