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1. Which state government has launched Mukhyamantri Dal Poshit Yojana?

- A) Himchal Pradesh B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Madhya Pradesh D) Uttarakhand ☒

✓ The Uttarakhand government has recently launched Mukhyamantri Dal Poshit Yojana (MDPY) to provide low priced pulses for poor in the State. As per scheme, two kg of pulses at subsidised rates would be made available to 23.32 lakh ration card holders every month.

✓ The Chana dal (chick peas split) is being made available at a rate of Rs 44 per kg / month. The current market rate of this pulse is Rs 65 to 70 per kg.

2. On which date, the National Hindi Day is celebrated in India?

- A) September 16 B) September 13
C) September 14 ☒ D) September 15

✓ The National Hindi Divas is celebrated every year on Sep.14 in India. On this day, in 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of India under Article 343.

✓ In all, there are 22 Scheduled languages of India, of which, two are officially used at Union government of India level: Hindi and English.

3. Which Indian athlete has become the brand ambassador of PepsiCo's sports drink brand Gatorade?

- A) Bajrang Punia B) Vinesh Phogat
C) Hima Das ☒ D) Saurabh Chaudhary

✓ Indian ace sprinter Hima Das from Assam has been named as the brand ambassador of PepsiCo India for its sports drink brand Gatorade.

✓ With this feat, she joined ace badminton player PV Sindhu and star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra as the brand's ambassador in the country. Gatorade India will work with Hima Das during the period of partnership to understand her training and race day nutrition better.

4. The 2020 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup is scheduled to be held in which country?

- A) Sri Lanka B) South Africa
C) West Indies D) India ☒

✓ The 7th edition of FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2020 will be hosted by India from 2nd – 21st November 2020. The host cities for the tournament are yet to be approved with FIFA. Spain are the defending champions. India had previously hosted the men's U-17 World Cup in 2017.

5. Who is the author of the book "Fortune Turners: The Quartet That Spun India to Glory"?

- A) Dicky Rutnagur B) Boria Majumdar
C) Aditya Bhushan ☒ D) N S Ramaswami

✓ The book titled "Fortune Turners: The Quartet That Spun India to Glory" has been authored by Aditya Bhushan and Sachin Bajaj.

✓ It is an ode to the famous Indian spin quartet of Bishan Singh Bedi, Erapalli Prasanna, Bhagwat Chandrashekar and Srinivas Venkataraghavan, who took 853 Test wickets among them.

6. Cryodrakon boreas, which is in news recently, is associated to which type of species?

- A) Pterosaurs ☒ B) Rapidosaurus
C) Dinosaurs D) Stegosaurus

✓ Scientists at Queen Mary University in London has recently discovered a new species of Pterosaur – Cryodrakon boreas – which flew over North America 77 million years ago and was one of the largest flying animals that ever lived.

✓ This plane sized reptile has a wingspan of 10 m and weighs 250 kg. In Greek, its name literally translates to "Frozen dragon of the north wind".

7. Where is the headquarters of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI)?

- A) Pune B) Chennai

C) Kolkata ☒

D) Delhi

- ✓ Scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) have recently discovered two new species of Zingiber (commonly referred to as ginger) in the Peren district and Dimapur district of Nagaland.
- ✓ Of the two species, Zingiber dimapurense is taller in size, with leafy shoots measuring 90 – 120 cm high, whereas the leafy shoots of Zingiber perenense reach up to 70 cm in height.
- ✓ It must be noted that the rhizome of Zingiber officinale (common ginger) is used as a spice in kitchens across Asia, and also for its medicinal value. The headquarters of BSI is located in Kolkata.

8. According to the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), what is the India's position in the world to provide international standard bulletproof jackets?

A) 5th B) 6th C) 7th D) 4th ☒

- ✓ According to the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), India has become the 4th country after the US, UK and Germany to have its own national standard on bulletproof jacket which provides 360° protection.
- ✓ Now, India has also begun exporting bulletproof jackets as per its own standards to over 100 countries including European nations.
- ✓ As per the BIS norms, two PSUs Medani and Ordnance factory at Avadi, Chennai and private firms SNPP (Palwal), Starwire (Faridabad) in Haryana and MKU (Kanpur) in Uttar Pradesh are manufacturing bulletproof jackets. The BIS is a national body that sets quality standards for various products and services.

9. Which veteran Indian Army officer has been appointed to lead United Nations' Mission in war hit Yemen?

A) Abhijit Guha ☒

B) Divya Ajith Kumar

C) Satinder Kumar Saini

D) K. Sreeram Kumar

- ✓ Lieutenant General (retired) Abhijit Guha has been appointed by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres as the Chair of the Redeployment Coordination Committee

(RCC) and head of the United Nations Mission to support the Hodeidah Agreement (UNMHA).

- ✓ He has been tasked with leading the UN oversight of a ceasefire agreement between Yemen's government and the Iran-backed Houthi rebels in the strife torn Yemen's port city of Hodeidah. He will succeed Lieutenant General Michael Lollesgaard.

10. Which state government has launched 'Jan Soochna Portal'?

A) Punjab

B) Odisha

C) Andhra Pradesh

D) Rajasthan ☒

- ✓ In Jaipur, the Rajasthan government has launched a 'Jan Soochna Portal' to provide information about government authorities and departments suo motu to the public in the true spirit of the Right to Information (RTI) Act.
- ✓ It is claimed that the site is the first of its kind in India that will bring transparency and accountability, and empower the right of the people to seek information.

1. Which international organisation has sanctioned Rs 3,000 crore aid for food parks in India?

- A) World Bank ☒ B) AIIB
C) ADB D) IMF

- ✓ The World Bank will provide Rs 3,000 crore assistance to finance, mini and mega food parks across the country. This move will help boost farmers' income.
- ✓ This information was revealed by the Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries Rameswar Teli during the 15th Indo – US Economic Summit.
- ✓ The summit was organized by the Indo – American Chamber of Commerce-North India Council (IACC – NIC) in New Delhi on 13th September.

2. Kaushal Dharmamer is associated to which sports?

- A) Squash B) Badminton ☒
C) Tennis D) Chess

- ✓ Indian shuttler Kaushal Dharmamer from Mumbai clinched the 2019 Myanmar International Series with a come from behind win over Indonesia's Karon Karono in a thrilling men's singles final in Yangon.

3. India defeated which country to clinch 2019 ACC U – 19 Asia Cup cricket tournament?

- A) Pakistan B) Afghanistan
C) Sri Lanka D) Bangladesh ☒

- ✓ On 14th September 2019, Indian cricket team clinched the 8th edition of ACC U–19 Asia Cup title with a thrilling 5 run win over Bangladesh in a low-scoring final at Colombo. Leftarm spinner Atharva Ankolekar was emerged as the star of the Indian team, with figures of 5 for 28 from 8 overs.

4. Which Indian sportsperson has clinched the 2019 IBSF World Billiards Championship in Myanmar?

- A) Subhash Agarwal B) Yasin Merchant
C) Pankaj Advani ☒ D) Aditya Mehta

- ✓ Pankaj Advani has clinched a record 22nd world titles by winning a fourth straight final in the 2019 IBSF World Billiards Championship in Myanmar. He is one of India's most consistent sportspersons.

- ✓ He has brought home a world trophy every year ever since returning from a professional stint in the UK in 2014. In the short format of billiards, this is Pankaj's 5th title in the last 6 years.

5. Which Indian shuttler clinched the men's singles title at the 2019 Vietnam Open Super 100 badminton tournament?

- A) Kaushal Dharmamer B) Sourabh Verma ☒
C) Lakshya Sen D) Sun Fei Xiang

- ✓ In Badminton, Sourabh Verma clinched the mens singles title at the 2019 Vietnam Open Super 100 title at the Ho Chi Minh City. He defeated China's Sun Fei Xiang in a thrilling summit clash by 21–12, 17–2, 21–14.

- ✓ This victory marks Verma's second Super 100 win in the ongoing calendar year. He had won the Hyderabad Open earlier in August.

6. The Kerala government has recently inked MoU with which country on cancer care?

- A) Sri Lanka B) Vietnam
C) Indonesia D) Maldives ☒

- ✓ The Kerala government and the Regional Cancer Centre have jointly signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Maldives to strengthen cancer care in the island nation.

- ✓ The aim of the pact is to bolster cancer care programmes in the Maldives through the expertise of Regional Cancer Centre.

- ✓ As part of the agreement, doctors, nurses, pharmacists and laboratory staff with the health care centres in the Maldives are to be provided with special training at Regional Cancer Centre.

7. Sanjib Datta, who passed away recently, was the veteran personality of which field?

- A) Cricket
B) Film Industry ☒
C) Photography
D) Swimming

- ✓ Sanjib Datta (54), the renowned Bollywood editor, has passed away in Kolkata on 15th September 2019. He worked on films like 'Dor', 'Mardani', 'Ek Hasini Thi.'
- ✓ Datta has been credited for editing more than 80 films, including Hindi & Bengali. He worked with filmmakers like Kundan Shah, Sriram Raghava and Pradeep Sarkar among others.

8. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer?

- A) 44 Years and Healing
B) 32 Years and Healing ☒
C) 50 Years and Healing
D) 48 Years and Healing

- ✓ The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is observed every year on 16th of September to commemorate the date of the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in 1987.
- ✓ The 2019 theme, "32 Years and Healing" celebrated over three decades of remarkable international cooperation to protect the ozone layer and the climate under the Montreal Protocol.

9. Which international organisation has decided to publish Guru Nanak Dev's writing in world languages?

- A) UNESCO ☒
B) UNICEF
C) WHO
D) SAARC

- ✓ The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has decided to translate and publish an anthology of the writings of Guru Nanak Devji in world languages to mark his 550th birth anniversary.

- ✓ To mark this event, the Indian government is also holding a series of events and has initiated many projects which includes Construction of Kartarpur Corridor from Deva Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur district in Punjab to the international border, the development of the historic town of Sultanpur Lodhi as heritage village, the upgradation of Sultanpur Lodhi Railway Station and release of commemorative coins and postal stamps.
- ✓ The National Book Trust (NBT) will also publish Gurbani in different Indian Languages.

10. Which Indian cricketer has been appointed the first chancellor of Rai Sports University in Sonapat?

- A) Ravi Shastri
B) Kapil Dev ☒
C) Sachin Tendulkar
D) VVS Laxman

- ✓ The Haryana Government has recently appointed cricket legend Kapil Dev as the first Chancellor of Rai Sports University in Sonapat district.
- ✓ The University will have powers to conduct academic and training programmes in physical education and sports sciences.
- ✓ The Sports University of Haryana will be the third Sports University in the country after Swarnim Gujarat Sports University (Gandhinagar) and Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (Chennai).

1. Which noted personality has been conferred the Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019?
- A) Shashi Tharoor B) Narendra Modi
- C) Aung San Suu Kyi D) Sheikh Hasina ☒
- ✓ Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh has been conferred the Dr. Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019 in Dhaka for her vision of a peaceful and prosperous South Asia, free of tension, conflicts and terrorism. It acknowledged her contribution to fostering cooperation between India and Bangladesh.
- ✓ The award has been instituted in the memory of former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. It is given every year to honour statesmen or leaders who have shown excellence in their fields to achieve the best for their countries.
2. What is the theme of the 38th Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF – 2019)?
- A) Share a Story
- B) Read the World
- C) Open Books, Open Minds ☒
- D) Reading, it's my right
- ✓ The 38th edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) is being held from 30th of October to 9th of November 2019 with theme "Open Books, Open Minds".
- ✓ Here, authors, publishers, intellectuals and artists from across the world will bring their experiences and expertise to this prominent event and partake in a vibrant cultural programme.
- ✓ Apart from this, UNESCO has also named Sharjah as the World Book Capital City (WBCC) for the year 2019 in recognition of the city's continuous efforts in promoting books and literacy.
3. Kodiakkarai Wild Life sanctuary, sometimes seen in news, is situated in which state?
- A) Tamil Nadu ☒ B) Karnataka
- C) Odisha D) Kerala
- ✓ Recently, a unique exercise of re-habiting deer population has been started in the Kodiakkarai Wild Life sanctuary in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ This follows upgradation works being undertaken at the cost of Rs.8 crores in the Sivagangai Gardens of Thanjavur under the smart city scheme of the Central government.
- ✓ The graceful deers have been transported by using special trucks to Kodiakkarai, in Nagapattinam district on the shores of the Bay of Bengal.
4. Who is the author of the book "Turbulence & Triumph: The Modi Years"?
- A) Anita Desai B) Durjoy Datta
- C) Chetan Bhagat D) Rahul Agarwal ☒
- ✓ The pictorial book titled "Turbulence & Triumph: The Modi Years" has been jointly authored by Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S Pradhan.
- ✓ It traces the journey of Narendra Modi from his days as a young boy from Vadnagar in Gujarat to New Delhi's 7, Lok Kalyan Marg as the 14th Prime Minister of India.
- ✓ It is replete with anecdotes from family, friends, colleagues, associates, testimonials of leaders from India and the world across party lines.
5. Sathar, who passed away recently, was the renowned actor of which regional cinema?
- A) Odia B) Hindi
- C) Kannada D) Malayalam ☒
- ✓ Veteran Malayalam actor Sathar (67), who was known for his character roles in films, has passed away at Aluva on 17th September 2019. He has over 300 movies to his credit, including Tamil and Telugu films.
- ✓ At the height of his acting career, Sathar married his popular co-star Jayabharathy in 1979 though they got separated later. Their son Krish Sathar is also an actor.

6. Who has become the India's first female military diplomat?

- A) Nikita Singh B) Abha Dawesar
C) Mridula Koshy D) Anjali Singh ☒

- ✓ Wing Commander Anjali Singh has become the India's 1st female Indian Armed Forces (IAF) Officer to be posted as a military diplomat in any of the Indian missions abroad. She joined the Indian Embassy in Russia as the Deputy Air Attache.

- ✓ Singh is an aeronautical engineer who served with fighter squadrons during her 17 year military career. An air attache is an Air Force officer who is part of a diplomatic mission and typically represents the chief of his home air force in the foreign country where he or she serves.

7. Mayank Vaid, who has becomes first Indian to complete Enduroman triathlon, is from which state?

- A) Haryana B) Tripura
C) Himachal Pradesh ☒ D) West Bengal

- ✓ Mayank Vaid from Himachal Pradesh has become the 44th person in the world and first Indian to complete the 'Enduroman – Arch to Arc' — a triathlon from England to France which is considered to be one of the toughest endurance competitions in the world.

- ✓ He is also the 1st Asian person to complete this triathlon in solo capacity. Vaid also broke the record for the shortest time taken to complete the triathlon — involving running, swimming and cycling — in 50 hours and 24 minutes.

8. Who has been sworn in as the first Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh?

- A) P. Lakshman Reddy ☒ B) Ajeya Kallam
C) Dwaraka Tirumala Rao D) Malladi Vishnu

- ✓ Justice P. Lakshman Reddy, a retired judge of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh High Court, has been sworn in as the first Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh since the State was bifurcated in 2014.

- ✓ He will hold the position for a period of 5 years. Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandran administered the oath to him at Tummalapalli Kshetrayya Kalakshetram.

- ✓ The YSR Congress government amended the Lokayukta Act in the recent budget session & enabled appointment of a retired judge as Lokayukta, which pave the way for constituting the corruption – probing body.

9. What is the theme of the 52nd National Engineer's Day in India?

- A) Role of Engineers in a developing India
B) Engineering for change ☒
C) Find Smart Engineering Solutions
D) Engineering Challenges for Knowledge Era

- ✓ The National Engineer's Day is celebrated every year on 15th of September in India to mark the birth anniversary of acclaimed civil engineer Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. He was known as the father of Modern Mysore for his outstanding contribution to society.

- ✓ He was awarded the 'Bharat Ratna' in 1955 for his contributions to the nation. The 52nd Engineer's Day 2019 was recently celebrated with theme "Engineering for change".

10. Which country's team has won the 2019 men's FIBA World Basketball Championship?

- A) Argentina B) China
C) Spain ☒ D) France

- ✓ The Spain men's national basketball team has won the 2019 men's FIBA World Basketball Championship in Beijing, China. In the final, they defeated Argentina with a score of 95–75.

1. Who has become the first Indian wrestler to qualify for 2020 Tokyo Olympics?

- A) Sakshi Malik B) Pawan Kumar
C) Babita Kumari D) Vinesh Phogat ☒

- ✓ Vinesh Phogat has become the 1st Indian wrestler to qualify for 2020 Tokyo Olympics in the 53 kg category after beating American Sarah Hildebrandt in the World Championships in Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan on 18th September 2019.
- ✓ She scored an impressive 8–2 win over the world championship silver medalist to secure her place at the Tokyo Games.

2. On which date, the 2019 edition of World Bamboo Day is celebrated?

- A) September 17 B) September 19
C) September 18 ☒ D) September 16

- ✓ The World Bamboo Day is celebrated every year on 18th of September by the World Bamboo Organization to generate awareness about conserving and promoting the bamboo industry.
- ✓ India is the world's 2nd largest cultivator of bamboo after China with over 130 species. In the Budget presented in Parliament on July 2019, Government of India focused on reviving traditional industries such as bamboo, khadi and honey, through a cluster based approach.
- ✓ It will be done under the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), which aims to organise such industries and artisans into clusters to make them competitive.

3. According to latest UN International Migrant Stock 2019 report, which country is the leading country of origin of international migrants in 2019?

- A) India ☒ B) Mexico
C) Russia D) China

- ✓ A dataset titled 'International Migrant Stock 2019' has recently released by the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

- ✓ The data provides the latest estimates of the number of international migrants by age, sex and origin for all countries and areas of the world. As per UN report, India is the leading country of origin of international migrants in 2019 with a 17.5 million strong diaspora.

- ✓ Migrants from Mexico constituted the 2nd largest diaspora with 11.8 million people followed by China with 10.7 million people and Russia with 10.5 million people. The report says that the number of migrants globally reached an estimated 272 million.

4. Who is the author of the book "The Cousins Thackeray: Uddhav, Raj & the Shadow of their Senas"?

- A) Amrita Mukherjee B) Dhaval Kulkarni ☒
C) Vani Kaushal D) Shaili Chopra

- ✓ The book titled "The Cousins Thackeray: Uddhav, Raj and the Shadow of their Senas" is written by journalist – author Dhaval Kulkarni.
- ✓ The book is a deep-dive narrative into the history of the Thackeray family, life and times of social reformer-author Prabodhankar Thackeray, and the childhood and political careers of Uddhav and Raj Thackeray.
- ✓ It also examines questions about identity politics, and the social, cultural and economic matrix that catalyzed the formation of the Shiv Sena and the MNS from it.

5. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of International Day of Democracy?

- A) Space for Civil Society B) Participation ☒
C) Democracy under Strain D) Engage for Change

- ✓ The International Day of Democracy is observed every year on 15th of September to promote and uphold the principles of democracy. The theme for year 2019 is 'Participation', which is an opportunity to recall that democracy is about people.

- ✓ Democracy is built on inclusion, equal treatment and participation — and it is a fundamental building block for peace, sustainable development and human rights.

6. Who is the director of Indian documentary film 'Moti Bagh', which is nominated for 2019 Oscars?

- A) Sanjay Kak B) Ashvin Kumar
C) Nirmal Chander ☒ D) Aarti Shrivastava

- ✓ Moti Bagh, a documentary film based on the struggle of an 83 year old farmer 'Vidyadutt' in a remote Himalayan village, has been nominated for the 2019 Oscars. The film is directed by Nirmal Chander & is about a farm in the hills of Uttarakhand runs by farmer.

- ✓ The film highlights migration of locals from several villages in the Garhwal and Kumaon regions of the state.

7. Which country has unveiled South Asia's tallest tower?

- A) Myanmar B) Bangladesh
C) India D) Sri Lanka ☒

- ✓ Sri Lanka has recently unveiled South Asia's tallest tower in Colombo, which is constructed at a cost of over \$100 million. However, 80% of cost was funded by China under the controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

- ✓ The 350 m tall 17 storey Lotus Tower is consists of a television tower, a hotel, a telecommunications museum, restaurants, auditorium, an observation deck, a shopping mall and a conference centre.

- ✓ The tower, which is spread over an area of 30,600 sq. m, is expected to function as Sri Lanka's 'digital TV tower'. It is built with fiber optic cables and is fully equipped with necessary telecommunication equipment.

8. Which Payments Bank has launched 'Bharosa savings account'?

- A) Paytm Payments Bank
B) India Post Payments Bank
C) Jio Payments Bank

D) Airtel Payments Bank ☒

- ✓ The Airtel Payments Bank has launched the Bharosa Savings Account to deepen the financial inclusion in the country. It has been designed to serve the unique needs of underbanked and unbanked population of India.

- ✓ The account offers free Personal Accident Insurance cover worth Rs 5 Lakhs on maintaining a balance of just Rs 500 along with one debit transaction per month.

- ✓ Customers will be also eligible for cashback – if they decide to receive government subsidies in their Bharosa Account or if they make cash deposits in it.

9. Which state government has launched Mukhya Mantri Seva Sankalp Helpline 1100?

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

- ✓ The Himachal Pradesh government has launched Mukhyamantri Seva Sankalp Helpline 1100 for speedy and timebound redressal of public grievances.

- ✓ The helpline will function 6 days a week (Monday-Saturday) from 7 am to 10 pm.

10. The first-ever trilateral naval exercise 'SITMEX' has started among India and which countries?

- A) Indonesia & Vietnam
B) Seychelles & Mauritius
C) Singapore & Thailand ☒
D) Maldives & Cambodia

- ✓ On 16th September 2019, the first ever trilateral naval exercise titled 'SITMEX' involving the Republic of Singapore Navy, Royal Thailand Navy and Indian Navy commenced at Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

- ✓ The aim of the 5 day exercise is to bolster the maritime inter relationships amongst Singapore, Thailand and India, and contribute significantly to enhance the overall maritime security in the region.

1. ISRO has signed pact with which organization for Gaganyaan project?

- A) VSSC B) NASA C) DRDO ☒ D) BARC

✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed Memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for development of human centric systems specific to the Human Space Mission (HSM) under the Gaganyaan project.

✓ Some of the critical technologies to be provided by the DRDO to ISRO include space food, space crew health monitoring and emergency survival kit, radiation measurement and protection, and parachutes for safe recovery of crew module.

✓ The aim of the ISRO is to demonstrate human spaceflight capability before the 75th anniversary of India's independence in 2022.

2. The 5th International Ramayana Festival was held in which city?

- A) Kochi B) Lucknow
C) New Delhi ☒ D) Chennai

✓ The 5th edition of International Ramayana Festival was organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in New Delhi on September 17 – 19.

✓ In the festival, which is generally organised before Navaratra, artists showcase cultural interpretations of the epic. The artists from 17 countries participated in the fest & rendered their versions of Ramayan.

3. Which state government has decided to declare 2020 as Year of Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

- A) Jharkhand B) Karnataka
C) Himachal Pradesh D) Telangana ☒

✓ The Telangana government has decided to declare 2020 as Year of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by organizing various activities related to the emerging technology.

✓ The state government has also signed pact with NITI Aayog, which released the 'National Strategy for Artificial Intelligence' to run pilot projects in the state.

4. The National Centre for Clean Coal Research and Development (NCCCR&D) has launched in which city?

- A) Bengaluru ☒ B) Kolkata
C) Delhi D) Chennai

✓ In Bengaluru, the National Centre for Clean Coal Research and Development (NCCCR&D) has been launched at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) by the Department of Science & Technology (DST).

✓ The NCCCR&D is a national consortium that will address opportunities and challenges in the development of clean coal technologies.

✓ The target beneficiaries of NCCCR&D include organisations such as the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL), Bharat Heavy Electronics Ltd. (BHEL), Tata Power, and Triveni Turbines Ltd.

5. Which renowned Indian photographer has been chosen as first recipient of Acadmie des beaux-arts Photography Award – William Klein?

- A) Pablo Bartholomew B) Atul Kasbekar
C) Raghu Rai ☒ D) Ashok Salian

✓ Renowned Indian photographer Raghu Rai has been chosen as the first recipient of the first edition of the prestigious French Award of the Acadmie des beaux-arts Photography Award - William Klein.

✓ The prize of 1,20,000 euros will be presented to Rai in the Palais de Institut de France on 30th October 2019. As a consecration award, this prize is intended to reward a photographer for his / her entire career and commitment to photography.

✓ The award is in honour of the celebrated American-born French photographer and filmmaker William Klein, who was best known for his unusual photography techniques.

- ✓ Raghu is the photojournalist who captured with his lens the stark after-effects of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy (1984) and brought to viewers the hard-hitting visuals during the Bangladesh War (1971).

6. The first-ever World Patient Safety Day is observed on which date?

- A) September 14 B) September 15
C) September 16 D) September 17 ☒

- ✓ The first-ever World Patient Safety Day is observed on 17th of September to raise global awareness about patient safety and encourage global solidarity and action. The theme of the very first WPSD is "Patient Safety: a global health priority" and the slogan is "Speak up for Patient Safety!"

7. India's Easternmost Village-Vijaynagar is situated in which district of Arunachal Pradesh

- A) Upper Siang B) Changlang ☒
C) Lohit D) East Kameng

- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) has recently inaugurated resurfaced runway at India's Easternmost Village-Vijaynagar in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The Vijayanagar Advanced Landing Ground (ALG) is important for ensuring quick mobilization of troops and sending supplies to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. Here, the runway is 4,000 feet long and at present is fit only for AN-32 aircraft operations.
- ✓ The IAF had first commenced its operations in Vijaynagar with the Dakota and Otter aircraft in 1962. This was the year when the India-China war took place.
- ✓ The Vijayanagar is not connected by road. It is surrounded by Myanmar on three sides and the fourth side comprises stretches of Namdapha National Park.

8. Which state government has decided to carry out bio-fencing to reduce human-animal conflict?

- A) Karnataka B) Uttarakhand ☒ C) UP D) MP

- ✓ To reduce human-animal conflict, the Uttarakhand government has decided to carry out bio-fencing by growing various species of plants in those areas viz. lemongrass, agave and chilly.

- ✓ The move is to prevent wild animals from entering residential areas and to protect agricultural crops and livestock in areas adjoining to forests.

- ✓ This biotic method is environment friendly. Leopards, bears, elephants and wild boars are a major threat to human life and livestock.

9. Which union ministry has launched the common digital platform for the issuance of electronic Certificates of Origin (CoO)?

- A) External Affairs B) Home Affairs
C) Commerce and Industry ☒ D) Railways

- ✓ In New Delhi, the Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has launched the common digital platform for the issuance of electronic Certificates of Origin (CoO).

- ✓ This platform will be a single access point for all exporters, for all FTAs/PTAs and for all agencies concerned. The Certificate of Origin (CoO) will be issued electronically if agreed to by the partner countries.

- ✓ The authorities of partner countries will be able to verify the authenticity of certificates from the website. The new platform reduces transaction costs and time for exporters.

10. Karan Vandana is a new hybrid variety of which crop?

- A) Maize B) Pulses C) Wheat ☒ D) Rice

- ✓ Karan Vandana (DBW 187) is a new hybrid wheat variety which is resistant to yellow rust and white blast and can give significantly higher yield than normal varieties.

- ✓ It is likely to be soon launched across the country. It is rich in protein & iron, and has high heat tolerance across the country. It has been developed by the Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research (IIWBR) under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

1. Who is the newly elected chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2019-20?

- A) Praful Sen
B) Girish Ahuja
C) Madhukar Kamath ☒
D) Milan Saxena

✓ **Madhukar Kamath, chairman emeritus of advertising firm DDB Mudra Group, has been unanimously elected chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2019-20. Beside this, he is the president of Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) and also the chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI).**

2. Which Indian singer has won the Magnificent Performing Arts Award at 21st Century Icon Awards in London?

- A) Shreya Ghoshal B) Sonu Nigam ☒
- C) Arijit Singh D) Sunidhi Chauhan

✓ Popular Bollywood playback singer Sonu Nigam has been honoured with the Magnificent Performing Arts Award at the annual 21st Century Icon Awards in London. The awards is the brainchild of UK-based Indian-origin entrepreneurs Tarun Ghulati and Preeti Rana.

3. The 'E-Beat Book' System has been launched from which city?

- A) Delhi
B) Chennai
C) Bengaluru
D) Chandigarh ☒

✓ In Chandigarh, Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah launched three citizen centric services - Emergency Response Support System (ERSS - Dial 112), 'E-Beat Book' System and the 'E-Saathi App' - of the Chandigarh Police.

- ✓ ERSS has been designed to play a pivotal role in mitigation or preventing escalation of crime, especially against women and children. Citizens can send their emergency information through call, sms, email and through the 112 India mobile app.

✓ The 'E-Beat Book' is a web and mobile based application which will ease the collection, updation and analysis of the information related to crime and criminals in a real time. The 'E-Saathi' App would help the general public to remain in touch with the police.

4. Who is the author of the book "From Leeches to Slug Glue: 25 Explosive Ideas that Made (and Are Making) Modern Medicine"?

- A) Roopa Pai ☒ B) Amish Tripathi
- C) Ravinder Singh D) Savi Sharma

✓ The book, titled “From Leeches to Slug Glue: 25 Explosive Ideas that Made (and Are Making) Modern Medicine” has been written by bestselling author Roopa Pai. In its 25 chapters, the book explores breakthroughs like vaccination, anaesthesia, X-rays and the germ theory.

5. Which high court has recently ruled that the right to access Internet is part of the fundamental Right to Education (RTE) & Right to Privacy?

- A) Kerala ☒ B) Delhi
- C) Allahabad D) Jabalpur

- ✓ The Kerala High Court has recently ruled that the right to have access to the Internet is part of the fundamental Right to Education (RTE) & also the Right to Privacy under Article 21 of the Constitution.

- ✓ The verdict came on a petition filed by a Kozhikode college student challenging her expulsion for not adhering to restrictions on the use of mobile phone.

6. Keeladi, which is in news recently, is the historical site of which state?

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

✓ The report titled, 'Keeladi-An Urban Settlement of Sangam Age on the Banks of River Vaigai' has recently published by the Tamil Nadu Archaeology Department (TNAD).

- ✓ The report is the major turning point in the cultural historiography of the ancient Sangam Age, which is generally considered between 300 BC and 300AD.
- ✓ In it, TNAD stated that the cultural deposits unearthed during excavations at Keeladi in Sivaganga district could be safely dated to a period between 6th century BCE and 1st century CE.
- ✓ Hence, the recent scientific dates obtained for Keeladi findings push back the date of Tamil-Brahmi script to another century, i.e. 6th century BCE.

7. Who is the head of the SEBI committee to suggest norms for Social Stock Exchanges (SSE)?

- A) Shamika Ravi B) Amit Chandra
C) Ishaat Hussain ☒ D) Vineet Rai

- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has recently constituted a committee on Social Stock Exchanges (SSE) under the chairmanship of Ishaat Hussain, Director of SBI Foundation.
- ✓ The committee shall examine and make recommendations with respect to possible structures and mechanisms, within the securities market domain, to facilitate the raising of funds by social enterprises and voluntary organizations.

8. Which Indian armed force has conducted rare exercise Chang Thang Prahar in Eastern Laddakh?

- A) Indian Coast Guard B) Indian Navy
C) Indian Air Force D) Indian Army ☒

- ✓ The Indian Army conducted a massive rare exercise named 'Chang Thang Prahar' at a high altitude area in Eastern Laddakh bordering China for testing and improving its war-fighting capabilities.
- ✓ The integrated exercise involved the use of infantry, mechanized forces, T-72 tanks, with force multipliers such as artillery guns and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV).

9. Which state government has decided to ban private practice of govt. doctors?

- A) Chhattisgarh B) Rajasthan
C) Andhra Pradesh ☒ D) Odisha

- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to ban private practice by doctors working in government hospitals and increase their salaries as compensation in accordance with the recommendations made by the experts committee on reforms in the health sector headed by former Union Health Secretary K. Sujatha Rao.
- ✓ This is the second time that government doctors are being barred from private practice in Andhra Pradesh. Private practice by government doctors was banned in undivided Andhra in April 1993 by the then Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao.

10. Karan Vandana is a new hybrid variety of which crop?

- A) Maize B) Pulses C) Wheat ☒ D) Rice

- ✓ The Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) has released a new potential blockbuster wheat variety - Pusa Yashasvi (HD-3226) - for planting in the upcoming Rabi crop season.
- ✓ The new variety has high genetic yield potential at 79.6 quintals as compared to other varieties of wheat. It is highly resistant to all rusts and Karnal bunt, besides other fungal pathogen diseases such as flag smut, powdery mildew and foot rot.
- ✓ The HD-3226 also has higher content of protein and gluten (which contributes to strength and elasticity of the dough), apart from more zinc (at 36.8 parts per million, as against 34.8 for HD-3086 and 36 for HD-2967) and good chapatti, bread and biscuit quality.