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1. Which state government has decided to form a Special Tiger Force for Corbett Tiger Reserve?

- A) Uttarakhand ☒ B) Jharkhand
C) Bihar D) Uttar Pradesh

- ✓ The Uttarakhand government has decided to form a Special Tiger Force (STF) for Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR). The force will have 85 posts & will help serve as the much needed second layer of protection for the big cat at the CTR.
- ✓ The STPF will be effective in checking illegal human intrusion into the reserve through villages located on its fringes. The decision was taken by the State Cabinet in line with Government of India guidelines for providing 3-tier protection to tigers at reserves.
- ✓ The first layer of protection is provided in the inner range by beat level forest guards through regular patrols. The second layer of protection is what the STPF will take care of. The third layer of protection comes from intelligence-gathering mechanisms in which forest, police and central intelligence agency personnel work together to prevent crimes like the poaching of tigers.

2. Which state government has launched Walk to Work on Wednesdays (WWW) campaign?

- A) Meghalaya ☒ B) Jharkhand
C) Bihar D) Uttar Pradesh

- ✓ Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has launched Walk to Work on Wednesdays (WWW) campaign in the state. The campaign is a part of the nationwide Fit India Movement, which has been launched in the country by the Prime Minister.
- ✓ The idea of 'walk to work' will have multiple benefits like cost cutting of fuel including reduction of CO2 emission, reduction in congestion in the city and the most important "health and fitness" for the citizens.

3. Which city has been ranked first at the Safe Cities Index (SCI-2019) of Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)?

- A) Osaka B) Paris

C) Tokyo ☒

D) Singapore

- ✓ The Safe Cities Index (SCI) 2019 has been released by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). Tokyo has been ranked first in the SCI index, followed by Singapore and Osaka.

- ✓ The index ranks 60 countries worldwide across five continents and measures the multi-faceted nature of urban safety, with indicators categorized as digital, infrastructure, health and personal security. From India, Mumbai has been ranked as the 45th safest city on the SCI, while Delhi stood at the 52nd position.

4. Which state / UT government has decided to provide free rides to women in city buses and metro trains?

- A) Laddakh B) Punjab
C) Chhattisgarh D) Delhi ☒

- ✓ The Delhi Cabinet has given "in principle" approval to the free-ride scheme of providing free rides for women in city buses and metro trains.
- ✓ For this cause, the Delhi Assembly also passed Supplementary Demands for Grants of Rs 290 crore. Of the Rs 290 crore, Rs 140 crore is for free rides for women in buses and Rs 150 crore for rides in metro trains. The free-ride scheme is slated to begin from October 29.
- ✓ Though, women employees of the Delhi government, local bodies and undertakings will not be entitled for transport allowance if they opt for free ride in Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and cluster buses.

5. Who has become the first IPS officer to be bestowed with the 2018 Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award?

- A) Sonia Narang B) Sanjukta Parashar
C) Meera Borwankar D) Aparna Kumar ☒

- ✓ Aparna Kumar, a 2002 batch Uttar Pradesh Cadre IPS officer, has been honoured with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2018. With this, she became the first IPS officer to be bestowed with this prestigious award. Currently, she is posted as DIG in Indo Tibetan Police Force at Dehradun.

- ✓ The award is given in 4 categories - Land, Water, Air Adventure and Lifetime achievement. The awards are given by the Government of India with an aim to encourage young people to develop the spirit of endurance, risk-taking, cooperative teamwork and quick, ready and effective reflexes in tough situations.
 - ✓ Besides Aparna, five more personalities also received the award. The other personalities are late Dipankar Ghosh, Manikandan K, Prabhat Raju Koli, RameshwerJangra and Wangchuk Sherpa. The awardees received a statuette, certificates and cash award of Rs. 5 lakh each.
- 6. Which sportsperson has won the 2019 Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar? Which sportsperson has won the 2019 Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar?**
- A) Abhinav Bindra B) Jeev Milkha Singh
C) Mary Kom D) Gagan Narang ☒
- ✓ On 2019 National Sports Day (NSD), Gagan Narang and Pawan Singh have been honoured with the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar for their Gagan Narang Sports Promotion Foundation (GNSPF) at the Arjuna Awards ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
 - ✓ In 2011, Narang and co-founder Pawan Singh founded GNSPF to nurture budding talent and provide them training in a systematic and structured and also education to help carve out future champions. The Gun for Glory Shooting Academy — formed under the aegis of GNSPF — has 16 centres spread across India.
- 7. Which team has been crowned the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament for sub-junior boys (under-14) category?**
- A) Mizoram ☒ B) Tripura
C) Goa D) Manipur
- ✓ The Saidan Secondary School of Mizoram has been crowned Under-14 boys champions of 2019 Subroto Cup International Football tournament after defeating Unique Model Academy of Manipur 2-0 in the summit clash. It was the Mizoram school's first title win in the tournament.
 - ✓ Saidan also won the best team award (Rs 3,00,000) while its player B Romalsawma was titled the best player of the tournament. The best goalkeeper award went to Manipur's Bijando and Lalbulliana of Saidan Secondary School was declared the best coach.
 - ✓ The fairplay award went to Our Lady Mount Carmel High School of Goa. The best goalkeeper, best player and fairplay award winners won Rs. 50,000 each.
- 8. The 5th Aqua Aquaria India 2019 was held in which city?**
- A) Ranchi B) Hyderabad ☒
C) Dehradun D) Manali
- ✓ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 5th edition of Aqua Aquaria India 2019, which is organized by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The event was held at HITEK exhibition center in Hyderabad from 30th August to 1st September.
 - ✓ The theme of the 2019 edition is "To take Blue Revolution to India's hinterland". The event showcased the recent advances in aquaculture and ornamental fish breeding / rearing technology for encouraging diversification and promotes intensification in a sustainable manner. It is a biennial exhibition. It will boost the export-oriented aquaculture.
- 9. Which union ministry has launched the National Lab Directory?**
- A) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
B) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution ☒
C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- ✓ The National Lab Directory (NLD) has been launched by the Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ram Vilas Paswan. The NLD is a one-stop-shop for all testing needs of the industries, academia, researchers and other stakeholders who need to get their Testing Facilities accredited / certified / recognized.

- ✓ Presently, the NLD encompasses the labs accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and Hallmarking Labs. Now, the labs which are recognized / notified by FASAI, APEDA, EIC, can also be indicated accordingly.
- ✓ The NDL will benefit all stakeholders such as manufacturers, consumers, regulatory agencies, government and research institutions in identifying the test facilities that are required for assessing conformity of relevant products or in testing for the purpose of research and development.

10. India's first-ever sky cycling park to be opened in which city?

- A) Manali ☒ B) Mussoorie
C) Nainital D) Shimla

- ✓ To boost tourism and give and an all new experience to visitors, India's first-ever sky cycling park will soon open at Gulaba area near Manali in Himachal Pradesh. It is 350m long & is located at a height of 9000 Feet above sea level.
 - ✓ Forest Department and Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports have jointly developed an eco-friendly park. It will also help provide employment to locals.
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1. Yashaswini Singh Deswal is associated to which city?

- A) Bhopal B) Ranchi
C) Mumbai D) Delhi ☒

- ✓ Young shooter Yashaswini Singh Deswal from Delhi has recently won gold in the women's 10m Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. With the win, she has also secured an Olympic quota for India.
- ✓ This is India's 9th quota in shooting for 2020 Tokyo Games. World no.1 Olena Kostevych of Ukraine claimed the silver, while Serbia's Jasmina Milavonovic bagged the bronze in the ongoing event.

2. A cultural event 'Namaste Pacific' was held in which city?

- A) Bhopal B) Ranchi
C) Mumbai D) Delhi ☒

- ✓ In Delhi, a cultural event 'Namaste Pacific' was recently jointly organised by the High Commissions of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Fiji to showcase in India the culture of the Pacific countries.
- ✓ Aaradhna from New Zealand performed with her band. Traditional masks and artefacts from Papua New Guinea and Pacific Green furniture and other products from Fiji were also displayed.

3. Union IT Ministry has rolled out 'Build for Digital India' in partnership with which company?

- A) Microsoft B) Google ☒ C) IBM D) Wipro

- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has rolled - out programme 'Build for Digital India' along with Google for engineering students.
- ✓ The programme will offer a platform to engineering students to develop market-ready, technology-based solutions that address key social problems.
- ✓ As part of the program, engineering students across the country will be invited to present their ideas and solutions in areas such as healthcare, agriculture, education, smart cities and infrastructure, women safety, smart mobility and transportation,

environment, accessibility and disability and digital literacy.

- ✓ Applicants will take part in online and offline learning opportunities on key technologies such as Machine Learning (ML), Cloud and Android that will be offered through Google's Developer Student Club network and other Google Developer networks.

4. Which IIT has collaborated with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to launch National Artificial Intelligence Resource Portal (NAIRP)?

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

- ✓ IIT Kharagpur has collaborated with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to develop a National Artificial Intelligence Resource Portal (NAIRP) to promote learning and development in the artificial intelligence.
- ✓ The aim of the portal is to make the search for AI learning resources simpler and more accessible to learners, practitioners and researchers in India. The initiative has got funding from the Ministry of Human Resources Development (MoHRD), as part of the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) project which is being spearheaded by the premier institute.

5. Which team has won the 2019 edition of Nehru Trophy boat race?

- A) Nadubhagam Chundan ☒
B) Champakulam Chundan
C) Karichal Chundan
D) Devas Chundan

- ✓ Nadubhagam Chundan, the snake boat of Pallathuruthy Boat Club, lifted the 67th edition of the coveted Nehru Trophy at the Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha. In this race, Champakulam Chundan finished second. Karichal Chundan and Devas Chundan finished in 3rd and 4th places.
- ✓ The Nehru Trophy boat race was instituted to commemorate the visit of the India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to the area and his boat ride

in the lake. The Nehru Trophy is the first race of the inaugural edition of the Champions Boat League (CBL).

- ✓ CBL, hosted by Kerala Tourism, is the India's first-ever boat-race on the lines of IPL. There will be 12 races in the CBL beginning with the Nehru Trophy and concluding with President's Trophy Boat Race in Kollam on November 23.

6. Which country's team has won the 2019 SAFF under-15 football championship?

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

- ✓ In football, India won the 2019 SAFF under-15 title by defeating Nepal by 7-0 in the final at the Kalyani Stadium in West Bengal. This victory meant that India are now the most successful team in the tournament's history — winning the title for a record 3rd time after previous wins in 2013 and 2017.

7. Bangladesh has signed agreement with which Indian company to set up gas-based plant in Meghnahat?

- A) Reliance Power ☒ B) Adani Power
C) Hindustan Power D) Tata Power

- ✓ The Government of Bangladesh has signed an agreement with Reliance Power of India to set up 750 Mega Watt gas-based power plant in Meghnahat near Dhaka. The construction of the plant will be completed by 2022 and its estimated cost is one billion dollars.
- ✓ Under the agreement, Bangladesh will purchase electricity from the project for a period of 22 years at a pre-decided tariff rate equivalent to 5.85 Takas per unit at a total cost of approximately 8 billion dollars.
- ✓ Apart from this, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has also been signed with Petro Bangla to set up 500 Million standard cubic feet per day LNG terminal at Kutubdia Island near Chittagong in Bangladesh.

8. Which movie has become the first Bollywood film to go plastic-free?

- A) War B) Dream Girl

C) Mission Mangal

D) Coolie No. 1 ☒

- ✓ Varun Dhawan's upcoming movie 'Coolie No. 1' has become the first Bollywood film to go plastic-free. The environmental friendly initiative was taken by director of movie David Dhawan and its producers Vashu Bhagnani, Jackky Bhagnani and Deepshikha Deshmukh. The movie is all set to release on May 1, 2020.
- ✓ Their decision comes days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his Independence Day speech, urged people to shun single-use plastic and encouraged usage of jute and cloth bags to protect the environment.

9. India's longest electrified rail tunnel has recently inaugurated in which state?

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

- ✓ In Andhra Pradesh, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu has recently dedicated the India's longest electrified rail tunnel i.e situated between Cherlopalli and Rapuru.
- ✓ He also inaugurated the 112-km long electrified railway line between Venkatachalam and Obulavaripalli. The length of the electrified rail tunnel is 6.6km. It is built in the shape of a 'horse shoe' using the New Austrian Tunneling Method (NATM) at a cost of Rs 437 crore.
- ✓ The newly constructed tunnel will provide seamless rail connectivity between the Krishnapatnam Port and the hinterland areas.

10. Tejinderpal Singh Toor is associated to which sports?

- A) Wrestling B) Table Tennis
C) Shotput ☒ D) Boxing

- ✓ Asian Games gold medallist shotputter Tejinderpal Singh Toor clinched a silver with a best throw of 20.09m in his last attempt during an athletic meet at Decin, Czech Republic. Tajinder was awarded with the 2019 Arjuna Award.

1. India's first-ever architectural LED illumination has taken place in which historical monument?

- A) Qutb Minar ☒ B) Tughlakabad Fort
C) Khajuraho D) Konark

- ✓ Minister of State for Culture and Tourism Prahalad Singh Patel has inaugurated the first-ever architectural LED illumination at the historic Qutb Minar in New Delhi. With the illumination, the architectural beauty of the 12th century monument will display its historic majesty after sunset.
- ✓ The duration of illumination will be from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM daily with a monthly cost of Rs16,615/- which comes out merely to Rs 1,99,388/- for a year. The aim to illuminate the historic monuments is to showcase monuments during late evenings & to enhance the visitor experience.
- ✓ The Qutb Minar is a UNESCO World Heritage Site & is one of most visited historical site in the national capital.

2. India's first garbage cafe is set to open in which city?

- A) Ranchi B) Lucknow
C) New Delhi D) Ambikapur ☒

- ✓ In a unique initiative, the Ambikapur municipal corporation of Chhattisgarh will soon open India's first 'Garbage Cafe' in the city of Ambikapur. This initiative is a step towards making the city plastic-free.
- ✓ In this unique Cafe' poor people and rag pickers will get free food in exchange for 1Kg of plastic, while breakfast will be provided if half a kilogram of plastic is brought to the cafe. The collected garbage will be sold at Solid Liquid Resources Management Centre (SLRMC).
- ✓ The collected plastic waste would further be turned into granules and will then be used in the construction of roads in the city. Ambikapur is Chhattisgarh's first dustbin-free city. The city has an efficient solid waste management system.
- ✓ The Self Help Groups (SHGs) of women are involved in door to door collection of waste. The city has been hailed

as the 2nd cleanest city in the country in Swachhata rankings.

3. Garvi Gujarat Bhavan, which is in news recently, is located in which city?

- A) Chandigarh B) New Delhi ☒
C) Gandhinagar D) Ahmedabad

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated the Garvi Gujarat Bhavan in New Delhi. The new building is situated near the Congress headquarters at Akbar Road in the national capital & has been built at a cost of around Rs 131 crore by the Gujarat Government.
- ✓ It has 19 suite rooms, 59 regular rooms, a restaurant, a public dining hall, a business centre, a souvenir shop, a multi-purpose hall, conference hall, four lounges, a gymnasium, a yoga centre, a terrace garden and a library built on an area of 20,325 square meters.
- ✓ The Bhavan is equipped with traditional and modern artefacts and technologies and will serve as a home for Gujaratis in the national capital. It will represent the culture, craft and cuisine of Gujarat. This building is in addition to the old Gujarat Bhavan at Chanakyapuri, which will continue to function.

4. Which state has recently celebrated Agrarian festival 'Nuakhai'?

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

- ✓ The agrarian festival 'Nuakhai' has recently celebrated with great pomp and gaiety by the people of western Odisha districts.
- ✓ The Nuakhai Juhar is a major ritual of the festival. It is an exchange of greetings with friend relative and well-wishers. The elders are wished Nuakhai Juhar and they give blessings for long life, happiness and prosperity.
- ✓ Being an agrarian festival, the eldest in each household in rural pockets worshipped their paddy fields praying for a bumper crop and favourable weather. Women folk

leave bed early to perform the Nukhai rituals with decorating the house with colourful rangoli.

5. Which state government has decided to play the role of a recruitment agency for the youth wanting to work abroad?

- A) Punjab ☒ B) West Bengal
C) Karnataka D) Jharkhand

- ✓ The Punjab Employment Generation Department (PEGD) has decided to play the role of a recruitment agency for the youth wanting to go abroad for studies and work. It will also set up a special cell to send the youth for studies abroad.
- ✓ The move came after regular complaints of fraud by travel agents. The special cell will have a tie-up with foreign public universities which offer education at reasonable rates.
- ✓ This will not only save students from frauds but also help them financially as the commission which foreign institutes pay to the agents would be returned to them. This facility is already available in Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Telangana.

6. Where is the headquarters of World Resources Institute?

- A) New York B) Paris
C) Berlin D) Washington ☒

- ✓ The World Resources Institute (WRI) has recently released a report titled "Reducing Food Loss and Waste" with the support of the Rockefeller Foundation. The report has quantified global food wastage — nearly one-third of the food i.e. produced each year goes uneaten, costing the global economy over \$940 billion.
- ✓ The uneaten food is responsible for emitting about 8% of planet-warming greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Some of these actions include developing national strategies for food loss and waste reduction, creating national public-private partnerships, launch supply chain initiatives, reducing small-holder losses and shifting consumer social norms.

- ✓ The WRI is a global research non-profit organization that was established in 1982 with funding from the MacArthur Foundation under the leadership of James Gustave Speth. Its headquarters is located at Washington, United States.

7. Who has been elected as Chair of the 72nd Session of the WHO –SEARO?

- A) Nirmala Sitharaman B) Raj Nath Singh
C) Narendra Modi D) Harsh Vardhan ☒

- ✓ Union Health Minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the 72nd Session of World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for South-East Asia (SEARO) in New Delhi. This is the 2nd time that India is hosting Regional Committee meeting. Dr Vardhan was unanimously elected as Chair of the 72nd Session of the WHO -SEARO.
- ✓ The event coincides with the ambitious 'Fit India Movement' launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi about remaining fit and doing physical activities like yoga, sports, cycling, etc. The Government of India is also observing the entire month of September as "Poshan Maah" (Nutrition Month).

8. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has launched the first-ever 'Terracotta Grinder' in which city?

- A) Nasik B) Hyderabad
C) Varanasi ☒ D) Thiruvananthapuram

- ✓ The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has launched the first-ever 'Terracotta Grinder' at Sewapuri in Varanasi. This machine can be used to grind wasted and broken pottery items for re-use in pottery-making.
- ✓ The Terracotta grinder was designed by the KVIC Chairman and fabricated by a Rajkot-based engineering unit. It will make grinding of wasted pottery items faster than the traditional one.
- ✓ It will lessen the cost of production and will also help in solving the problem of shortage of clays. The machine will also be a boon for potters as Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Nitin Gadkari has proposed to introduce Kulhads and other

terracotta products at 400 prominent railway stations. The proposal is under active consideration of the Railways.

the Rajya Sabha, Harivansh Narayan Singh. The summit adopted the Male Declaration and ignored Pakistan's concern on Kashmir.

9. Which Indian personality has been chosen by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for the 2019 Global Goalkeeper Award?

- A) Azim Premji B) Medha Patkar
C) Vandana Shiva D) Narendra Modi ☒

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be honoured with the prestigious '2019 Global Goalkeeper Award' by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for his leadership and commitment to his ambitious pet project "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA)" on 24th September 2019.
- ✓ The Prime Minister will also address global leaders and corporate executives at the Bloomberg Global Business Forum during his visit here for the high-level UN General Assembly (UNGA) session.
- ✓ The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA), which was launched on 2nd October 2014, is a nationwide initiative aimed to inspire the public to voluntarily clean public spaces as a service to the nation. The aim of the campaign is to achieve the vision of a 'Clean India' by 2nd October 2019.
- ✓ The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is a private foundation owned by billionaire philanthropist and Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife Melinda Gates.

10. The 4th South-Asian Speaker's Summit was recently held in which city?

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

- ✓ The 4th South-Asian Speaker's Summit was recently held in Male, Maldives. The summit was meant to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) but Pakistan tried to raise the issue of abrogation of Article 370 provisions on Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) despite not being part of the agenda. Though, India maintained that J&K is an internal matter.
- ✓ The Indian delegation in the summit was represented by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Deputy Chairman of

1. Which city is holding the COP14 to United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification?

- A) Amritsar B) Hyderabad
C) Pune D) Greater Noida ☒

- ✓ The 14th Conference of Parties (COP14) to United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification is at Greater Noida on 2nd September 2019.
- ✓ The core agenda of the 12-day Conference is to reverse land degradation and its outcomes while accelerating positive achievements for people and for ecosystems.
- ✓ The main objective of the convention is to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in countries experiencing serious drought or desertification. The delegates from 196 countries are participating in COP14.

2. Who is the newly appointed chairman of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB)?

- A) Ashok Lavasa B) N Gopalaswami
C) Sunil Arora ☒ D) Navin Chawla

- ✓ Sunil Arora, the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India, has recently assumed Chairmanship of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) for the term 2019-21 as India takes over the Chair from Romania. He succeeded Lon Mincu Radulescu.
- ✓ The AWEB Flag was handed over to the new Chairman, Sunil Arora and it will remain with Election Commission of India (ECI) for the 2 year term till 2021. More than 110 delegates from 45 countries attended the meeting.
- ✓ A-WEB is the first global organization of election management bodies, and the membership currently consists of 97 organizations from 94 countries. The constituent units of the A-WEB are the Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) of different countries, structured to work together and learn from the experiences and best practices from one another.

3. Which iconic place has been adjudged as the India's Best Swachh Iconic Place?

- A) Tirupati Temple B) Mata Vaishno Devi shrine ☒
C) Sabarimala Temple D) Ajmer Sharif Dargah

- ✓ The famous Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) has been adjudged as the India's 'Best Swachh Iconic Place' on the basis of the overall improvement in sanitation.
- ✓ The ranking of Swachh Iconic Places was recently released by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of drinking water and sanitation. Several initiatives with a workforce of 1300 sanitation workers have enabled the shrine to achieve the top rank.
- ✓ The President will confer the prestigious award to the Shrine during the Swachh Mahotsav to be organized by the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation on the 6th September 2019.

4. Where is the headquarters of Global Fund for AIDS, TB and malaria (GFTAM)?

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

- ✓ India has recently announced a contribution of \$22 million to the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and malaria (GFTAM) for the 6th replenishment cycle (2020-22). This is an increase of 10% over the amount contributed by the country in the 5th cycle.
- ✓ India has had a sustained partnership with the Global Fund since 2002 both as a recipient and as a donor. The Global Fund is a partnership designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.
- ✓ The GFTAM is an international financing and partnership organization that aims to attract, leverage and invest additional resources to end the epidemics of HIV / AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria to support attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the United Nations. Its headquarters is located in Geneva, Switzerland.

5. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of World Coconut Day?

A) Coconut for Good Health, Wealth & Wellness

B) Coconut for Family Wellness ☒

C) Coconut for Healthy Life

D) Coconut for Family Nutrition, Health, and Wellness

- ✓ The World Coconut Day (WCD) is observed every year on 2nd of September to increase coconut farming with focus on productivity and product diversification. The day is also celebrated to commemorate the formation day of Asian Pacific Coconut Community (APCC).
- ✓ In India, the day is celebrated every year under the aegis of Coconut Development Board (CDB) in various coconut growing states across the country. The 2019 theme is 'Coconut for Family Wellness'.
- ✓ The APCC is an inter-governmental organisation of 18-member countries mandated to promote, coordinate, and harmonise coconut developmental activities of the Asian Pacific region.

6. Where is the headquarters of World Resources Institute?

A) Thailand ☒

B) Vietnam

C) Brunei

D) Singapore

- ✓ In Thailand, the first US-Asean Maritime Exercise (AUMX) officially started at the Royal Thai Fleet headquarters at Chon Buri's Sattahip district.
- ✓ The aim of the 5-day AUMX is to train the regional navies in delivering humanitarian assistance and mitigating disasters. The joint exercise will involve 1,250 military personnel.
- ✓ The AUMX is co-led by the US and the Royal Thai Navy and will be preceded with pre-sail activities in Thailand, Singapore and Brunei, followed by sea drills in international waters in the Gulf of Thailand as well as the South China Sea. The exercise will conclude in Singapore.

7. Where is the headquarters of Global Tiger Forum?

A) Lucknow

B) New Delhi ☒

C) Chennai

D) Gandhinagar

- ✓ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has recently confirmed the presence of tigers in high-altitude regions of Sikkim, Uttarakhand, West Bengal and Arunachal Pradesh in a study submitted to the Union Ministry of Environment.
- ✓ The Ministry will use a study on the status of tiger habitats in high altitude ecosystems to have a high altitude tiger master plan.
- ✓ The study is led by the Global Tiger Forum (GTF) with range country governments of Bhutan, India and Nepal. It is also supported by the Integrated Tiger Habitat Conservation Programme (ITHPC) of the IUCN and KfW (German Development Bank).
- ✓ The GTF is the only intergovernmental and international body established with members from willing countries to embark on a global campaign to protect the Tiger. Its headquarters is located in New Delhi.

8. Which company has become the India's first commercial vehicle maker to get BS-VI certification for heavy duty trucks?

A) Tata Motors

B) Ashok Leyland ☒

C) Mahindra & Mahindra

D) Swaraj Mazda

- ✓ Ashok Leyland has become the first Indian Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) to meet the Bharat Stage VI (BS-VI) emission norms across its full range of heavy-duty trucks with gross vehicle weight of 16.2 tonnes and above.
- ✓ The company has recently received certificates from Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) confirming compliance with BS-VI emission standard.
- ✓ ARAI is an autonomous body affiliated to the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, which offers comprehensive certification and homologation services for all kinds of vehicles.

- ✓ As per Supreme Court ruling, no BS-IV vehicle will be sold across the country with effect from April 1, 2020. Instead, the BS-VI emission norm will come into force across the country. Ashok Leyland is a flagship company of the Hinduja Group and is the India's 2nd largest commercial vehicle manufacturer.

9. Mount Leo Pargyl is the mountain peak of which state?

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

- ✓ The Indian Army team has successfully summited Mount Leo Pargyl (6773m) on 20th Aug 2019 after an extremely challenging climb in harsh weather. They hoisted the National Flag atop Mt Leo Pargyl.
- ✓ The expedition was flagged in by Lieutenant General PM Bali at Jhakri near Rampur Bushar. Mt Leo Pargyl is the 3rd highest peak of Himachal Pradesh. It lies in the Zaskar range.

10. The Indo-US military training Exercise "Yudh Abhyas 2019" is being conducted in which city?

- A) Jhansi B) New York
C) Ajmer D) Washington ☒

- ✓ The 15th edition of the joint military exercise "Yudh Abhyas 2019" is being conducted between India and United States at Joint Base Lewis Mc Chord in Washington, USA from 05-18 September.
 - ✓ It is one of the largest joint running military training and defence corporation endeavors between India and USA. Both armies will jointly train, plan and execute a series of well developed operations for neutralization of threats of varied nature.
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1. Bianca Andreescu, who has become 1st teen to reach US Open semi-finals in decade, is from which country?

- A) Canada ☒ B) United States
C) Germany D) Austria

- ✓ The 19-year-old Canadian teen Bianca Andreescu has become the first teen to reach US Open semi-finals in a decade since Caroline Wozniacki in 2009.
- ✓ To spot in the final, she defeated Belgium's Elise Mertens by 3-6, 6-2 & 6-3. Andreescu could become the first teen to win a Grand Slam title since Maria Sharapova captured the 2006 US Open and she would be the youngest US Open champion since Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova in 2004.

2. Which prominent personality has been conferred the Vatican's 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis' award?

- A) Narendra Modi B) Muhammad Yunus ☒
C) Sachin Tendulkar D) A.R Rahman

- ✓ Nobel Laureate from Bangladesh Professor Muhammad Yunus has been conferred the 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis' award by the Vatican for his contribution towards establishing peace and harmony.
- ✓ The ceremony was recently took place at the historical Papal Basilica of Assisi in Italy. The award is recognition for distinguished work by an individual for promoting peace and dialogue among people.
- ✓ The Lamp of Peace award was first given to the Polish trade union leader Lech Walesa in 1981. Dalai Lama, Mikhail Gorbachev and Angela Merkel are a few other prominent persons who received this award earlier.

3. The Mobile Science Exhibition (MSE) programme has been launched from which city?

- A) Ranchi B) New Delhi
C) Shimla D) Leh ☒

- ✓ Union Tourism and Culture Minister, Prahlad Singh Patel has recently flagged off the first Mobile Science Exhibition (MSE) at Leh Palace in Leh. For the first time, a national programme is being launched from Leh.

- ✓ The aim of the programme is to popularize Science and Technology (S&T) among students as well as the people. The MSE programme is specially designed in a bus so that it can reach the doorsteps of people.

- ✓ The bus will travel from school to school in rural areas and organize exhibitions throughout the year. Along with the exhibition, some other programmes like Sky Observation Programme through telescope, science film show, Science Demonstration Lectures etc will also be organized.

- ✓ The programme carries a number of interactive exhibits related to everyday science. Each specially designed bus contains 20 interactive exhibits. The Culture Ministry will launch 25 Mobile Science Exhibition buses across the country.

4. The 2019 UNICEF South Asian Parliamentary conference for Children was held in which city?

- A) Male B) Paris
C) Colombo ☒ D) Geneva

- ✓ In Sri Lanka, the UNICEF South Asian Parliamentary conference on Children Right's Convention was held in Colombo from 2 & 3 September 2019. The conference gave the parliamentarians the opportunity to make fresh commitments to push the national agendas for the realization of child rights.

- ✓ The Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most widely ratified human rights treaty. But, during the conference, the Pakistani delegates tried to raise the Kashmir issue which led to a sharp reaction from the Indian side. The Indian delegation consists of Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi and BJP MP Sanjay Jaiswal spoke in unison to counter Pakistan's claims.

5. Which state government has recently signed pact with Delaware State of America for sister state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh B) Jharkhand
C) Maharashtra D) Gujarat ☒

- ✓ The Gujarat Government has recently signed the Sister State MoU with Delaware State of America in Gandhinagar.

- ✓ This is the first sister state MoU signed by Gujarat with any state of America. According to official sources, cooperation in the field of services and investment opportunities in GIFT IFSC have also been discussed during the meeting.

- ✓ The sectors like Biotechnology University, bio sciences, financial services, animal husbandry and dairy, port services have been short listed for future cooperation.

6. Which company has recently bagged \$300 mn contract from ICICI Bank to provide digital technology led services?

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

- ✓ The digital transformation and IT services major, Wipro Limited has bagged a strategic contract valued at \$300 million from the ICICI Bank to provide digital technology led services.

- ✓ Under the contract, Wipro will offer a comprehensive suite of services to ICICI Bank for the next 7 years. Earlier, Vara Infotech was providing these services to the ICICI Bank.

- ✓ As part of this strategic deal, Wipro will absorb about 3,800 employees of Vara Infotech along with its existing contracts, facilities and assets, on a going concern basis, through a business transfer agreement for an all cash consideration of Rs 321 crore.

- ✓ This transaction is expected to be completed during the quarter ending September 30, 2019 and is subject to customary closing conditions.

7. Which is the world's most liveable city, according to EIU's Global Liveability Index 2019?

- A) Sydney B) Vienna ☒
C) Melbourne D) Paris

- ✓ The Global Liveability Index 2019 has been released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). The index assesses which locations around the world provide the best or the worst living conditions. Each factor in a city is rated

as acceptable, tolerable, uncomfortable, undesirable or intolerable.

- ✓ The 2019 index is topped by Vienna (Austria), followed by Melbourne and Sydney. In India, New Delhi and Mumbai ranked 118th and 119th out of 140 cities. While war-ravaged Damascus (Syria) ranked the world's least liveable city.

8. On which date, the 2019 edition of International Day of Charity is observed recently?

- A) September 4 B) September 5 ☒
C) September 3 D) September 6

- ✓ The International Day of Charity is observed every year on 5th of September to raise awareness and provide a common platform for charity related activities all over the world for individuals, charitable, philanthropic and volunteer organizations for their own purposes on the local, national, regional and international level.

9. The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has tied up with which bank for DBT facility?

- A) PNB B) SBI ☒
C) BoB D) BoI

- ✓ The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has partnered with State Bank of India (SBI) for direct transfer of benefits electronically into bank accounts of all stakeholders.

- ✓ As per pact, SBI will provide e-payment services directly to bank accounts of all ESIC beneficiaries and payees without any manual intervention as an integrated and automated process.

- ✓ The bank would provide e-payment integration with the enterprise resource planning processes of ESIC through its cash management product e-payment technology platform.

- ✓ The e-payment integration would effect statutory benefit payments to ESIC beneficiaries as well as other payees on real time basis, reducing time lags and delays and at the same time, help eliminate mistakes and errors caused by repetitive and manual data entries.

10. What is the India's rank at the WEF's World Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index (TTCI) 2019?

A) 33rd

B) 43rd

C) 34th ☒

D) 53rd

- ✓ The World Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index (TTCI) 2019 has been released by the World Economic Forum (WEF). In it, India has moved up six places to rank 34th because of its rich natural and cultural resources and strong price competitiveness.
 - ✓ Spain topped the index, followed by France, Germany, Japan and the United States. The index covered 140 economies & measures the set of factors and policies that enable sustainable development of travel and tourism sector which contributes to the development and competitiveness of a country.
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1. Kiran Nagarkar, who passed away recently, was the renowned personality in which field?

- A) Politics B) Playwright ☒
C) Sports D) Science

- ✓ Kiran Nagarkar (77), the acclaimed English-Marathi novelist and playwright, has passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra on 5th September 2019.
- ✓ He was known for his works such as, "Saat Sakkam Trechalis" (Seven Sixes Are 43) (1974), "Ravan and Eddie" (1994) and the epic English novel "Cuckold" (1997). He released his latest novel "Jasoda" in November 2017.

2. Srihari Nataraj is associated to which sports?

- A) Boxing B) Swimming ☒
C) Judo D) Chess

- ✓ Srihari Nataraj from Bengaluru has won the best male swimmer award at the 73rd Glenmark National senior aquatic championships at the Prakash Tarun Pushkar pool. He created a national record in the men's 100m backstroke.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Shivani Kataria from Haryana was adjudged as the best woman swimmer. Karnataka won the overall championship and men's team title. And, Maharashtra took the women's team trophy.

3. The 4th edition of Indian Ocean Conference (ICO-2019) was held in which city?

- A) New Delhi B) Beijing
C) Colombo D) Male ☒

- ✓ The 4th edition of Indian Ocean Conference (ICO-2019) was held in Male from September 3-4. It was organized by India Foundation, in association with the Government of Maldives and the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (Singapore).
- ✓ The theme of the IOC 2019 is "Securing the Indian Ocean Region: Traditional and Non-Traditional Challenges".

4. Where is the headquarters of Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)?

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

- ✓ In New Delhi, the national conference on "India-Africa Partnership in a Changing Global Order-Priorities, Prospects and Challenges" was organized by Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA).
- ✓ The ICWA is devoted exclusively for the study of international relations and foreign affairs. It is also a member of the United Nations Academic Impact, The Vice President of India is the ex-officio President of ICWA, while the Minister of External Affairs is its Vice President. Its headquarters is located in National capital.

5. The 1st national conference on Cybercrime Investigation was held in which city?

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

- ✓ The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has recently organized the first national conference on Cybercrime Investigation and Forensics at its headquarters in New Delhi.
- ✓ The aim of the 2-day conference was to create the platform and bring together investigators, lawyers, forensic experts and academia to discuss challenges related to cybercrime and ways to find solutions.

6. Which IIT has been selected for the Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institute (SATHI)?

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

- ✓ After IIT Delhi, IIT Kharagpur has been selected for the "Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institute (SATHI) of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) of the Union government.
- ✓ The SATHI Centre will run 24×7 round the year. At least 70% of instrument time will be reserved for external users from other academic institutes, national

laboratories, start-ups, entrepreneurs and the industry.

- ✓ The institute will treat the SATHI Centre as its Social Scientific Responsibility (SSR) programme to promote the culture of science-based entrepreneurship and start-ups in the country.

7. Who has become the youngest-ever captain in Test cricket history?

- A) Nayeem Hasan B) Taijul Islam
C) Mominul Haque D) Rashid Khan ☒

- ✓ Afghanistani leg spinner Rashid Khan (20) has scripted history as he became the youngest-ever Test captain after leading his team against Bangladesh in the one-off Test. Previously, the record was held by former Zimbabwe wicketkeeper Tatenda Taibu.
- ✓ At the age of 19 years and 165 days, Rashid Khan had also become the youngest player to captain an international side.

8. Who led Indian delegation at the 5th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF-2019)?

- A) Vijay Keshav Gokhale B) Narendra Modi ☒
C) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar D) Ram Nath Kovind

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the first Indian premier to visit the Far East Russia in Vladivostok. He attended the 20th India-Russia annual summit with President Putin and announced \$1 billion loan for the development of Far East region.
- ✓ Modi also attended 5th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF). The forum focuses on development of business and investment opportunities in the Russian Far East Region, and presents enormous potential for developing close and mutually beneficial cooperation between India and Russia in the region.

9. What is the India's position in terms of total gold reserve, according to the World Gold Council (WGC)?

- A) 7th B) 10th ☒ C) 9th D) 6th

- ✓ According to the latest report by World Gold Council (WGC), United States leads the country list with total gold reserves of 8,133.5 tonnes followed by Germany (3,366.8 tonnes), International Monetary Fund (IMF) (2,451.8 tonnes), Italy (2,451.8 tonnes) and France (2,436.1 tonnes).
- ✓ India is at the 10th spot with 618.2 tonnes. Interestingly, in terms of individual countries, India actually ranks 9th since the IMF occupies the third position after the U.S. and Germany.

10. Who is the head of the RBI task force which calls for participation of non-banks to develop secondary market for corporate loans?

- A) B P Kanungo B) TN Manoharan ☒
C) M K Jain D) N S Vishwanathan

- ✓ The 6-member RBI task force, headed by Canara Bank Chairman TN Manoharan, has recommended the setting up a Self Regulatory Body (SRB) of market participants to finalize details for the secondary market for corporate loans, including the standardization of documents.
- ✓ It has also called for amending regulations of SEBI, IRDA and PFRDA to enable participation of non-banking entities such as mutual funds, insurance companies, and pension funds.
- ✓ It has also called for setting up a Central Loan Contract Registry (CLCR), as well as an online loan sales platform to conduct auctions and sale of such loans.

1. Freedom fighter Heeralal Sharma, who passed away recently, was from which district of Rajasthan?
- A) Bikaner ☒ B) Udaipur
C) Jaipur D) Kota
- ✓ Freedom fighter Heeralal Sharma has passed away at the age of 95 in Bikaner, Rajasthan. He took active part in freedom struggle and was also jailed for two years.
2. The 28th cycle of Indo – Thai CORPAT has started in which city?
- A) Kochi B) Kolkata
C) Bangkok ☒ D) Chennai
- ✓ The 28th cycle of India – Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo – Thai CORPAT) between the navies of the two countries has started in Bangkok, Thailand from September 5 to 15 to increase bilateral ties and maritime cooperation. The objectives of the Indo – Thai CORPAT are to ensure effective implementation of United Nations Conventions on Laws of the Sea (UNCLOS).
3. Abdul Qadir, who passed away recently, was the renowned leg – spinner of which country?
- A) India B) Pakistan ☒
C) Bangladesh D) South Africa
- ✓ Abdul Qadir Khan (63), Pakistan's master leg – spinner, has passed away in Lahore on 7th September 2019. He played in 67 Tests and 104 ODIs had a total 368 wickets in his international career.
- ✓ Cricket pundits and writers believe that his biggest achievement was to keep the art of wrist spin alive during the eras of the 70s and 80s when fast bowlers dominated world cricket.
4. Who is the head of the task force to draw project pipeline for infrastructure?
- A) Shobhana K. Pattanayak B) Arun Goyal
C) Rajiv Kumar ☒ D) Piyush Goyal
- ✓ The Union government has constituted a task force for drawing up National Infrastructure Pipeline of Rs 100 lakh crore from the fiscal year 2019–20 to 2024–25.
- ✓ The Task Force headed by Rajiv Kumar (Economic Affairs Secretary) will identify technically feasible and economically viable infrastructure projects that can be initiated in the current fiscal.
- ✓ The National Infrastructure Pipeline would include Greenfield and Brownfield projects costing above 100 crore rupees. It also enables robust marketing of the pipeline of projects requiring private investment through the India Investment Grid and National Investment & Infrastructure Fund.
5. Which country has been declared free from Avian Influenza (H5N1)?
- A) Nepal B) India ☒
C) Sri Lanka D) Bangladesh
- ✓ India has been declared free from Avian Influenza (H5N1) by the OIE – World Organisation for Animal Health. The status will last only till another outbreak is reported. H5N1 is a highly contagious viral disease that particularly affects domestic poultry such as chickens, turkeys and ducks. The virus can also infect humans causing death in some cases.
6. Which member countries of the WHO Southeast Asia region have successfully controlled Hepatitis B?
- A) India, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka
B) Bangladesh, Indonesia, Vietnam and Myanmar
C) India, Nepal, Myanmar and Thailand
D) Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Thailand ☒
- ✓ Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Thailand have recently become the first four countries in the World Health Organization (WHO)'s Southeast Asia region to have successfully controlled Hepatitis B.
- ✓ The virus is said to be controlled when the disease occurrence is reduced to less than 1% among children less than 5 years of age. Hepatitis B is a viral infection

that attacks the liver and can cause both acute and chronic disease.

7. Which Indian organisation has released a report titled 'Mid-Monsoon 2019 Lightning'?

- A) ISRO B) IMD ☒ C) SEBI D) RBI

- ✓ The report titled 'Mid-Monsoon 2019 Lightning' has been prepared by Climate Resilient Observing Systems Promotion Council (CROSPC), a research body of the India Meteorological Department (IMD). It's a first-of-its-kind report on lightning incidents in India.
- ✓ As per report, in the 4-month period between April and July, Odisha recorded the highest number of lightning strikes in the country, followed by Maharashtra with 6.26 lakh strikes and Karnataka with 6.21 lakh.
- ✓ The lightning strikes have caused at least 1,311 deaths. UP recorded the highest casualties with 224 deaths, followed by Bihar (170), Odisha (129) & Jharkhand (118).

8. The POSHAN Maah 2019 has been started with which mass media campaign?

- A) POSHAN Abhiyaan B) Swachh Bharat Mission
C) Ayushman Bharat D) Eat Right India ☒

- ✓ Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has kick-started POSHAN Maah (nutrition month) 2019 with a year-long social and mass media campaign on the Eat Right India movement.
- ✓ This movement is aligned with the government's flagship public health programmes such as POSHAN Abhiyaan, Anemia Mukt Bharat, Ayushman Bharat Yojana and Swachh Bharat Mission.
- ✓ Dr. Vardhan also launched the new Eat Right India logo that represents a healthy plate, an online eat right quiz and online course for frontline health.

9. The WHO Southeast Asia Region has set target of which year to eliminate measles & rubella?

- A) 2022 B) 2023 ☒ C) 2024 D) 2025

- ✓ The member countries of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Southeast Asia Region have resolved to eliminate highly infectious childhood killer diseases measles and rubella by 2023. The resolution was adopted at the 72nd session of the WHO Regional Committee for Southeast Asia in New Delhi.

- ✓ Till date, 5 countries have eliminated measles – Bhutan, DPR Korea, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste. Six countries have controlled rubella – Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste.
- ✓ Measles is dangerous for the poor, as it attacks malnourished children and those with reduced immunity. It can cause serious complications, including blindness, encephalitis, severe diarrhoea, ear infection and pneumonia, while rubella / Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS) causes irreversible birth defects.

10. Which EU country has decided to phase out the controversial weedkiller glyphosate by 2023?

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

- ✓ Germany has decided to phase out the controversial weedkiller glyphosate by the end of 2023 to protect insect populations that play a pivotal role in ecosystems and pollination of food crops. The chemical is also suspected to cause cancer in humans.
- ✓ The ban is a major blow to German agrochemical manufacturer Bayer CropScience. Glyphosate is popular in India too. Earlier, Austria became the first EU member to ban glyphosate use in July 2019.

1. The International conference 'ANGAN' has been organized in which city?

A) Berlin

B) Geneva

C) Paris

D) New Delhi ☒

- ✓ On 9th September 2019, a 3 day long International conference ANGAN for Energy Efficiency in Building Sector is being organized by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in New Delhi. Indo – German Technical Co-operation is also partnering in the event.

- ✓ Experts and policy makers from 16 countries are participating in this event to discuss various alternative options and technologies in the field of design and construction of energy efficient commercial as well as residential buildings.

2. Who won the 2019 edition of men's singles US Open Tennis title?

A) Novak Djokovic

B) Roger Federer

C) Rafael Nadal ☒

D) Daniil Medvedev

- ✓ Spain's Rafael Nadal has won the 2019 edition of men's singles US Open Tennis title by defeating Daniil Medvedev in a five-set epic with a thrilling 7–5, 6–3, 5–7, 4–6, 6–4. This is his 4th US Open title and 19th Grand Slam trophy.

- ✓ He moved one shy of Roger Federer's all-time men's record 20 Grand Slam triumphs and became the 2nd-oldest New York champion in the Open era after Ken Rosewall in 1970 at age 35.

3. What is the theme of the 24th World Energy Congress?

A) Securing Tomorrow's Energy Today

B) Energy Transition Towards 2030

C) Energy for Prosperity ☒

D) Embracing New Frontiers

- ✓ The 24th World Energy Congress has started in Abu Dhabi under the patronage of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

- ✓ The aim of the WEC is to bring together international energy stakeholders, including governments, private and state corporations, academia and media. The theme of this Congress is 'Energy for Prosperity'.

4. Asia's first 5th Generation – VR based Advanced Driver Training simulator centre launched at which city?

A) Chennai ☒

B) Coimbatore

C) Salem

D) Madurai

- ✓ Asia's first 5th Generation – Virtual Reality based Advanced Driver Training Simulator Centre was launched at the Automobile Association of Southern India Centre (AASI), Chennai.

- ✓ In the first 6 months, AASI will train 200 Ambulance drivers free of cost, under 'Safe Drivers Campaign'. The simulator was ideated, designed and developed by Chennai based Red Chariots Technologies Pvt Ltd.

5. UNESCO has tied up with which Indian state to promote its Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)?

A) Rajasthan ☒

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Jharkhand

D) Punjab

- ✓ The UNESCO has tied up with the Rajasthan government to promote community-based responsible tourism based on the rich Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of the state.

- ✓ The project will be implemented in the districts of Jodhpur, Barmer, Jaisalmer and Bikaner and seeks to spur the socio – economic growth of selected artist communities.

- ✓ It will focus on intangible cultural heritage traditions such as pottery, weaving and other crafts, as well as music traditions, in order to create community benefitting tourism opportunities.

6. The team of which telescope has won the 2020 'Oscars of Science'?

A) Extremely Large Telescope

B) Giant Magellan Telescope

C) Thirty Meter Telescope

D) Event Horizon Telescope ☒

- ✓ The Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) team of 347 scientists has won the 2020 'Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics' for the first image of a super-massive black hole. The \$3 million prize is also known as the 'Oscars of Science'.
- ✓ The team produced the world's first-ever image of a black hole circled by a flame-orange halo of white-hot plasma on the Messier 87 (M87) galaxy on 10th April 2019. EHT is a large telescope array consisting of a global network of radio telescopes.

7. Which country is hosting the multi – nation Exercise TSENTR 2019?

A) India

B) Russia ☒

C) China

D) Uzbekistan

- ✓ Indian Army is participating in the multi-nation war games Exercise TSENTR 2019 along with armies of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan. The exercise is being conducted by Central Military Commission of Russia between September 9–23 at Donguz training ranges in Orenburg.
- ✓ The 2019 exercise consists of two modules. The first module includes counter-terror operations, repelling air strikes, reconnaissance operations and defensive measures, while the second focus on offensive operations.

8. What is the 2019 theme of International Literacy Day?

A) Literacy in a digital world

B) Reading the Past, Writing the Future

C) Literacy and Multilingualism ☒

D) Literacy and skills development

- ✓ The International Literacy Day is celebrated every year on 8th of September to raise awareness about the literacy. The 2019 theme is 'Literacy & Multilingualism'.

9. Which state government has decided to set up a Time Bank?

A) Madhya Pradesh ☒

B) Himachal Pradesh

C) Rajasthan

D) Andhra Pradesh

- ✓ The Happiness Department of Madhya Pradesh government has decided to set up a Time Bank that would lend currency to an hour, which could be exchanged to learn a new skill without the need for any paper money.
- ✓ It's a reciprocal service exchange which uses units of time as currency. Under the scheme, people who have the time can also volunteer help needy people. The time banks will enable person-to-person, person-to-agency and agency-to-agency transactions. The first Time Bank was set up in Japan in 1973.

10. Who won the 2019 edition of women's singles US Open Tennis title?

A) Bianca Andreescu ☒

B) Caroline Wozniacki

C) Simona Halep

D) Naomi Osaka

- ✓ Bianca Andreescu has won the 2019 edition of women's singles US Open Tennis title by defeating Serena Williams in the final by 6–3, 7–5. With this, she became the first Canadian to win a Grand Slam singles title.

1. India's first-ever helicopter summit was recently held in which city?

- A) Patna B) Lucknow
C) New Delhi D) Dehradun ☒

✓ India's first-ever helicopter summit is organized by Union Ministry of Civil Aviation at Sahasradhara heliport in Dehradun, Uttarakhand on theme of expanding connectivity through helicopters.

✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) was invited at the summit to talk on the role of IAF helicopters in MEDEVAC at the national level.

2. The UNCCD COP 14 is taking place in which city?

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

✓ The 14th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD COP 14) is taking place in New Delhi from 2 to 13 September 2019.

✓ The agenda of the conference is to reverse degradation of land and fix critical gaps in its management. According to researchers at the UN conference, the Indian Cheetah, pink-headed duck, and the Great Indian Bustard have become extinct due to desertification.

3. Veeru Krishnan, who passed away recently, was the renowned Indian classical dancer of which form?

- A) Mohiniyattam B) Kathak ☒
C) Kathakali D) Bharatanatyam

✓ Veeru Krishnan, Bollywood actor and renowned Kathak dancer, has passed away in Mumbai on 7th September 2019. He is best remembered for his roles in films like Raja Hindustani, Dulhe Raja and Akele Hum Akele Tum among others.

4. Who is the head of the committee to oversee bifurcation of J&K?

- A) Sanjay Mitra ☒ B) Giriraj Prasad Gupta

C) Arun Goyal

D) K L Mishra

✓ The Union Government has constituted a 3-member committee to look into distribution of assets and liabilities of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) between Union territories of J&K and Ladakh, which will officially come into existence on October 31. The committee will be chaired by former defence secretary Sanjay Mitra.

5. India is the co-host along with which country at the 8th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER8)?

- A) Israel B) Vietnam
C) UAE ☒ D) Malaysia

✓ India is the co-host along with UAE at the 8th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER8) in Abu Dhabi.

✓ Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan is participating in the 3-day conference which will debate energy security in the age of change with a view to empower responsible growth in Asia and the world.

6. The 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship has started from which state?

- A) Telangana B) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
C) Jharkhand D) Uttar Pradesh

✓ The 25th edition of the Hero Senior Women's National Football Championship has started at Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh on 10th September 2019. Overall 30 teams from across India is participating the 15-day event. Teams have been divided into 8 groups.

7. Which country is hosting the multi – nation Exercise TSENTR 2019?

- A) Take a Minute, Change a Life
B) Working Together to Prevent Suicide ☒
C) Connect, Communicate, Care
D) Light a candle near a Window

✓ The World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is observed every year on 10th of September to provide worldwide

commitment and action to prevent suicides. The 2019 theme is "Working Together to Prevent Suicide".

8. Which team has clinched the 2019 Duleep Trophy title?

- A) India Blue B) India Green
C) India Red ☒ D) India Yellow

- ✓ India Red has clinched the 58th season of the Duleep Trophy tournament by defeating India Green by an innings and 38 runs in the final at Bengaluru. Abhimanyu Easwaran, who made a brilliant 153 for India Red, was adjudged the player of the match.

9. The Indo-Lanka Maritime Fleet Exercise - SLINEX 2019 has started in which city?

- A) Chennai B) Kolkata
C) Visakhapatnam ☒ D) Pune

- ✓ The 7th edition of bilateral Maritime Exercise 'SLINEX 2019' between Indian & Sri Lankan Navies has recently started in the Bay of Bengal off the Vizag port (Visakhapatnam) in Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ The aim of the exercise is to enhance co-operation and to further strengthen mutual trust and interoperability between the two Navies.

10. The first conference on military medicine for SCO member-states is being held in which city?

- A) New Delhi ☒ B) Beijing
C) Moscow D) Tashkent

- ✓ The first conference on military medicine for Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states is scheduled to be held in New Delhi from September 12 to 13, 2019. The aim of the conference is to share best practices in the field of military medicine, build capacities and overcome common challenges.
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1. Indian Railways has launched its' first ever 'fun zone' for kids in which railway station?

- A) Hazrat Nizamuddin B) Bhopal
C) Visakhapatnam ☒ D) Hyderabad

- ✓ Indian Railways has launched its first-of-its-kind 'fun zone' for kids at the Visakhapatnam railway station in Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ The games ranging from video shooting to other indoor games aim to keep children engaged during long waiting hours at platforms. It is an innovative initiative by the Waltair division of East Coast Railway.

2. Who has become the first bowler to take 100 wickets in Twenty20 International cricket?

- A) Lasith Malinga ☒ B) Mohammed Shami
C) Cameron Bancroft D) Jasprit Bumrah

- ✓ On 9th September 2019, Lasith Malinga from Sri Lanka became the 1st bowler to claim 100 wickets in Twenty20 International cricket as he struck 4 times with four balls in the third match against New Zealand. He surpassed Pakistan spinner Shahid Afridi's tally of 97 scalps to become the leading T20I wicket taker.

3. Gaurvi Singhvi, who became the world's youngest open water swimmer to cross the English Channel, is from which state?

- A) Rajasthan ☒ B) Gujarat
C) Maharashtra D) Himachal Pradesh

- ✓ Gaurvi Singhvi (16) from Udaipur has made India proud by becoming the world's youngest open water swimmer to cross the English Channel in 13 hours and 26 minutes in August 2019. The Channel is a water body that separates southern England from northern France and links southern part of North Sea to the Atlantic Ocean.

4. Who is the newly appointed chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI)?

- A) K N Shanth Kumar B) Mahendra Mohan Gupta

- C) Vijay Kumar Chopra ☒ D) Aveekumar Sarkar

- ✓ The Chief Editor of the Punjab Kesari Group, Vijay Kumar Chopra has been appointed the chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI).
- ✓ Chopra succeeded N Ravi, Publisher and former Editor-in-Chief of The Hindu. PTI is the largest news agency in India & is headquartered in New Delhi.

5. Which noted writer has been chosen for the 40th Sarala Puraskar?

- A) Haraprasad Das B) Radha Mohan Gadanayak
C) Manasi Pradhan D) Pradeep Dash ☒

- ✓ Renowned Odia writer Dr Pradeep Dash will be conferred with the prestigious 'Sarala Puraskar' for his poetry work 'Charu Chibar O Charjya' on October 26.
- ✓ The award is recognized as the foremost literary award of Odisha & is instituted by Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT), which is a charitable wing of IMFA Ltd. The IMFA Ltd. is the leading and the only fully integrated producer of Ferro alloys in India.

6. Which Indian personality has been chosen for the 2019 Asia Pacific Golf Hall Of Fame?

- A) Shyam Saran B) Deepak Nayyar
C) Pawan Munjal ☒ D) Praveen Someshwar

- ✓ Dr. Pawan Munjal, CMD of Hero MotoCorp, will be inducted into the 2019 Asia Pacific Golf Hall Of Fame on 6th November 2019.
- ✓ With this, He will join legendary golfers such as Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and more on this list. Besides his 2 wheeler business, Dr.Munjal is one of the biggest promoters of golf, football, field hockey and cricket not only in India but around the globe as well.

7. The 22nd edition of UN Committee on CRPD was held at which city?

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

- ✓ The 22nd edition of United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) was held at UNHRC in Geneva from 2nd & 3rd September 2019.

- ✓ In this session, UN Committee on CRPD took up India's First Country Report on 'Status of Disability in India' for consideration. An Indian delegation was headed by Mrs. Shakuntala D. Gamlin (Secretary of DEPwD).

- ✓ She highlighted various initiatives taken by the Government in the recent past for inclusion and empowerment of PwDs in line with the obligations under UNCRPD. India ratified this Convention on 1st October 2017 in pursuance of Article 35 of the Convention.

8. The National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) has been launched from which city?

- A) Chennai B) Mathura ☒
- C) Gandhinagar D) New Delhi

- ✓ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently launched the National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) for eradicating the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis in the livestock from Mathura in Uttar Pradesh.

- ✓ The aim of the programme is to vaccinate over 500 Million Livestock including cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats and pigs against the disease.

- ✓ It will be implemented for a period of five years till 2024 at a cost of around Rs 13000 crore. Beside this, Mr. Modi also launched Swachhta Hi Seva' Programme 2019 and National Artificial Insemination Programme.

9. Who has been appointed the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A) Shyam Saran B) Riyad Mathew
- C) Pramod Kumar Mishra ☒ D) Veerendra Kumar

- ✓ Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra, a Gujarat cadre IAS officer belonging to the 1972 batch, has been appointed as the new Principal Secretary to PM Narendra Modi with effect from September 11.

- ✓ Prior to this appointment, he was the additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister and was holding the rank of a Cabinet minister.

10. Which state government has decided to set up India's first International Women's Trade Centre (iWTC)?

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

- ✓ The Kerala government has decided to set up India's first international women's trade centre (iWTC) in Kozhikode to accelerate women entrepreneurship and secure gender parity.

- ✓ It is in consonance with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The first phase of iWTC is being executed under "Vision 2020". It is scheduled to be completed by 2021.

1. Scientists have used which telescope to discover water vapor in the atmosphere of a super-Earth "K2-18b"?

A) Extremely Large Telescope

B) Hubble Space Telescope ☒

C) Astrosat

D) Spektr – RG

✓ For the first time, the astronomers at the University College London have discovered water vapour in the atmosphere of an Earth-size planet called K2-18b. They used data from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope.

✓ The exoplanet "K2-18b" is 8-times the mass of Earth and known as a super-Earth. It orbits a red dwarf star 110 light-years away from Earth in the Leo constellation.

✓ The planet was first discovered in 2015 by NASA's Kepler spacecraft. An exoplanet refers to a planet beyond our solar system.

2. Which Indian diplomat has been bestowed the UAE's First Class Order of Zayed II award?

A) Raveesh Kumar

B) Navdeep Singh Suri ☒

C) Rahi Masoom Raza

D) Syed Akbaruddin

✓ UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan has bestowed the First Class Order of Zayed II award on Indian Ambassador Navdeep Singh Suri.

✓ The award is given in recognition of his contribution to the development & strengthening of friendly relations and co-operation between the two countries.

3. Amit Sharma, who has created history by making world's biggest static website - Cheapflightsall.com, is from which city?

A) Pune

B) Delhi ☒

C) Bengaluru

D) Ranchi

✓ Amit Sharma, a Delhi resident, and owner of Cheapflightsall.com, has created history by making world's biggest static website - Cheapflightsall.com.

✓ With this feat, he registered his name in 6 different records viz. Limca Book of Records 2019, International

Book of Records 2018, World Book of Records 2019, Indian Achiever Book of Records 2019, India Book of Records 2019 and Asia Book of Records 2019.

4. Rajasekar, who passed away recently, was the veteran actor-director of which regional cinema?

A) Tamil ☒

B) Telugu

C) Kannadam

D) Malayalam

✓ Rajasekar (61), the veteran Tamil actor, cinematographer and director, has passed away in Chennai, Tamil Nadu on 8th September 2019.

✓ He also acted in a number of successful television serials and he became popular for his role in the popular daily - Saravanan Meenatchi.

5. India's 2nd riverine Multi-Modal terminal (MMT) in built on which river?

A) Ganga ☒

B) Yamuna

C) Brahmaputra

D) Godavari

✓ India's 2nd riverine Multi-Modal terminal (MMT) has been inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Sahibganj in Jharkhand on 12th September 2019.

✓ It is constructed by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) on river Ganga under Jal Marg Vikas Project at a cost of Rs 290 crore in a record time of about 2 years.

✓ The terminal at Sahibganj will open up industries of Jharkhand and Bihar to the global market and provide Indo-Nepal cargo connectivity through waterways route. India's first MMT was built at Varanasi.

6. Who is the author of the book 'Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past'?

A) Romila Thapar

B) Vikram Sampath ☒

C) Irfan Habib

D) Ramachandra Guha

✓ The book 'Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past 1883-1924' has been authored by Bengaluru-based historian Vikram Sampath.

- ✓ It describes the life of freedom fighter and Philosopher Vinayak Damodar Savarkar (Veer Savarkar) from his birth in 1883 to his conditional release to Ratnagiri in 1924.

7. NITI Aayog has selected which company to set up India's first Digital Capability Centre (DCC)?

- A) Google B) Microsoft
C) Reliance D) McKinsey ☒

- ✓ The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) has selected McKinsey & Company to set up India's first Digital Capability Centre (DCC), which will showcase advanced technologies and provide a test bed for emerging innovations.

- ✓ McKinsey supports five such digital capability centres across the globe – Aachen, Chicago, Singapore, Venice, and Beijing.

- ✓ DCC is a unique digital manufacturing learning centre offering company leaders and their workforces hands-on experience and workshops in next generation technology to help them advance their operations, design and productivity and can be used at all levels of the value chain.

8. Which country has become first in Asia to roll out plain cigarette packaging?

- A) Thailand ☒ B) Indonesia
C) India D) Singapore

- ✓ Thailand has become first country in Asia to roll out plain cigarette packaging. Here, the health impact is huge and smoking-related illnesses are a leading cause of death.

- ✓ The standardized packaging includes a graphic picture of tobacco's effects on the body and the logo-free brand name written in plain font. In 2012, Australia became the first country in the world to introduce plain packaging.

9. Ronaldo Laitonjam is associated to which sports?

- A) Hockey B) Boxing
C) Football D) Cycling ☒

- ✓ In Cycling, Ronaldo Laitonjam from India has won his 4th gold medal at the 2019 Track Asia Cup competition at the Indira Gandhi indoor stadium in New Delhi.

- ✓ He also created a new Asian record by clocking 10.065 seconds in the qualifying round of the men's junior 200m time trial event in the tournament. Previously, the record was held by China's Liu Qi. Overall, India topped the medals tally with 10 gold, 8 silver and 7 bronze.

10. Gurugram Police has tied up with which tech giant for traffic updates?

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

- ✓ The Gurugram traffic police have tied up with Google maps for dissemination of traffic related information such as planned road closures, diversions, traffic alerts regarding road crash etc. in real time for public use.

- ✓ The basic idea behind this arrangement is to prompt commuters to make intelligent choices in order to make their commuting experience hassle-free.

1. Which State government has launched Mukhyamantri Vyapari Samuhik Niji Durghatna Beema Yojana?

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

✓ The Haryana government has recently launched two insurance schemes – Mukhyamantri Vyapari Samuhik Niji Durghatna Beema Yojana (MVSNDY) and Mukhyamantri Vyapari Kshatipurti Beema Yojana (MVKBY) – for registered small and medium traders.

✓ An insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh would be provided under the Durghatna Yojana and from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 25 lakh under the other scheme.

✓ The premium of 38 crore people of both the schemes would be paid by the State government. Traders registered under the Haryana Goods and Service Tax (HGST) Act, 2017 would be covered under these schemes.

2. The National Conference on “Criminal Activities and Radicalization in Jails” was organized by which organisation?

- A) BSF B) CISF C) BPR&D ☒ D) CRPF

✓ The Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) has recently organized the National Conference on “Criminal Activities and Radicalization in Jails: Vulnerability of Inmates and Jail Staff and their Protection” in New Delhi.

✓ The aim of the 2 day Conference is to provide a platform for the prison personnel of all ranks at the national level to share their candid views on various operational as well as administrative issues.

3. Which country has inaugurated Southeast Asia’s largest solar power farm?

- A) Thailand B) Vietnam ☒
C) Myanmar D) Indonesia

✓ Vietnam has recently inaugurated Southeast Asia’s largest solar power farm which has the capacity to produce 688 million kWh of electricity annually.

✓ The Dau Tieng Solar Power Complex is constructed on the Dau Tieng Reservoir – the largest artificial lake in Vietnam – and is expected to generate 10% of the country’s solar energy to guarantee supply to 320,000 homes.

4. Indo–Thailand joint military exercise Maitree 2019 is being conducted in which state?

- A) Meghalaya ☒ B) Chhattisgarh
C) Nagaland D) Mizoram

✓ The joint Military Exercise Maitree–2019 between India and Thailand is being conducted at Foreign Training Node, Umroi (Meghalaya) from 16–29 Sep 2019. Its aim is to share experience gained during various counter terrorism operations in their respective countries.

5. Where is the headquarters of the Global Anti–Microbial Resistance (AMR) Research and Development (R&D) Hub?

- A) Poland B) Germany ☒
C) Austria D) France

✓ India has recently become a member of the Global Anti–Microbial Resistance (AMR) Research and Development (R&D) Hub. The hub was launched during the 71st session of the World Health Assembly in 2018 & is headquartered in Germany.

✓ It is aimed at helping countries decide the allocation of resources for R&D on AMR by identifying gaps and overlaps. AMR is a cause of worry in developing nations like India, where the burden of infectious disease is high and healthcare spending is low.

6. Megan Schutt, who became the first woman to claim two hat–tricks in international cricket, is from which country?

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

✓ Australian fast bowler Megan Schutt has scripted history by becoming the first woman to claim two hat–tricks in international cricket.

- ✓ Schutt also became the only woman cricketer from Australia to claim a hat-trick in One Day Internationals (ODIs) in the third ODI against West Indies in Antigua on September 12, 2019. She had claimed her first hat-trick in a T20I against India in 2018.

7. Which union ministry has launched the Curriculum for Life Skills (Jeevan Kaushal)?

- A) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- B) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- C) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D) Ministry of Human Resource Development ☒

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Sanjay Dhotre has recently launched the Curriculum for Life Skills (Jeevan Kaushal) designed by University Grants Commission (UGC) in New Delhi.

- ✓ The curriculum cover the set of human talents acquired by an individual via classroom learning or life experience that can help them to deal with problems encountered in day to day life.

- ✓ This includes the core skills each individual must possess internally as well as externally for the betterment of self and the society as a whole.

8. The Drought Toolbox has officially released in which UNCCD event?

- A) COP15
- B) COP16
- C) COP17
- D) COP14 ☒

- ✓ The 14th Conference of Parties (COP14) to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) has officially released the Drought Toolbox, which is a one-stop shop for all actions on drought.

- ✓ The toolbox can be used by countries to assess drought risks in their regions much in advance, and prepare to deal with the water scarcity.

- ✓ It uses 30 parameters such as soil moisture, rainfall data and temperature data of the present and past. The drought -forecasting toolbox can accurately evaluate

the vulnerability of different geographic regions to drought.

9. Which Indian police officer has been chosen for the 2019 Asia Society Game Changer award?

- A) R. Sreelakha
- B) Sanjukta Parashar
- C) Roopa Divakar Moudgil
- D) Chhaya Sharma ☒

- ✓ IPS officer Chhaya Sharma, who led the investigation into the brutal 2012 Nirbhaya gangrape, has been chosen for the 2019 Asia Society Game Changers award along with six others for redefining the role of female police officers.

- ✓ The award identifies and honours true leaders who are making a positive contribution to the future of Asia. This is the first time that all the awardees are women since the awards were launched in 2014.

10. Who has become the first Indian woman athlete to be recommended for Padma Vibhushan?

- A) P V Sindhu
- B) Sakshi Malik
- C) Dipa Karmakar
- D) Mary Kom ☒

- ✓ MC Mary Kom from Manipur has become the first Indian woman athlete to be recommended for Padma Vibhushan by the Sports Ministry.

- ✓ She is the only woman to become World Amateur Boxing champion for a record six times, and the only woman boxer to have won a medal in each one of the seven world championships.

- ✓ If recommendations are accepted, Mary Kom will become the 4th sports personality to receive the Padma Vibhushan after chess great Vishwanathan Anand, cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar and mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary. Mary Kom won the Padma Bhushan in 2013 and Padma Shri in 2006.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A) Pune B) Chennai

C) Kolkata ☒

D) Delhi

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

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

A) 5th B) 6th C) 7th D) 4th ☒

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

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

A) Abhijit Guha ☒ B) Divya Ajith Kumar
C) Satinder Kumar Saini D) K. Sreeram Kumar

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

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

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

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

A) Punjab B) Odisha
C) Andhra Pradesh D) Rajasthan ☒

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

1. Which international organisation has sanctioned Rs 3,000 crore aid for food parks in India?
- A) World Bank ☒ B) AIIB
- C) ADB D) IMF
- ✓ The World Bank will provide Rs 3,000 crore assistance to finance, mini and mega food parks across the country. This move will help boost farmers' income.
- ✓ This information was revealed by the Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries Rameswar Teli during the 15th Indo – US Economic Summit.
- ✓ The summit was organized by the Indo – American Chamber of Commerce-North India Council (IACC – NIC) in New Delhi on 13th September.
2. Kaushal Dharmamer is associated to which sports?
- A) Squash B) Badminton ☒
- C) Tennis D) Chess
- ✓ Indian shuttler Kaushal Dharmamer from Mumbai clinched the 2019 Myanmar International Series with a come from behind win over Indonesia's Karon Karono in a thrilling men's singles final in Yangon.
3. India defeated which country to clinch 2019 ACC U – 19 Asia Cup cricket tournament?
- A) Pakistan B) Afghanistan
- C) Sri Lanka D) Bangladesh ☒
- ✓ On 14th September 2019, Indian cricket team clinched the 8th edition of ACC U–19 Asia Cup title with a thrilling 5 run win over Bangladesh in a low-scoring final at Colombo. Leftarm spinner Atharva Ankolekar was emerged as the star of the Indian team, with figures of 5 for 28 from 8 overs.
4. Which Indian sportsperson has clinched the 2019 IBSF World Billiards Championship in Myanmar?
- A) Subhash Agarwal B) Yasin Merchant
- C) Pankaj Advani ☒ D) Aditya Mehta
- ✓ Pankaj Advani has clinched a record 22nd world titles by winning a fourth straight final in the 2019 IBSF World Billiards Championship in Myanmar. He is one of India's most consistent sportspersons.
- ✓ He has brought home a world trophy every year ever since returning from a professional stint in the UK in 2014. In the short format of billiards, this is Pankaj's 5th title in the last 6 years.
5. Which Indian shuttler clinched the men's singles title at the 2019 Vietnam Open Super 100 badminton tournament?
- A) Kaushal Dharmamer B) Sourabh Verma ☒
- C) Lakshya Sen D) Sun Fei Xiang
- ✓ In Badminton, Sourabh Verma clinched the mens singles title at the 2019 Vietnam Open Super 100 title at the Ho Chi Minh City. He defeated China's Sun Fei Xiang in a thrilling summit clash by 21–12, 17–2, 21–14.
- ✓ This victory marks Verma's second Super 100 win in the ongoing calendar year. He had won the Hyderabad Open earlier in August.
6. The Kerala government has recently inked MoU with which country on cancer care?
- A) Sri Lanka B) Vietnam
- C) Indonesia D) Maldives ☒
- ✓ The Kerala government and the Regional Cancer Centre have jointly signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Maldives to strengthen cancer care in the island nation.
- ✓ The aim of the pact is to bolster cancer care programmes in the Maldives through the expertise of Regional Cancer Centre.
- ✓ As part of the agreement, doctors, nurses, pharmacists and laboratory staff with the health care centres in the Maldives are to be provided with special training at Regional Cancer Centre.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ✓ The National Book Trust (NBT) will also publish Gurbani in different Indian Languages.

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

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

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

1. Which noted personality has been conferred the Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019?

- A) Shashi Tharoor B) Narendra Modi
C) Aung San Suu Kyi D) Sheikh Hasina ☒

✓ Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh has been conferred the Dr. Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019 in Dhaka for her vision of a peaceful and prosperous South Asia, free of tension, conflicts and terrorism. It acknowledged her contribution to fostering cooperation between India and Bangladesh.

✓ The award has been instituted in the memory of former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. It is given every year to honour statesmen or leaders who have shown excellence in their fields to achieve the best for their countries.

2. What is the theme of the 38th Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF – 2019)?

- A) Share a Story
B) Read the World
C) Open Books, Open Minds ☒
D) Reading, it's my right

✓ The 38th edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) is being held from 30th of October to 9th of November 2019 with theme "Open Books, Open Minds".

✓ Here, authors, publishers, intellectuals and artists from across the world will bring their experiences and expertise to this prominent event and partake in a vibrant cultural programme.

✓ Apart from this, UNESCO has also named Sharjah as the World Book Capital City (WBCC) for the year 2019 in recognition of the city's continuous efforts in promoting books and literacy.

3. Kodiakkarai Wild Life sanctuary, sometimes seen in news, is situated in which state?

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

✓ Recently, a unique exercise of re-habiting deer population has been started in the Kodiakkarai Wild Life sanctuary in Tamil Nadu.

✓ This follows upgradation works being undertaken at the cost of Rs.8 crores in the Sivagangai Gardens of Thanjavur under the smart city scheme of the Central government.

✓ The graceful deers have been transported by using special trucks to Kodiakkarai, in Nagapattinam district on the shores of the Bay of Bengal.

4. Who is the author of the book "Turbulence & Triumph: The Modi Years"?

- A) Anita Desai B) Durjoy Datta
C) Chetan Bhagat D) Rahul Agarwal ☒

✓ The pictorial book titled "Turbulence & Triumph: The Modi Years" has been jointly authored by Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S Pradhan.

✓ It traces the journey of Narendra Modi from his days as a young boy from Vadnagar in Gujarat to New Delhi's 7, Lok Kalyan Marg as the 14th Prime Minister of India.

✓ It is replete with anecdotes from family, friends, colleagues, associates, testimonials of leaders from India and the world across party lines.

5. Sathar, who passed away recently, was the renowned actor of which regional cinema?

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

✓ Veteran Malayalam actor Sathar (67), who was known for his character roles in films, has passed away at Aluva on 17th September 2019. He has over 300 movies to his credit, including Tamil and Telugu films.

✓ At the height of his acting career, Sathar married his popular co-star Jayabharathy in 1979 though they got separated later. Their son Krish Sathar is also an actor.

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

A) Nikita Singh

B) Abha Dawesar

C) Mridula Koshy

D) Anjali Singh ☒

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

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

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

A) Haryana

B) Tripura

C) Himachal Pradesh ☒

D) West Bengal

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

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

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

A) P. Lakshman Reddy ☒

B) Ajeya Kallam

C) Dwaraka Tirumala Rao

D) Malladi Vishnu

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

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

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

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

A) Role of Engineers in a developing India

B) Engineering for change ☒

C) Find Smart Engineering Solutions

D) Engineering Challenges for Knowledge Era

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

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

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

A) Argentina

B) China

C) Spain ☒

D) France

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ✓ The book titled "The Cousins Thackeray: Uddhav, Raj and the Shadow of their Senas" is written by journalist – author Dhaval Kulkarni.

- ✓ The book is a deep-dive narrative into the history of the Thackeray family, life and times of social reformer-author Prabodhankar Thackeray, and the childhood and political careers of Uddhav and Raj Thackeray.

- ✓ It also examines questions about identity politics, and the social, cultural and economic matrix that catalyzed the formation of the Shiv Sena and the MNS from it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D) Airtel Payments Bank ☒

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A) VSSC B) NASA C) DRDO ☒ D) BARC

- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed Memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for development of human centric systems specific to the Human Space Mission (HSM) under the Gaganyaan project.
- ✓ Some of the critical technologies to be provided by the DRDO to ISRO include space food, space crew health monitoring and emergency survival kit, radiation measurement and protection, and parachutes for safe recovery of crew module.
- ✓ The aim of the ISRO is to demonstrate human spaceflight capability before the 75th anniversary of India's independence in 2022.

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

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

- ✓ The 5th edition of International Ramayana Festival was organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in New Delhi on September 17 – 19.
- ✓ In the festival, which is generally organised before Navaratra, artists showcase cultural interpretations of the epic. The artists from 17 countries participated in the fest & rendered their versions of Ramayan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ✓ In Bengaluru, the National Centre for Clean Coal Research and Development (NCCCR&D) has been launched at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) by the Department of Science & Technology (DST).
- ✓ The NCCCR&D is a national consortium that will address opportunities and challenges in the development of clean coal technologies.
- ✓ The target beneficiaries of NCCCR&D include organisations such as the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL), Bharat Heavy Electronics Ltd. (BHEL), Tata Power, and Triveni Turbines Ltd.

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

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

- ✓ Renowned Indian photographer Raghu Rai has been chosen as the first recipient of the first edition of the prestigious French Award of the Acadmie des beaux-arts Photography Award - William Klein.
- ✓ The prize of 1,20,000 euros will be presented to Rai in the Palais de Institut de France on 30th October 2019. As a consecration award, this prize is intended to reward a photographer for his / her entire career and commitment to photography.
- ✓ The award is in honour of the celebrated American-born French photographer and filmmaker William Klein, who was best known for his unusual photography techniques.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) has recently inaugurated resurfaced runway at India's Easternmost Village-Vijaynagar in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh.

- ✓ The Vijayanagar Advanced Landing Ground (ALG) is important for ensuring quick mobilization of troops and sending supplies to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. Here, the runway is 4,000 feet long and at present is fit only for AN-32 aircraft operations.

- ✓ The IAF had first commenced its operations in Vijaynagar with the Dakota and Otter aircraft in 1962. This was the year when the India-China war took place.

- ✓ The Vijayanagar is not connected by road. It is surrounded by Myanmar on three sides and the fourth side comprises stretches of Namdapha National Park.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- C) Bengaluru ☒ D) Chandigarh ☐

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A) Tehran

B) Jaipur

C) Dubai ☒

D) Bikaner

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

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

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

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

A) Oldage related problems

B) Genetic diseases of newborn babies ☒

C) Water borne diseases

D) Pollution related diseases

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

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

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

A) France

B) UK ☒

C) United States

D) Germany

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

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

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

A) Stand – Up For International Peace

B) Partnerships for Peace – Dignity for All

C) Climate Action for Peace ☒

D) Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All

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

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

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

A) Kannada ☒

B) Tamil

C) Telugu

D) Odia

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

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

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

A) Udaipur B) Ladakh ☒

C) Kochi D) Shimla

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

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

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

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

A) P S Joshi B) M S Mudgal

C) K M Prasad ☒ D) T K Sharma

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

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

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

A) Maharashtra B) Tripura

C) Odisha D) Kerala ☒

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

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

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

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

A) United States ☒

B) United Kingdom

C) France

D) Poland

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

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

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

A) Rajdeep Sardesai

B) Karan Thapar

C) Prannoy Roy

D) Ravish Kumar ☒

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

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

1. The Gandhi Solar Park has recently inaugurated at headquarters of which international organisation?
- A) IMF B) European Union
- C) United Nations ☒ D) WHO
- ✓ On 24th September 2019, the Gandhi Solar Park and the 'Gandhi Peace Garden' have inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with others world leaders at UN headquarters.
- ✓ On the occasion, a special UN Postage on Mahatma Gandhi's 150 years also released. Modi was also conferred the "Global Goalkeeper" award by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan launched by his government.
2. Which renowned personality has been named for 2019 Dada Sahab Phalke award?
- A) Rajkumar Hirani B) Lata Mangeshkar
- C) Sanjay Leela Bhansali D) Amitabh Bachan ☒
- ✓ Actor Amitabh Bachan has been named for the prestigious Dada Sahab Phalke award for his outstanding contribution to the film industry. It is the India's highest award in cinema, which is conferred by the Government of India for outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian Cinema.
- ✓ It consists of a Swarn Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 10 Lakh. In a career spanning five decades, Bachchan has given memorable performances film after film and is a four-time National Film Award winner.
3. Which state government has launched a housing loan subsidy scheme – Aponar Apon Ghar?
- A) Assam ☒ B) Odisha
- C) Jharkhand D) West Bengal
- ✓ In Guwahati, the Assam Government has rolled out a housing loan subsidy scheme – Aponar Apon Ghar – where in financial relief will be provided towards purchase or construction of the first house for the family.
- ✓ The subsidy up to Rs 2.50 lakh will be provided for loan amounts from Rs 5 to Rs 40 Lakh. This move will boost the demand and led to the expansion of real estate in the state.
4. Which state has clinched the 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship?
- A) Punjab B) Manipur ☒
- C) Arunachal Pradesh D) Chhattisgarh
- ✓ Defending champion Manipur has clinched the title of the 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship for the 20th time. In the final at CHF Ground in Pasighat (Arunachal Pradesh), Manipur defeated Railways 1 – 0 in a thrilling contest.
- ✓ Bala Devi is the highest scorer in the tournament with 20 goals. Elangbam Panthoi Chanu of Manipur and Sanju of Railways won the best goalkeeper & the Most Valuable Player of the tournament award, respectively.
5. Rahul Aware is associated to which sports?
- A) Tennis B) Badminton
- C) Wrestling ☒ D) Boxing
- ✓ Indian wrestler Rahul Aware has won a bronze in men's 61 Kg free-style category at the 2019 World Championship in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. However, this was not an Olympic category and thus the bronze did not help Aware qualify for the Tokyo Games.
- ✓ It was India's 5th medal at this edition of the World Championships with a total haul of 1 silver and 4 bronzes. In the ongoing event, Deepak Punia in men's 86 Kg category was forced to pull out of the final due to an injury and settled for silver.
6. Which state government has launched Swachhata hi Seva Abhiyan?
- A) Madhya Pradesh ☒ B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Himchal Pradesh D) Arunachal Pradesh
- ✓ The Madhya Pradesh government has launched a month long Swachhata hi Seva Abhiyan from 25th September to till October 25 against the single use

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

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

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

A) Ramaiah Daripalli B) Jadav Payeng

C) Francis D'Britto ☒ D) Saalumurada Thimmakka

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

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

A) Germany B) Poland

C) England ☒ D) Italy

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

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

A) Journalism ☒ B) Sports

B) Politics

D) Science

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

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

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

C) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel ☒ D) Mahatma Gandhi

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

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

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

- ✓ At Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 6th edition of "India Water Week (IWW-2019)", which is organised by Ministry of Jal Shakti with the theme of "Water cooperation-coping with 21st-century challenge".
- ✓ Japan and European Union have been associated as partner countries for this mega event. Under this campaign, the entire Government of India machinery of over 1000 senior Central Government officers have joined the States to promote focused interventions for water collection and conservation, including restoration and renovation of traditional water bodies.

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

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

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

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

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

- ✓ During the 52nd IAAF Congress at Doha, Indian track and field legend PT Usha has been honoured with an IAAF Veteran Pin by the International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF) in recognition of her contribution to the growth of the sport.
- ✓ She is often called the "queen of track and field". At the 1982 New Delhi Asian Games, Usha won silver in 100m

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

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

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

- ✓ The Payal Jangid (17) from Rajasthan has become the first Indian to win the Goalkeepers Global Goals Changemaker Award by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in New York. She was recognised for her campaign to end child labour and child marriage.
- ✓ Jangid who fought against her own marriage at a young age, work towards the abolition of child marriage in her village Hinsla and other neighbouring villages.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A) 48th B) 46th C) 44th ☒ D) 63rd

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A) NITI Aayog

B) NFDC

C) NFAI ☒

D) Fox Star Studios

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

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

A) Israel

B) Japan ☒

C) Germany

D) Poland

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

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

A) Bipin Rawat ☒

B) B S Dhanoa

C) Karambir Singh

D) Sunil Lanba

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

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

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

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

A) Telangana

B) Goa

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Andhra Pradesh ☒

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

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

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

A) West Indies

B) New Zealand

C) England ☒

D) Australia

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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