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1. Gandan Tegchenling Monastery, which is in news recently, is located in which country?

- A) Colombo B) New Delhi
C) Ulaanbaatar ☒ D) Dharamshala

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting Mongolian President Khaltmaagiin Battulga have jointly unveiled a golden statue of Lord Buddha at Gandan Tegchenling Monastery in Ulaanbaatar.
- ✓ The monastery is a prominent centre of Mongolian Buddhists and a treasure house of valuable Buddhist heritage. Built in the mid 19th century, Gandan is the only monastery where Buddhist services continued to function even during the Communist period.

2. Which state to host India's first-ever Trans art festival?

- A) Maharashtra B) Karnataka
C) Tamil Nadu D) Kerala ☒

- ✓ Kerala will host the India's first-ever Trans art festival titled "Varnapakitt – 2019". In it, talented transgender members will get a platform to showcase their artistic and creative skills.
- ✓ As part of the art festival, the state government has also invited applications for cash awards from 10 transgenders who have proved their excellence in various social fields except cinema.
- ✓ The two day event is considered to be the 1st such state sponsored art festival to be organized exclusively for transgenders in the country.

3. Who is the author of the book "Being Gandhi"?

- A) Dhaval Kulkarni B) Amrita Mukherjee
C) Paro Anand ☒ D) Sanjay Kak

- ✓ The book titled "Being Gandhi" has been authored by award-winning author Paro Anand. This new book will mark the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by looking beyond the leader and his politics and into his way of life.

4. NEAT scheme, which is in news recently, is related to which field?

- A) Education ☒ B) Sports
C) Arts D) Journalism

- ✓ The Ministry of Human Resource Development has decided to launch a new public-private partnership scheme – National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) using Artificial Intelligence to make learning more personalized and customized as per the learner's requirements.
- ✓ The scheme is expected to begin operations by early November 2019 & aims to harness technology for better learning outcomes in higher education. The startups which join the government platform must offer 25% free coupons for students from disadvantaged communities.

5. Who has been appointed the new Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF)?

- A) Siddharth Shrivastava B) P S Chander
C) Rakesh K Singh Bhadauria ☒ D) B S Dhanoo

- ✓ Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria, who played a key role in negotiating the Rafale deal, has been appointed the new Chief of the Indian Air Force. He will take charge from the incumbent Chief B S Dhanoo on September 30 on his superannuation.

6. The Union Government has decided to setup state –of – the – art National Police University at which city?

- A) Dehradun B) Greater Noida ☒
C) Pune D) Bhopal

- ✓ The Ministry of Home Affairs has decided to setup a world class National Police University in Greater Noida, U.P. The proposed state-of-the-art university will offer to the students formal education programmes leading to the award of the bachelor's, masters' and doctoral degrees as well as PG Diploma in specialized niche areas in police sciences, cyber forensics, criminology, criminal justice, forensic science, risk management and allied subjects.

7. The Deocha Pachami Dewanganj – Harinsingha coal block is located in which state?

- A) Jharkhand B) West Bengal ☒
- C) Odisha D) Tripura

✓ The Union Government has entered into an allotment agreement with West Bengal Power Development Corporation (WBPDC) for Deocha Pachami Dewanganj – Harinsingha coal block.

✓ It is the world's 2nd largest block. The project is slated to generate both direct and indirect employment in West Bengal considerably and also contribute to the socio – economic development of the region.

8. Which tech giant has joined hands with the Union Government for 'Digital Payment Abhiyan'?

- A) Facebook B) Twitter C) Google ☒ D) Microsoft

✓ Nasscom's Data Security Council of India has recently collaborated with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Google India to launch a nationwide awareness campaign 'Digital Payment Abhiyan'.

✓ The campaign will educate end-users on the benefits of making digital payments and urge them to adopt security and safety best practices. The pan – India campaign has crafted in 7 languages — Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali, Hindi, English and Marathi.

9. Which state government has decided to make Sanskrit mandatory in all schools from class 3 to 8?

- A) Uttarakhand ☒ B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Madhya Pradesh D) Chhattisgarh

✓ The Uttarakhand government has decided to make Sanskrit language compulsory in all government and private schools from Classes 3 to 8.

✓ According to estimates, over 89% of the populace of the state speaks the four languages including Hindi (45%) followed by Garhwali (23.03%), Kumaoni (19.94%) and Jaunsari (1.35%).

✓ Interestingly, main regional languages Kumaon and Garhwali have been accorded the status of endangered languages by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

10. Which is the official mascot of the 2022 Beijing Winter Paralympics?

- A) Bing Dwen Dwen ☒ B) Shuey Rhon Rhon
- C) Asian black bear D) Bing Keun – suk

✓ The "Bing Dwen Dwen" is the official mascot of the 2022 Winter Paralympics, which is scheduled to be held in Beijing, People's Republic of China, from 4 – 13 March 2022. 'Bing' means ice and also symbolize purity and strength, and 'Dwen Dwen' represents children.

1. The 74th Session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has started in which city?

- A) Geneva
B) New York ☒
C) Copenhagen
D) Berlin

- ✓ In New York, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently addressed the 74th Session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and participated in other multilateral and bilateral engagements.
- ✓ Modi also addressed the first ever Highlevel Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (UHC), which will launch new efforts to provide access for all to affordable, inclusive and resilient health systems.

2. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of International Day of Sign Languages?

- A) Sign Language for Peace
B) With Sign Language, Everyone is Included
C) Sign Language for Deaf
D) Sign Language Rights for All ☒

- ✓ The International Day of Sign Languages is observed every year on 23rd of September to raise awareness of the importance of sign language in the full realization of the human rights of people who are deaf. The theme for year 2019 is "Sign Language Rights for all".

3. Who became the first Indian male boxer to qualify for the final of the World Boxing Championships?

- A) Mohammed Ali Qamar
B) Gaurav Solanki
C) Amit Panghal ☒
D) Dinesh Kumar

- ✓ Ace Indian boxer Amit Panghal settled for a silver at the AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships at Ekaterinburg in Russia. He lost to Shakhobidin Zoirov of Uzbekistan Zoirov in flyweight (48 – 52 kg) category.
- ✓ Though, Panghal created history as he became the first Indian male boxer to qualify for the final of the Championships. He has already secured a berth at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

4. Madhav Apte, who passed away recently, was the legendary player of which sports?

- A) Chess
B) Football
C) Cricket ☒
D) Hockey

- ✓ Veteran cricketer Madhavrao Laxmanrao Apte (86) has passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra on 23rd September 2019.
- ✓ He made his Test debut against Pakistan at the Cricket Club of India (CCI) in Mumbai in November 1952 and played his last test against West Indies at Kingston in April 1953. Apte was the Indian opener for 7 Test matches in the early 1950s in which he scored 542 runs.

5. Who is the author of the book "Girl Power: Indian Women Who Broke the Rules"?

- A) Paro Anand
B) Roopa Pai
C) Amish Tripathi
D) Neha J Hiranandani ☒

- ✓ The book titled "Girl Power: Indian Women Who Broke the Rules" has been authored by Neha J Hiranandani. It gives details the struggles and achievements of 50 remarkable women.
- ✓ The book features contemporary women like Olympic medallist PV Sindhu as well as historical figures like the warrior queen Abbakka of Chowta dynasty who singlehandedly defeated the Portuguese six times. And also about life of the octogenarian sharpshooter – Chandro Tomar, who is popularly known as 'Revolver Dadi'.

6. Which country lifted 2019 Asian Men's Volleyball Championship title?

- A) Australia
B) India
C) Pakistan
D) Iran ☒

- ✓ Iran has lifted the 2019 Asian Men's Volleyball Championship title by defeating Australia in straight sets at Azadi Sports Complex in Tehran.

7. The Delhi government has recently launched "champions' campaign" to fight against which disease?

- A) Dengue ☒ B) Malaria
C) Chikungunya D) Japanese encephalitis

- ✓ The Chief Minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal has recently launched "champions' campaign" in the National Capital in a fight against dengue.
- ✓ He urged people to encourage their friends to inspect their homes to check their homes for mosquito larvae & to clean stagnant water.
- ✓ The campaign visualizes that citizens should promptly reach out to 10 of their friends and asks them to check their premises for signs of dengue.

8. Which movie has been named as India's official entry to Oscars 2020?

- A) Article 15 B) Gully Boy ☒
C) Kesari D) Badhaai Ho

- ✓ Director Zoya Akhtar's musical drama film "Gully Boy" has been named as India's official entry in the Best Foreign Language Film category to the 92nd Academy Awards (Oscars 2020). The movie chronicled the story of Mumbai's street rappers and was said based on rapper Naezy's life.

9. The 2019 C40 World Mayors Summit is scheduled to be held in which city?

- A) Washington B) New Delhi
C) Berlin D) Copenhagen ☒

- ✓ The Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will attend the 2019 C40 World Mayors Summit held in Copenhagen, Denmark to speak on his government's experience in lowering pollution, including the Odd-Even scheme, and other issues.
- ✓ He will join leaders of several cities such as New York, London, Paris, Los Angeles and Berlin to deliberate on the climate crisis impacting the world at the summit from October 9 – 12.

10. Which noted personality is to be appointed as the brand ambassador of Madhya Pradesh?

- A) Sachin Tendulkar B) Sandeep Singh
C) Govinda ☒ D) Asha Bhosle

- ✓ Film star Govinda has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Madhya Pradesh to promote the state's traditions and tourist places.
- ✓ It is state government's intention that the message about the state's traditions and tourist destinations should reach the masses. The Kamal Nath government has also plans to set up a film city in the state and plans to promote Madhya Pradesh as a destination for film making.

1. The world's first camel hospital is located in which city?

- A) Tehran
B) Jaipur
C) Dubai ☒
D) Bikaner

- ✓ At Dubai, the world's first camel hospital is all set to expand its facilities by an additional 50% in response to the increase in demand for its services.

✓ The aim of the hospital is to contribute significantly to the Research and Development (R&D) of camel medicine as part of increasing the global body of therapeutic knowledge related to the desert animal.

- ✓ Camels are an integral part of the United Arab Emirate (UAE)'s heritage. Historically, camels, known as the 'Ship of the Desert' were a source of transport as well as food and milk in the region.

2. UMMID initiative, which is in news recently, is associated to tackle which cause?

- A) Oldage related problems
- B) Genetic diseases of newborn babies ☒
- C) Water borne diseases
- D) Pollution related diseases

- ✓ The Union Science and Technology and Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has recently launched 'UMMID (Unique Methods of Management and treatment of Inherited Disorders)' initiative to tackle inherited genetic diseases of newborn babies.

- ✓ The aim of the new initiative is to create awareness about genetic disorders amongst clinicians and establish molecular diagnostics in hospitals so that the benefits of developments in medical genetics could reach patients.

3. Which country has launched its biggest peacetime operation after Thomas Cook collapse?

- A) France
B) UK ☒
C) United States
D) Germany

- ✓ The UK government has launched its biggest peacetime repatriation, “Operation Matterhorn” in its’ history, after British travel firm Thomas Cook collapsed on 23rd September 2019. Thomas Cook’s administration puts 22,000 jobs at risk worldwide.

- ✓ The corporate bankruptcy left some 6,00,000 tourists stranded worldwide. The travel company was founded in 1841 by Thomas Cook.

4. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of International Day of Peace?

- A) Stand – Up For International Peace**
- B) Partnerships for Peace – Dignity for All**
- C) Climate Action for Peace** ☒
- D) Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All**

- ✓ **The International Day of Peace is observed every year on 21st of September to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples.**

- ✓ The theme for Year 2019 “Climate Action for Peace” is to draw attention to the importance of combating climate change as a way to protect and promote peace throughout the world.

5. S K Padmadevi, who passed away recently, was the legendary actress of which regional cinema?

- A) Kannada ☒ B) Tamil
C) Telugu D) Odia

- ✓ Veteran actor and multi-faceted artiste S.K. Padmadevi (95) has passed away in Bengaluru, Karnataka on 19th September 2019. She remained active in theatre till late 1960s and acted in several plays by H.L.N. Simha and Ballari Raghavacharya.

- ✓ She later joined All India Radio (AIR) and worked on audio plays for over two decades. Ms. Padmadevi was awarded the R. Nagendra Rao award for lifetime achievement by Karnataka Chalanchitra Academy in 2016.

6. Shondol dance of which city has created history by entering into the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest dance?

- A) Udaipur
B) Ladakh ☒
C) Kochi
D) Shimla

✓ The Shondol dance of Ladakh has created history again by breaking into the Guinness book of world records as the largest Ladakhi dance when 408 women artists in traditional dresses performed gracefully the folk dance on the occasion of the 2019 Buddhist carnival 'Naropa Festival'.

✓ The fest was held near the 11th-century world-famous Hemis Monastery in Ladakh & was organised by the Live to Love India, Drukpa Charitable Trust and Young Drukpa Association.

✓ Earlier, this famous dance was used to be performed by artists for King of Ladakh on special occasion.

7. Who has been appointed as the new Principal Chief Commissioner of Income – tax (PCCIT) of the National e – assessment centre (NeAC)?

- A) P S Joshi
B) M S Mudgal
C) K M Prasad ☒
D) T K Sharma

✓ The National e – Assessment Centre (NeAC) has been set up by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) in the national capital as part of the government's ambitious plan to launch faceless and nameless assessment for Income Tax (IT) payers from October 2019.

✓ K M Prasad, the 1984 – batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, has been appointed as the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income – tax (PCCIT) of the new Centre.

8. Which state tourism has won the PATA Gold award for an ethnic food restaurant run by women?

- A) Maharashtra
B) Tripura
C) Odisha
D) Kerala ☒

✓ At Nur-Sultan (Astana) in Kazakhstan, the Kerala Tourism has won three prestigious Pacific Asia Travel

Association (PATA) Gold awards viz. for an ethnic food restaurant run by women at Kumarakom under its Responsible Tourism Mission, for an advertisement campaign of Kerala Tourism 'Come Out and Play' and for its website (www.keralatourism.org) respectively.

✓ The ad campaign was run by Stark Communication & the Kerala Tourism website has been designed and maintained by Invis Multimedia.

9. India and which country are set to hold their first tri – services exercise 'Tiger Triumph'?

- A) United States ☒
B) United Kingdom
C) France
D) Poland

✓ India and the United States are set to hold their first trilateral – service military exercise codenamed 'Tiger Triumph' at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada in November 2019.

✓ The exercise is being organized under the aegis of the headquarters of the Integrated Defence Staff (IDS).

10. Which noted journalist has won the first Gauri Lankesh National Award for Journalism?

- A) Rajdeep Sardesai
B) Karan Thapar
C) Prannoy Roy
D) Ravish Kumar ☒

✓ In Bengaluru, Senior journalist and Ramon Magsaysay awardee Ravish Kumar has recently received the first Gauri Lankesh National Award for Journalism by freedom fighter H.S. Doreswamy.

✓ He was chosen for the award for sharp news analysis and uncompromising secular stance by the Gauri Lankesh Memorial Trust (GLMT).

1. The Gandhi Solar Park has recently inaugurated at headquarters of which international organisation?

- A) IMF
B) European Union
C) United Nations ☒
D) WHO

✓ On 24th September 2019, the Gandhi Solar Park and the 'Gandhi Peace Garden' have inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with others world leaders at UN headquarters.

✓ On the occasion, a special UN Postage on Mahatma Gandhi's 150 years also released. Modi was also conferred the "Global Goalkeeper" award by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan launched by his government.

2. Which renowned personality has been named for 2019 Dada Sahab Phalke award?

- A) Rajkumar Hirani
B) Lata Mangeshkar
C) Sanjay Leela Bhansali
D) Amitabh Bachan ☒

✓ Actor Amitabh Bachan has been named for the prestigious Dada Sahab Phalke award for his outstanding contribution to the film industry. It is the India's highest award in cinema, which is conferred by the Government of India for outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian Cinema.

✓ It consists of a Swarn Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 10 Lakh. In a career spanning five decades, Bachchan has given memorable performances film after film and is a four-time National Film Award winner.

3. Which state government has launched a housing loan subsidy scheme – Aponar Apon Ghar?

- A) Assam ☒
B) Odisha
C) Jharkhand
D) West Bengal

✓ In Guwahati, the Assam Government has rolled out a housing loan subsidy scheme – Aponar Apon Ghar – where in financial relief will be provided towards purchase or construction of the first house for the family.

✓ The subsidy up to Rs 2.50 lakh will be provided for loan amounts from Rs 5 to Rs 40 Lakh. This move will boost the demand and led to the expansion of real estate in the state.

4. Which state has clinched the 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship?

- A) Punjab
B) Manipur ☒
C) Arunachal Pradesh
D) Chhattisgarh

✓ Defending champion Manipur has clinched the title of the 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship for the 20th time. In the final at CHF Ground in Pasighat (Arunachal Pradesh), Manipur defeated Railways 1 – 0 in a thrilling contest.

✓ Bala Devi is the highest scorer in the tournament with 20 goals. Elangbam Panthoi Chanu of Manipur and Sanju of Railways won the best goalkeeper & the Most Valuable Player of the tournament award, respectively.

5. Rahul Aware is associated to which sports?

- A) Tennis
B) Badminton
C) Wrestling ☒
D) Boxing

✓ Indian wrestler Rahul Aware has won a bronze in men's 61 Kg free-style category at the 2019 World Championship in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. However, this was not an Olympic category and thus the bronze did not help Aware qualify for the Tokyo Games.

✓ It was India's 5th medal at this edition of the World Championships with a total haul of 1 silver and 4 bronzes. In the ongoing event, Deepak Punia in men's 86 Kg category was forced to pull out of the final due to an injury and settled for silver.

6. Which state government has launched Swachhata hi Seva Abhiyan?

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

✓ The Madhya Pradesh government has launched a month long Swachhata hi Seva Abhiyan from 25th September to till October 25 against the single use

plastic. The campaign will encourage alternatives by eliminating single use plastic and non standard polythene in markets, malls and shops etc.

- ✓ The aim of the campaign is to administer oath to at least 50 lakh citizens against the use of single use plastic. Through this campaign, the government has targeted to reach 2 crore urban population so that they can be made aware to single used the plastic free city as well as to celebrate plastic free Deepawali.

7. Who has been elected president of the Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan (ABMSS) 2020?

A) Ramaiah Daripalli B) Jadav Payeng

C) Francis D'Britto ☒ D) Saalumurada Thimmakka

- ✓ Catholic priest Father Francis D'Britto, who is writer and environmentalist, has been elected president of the Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan (ABMSS) 2020. He is the first Christian to be elected president of the ABMSS.

8. Adam Harper, who has been awarded the 2019 SASTRA Ramanujan prize, is from which country?

A) Germany B) Poland

C) England ☒ D) Italy

- ✓ Mathematician Adam Harper of University of Warwick (England) has been awarded the 2019 SASTRA Ramanujan prize for several outstanding contributions to analytic and probabilistic number theory.
- ✓ The prize carries a citation and an award of \$10,000 and is conferred annually on mathematicians from across the world who are less than 32 years of age, working in an area influenced by the genius Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- ✓ Every year, this prize is awarded by SASTRA University on its campus near Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu, on Ramanujan's birth anniversary (December 22).

9. Bhagat Ram Vats, who passed away recently, was the veteran personality of which field?

A) Journalism ☒ B) Sports

B) Politics

D) Science

- ✓ Bhagat Ram Vats (97), a former PTI senior correspondent who covered India's first Lok Sabha polls, has passed away on 18th September 2019. He started his career with The Statesman, New Delhi, and later joined the Press Trust of India (PTI). Vats authored a book — 'Foreign Intrigue against India'.

10. The Union Government has instituted the highest civilian award in the field of contribution to the unity and integrity of India in the name of which freedom fighter?

A) Bala Gangadhar Tilak B) Dr.B.R. Ambedkar

C) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel ☒ D) Mahatma Gandhi

- ✓ The Union Government has instituted the highest civilian award in the field of contribution to the unity and integrity of India, in the name of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- ✓ The award seeks to recognize notable and inspiring contributions to promote the cause of national unity and integrity and to reinforce the value of a strong and united India.
- ✓ The award will be announced on the occasion of the National Unity Day on the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel on 31st of October. The award would consist of a medal and a citation. No monetary grant or cash award would be attached to this Award.
- ✓ Not more than 3 awards would be given in a year. It would not be conferred posthumously except in very rare and highly deserving cases.

1. Which country is the partner country for the 6th India Water Week?

- A) Japan ☒ B) France
C) Germany D) United Kingdom

✓ At Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 6th edition of "India Water Week (IWW-2019)", which is organised by Ministry of Jal Shakti with the theme of "Water cooperation-coping with 21st-century challenge".

✓ Japan and European Union have been associated as partner countries for this mega event. Under this campaign, the entire Government of India machinery of over 1000 senior Central Government officers have joined the States to promote focused interventions for water collection and conservation, including restoration and renovation of traditional water bodies.

2. Ponung Doming has become the first woman officer from which state as Lieutenant Colonel?

- A) Manipur B) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
C) Mizoram D) Nagaland

✓ Ponung Doming has created history by becoming the first woman Army officer from Arunachal Pradesh to be elevated to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Indian Army. Earlier, IAF Wing Commander Shaliza Dhami became the 1st female officer to be appointed as flight commander of a flying unit.

3. Which Indian sportsperson has been honoured with an IAAF Veteran Pin?

- A) Viswanathan Anand B) Milkha Singh
C) PT Usha ☒ D) Abhinav Bindra

✓ During the 52nd IAAF Congress at Doha, Indian track and field legend PT Usha has been honoured with an IAAF Veteran Pin by the International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF) in recognition of her contribution to the growth of the sport.

✓ She is often called the "queen of track and field". At the 1982 New Delhi Asian Games, Usha won silver in 100m

and 200m events. At the Asian Championships in Kuwait City in 1983, she won gold in 400m. In the 1985 Jakarta Asian Championships, Usha won six medals – five gold and a bronze.

4. Payal Jangid, who has become the first Indian to win the Changemaker Award from Gates Foundation, is from which state?

- A) Punjab B) Rajasthan ☒
C) Arunachal Pradesh D) Chhattisgarh

✓ The Payal Jangid (17) from Rajasthan has become the first Indian to win the Goalkeepers Global Goals Changemaker Award by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in New York. She was recognised for her campaign to end child labour and child marriage.

✓ Jangid who fought against her own marriage at a young age, work towards the abolition of child marriage in her village Hinsla and other neighbouring villages.

5. Sebastian Coe, who has been re elected as IAAF chief, is from which country?

- A) Germany B) France
C) Britain ☒ D) Japan

✓ During the 52nd IAAF Congress at Doha, Sebastian Coe from Britain has been re-elected as president of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) for a second term for 4 years. Beside this, Adille Sumariwalla (the President of Athletics Federation of India (AFI)) was re elected as member of the Council of IAAF for a 2nd four year term.

6. Who has become the first Indian cricketer to bowl 3 maidens in single T20I?

- A) Jasprit Bumrah B) Jhulan Goswami
C) Deepti Sharma ☒ D) Bhuvneshwar Kumar

✓ Off – spinner Deepti Sharma from Agra has become the 1st Indian cricketer to bowl 3 maidens in T20I. This history was created during the India's first T20I against South Africa at the Lalabhai Contractor Stadium in Surat, Gujarat.

- ✓ She ended with figures of 4/8 with three of the four overs to lead India to victory. India beat South Africa by 11 runs to take a 1 – 0 lead in the five match series.

7. Who has been honoured with the 2019 Rights Livelihood awards?

- A) Holly Gillibrand B) John Paul Jose
C) Ridhima Pandey D) Greta Thunberg ☒

- ✓ The Swedish climate activist, Greta Thunberg (16) has been honoured as one of four winners of the 2019 Rights Livelihood awards for inspiring and amplifying political demands for urgent climate action reflecting scientific facts. The award is known as Sweden's alternative Nobel Prize.

- ✓ Ms. Thunberg shares the award with Brazilian indigenous leader Davi Kopenawa of the Yanomami people, Chinese women's rights lawyer Guo Jianmei and Western Sahara human rights defender Aminatou Haidar. The four laureates will received a cash award of 1 million Swedish crowns (\$103,000) each.

8. Who has been selected the new head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- A) Kristalina Georgieva ☒ B) Scott Morris
C) Emmanuel Macron D) Christine Lagarde

- ✓ Bulgarian economist Kristalina Georgieva has been named as the new Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). She is the first person from an emerging market economy to lead the IMF. Georgieva will succeed Christine Lagarde for a five-year term from October 2019.

9. The first ever India – Caricom leaders' summit was held in which city?

- A) New York ☒ B) Pune
C) New Delhi D) London

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted the first-ever India-Caricom summit in New York with a focus on fighting climate change and increasing India's participation with the grouping.

- ✓ Modi announced a \$14 million US dollar grant for community development projects in the Caricom and another \$150 million line of credit for solar, renewable energy and climate change related projects.

- ✓ The Caricom grouping has 15 members' states and 5 associate members. Modi also invited them to join the International Solar Alliance (IAS) and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.

10. The 2nd Singapore – India Hackathon is being held in which IIT?

- A) IIT Madras ☒ B) IIT Indore
C) IIT Delhi D) IIT Bombay

- ✓ To promote innovation, 2nd edition of Singapore – India Hackathon will be organised at IIT Madras in Chennai from Sep 28 & 29, 2019.

- ✓ The Hackathon is the first of its kind joint International hackathon between India and Singapore during which the selected bright students from India and Singapore will work in collaboration to develop innovative and out of the box solution for some of the daunting problems faced by our societies.

- ✓ This year, the hackathon is focused on quality education, Good Health and clean energy.

1. The 5th India International Science Festival (IISF – 2019) is scheduled to be held in which city?

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

- ✓ The 5th edition of India International Science Festival will be held at Kolkata with theme "RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation" from 5th – 8th November. The event expects to host a gathering of approximately 12,000 participants from India and abroad.

2. Which state has become the first Indian state to issue highest number of golden cards under Ayushman Bharat scheme?

- A) Manipur B) Jammu and Kashmir ☒
C) Mizoram D) Nagaland

- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir has become the first state in India to issue highest number of golden cards under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB – PMJAY).

- ✓ Over 11 lakh golden cards have been generated within first 90 days of the launch of the scheme with 60% families having at least one golden card which is highest in the country.

3. Which Indian sportsperson has become an athlete member of Team Visa for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020?

- A) Sachin Tendulkar B) Mary Kom
C) PV Sindhu ☒ D) Abhinav Bindra

- ✓ Payment technology company Visa has appointed world badminton champion PV Sindhu as its brand ambassador for two years. Besides promoting the brand through advertising campaigns, Sindhu has also become an athlete member of Team Visa for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

- ✓ Visa has been supporting the Olympic Games as a worldwide sponsor since 1986. It has signed a contract as the exclusive payment technology partner through

2032. It is currently the only payment brand available at Olympic venues.

4. Paolo Borrometi, who won the 2019 Peter Mackler Award for Courageous Journalism, is from which country?

- A) Italy ☒ B) Denmark
C) Sweden D) Norway

- ✓ Italian journalist Paolo Borrometi, who was assaulted over his coverage of mafia activity in Sicily and now living under police protection, has won the prestigious 2019 Peter Mackler Award for Courageous and Ethical Journalism at the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism.

5. Which Indian corporate has won UN Global Climate Action Award in the 'Climate Neutral Now' category?

- A) Reliance B) Infosys ☒ C) Tata D) Birla

- ✓ Infosys has won the prestigious United Nations Global Climate Action Award in the 'Climate Neutral Now' category. With this feat, Infosys has become the only corporate from India to earn the recognition for its efforts to combat climate change.

- ✓ The award will be presented to Infosys at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Santiago, Chile on December 2019.

6. What is the India's rank in the IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2019?

- A) 48th B) 46th C) 44th ☒ D) 63rd

- ✓ As per latest IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2019 (WDCR), India has been ranked at 44th position in terms of digital competitiveness in the world as the country has made improvement in terms of knowledge and future readiness to adopt and explore digital technologies.

- ✓ The ranking measures the capacity and readiness of 63 nations to adopt and explore digital technologies as a key driver for economic transformation in business, government and wider society.

7. Which state government has unveiled a mascot 'Tikki Mausi' to combat malnutrition among children?

- A) Odisha ☒ B) Jharkhand
C) West Bengal D) Bihar

- ✓ The mascot 'Tikki Mausi' has been launched by the Odisha government in collaboration with UNICEF to spread awareness about child and woman's nutrition.
- ✓ The mascot has been named as 'Tikki Mausi' in reference to the second mother of a child. The mascot resembles a typical friendly neighbourhood aunty that has words of advice for everyone starting from mothers to children and adolescents.

8. Venu Madhav, who passed away recently, was the noted actor of which regional cinema?

- A) Odia B) Malayalam
C) Telugu ☒ D) Hindi

- ✓ Venu Madhav (51), the wellknown Telugu comedian, has passed away in Secunderabad on 25th September 2019. He started as a mimicry artiste and forayed into movies. His filmography had over 170 movies in Telugu.
- ✓ Other than Telugu films, he even acted a few Tamil films. The 2016 film "Dr Paramanandaiah's Students Gang" remains his last release.

9. On which date, the 2019 International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, is observed?

- A) September 26 ☒ B) September 25
C) September 27 D) September 28

- ✓ The International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons is observed every year on September 26 to provide an opportunity to educate the public – and their leaders – about the real benefits of eliminating such weapons, and the social and economic costs of perpetuating them.
- ✓ The day provides an occasion for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to global nuclear disarmament as a high priority.

10. JNU has signed pact with which IIT for research, education & technology?

- A) IIT Madras B) IIT Indore
C) IIT Delhi ☒ D) IIT Bombay

- ✓ The Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has inked an agreement with IIT Delhi for cooperation in research, education and technology developments in science and other disciplines.
- ✓ This collaboration will also facilitate access to each other's libraries and central research facilities to intensify joint research projects and other related academic activities.

1. Which Indian organisation has discovered 30 reels of unedited footage on Mahatma Gandhi?

A) NITI Aayog

B) NFDC

C) NFAI ☒

D) Fox Star Studios

- ✓ The National Film Archive of India (NFAI) has recently discovered 30 reels of unedited footage on Mahatma Gandhi that amounts to almost 6 hours of duration.
- ✓ These 35mm celluloid footages, unedited and stock shots with title cards in between, belonged to several prominent film studios of the time like Paramount, Pathe, Warner, Universal, British Movietone and Wadia Movietone.
- ✓ The major highlight of the discovery is a rare ½ an hour footage that has visuals of a special train carrying Mahatma Gandhi's ashes, after his assassination on 30th January 1948, from Madras to Rameshwaram.
- ✓ In 1964, the NFAI was established as a media unit of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) with headquarters at Pune, Maharashtra.

2. Which country has launched the world's biggest transport space ship for space station?

A) Israel

B) Japan ☒

C) Germany

D) Poland

- ✓ Japan has successfully launched an unmanned spacecraft "Kounotori8" towards the International Space Station (ISS) from the Tanegashima Space Center at Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) in southwestern Japan.
- ✓ The acronym 'Kounotori8' stands for "white stork" in Japanese & intends to deliver about 5.3 tonnes of supplies to astronauts at the ISS.

3. Who is the newly appointed chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee (CCS)?

A) Bipin Rawat ☒

B) B S Dhanoa

C) Karambir Singh

D) Sunil Lanba

- ✓ Indian Army Chief General Bipin Rawat has become the new chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC). He succeeded IAF chief – Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa.

- ✓ The COSC consists of chiefs of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force and the senior most member is appointed its chairperson.

- ✓ The Chairman of COSC is tasked with ensuring synergy among the three services and evolves common strategy to deal with external security challenges facing the country.

4. Which state has bagged the Best State award for overall growth in tourism category?

A) Telangana

B) Goa

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Andhra Pradesh ☒

- ✓ The National Tourism Awards 2017-18 were recently presented by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu on the occasion of World Tourism Day.
- ✓ In it, Andhra Pradesh has bagged 3 national tourism awards in different categories viz. 'Best State for comprehensive development of tourism', 'Excellence in publishing in English' and the 'Best tourist-friendly Railway Station (Visakhapatnam).

- ✓ Goa and Madhya Pradesh were the joint winners in the Adventure Tourism category and Uttarakhand won the award for the Best Film Promotion-Friendly State. Telangana won the award for the Best State for the innovative use of IT.

5. Sarah Taylor, who recently retired from international cricket, is from which country?

A) West Indies

B) New Zealand

C) England ☒

D) Australia

- ✓ England wicketkeeper Sarah Taylor, who is regarded as one of the world's best wicketkeepers, has recently retired from international cricket. Sarah made her England debut in 2006 and scored 6,553 international runs.

- ✓ She was also a magnetic keeper behind the stumps, creating waves with her innovative methods that led her to 232 dismissals, the most in women's cricket.

6. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of World Tourism Day?

- A) Tourism opens doors for women
- B) Tourism and the Digital Transformation
- C) Tourism and Jobs ☒
- D) Tourism: Responding to the Challenge of Climate Change

- ✓ The World Tourism Day is observed every year on 27th of September to create awareness on the role of tourism among the international community and to demonstrate how it affects social, cultural, political and economic values worldwide. The 2019 theme is "Tourism and Jobs: A Better Future for All".

7. Which actor has been chosen as goodwill ambassador for Maharashtra polls?

- A) Akshay Kumar
- B) Salman Khan
- C) Priyanka Chopra
- D) Madhuri Dixit ☒

- ✓ Actor Madhuri Dixit has been chosen as goodwill ambassador by the Chief Electoral Office (CEO) in Maharashtra to create awareness among people about the importance of voting.
- ✓ The State Assembly polls are scheduled for October 21 and results will be declared on October 24. She will be seen in a video titled 'Let's Vote' speaking about the democratic process and role of voters in the development of the country.

8. Which state government has decided to set up museum at the house of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar?

- A) Bihar
- B) Jharkhand
- C) West Bengal ☒
- D) Odisha

- ✓ The West Bengal government has decided to set up a museum at the north Kolkata house of 19th century

social reformer Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar where he had spent the last few years of his life.

- ✓ The museum chronicles his life from his birth place at Birsinghapur village in Paschim Medinipur district to the house in north Kolkata. He was a key figure of the Bengal Renaissance and the most prominent campaigner for Hindu widow remarriage.

9. 'KAZIND – 2019' is the joint military exercise of India & which country?

- A) Kazakhstan ☒
- B) Kyrgyzstan
- C) Tajikistan
- D) Turkmenistan

- ✓ The 4th edition of Indo-Kazakhstan joint military exercise 'KAZIND-2019' will be conducted at Pithoragar from 2nd to 15th October 2019.

- ✓ The aim of the exercise is to conduct company level joint training with emphasis on counter terrorism operations in mountainous terrain.

10. Which space agency has successfully launched the RamanSat 2 miniature satellite?

- A) NASA ☒
- B) ISRO
- C) JAXA
- D) Roscosmos

- ✓ NASA has successfully launched the RamanSat 2 miniature satellite designed by Indian student Aabhaas Sikka (17). The satellite was developed by Sikka during his internship with SPACE India with help from SPACE Group Founder and CMD Sachin Bahmbe along with the company's research team. It is carrying equipment to measure the radiation from Sun and space.