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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 Lal Shah is observed in which country?

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

✓ The 129th death anniversary of the mystic bard Fakir Lal Shah is observed in Bangladesh on Oct.17, 2019.

✓ The devotees of Lal Shah 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 Lal Shah academy and the culture ministry of Bangladesh. Lal Shah 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 (Navaratnalalu, 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).