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1. Dr. K Siva Reddy, who has been awarded the Saraswati Samman 2018 is associated to which language?
- A) Tamil B) Malayalam
C) Telugu ☒ D) Odia
- ✓ Telugu poet Dr. K Siva Reddy has been awarded the prestigious Saraswati Samman 2018 for his collection of poetry titled 'Pakkaki Ottigilite'. The award has been conferred by the KK Birla Foundation & carries a cash prize of Rs 15 lakh, a citation and a plaque
2. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of World Rabies Day?
- A) End Rabies by campaigning
B) Rabies: Vaccinate to Eliminate ☒
C) Rabies: Defeat this horrifying disease
D) Rabies– Educate, Vaccinate, Eliminate
- ✓ The World Rabies Day is observed every year on September 28 to raise awareness about rabies prevention and to highlight progress in defeating this horrifying disease.
- ✓ The day also marks the anniversary of Louis Pasteur's death, the French chemist and microbiologist, who developed the first rabies vaccine. The 2019 theme is, "Rabies: Vaccinate to Eliminate"
3. Which team has clinched the 2019 SAFF U-18 Championship title?
- A) India ☒ B) Bangladesh
C) Nepal D) South Africa
- ✓ In Football, India defeated Bangladesh by 2-1 in the final of SAFF U-18 Championship 2019 to lift the title in Kathmandu on 30th September. This is India's first SAFF U-18 trophy. Ninthoinganba Meetei from India was declared Most Valuable Player of the championship.
4. Which Assam district has launched 'Plants for Plastic' campaign?
- A) Karbi Anglong B) Dhemaji
C) Bongaigaon ☒ D) Goalpara
- ✓ In Assam, the 'Plants for Plastic' campaign has been launched by the Bongaigaon District administration in a bid to gradually collect and remove the harmful plastics from the eco – system.
- ✓ The aim of the campaign is to encourage people to collect and remove plastic from their houses, commercial establishments & educational institutions. Under this unique initiative, any person can deposit 1 Kg plastic in the Municipality office and get a valuable sapling for free.
5. Sumit Nagal, who has become first Indian tennis player to win on South American clay court, is from which state?
- A) Haryana ☒ B) Punjab
C) UP D) Jharkhand
- ✓ In Tennis, Sumit Nagal from Haryana has won the men's singles title of 2019 ATP Challenger Tournament at Buenos Aires in Argentina.
- ✓ He defeated local favourite Facundo Bognis in straight-sets 6-4, 6-2 to claim the \$54,160 prize money. With this feat, Nagal became first Indian to win on South American clay court.
- ✓ Earlier, Nagal grabbed headlines after he made his Grand Slam debut and produced a spirited fight against the legendary Roger Federer in the 1st round of the US Open.
6. The Bada Dashain is the biggest festival of which country?
- A) Bangladesh B) Nepal ☒
C) Sri Lanka D) India
- ✓ The biggest festival of Nepal – Bada Dashain – has begun at famous Hanumandhoka Dashain Ghar in Kathmandu with Vedic rituals. The 15-day festival starts on first day of Navaratri with Ghatsthapana (traditional urn).
- ✓ Devotees performed Ghatsthapana and sowed maize and barley seeds for germination of the auspicious

Jamara (barley shoots) in various parts of the country today.

- ✓ During Dashain, people worship goddess Durga for nine days. On tenth day of festival, elders give golden barley shoots and put Tika on the forehead of younger members of the family and bless them for peace, progress and prosperity in the life.

7. Who led Indian delegation at the 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference – 2019?

- A) Raj Nath Singh B) Ram Nath Kovind
C) Narendra Modi D) Om Birla ☒

- ✓ Recently, India has strongly opposed Pakistan's propaganda on Kashmir at the General Assembly of 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC-2019) in Uganda's capital Kampala. The Indian parliamentary delegation was led by the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

- ✓ Earlier, Pakistan had raised the same issue during the 4th South Asian Speakers' Summit in Male, Maldives. Though, the issues raised by Pakistan were rejected and left out of the Male Declaration.

8. Which Indian scientist has won the M P Birla Memorial Award 2019?

- A) Jayant Narlikar B) Thanu Padmanabhan ☒
C) Yamuna Krishnan D) Sulabha K. Kulkarni

- ✓ Noted Physicist Thanu Padmanabhan, a professor of Inter-university Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics in Pune, has won the M P Birla Memorial Award 2019 for his contributions to the world of cosmology. It consists of a citation, trophy and a cheque for Rs 2,51,000.

9. Viju Khote, who passed away recently, was the renowned actor of which regional cinema?

- A) Tamil B) Marathi ☒
C) Telugu D) Malayalam

- ✓ Viju Khote (77), the veteran Hindi and Marathi film-theatre actor, has passed away in Mumbai,

Maharashtra. He had acted in more than 300 Hindi and Marathi films. He gained fame for his character Kaliya in the blockbuster film Sholay.

10. The floral festival 'Bathukamma' of which state has started recently?

- A) Telangana ☒ B) Andhra Pradesh
C) Karnataka D) Odisha

- ✓ The floral festival titled 'Bathukamma' has started in Telangana on 28th September 2019, which is celebrated particularly by the women of state.
- ✓ The 9-day festival takes place towards the end of the monsoon season, just before the onset of winter. Traditionally, Bathukamma is all about worshipping the local goddesses of Telangana and revering to their power during the monsoon season.

1. International opera singer Jessye Norman, who has passed away recently, is from which country?
- A) France B) Sweden
C) United States ☒ D) United Kingdom
- ✓ Jessye Norman (74), the renowned international opera singer of the 20th Century, has passed away in New York, United States. She was a pioneering young black woman in the white world of classical music & showcased her majestic the voice in performances around the world. She won 4 Grammy Awards and the National Medal of Arts.
2. Who has been appointed as new Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB)?
- A) KS Dhatwalia ☒ B) Sitanshu Kar
C) Ira Joshi D) Satyendra Prakash
- ✓ KS Dhatwalia, the senior Indian Information Service officer has been appointed as the Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB). Dhatwalia will continue to hold the additional charge of Director General, Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC).
3. N Wilson Singh is associated to which sports?
- A) Chess B) Swimming ☒
C) Boxing D) Wrestling
- ✓ In Swimming, Indian duo of N Wilson Singh and Satish Kumar Prajapati produced impressive performances to win a gold in 10m platform synchronized event at the ongoing 10th Asian Age Group Championships 2019 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ✓ Therefore, India extended their total tally to 60 medals (17 gold, 23 silver and 20 bronze) in the prestigious championships, which is the largest aquatic event in Asia.
4. The 94th Raising Day of the Military Nursing Service (MNS) has recently celebrated on which date in India?
- A) September 29 B) September 28
C) October 1 ☒ D) October 2
- ✓ The 94th Raising Day of the Military Nursing Service (MNS) has celebrated on 1st of October 2019. The MNS is the only all women corps in the Armed Forces.
- ✓ It came into existence on 28th March 1888 with the arrival of 10 qualified British Nurses in Bombay, to organize nursing in Military hospitals in India.
- ✓ In 1893, it was designated as Indian Army Nursing Service and in 1902 as Queen Alexandra Military Nursing Service. On 1926 October 1 a permanent Nursing Service for the India troops was formed and was designated as the Indian Military Nursing Service (IMNS).
5. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of International Translation Day?
- A) Enthusiasm in translation and interpreting
B) Translation and interpreting: connecting worlds
C) Translate with respect for everyone
D) Translation and Indigenous Languages ☒
- ✓ The International Translation Day is celebrated every year on 30th of September to pay tribute to the work of language professionals.
- ✓ The 2019 theme, "Translation & Indigenous Languages", focuses on the indigenous languages that are in danger of disappearing.
6. Which state has topped the NITI Aayog's report titled "The Success of Our Schools–School Education Quality Index" (SEQI)?
- A) Puducherry B) Kerala ☒
C) Rajasthan D) Karnataka
- ✓ Kerala has topped the NITI Aayog's report titled 'The Success of Our Schools–School Education Quality Index' (SEQI) in list of 20 states, followed by Rajasthan and Karnataka.
- ✓ While the most populous state Uttar Pradesh was ranked at the bottom position during 2016 – 17. The

report is based on indexing of states and Union Territories (UTs) on the learning outcomes for school – going children.

- ✓ Of the seven UTs, Chandigarh came at the top position, followed by Dadra – Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Puducherry, Daman & Diu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.
- ✓ This school education report has considered 2015 – 2016 as the base year and 2016 – 2017 as the reference year.

7. Who has been awarded India's Most Powerful Women in Media award at British Parliament?

- A) Rana Ayyub B) Kalli Purie ☒
- C) Neha Dixit D) Shoma Chaudhury

- ✓ Renowned journalist Kalli Purie, who is India Today Group Vice Chairperson, has been conferred the India's Most Powerful Women in Media award at the famed Confluence Excellence Awards in British Parliament.
- ✓ Earlier, she was honoured with the 'Outstanding Media & Entertainment Award' at the annual 21st Century Icon Awards 2019 in London.

8. Who has been appointed Chairman of International Egg Commission (IEC)?

- A) Harish Khare B) Anuranjan Jha
- C) Suresh Chitturi ☒ D) Patricia Mukhim

- ✓ Suresh Chitturi, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Hyderabad based Srinivasa Farms, has become the first Indian and Asian to be elected as Chairman of the International Egg Commission (IEC) for 2 years.
- ✓ The London based organisation 'IEC' was established at the 2nd International Egg Conference in Bologna, Italy in 1964.

9. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of International Day of Older Persons?

- A) Longevity: Shaping the Future
- B) Rights of Older Persons

C) Take a Stand against Ageism

D) The Journey to Age Equality ☒

- ✓ The International Day of Older Persons is observed every year on 1st October to highlight the important contributions that older people make to society and raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges of ageing in today's world. The 2019 theme is "The Journey to Age Equality".

10. The first ever National Nutrition Survey have been conducted by the Indian government and which international organisation?

- A) UNICEF ☒ B) WHO
- C) UNCTAD D) FAO

- ✓ The first ever National Nutrition Survey have been conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and UNICEF between February 2016 and October 2018 to measure malnutrition.
- ✓ The key findings of the survey, which are yet to be made public are as follows:
 - Nearly 10% of children in the age group of 5–9 years and adolescents in the age group of 10–19 years are pre-diabetic.
 - 5% are overweight and another 5% suffer from Blood Pressure.
 - The report is providing first time hard evidence of the coexistence of obesity and under-nutrition among school going children.

1. Who has become the first Indian musician to have minor planet named after him?
- A) Parveen Sultana B) Pandit Jasraj ☒
- C) Kumar Gandharva D) Prabha Atre
- ✓ The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named an asteroid after Indian classical singer Pandit Jasraj. With this, Pandit Jasraj has become the first Indian maestro to have a planet named after him.
- ✓ The asteroid, which is located between Mars and Jupiter, was discovered by Mt. Lemmon Survey at Mt. Lemmon in Arizona (US) in November 2006.
2. Who is the author of the book "The RSS: Roadmaps for the 21st Century"?
- A) Sunil Ambekar ☒ B) Vivek Aggarwal
- C) Yasmin Ali Haque D) M S Golwalkar
- ✓ The book titled 'The RSS: Roadmaps for the 21st Century' has been authored by Sunil Ambekar of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) student wing.
- ✓ The book represents RSS roadmap and vision for every sector in the country.
3. Who has been appointed the new CEO of MyGov India?
- A) Mahesh Kale B) Ajay Chakrabarty
- C) Abhishek Singh ☒ D) Arvind Gupta
- ✓ Abhishek Singh IAS (Nagaland: 1995) has been appointed the Chief Executive Officer of MyGov India, the government's citizen – centric online platform. He succeeded tech entrepreneur Arvind Gupta.
- ✓ The aim of MyGov India is to empower people to connect with the government and contribute towards good governance.
4. The NITI Aayog & which international organization has launched 'The Gandhian Challenge'?
- A) UNESCO B) UNICEF ☒
- C) FAO D) WHO
- ✓ The 'Gandhian Challenge' have been launched by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog's Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) and UNICEF India on the occasion of 150th birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ✓ This innovation challenge provides a platform for every child across India to ideate innovative solutions for a sustainable India of their dreams, using Gandhi's principles.
- ✓ The problem statement for the Gandhian Challenge is: "Share your innovative solutions/ideas to create a futuristic and sustainable world of your dreams, following Gandhi's principles".
- ✓ The contest – open for every child in India from 2 October to 20 October – also celebrates 70 years of partnership between Government of India and UNICEF India to enable 'Every Right for Every Child'.
5. Which Indian company has won the 2019 Deming Prize for Total Quality Management?
- A) Infosys B) Reliance
- C) Elgi Equipments ☒ D) Wipro
- ✓ The Coimbatore headquartered company "Elgi Equipments" has bagged the coveted 2019 Deming Prize for Total Quality Management.
- ✓ ELGi is the first globally established Industrial air compressor manufacturer, outside of Japan, to win the prestigious award in over 60 years and will formally receive the prize on the 6th of November in Tokyo, Japan.
6. Which IIT has organized the Global Student Solar Assembly (GSSA) in collaboration with Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy?
- A) IIT Madras B) IIT Bombay ☒
- C) IIT Delhi D) IIT Indore
- ✓ The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in association with IIT Bombay have organized the Global Student Solar Assembly (GSSA) at Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex in New Delhi on 2nd October 2019 to commemorate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma

Gandhi and to promote the Gandhian idea of sustainable living.

- ✓ The aim of GSSA is to sensitize young minds about energy sustainability and environmental care.

7. Which bank has become the first Indian bank to have office in Australia's Victoria?

- A) BoB B) SBI ☒ C) BoI D) PNB

- ✓ The State Bank of India (SBI) has opened its Melbourne office & became the first Indian bank to have a branch in the Australian state of Victoria. The Melbourne office will assist the growing trade and investment relations between Victoria and India.

8. Who became the new president of Marylebone Cricket Club?

- A) Glenn McGrath B) Kapil Dev
C) Kumar Sangakkara ☒ D) James Anderson

- ✓ Former Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara has become the first non British official to take charge of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) as the President and he will hold the post for one year. His tenure will include two Tests at Lord's – against West Indies and Pakistan.

9. Where is the headquarters of National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC)?

- A) Pune B) New Delhi ☒
C) Lucknow D) Shimla

- ✓ The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with State owned construction firm National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) to provide project management consultancy for development of National Sports University at Imphal, Manipur.

- ✓ The approximate cost of project would be Rs 400 crore. The headquarters of NBCC is located in New Delhi.

10. Annu Rani is associated to which sports?

- A) Javelin Throw ☒ B) Cricket
C) Wrestling D) Boxing

- ✓ Annu Rani has become the first Indian to qualify for Women's Javelin Throw final at World Athletics Championships in Doha. She smashed her own national record during the qualification round of the Championships with best attempt of 62.43 metres.

1. Which union ministry has instituted the Vayoshreshtha Samman – 2019?
 - A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 - B) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
 - C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
 - D) Ministry of Culture

✓ As part of the celebration of the 2019 International Day of Older Persons, President Ram Nath Kovind has conferred the Vayoshreshtha Samman – 2019 on the eminent senior citizens and institutions in recognition of their services towards the cause of the elderly persons.

✓ The Vayoshreshtha Samman is a Scheme of awards instituted by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and gradually upgraded to the status of National Awards for institutions involved in rendering distinguished service for the cause of elderly persons.
2. Who has been conferred the 'Most Effective Swachhata Ambassador' award?
 - A) Amitabh Bachchan B) Mary Kom
 - C) P V Sindhu D) Sachin Tendulkar ☒

✓ On the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar bagged the 'Most Effective Swachhata Ambassador' award by the President Ram Nath Kovind for making use of his popularity and fame to ensure India achieves its goal of a Swachh Bharat. He has been promoting cleanliness drives in India for almost 10 years.
3. Which station has topped the list of cleanest railway stations in the non – suburban group of stations, as per report 'Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat 2019'?
 - A) Jaipur ☒ B) Jodhpur
 - C) Durgapura D) Jammu Tawi

✓ According to a report 'Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat 2019' released by Ministry of Railways, the Jaipur station has topped the list of cleanest railway stations in the non – suburban group of stations with a total score of 931.75, followed by Jodhpur, Durgapura, Jammu Tawi, Gandhinagar, Suratgarh, Vijayawada, Udaipur city, Ajmer and Haridwar.
- ✓ In the suburban group of stations, Maharashtra's Andheri station has topped the list. The "cleanest railway zone 2019" award has been given to the North Western Railway Zone under which the Jaipur railway station falls. The survey has been carried out by the Quality Council of India (QCI).
4. IRCTC has decided to compensate the passengers of which train for delays?
 - A) New Delhi–Jaipur Tejas Express
 - B) New Delhi–Lucknow Tejas Express ☒
 - C) New Delhi–Agra Tejas Express
 - B) New Delhi–Bhopal Tejas Express

✓ In a first of its kind offer from any national carrier, IRCTC will compensate passengers of India's first corporate train New Delhi – Lucknow Tejas Express in case of delay in the train schedule.

✓ An amount of Rs 100 will be paid in case the delay is for over an hour and Rs 250 for delay of over two hours. The latest offer is in addition to the Rs.25 lakh free insurance that will be given to passengers of the train.

✓ This travel insurance also includes coverage of Rs.1 lakh against household theft and robbery during travel period of the passengers, which is again a first for those travelling on board trains. The train will be flagged off on October 4.
5. India's largest 'charkha' made of waste plastic inaugurated in which city?
 - A) Kolkata B) Gandhi Nagar
 - C) Bikaner D) Noida ☒

✓ On the eve of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, India's largest 'charkha' (the 1,650 Kg spinning wheel) made of used plastic waste was inaugurated by Union Minister Smriti Irani in Noida.

- ✓ The 'charkha' symbolizes Gandhi's dream of Swadeshi (self sufficing and self reliance). It measures 14 ft × 20 ft × 8 ft and is made of 1,250 Kg of used plastic. The charkha has been recognized as the largest made of used plastic waste in the country by India Book of Records.

6. Babita Tade, who won Rs.1 crore on KBC, has been chosen as EC ambassador of which district for Maharashtra Assembly polls?

- A) Nagpur B) Amravati ☒
C) Hingoli D) Nanded

- ✓ Babita Tade, who won Rs.1 crore on quiz show 'KBC' has been appointed as the Amravati district ambassador for the Election Commission's SVEEP programme ahead of the Maharashtra Assembly polls.

- ✓ The Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) is a flagship programme of the Election Commission for spreading voter awareness and promoting voter literacy in the country.

7. The Swachh Bharat Diwas 2019 has inaugurated from which city?

- A) Raipur B) Indore
C) Ahmedabad ☒ D) Surat

- ✓ In Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Swachh Bharat Diwas 2019 in Ahmedabad & declared India as Open Defecation Free (ODF) country.

- ✓ He also released postage stamp and silver coin to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. PM Modi also underlined that the government would achieve its target of single-use plastic-free India by 2022.

8. Scientists have excavate 'Ancient River' in which state that linked the Ganga and Yamuna rivers?

- A) Uttar Pradesh ☒ B) Uttarakhand
C) West Bengal D) Bihar

- ✓ The Union Water Ministry has excavated an old, dried up river in Prayagraj (formerly Allahabad) that linked the Ganga and Yamuna rivers.

- ✓ The aim is to develop a newly discovered river as a potential groundwater recharge source. This "ancient buried river" is around 4 km wide, 45 km long and consisted of a 15 metre thick layer buried under soil.

- ✓ The discovery was made by a team of scientists from the CSIR – NGRI (National Geophysical Research Institute) & the Central Groundwater Board during a geophysical survey covering the Prayagraj and Kaushambi region in Uttar Pradesh.

9. Who is the author of the book "India and the Netherlands – Past, Present and Future"?

- A) P C Chagla B) Navtej Sarna
C) Venu Rajamony ☒ D) Harsh Vardhan Shringla

- ✓ The book titled "India and the Netherlands – Past, Present and Future" has been penned by Indian Ambassador to the Netherlands Venu Rajamony.

- ✓ The book highlights the significant place India occupied in the Dutch worldview and the relationship between the two nations secured by strong economic ties and vibrant exchanges in culture, sports, and yoga.

10. Which union ministry has organised the Fit India Plog run?

- A) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports ☒
B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
C) Ministry of Human Resource Development
D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

- ✓ Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has flagged off the nationwide 'Fit India Plog run' at Indira Gandhi stadium in New Delhi to mark 150th Gandhi Jayanti.

- ✓ Plogging is a concept brings together fitness and cleanliness as participants pick up plastic and other waste from the road while jogging. The run is being organised at over two thousand places all over the country including 225 places in the national capital.

1. India's first ever Floating Basketball Court has opened near which city?

A) Kolkata

B) Kochi

C) Hooghly

D) Mumbai ☒

✓ India's first ever Floating Basketball Court has opened in the Arabian Sea near Bandra Worli Sealink in Mumbai. It was installed by the National Basketball Association (NBA).

✓ The NBA India Games 2019 will feature the Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers, who will play two pre-season games on October 4 & 5 in NSCI, SVP Stadium.

2. Which union ministry has launched the "Audio Odigos" app?

A) Ministry of Tourism ☒

B) Ministry of AYUSH

C) Ministry of Home Affairs

D) Ministry of Culture

✓ On the occasion of nationwide Paryatan Parv 2019, the Union Ministry of Tourism launched the Audio Guide facility App "Audio Odigos" for 12 sites of India (including Iconic Sites) for the benefit of the tourists. It offers Government of India verified content with visuals & voice over support.

✓ The app contains an inbuilt map of the site for a smooth navigation during the tour. Listeners will be offered various versions of history like Synopsis, Detailed History and Podcasts. The audio can be chosen in their preferred language & version of the history.

3. Which bank has signed MoU with Indian Army for customised services?

A) BoB ☒

B) SBI

C) BoI

D) PNB

✓ The Bank of Baroda (BoB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Army under which the bank would offer customised services along with a host of facilities to account holders.

✓ The MoU offers handsome free personal accident insurance cover, free air accident insurance cover of Rs.15 lakh to Rs.50 lakh and an overdraft facility up to 3 times of monthly net salary.

✓ The features are also applicable for pensioners of Indian Army up to the age of 70 years.

4. Which state cabinet has approved India's first sports university?

A) Punjab

B) UP

C) MP

B) Delhi ☒

✓ The Delhi Cabinet has recently approved a Bill to set up India's first sports university in Delhi, which will offer graduation, post graduation and doctorate degrees in cricket, football, and hockey among other sports.

✓ The Delhi Sports University is proposed to be set up as a State university and it will have a full fledged Delhi Sports School (affiliated to the CBSE) for imparting education with emphasis on sports and to groom the students for a career in sports.

✓ The university will come up in 90 acres of land in Mundka and there will also be sports schools.

5. Which state has become the India's third state to ban certain categories of pan masala?

A) Rajasthan ☒

B) Bihar

C) Maharashtra

D) Karnataka

✓ Under the Food Safety Act of 2006, the Rajasthan government has recently announced a ban on paan masala containing magnesium carbonate, nicotine, tobacco, mineral oil and flavoured 'supari' in the state to reduce addiction among the youth.

✓ With this, Rajasthan has become the third State after Maharashtra and Bihar to announce such a move.

6. Which union ministry has launched an Automated Real Time Performance Smart – board?

A) Ministry of Law and Justice

B) Ministry of Human Resource Development

C) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology ☒

D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

✓ Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has launched an Automated Real

Time Performance Smart – board for effective monitoring and measurement of the key programmes of the government such as Digital India, Aadhaar, Digital Payments etc.

- ✓ The aim of Smart-board is to be a single window access for Centre, State/ District specific projects implemented by MeitY. It will provide realtime, dynamic analytical project monitoring for critical and high priority Programme of the ministry.

7. What is the current repo rate as per RBI's 4th bi – monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2019 – 20?

- A) 5.75% B) 5.15% ☒ C) 5.50% D) 5.25%

- ✓ As per 4th bi – monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2019-20, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cut its key lending rate – repo rate – by 25 basis points to 5.15% in an effort to boost a sluggish economy as inflation remains in a comfortable zone. This is the 5th consecutive rate cut by the apex bank this year.

8. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of World Space Week?

- A) Exploring New Worlds in Space
B) The Moon: Gateway to the Stars ☒
C) Remote Sensing: Enabling our Future
D) Mysteries of the Cosmos

- ✓ The 2019 edition of World Space Week is celebrating the 50th anniversary of humankind's first step on the Moon on 20th July 1969 with theme "The Moon: Gateway to the Stars" from 4th to 10th October.
- ✓ The theme is devoted to our nearest space neighbor to celebrate the incredible achievement of landing on the Moon and to spark consideration of the value of the Moon in humankind's future space endeavors.

9. On which date, the 2019 edition of World Animal Day is observed?

- A) October 3 B) October 4 ☒
C) October 6 D) October 5

- ✓ The World Animal Day is celebrated every year on 4th October to educate humans about how their actions impact animals and create awareness about the protection of animals all over the world.

10. Which bank has launched a short – term online fixed deposit product "Express FD"?

- A) Axis Bank ☒ B) ICICI bank
C) HDFC Bank D) SBI

- ✓ Axis Bank has launched a short – term online fixed deposit product "Express FD" that allows a customer to open a FD account in 3 minutes through the digital mode without opening a savings account with the bank.
- ✓ The new product offers a host of features like attractive interest rates, zero issuance fees and no penalty on premature withdrawal (up to 25% of the amount).
- ✓ A customer can now open an Express FD account by investing a minimum Rs.5000 up to Rs.90000 for a tenure of 6 – 12 months.

1. Which state government has launched Urjagiri campaign to stop power theft?
- A) Uttarakhand ☒ B) Jharkhand
C) Bihar D) Punjab
- ✓ The Uttarakhand government has launched an awareness campaign, "Urjagiri" to stop power theft & saving. CM Trivendra Singh Rawat has instructed the officers of UPCL Vigilance Cell to effectively stop the power theft so that honest customers do not have to bear the brunt of the power theft.
2. Buddhist leader Satyapriya Mohathero has passed away recently. He was from which country?
- A) Myanmar B) Nepal
C) Bangladesh ☒ D) Sri Lanka
- ✓ Satyapriya Mohathero (89) was the 2nd highest Buddhist leader of Bangladesh and head of Sima Bihar of Ramu in Cox's Bazar. He was passed away in Dhaka on 5th October 2019.
- ✓ He was awarded the 2nd highest civilian award of Bangladesh Ekushey Padak in 2015 for social work. The Ramu monastery had provided shelter to a large number of people during the Liberation War of Bangladesh 1971 in the face of Pakistani atrocities.
3. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of the International Teachers' Day?
- A) Empowering Teachers
B) Young Teachers: The Future of the Profession ☒
C) Valuing Teachers, Improving their Status
D) A Call for Teachers
- ✓ The International Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on 5th October with an aim to acknowledge the significant role of educators across the world.
- ✓ The 2019 theme "Young Teachers: The Future of the Profession", recognizes the critical importance of reaffirming the value of the teaching mission.
- ✓ The day also aims to address some of the issues that are key to attracting the brightest minds and young talents in the profession and retaining them.
4. Dr. HL Trivedi, who passed away recently, was the renowned specialist in which field?
- A) Nephrology ☒ B) Endocrinology
C) Cardiology D) Pulmonology
- ✓ Dr. Hargovind Laxmishanker Trivedi (87) was the renowned nephrologist, immunologist and stem cell researcher. He passed away in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 2nd October 2019. He was an expert in handling kidney transplant surgeries & was awarded Padma Shri in 2015 for his contribution to society as a nephrologist.
5. Which state government has launched a new governance initiative 'Mo Sarkar'?
- A) West Bengal B) Tripura
C) Nagaland D) Odisha ☒
- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has recently launched a new governance initiative 'Mo Sarkar' on the occasion of 150th Gandhi Jayanti.
- ✓ The objective of the 'Mo Sarkar' is to provide service with dignity to people who are coming to government offices for different purposes.
- ✓ The phone numbers of people who are coming to government offices will be collected randomly with the purpose to improve the governance system by collecting feedback on behaviour and professionalism of government officers.
- ✓ The employees will be ranked as good or bad on the basis of the feedback and those with good rank will get promotion and action will be taken against employees with bad rank.
6. The Union government has launched Prakash portal to monitor _____ supply?
- A) Coal ☒ B) Petroleum
C) Electricity D) Water

- ✓ The Union government has launched a Prakash portal – 'Power Rail Koyla Availability through Supply Harmony' – for better coordination among the Ministries of Power, Coal and Indian Railways for coal supply to power plants.

- ✓ The portal, which is developed by NTPC, is designed to help in mapping and monitoring entire coal supply chain for power plants, viz — coal stock at mines, coal quantities, coal quantity in transit and coal availability at power generating station

7. Which state government has launched a welfare scheme "YSR Vahana Mitra"?

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

- ✓ Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched YSR Vahana Mitra scheme which provides Rs.10000 allowance to self-employed drivers of the state.

- ✓ About YSR Vahana Mitra Scheme Under the scheme an allowance of Rs.10000 would be given every year to the beneficiaries. It will provide Rs.50000 to self-employed drivers in five years.

- ✓ This amount will be credited into bank accounts directly while processing will be done in a transparent manner.

8. Which oil company has launched drive to turn plastic to specialized bitumen?

- A) IOC ☒ B) ONGC
C) Hindustan Petroleum D) GAIL

- ✓ Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has launched drive to convert the single use plastic waste into specialized bitumen (CRMB55) that can be used for construction of roads and highways. This initiative was launched to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatama Gandhi and as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

9. Who has been named the PCA Player of the Year 2019?

- A) Virat Kohli B) Ben Stokes ☒

C) Rohit Sharma

D) Joe Denly

- ✓ England all-rounder Ben Stokes has been named the 2019 PCA (Professional Cricketers' Association) Player of the Year award after his splendid show in the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup and a remarkable unbeaten 135 run to win the 3rd Ashes Test against Australia at Headingley.

10. Which state government has launched the Pragati Rath of the HDFC bank?

- A) Madhya Pradesh B) Himachal Pradesh ☒
C) Uttar Pradesh D) Arunachal Pradesh

- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has launched the Pragati Rath of the HDFC bank that will provide financial and digital literacy to the people during a month-long initiative by moving to different parts of the state.