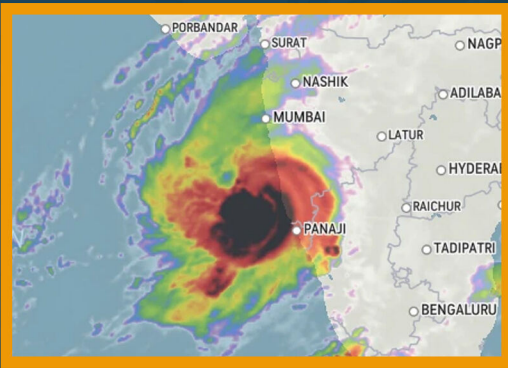
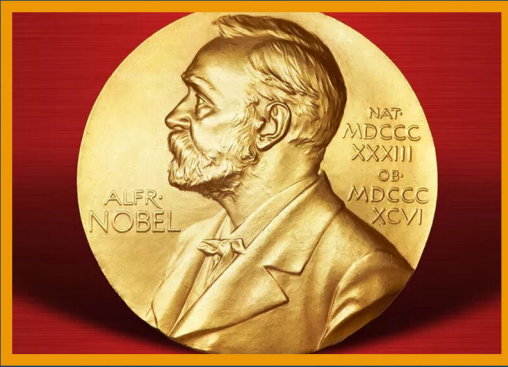


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1. Dr. K Siva Reddy, who has been awarded the Saraswati Samman 2018 is associated to which language?
- A) Tamil B) Malayalam
C) Telugu ☒ D) Odia
- ✓ Telugu poet Dr. K Siva Reddy has been awarded the prestigious Saraswati Samman 2018 for his collection 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.

1. Surender Singh is associated to which sports?

- A) Wrestling B) Boxing
C) Powerlifting ☒ D) Weightlifting

- ✓ Surender Singh of India created three world records at the ongoing 2019 World Powerlifting Championship in Berlin, Germany. Surender bagged gold in 110 kg category, Classic Raw and the Best Lifter Award in Classic Raw and Single Ply.
- ✓ While, 3 time World Champion Mukesh Singh went on to add another feather to his cap by winning yet another gold only to be known as 4 time World Champion.

2. WTO is hosting the first-ever World Cotton Day (WCD) in which city?

- A) Geneva ☒ B) New Delhi
C) Paris D) New York

- ✓ The World Trade Organisation (WTO) is hosting the first-ever World Cotton Day in Geneva on 7th October 2019. Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani is representing India in the 5 day event of WCD.
- ✓ The WCD will celebrate the many advantages of cotton, from its qualities as a natural fibre, to the benefits people obtain from its production, transformation, trade and consumption.
- ✓ It will also serve to shed light on the challenges faced by cotton economies around the world because cotton is important to least developed, developing and developed economies worldwide.

3. Who won the 2019 Japan Open tennis title?

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

- ✓ Novak Djokovic, World No. 1 won his 76th tour level title by defeating Aussie John Millman 6-3, 6-2 to win the Rakuten Japan Open Tennis Championships. It is the 10th time the Serbian has lifted a trophy on his main draw debut at a tour level event.

4. The paintings of Jodhaiya Bai Baiga of which Indian state are being showcased at exhibition in Italy?

- A) Rajasthan B) Gujarat
C) Madhya Pradesh ☒ D) Chhattisgarh

- ✓ In Italy, the paintings and artworks created by an 80 year old tribal woman "Jodhaiya Bai Baiga" has being showcased at the ongoing exhibition at Milan, which is the global capital of fashion and design.
- ✓ Jodhaiya hails from Umaria district's Lorha village of Madhya Pradesh. Her painting style mainly includes nature and animals. Her teacher Ashish Swami said that this will motivate other members of the Adivasi community to engage in different activities.

5. Indian Army has started its mountain combat exercise 'Him Vijay' in which state?

- A) Himachal Pradesh B) Sikkim
C) J&K D) Arunachal Pradesh ☒

- ✓ The Indian army will begin its first ever mountain combat on October 7. The exercise is to test the mobility, coordination and communication of the troops in difficult terrain.
- ✓ The exercise is to be conducted in two phases. The first phase will be held between Oct.7 – 10. The second phase will be held between Oct.20 – 24. The exercise will include three battle groups, each comprising of 4,000 soldiers. This is the largest military exercise in the history of Indian defense.
- ✓ The exercise includes mountain assault and air assault as well. The exercise is done more than 100 km in the Indian Territory from the Line of Actual Control.

6. As per latest data on the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), which state's most cancer patients availed treatment under the scheme?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒ B) Chhattisgarh
C) Madhya Pradesh D) Gujarat

- ✓ The Union Health Ministry has recently released data on the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), which is the tertiary care arm of Ayushman Bharat.
- ✓ According to report, Tamil Nadu (with 40,056 cases) tops the state where the most cancer patients availed treatment under PMJAY, followed by Kerala (22,000), Madhya Pradesh (19,455), Chhattisgarh (15,997) and Gujarat (14,380).
- ✓ The report revealed that there are 11.57 lakh new cancer patients and 7.84 lakh cancer deaths every year in India. At any given point of time, there are 22.5 lakh Indians living with cancer.

7. Salwa Eid Naser, who became the first woman athlete from Asia to win 400m gold, is from which country?

- A) Lebanon B) Bahrain ☒
- C) Mongolia D) Oman

- ✓ Bahrain sprinter Salwa Eid Naser has become the first woman athlete from Asia to win the 400m gold in the ongoing IAAF World Athletics Championships (WAC) Doha 2019. She clocked 48.14 seconds i.e., the third-fastest lap in history and the fastest in 34 years.

8. Who has become the first Indian cricketer to play 100 T20 internationals?

- A) Rohit Sharma B) Smriti Mandhana
- C) Virat Kohli D) Harmanpreet Kaur ☒

- ✓ Indian captain in the shortest format, Harmanpreet Kaur has become the first Indian cricketer to play 100 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is) as she took the field against South Africa in Surat on 5th October 2019.
- ✓ She achieved this milestone before MS Dhoni and Rohit Sharma, who have played 98 T20Is for India. Beside this, she is also the first Indian cricketer – male or female – to sign a Big Bash League contract with Sydney Thunder in Australia. In June 2017, she became the first Indian to sign with Surrey Stars in ECB's Kia Super League.

9. Who has become the first ever batsman to score twin hundreds in his first Test as opener?

- A) Shikhar Dhawan B) Rohit Sharma ☒
- C) Virat Kohli D) K L Rahul

- ✓ Rohit Sharma from India has become the first-ever batsman to score hundreds in each innings of his maiden Test as an opener in Visakhapatnam against South Africa.

- ✓ He also broke the record for most sixes in a Test with 13 hits over the fence & surpassed Pakistan's Wasim Akram who smashed 12 in a game against Zimbabwe in 1996. Beside this, Rohit also became the first Indian batsman to be stumped in both innings of a Test.

10. Mohammad Hasnain, who has become the youngest ever cricketer to take a hat trick in T20I, is from which country?

- A) South Africa B) Afghanistan
- C) Pakistan ☒ D) Bangladesh

- ✓ Pakistan pacer Mohammad Hasnain has become the youngest ever cricketer to take a hat trick in T20I. He achieved the feat against Sri Lanka in the 1st T20I in Lahore.

1. The 2019 Nobel Prize in physics has been awarded for discovery in which field?

- A) Cosmology ☒ B) Laser
C) Gravitational waves D) Neutrino oscillations

- ✓ The Nobel Prize 2019 for Physics has jointly been awarded to three scientists – James Peebles, Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz – groundbreaking discoveries about the evolution of the universe and the Earth's place in the cosmos.
- ✓ One half of the award was given to James Peebles for theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology and the other half jointly to Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz for the discovery of an exo-planet orbiting a solar type star.
- ✓ They will share a 9 million kronor cash award, a gold medal and a diploma. The laureates will receive them at a ceremony in Stockholm on December 10.

2. The 63rd Dhammachakra Pravartan Day 2019 has recently for which noted personality?

- A) Mahatma Gandhi B) B R Ambedkar ☒
C) Lal Bahadur Shastri D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

- ✓ In Maharashtra, the 63rd Dhammachakra Pravartan Din has celebrated at Deekshabhoomi in Nagpur on 9th October 2019.
- ✓ The Buddhist followers from the different parts of the country and abroad reached at the venue to pay homage to the Architect of Indian Constitution Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. It is a day to celebrate the Buddhist conversion of Dr. Ambedkar.

3. India's first e-waste clinic is being set up in which city?

- A) Bhopal ☒ B) New Delhi
C) Jaipur D) Nagpur

- ✓ India's first e-waste clinic is being set up in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. For this noble cause, the Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) have signed pact that would enable segregation, processing and disposal of waste from both household and commercial units.

- ✓ Initially, it will be 3 month pilot project and being successful, it would be replicated elsewhere in the country. The clinic will be formed in compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules of 2016.

4. The 2019 World Parliament of Science, Religion and Philosophy was held in which city?

- A) Jabalpur B) New Delhi
C) Pune ☒ D) Kolkata

- ✓ The 5th edition of the World Parliament of Science, Religion and Philosophy has been organized by the MIT World Peace University in Pune on October 2.
- ✓ The theme of the 5 day event for year 2019 is 'Role of science, religion and philosophy for world peace and wellbeing of mankind'. The aim of the Parliament was to create and promote interfaith and inter-religious movement for World Peace.

5. NITI Aayog has launched Youth Co: Lab in collaboration with which international organisation?

- A) UNDP ☒ B) WHO C) UNESCO D) WTO

- ✓ The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog & United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India have jointly launched Youth Co: Lab that aims to accelerate youth led social entrepreneurship, innovation in India.
- ✓ Through Youth Co: Lab, young entrepreneurs and innovators will get a chance to connect with governments, mentors, incubators and investors, who will help equip them with entrepreneurial skills.
- ✓ It will invite young people in the age group of 18–29 years and startups to showcase their proposed ideas and solutions to tackle some of the region's biggest social challenges.

6. Who is the author of the book "150 Years of Celebrating the Mahatma the South African Legacy"?

- A) Tulsi Jain B) Siddharth Kapoor
C) Prabhas Jayawardhan D) Fakir Hassen ☒

- ✓ The book titled "150 Years of Celebrating the Mahatma the South African Legacy" has been penned by author and journalist Fakir Hassen.

- ✓ It is a 160 page coffee table that records how commemorations of Gandhi's activities (including his birth and death anniversaries) were confined to the local Indian community only.

7. Yalitza Aparicio, who has been named UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, is from which country?

- A) Canada B) Mexico ☒
- C) United States D) Argentina

- ✓ Mexican actress Yalitza Aparicio has been named UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Indigenous Peoples.
- ✓ She made history as the first indigenous performer nominated for a best actress honor at the 2019 Academy Awards for her performance in the film "Roma", in which she speaks in an indigenous language and in Spanish.

8. The Indo – Mongolian Joint Exercise, "Nomadic Elephant 2019" has started in which state?

- A) Himachal Pradesh ☒ B) Jharkhand
- C) Arunachal Pradesh D) Sikkim

- ✓ The 14th edition of Indo–Mongolian joint military training exercise, "Nomadic Elephant 2019" from 5–18 October at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ It is aimed at training troops' incounter insurgency & counter terrorism operations under United Nations mandate. It is an ideal platform for the armies of both the nations to share their experiences & best practices and gain mutually during the joint training.

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

- A) October 7 B) October 9 ☒
- C) October 8 D) October 10

- ✓ The World Post Day is celebrated every year on 9th of October to create awareness of the role of the postal

sector in people's and businesses' everyday lives and its contribution to the social and economic development of countries.

- ✓ The day also marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern.

10. Who has been selected for the UNEP's Asia Environmental Enforcement Award?

- A) Vivek Kundra B) S H Khan
- C) Subodh Kumar D) Ramesh Pandey ☒

- ✓ Ramesh Pandey, the 1996 batch Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer, has been selected for the prestigious UNEP's Asia Environmental Enforcement Award for his excellent work in combating transboundary environmental crime.
- ✓ He will receive the award on November 13 at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok. Pandey is posted as Chief Conservator Forests (CCF) in Lucknow and Secretary of UP State Bio-diversity Board.
- ✓ He is known for his investigation and intelligence gathering on poachers. The purpose of the Asia Environmental Enforcement Awards is to publicly recognise outstanding achievements by public organisations and individuals in Asia to combat transboundary environmental crime.

1. Which company's Mutual Fund has been renamed as Nippon India Mutual Fund (NIMF)?

- A) Aditya Birla B) Wipro
C) TATA D) Reliance ☒

✓ The Reliance Mutual Fund has been renamed as Nippon India Mutual Fund (NIMF). The name change came after Nippon Life Insurance of Japan completed the acquisition of 75% stake in Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management from Reliance Capital.

✓ Nippon Life is Japan's largest life insurance company and a global financial services conglomerate. It manages assets worth over \$700 billion.

2. Who has become the 1st female player to complete 20 yrs in international cricket?

- A) Mithali Raj ☒ B) Jhulan Goswami
C) Veda Krishnamurthy D) Lisa Sthalekar

✓ Indian women's cricket captain & right handed bats woman, Mithali Raj has become the 1st female player to complete 20 years in international cricket. She achieved the feat while leading India to an emphatic 8 wicket win over South Africa Women in the first ODI at Vadodara on 10th October 2019.

✓ Mithali made her ODI debut against Ireland on 26th June 1999 & completed 20 years and 105 days in the 50 over format. She has played 204 ODIs till now, the most by a female.

3. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of World Mental Health Day?

- A) Living with Schizophrenia
B) Mental health and older adults
C) Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention ☒
D) Dignity in Mental Health

✓ The World Mental Health Day is observed every year on 10 October to raise the awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilize efforts in support

of mental health. The 2019 theme is "Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention".

4. The 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded for discovery in which field?

- A) Directed evolution of enzymes
B) Cryo – electron microscopy
C) Lithium-ion batteries ☒
D) Phage display of peptides and antibodies

✓ The Nobel Prize 2019 for Chemistry has jointly been awarded to three scientists, John D. Goodenough, M. Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino for the development of lithium-ion batteries that we use in everyday life from mobile phones to electric vehicles.

5. The 2019 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine has been awarded for discovery in which field?

- A) Cellular Respiration ☒ B) Cancer therapy
C) Circadian rhythm D) Autophagy

✓ The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2019 was awarded jointly to William G. Kaelin Jr, Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe and Gregg L. Semenza "for their discoveries of how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability".

✓ The discoveries made by these scientists have fundamental importance for physiology and have paved the way for promising new strategies to fight anemia, cancer and many other diseases.

6. What is the India's rank at the 2019 WEF Global Competitiveness Index?

- A) 68th ☒ B) 67th C) 58th D) 55th

✓ India has slipped sharply by 10 places to rank 68th on the 2019 WEF Global Competitiveness Index due to improvements witnessed by several other economies.

✓ The index is compiled by the Geneva based World Economic Forum (WEF). In the overall competitiveness ranking, Singapore replaced the US to take the 1st position.

7. Who is the director of the award winning short film "Spirit of Kerala"?

- A) Rayka Zehtabchi B) Sujoy Ghosh
C) Arun Joseph ☒ D) Maitrey Bajpai

✓ The "Spirit of Kerala", which is directed by Arun Joseph, has become the first Indian short film that bagged the People's Choice Award at the recently concluded My Rode Reel film competition.

✓ It is a short film by a group of Malayali youngsters on Vallamkali (boat racing) that showed the celebration of the spirit of survival in the face of disaster. My Rode Reel film competition is touted as the 'world's largest short film competition'.

8. Nirmala Sheoran, who has been banned for 4 years, is associated to which sports?

- A) Sprint ☒ B) Wrestling
C) Boxing D) Weightlifting

✓ Indian sprinter Nirmala Sheoran has been banned for four years for doping and stripped of her 400m and 4x400m relay titles from the 2017 Asian Championships.

✓ The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) has stated that she tested positive for steroids drostanolone and metenolone in sample taken at the Inter – State meet in Guwahati in June 2018. Hence, the ban was backdated to June 29, 2018 & her results from August 2016 to November 2018 were disqualified.

9. The 1st government sponsored Day Care Recreation Centre for senior citizens has been inaugurated in which city?

- A) Delhi B) Leh ☒
C) Shimla D) Dehradun

✓ The first Government sponsored and operated day-care cum recreation centre for senior citizens has been inaugurated by Supreme Court judge Justice S. Abdul Nazeer in Leh.

✓ The centre will be one stop shop for entertainment, medical services and legal aid for the aged people of the Ladakh region.

✓ The premise will also be equipped with computer learning and a library and the aged citizens can entertain themselves with indoor games and recreational activities.

10. The Union Health Ministry has launched 'e – Dant Seva' in collaboration with which institute?

- A) Tata Memorial B) Apollo
C) AIIMS ☒ D) Fortis Healthcare

✓ The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in collaboration with the Union Health Ministry has recently launched the first ever website and mobile application "e-Dantseva" on oral health awareness.

✓ The digital platform will provide oral health information gathered from authentic scientific resources and connect the people to timely advice for managing any dental emergency or oral health problem.

✓ It contains information about the National Oral Health Programme (NOHP), a detailed list of all the dental facility and colleges, Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material and a unique feature called the 'Symptom Checker'.

1. The first ever National Hindi Science Writers conference has started in which city?

A) Jabalpur B) New Delhi C) Shimla D) Lucknow ☒

✓ In Uttar Pradesh, the first ever National Hindi Science Writers conference has started on 11th of October in Lucknow with an aim to release science writing from the clutches of English and to promote use of Hindi and other Vernacular languages.

✓ More than one thousand science writers from across the country are participating in this conference which is aimed to bring all Hindi and vernacular language science writers at one platform and to promote Hindi in the field of science writing.

2. Olga Tokarczuk, who has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for 2018, is from which country?

A) Poland ☒ B) Austria C) France D) Britain

✓ Polish author Olga Tokarczuk has won the 2018 Nobel Prize in literature for a narrative imagination that with encyclopedic passion represents the crossing of boundaries as a form of life. Her first novel, "The Journey of the People of the Book," was released in 1993.

✓ She has also won the Booker International Prize for her 2007 novel "Flights". She became the 15th woman to have won the prestigious distinction, out of 116 literature laureates honoured since 1901.

✓ It must be noted that the 2019 Nobel Prize in Literature was announced along with the 2018 Prize as the latter was delayed by a year following a scandal that included allegations of sexual misconduct.

3. Who is the author of the book "A Sorrow beyond Dreams"?

A) Kazuo Ishiguro B) Peter Handke ☒
C) Olga Tokarczuk D) Bob Dylan

✓ Austrian author Peter Handke has been honoured with the 2019 Nobel Prize in literature for an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience.

✓ His notable works include "Short Letter, Long Farewell" and "A Sorrow beyond Dreams". He will receive 9 million Swedish kronor (£740,000), as well as a medal and a diploma.

4. The SUMAN initiative has been launched for which purpose?

A) Explore Ionosphere B) Explore Stratosphere
C) Learning Programme D) Quality health care ☒

✓ On 11th October 2019, Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) initiative in New Delhi during the 13th Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare.

✓ The aim of the initiative is to assure dignified, respectful and quality health care at no cost and zero tolerance for denial of services for every woman and newborn visiting the public health facility in order to end all preventable maternal and newborn deaths. It also provides a positive birth experience to both mother and infant.

5. Kadri Gopalnath, who passed away recently, was eminent personality in which musical instrument?

A) Ukulele B) Violin C) Saxophone ☒ D) Flute

✓ Kadri Gopalnath (69), the well known Saxophone master & Padma Shri awardee, has passed away in Mangaluru on 11th October 2019.

✓ He was considered as a pioneer in playing Carnatic ragas on his Saxophone. His production East – West is a fusion of western and Indian music.

6. The first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF) has started in which city?

A) Chennai B) New Delhi ☒ C) Bengaluru D) Pune

✓ The first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF) has started at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on 11th October 2019.

✓ The 3-day fair is a major platform to promote export of Indian cooperative produce which will lead to enhanced

rural and farm prosperity. The event is also packed with exhibitions, B2B / C2C meetings, conferences, cultural programmes etc. The organizations from 36 countries are participating in the Fair.

7. Which space agency has launched Icon satellite to explore where air meets space?

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

- ✓ NASA has recently launched its new Ionospheric Connection Explorer (Icon) satellite from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida to explore the mysterious, dynamic region where air meets space.
- ✓ The refrigerator size Icon satellite will study the airglow formed from gases in the ionosphere and also measure the charged environment right around the 360 mile high (580 km high) spacecraft. Apart from this, a NASA satellite 'Gold' (launched in 2018) is also studying the upper atmosphere, but from much higher up.

8. Which satellite based advisory service has been launched for deep sea fishermen?

A) Aries B) Gemini ☒ C) Virgo D) Aquarius

- ✓ The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) and Airport Authority of India (AAI) has launched a new satellite based GEMINI system that will alert deep sea fishermen of upcoming disasters.
- ✓ The acronym 'GEMINI' stands for "GAGAN Enabled Mariner's Instrument for Navigation and Information" & is works on GAGAN (GPS – Aided Geo Augmented Navigation) satellite system of ISRO & AAI.
- ✓ Through GEMINI, all key alerts and messages would be sent through GAGAN and the designated device would receive and transfer it to a mobile phone through Bluetooth communication.
- ✓ The related mobile application would then decode and display the information to the user. It can be decoded into 9 languages. The technology for the device has been transferred to a Bengaluru-based company 'Acord'.

9. The union ministry has launched which Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme?

A) Gemini B) Libra C) Pisces D) Dhruv ☒

- ✓ On 9th October 2019, the Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme "DHRUV" has been launched by Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' from Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Headquarters at Bengaluru and will conclude on 24th of this month at IIT Delhi.
- ✓ 60 brightest and talented students from Science, Mathematics and Performing Arts have been chosen for the programme. The programme is named after the Pole Star and every student to be called 'DHRUV TARA'.
- ✓ It aims to sharpen innovative imagination, skills and knowledge of the students who are expected to contribute to bringing solutions to socio economic, political and environmental issues in the country.

10. Which union ministry has launched a month long exploratory open water rafting expedition "Ganga Aamantran Abhiyan"?

A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
B) Ministry of Jal Shakti ☒
C) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- ✓ The Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has recently launched a unique initiative called 'Ganga Aamantran' to connect with the stakeholders of the river.
- ✓ It is one-month-long pioneering exploratory open water rafting and kayaking expedition on the Ganga River. The expedition has started at Devaprayag and will culminate at Ganga Sagar covering the entire stretch of over 25,000 kilometres of the River.
- ✓ This is the first ever effort by National Mission for Clean Ganga to raft across the entire stretch of the river and also the longest ever social campaign undertaken through an adventure sporting activity to spread the message of River Rejuvenation and Water Conservation on a massive scale.

1. Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has won the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize for his role in ending the 20 year war between Ethiopia and which country?
- A) Tanzania B) Kenya
C) Eritrea ☒ D) Sudan
- ✓ Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has won the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his efforts to end his country's long running border conflict with neighboring Eritrea. His peace deal with Eritrea ended a 20 year military stalemate following their 1998 – 2000 border war.
- ✓ Abiy was named as the winner of the 100th Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, where he will receive the award in December 2019.
2. Pangio bhujia, which is in news recently, is associated to which kind of animal?
- A) Fish ☒ B) Tortoise
C) Tiger D) Lion
- ✓ A research team led by Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) has discovered a unique species of miniature well-dwelling subterranean fish 'Pangio bhujia' from Kozhikode.
- ✓ It is the first species of eel-loach in the world that has been discovered to be living in subterranean environments. Eel-loaches are generally found in fast flowing streams in the South and the South East Asia.
- ✓ The Pangio bhujia is approximately 3 centimetres long & pinkish red in colour, and resides in the purest waters of deep subterranean aquifers.
3. Which union ministry has organized the 2019 SARAS Aajeevika Mela?
- A) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
B) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
C) Ministry of Rural Development ☒
D) Ministry of Textiles
- ✓ On 12th October 2019, the SARAS Aajeevika Mela has been organised by the Ministry of Rural Development at India Gate Lawns in New Delhi and will carry on till October 23.
- ✓ It was formally inaugurated by Rural Development Minister Narendra Singh Tomar. The aim of this SARAS Mela to bring the rural women Self Help Groups (SHGs) formed with support of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY – NRLM), under one platform to showcase their skills, sell their products and help them build linkages with bulk buyers.
4. "Ex Dharma Guardian" is the joint military exercise between India & which country?
- A) Sri Lanka B) Japan ☒
C) Nepal D) Myanmar
- ✓ India and Japan will hold the 2nd edition of joint military exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN – 2019' in Mizoram from 19th of October to 2nd of November 2019.
- ✓ The focus of the 2 week long exercise will be to increase the interoperability between the two forces and enhance coordination in dealing with various security challenges including counter terrorism.
5. Who is the author of the book "How to Avoid a Climate Disaster"?
- A) Satya Nadella B) Sundar Pichai
C) Bill Gates ☒ D) Mark Zuckerberg
- ✓ The book titled "How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need" has been authored by founder of Microsoft Corporation and American philanthropist Bill Gates.
- ✓ In the book, Gates will explain why he cares so deeply about climate change and what makes him optimistic that the world can prevent the worst impacts of the climate crisis. The book will hit the stands on June 24, 2020.

6. Who has been awarded the Indira Gandhi award for national integration for 2018?

- A) Vandana Shiva B) Chandi Prasad Bhatt ☒
C) Sunita Narain D) Sugathakumari

✓ Noted environmentalist and social activist, Chandi Prasad Bhatt has been awarded the Indira Gandhi award for national integration for the years 2017 and 2018 in recognition for his services in promoting and preserving national integration in the country.

✓ This award is consists of a citation and Rs 10 lakh in cash to be given to the awardee by Congress president Sonia Gandhi. Bhatt hails from Uttarakhand and was a pioneer of the Chipko movement.

7. Who has been bestowed with the lifetime achievement award at the 2019 Indian Sports Honours?

- A) Kapil Dev B) Milkha Singh ☒
C) Pullela Gopichand D) Karnam Malleswari

✓ Milkha Singh (92) has been bestowed with the lifetime achievement award at the 2nd edition of the Indian Sports Honours (ISH) in Mumbai. He is best known as the 'Flying Sikh' and most remembered for finishing fourth in the 400m final in the 1960 Rome Olympic Games.

✓ While star batsmwoman Smriti Mandhana got the sportswoman of the year award for the team category. Beside this, the Indian Cricket's men team bagged the honour of the 'Team of the Year'. The ISH is an initiative by Sanjiv Goenka, Chairman of RP-SG Group and Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli.

8. Which Indian personality has been conferred the highest Civilian Honour of Comoros?

- A) Rajnath Singh B) Narendra Modi
C) Ram Nath Kovind D) M Venkaiah ☒

✓ Vice President M Venkaiah has been conferred the highest Civilian Honour of East African island nation Comoros — The Order of the Green Crescent – at its capital Moroni. The honour was conferred by the President of the Union of Comoros Azali Assoumani.

✓ India and Comoros signed 6 agreements on defence, health and culture. Both the countries also decided to exempt each other from Visa for diplomatic and official passport holders for short visits. India has also extended over 60 million dollar line of credit to Comoros in the field of energy and maritime defence cooperation.

9. Brides of which state are eligible to receive Rs. 51,000 under the "Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah / Nikah Yojna" on proving groom's house has toilet before marriage?

- A) Madhya Pradesh ☒ B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Bihar D) Rajasthan

✓ In Madhya Pradesh, brides from economically backward sections under the "Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah / Nikah Yojna" are being eligible to receive Rs 51,000 provided they prove that the groom's house has a toilet before the wedding.

✓ And for that, it has been made mandatory for the groom to click a selfie while standing in the toilet in his residence. The aim of the initiative is to ensure that toilets are constructed in every household in the state.

10. Which state government has decided to set up Kanyashree University to empower girls?

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

✓ The West Bengal government has decided to set up a Kanyashree University at Krishnagar in Nadia district and Kanyashree colleges across the state. The university would be only for women.

✓ Earlier, in 2013, CM Mamata Banerjee started the Kanyashree scheme to improve the life and the status of the girls by helping economically backward families with cash so that families do not arrange the marriage of their girl child before eighteen years because of economic problem.

✓ The scheme has been given international recognition by the United Kingdoms Department of International Development and the UNICEF.

1. The 10th National Cultural Festival is being held in which state?
- A) Rajasthan B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Madhya Pradesh ☒ D) Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ In Madhya Pradesh, the 10th edition of the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav-National Cultural Festival is being organized by the Union Ministry of Culture from 14th to 21st of October under the 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' campaign in Jabalpur, Sagar and Rewa.
- ✓ The fest will display diverse forms of folk, art and culture of 22 states. It will showcase the cultural heritage of India through performances of art, folk music, dance, handicrafts and cuisines of Leh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and West Bengal.
2. Which international organization has recently released its report 'South Asia Economic Focus, Making (De) Centralization Work'?
- A) IMF B) World Bank ☒
C) ADB D) United Nations
- ✓ The World Bank has recently released its report titled 'South Asia Economic Focus, Making (De) Centralization Work'. As per report, Bangladesh has become the 2nd fastest growing economy in south Asia after Bhutan.
- ✓ The report point out that Bangladesh's economy is likely to maintain growth above 7% i.e. supported by a robust macroeconomic framework, political stability, and strong public investments.
- ✓ However, the report stated that the financial sector vulnerability, fiscal pressures and loss of external competitiveness pose challenges to its growth rate.
3. Simone Biles is associated to which sports?
- A) Wrestling B) Boxing
C) Weightlifting D) Gymnastics ☒
- ✓ American artistic gymnast Simone Biles broke the all time record for most medals by any gymnast at the world championships by winning the balance beam competition at the 2019 World Gymnastics Championship in Stuttgart, Germany.
- ✓ She surpassed Belarusian Vitaly Scherbo's record 23 world medals by winning her 24th & 25th world medals.
4. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of International Girl Child Day?
- A) With Her: A Skilled Girl Force
B) Girl Force: Unscripted and Unstoppable ☒
C) Empower Girls: Before, during and after crises
D) Girls' Progress = Goals' Progress
- ✓ The International Day of the Girl Child is celebrated every year on October 11 to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls' face, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights. The 2018 theme is "Girl Force: Unscripted and Unstoppable".
5. Ex Vajra Prahar 2019 is the joint military exercise between India & which country?
- A) United States ☒ B) Japan
C) Germany D) Sri Lanka
- ✓ The 10th edition of the joint military exercise "Vajra Prahar" between India and the United States has started at the Joint Base Lewis – McChord in Seattle on October 13 & will last till October 28. It is a Special Forces joint training exercise conducted alternately in India and the US.
6. Who led Indian delegation at the 2019 BRICS Culture Ministers' meeting in Brazil?
- A) Smriti Irani B) Nirmala Sitharaman
C) Amit Shah D) Prahlad Singh Patel ☒
- ✓ Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism Prahlad Singh Patel participated in 2019 BRICS Culture Ministers' meeting held in Curitiba, Brazil.
- ✓ He reaffirmed India's commitment to contribute towards strengthening bonds between member

countries and also proposed to add literature as another field of cooperation between the countries to enhance cooperation in the field of literary works.

7. Who has been conferred the National Kishore Kumar Samman for 2018–19?

- A) Waheeda Rehman B) Amitabh Bachchan
C) Priyadarshan ☒ D) Shahrukh Khan

- ✓ On 13th October 2019, the noted director and producer Priyadarshan has been conferred the National Kishore Kumar Samman for 2018–19. According to the official, the Kishore Kumar Samman jury selected noted actor Waheeda Rehman for the award for 2017–18.

- ✓ The award was instituted by the Madhya Pradesh Department of Culture. It carries a cash prize of Rs.2 lakh and a citation. Kishore Kumar, who passed away on 13th October 1987, is considered as one of the most popular and successful singers of Hindi film industry.

8. 'The Don' award is the sports highest individual honour of which country?

- A) England B) New Zealand
C) Australia ☒ D) South Africa

- ✓ Ashleigh Barty has won 'The Don' award at the annual Sport Australia Hall of Fame and was recognized as currently the top Australian athlete. She won the 2019 French Open tennis tournament and is currently the top ranked WTA player in the world.

- ✓ Barty became only the 2nd tennis player to win the prestigious award after Pat Rafter in 2001. 'The Don' award is Australian sport's highest individual honour.

9. On which date, the 2019 edition of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is observed?

- A) October 14 B) October 13 ☒
C) October 12 D) October 11

- ✓ The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is observed every year on 13th of October to promote a global culture of risk awareness and disaster reduction.

- ✓ The 2019 theme "Reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services" is based on Target of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

10. 'Binisutoy', which has been selected for International Film Festival of Kerala, is associated to which language?

- A) Bengali ☒ B) Marathi
C) Khasi D) Hindi

- ✓ National award winning director Atanu Ghosh's upcoming Bengali film 'Binisutoy' has been selected for International Film Festival of Kerala.

- ✓ Besides 'Binisutoy', the six other films selected in the 'Indian Cinema Now' section of the festival are Anandi Gopal (Marathi), Axone (Hindi / English), Mai Ghat: Crime No: 103/2005 (Marathi), Hellaro (Gujarati), Market / Lewduh (Khasi), and The Funeral/Ram Prasad Ki Tehrvi (Hindi).

- ✓ Every year, Indian Cinema Now of prestigious International Film Festival of Kerala features only 7 noteworthy Indian films.

1. Who has become the 1st black woman to win the 2019 Man Booker Prize for Fiction?
- A) Eleanor Catton B) Margaret Atwood
- C) Anne Enright D) Bernardine Evaristo ☒
- ✓ In London, Margaret Atwood and Bernardine Evaristo have jointly won the prestigious 2019 Man Booker Prize for Fiction for their novels – ‘The Testament’ and ‘Girl, Woman, Other’, respectively.
- ✓ The pair will split the literary award’s £50,000 prize money equally. The Booker rules say the prize must not be divided, but the judges insisted they “couldn’t separate” the two works. Atwood (79) is the oldest ever Booker winner, while Evaristo is the first black woman to win since its creation in 1969.
2. Which airline has become the world’s first airline to use Taxibot on A – 320 aircraft?
- A) Alaska Airlines B) Air India ☒
- C) Nikko D) Hawaiian Airlines
- ✓ Air India has become the first airline in the world to use a Taxibot on an A-320 aircraft with passengers on board. ‘Taxibot’ is a robot used aircraft tractor for taxiing an aircraft from parking bay to runway and vice – versa.
- ✓ Air India CMD Ashwani Lohani flagged off flight AI665 and it was carried to runway using Taxibot at Terminal 3 of the Delhi Airport – to Mumbai. It is a pilot controlled semi robotic towbar less aircraft tractor used as alternate taxiing equipment.
3. Which Indian shuttler clinched the men’s singles title at the 2019 Bahrain International Series Badminton?
- A) Lakshya Sen B) Priyanshu Rajawat ☒
- C) Venkat Gaurav Prasad D) Kidambi Srikanth
- ✓ Indian shuttler Priyanshu Rajawat has won the men’s singles title at the 2019 Bahrain International Series Badminton at Isa Town. He beat top seed Jason Anthony Ho-Shue from Canada in the finals 16–21, 21–7, 21–12 in the summit clash.
- ✓ Top seeded Indian mixed double pair of Juhi Dewangan and Venkat Gaurav Prasad also finished at the top. In women’s singles, Ira Sharma finished second best.
4. On which date, the 2019 edition of International Day of Rural Women is observed?
- A) October 14 B) October 19
- C) October 17 D) October 15 ☒
- ✓ The International Day of Rural Women is celebrated every year on 15th of October to recognize the critical role and contribution of rural women (including indigenous women) in increasing agricultural and rural development, improving food security and eradicating rural poverty”. The 2019 theme is “Rural women and girls building climate resilience”.
5. Alexei Leonov, who passed away recently, was the legendary cosmonaut of which country?
- A) United States B) Japan
- C) Russia ☒ D) Sri Lanka
- ✓ Alexei Leonov (85), the legendary Soviet Russian cosmonaut, has passed away in Moscow on October 11, 2019. On 18th March 1965, he created history by becoming the 1st human to conduct a spacewalk for 12 minutes and 9 seconds during the Voskhod 2 mission.
6. Who is the newly appointed President of the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA)?
- A) Rajesh Jain B) Venu Srinivasan
- C) K Satish Reddy ☒ D) V A Rajkishore
- ✓ K Satish Reddy, Chairman of Dr Reddy’s, has been appointed as President of the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA) for 2019–2021. The IPA represents research based National Pharmaceutical Companies.
7. Which Indian economist has won the 2019 Nobel Economics Prize for study on poverty?
- A) Abhijit Banerjee ☒ B) Arvind Subramanian
- C) Pranab Bardhan D) Srijit Mukherji

- ✓ Indian – American Abhijit Banerjee, his wife Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer have jointly won the 2019 Nobel Economics Prize for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty.
- ✓ Mr Banerjee was educated at the University of Calcutta, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Harvard University, where he received his Ph.D in 1988. He is currently the Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).
- ✓ Ms.Duflo is the 2nd woman to be awarded a Nobel in economics after Elinor Ostrom (2009) and is also the youngest person-ever to receive the Economics Prize. The prize amount of 9 million Swedish krona will be shared equally between the three Laureates.

8. Who has been appointed as the new Union Law Secretary?

- A) Suresh Chandra B) Anoop Kumar Mendiratta ☒
C) Alok Shrivastava D) P S Joshi

- ✓ Anoop Kumar Mendiratta has been appointed as the new Law Secretary (Secretary, Legal Affairs) in the Union Law Ministry on contractual basis till March 30, 2023.
- ✓ He is at present the District and Sessions Judge (North East) of the Delhi's Karkardooma Courts. As per officials, it is the first time a sitting judge has been appointed as Law Secretary.

9. Which Indian armed force has recently organized Sangam Youth Festival (SYF)?

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

- ✓ The Sangam Youth Festival (SYF) has been organized by Indian Army at Bhadarwah in Jammu and Kashmir from 11–15th October 2019 in a bid to spread the message of peace, prosperity, communal harmony and national integration. Over 1,500 students from 32 colleges & university participated in the fest.

10. Who has been elected as new President of Tunisia?

- A) Kais Saied ☒ B) Nabil Karoui
C) Youssef Chahed D) Mohamed Ennaceur

- ✓ Retired academic Kais Saied has been elected as new President of Tunisia after a landslide victory in the 2019 Tunisian presidential election.

1. Who has been appointed as Secretary of Department of School Education and Literacy?

- A) K M Chandrasekhar B) Amit Khare ☒
C) Rajiv Gauba D) N R Pillai

- ✓ I&B Secretary Amit Khare, an IAS officer of 1985 batch from Jharkhand cadre, has been given the additional charge of Secretary of Department of School Education and Literacy in Ministry of Human Resources Development.
- ✓ The Department of Higher Education is in charge of secondary and post-secondary education. It is empowered to grant deemed university status to educational institutions on the advice of the University Grants Commission under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act of 1956.

2. What is the India's rank at the 2019 Global Hunger Index?

- A) 85th B) 102nd ☒
C) 105th D) 111th

- ✓ India has been ranked 102nd out of 117 nations at the 2019 Global Hunger Index (GHI) that tracks hunger and malnutrition. The GHI is a peer reviewed annual report, which is jointly published by Ireland's Concern Worldwide and Germany's Welthungerhilfe.
- ✓ It scores countries on a 100 point "severity scale", where zero is the best score (no hunger) and 100 is the worst. With a score of 30.3, India suffers from a level of hunger that is serious threat.

3. What is the theme of 2019 edition of World Food Day?

- A) #FamilyFarming B) #ZeroHunger World ☒
C) #FeedingWorld D) #FoodPrices

- ✓ The World Food Day is observed every year on 16th of October to mark the foundation of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations in 1945. It is also a day of action dedicated to tackling global hunger.
- ✓ The 2019 theme is "Our Actions Are Our Future, Healthy Diets for A #ZeroHunger World".

4. Which bank has launched new fixed deposit scheme 'FD Health'?

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

- ✓ The ICICI Bank has launched a new Fixed Deposit (FD) scheme – FD Health that provides the customer a complimentary critical illness cover of Rs 1 lakh from ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company on opening an FD of Rs.2 – 3 lakh for tenure of at least two years.
- ✓ For investors in FD Health, ICICI Bank will offer the insurance cover free of cost for the 1st year and there after, they can renew it.

5. Indo – Japan air drill exercise "Shinyuu Maitri" has started in which state?

- A) Rajasthan B) Jammu & Kashmir
C) Karnataka D) West Bengal ☒

- ✓ In West Bengal, the joint military exercise 'Shinyuu Maitri' between Indian Air Force and Japanese Air Self Defence Force has started at Air Force Station – Arjan Singh in Panagarh town from October 17 – 23.
- ✓ The focus of the exercise will be to undertake Joint Mobility and Tactical interoperability among the two forces.

6. Which organisation has introduced scheme of Food Safety Mitra?

- A) FSSAI ☒ B) Red Cross Society
C) Medical Council of India D) NCHRH

- ✓ On the occasion of 2019 World Food Day, the Union Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan launched Food Safety Mitra (FSM) scheme.
- ✓ A FSM is an individual professional certified by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) who assists in compliances related to FSS Act, Rules & Regulations with three avatars – Digital Mitra, Trainer Mitra and Hygiene Mitra depending upon their respective roles and responsibilities.

- ✓ The Eat Right Smart Jacket has been introduced to giving an identity to FSSAI staff to ensure transparent inspection. It's embedded with an RFID tag and QR code. It is linked to software to capture entry of inspection staff into premise for monitoring.

7. Which IIT has inked pact with ExxonMobil to boost biofuel research?

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

- ✓ The IIT Madras has collaborated with ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company (EMRE) for research on energy and biofuels.

- ✓ The five year joint-research agreement focuses on biofuels, data analytics, gas conversion & transport & is intended towards finding low-emission solutions.

8. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of Global Handwashing Day?

- A) Clean Hands for All ☒
B) Make handwashing a habit
C) Our hands, our future
D) Clean hands – a recipe for health

- ✓ The Global Handwashing Day is observed every year on 15th of October to motivate and mobilize people around the world to improve their handwashing habits. It is a global campaign to raise awareness of handwashing with soap as a key factor in disease prevention. The 2019 theme is 'Clean hands for all'.

9. Which state government has decided to organize India's first training and performance programme of world famous KHON Ramlila?

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

- ✓ The Culture Department of Uttar Pradesh government has decided to organise India's first training and performance programme of world famous KHON Ramlila.

- ✓ The artists will get training from experts of Thailand as part of cultural exchange programme between two nations. Then, they will perform at Grand Deepotsav function which will be organised on 26th of October 2019 in Ayodhya.

- ✓ The KHON Ramlila of Thailand is included in the list of UNESCO's Intangible cultural heritage and it's a form of masked dance depicting the scenes of Ramlila. It has no dialogues and background voices narrate the whole story of Ramayana.

- ✓ KHON Ramlila's performance is also a visual delight famous for its beautiful attire and golden masks.

10. Yashasvi Jaiswal, who became the youngest cricketer to score 200 in ODI, is from which city?

- A) Mumbai ☒ B) Ranchi
C) Kanpur D) Nagpur

- ✓ On 16th of October, the 17 year old Mumbai teenager Yashasvi Jaiswal created history as he became the youngest cricketer in the world to score a double century in 50 overs cricket including List A and ODIs.

- ✓ He scored 203 in 154 balls against Jharkhand in the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy at Alur, Karnataka. His, scintillating innings helped Mumbai set a mammoth target of 359 for Jharkhand in the Elite Group 'A' match.

1. Which state has highest number of livestock, as per latest 20th Livestock Census – 2019?

- A) Jharkhand B) Rajasthan
C) Uttar Pradesh ☒ D) Madhya Pradesh

- ✓ The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has recently released the 20th Livestock Census–2019. As per latest census, India's livestock population has increased to over 535 million showing an increase of 4.6% over Livestock Census – 2012.
- ✓ Among the States, Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of livestock of 67.8 million, followed by Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal. The livestock census is conducted across the country periodically since 1919.
- ✓ The census usually covers all domesticated animals and headcounts of these animals are taken. The 20th Live stock Census was carried out in about 6.6 lakh villages and 89 thousand urban wards across the country.

2. Which state is celebrating the Shirui Lily Festival?

- A) Jharkhand B) Rajasthan
C) Manipur ☒ D) Madhya Pradesh

- ✓ The northeastern state of Manipur is hosting the 3rd state level Shirui Lily Festival, 2019 from 16 – 19 October. The festival was inaugurated by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism and Culture Prahlad Singh Patel at Shirui Vangayan Ground of Ukhrul in Manipur.
- ✓ The festival is sponsored by the Department of Tourism, Government of Manipur to spread awareness about conservation of the endangered Shirui Lily and promote the district of Ukhrul as a tourist destination in Manipur. The festival is also being supported by NEC and aims to promote afforestation and sustainable tourism efforts in the state.

3. Ex-Eastern Bridge-V has started between India & which country?

- A) Jordan B) Oman ☒ C) UAE D) Kuwait

- ✓ The Indian Air Force has started its bilateral joint exercise "Ex-Eastern Bridge-V" with Royal Air Force Oman (RAFO) at Air Force Base Masirah in Oman on October 17 & will continue till Oct 26.
- ✓ For the 1st time, MiG-29 fighter aircraft is participating in an International Exercise outside India.

4. The 129th death anniversary of the mystic bard Fakir Lalon Shah is observed in which country?

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

- ✓ The 129th death anniversary of the mystic bard Fakir Lalon Shah is observed in Bangladesh on Oct.17, 2019.
- ✓ The devotees of Lalon from across the country and the world have congregated at the shrine to participate in the 3 day long programme which is being organised by the Lalon academy and the culture ministry of Bangladesh. Lalon is believed to be born in 1774 though no written records exist. He died in 1890.
- ✓ His songs talk about humanism, love and equality going beyond the limitations imposed by religion, caste and creed. His contemporary Gurudev Rabindra Nath Tagore got some of his songs transcribed and published.

5. On which date, the 2019 edition of International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed?

- A) October 15 B) October 16
C) October 17 ☒ D) October 18

- ✓ The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is celebrated every year on October 17 for eradication of poverty. The day also reflects the willingness of people living in poverty to use their expertise to contribute to the eradication of poverty.
- ✓ The 2019 theme is "Acting Together to Empower Children, their Families and Communities to End Poverty".

6. What is the India's rank at the 2019 Hurun Global Unicorn List?

- A) 3rd ☒ B) 4th C) 5th D) 7th

- ✓ The Hurun Research Institute has released its first-ever Hurun Global Unicorn List 2019. It is a ranking of the world's billion dollar tech 'start-ups' founded in the 2000s and not yet listed on a public exchange.
- ✓ This is the 1st year of the list and follows from the 6th quarterly Hurun China Unicorn Index. China has topped the list with 206 unicorns, followed by US with 203.
- ✓ While India has been ranked 3rd in the list with 21 unicorns, led by payments solutions platform One97 Communications (\$10 billion) and followed by cab aggregator Ola Cabs (\$6 billion); online educator Byju's (\$6 billion) & travel stay finder OYO Rooms (\$5 billion).

7. Nashri tunnel, which is in news recently, is situated in which state?

- A) Jharkhand B) Rajasthan
C) Jammu & Kashmir ☒ D) Madhya Pradesh

- ✓ India's longest Chenani – Nashri road tunnel that links Kashmir with Jammu will be rechristened after Bhartiya Jansangh founder Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. This is 9.2 km long tunnel on NH 44 that reduces the distance between Jammu and Srinagar by 31 km.

8. The 2019 Indo – French Knowledge Summit was held in which city?

- A) Lyon ☒ B) Delhi
C) Paris D) Pune

- ✓ The 2nd edition of Indo – French Knowledge Summit was held at University of Lyon in France on October 17&18. It is dedicated to higher education, research and innovation.
- ✓ The summit was organised by the Embassy of France in India in association with the Ministry of Science and Technology and the HRD Ministry.

9. The World Students' Day is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of which noted personality?

- A) Bala Gangadhar Tilak B) Mother Teresa
C) APJ Abdul Kalam ☒ D) Lala Lajpat Rai

- ✓ The World Students' Day is celebrated every year on October 15 to observe the birthday of India's former President and great scientist Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.
- ✓ He was the 11th President of India, who served from 2002 to 2007, and was widely referred to as the people's President besides being credited for India's civilian space programme and military missile systems.

10. Which Arab country has announced establishment of 1st graduate level, research based AI University in world?

- A) Oman B) Jordan
C) Israel D) UAE ☒

- ✓ UAE announced the establishment of the first graduate level, research based AI University – Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI) in the world.
- ✓ The MBZUAI will enable graduate students, businesses and governments to advance the artificial intelligence field. The University is named after Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces.

1. Which state has topped the NITI Aayog's first-ever India Innovation Index (III)?
- A) Jharkhand B) Rajasthan
C) Karnataka ☒ D) Madhya Pradesh
- ✓ The first-ever India Innovation Index (III) has been launched by NITI Aayog in New Delhi in order to promote competitiveness among the states.
- ✓ Karnataka has topped the index, followed by Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Telangana, Haryana, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. Jharkhand finished last in the list of 17 major states. Among the North-Eastern states, Sikkim and among Union Territories Delhi has occupied the top spot.
2. Which state has become the first Indian state to provide maternity benefits in the private educational sector?
- A) Jharkhand B) Rajasthan
C) Kerala ☒ D) Madhya Pradesh
- ✓ In a path-breaking development, the Central Government has recently approved the Kerala Government's decision to bring teachers and other staff of private educational institutions under the Maternity Benefit Act.
- ✓ When the amendment to the Act comes into force, Kerala would become the first state in India to provide maternity benefits in the private educational sector.
- ✓ The employees covered under the law can avail 26 weeks' maternity leave with salary. Moreover, an employer has to provide an amount of Rs 1,000 rupees as a medical allowance.
3. Which bank has recently launched contactless mobile phone payments facility?
- A) ICICI B) SBI ☒ C) HDFC D) BoB
- ✓ The SBI Card has launched the 'SBI Card Pay' that allows contactless payment using mobile phones at PoS terminals. Using SBI Card Pay, customers can make contactless payments at Near Field Communication (NFC) enabled point of sale terminals with just one tap of their mobiles, without using the physical credit card or entering any PIN.
- ✓ The SBI Card Pay is a payment feature based on Host Card Emulation (HCE) technology for faster, convenient and more secure card payments using mobile phones.
4. Tulagi Island, sometimes seen in news, is the territory of which country?
- A) Solomon ☒ B) Kiribati
C) India D) Sri Lanka
- ✓ A Chinese company "Sam Enterprise Group" has signed a secretive deal with the government of the Solomon Islands to lease an entire Tulagi island for up to 75 years but the status of the lease remains unclear since it is a non-binding agreement.
- ✓ The deal was signed just a few days after the Solomon Islands abandoned Taiwan and began diplomatically recognizing Chinese aid and investment to flow.
- ✓ The purpose of the deal is to establish a Pacific military base on a strategic gateway to Australia. The island of Tulagi served as a South Pacific headquarters for Britain and then Japan. It is the site of a former Japanese naval base and was the scene of fierce fighting in World War II.
5. Debayan Saha, who has invented PM 2.5 device to curb air pollution, is graduate from which IIT?
- A) IIT Kharagpur ☒ B) IIT Bombay
C) IIT Delhi D) IIT Indore
- ✓ Debayan Saha, a mechanical engineering graduate from IIT Kharagpur, has invented a device called "PM 2.5" which he claimed when fitted near the silencer pipe in vehicles will curb air pollution.
- ✓ The technology developed by him uses a combination of electric energy and wave energy to influence the pollutants like PM 2.5 such that they act like magnet attracting other particulate pollutants from the ambient atmosphere to get attached to it. As they grow

bigger in size they become heavy and fall off safely on the ground like soil.

6. What is the India's rank in the 2019 World Giving Index (WGI)?

- A) 82nd ☒ B) 94th C) 65th D) 57th

- ✓ India has been ranked 82nd among the 128 countries in the 2019 World Giving Index (WGI), which is surveyed by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF).
- ✓ The average figures for India over the past decade show that 34% people helped a stranger, 24% donated money and 19% volunteered or donated their time. The United States stood at the top followed Myanmar, New Zealand and Australia.

7. Which state government has launched YSR Rythu Bharosa-PM Kisan Yojana?

- A) Jharkhand B) Rajasthan
C) Andhra Pradesh ☒ D) Madhya Pradesh

- ✓ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S Jaganmohan Reddy has launched YSR Rythu Bharosa – PM Kisan Samman Yojana in Nellore district.
- ✓ Under the crop investment support scheme, farmers will get financial assistance of Rs 13,500 per annum in three instalments, with the State Government contributing Rs 7,500 and the Centre Rs 6,000. Rythu Bharosa is one of the 9 major promises (Navaratnalu, or nine gems) made by the ruling YSR Congress Party in its manifesto.

8. Kanwar Sain Jolly, who passed away recently, was associated to which field?

- A) Journalism ☒ B) Politics
C) Arts D) Science

- ✓ Kanwar Sain Jolly (86), the Veteran journalist, has passed away in Gurugram. He served at various positions for 40 years at Press Trust of India (PTI), India's premier news agency. He was retired as Deputy General Manager of PTI news agency in 1993.

9. Who is the author of the book "Dark Fear, Eerie Cities: New Hindi Cinema in Neo-liberal India"?

- A) Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni B) Chetan Bhagat
C) Sarunas Paunksnis ☒ D) Ashwin Sanghi

- ✓ The book "Dark Fear, Eerie Cities: New Hindi Cinema in Neo-liberal India" has been authored by Sarunas Paunksnis.
- ✓ The book analyses the wide array of films made in the early 21st century to offer a philosophical and psychoanalytical critique of the transforming cinematic imaginary – from the pre-1990s feudal family ideal to the contemporary construction of the new middle class's subjectivities in the post-colonial context.

10. Which Indian armed force has launched OASIS (Officers Automated & Structured Information System) software?

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

- ✓ The Indian Army has launched its new software OASIS (Officers Automated & Structured Information System) that has started digitizing the records of the Army officers.
- ✓ The new software is hosted on Army's intranet and can be accessed by the Army officers to check their details. The OASIS will facilitate officers to view service records & raise observations. It also view & download monthly Statements of Accounts, Form-16 & DSOP Fund statements.

1. Who has been appointed as Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG)?

- A) Anup Singh ☒ B) K L Dhillon
C) Venkatesh Prasad D) Pranjal Kumar

- ✓ Anup Singh, who is a 1985 batch IPS officer of Gujarat cadre, has been appointed as Director General of the National Security Guard (NSG). His appointment will be from the date of joining the post and up to 30th of September, 2020.
- ✓ The NSG was raised in 15th October 1984 for combating terrorist activities with a view to protect states against internal disturbances.

2. India will host the 91st Interpol General Assembly in which year?

- A) 2020 B) 2021 C) 2022 ☒ D) 2023

- ✓ India will host the 91st Interpol General Assembly in the year 2022 after a proposal received the overwhelming support of member countries at the 2019 congregation at Santiago in Chile.
- ✓ The 91st Interpol General Assembly (IGA-2022) will be held as part of celebrations of the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence. Based in Lyon, France, Interpol (International Criminal Police Organisation) has 194 member states and 100 years of experience of international cooperation in policing. The organisation has 90-million records spread across 17 databases.

3. Kalidas Karmakar, who passed away recently, was the renowned painter of which country?

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

- ✓ Kalidas Karmakar (73), an internationally acclaimed painter of Bangladesh, has passed away in Dhaka on 18th October 2019. Kalidas was prolific in using new mediums and style for his art work while maintaining his signature style.
- ✓ He called his work alluvial art meaning the art of the delta land which gave expression to the precarious

nature of the alluvial land and its people, their struggles and hopes.

4. Biliyatra is one of the biggest trade fairs of which state?

- A) Jharkhand B) Rajasthan
C) Odisha ☒ D) Madhya Pradesh

- ✓ The Biliyatra is one of the biggest trade fairs of Odisha i.e. scheduled to begin on November 12. The 8-day trade fair will be jointly organized by the Cuttack District Administration, District Cultural Council, and the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC).

5. Who led the Indian delegation at G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in Washington?

- A) Narendra Modi B) Rajnath Singh
C) Piyush Goyal D) Nirmala Sitharaman ☒

- ✓ In Washington DC, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman led the Indian delegation at G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors as well as the BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meetings on the side-lines of the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings.
- ✓ The focus of discussions in the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting was on the current challenges to the global economy and possible responses to mitigate them.

6. The Nuclear Energy Conclave 2019 was held in which city?

- A) Kochi B) Laddakh
C) Bangaluru D) New Delhi ☒

- ✓ Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has inaugurated the 11th Edition of Nuclear Energy Conclave 2019 in New Delhi. The theme of the Conclave: "Economics of Nuclear Power- Innovation towards Safer & Cost-Effective Technologies". It was organized by India Energy Forum (IEF).

7. Which sportsperson has written a book "Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life"?

- A) Abhinav Bindra B) Anju Bobby George
C) Viswanathan Anand ☒ D) Jeev Milkha Singh

✓ The book titled "Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life" has been authored by Indian Chess legend Viswanathan Anand.

✓ Through the book, Anand revisits his greatest games and worst losses, his unique experiences of playing against the best minds, and the methods he employs to prepare for wins, cope with disappointments and, simply, stay in the game.

8. Who has been appointed the new chief of the European Central Bank (ECB)?

- A) Takehiko Nakao B) Antonio Guterres
C) Kristalina Georgieva D) Christine Lagarde ☒

✓ Former IMF chief Christine Lagarde has been appointed the new chief of the European Central Bank (ECB). She will succeed Mario Draghi (Italy) from November 1.

✓ Her confirmation for a non-renewable term of 8 years comes after EU leaders nominated her for the position on July 2.

9. DANX -19 has been conducted under the aegis of which command of the Indian Armed Forces?

- A) Andaman & Nicobar Command ☒
B) South-Western Command
C) Army Training Command
D) Southern Command

✓ The 2nd edition of Defence of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Exercise (DANX-19) has been conducted under the aegis of Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC) from 14th to 18th Oct 2019.

✓ The 5-day exercise is a large scale joint services exercise of the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

The purpose of the exercise was to practice the defence of the island chain and recapturing islands.

10. The 2019 Military World Games has started in which city of China?

- A) Hangzhou B) Beijing
C) Wuhan ☒ D) Shanghai

✓ The 7th edition of Military World Games (MWG-2019) is being held from October 18-27 in Wuhan, China with theme 'Military Glory and Peace'. It is for the first time that China is hosting the MWG, which is also known as Military Olympics.

✓ In it, more than 10,000 military officials from over 140 counties, including India are expected to participate with a record-high 329 events across 27 sports. The first MWG was inaugurated in Rome in 1955, and since then, it is held in every 4 years by the International Military Sports Council (or CISM).

1. Chewang Rinchen Setu, which is in news recently, is located in which city / region?

A) Shillong

B) Gangtok

C) Ladakh ☒

D) Darjeeling

- ✓ Rajnath Singh has recently inaugurated Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu which has been constructed at an altitude of 14,650 feet in the forward area of Ladakh region.
- ✓ This bridge has been built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). This Bridge is built on the strategically important road Durbuk Shyok Daulat Beg Oldie in sub sector north in eastern Ladakh.
- ✓ According to BRO, micro pile technology was used during the foundation of the bridge to overcome the technological challenges in the remote areas of Ladakh.
- ✓ It is named in honor of Colonel Chewang Rinchan who was one of the highly decorated officer in the Indian Army from Ladakh and he was awarded the Maha Vir Chakara twice.

2. Who has been sworn-in as the new President of Indonesia?

A) Susilo Yudhoyono

B) Jusuf Kalla

C) Maruf Amin

D) Joko Widodo ☒

- ✓ In Jakarta, Indonesian President Joko Widodo has been sworn-in for a second and final 5-year term with a pledge to take bolder actions in the course of a string of fresh challenges around security, corruption and economic slowdown. Widodo clinched victory with 55.5% of the vote in the April presidential election.

3. Which state has decided to adopt NCERT course in Class 9th & 10th standard in all govt schools?

A) Jharkhand

B) Rajasthan

C) Odisha

D) Madhya Pradesh ☒

- ✓ The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to implement NCERT course in Class ninth and tenth standard in all government schools of the state from the next academic session.

- ✓ The School Education Minister Dr Prabhuram Chaudhary has said that Parents-Teachers Association meetings will be held once in every 3 months in order to improve the standard of education in government schools.

- ✓ In it, parents and teachers will have an open discussion on students' education and their problems. He also pointed that Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country, where the tradition of transfer of teachers as per their convenience has been started online.

4. KB Siddaiah, who passed away recently, was the veteran personality in which field?

A) Poetry ☒

B) Journalism

C) Politics

D) Arts

- ✓ Sociopolitical philosopher-writer KB Siddaiah (65) has passed away in Bengaluru. He was one of the founder members of Dalitha Sangharsha Samithi (DSS) during the 80's and co-authored many songs to inspire the movement. He was a disciple of Jnapith awardee Dr U R Anantamurthy and critic Ki Ram Nagaraj.

5. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA)?

A) Rakesh Sharma

B) Rajnish Kumar ☒

C) S S Mallikarjuna Rao

D) Madhav Kalyan

- ✓ SBI chairman Rajnish Kumar has been appointed as the new chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for 2019-20. He succeeded Sunil Mehta, who was the MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB). The IBA represents banks' interests with the government and regulators.

6. Which team clinched the 2019 title of Pro Kabaddi League (PKL)?

A) U Mumba

B) Patna Pirates

C) Bengal Warriors ☒

D) Dabang Delhi

- ✓ Bengal Warriors became the champions of Vivo Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) season 7. In the final, they defeated Dabang Delhi by 39-34 at the EKA Arena by

TransStadia in Ahmedabad. This is Bengal's first PKL title.

7. N Chandrasekaran, who authored the book 'Bridgital Nation', is the chairman of which company?

- A) Infosys B) Tata Sons ☒
- C) Wipro D) Birla

✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently a book titled 'Bridgital Nation' in New Delhi. The book has been authored by Chairman of Tata Sons, N Chandrasekaran and Roopa Purushothaman.

- ✓ The book presents a powerful vision of the future where technology and human beings co-exist in a mutually beneficial ecosystem.

8. Which Indian cyclist won gold in the men's junior Keirin event at the 2019 Asian Track Cycling Championships?

- A) James Singh B) Ronaldo Singh ☒
- C) Rojit Singh D) Esow Alben

✓ Indian cyclist Ronaldo Singh has won gold in the men's junior Keirin event at the 2019 Asian Track Cycling Championships at Incheon in South Korea. Apart from Ronaldo, James Singh clinched a bronze medal in the same event. India also secured 2 bronze medals in men's and women's Jr. Sprint team.

9. The 18th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit 2019 is being held in which city?

- A) Baku ☒ B) New Delhi
C) Kuala Lumpur D) Bangkok

- ✓ The 18th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) 2019 is being held at Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan from 25-26 October 2019.

- ✓ The NAM was established in 1961 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia through an initiative of the Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and the Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito.

- ✓ It was founded during the collapse of the colonial system and the independence struggles of the peoples of Africa, Asia, Latin America and other regions of the world and at the height of the Cold War.

- ✓ The NAM is a forum of 120 developing world states that are not formally aligned with or against any major power bloc.

10. Indo-Maldives joint military exercise EKVURIN – 2019 has concluded in which city?

- A) Kochi
B) Visakhapatnam
C) Pune ☒
D) Bengaluru

- ✓ Indo-Maldives joint military exercise 'Ex Ekuverin – 2019' has recently culminated at Foreign Training Node in Aundh military station, Pune.

- ✓ The 14 day exercise included joint training of the contingents in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations in the semi-urban environment under the UN mandate, developing interoperability and cohesion between both the contingents.

1. The world's oldest known natural pearl has recently discovered in which Island?

- A) Ras Al Khaimah B) Umm Al Qaiwain
C) Sharjah D) Abu Dhabi ☒

- ✓ The oldest known natural pearl in the world has been discovered by Abu Dhabi archaeologists working at a Neolithic site on Marawah Island, just off the coast of Abu Dhabi. The pearl is dubbed as the 'Abu Dhabi Pearl'.
- ✓ It was found in layers that have been radiocarbon dated to 5,800 – 5,600 BCE, during the Neolithic period. The discovery is a proof that pearls and oysters were being used in the UAE nearly 8,000 years ago, and represents the earliest known evidence for pearling yet discovered anywhere in the world.
- ✓ Prior to the Abu Dhabi Pearl discovery, the earliest known pearl in the UAE came from a Neolithic site in Umm Al Qaiwain.

2. The researchers of which country have developed renewable energy storage device?

- A) U K ☒ B) U S C) France D) Germany

- ✓ The researchers from Queen Mary institute of London have developed a new dielectric capacitor – a device that stores energy like a battery, taking inspiration from a French pastry. The croissant is made by folding multiple layers of dough.
- ✓ They found that by pressing and folding a polymer film capacitor, they were able to store 30 times more energy than the best-performing commercially available dielectric capacitor. This is the highest energy density ever reported in a polymer film capacitor.
- ✓ The advance may pave the way for efficient, low-cost, and environmentally-friendly electric energy storage systems for wind and solar sources. With this technique, large amounts of renewable energy can be stored.

3. Which state has registered highest number of crimes against women, as per Crime in India Report 2017?

- A) Jharkhand B) Rajasthan

C) Odisha

D) Uttar Pradesh ☒

- ✓ The annual Crime in India Report 2017 has recently published by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). The statistics highlight the poor law and order situation in the country with 3.59 lakh cases of crime reported against women in 2017.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh recorded the maximum number of crimes against women with 56,011 cases in 2017, followed by Maharashtra (31,979), West Bengal (30,992), Madhya Pradesh (29,778), Rajasthan (25,993) & Assam (23,082).
- ✓ The definition of 'crime against women' includes murder, rape, dowry death, suicide abetment, acid attack, cruelty against women and kidnapping. Assam recorded the highest crime rate of 143 in the country in 2017.
- ✓ Crime rate is offences registered per one lakh people. Odisha and Telangana recorded the second-highest crime rate of 94 each, followed by Haryana (88) and Rajasthan (73).

4. On which date, the 2019 edition of World Iodine Deficiency Day is observed?

- A) Oct.20 B) Oct.23 C) Oct.21 ☒ D) Oct.22

- ✓ The World Iodine Deficiency Day is observed every year on 21st of October to raise awareness of iodine deficiency and its devastating effects on brain development.
- ✓ Iodine is an essential micronutrient required for normal thyroid function and growth. Its deficiency is a major cause of preventable mental retardation.

5. Which Indian sportsperson has won the Vogue's Sportsperson of the Year 2019?

- A) Dutee Chand ☒ B) P V Sindhu
C) Mary Kom D) Mithali Raj

- ✓ Indian sprinter Dutee Chand has won the 'Sportsperson of the Year 2019' in the 3rd edition of the Vogue Women of the Year awards. Besides winning the prestigious honour, Dutee will also feature on the cover of Vogue India's November 2019 edition.

- ✓ Dutee broke the national record in the 100 m event at the National Open Athletics Championships in Ranchi October 11. Besides her record breaking feats on the track, she is also considered as India's 1st openly gay athlete.

6. India's 1st plant to convert paddy straw into compressed biogas (CBG) will come up in which city?

- A) Udaipur
B) Karnal ☒
C) Jabalpur
D) Nagpur

- ✓ India's 1st plant to convert paddy straw into Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) will come up at Gharaunda village in Karnal, Haryana. The biogas generated at the Indra Indraprastha Gas Limited's (IGL) plant will be used as CNG in vehicles and as piped cooking gas.

- ✓ The plant is estimated to be completed by May 2020. It will have the capacity to convert stubble generated from 20,000 acres in a year into gas, which will then be sourced by IGL for its City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in Karnal.

- ✓ This unit has been set up by Ajay Bio-Energy Pvt Ltd under 'SATAT' (Sustainable Alternative towards Affordable Transportation) scheme on CBG launched by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

7. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of World Osteoporosis Day?

- A) Strong Women Make Stronger Women
B) Stop at One: Make your First Break your Last
C) Love your bones and protect your future ☒
D) Real Men Build Their Strength from Within

- ✓ The International Osteoporosis Foundation observes the World Osteoporosis Day every year on October 20th to raise global awareness on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease. The 2019 theme is 'Love your bones and protect your future'.

8. Which UN agency has launched campaign 'Feed Our Future' against hunger & malnutrition in India?

- A) UNESCO
B) WFP ☒
C) FAO
D) UNIDO

- ✓ On the occasion of 2019 World Food Day, the UN World Food Programme (UNWFP) has launched its global cinema campaign 'Feed Our Future' in India with support from UFO Moviez to engage and motivate moviegoers to help in spreading awareness and working towards creating a world with Zero Hunger.

- ✓ The new campaign aims to build on last year's results which helped to double awareness of WFP among those who saw the ad and raised more than half a million dollars through online giving and through a 38% increase in downloads of the agency's #ShareTheMeal donation App.

9. Which state government has decided no Govt. jobs for people with more than 2 children from 2021?

- A) UP
B) MP
C) Jharkhand
D) Assam ☒

- ✓ The 126 member Assam Assembly has adopted a 'Population and Women Empowerment Policy' & decided to make government jobs out of bounds for people with more than two children with effect from 1st January 2021 as per the small family norm.

10. Which union ministry has signed pact with defense ministry provide traditional medicine?

- A) Ministry of AYUSH ☒
B) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- ✓ The AYUSH ministry has signed a MoU with the Defence ministry to provide traditional medicine services at the armed forces' hospitals and dispensaries.

- ✓ Under the MoU, ayurveda units will be established at palliative care centres at the Army Research and Referral Hospital, Air Force Hospital, Hindon in Ghaziabad & 5 identified Ex-Service men Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) polyclinics in Delhi-NCR.

1. The 2019 summit of the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program (GSLEP) was held in which city?

A) Dehradun

B) Shimla

C) Darjeeling

D) Delhi ☒

✓ On the occasion of 2019 International Snow Leopard Day (ISLD), the Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar launched the first national protocol to enumerate the snow leopard population in India.

✓ It was launched at the inaugural session of the 4th steering committee meeting of the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program (GSLEP) in Delhi. Poaching is a major threat for the snow leopards.

✓ The Project Snow Leopard is an initiative of the Environment Ministry which aims to safeguard and conserve India's unique natural heritage of high altitude wildlife populations and their habitats by promoting conservation through participatory policies and actions. Snow leopards play a critical role in their ecosystem as top predators.

2. The Data Security Council of India (DSCI) has launched which national repository of startups?

A) TechBharat

B) TechWalk

C) TechSagar ☒

D) TechTea

✓ The Data Security Council of India (DSCI) in partnership with National Cyber Security Coordinator's office has recently launched national repository 'TechSagar' to facilitate new opportunities for businesses and academia to collaborate, connect and innovate, in future.

✓ The TechSagar provides insights about capabilities of more than 4000 entities from industry, academia and research across 25 technology areas like Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning, blockchain, cloud and virtualization, robotics and Automation and more.

3. Bhashan Char Island, which is in news recently, is located in which country?

A) India

B) Sri Lanka

C) Bangladesh ☒

D) Pakistan

✓ Approximately 6000–7000 Rohingya refugees have agreed to be relocated to the newly built camp on the Bhashan Char Island.

✓ The Bhashan Char is an uninhabited island around 30 kilometre east of Hatiya Island in the South East Bangladesh. Hatiya has a population of 600,000. Bhashan Char Island was formed about two decades ago on the mouth of river Meghna.

4. On which date, the 2019 edition of International Snow Leopard Day is observed?

A) Oct.20

B) Oct.21

C) Oct.23 ☒

D) Oct.22

✓ The International Snow Leopard Day is celebrated every year on 23rd of October to protect and conserve the snow leopards and preserve the beautiful wildlife of the Himalayas.

✓ It is believed to have 400 to 700 snow leopards spread across Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

5. Who led Indian delegation at the 18th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non – Aligned Movement (NAM)?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Ram Nath Kovind

C) Venkaiah ☒

D) Rajnath Singh

✓ Vice President, M. Venkaiah is leading the Indian delegation at the 18th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) at Baku, Azerbaijan on 25th to 26th of October.

✓ The theme for the Summit is – "Upholding the Bandung Principles to ensure concerted and adequate response to the challenges of the contemporary world".

✓ The Ten Principles of Bandung is a political statement that encapsulate the need to promote world peace and cooperation were formulated at the Asian-African Conference in 1955.

6. Which Indian sportsperson has been named ambassador for PM Modi's 'Bharat Ki Laxmi' initiative?

A) Saina Nehwal

B) Mary Kom

C) P V Sindhu ☒

D) Mithali Raj

- ✓ Actor Deepika Padukone and shuttler PV Sindhu has been named the ambassadors for Prime Minister Modi's new initiative called 'Bharat Ki Laxmi' movement.
- ✓ The aim of the initiative is to bring commendable work done by women across the nation to light ahead of the Diwali festival.

7. Who has been appointed new CEO of UIDAI?

A) Prakash Sharma

B) Pankaj Kumar ☒

C) Mayank Dutt

D) Vijay Kumar

- ✓ Pankaj Kumar IAS, has been appointed as the new CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- ✓ The UIDAI is a statutory authority under the provisions of the Aadhaar Act of 2016 under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) with the mandate to issue UID or Aadhaar to all residents of India to eliminate duplicate and fake id entities.

8. Who is the head of the committee to resolve MeitY and NITI fight over Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

A) K Vijay Raghavan ☒

B) S. K. Sinha

C) Shobhana K. Pattanayak

D) Tarun Shridhar

- ✓ The Government of India has formed a committee to resolve differences between the NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) over who will implement its ambitious Artificial Intelligence (AI) mission.
- ✓ The committee will be headed by principal scientific advisor K Vijay Raghavan and represented by the secretary in the department of science and technology, the CEO of NITI Aayog and secretary of MeitY.

9. Which Indian Armed Force has decided to conduct exercise codenamed 'Sindhu Sudarshan'?

A) Indian Air Force

B) Indian Navy

C) Assam Rifles

D) Indian Army ☒

- ✓ The Indian Army has decided to conduct exercise codenamed 'Sindhu Sudarshan' in the deserts of Rajasthan from Nov 29 to Dec 4.

- ✓ The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate the capability of the defence services to strike deep into enemy territory in an integrated air – land battle. Over 40,000 troops will participate in an all – arms battle array of Divisions and Brigades carrying out offensive operations in deserts.

10. Which union ministry has inaugurated the International Workshop on Environment Flows at Delhi?

A) Ministry of Jal Sakthi ☒

B) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change

C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- ✓ Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has recently inaugurated the International Workshop on Environment Flows at Delhi. He also formally released the first version of the Guidance Document on Environment flow assessment in India.
- ✓ The purpose of the workshop is to assist in the e-flows implementation in India by answering the following questions: 1) What are the overall aims and targets for e-flows assessment in India? & 2) What are the short- and long-term steps to implement e-flows according to the overall aims and targets.

1. India signed the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor Agreement with which country?

- A) Nepal B) Bangladesh
C) Afghanistan D) Pakistan ☒

✓ To celebrate the 550th birth anniversary of the founder of Sikhism Guru Nanak Dev, India and Pakistan have recently signed the landmark agreement to operationalise the historic Kartarpur Sahib Corridor at Zero Point, just about 4 km from the International Boundary.

✓ It will connect the Dera Baba Nanak shrine in India's Punjab with the Gurdwara at Kartarpur in Pakistan. The agreement will allow access to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Norowal district of Pakistan where the founder of Sikhism Guru Nanak Dev spent last 18 years of his life.

✓ The highlights of the Agreement are as follows: Indian pilgrims of all faiths and persons of Indian origin can use the corridor and the travel will be Visa Free.

2. What is the India's rank in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business 2020 report?

- A) 51st B) 61st C) 63rd ☒ D) 62nd

✓ India has been ranked 63rd among 190 countries, as per latest Doing Business Report (DBR, 2020) of World Bank. As per report, the World Bank has recognized India as one of the top 10 improvers for the third consecutive year.

✓ India's recovery rate under resolving insolvency has improved significantly from 26.5% to 71.6%. The time taken for resolving insolvency has also come down significantly from 4.3 years to 1.6 years.

✓ India has reduced the number of procedures in granting construction permits. Apart from this, India continues to maintain its first position among South Asian countries.

3. Who became the first Indian man to win gold at Wushu World Championships?

- A) Rajvir Singh B) Santosh Kumar
C) Narender Grewal D) Praveen Kumar ☒

✓ Praveen Kumar has become the first Indian man to win gold in the 48kg category at the 15th Wushu World Championships. In the final, he beat Russel Diaz of Philippines in the men's Sanda event in Shanghai.

✓ Wushu is a Chinese martial art which combines full – contact kickboxing, including close – range punches and kicks, with wrestling, takedowns, throws, sweeps and kicks catch.

4. On which date, the World Development Information Day is observed?

- A) Oct.20 B) Oct.21 C) Oct.24 ☒ D) Oct.22

✓ The World Development Information Day is observed every year on 24th of October to draw the attention of the world public – opinion to development problems and the necessity of strengthening international cooperation to solve them.

✓ It aims to disseminate information and mobilize public opinion, particularly among young people, in order to create awareness of the problems of development, promoting efforts in the sphere of international cooperation for development. This special day coincides with the United Nations Day (UND) which also falls on 24th October.

5. On which date, the World Polio Day is observed?

- A) Oct.20 B) Oct.21 C) Oct.24 ☒ D) Oct.22

✓ The World Polio Day is observed every year on 24th October by the World Health Organization (WHO) and its allied agencies to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis.

✓ The day provides an opportunity to celebrate progress towards a polio – free world and the tireless efforts of many towards the goal.

6. Who has been appointed as new Chairman of Staff Selection Commission (SSC)?

- A) Braj Raj Sharma ☒ B) Pankaj Kumar
C) Pooja Kadian D) Sandhyarani Devi

- ✓ Braj Raj Sharma, a 1984 batch IAS officer of J & K cadre, has been appointed as Chairman of Staff Selection Commission (SSC). He succeeded Pankaj Kumar, who recently became the new CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

7. Who is the author of the book "Ten Studies in Kashmir: History and Politics"?

- A) Jnan Chandra Ghosh B) Rajeshwar Acharya
C) Kashi Nath Pandit ☒ D) Gita Mehta

- ✓ The book titled "Ten Studies in Kashmir: History and Politics" has been authored by educationist and Padma Shri recipient Prof Kashi Nath Pandit. It sheds light on the events that happened from 1947 till the revocation of the special status of the J&K state (1947 – 2019 events).
- ✓ The author has described complexities in various aspects of contemporary Kashmir history. He has also described the issues like the genesis of the Kashmir crises, its roots, and ramifications, and Pakistan occupied Kashmir and the Kashmir debate in the UN.

8. Which institute has topped the 2020 QS India University Rankings?

- A) IIT Bombay ☒ B) IIT Madras
C) IIT Kharagpur D) IIT Roorkee

- ✓ IIT Bombay has topped the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) India University Rankings 2020. The QS has ranked the higher education institutions in India on the basis eight parameters of Academic reputation (30%), Employer reputation (20%), Faculty – Student ratio (20%), Staff with Ph.D (10%), Papers per faculty (10%), Citation per paper (5%), International faculty (2.5%) and International students (2.5%).
- ✓ The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangaluru has been ranked second followed by the IITs in Delhi, Madras, Kharagpur, Kanpur, Roorkee, and Guwahati.

9. What is the India's rank at the 2019 Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index?

- A) 22nd B) 25th C) 32nd ☒ D) 12th

- ✓ India has been ranked 32nd among 39 nations at the 2019 Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index (MMGPI).
- ✓ The index is based on how they fare on providing pension and retirement benefits to citizens across different income groups. India's index value increased largely due to the improvement in all three sub-indices of adequacy, sustainability and integrity.
- ✓ As per the index, the improvement was due to slight increase in scores across various dimensions, including net household savings, greater flexibility in managing retirement and part time work, steady progress in governance & reporting around private pension plans.

10. Which country will host the first edition of expanded 24 team FIFA World Cup for Clubs in 2021?

- A) Qatar B) India
C) China ☒ D) Sri Lanka

- ✓ China will host the inaugural edition of the expanded 24 team FIFA World Cup for Clubs in 2021. The current Club World Cup features 7 teams including the holders of the UEFA Champions League. Qatar will host the competition in 2019 & 2020.

1. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of Vigilance Awareness Week?

A) Promote integrity and eradicate Corruption

B) My Vision – Corruption Free India

C) Eradicate Corruption – Build a New India

D) Integrity – A way of life ☒

✓ Last week of October is observed as Vigilance Awareness Week under the aegis of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). This year, the week falls from 28th October, 2019 to 2nd November, 2019. Theme: Integrity – A way of life.

✓ The CVC observes Vigilance Awareness week every year to promote transparency, integrity and accountability. The observance creates increased awareness among the public and encourages the stakeholders to participate in the fight against corruption.

2. Which international organization has inked agreement project to support smallholder farmers in Odisha?

A) ADB B) AIIB C) World Bank ☒ D) IMF

✓ The Government of India, Government of Odisha and the World Bank have recently signed a US\$165 million loan agreement to support 125,000 smallholder farmers from 15 districts of the state.

✓ The project will strengthen the resilience of smallholder farmers against adverse climate by improving access to resilient seed varieties and production technologies, diversifying towards more climate – resilient crops, and improving access to better water management and irrigation services.

3. The 58th Raising Day of Indo – Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) is observed on which date?

A) Oct.20 B) Oct.21 C) Oct.24 ☒ D) Oct.22

✓ The Indo – Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) is one of the 7 Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) of India. Under the CRPF Act, the ITBP was raised on 24th October 1962 in the wake of the Sino – Indian War of 1962.

✓ Recently, the 58th Raising Day of ITBP is recently observed on 24th October 2019 to commemorate the valor and achievements of the ITBP and to boost the morale of the force personnel.

4. The first–ever Global Bio–India 2019 summit is being held in which city?

A) Chennai

B) Gandhinagar

C) Agartala

D) New Delhi ☒

✓ The first – ever “Global Bio – India 2019” Summit is being held in India at New Delhi from 21st–23rd November 2019.

✓ The event is expected to strengthen the indigenous research capabilities, bio entrepreneurship, investments and lastmile delivery of technology across rural India and tier 2, 3 cities. The summit is one of the largest biotechnology stakeholders conglomerate.

5. ABADHA scheme, which is in news recently, is associated to which state?

A) Jharkhand

B) Bihar

C) Odisha ☒

D) West Bengal

✓ The Odisha government has decided to spend Rs 3208 crore under the Augmentation of Basic Amenities and Development of Heritage and Architecture (ABADHA) scheme in 3 years to transform Puri into a World class Heritage city.

6. Who won the Udyog Rattan Award – 2019 of Institute of Economic Studies (IES)?

A) Kishan Kumar

B) Pradeep Jain

C) Thakur Anup Singh ☒

D) Kuldeep Yadav

✓ Thakur Anup Singh, CMD of Marg ERP, has won the prestigious Udyog Rattan Award – 2019 for his exceptional work in transforming how MSMEs can accelerate their business by using technology.

✓ The award is conferred annually to Indian citizens for their outstanding contribution to the economic development of the country.

- ✓ It is conferred by the Institute of Economic Studies (IES) affiliated to Government of India.

7. Which state government has launched Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana on Dhanteras?

- A) Punjab B) Uttar Pradesh ☒
- C) Rajasthan D) Madhya Pradesh

- ✓ On the occasion of Dhanteras, the Uttar Pradesh government has launched Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana to empower the girl child.
- ✓ As per the scheme, an amount of Rs 15,000 will be provided to every family in which a girl child takes birth. The state government will direct transfer funds in the account of the registered girls in a phased manner when a girl child will complete various achievements, like vaccination, admission in class 1, 5 & 9 graduation.

8. K R Wadhwaney, who passed away recently, is associated to which field?

- A) Sports ☒ B) Law
- C) Painting D) Music

- ✓ K R Wadhwaney (90), the veteran sports journalist and author, has passed away in Delhi. Born in Karachi (now in Pakistan), migrated to Lucknow after the partition in 1947. He started his career in Lucknow before moving to New Delhi in the 1960s.
- ✓ He remained active as a sports journalist for almost 50 years. After working in top organisations, he later went on to become the Sports Editor of the Indian Express newspaper. He worked as a freelance writer for several Indian newspapers after his retirement.

9. The Thotlakonda Buddhist Monastery is located in which state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh ☒ B) Karnataka
- C) Kerala D) Maharashtra

- ✓ The major part of the famous Mahastupa of the 2000 year old Buddhist heritage site of Thotlakonda has recently damaged due to heavy rains in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

- ✓ The dome of the Mahastupa is belonged to Heena Yana stream of Buddhism. The site is a prominent tourist spot with remnants of stupas, chaitya grihas and viharas atop Thotlakonda.

- ✓ It was the epi-centre for spreading Buddhism in other countries like Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Cambodia, etc.

10. Who won the 2019 Sakharov human rights prize of European Union (EU)?

- A) Oleg Sentsov B) Ilham Tohti ☒
- C) Liu Xiaobo D) Nasrin Sotoudeh

- ✓ Ilham Tohti, an academic jailed for separatism in China, has been awarded the European Parliament's top human rights prize 'Sakharov' in recognition for drawing attention to ethnic tensions in Xinjiang.
- ✓ Tohti is from the Uighur minority & has been a fierce critic of China's treatment of the Uighur people. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in 2014 on separatism charges.
- ✓ The move will pointedly rebuked China's treatment of the Muslim ethnic minority and may draw a reprisal from Beijing.

1. Who is the recently appointed chairman of Airports Authority of India (October 2019)?

- A) Arvind Singh ☒ B) Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
C) Sanjiv Saran D) Bhupendra Singh

✓ Senior IAS officer Arvind Singh has appointed as the chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI). The appointment was approved by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions.

✓ In another appointment, Sukhbir Singh Sandhu is appointed as the Chairman of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

2. Recently, Paralympics champion Marieke Vervoort ended her life through euthanasia at the age of 40 to end her sufferings due to degenerative muscle disease. She was from which country?

- A) Spain B) France
C) Belgium ☒ D) Italy

✓ Belgian Paralympic champion Marieke Vervoort ended her life through euthanasia at the age of 40 on Oct.22. Euthanasia is legal in Belgium and she announced her intentions after the Rio Games in 2016 to follow that path if her degenerative condition worsened her suffering.

✓ She won the 100m gold and 200m silver wheelchair races at the 2012 London Games, as well as the 400m silver and 100m bronze in Brazil four years later.

3. Which professional football club has recently conferred life membership to Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee?

- A) Bengaluru FC B) Mohun Bagan ☒
C) United Sikkim D) Indian Arrows

✓ The Mohun Bagan Athletic Club has conferred life membership to Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee. Srinjoy Bose, honorary club assistant general secretary, and other club officials met the economist at his paternal residence here and conferred him with the life membership of Mohun Bagan Athletic Club.

✓ In 1911, Mohun Bagan became the first Indian club to win the Indian Football Association (IFA) Shield beating the East Yorkshire Regiment of the British Army in the final.

4. Dilip Parikh, who recently passed away, was a former chief minister of which state?

- A) Maharashtra B) Gujarat ☒
C) Uttar Pradesh D) Madhya Pradesh

✓ Former Gujarat Chief Minister Dilip Parikh passed away. He served as the 13th Chief Minister of Gujarat between October 1997 and March 1998. He was an industrialist and also served as president of the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

5. TP Radhamani was an actress predominantly in which language films?

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

✓ Veteran actress TP Radhamani (67) has passed away in Chennai on Oct.27. With about 100 films to her credit, the actress is better known for her role in 'Utharayanam'. Mohanlal starrer 1997 movie, 'Oru Yathramozhi' was her last Malayalam movie.

6. K R Wadhwaney who recently passed away was a famous ___?

- A) Poet B) Author
C) Sports Journalist ☒ D) Political Leader

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✓ He remained active as a sports journalist for almost 50 years. After working in top organisations, he later went on to become the Sports Editor of the Indian Express newspaper. He worked as a freelance writer for several Indian newspapers after his retirement.

7. What is India's rank in Global Health Security Index, 2019?

- A) 57th ☒ B) 58th C) 67th D) 59th

- ✓ India has been ranked at 57th Position in the Global Health Security Index, among 195 countries. US has topped the list and is followed by UK and Netherlands at 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.
- ✓ The GHS Index is the first comprehensive assessment of epidemic and pandemic threats globally. The report is a project of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) and the Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Security, with research by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). The report published that only 13 countries in the world are prepared for any major outbreak.

8. Which organization awards Sakharov Prize for Human Rights?

- A) UN Human Rights Council
B) Amnesty International
C) Refugees International
D) European Union (EU) Parliament ☒

- ✓ The Ilham Tohti, an academic jailed for separatism in China, has been awarded the European Parliament's top human rights prize 'Sakharov' in recognition for drawing attention to ethnic tensions in Xinjiang.
- ✓ Tohti is from the Uighur minority & has been a fierce critic of China's treatment of the Uighur people. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in 2014 on separatism charges. The move will pointedly rebuked China's treatment of the Muslim ethnic minority and may draw a reprisal from Beijing.

9. Which two Indian cricketers are winners of the prestigious Wisden India Almanack Cricketer of the Year award this year (2019)?

- A) Bhuvneshwar Kumar & Mithali Raj
B) Hardik Pandya & Jhulan Goswami
C) Hardik Pandya & Smriti Mandhana

D) Jasprit Bumrah & Smriti Mandhana ☒

- ✓ Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana won the prestigious Wisden India Almanack Cricketer of the Year award. Mandhana is the third woman to be named 'Cricketer of the Year', after Mithali Raj and Deepti Sharma. The other winners from Asia are Pakistan's Fakhar Zaman, Sri Lanka's Dimuth Karunaratne and Afghanistan Rashid Khan.
- ✓ Stalwarts Gundappa Viswanath and Lala Amarnath are inducted into the Wisden India Hall of Fame. "Cricket Country: The Untold History of the First All India Team" by Prashant Kidambi has been adjudged the Wisden India Book of the Year.

10. A school located in which city has won the Guinness World Record for becoming the 'world's largest school' in terms of strength of students?

- A) Mumbai B) Hyderabad
C) Lucknow ☒ D) Dehradun

- ✓ Lucknow based City Montessori School (CMS) has won the Guinness World Record for becoming the 'world's largest school' in terms of strength of students.
- ✓ At present, the CMS has 18 branches and approximately 56,000 students all over the city. In 2014, CMS society was accredited with United Nations Department of Public Information as affiliated NGO.
- ✓ In 2002, CMS was awarded UNESCO Prize for Peace Education. The school has also received 'Hope of Humanity' Award from spiritual leader, Dalai Lama.

1. Which Indian public sector bank has recently launched a healthcare insurance policy in collaboration with Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Ltd?
- A) Canara Bank B) Indian Overseas Bank ☒
- C) Union Bank of India D) Bank of India
- ✓ Public sector Indian Overseas Bank unveiled a healthcare insurance policy through online platform in association with Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Ltd.
- ✓ The co-branded healthcare policy designed by Universal Sompo General Insurance is offered with a sum insured from Rs.50000 to 15 lakh. The one of its kind family floater policy where the premium is charged as per the age of the proposer with no medical checkup up to the 50 years of age.
2. Manohar Lal Khattar, who has recently become CM of Haryana state for second time, represents which constituency of Haryana Legislative Assembly?
- A) Jind B) Karnal ☒
- C) Rohtak D) Bhiwani
- ✓ Manohar Lal Khattar was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Haryana for a second straight term on October 27. This is the first time that a non-Congress government has formed the government in Haryana for a second consecutive term.
- ✓ The BJP staked claim to form the government in Haryana in alliance with Dushyant Chautala's Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) after the assembly election results indicated a hung verdict.
- ✓ While Khattar took oath as Haryana CM, JJP leader Dushyant Chautala took the oath as the Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana. Dushyant Chautala is the great grandson of Devi Lal, former Deputy PM of India.
3. Which cyclone recently became first Super Cyclonic storm in Arabian Sea in last 12 years?
- A) Cyclone Fani B) Cyclone Hikaa
- C) Cyclone Kyarr ☒ D) Cyclone Vayu
- ✓ Cyclone Kyarr is a tropical cyclone that has intensified west of India in the Northern Indian Ocean's Arabian Sea as a Category 4 storm with 150 mph winds.
- ✓ According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Cyclone Kyarr is the first Super Cyclonic storm in the Arabian Sea in the last 12 years. It has been named by Myanmar.
- ✓ This made Kyarr the second most intense tropical cyclone on record in the Northern Indian Ocean's the Arabian Sea. The only stronger storm on record in the Arabian Sea was 2007's category 5 Tropical Cyclone Gonu.
4. In Mumbai, Indian Railways recently launched 42 Automatic Ticket Vending Machines for fast delivery of tickets of local trains. These ATVMs work on which operating system?
- A) Windows B) Linux ☒
- C) Debian D) HeliOS
- ✓ On October 24, the Indian Railways launched the "one touch ATVM" at 42 suburban stations. The purpose of the service is to render fast ticketing to millions of commuters, especially in the Mumbai Suburban Network. ATVMs are Automatic Ticket Vending Machines. They work on Linux operating system.
5. Which Buddhist site of Bihar was recently in news for 50th anniversary of establishment of Vishwa Shanti Stupa (World Peace Pagoda)?
- A) Gaya B) Rajgir ☒
- C) Nalanda D) Bodh Gaya
- ✓ The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, graced and addressed the commemoration of Golden Jubilee of Vishwa Shanti Stupa in Rajgir, Bihar.
- ✓ More than 300 Buddhist monks, devotees and eminent personalities from Japan, Thailand, Srilanka, Bhutan, Nepal, US and other countries have arrived to take part in the function the Vishwa Shanti Stupa has completed 50 years of its establishment.

- ✓ Situated on Ratnagiri hillock, this iconic structure was constructed by Japanese Buddhist monk popularly known as Fujii Guruji in 1969.

6. 'Ex Shakti-2019' is a joint counter-terrorism drill between armies of India and ___?

- A) USA B) UK C) France ☒ D) Israel

- ✓ 'Exercise SHAKTI' is a biennial exercise which is conducted alternately in India and France. The 2019 edition will be conducted from 31 October 2019 to 13 November 2019 in Rajasthan, India.

- ✓ The exercise will focus on counter terrorism operations in backdrop of semi-desert terrain. The exercise aims at enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the two Armies.

7. Recently Kalidhar Battalion was in news for a white – water rafting expedition called the "Rudrashila". The "Battle of Kalidhar" was a part of which war?

- A) Indo – Pak War, 1948 B) Indo – Pak War, 1965 ☒
C) Indo – China War, 1962 D) Indo – Pak War, 1971

- ✓ On 25 October, 2019, at the Jodhpur Military station, the white-water rafting expedition called the "Rudrashila" was flagged in by Lt General VS Sreenivas. It was undertaken by the Kalidhar Battalion.

- ✓ The aim of the expedition is to prepare the soldiers to overcome adversities with grit and determination. The team will also spread awareness on social issues of "Swachh Bharat" campaign and "Preservation of river eco system".

- ✓ The expedition will be led by Major Ravi Kant Gaurav. Two officers, four junior officers and 18 soldiers will raft a total distance of 140 km. The expedition will start from Rudhraprayag and end in Rishikesh.

8. On which date, World Day for Audiovisual Heritage is celebrated?

- A) Oct.20 B) Oct.21 C) Oct.27 ☒ D) Oct.22

- ✓ The World Day for Audiovisual Heritage is observed every year on Oct.27 to raise general awareness of the

need to preserve and safeguard important audiovisual material for future generations, and for urgent measures to be taken to conserve this heritage and ensure it remains accessible to the public now, and to future generations.

- ✓ 2019 theme: Engage the Past Through Sound & Images

9. What is the theme of 2019 Vigilance Awareness Week?

A) Students and Watchfulness

B) Observing Prudence in Workplace

C) Integrity – A way of life ☒

D) Vigilance for liberty and integrity of the country

- ✓ Last week of October is observed as Vigilance Awareness Week under the aegis of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). This year, the week falls from 28th October, 2019 to 2nd November, 2019. Theme: Integrity – A way of life.

- ✓ The CVC observes Vigilance Awareness week every year to promote transparency, integrity and accountability. The observance creates increased awareness among the public and encourages the stakeholders to participate in the fight against corruption.

10. Which actor has joined hands with UNICEF and Ministry of Women and Child Development to raise awareness and speak up against sexual abuse of children?

A) Ayushmann Khurrana B) Hritik Roshan

C) Rajkummar Rao D) Vicky Kaushal ☒

- ✓ Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana has joined hands with UNICEF and Ministry of Women and Child Development to raise awareness and speak up against sexual abuse of children.

- ✓ Ayushmann has boarded the ministry's key initiative, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), with an aim to make people aware of the protection and legal support that the Act offers against child sexual abuse. The actor, who recently shot a video for the same cause.

1. Which company has recently won DigiDhan Mission Fintech Award for 2018 – 2019?

- A) PayTM B) BharatPe ☒
C) MobiKwik D) PhonePe

✓ BharatPe has won the DigiDhan Mission Fin-tech Award 2018–2019 for “Innovation in Digital Payments through Emerging Technology” at the MeitY Startup Summit 2019 held in Delhi. The award aims to promote digital payment in India.

✓ The award was presented by the Union Minister of Communication, Electronics & IT and Law & Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad.

2. Which Indian city has got the World Guinness Record for lighting 4 lakh diyas?

- A) Lucknow B) Ayodhya ☒
C) Bhopal D) Jaipur

✓ The Indian city of Ayodhya on Saturday set a Guinness world record by illuminating hundreds of thousands of earthen lamps as part of an annual Hindu festival.

✓ Representatives from the Guinness World Records handed over the certificate to Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, after witnessing the lighting of 409,000 oil lamps on the banks of river Sarayu.

✓ Last year Ayodhya had set a record by lighting 300,150 oil lamps. Hindus believe that their main deity Lord Ram was born in Ayodhya, where he returned after 14 years in exile. To celebrate his return, people light earthen lamps.

3. Which two companies have got Maharatna status in October 2019?

- A) BHEL and Power Grid Corporation
B) HPCL and Power Grid Corporation ☒
C) BHEL and HPCL
D) GAIL and BHEL

✓ On October 23, the Department of Public Enterprises, under the Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises granted Maharatna status to state-owned Public Sector Units Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

✓ These two PSUs will now have autonomous status and the boards can now take major financial decisions Holding companies of a ‘Maharatna’ Public Sector Units can also transfer assets, float fresh equity and divest shareholding in subsidiaries.

4. Which Central Armed Police Forces of India recently celebrated its 58th raising day?

- A) Border Security Force (BSF)
B) Indo – Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) ☒
C) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
D) Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)

✓ The Indo – Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) is one of the 7 Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) of India. Under the CRPF Act, the ITBP was raised on 24th October 1962 in the wake of the Sino – Indian War of 1962.

✓ Recently, the 58th Raising Day of ITBP is recently observed on 24th October 2019 to commemorate the valor and achievements of the ITBP and to boost the morale of the force personnel.

5. Recently, Central Government has given final approval to Tamil Nadu’s proposal to establish six new medical colleges. Which of the following is not a location of these new medical colleges?

- A) Tiruppur B) Sivagangai ☒
C) Namakkal D) Ramanathapuram

✓ The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has given its final approval to Tamil Nadu’s proposal to establish six new medical colleges.

✓ The institutes will come up in Tiruppur, the Nilgiris, Ramanathapuram, Namakkal, Dindigul and Virudhunagar at a cost of Rs.1950 crore, and will be attached to existing hospitals in these districts.

- ✓ The new medical colleges would come up with 60% funding borne by the Centre and 40% by the State. Accordingly, the Chief Minister said the Centre had sanctioned Rs.1170 crore while the State government's share of funds would amount to Rs.780 crore.

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Health Minister C Vijayabaskar said each of the medical colleges would come up at a cost of Rs.325 crore. This would take the number of government medical colleges in Tamil Nadu to 30. As of now, the State has 24 government medical colleges, with a total of 3250 MBBS seats.

6. Sadako Ogata, the first female UN refugee chief passed away. She was from which country?

- A) USA B) UK C) Japan ☒ D) Israel

- ✓ Japan's Sadako Ogata, the first woman to head the UN's refugee agency UNHCR, has died at the age of 92. She served as the Chief of the UN refugees from 1991 – 2000.
- ✓ She had also served as the head of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) from 2003 – 2012 and also as the chairman of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) from 1978 – 1979.

7. Who has been appointed as new Indian Ambassador to Iraq?

- A) Piyush Agrawal B) Piyush Agrawal
C) Birender Singh Yadav ☒ D) P S Chawala

- ✓ Birender Singh Yadav IFS, has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Iraq, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday.
- ✓ Meanwhile, the MEA also announced the appointment of Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi IFS as India's next High Commissioner to Samoa. Pardeshi, who is already serving as the Ambassador to New Zealand, will concurrently work as the next High Commissioner to Samoa.

8. Don Valentine, the founder of Sequoia Capital has passed away. He was from which country?

- A) USA ☒ B) UK C) Japan D) Israel

- ✓ Don Valentine (87), the founder of American venture capital firm Sequoia Capital, has passed away in California.

9. V Nanammal, India's oldest yoga teacher has passed away. She was from which state?

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

- ✓ Popularly known as 'Yoga Grandma' V Nanamal (99) from Coimbatore, who won the Padma Shri award in 2018, has passed away on October 26.

10. Who has been appointed as the 47th Chief Justice of India (CJI)?

- A) Jasti Chelameswar B) Aniruddha Bose
C) Sharad Arvind Bobde ☒ D) Madan Lokur

- ✓ Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde has been appointed as the 47th Chief Justice of India. The official warrant for the appointment was signed by President Ram Nath Kovind on October 29.

- ✓ Justice Bobde will be sworn in as the CJI on November 18, a day after the retirement of CJI Ranjan Gogoi on November 17. Justice Gogoi was sworn in as the 46th CJI on October 3, 2018. Justice Bobde will serve as the CJI for one year and five months till April 23, 2021.