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1. Who won the men's title at the 2019 Wimbledon tennis tournament?

- A) Rafael Nadal                      B) Roger Federer  
C) Andy Murray                        D) Novak Djokovic

- ✓ In Tennis, Serbian Novak Djokovic won his fifth Wimbledon title after defeating Swiss tennis ace Roger Federer 7-6, 1-6, 7-6, 4-6, 13-12 in a match that lasted for more than 4 hours.
- ✓ The match had to be decided in the fifth set, as both Federer and Djokovic won two sets each in the longest ever final to be played so far. This is Djokovic's 16th Grand Slam and 5th Wimbledon title. He is now level with Bjorn Borg as a five-time Wimbledon winner.

2. Who has been adjudged player of the tournament at the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup?

- A) Eoin Morgan                        B) Ben Stokes  
C) Mark Wood                          D) Kane Williamson

- ✓ The captain of the New Zealand, Kane Williamson has been adjudged player of the tournament at the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup for his excellent returns with the bat and inspiring leadership.
- ✓ On 14th July 2019, England lifted their first-ever ICC World Cup cricket trophy after defeating New Zealand in a nerve-racking final that was decided via a dramatic Super Over in London. Opting to bat, New Zealand put up a modest 241 for eight. In reply, England ended at the same score leading to the one-over eliminator at the Lord's.
- ✓ In the Super Over, England batted first and the duo of Ben Stokes and Jos Buttler made 15, and New Zealand also ended at the same score but for the loss of one wicket, paving the way for an English victory on boundary count. England's Ben Stokes is named player of the match for a heroic knock of 84 not out off 92 balls.

3. Pardeep Singh, who has created a new Commonwealth record in the clean and jerk category, is from which state?

- A) Haryana                                B) Punjab  
C) Himachal Pradesh                    D) Uttarkhand

- ✓ Pardeep Singh from Punjab has created a new Commonwealth record in the clean and jerk category on the way to gold in the 109kg category by lifting 202 kgs at

the 2019 Commonwealth Championships (CWC) in Apia (Samoa).

- ✓ India's Vikas Thakur clinched the silver in the men's 96 kg event. Vikas lifted a total of 338 kg (153kg & 185kg). India ended their campaign with a rich tally of 35 medals in the youth, junior and senior categories, breaking numerous national, Commonwealth, world and Asian records.

4. Which Indian woman wrestler has won gold in the 53kg category at Yasar Dogu International in Istanbul?

- A) Kavita Devi                            B) Babita Kumari  
C) Vinesh Phogat                        D) Sakshi Malik

- ✓ Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat has won gold in the 53kg category at Yasar Dogu International in Istanbul. Phogat beat her Russian opponent Ekaterina Poleshchuk 9-5 in the final match to bag the gold medal. It was third gold in the women's competition for India after Seema (50kg) and Manju (59kg) triumphed in their respective categories.

5. Which state has become the first Indian state to have water policy?

- A) Meghalaya                              B) Tamil Nadu  
C) Rajasthan                                D) Himachal Pradesh

- ✓ Meghalaya has become the first state in India to approve a draft water policy to address water issues, conservation, and protection of water sources in the state. The draft policy was approved by the State Cabinet in a meeting chaired by state Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma.

- ✓ The purpose of the policy is to recognize water resources as a common pool resource, to provide safe and hygienic water for drinking, domestic and sanitation and livelihood development to all residents of the state. It seeks to protect and improve management of water resources while actively involving the community.

- ✓ It also aims at ensuring protection and conservation of catchment areas of all water sources to prevent degradation of the quantity and quality of water sources.

6. Which Indian movie has won the Best Feature Film award at the 2019 SAARC film festival?

- A) Walking With the Wind              B) Village Rockstars  
C) Nagarkirtan                            D) Na Bole Wo Haram!



1. Which actor is set to be honoured with honorary doctorate by Melbourne's La Trobe University?

- A) Priyanka Chopra      B) **Shah Rukh Khan**  
C) Madhuri Dixit      D) Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

- ✓ In August 2019, Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan will visit Australia to attend the 10th edition of Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) as its chief guest.
- ✓ Here, he is set to receive an honorary doctorate degree from Melbourne based La Trobe University for his contributions and efforts towards underprivileged children, women's empowerment through Meer Foundation and his achievements in the Indian entertainment industry.
- ✓ La Trobe University is the first Australian university to award Khan with an Honorary Doctor of Letters (honoris causa), and will present the honorary doctorate on August 9 at its Melbourne campus in Bundoora.

2. Which Indian surgeon has been conferred the Honorary Fellowship of The Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) of Thailand?

- A) Ramakanta Panda      B) Deep Goel  
C) **P Raghu Ram**      D) Pradeep Chowbey

- ✓ Well-known breast surgeon and Padma Shri awardee, Dr. P Raghu Ram has been conferred the Honorary Fellowship of The Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) of Thailand in recognition of his bold vision coupled with an intense body of work that has paved the way for improving breast healthcare in India.
- ✓ It is the highest recognition bestowed by the institute. He received the honour at the 44th Annual Scientific Congress of the Royal College in Pattaya.
- ✓ With this, Dr. Ram achieved the rare distinction of having been conferred FRCS from five Surgical Royal Colleges (London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Ireland and Thailand) as well as FACS from the American College of Surgeons. He is also the president-elect of the Association of Surgeons of India.

3. Which of the following NBFCs has become the first NBFC to get \$100 million loan from AIIB for Green Energy Funding?

- A) **L&T Finance Holdings**      B) HDB Financial Services  
C) Muthoot      D) Tata Capital

- ✓ The L&T Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (LTIF) has become the first Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) to get \$100 million loan from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for on-lending to wind and solar power infrastructure projects in India.
- ✓ LTIF is a subsidiary of L&T Finance Holdings Ltd and a leading non-bank financier of renewable energy in India. India is committed to reducing its carbon intensity by 30-35% of the 2005 levels by 2030 under the Paris agreement.

4. Who won the women's title at the 2019 Wimbledon tennis tournament?

- A) Angelique Kerber      B) Naomi Osaka  
C) Serena Williams      D) **Simona Halep**

- ✓ In Tennis, Simona Halep defeated Serena Williams in the final by 6-2, 6-2 to win the Ladies' Singles tennis title at the 2019 Wimbledon Championships. Halep became the first Romanian female player to reach and win the Wimbledon final.
- ✓ At 37 years 291 days, Williams is the oldest Grand Slam women's singles finalist to compete since the start of the Open Era in 1968. This was the first Wimbledon where a final set tie break rule was introduced.
- ✓ Upon reaching 12-12 in the third set, a classic tie break would be played. No women's singles match required the use of the final set tie break.

5. Which state has become the first Indian state to get fund through World Bank's climate resilience program?

- A) Tamil Nadu      B) **Kerala**  
C) Andhra Pradesh      D) Odisha

- ✓ Under climate resilience program, the World Bank has recently approved \$250 million aid to Kerala for its

Resilient Kerala Programme (RKP) to brace against natural disasters.

- ✓ Hence, Kerala has become the first Indian state to get this fund to enhance the state's resilience against the impacts of natural disasters and climate change.
- ✓ The Resilient Kerala Program (RKP) will focus on strengthening the state's institutional and financial capacity to protect the assets and livelihoods of poor and vulnerable groups through an inclusive and participatory approach. The new program is part of the Government of India support to Kerala's 'Rebuild Kerala Development Programme' aimed at building a green and resilient Kerala.

6. Which former SC Judge of India has been appointed as an International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC)?

- A) Arjan Kumar Sikr    B) Adarsh Kumar Goel  
C) Sanjay Kishan Kaul    D) Surinder Singh Nijjar

- ✓ Justice Arjan Kumar Sikr, an eminent jurist and a former judge of the Supreme Court of India (SCI), has been appointed as an International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC).
- ✓ He will assume charge as an international judge with effect from August 1 & his term will expire on January 4, 2021. The SICC is a division of the Singapore High Court and part of the Supreme Court of Singapore.
- ✓ It is designed to deal with transnational commercial disputes. It currently has 16 international judges as part of its panel. Justice AK Sikri was recently appointed as the Chairperson of the News Broadcasting Standards Authority by the News Broadcasters Association.

7. The Kasarkod beach is located in which state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh    B) Jharkhand  
C) Odisha    D) Karnataka

- ✓ The Union Environment Ministry has selected 12 beaches in India to vie for a 'Blue Flag' certification. These beaches are at Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu), Shivrajpur (Gujarat), Bhogave (Maharashtra), Ghoghla (Diu), Miramar (Goa), Kasarkod and Padubidri

(Karnataka), Kappad (Kerala), Eden (Puducherry), Rushikonda (Andhra Pradesh), Golden (Odisha), and Radhanagar (Andaman & Nicobar Islands).

- ✓ The Blue Flag certification is an international recognition conferred on beaches that meet certain criteria of cleanliness and environmental propriety.
- ✓ The Blue Flag Programme for beaches and marinas is run by a Denmark-based organization - Federation of Environment Education (FEE). There are nearly 33 criteria that must be met to qualify for a Blue Flag certification.

8. The researchers at which Indian institute have developed technology to pack microbial strains in tiny capsules?

- A) Indian Institute of Water Management, Bhubaneswar  
B) Indian Institute of Seed Research, Mau  
C) Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasargod  
D) Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR), Kozhikode

- ✓ The researchers at the Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) in Kozhikode have developed a technology to pack microbial strains beneficial to farmers in tiny capsules.
- ✓ It will eliminate the need for lugging around sacks of bio-fertilisers as farmers do currently. The bio-capsules made with the technology weigh just one gram. But the microbial population they contain is equivalent to what is present in a 1 kg pack of powder-based biofertiliser or a 1 litre bottle.
- ✓ The beauty of the technology is that it can be used for packing any kind of farm-friendly microbes, including nitrogen-fixing bacteria, solubilise phosphates, micronutrients and fungi that help control pathogens.
- ✓ The achievement by the IISR scientists led by Dinesh Raghavan is remarkable because no such technology is commercially available world over. The IISR is a subsidiary of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, under the Ministry of Agriculture.

### 9. What is the theme of 2019 edition of World Youth Skills Day?

- A) Skills Development to Improve Youth Employment
- B) Skills for All
- C) World Skills for peace and prosperity

#### D) Learning to learn for life and work

- ✓ The World Youth Skills Day (WYSD) is observed every year on 15th of July to generate awareness and discussion about skill development for the youths to have a better livelihood. The 2019 theme is "Learning to learn for life and work".
- ✓ This year, 'TikTok' and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) have collaborated to support Skill Development in India and to celebrate World Youth Skills Day (WYSD) 2019.
- ✓ The partnership aims to leverage TikTok's 200 million user community to build awareness around NSDC's mission to educate India's youth. The aim of NSDC is to promote skill development by catalysing creation of large, quality and for-profit vocational institutions.

### 10. Which Indian organisation has published the first comprehensive census of orchids of India "Orchids of India: A Pictorial Guide"?

- A) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
- B) National Centre for Cell Science
- C) Zoological Survey of India

#### D) Botanical Survey of India

- ✓ The first comprehensive census of orchids of India has been published by the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) under the title "Orchids of India: A Pictorial Guide". As per the census, the 1256 species or taxa of orchids belong to 155 genera and 388 species are endemic to India.
- ✓ The highest number of orchid species is recorded from Arunachal Pradesh with 612 species, followed by Sikkim (560 species) and West Bengal (Darjeeling Himalayas) with 479 species.

- ✓ There are 388 species of orchids, which are endemic to India of which about one-third (128) endemic species are found in Western Ghats. The publication point out that Kerala has 111 of these endemic species while Tamil Nadu has 92 of them.
- ✓ The publication, which has photographs of 60% of all species, is the first authentic inventory and will be useful for researchers, growers, nature lovers and people with different backgrounds.
- ✓ Another interesting factor is that the entire orchid family is listed under appendix II of CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) and hence any trade of wild orchid is banned globally.

1. Who has been selected for Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships in the field of performing arts?

- A) Tarun Bhattacharya                      **B) Zakir Hussain**  
 C) Rajiv Naik                                      D) Malini Awasthi

- ✓ The Sangeet Natak Akademi has named four eminent personalities in the field of performing arts - tabla virtuoso Zakir Hussain, dancer Sonal Mansingh, dancer and choreographer Jatin Goswami and Bharatnatyam exponent K. Kalyanasundaram Pillai - for the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellow or Akademi Ratna awards.
- ✓ The Fellowship of the Akademi is the most prestigious and a rare honour, which is restricted to 40 numbers at any given time. The General Council meeting of the Sangeet Natak Akademi also selected 44 artistes from the field of music, dance, theatre, traditional / folk / tribal music / dance/ theatre, puppetry and overall contribution / scholarship in the performing arts for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the year 2018.
- ✓ The artistes include, Mani Prasad in Hindustani Vocal, Tarun Bhattacharya for Hindustani Instrumental - Santoor, Radha Sridhar for Bharatanatyam, Akham Lakshmi Devi for Manipuri, Rajiv Naik for Playwriting and Malini Awasthi in Folk Music. The 44 artistes include three joint awards.

2. Ursula von der Leyen, who has been elected as the European Commission's first female president, is from which country?

- A) Austria    B) Poland  
 C) France    **D) Germany**

- ✓ German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen has been elected as the first female president of European Commission (EC) following a secret ballot among MEPs.
- ✓ She will succeed Jean-Claude Juncker on 1st November 2019. The Commission drafts EU laws, enforces EU rules and has the power to impose fines on member states if necessary.

3. Swarup Dutta, who passed away recently, was the veteran actor of which regional cinema?

- A) Odia    B) Kannadam  
**C) Bengali**    D) Telugu

- ✓ Swarup Dutta (78), the veteran Bengali actor, has passed away on July 17. Born on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1941, Dutta was considered to be one of the distinguished actors of the Bengali silver screen during the late 60s and early 70s.
- ✓ He had got his first break in Tapan Sinha's 'Apanjan' (1968). The film was set against the political turmoil in West Bengal in the 1960s.

4. The researchers at which University have developed a lowcost filter to remove arsenic from water?

- A) Delhi University                                      B) IIT Bombay  
**C) Tezpur University**                                      D) IISC Bangalore

- ✓ Researchers at Assam's Tezpur University have developed a simple and cost effective filtration system 'Arsiron Nilogon' that may help reduce the health burden caused by arsenic and iron contaminated groundwater.
- ✓ The system filters out 99.9% of the arsenic contamination from the groundwater to make it suitable for drinking.
- ✓ The chemicals used in the filtration process are cooking soda for pH conditioning, potassium permanganate for supplying oxygen and ferric chloride for providing solid iron oxide adsorbents of arsenic.
- ✓ The method can remove arsenic even to below 2 ppb (parts per billion) level while the World Health Organization (WHO) has set 10 ppb as the standard level.
- ✓ According to the WHO, arsenic is a natural component of the Earth's crust and is widely distributed throughout the environment -- in air, water and land. However, it is highly toxic in its inorganic form.
- ✓ The long term exposure to inorganic arsenic, mainly by drinking contaminated water, eating food grown or even prepared with this water, can cause skin lesions

and cancer. The filtration process also removes other toxic metal ions like manganese, lead, nickel, chromium, copper, etc, very well along with arsenic and iron.

5. Which state/UT government has launched "Happiness Utsav" in its schools?

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

- ✓ The Delhi government has recently launched "Happiness Utsav" in its schools to celebrate completion of a year of introduction of its happiness curriculum.
- ✓ During the festival, the first 50 minutes of each day, all children studying in Delhi govt schools will take part in various activities. Activities like plays, poems, exhibitions will be part of the 15 day festival.

6. Vijayveer Sidhu is associated to which sports?

- A) Judo  
B) Weightlifting  
C) Shooting  
D) Wrestling

- ✓ In shooting, Vijayveer Sidhu picked up his third gold medal of the ongoing ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany. With Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu and Adarsh Singh, he clinched the men's 25m pistol event.
- ✓ For Adarsh, it was his second gold of the competition. India maintained its top spot at the medal standings after day three with 7 gold 7 Silver and 2 Bronze in a total of 16 medals won so far. China is second with 5 Gold 3 Silver and 5 bronze.

7. The International Shark Awareness Day is observed on which date?

- A) July 11  
B) July 13  
C) July 15  
D) July 14

- ✓ The International Shark Awareness Day (ISAD) is observed every year on 14th of July to recognize the importance of sharks play in the ecosystem. The 2019 theme "The sharks in crisis: a call to action for the Mediterranean".
- ✓ According to the latest report issued by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Tunisia has become the 2nd

largest fishing country for sharks in the Mediterranean after Libya.

- ✓ The WWF report calls on fishermen and fishery managers on both sides of the Mediterranean to avoid fishing in critical areas such as nurseries and to use adapted gear to eliminate by catch.
- ✓ It also underlines the need to improve knowledge of shark populations and commercialized species in order to strengthen conservation efforts and ensure transparency and legality in the fishing sector.

8. From which city, the first-ever international commercial flight from Madhya Pradesh has launched?

- A) Indore  
B) Bhopal  
C) Jabalpur  
D) Gwalior

- ✓ In Madhya Pradesh, Air India has recently launched the state's first international flight from Indore to Dubai from Devi Ahilyabai Holkar International Airport.
- ✓ The non-stop flight AI903 has fulfilled a long-standing desire from the travel fraternity and tourists for direct connectivity to the Gulf. From Indore, Air India is operating a 162 seater A320 Neo aircraft which will fly three times a week — Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays — non-stop to Dubai.
- ✓ Indore born Sunish Kumar Bhargava was the commander of this first-ever international flight from his home city.
- ✓ The aircraft will fly directly to Dubai on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday while the return leg from Dubai will be on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday. It will have very attractive fares starting from Rs. 18,700 – Rs. 42,000.

9. Which Indian organisation has decided to develop the Broadband Readiness Index (BRI) for Indian States and Union Territories (UT)?

- A) TRAI  
B) BSNL  
C) ICRIER  
D) MTNL

- ✓ The Department of Telecom and the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations



1. Which state government has raised financial aid for Martyrs' Kin to Rs.1 crore?

- A) Odisha  
 B) Kerala  
 C) Andhra Pradesh  
 D) Maharashtra

- ✓ The Maharashtra government has recently increased financial aid to families of jawans martyred in war or war-like situations or conflict related to national security from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 1 crore.
- ✓ Personnel wounded in conflict will get monetary compensation ranging from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 60 lakh each, depending on the severity of their injury. The rule will be applicable retrospectively from January 1, 2019.

2. Which country has become the 76<sup>th</sup> signatory country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Agreement?

- A) Norway  
 B) Palau  
 C) Sweden  
 D) Latvia

- ✓ Palau, an archipelago of over 500 islands in Oceania, has become the 76<sup>th</sup> signatory country to join the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement. The ISA is a group of 121 solar resource rich countries with headquarters in Gurugram, India.
- ✓ The organisation was jointly launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and then French President Francois Hollande at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris in November 2015.
- ✓ It is a major global initiative for contributing to the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement through rapid and massive deployment of solar energy. Palau will host the 2020 edition of the 'Our Oceans conference', which will focus on issues such as climate change, sustainable fisheries and marine pollution.

3. Which Indian woman sprinter has won gold in the 200m race at "Tabor Athletics"?

- A) Dutee chand  
 B) VK Vismaya  
 C) Hima Das  
 D) Swapna Barman

- ✓ Star Indian sprinter Hima Das clinched gold in the 200m race in 23.25 seconds creditable timing in the Tabor Athletics Meet in Czech Republic.
- ✓ Another Indian sprinter VK Vismaya was second with a season of best 23.43 seconds. Hima has a 200m personal best of 23.10 seconds. This was Hima's 4<sup>th</sup> gold since 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.

4. Which Indian Government campaign has won the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold Award 2019 in the "Marketing - Primary Government Destination" category?

- A) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan  
 B) Find the Incredible You  
 C) India Shining  
 D) God's Own Country

- ✓ The Incredible India campaign "Find the Incredible You" has won the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold Award 2019 in the "Marketing - Primary Government Destination" category.
- ✓ The campaign was released globally by the Union Ministry of Tourism during 2018 - 19. The campaign focuses on digital and social media and the promotion of Niche Tourism products of the country.
- ✓ PATA Gold Awards are given to tourism industry organizations and individuals making an outstanding contribution towards the successful promotion of the travel industry throughout the Asia Pacific Region.

5. Who is the author of the book "Kargil: Untold stories from the War"?

- A) Rachna Bisht Rawat  
 B) Mrunal Thakur  
 C) Prakash Kovelamudi  
 D) Lakshmi Manchu

- ✓ The book titled "Kargil: Untold stories from the War" has been authored by Rachna Bisht Rawat. The book is based on author's interviews with war survivors and martyrs' families. It will take the readers to the treacherous Himalayan Mountains where some of the Indian Army's bloodiest battles were fought.





### 1. Which Indian cricketer has been inducted into ICC Hall of Fame?

- A) Saurav Ganguly                      B) V V S Laxman  
C) Javagal Srinath                      D) Sachin Tendulkar

- ✓ Indian batting icon Sachin Tendulkar has been inducted into the International Cricket Council (ICC)'s Hall of Fame alongside South African pace legend Allan Donald and Australian woman cricketer Cathryn Fitzpatrick.
- ✓ Tendulkar is regarded the greatest to have played the game along with Sir Donald Bradman and remains the top run-accumulator in both Tests and ODIs. He has 34,357 runs across formats and is the only batsman to have 100 internationals hundreds under his belt.
- ✓ Donald is one of the finest bowlers to have played the game and had 330 Test and 272 ODI wickets to his credit before calling it quits in 2003. Fitzpatrick is the second highest wicket taker of all time in women's cricket with 180 ODI scalps and 60 in Tests. As a coach, she guided the Australian women's team to three World Cup titles.

### 2. Which state / UT Cricket Association has been granted the status of a Full Member of the BCCI?

- A) Daman & Diu                      B) A & N Islands  
C) Pondicherry                      D) Lakshadweep

- ✓ The Cricket Association of Pondicherry (CAP) has been granted the status of a Full Member of the BCCI by the Committee of Administrators. CAP will now become a voting member of the BCCI. It was given Associate Member status in October 2018.

### 3. Paramarsh scheme is associated to which union ministry?

- A) Ministry of Defense                      B) Ministry of Railways  
C) Ministry of Finance                      D) Ministry of HRD

- ✓ The Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank" launched 'Paramarsh' – a University Grants Commission (UGC) scheme.
- ✓ The scheme is aimed at mentoring National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) Accreditation Aspirant Institutions to promote Quality

Assurance in Higher Education in New Delhi. Initially, 71 universities and 391 colleges with NAAC score of 3.26 and above will mentor five colleges each.

- ✓ Under the Paramarsh scheme, the leading institutions will provide regular mentoring to help colleges achieve high quality standards. The scheme also proposes to provide financial assistance to the mentoring institutions and the option of appointing an expert, who can be paid a fellowship amount of Rs 31,000 per month.
- ✓ The scheme is expected to have a major impact in addressing a national challenge of improving the quality of Higher Education in India.

### 4. What name has been given to the recently launched UGC Guide to Student Induction Programme (SIP)?

- A) Praveshika                      B) Deeksha  
C) Deeksharambh                      D) Dakshina

- ✓ The Union HRD Minister, Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank released UGC Guide to Student Induction Programme (SIP) – "Deeksharambh" in New Delhi on 18th July 2019.
- ✓ The guide will help new students to build bonds with fellow students and faculty members in the new environment. The programme is intended to empower the aspirant learners to face the Competitive world with confidence, open new horizons of life leading to character building based on Universal Human Values such as Truth, Righteous conduct, Love, Non-violence, Peace and assist in developing self awareness, compassion and oneness.
- ✓ To spread awareness about Deeksharambh - SIP in Higher Education Institutions and its stakeholders, UGC has decided to conduct Awareness Programmes and training programme for teachers in different regions of the country.

### 5. On which date, the Nelson Mandela International Day is observed?

- A) July 19                      B) July 20  
C) July 18                      D) July 21

- ✓ The Nelson Mandela International Day is celebrated every year on July 18 to pay tribute to South Africa's

former president for his values, legacy and contribution to society.

- ✓ The day recognizes Mandela's values and his dedication to the service of humanity in: conflict resolution; race relations; promotion and protection of human rights; reconciliation; gender equality and the rights of children and other vulnerable groups; the fight against poverty; the promotion of social justice.

6. Motihari – Amlekhgunj petroleum pipeline project, sometimes seen in news, is connected to India & which country?

- A) Bangladesh  
B) Nepal  
C) Myanmar  
D) Sri Lanka

- ✓ The Rs 325 crore Motihari – Amlekhgunj petroleum pipeline project has been successfully completed & will start commercial operation by August 2019. The 69 Km long petroleum pipeline from Motihari in Bihar to Amlekhgunj in Nepal has been constructed by India.
- ✓ It will ensure smooth, cost effective and environment friendly supply of petroleum products to Nepal. The pipeline will help in tackling the oil storage problem in Nepal and doing away with transportation of petroleum products through tankers.
- ✓ Hence, Nepal will officially start fuel trade with India via the pipeline after its virtual launch by Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli and his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi.
- ✓ The Motihari – Amlekhgunj oil pipeline project was first proposed in 1996. However, the project finally edged closer to reality during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Kathmandu in 2014.

7. The 'Medicine from the Sky' is the pilot project of which state government?

- A) Telangana  
B) Andhra Pradesh  
C) Kerala  
D) Karnataka

- ✓ The innovative pilot project – Medicine from the Sky – will be launched by the Telangana government and the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution Network.

- ✓ The aim of the pilot project is to deliver emergency medical supplies such as blood, vaccines, medical samples and organs via drones. The project will run in partnership with the state government and HealthNet Global Limited.

8. ICC has suspended which country's Cricket Federation with immediate effect for breach of constitution?

- A) Belgium  
B) Zimbabwe  
C) Spain  
D) Brunei

- ✓ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has suspended Zimbabwe Cricket with immediate effect over violation of global body's constitution which doesn't allow any government intervention.
- ✓ Zimbabwe Cricket was found to have been in breach of Article 2.4 (c) and (d) of the ICC Constitution for failing to provide a process for free and democratic elections and to ensure that there is no government interference in its governance and/or administration for cricket respectively.
- ✓ As a consequence of suspension, Zimbabwe Cricket will no longer receive funding from the ICC and its representative teams are now ineligible from competing in any ICC events.
- ✓ The ICC has directed that the elected Zimbabwe Cricket Board be reinstated to the office within three months and progress in this respect will be considered again at the October Board meeting.
- ✓ The Croatia Cricket Federation and the Zambia Cricket Union have both also been suspended for continuing non-compliance with ICC Membership criteria. The Moroccan Royal Cricket Federation has also been expelled from Membership of the ICC.

9. Which Indian golfer has won the FCG Callaway Junior world Golf Championship 2019?

- A) Arjun Bhati  
B) Shubhankar Sharma  
C) Rashid Khan  
D) Mukesh Kumar

- ✓ The 14 year old Indian golfer Arjun Bhati has won the FCG Callaway Junior world Golf Championship 2019 by



1. The 10<sup>th</sup> Jagran Film Festival (JFF – 2019) has started in which city?

- A) New Delhi  
B) Mumbai  
C) Kolkata  
D) Kochi

- ✓ On 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the 10<sup>th</sup> Jagran Film festival at Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi. The JFF is an initiative by the Jagran Prakashan Group towards creating a culture of cinema appreciation and an honest and sincere attempt create a platform that connects great content with audiences across the country. Last year, with over 18 towns, 400 screenings, 18 cinema appreciation workshop.

2. The Andhra Bank has partnered with which company to launch AI chatbot “ABHi”?

- A) Microsoft  
B) Wipro  
C) Infosys  
D) Floatbot

- ✓ The Andhra Bank has partnered with Floatbot to offer an Artificial Intelligence-powered virtual assistant for online banking users. The AI chatbot named “ABHi” - made by Floatbot - is integrated with Core Banking Servers of Andhra Bank and will automate customer support for 5 crore Andhra Bank account holders.
- ✓ This AI chatbot solution can resolve customer queries and provide banking services in English, Hindi and Hinglish. With ABHi, customers will be able to get the information instantaneously 24x7, anytime they want.
- ✓ Customers can connect and know details from ABHi through website www.andhrabank.in over Mobile / Desktop browser, Facebook Messenger and using Google Assistant. Customer can ask details on digital banking, loans, banking services, government schemes, insurance, senior citizen, RuPay Offers, Aadhaar services, payment mode, deposit / EMI Calculator, lodge a customer complaint, know nearest Branch / ATM on Google map, recharge prepaid mobile etc., on chat anytime and on move.

3. Which former Indian athlete has been nominated for IAAF Veteran Pin?

- A) Milkha Singh  
B) PT Usha

- C) Anju Bobby George  
D) Manju Bala Swami

- ✓ India's track and field legend PT Usha has been nominated for the International Association of Athletics Federation's (IAAF) 'Veteran Pin' for her outstanding service to the sport. She is often called the "Queen of track and field".
- ✓ The IAAF CEO Jon Ridgeon has also extended an invitation to PT Usha to attend the award ceremony during the opening of the 52nd IAAF Congress in Qatar in September 2019.
- ✓ She won five gold medals -- 100 metres (m), 200m, 400m, 400 m hurdles and the 4x400 m relay -- besides a bronze in the Asian Games which were held at Jakarta in 1985.
- ✓ Usha's most memorable performance came in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics where she became the first Indian to reach the finals of the 400m hurdles, but lost the bronze by one-hundredth of a second.

4. Why did India industrialise gradually in the time of Britishers?

- A) Capitalists helped to set up new industries  
B) Many technicians came to India to setup new industries  
C) Britishers seized and handicapped Indian cottage industries  
D) People were fond of new machine made goods

- ✓ India was called 'the industrial workshop of the world' during the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. Demand for Indian cotton goods in England during this time was unprecedented.
- ✓ Indian cotton cloth was considered by Englishmen as the badge of 'style and fashion' of the time. The economic policies followed by the British led to the rapid transformation of India's economy into a colonial economy whose nature and structure were determined by the needs of the British economy.
- ✓ They always remained foreigners in the land, exploiting Indian resources and carrying away India's wealth as tribute. The first manufacturing industry was set up in India during the British rule.



