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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.