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1. Which state government has decided to form a Special Tiger Force for Corbett Tiger Reserve?

- A) Uttarakhand B) Jharkhand
C) Bihar D) Uttar Pradesh

- ✓ The Uttarakhand government has decided to form a Special Tiger Force (STF) for Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR). The force will have 85 posts & will help serve as the much needed second layer of protection for the big cat at the CTR.
- ✓ The STPF will be effective in checking illegal human intrusion into the reserve through villages located on its fringes. The decision was taken by the State Cabinet in line with Government of India guidelines for providing 3-tier protection to tigers at reserves.
- ✓ The first layer of protection is provided in the inner range by beat level forest guards through regular patrols. The second layer of protection is what the STPF will take care of. The third layer of protection comes from intelligence-gathering mechanisms in which forest, police and central intelligence agency personnel work together to prevent crimes like the poaching of tigers.

2. Which state government has launched Walk to Work on Wednesdays (WWW) campaign?

- A) Meghalaya B) Jharkhand
C) Bihar D) Uttar Pradesh

- ✓ Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has launched Walk to Work on Wednesdays (WWW) campaign in the state. The campaign is a part of the nationwide Fit India Movement, which has been launched in the country by the Prime Minister.
- ✓ The idea of 'walk to work' will have multiple benefits like cost cutting of fuel including reduction of CO2 emission, reduction in congestion in the city and the most important "health and fitness" for the citizens.

3. Which city has been ranked first at the Safe Cities Index (SCI-2019) of Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)?

- A) Osaka B) Paris

- C) Tokyo D) Singapore

- ✓ The Safe Cities Index (SCI) 2019 has been released by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). Tokyo has been ranked first in the SCI index, followed by Singapore and Osaka.
- ✓ The index ranks 60 countries worldwide across five continents and measures the multi-faceted nature of urban safety, with indicators categorized as digital, infrastructure, health and personal security. From India, Mumbai has been ranked as the 45th safest city on the SCI, while Delhi stood at the 52nd position.

4. Which state / UT government has decided to provide free rides to women in city buses and metro trains?

- A) Laddakh B) Punjab
C) Chhattisgarh D) Delhi

- ✓ The Delhi Cabinet has given "in principle" approval to the free-ride scheme of providing free rides for women in city buses and metro trains.
- ✓ For this cause, the Delhi Assembly also passed Supplementary Demands for Grants of Rs 290 crore. Of the Rs 290 crore, Rs 140 crore is for free rides for women in buses and Rs 150 crore for rides in metro trains. The free-ride scheme is slated to begin from October 29.
- ✓ Though, women employees of the Delhi government, local bodies and undertakings will not be entitled for transport allowance if they opt for free ride in Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and cluster buses.

5. Who has become the first IPS officer to be bestowed with the 2018 Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award?

- A) Sonia Narang B) Sanjukta Parashar
C) Meera Borwankar D) Aparna Kumar

- ✓ Aparna Kumar, a 2002 batch Uttar Pradesh Cadre IPS officer, has been honoured with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2018. With this, she became the first IPS officer to be bestowed with this prestigious award. Currently, she is posted as DIG in Indo Tibetan Police Force at Dehradun.

- ✓ The award is given in 4 categories - Land, Water, Air Adventure and Lifetime achievement. The awards are given by the Government of India with an aim to encourage young people to develop the spirit of endurance, risk-taking, cooperative teamwork and quick, ready and effective reflexes in tough situations.
 - ✓ Besides Aparna, five more personalities also received the award. The other personalities are late Dipankar Ghosh, Manikandan K, Prabhat Raju Koli, RameshwerJangra and Wangchuk Sherpa. The awardees received a statuette, certificates and cash award of Rs. 5 lakh each.
6. Which sportsperson has won the 2019 Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar? Which sportsperson has won the 2019 Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar?
- A) Abhinav Bindra B) Jeev Milkha Singh
C) Mary Kom D) Gagan Narang
- ✓ On 2019 National Sports Day (NSD), Gagan Narang and Pawan Singh have been honoured with the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar for their Gagan Narang Sports Promotion Foundation (GNSPF) at the Arjuna Awards ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
 - ✓ In 2011, Narang and co-founder Pawan Singh founded GNSPF to nurture budding talent and provide them training in a systematic and structured and also education to help carve out future champions. The Gun for Glory Shooting Academy — formed under the aegis of GNSPF — has 16 centres spread across India.
7. Which team has been crowned the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament for sub-junior boys (under-14) category?
- A) Mizoram B) Tripura
C) Goa D) Manipur
- ✓ The Saidan Secondary School of Mizoram has been crowned Under-14 boys champions of 2019 Subroto Cup International Football tournament after defeating Unique Model Academy of Manipur 2-0 in the summit clash. It was the Mizoram school's first title win in the tournament.
 - ✓ Saidan also won the best team award (Rs 3,00,000) while its player B Romalsawma was titled the best player of the tournament. The best goalkeeper award went to Manipur's Bijando and Lalbulliana of Saidan Secondary School was declared the best coach.
 - ✓ The fairplay award went to Our Lady Mount Carmel High School of Goa. The best goalkeeper, best player and fairplay award winners won Rs. 50,000 each.
8. The 5th Aqua Aquaria India 2019 was held in which city?
- A) Ranchi B) Hyderabad
C) Dehradun D) Manali
- ✓ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 5th edition of Aqua Aquaria India 2019, which is organized by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The event was held at HITEX exhibition center in Hyderabad from 30th August to 1st September.
 - ✓ The theme of the 2019 edition is "To take Blue Revolution to India's hinterland". The event showcased the recent advances in aquaculture and ornamental fish breeding / rearing technology for encouraging diversification and promotes intensification in a sustainable manner. It is a biennial exhibition. It will boost the export-oriented aquaculture.
9. Which union ministry has launched the National Lab Directory?
- A) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
B) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- ✓ The National Lab Directory (NLD) has been launched by the Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ram Vilas Paswan. The NLD is a one-stop-shop for all testing needs of the industries, academia, researchers and other stakeholders who need to get their Testing Facilities accredited / certified / recognized.

- ✓ Presently, the NLD encompasses the labs accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and Hallmarking Labs. Now, the labs which are recognized / notified by FASAI, APEDA, EIC, can also be indicated accordingly.
- ✓ The NDL will benefit all stakeholders such as manufacturers, consumers, regulatory agencies, government and research institutions in identifying the test facilities that are required for assessing conformity of relevant products or in testing for the purpose of research and development.

10. India's first-ever sky cycling park to be opened in which city?

- A) Manali B) Mussoorie
C) Nainital D) Shimla

- ✓ To boost tourism and give and an all new experience to visitors, India's first-ever sky cycling park will soon open at Gulaba area near Manali in Himachal Pradesh. It is 350m long & is located at a height of 9000 Feet above sea level.
 - ✓ Forest Department and Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports have jointly developed an eco-friendly park. It will also help provide employment to locals.
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in the lake. The Nehru Trophy is the first race of the inaugural edition of the Champions Boat League (CBL).

- ✓ CBL, hosted by Kerala Tourism, is the India's first-ever boat-race on the lines of IPL. There will be 12 races in the CBL beginning with the Nehru Trophy and concluding with President's Trophy Boat Race in Kollam on November 23.

6. Which country's team has won the 2019 SAFF under-15 football championship?

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

- ✓ In football, India won the 2019 SAFF under-15 title by defeating Nepal by 7-0 in the final at the Kalyani Stadium in West Bengal. This victory meant that India are now the most successful team in the tournament's history — winning the title for a record 3rd time after previous wins in 2013 and 2017.

7. Bangladesh has signed agreement with which Indian company to set up gas-based plant in Meghnahat?

- A) Reliance Power B) Adani Power
C) Hindustan Power D) Tata Power

- ✓ The Government of Bangladesh has signed an agreement with Reliance Power of India to set up 750 Mega Watt gas-based power plant in Meghnahat near Dhaka. The construction of the plant will be completed by 2022 and its estimated cost is one billion dollars.
- ✓ Under the agreement, Bangladesh will purchase electricity from the project for a period of 22 years at a pre-decided tariff rate equivalent to 5.85 Takas per unit at a total cost of approximately 8 billion dollars.
- ✓ Apart from this, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has also been signed with Petro Bangla to set up 500 Million standard cubic feet per day LNG terminal at Kutubdia Island near Chittagong in Bangladesh.

8. Which movie has become the first Bollywood film to go plastic-free?

- A) War B) Dream Girl

- C) Mission Mangal D) Coolie No. 1

- ✓ Varun Dhawan's upcoming movie 'Coolie No. 1' has become the first Bollywood film to go plastic-free. The environmental friendly initiative was taken by director of movie David Dhawan and its producers Vashu Bhagnani, Jackky Bhagnani and Deepshikha Deshmukh. The movie is all set to release on May 1, 2020.
- ✓ Their decision comes days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his Independence Day speech, urged people to shun single-use plastic and encouraged usage of jute and cloth bags to protect the environment.

9. India's longest electrified rail tunnel has recently inaugurated in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu B) Karnataka
C) Andhra Pradesh D) Kerala

- ✓ In Andhra Pradesh, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu has recently dedicated the India's longest electrified rail tunnel i.e situated between Cherlopalli and Rapuru.
- ✓ He also inaugurated the 112-km long electrified railway line between Venkatachalam and Obulavaripalli. The length of the electrified rail tunnel is 6.6km. It is built in the shape of a 'horse shoe' using the New Austrian Tunneling Method (NATM) at a cost of Rs 437 crore.
- ✓ The newly constructed tunnel will provide seamless rail connectivity between the Krishnapatnam Port and the hinterland areas.

10. Tejinderpal Singh Toor is associated to which sports?

- A) Wrestling B) Table Tennis
C) Shotput D) Boxing

- ✓ Asian Games gold medallist shotputter Tejinderpal Singh Toor clinched a silver with a best throw of 20.09m in his last attempt during an athletic meet at Decin, Czech Republic. Tajinder was awarded with the 2019 Arjuna Award.

1. India's first-ever architectural LED illumination has taken place in which historical monument?

- A) Qutb Minar B) Tughlakabad Fort
C) Khajuraho D) Konark

- ✓ Minister of State for Culture and Tourism Prahalad Singh Patel has inaugurated the first-ever architectural LED illumination at the historic Qutb Minar in New Delhi. With the illumination, the architectural beauty of the 12th century monument will display its historic majesty after sunset.
- ✓ The duration of illumination will be from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM daily with a monthly cost of Rs16,615/- which comes out merely to Rs 1,99,388/- for a year. The aim to illuminate the historic monuments is to showcase monuments during late evenings & to enhance the visitor experience.
- ✓ The Qutb Minar is a UNESCO World Heritage Site & is one of most visited historical site in the national capital.

2. India's first garbage cafe is set to open in which city?

- A) Ranchi B) Lucknow
C) New Delhi D) Ambikapur

- ✓ In a unique initiative, the Ambikapur municipal corporation of Chhattisgarh will soon open India's first 'Garbage Cafe' in the city of Ambikapur. This initiative is a step towards making the city plastic-free.
- ✓ In this unique Cafe' poor people and rag pickers will get free food in exchange for 1Kg of plastic, while breakfast will be provided if half a kilogram of plastic is brought to the cafe. The collected garbage will be sold at Solid Liquid Resources Management Centre (SLRMC).
- ✓ The collected plastic waste would further be turned into granules and will then be used in the construction of roads in the city. Ambikapur is Chhattisgarh's first dustbin-free city. The city has an efficient solid waste management system.
- ✓ The Self Help Groups (SHGs) of women are involved in door to door collection of waste. The city has been hailed

as the 2nd cleanest city in the country in Swachhata rankings.

3. Garvi Gujarat Bhavan, which is in news recently, is located in which city?

- A) Chandigarh B) New Delhi
C) Gandhinagar D) Ahmedabad

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated the Garvi Gujarat Bhavan in New Delhi. The new building is situated near the Congress headquarters at Akbar Road in the national capital & has been built at a cost of around Rs 131 crore by the Gujarat Government.
- ✓ It has 19 suite rooms, 59 regular rooms, a restaurant, a public dining hall, a business centre, a souvenir shop, a multi-purpose hall, conference hall, four lounges, a gymnasium, a yoga centre, a terrace garden and a library built on an area of 20,325 square meters.
- ✓ The Bhavan is equipped with traditional and modern artefacts and technologies and will serve as a home for Gujaratis in the national capital. It will represent the culture, craft and cuisine of Gujarat. This building is in addition to the old Gujarat Bhavan at Chanakypuri, which will continue to function.

4. Which state has recently celebrated Agrarian festival 'Nuakhai'?

- A) Odisha B) West Bengal
C) Karnataka D) Jharkhand

- ✓ The agrarian festival 'Nuakhai' has recently celebrated with great pomp and gaiety by the people of western Odisha districts.
- ✓ The Nuakhai Juhar is a major ritual of the festival. It is an exchange of greetings with friend relative and well-wishers. The elders are wished Nuakhai Juhar and they give blessings for long life, happiness and prosperity.
- ✓ Being an agrarian festival, the eldest in each household in rural pockets worshipped their paddy fields praying for a bumper crop and favourable weather. Women folk

leave bed early to perform the Nukhai rituals with decorating the house with colourful rangoli.

5. Which state government has decided to play the role of a recruitment agency for the youth wanting to work abroad?

- A) Punjab B) West Bengal
C) Karnataka D) Jharkhand

- ✓ The Punjab Employment Generation Department (PEGD) has decided to play the role of a recruitment agency for the youth wanting to go abroad for studies and work. It will also set up a special cell to send the youth for studies abroad.
- ✓ The move came after regular complaints of fraud by travel agents. The special cell will have a tie-up with foreign public universities which offer education at reasonable rates.
- ✓ This will not only save students from frauds but also help them financially as the commission which foreign institutes pay to the agents would be returned to them. This facility is already available in Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Telangana.

6. Where is the headquarters of World Resources Institute?

- A) New York B) Paris
C) Berlin D) Washington

- ✓ The World Resources Institute (WRI) has recently released a report titled "Reducing Food Loss and Waste" with the support of the Rockefeller Foundation. The report has quantified global food wastage — nearly one-third of the food i.e. produced each year goes uneaten, costing the global economy over \$940 billion.
- ✓ The uneaten food is responsible for emitting about 8% of planet-warming greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Some of these actions include developing national strategies for food loss and waste reduction, creating national public-private partnerships, launch supply chain initiatives, reducing small-holder losses and shifting consumer social norms.

- ✓ The WRI is a global research non-profit organization that was established in 1982 with funding from the MacArthur Foundation under the leadership of James Gustave Speth. Its headquarters is located at Washington, United States.

7. Who has been elected as Chair of the 72nd Session of the WHO –SEARO?

- A) Nirmala Sitharaman B) Raj Nath Singh
C) Narendra Modi D) Harsh Vardhan

- ✓ Union Health Minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the 72nd Session of World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for South-East Asia (SEARO) in New Delhi. This is the 2nd time that India is hosting Regional Committee meeting. Dr Vardhan was unanimously elected as Chair of the 72nd Session of the WHO -SEARO.
- ✓ The event coincides with the ambitious 'Fit India Movement' launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi about remaining fit and doing physical activities like yoga, sports, cycling, etc. The Government of India is also observing the entire month of September as "Poshan Maah" (Nutrition Month).

8. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has launched the first-ever 'Terracotta Grinder' in which city?

- A) Nasik B) Hyderabad
C) Varanasi D) Thiruvananthapuram

- ✓ The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has launched the first-ever 'Terracotta Grinder' at Sewapuri in Varanasi. This machine can be used to grind wasted and broken pottery items for re-use in pottery-making.
- ✓ The Terracotta grinder was designed by the KVIC Chairman and fabricated by a Rajkot-based engineering unit. It will make grinding of wasted pottery items faster than the traditional one.
- ✓ It will lessen the cost of production and will also help in solving the problem of shortage of clays. The machine will also be a boon for potters as Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Nitin Gadkari has proposed to introduce Kulhads and other

terracotta products at 400 prominent railway stations. The proposal is under active consideration of the Railways.

the Rajya Sabha, Harivansh Narayan Singh. The summit adopted the Male Declaration and ignored Pakistan's concern on Kashmir.

9. Which Indian personality has been chosen by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for the 2019 Global Goalkeeper Award?

- A) Azim Premji B) Medha Patkar
C) Vandana Shiva D) Narendra Modi

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be honoured with the prestigious '2019 Global Goalkeeper Award' by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for his leadership and commitment to his ambitious pet project "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA)" on 24th September 2019.
- ✓ The Prime Minister will also address global leaders and corporate executives at the Bloomberg Global Business Forum during his visit here for the high-level UN General Assembly (UNGA) session.
- ✓ The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA), which was launched on 2nd October 2014, is a nationwide initiative aimed to inspire the public to voluntarily clean public spaces as a service to the nation. The aim of the campaign is to achieve the vision of a 'Clean India' by 2nd October 2019.
- ✓ The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is a private foundation owned by billionaire philanthropist and Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife Melinda Gates.

10. The 4th South-Asian Speaker's Summit was recently held in which city?

- A) Paris B) Geneva
C) New Delhi D) Male

- ✓ The 4th South-Asian Speaker's Summit was recently held in Male, Maldives. The summit was meant to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) but Pakistan tried to raise the issue of abrogation of Article 370 provisions on Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) despite not being part of the agenda. Though, India maintained that J&K is an internal matter.
- ✓ The Indian delegation in the summit was represented by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Deputy Chairman of

1. Which city is holding the COP14 to United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification?

- A) Amritsar B) Hyderabad
C) Pune D) Greater Noida

- ✓ The 14th Conference of Parties (COP14) to United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification is at Greater Noida on 2nd September 2019.
- ✓ The core agenda of the 12-day Conference is to reverse land degradation and its outcomes while accelerating positive achievements for people and for ecosystems.
- ✓ The main objective of the convention is to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in countries experiencing serious drought or desertification. The delegates from 196 countries are participating in COP14.

2. Who is the newly appointed chairman of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB)?

- A) Ashok Lavasa B) N Gopalswami
C) Sunil Arora D) Navin Chawla

- ✓ Sunil Arora, the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India, has recently assumed Chairmanship of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) for the term 2019-21 as India takes over the Chair from Romania. He succeeded Lon Mincu Radulescu.
- ✓ The AWEB Flag was handed over to the new Chairman, Sunil Arora and it will remain with Election Commission of India (ECI) for the 2 year term till 2021. More than 110 delegates from 45 countries attended the meeting.
- ✓ A-WEB is the first global organization of election management bodies, and the membership currently consists of 97 organizations from 94 countries. The constituent units of the A-WEB are the Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) of different countries, structured to work together and learn from the experiences and best practices from one another.

3. Which iconic place has been adjudged as the India's Best Swachh Iconic Place'?

- A) Tirupati Temple B) Mata Vaishno Devi shrine
C) Sabarimala Temple D) Ajmer Sharif Dargah

- ✓ The famous Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) has been adjudged as the India's 'Best Swachh Iconic Place' on the basis of the overall improvement in sanitation.
- ✓ The ranking of Swachh Iconic Places was recently released by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of drinking water and sanitation. Several initiatives with a workforce of 1300 sanitation workers have enabled the shrine to achieve the top rank.
- ✓ The President will confer the prestigious award to the Shrine during the Swachh Mahotsav to be organized by the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation on the 6th September 2019.

4. Where is the headquarters of Global Fund for AIDS, TB and malaria (GFTAM)?

- A) Geneva B) Paris
C) New York D) Berlin

- ✓ India has recently announced a contribution of \$22 million to the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and malaria (GFTAM) for the 6th replenishment cycle (2020-22). This is an increase of 10% over the amount contributed by the country in the 5th cycle.
- ✓ India has had a sustained partnership with the Global Fund since 2002 both as a recipient and as a donor. The Global Fund is a partnership designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.
- ✓ The GFTAM is an international financing and partnership organization that aims to attract, leverage and invest additional resources to end the epidemics of HIV / AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria to support attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the United Nations. Its headquarters is located in Geneva, Switzerland.

5. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of World Coconut Day?

A) Coconut for Good Health, Wealth & Wellness

B) Coconut for Family Wellness

C) Coconut for Healthy Life

D) Coconut for Family Nutrition, Health, and Wellness

- ✓ The World Coconut Day (WCD) is observed every year on 2nd of September to increase coconut farming with focus on productivity and product diversification. The day is also celebrated to commemorate the formation day of Asian Pacific Coconut Community (APCC).
- ✓ In India, the day is celebrated every year under the aegis of Coconut Development Board (CDB) in various coconut growing states across the country. The 2019 theme is 'Coconut for Family Wellness'.
- ✓ The APCC is an inter-governmental organisation of 18-member countries mandated to promote, coordinate, and harmonise coconut developmental activities of the Asian Pacific region.

6. Where is the headquarters of World Resources Institute?

A) Thailand

B) Vietnam

C) Brunei

D) Singapore

- ✓ In Thailand, the first US-Asean Maritime Exercise (AUMX) officially started at the Royal Thai Fleet headquarters at Chon Buri's Sattahip district.
- ✓ The aim of the 5-day AUMX is to train the regional navies in delivering humanitarian assistance and mitigating disasters. The joint exercise will involve 1,250 military personnel.
- ✓ The AUMX is co-led by the US and the Royal Thai Navy and will be preceded with pre-sail activities in Thailand, Singapore and Brunei, followed by sea drills in international waters in the Gulf of Thailand as well as the South China Sea. The exercise will conclude in Singapore.

7. Where is the headquarters of Global Tiger Forum?

A) Lucknow

B) New Delhi

C) Chennai

D) Gandhinagar

- ✓ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has recently confirmed the presence of tigers in high-altitude regions of Sikkim, Uttarakhand, West Bengal and Arunachal Pradesh in a study submitted to the Union Ministry of Environment.
- ✓ The Ministry will use a study on the status of tiger habitats in high altitude ecosystems to have a high altitude tiger master plan.
- ✓ The study is led by the Global Tiger Forum (GTF) with range country governments of Bhutan, India and Nepal. It is also supported by the Integrated Tiger Habitat Conservation Programme (ITHPC) of the IUCN and KfW (German Development Bank).
- ✓ The GTF is the only intergovernmental and international body established with members from willing countries to embark on a global campaign to protect the Tiger. Its headquarters is located in New Delhi.

8. Which company has become the India's first commercial vehicle maker to get BS-VI certification for heavy duty trucks?

A) Tata Motors

B) Ashok Leyland

C) Mahindra & Mahindra

D) Swaraj Mazda

- ✓ Ashok Leyland has become the first Indian Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) to meet the Bharat Stage VI (BS-VI) emission norms across its full range of heavy-duty trucks with gross vehicle weight of 16.2 tonnes and above.
- ✓ The company has recently received certificates from Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) confirming compliance with BS-VI emission standard.
- ✓ ARAI is an autonomous body affiliated to the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, which offers comprehensive certification and homologation services for all kinds of vehicles.

1. Bianca Andreescu, who has become 1st teen to reach US Open semi-finals in decade, is from which country?
- A) Canada B) United States
- C) Germany D) Austria
- ✓ The 19-year-old Canadian teen Bianca Andreescu has become the first teen to reach US Open semi-finals in a decade since Caroline Wozniacki in 2009.
- ✓ To spot in the final, she defeated Belgium's Elise Mertens by 3-6, 6-2 & 6-3. Andreescu could become the first teen to win a Grand Slam title since Maria Sharapova captured the 2006 US Open and she would be the youngest US Open champion since Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova in 2004.
2. Which prominent personality has been conferred the Vatican's 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis' award?
- A) Narendra Modi B) Muhammad Yunus
- C) Sachin Tendulkar D) A.R Rahman
- ✓ Nobel Laureate from Bangladesh Professor Muhammad Yunus has been conferred the 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis' award by the Vatican for his contribution towards establishing peace and harmony.
- ✓ The ceremony was recently took place at the historical Papal Basilica of Assisi in Italy. The award is recognition for distinguished work by an individual for promoting peace and dialogue among people.
- ✓ The Lamp of Peace award was first given to the Polish trade union leader Lech Walesa in 1981. Dalai Lama, Mikhail Gorbachev and Angela Merkel are a few other prominent persons who received this award earlier.
3. The Mobile Science Exhibition (MSE) programme has been launched from which city?
- A) Ranchi B) New Delhi
- C) Shimla D) Leh
- ✓ Union Tourism and Culture Minister, Prahlad Singh Patel has recently flagged off the first Mobile Science Exhibition (MSE) at Leh Palace in Leh. For the first time, a national programme is being launched from Leh.
- ✓ The aim of the programme is to popularize Science and Technology (S&T) among students as well as the people. The MSE programme is specially designed in a bus so that it can reach the doorsteps of people.
- ✓ The bus will travel from school to school in rural areas and organize exhibitions throughout the year. Along with the exhibition, some other programmes like Sky Observation Programme through telescope, science film show, Science Demonstration Lectures etc will also be organized.
- ✓ The programme carries a number of interactive exhibits related to everyday science. Each specially designed bus contains 20 interactive exhibits. The Culture Ministry will launch 25 Mobile Science Exhibition buses across the country.
4. The 2019 UNICEF South Asian Parliamentarian conference for Children was held in which city?
- A) Male B) Paris
- C) Colombo D) Geneva
- ✓ In Sri Lanka, the UNICEF South Asian Parliamentarian conference on Children Right's Convention was held in Colombo from 2 & 3 September 2019. The conference gave the parliamentarians the opportunity to make fresh commitments to push the national agendas for the realization of child rights.
- ✓ The Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most widely ratified human rights treaty. But, during the conference, the Pakistani delegates tried to raise the Kashmir issue which led to a sharp reaction from the Indian side. The Indian delegation consists of Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi and BJP MP Sanjay Jaiswal spoke in unison to counter Pakistan's claims.
5. Which state government has recently signed pact with Delaware State of America for sister state?
- A) Andhra Pradesh B) Jharkhand
- C) Maharashtra D) Gujarat
- ✓ The Gujarat Government has recently signed the Sister State MoU with Delaware State of America in Gandhinagar.

1. Kiran Nagarkar, who passed away recently, was the renowned personality in which field?

- A) Politics
B) Playwright
C) Sports
D) Science

- ✓ Kiran Nagarkar (77), the acclaimed English-Marathi novelist and playwright, has passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra on 5th September 2019.
- ✓ He was known for his works such as, "Saat Sakkam Trechalis" (Seven Sixes Are 43) (1974), "Ravan and Eddie" (1994) and the epic English novel "Cuckold" (1997). He released his latest novel "Jasoda" in November 2017.

2. Srihari Nataraj is associated to which sports?

- A) Boxing
B) Swimming
C) Judo
D) Chess

- ✓ Srihari Nataraj from Bengaluru has won the best male swimmer award at the 73rd Glenmark National senior aquatic championships at the Prakash Tarun Pushkar pool. He created a national record in the men's 100m backstroke.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Shivani Kataria from Haryana was adjudged as the best woman swimmer. Karnataka won the overall championship and men's team title. And, Maharashtra took the women's team trophy.

3. The 4th edition of Indian Ocean Conference (ICO-2019) was held in which city?

- A) New Delhi
B) Beijing
C) Colombo
D) Male

- ✓ The 4th edition of Indian Ocean Conference (ICO-2019) was held in Male from September 3-4. It was organized by India Foundation, in association with the Government of Maldives and the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (Singapore).
- ✓ The theme of the IOC 2019 is "Securing the Indian Ocean Region: Traditional and Non-Traditional Challenges".

4. Where is the headquarters of Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)?

- A) Kolkata
B) Pune
C) New Delhi
D) Chennai

- ✓ In New Delhi, the national conference on "India-Africa Partnership in a Changing Global Order-Priorities, Prospects and Challenges" was organized by Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA).
- ✓ The ICWA is devoted exclusively for the study of international relations and foreign affairs. It is also a member of the United Nations Academic Impact, The Vice President of India is the ex-officio President of ICWA, while the Minister of External Affairs is its Vice President. Its headquarters is located in National capital.

5. The 1st national conference on Cybercrime Investigation was held in which city?

- A) New Delhi
B) Lucknow
C) Jaipur
D) Bhopal

- ✓ The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has recently organized the first national conference on Cybercrime Investigation and Forensics at its headquarters in New Delhi.
- ✓ The aim of the 2-day conference was to create the platform and bring together investigators, lawyers, forensic experts and academia to discuss challenges related to cybercrime and ways to find solutions.

6. Which IIT has been selected for the Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institute (SATHI)?

- A) IIT Kanpur
B) IIT Kharagpur
C) IIT Madras
D) IIT Indore

- ✓ After IIT Delhi, IIT Kharagpur has been selected for the "Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institute (SATHI) of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) of the Union government.
- ✓ The SATHI Centre will run 24*7 round the year. At least 70% of instrument time will be reserved for external users from other academic institutes, national

laboratories, start-ups, entrepreneurs and the industry.

- ✓ The institute will treat the SATHI Centre as its Social Scientific Responsibility (SSR) programme to promote the culture of science-based entrepreneurship and start-ups in the country.

7. Who has become the youngest-ever captain in Test cricket history?

- A) Nayeem Hasan B) Taijul Islam
C) Mominul Haque D) Rashid Khan

- ✓ Afghanistani leg spinner Rashid Khan (20) has scripted history as he became the youngest-ever Test captain after leading his team against Bangladesh in the one-off Test. Previously, the record was held by former Zimbabwe wicketkeeper Tatenda Taibu.

- ✓ At the age of 19 years and 165 days, Rashid Khan had also become the youngest player to captain an international side.

8. Who led Indian delegation at the 5th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF-2019)?

- A) Vijay Keshav Gokhale B) Narendra Modi
C) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar D) Ram Nath Kovind

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the first Indian premier to visit the Far East Russia in Vladivostok. He attended the 20th India-Russia annual summit with President Putin and announced \$1 billion loan for the development of Far East region.

- ✓ Modi also attended 5th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF). The forum focuses on development of business and investment opportunities in the Russian Far East Region, and presents enormous potential for developing close and mutually beneficial cooperation between India and Russia in the region.

9. What is the India's position in terms of total gold reserve, according to the World Gold Council (WGC)?

- A) 7th B) 10th C) 9th D) 6th

- ✓ According to the latest report by World Gold Council (WGC), United States leads the country list with total gold reserves of 8,133.5 tonnes followed by Germany (3,366.8 tonnes), International Monetary Fund (IMF) (2,451.8 tonnes), Italy (2,451.8 tonnes) and France (2,436.1 tonnes).

- ✓ India is at the 10th spot with 618.2 tonnes. Interestingly, in terms of individual countries, India actually ranks 9th since the IMF occupies the third position after the U.S. and Germany.

10. Who is the head of the RBI task force which calls for participation of non-banks to develop secondary market for corporate loans?

- A) B P Kanungo B) TN Manoharan
C) M K Jain D) N S Vishwanathan

- ✓ The 6-member RBI task force, headed by Canara Bank Chairman TN Manoharan, has recommended the setting up a Self Regulatory Body (SRB) of market participants to finalize details for the secondary market for corporate loans, including the standardization of documents.

- ✓ It has also called for amending regulations of SEBI, IRDA and PFRDA to enable participation of non-banking entities such as mutual funds, insurance companies, and pension funds.

- ✓ It has also called for setting up a Central Loan Contract Registry (CLCR), as well as an online loan sales platform to conduct auctions and sale of such loans.