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1. Which state government has decided to partner with MIT based Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab?

A) West Bengal

B) Bihar

C) Odisha ☒

D) Sikkim

✓ The Odisha government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with an organisation co – founded by Nobel laureates Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo to maximise the impact of anti – poverty programmes across a wide range of sectors in the State.

✓ As part of the 5T (Technology, Transparency, Teamwork Time leading to Transformation) initiative, the State government signed a MoU with J – PAL.

2. Which golfer has won the 2019 Zozo Championship in Japan?

A) Anirban Lahiri

B) Jyoti Randhawa

C) Gaganjeet Bhullar

D) Tiger Woods ☒

✓ The Zozo Championship 2019 tournament title was clinched by America's Tiger Woods, which was his 82nd PGA Tour crown.

✓ He sealed a historic three – stroke win to draw level with Sam Snead (America) for the most victories on Tour. The prize money of the tournament was US\$9.75 million.

3. Which state government has launched a new initiative "Meal in exchange for plastic waste"?

A) Odisha ☒

B) Punjab

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Jharkhand

✓ In an effort to raise awareness about the perils of using plastic, the Kotpad Notified Area Council (NAC) in Koraput district is providing free meals to the poor in exchange for a kilogram of plastic waste.

✓ Under the Odisha government's 'Aahar' scheme, poor people in urban areas of the State are provided a meal comprising rice and lentils with vegetable at a cost of Rs.5.

4. John Witherspoon, who passed away recently, was the noted actor and comedian of which country?

A) United States of America ☒

B) France

C) United Kingdom

D) Japan

✓ John Witherspoon (77), the actor – comedian best known for the hit *Friday* franchise and *The Wayan Brothers*, has passed away on October 30. Witherspoon went on to star in many films, including *Hollywood Shuffle*, *Boomerang*, *Vampire in Brooklyn*, *I'm Gonna Get You Sucka*, *Bird* and *The Meteor Man*.

5. Saint Kittis and Nevis, which recently signed ISA Framework Agreement, is an island country of which ocean?

A) Pacific Ocean

B) Indian Ocean

C) Arctic Ocean

D) Atlantic Ocean ☒

✓ Two new countries Eritrea and Saint Kitts and Nevis have signed the International Solar Alliance's (ISA) Framework Agreement at its second Assembly held in New Delhi. With this 83 countries have so far signed the ISA framework agreement.

✓ Speaking at the Assembly of ISA, Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy RK Singh who is also the President of ISA, emphasized the increasing importance of solar energy.

6. Girija Kir, who passed away recently, was the noted author of which language?

A) Telugu

B) Marathi ☒

C) Odia

D) Kannada

✓ Noted Marathi author Girija Kir (86) has passed away on October 31 in Bandra. Kir has written dozens of novels, stories, travelogues and children's books. She also worked as an assistant editor of 'Anuradha' magazine for 10 years from 1968 to 1978.

7. UNESCO has designated which Indian city as 'Creative City of Gastronomy'?

A) Chennai

B) Bangalore

C) Trivandrum

D) Hyderabad ☒

- ✓ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has included Mumbai and Hyderabad in its network of 'Creative Cities' among the 66 cities selected on the occasion of World Cities Day 2019 (31st October).
- ✓ Mumbai has been designated as Creative City of Films and Hyderabad as a Creative City of Gastronomy. Earlier, Indian cities like Chennai and Varanasi have been included in UNESCO Cities of Music while Jaipur has been included in the City of Crafts and Folk Arts.

8. On which date, the 2019 edition of World Thrift Day is observed in India?

A) Oct.31 B) Oct.30 ☒ C) Oct.29 D) Oct.28

- ✓ World Thrift Day is observed on 30 October every year in India and in worldwide it is observed on 31st October. This day is devoted to the promotion of savings all over the world.

9. Who is leading the Indian delegation at the 35th ASEAN Summit?

A) Ram Nath Kovind B) Venkaiah Naidu

C) Narendra Modi ☒ D) Rajnath Singh

- ✓ The 35th ASEAN Summit began today in Bangkok. The summit will continue till November 4. Thailand Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha inaugurated this summit at IMPACT convention complex.
- ✓ The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a group of ten member countries that encourages political, economic and social co-operation in the region.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend this summit on November 3rd and 4th. "Advancing Partnership for Sustainability" is the theme of the summit.
- ✓ During five days summit East Asia summit (EAS) and Regional Comprehensive Economic Summit (RCEP) will be also held. Apart from leaders of 10 Asean countries head of eight dialogue partner countries including India, USA China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia and New Zealand are also participating in the summit.

10. What is the theme of 2019 edition of World Cities Day?

A) Designed to Live Together

B) Inclusive Cities, Shared Development

C) Changing the world ☒

D) Promoting a better urban future

- ✓ The United Nations' World Cities Day is observed on October 31 to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.
- ✓ This year, in 2019, the UN has selected "Changing the world: innovations and better life for future generations" as the theme. The general theme of World Cities Day is 'Better City, Better Life'.

1. Which IIT has decided to set up space technology cell in collaboration with ISRO?

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

- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology – Delhi is also collaborating with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to set up a space technology cell.
- ✓ The cell will work for carrying out focused research projects in the space technology remain with specific deliverables. It is also proposed that IIT – Delhi as an institute becomes an academic partner of ISRO in research areas like AI, nanotechnology, functional textiles or any area of joint interest.

2. India's first-ever Arts Exposition for talents with intellectual challenges "eCAPA 2019" has started in which city?

- A) Kanpur B) Kochi
C) Dehradun D) New Delhi ☒

- ✓ India's first-ever Arts Exposition for Artists blessed with Down syndrome, Autism, Mental Retardation, Seizure Disorder and Dyslexia started in New Delhi.
- ✓ "eCAPA 2019 – Art from the Heart" is a unique nationwide platform cum social venture for such artists to showcase their visual and performing arts. This exposition will continue till 14th November at STIR Gallery, Chattarpur Farms.

3. Which city is hosting the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 25) after Chile withdraws?

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

- ✓ Spain will be hosting the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 25) from December 2–13 in Madrid. The announcement was made by UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa.
- ✓ Spain had offered to host COP25 in Madrid on the same dates as the original schedule after Chile decided to pull

out from hosting the event due to the ongoing national unrest against the Government of Chile.

- ✓ Chile had informed its decision of not hosting the COP 25 event in the view of the unrest in the country to UNFCCC on October 30, 2019.

4. Which country will be the partner country at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI – 2019)?

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

- ✓ The 50th International Film Festival of India will be held in Goa from November 20 – 28. Russia will be the partner country at the festival this year (2019).
- ✓ The 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will honour actor Rajinikanth with a special 'Icon of Golden Jubilee' award and French actor Isabelle Huppert as the recipient of the 'Lifetime Achievement Award'.

5. Which noted philanthropist has won the 2019 Sasthaaram Award?

- A) M Padmakuma B) K P Nandakumar ☒
C) V A Shrikumar Menon D) Unni Menon

- ✓ Homoeopathic doctor & philanthropist KP Nandakumar has won 2019 Sasthaaram Award instituted by the Thamarakkulam Sri Sabarimala Ayyappa Swami temple, Vadakkanthra.
- ✓ Dr. Nandakumar was chosen for the award considering his contributions to the art and socio – cultural realms. The award comprising Rs.25000, a citation and a plaque would be presented at a function to be held on Dec.22.

6. Which Indian sand artist has been selected for Italian Golden Sand Art Award 2019?

- A) Manisha Swarnkar B) Dhanraj Shelke
C) Sudarsan Pattnaik ☒ D) Nitish Bharti

- ✓ Acclaimed sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has been selected for the Italian Golden Sand Art Award 2019.

- ✓ He will be felicitated during the International Scorrana Sand Nativity fete in Italy which will be held between November 13 and 18. Pattnaik will also represent India in the event.

7. Which IIT has launched the Rs.250 crore Global Alumni Endowment Fund?

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

- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind launched the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi global alumni endowment fund on Oct.31 that will have an initial commitment of more than Rs.250 crore.

- ✓ For the fund with an initial seed capital of Rs.255 crore, IIT Delhi has set an aggressive target of raising Rs.1,000 crore by 2020 and Rs.7,000 crore by 2025.

- ✓ The initial endowment amount and commitments have been collected from around two dozen alumni, who are committing between Rs.5 crore and Rs.25 crore each, except Flipkart co-founders Binny Bansal and Sachin Bansal who have contributed Rs.125 crore.

8. The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to set up Sikh museum and research centre in which city?

- A) Bhopal B) Jabalpur ☒
C) Indore D) Gwalior

- ✓ The Congress government in Madhya Pradesh will set up a Sikh museum and research centre in Jabalpur to mark the 550th 'Prakash Parv' of Guru Nanak Dev.

- ✓ The government also decided to develop six places associated with the founder of Sikhism in the state as religious tourist spots. The Sikh Museum and Research Centre would be developed at the cost of Rs.20 crore.

- ✓ These centres are: Tekri Sahib (Bhopal), Imli Sahib and Betma Sahib (Indore), Gurdwara (Omkareshwar), Gurunanak Ghat Gurudwara (Ujjain) and Gwari Ghat Gurudwara (Jabalpur).

9. The Indo-French exercise, 'Shakti-2019' has started at which region?

- A) Udaipur B) Jodhpur
C) Bikaner ☒ D) Jaipur

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

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

10. The 2019 meeting of Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of SCO was held in which city?

- A) Tashkent ☒ B) Bishkek
C) Ashgabat D) Baku

- ✓ Hon'ble Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will represent India in the meeting of Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of SCO in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on Nov.1 – 2, 2019.

- ✓ This will be the third CHG meeting after India became member of SCO. The last two CHG meetings were held on 30 November – 1 December 2017, in Sochi, Russia, and on 11 – 12 October 2018 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

- ✓ The leaders participating in the Meeting are expected to focus their discussions on the multilateral economic cooperation / economic development in the SCO region.

1. The first ever India – Uzbekistan joint military exercise “Dustlik–2019” has started in which region?

- A) Bukhara B) Shahrisabz
C) Samarkand D) Tashkent ☒

- ✓ The first–ever India–Uzbekistan joint military exercise – Dustlik–2019 will begin at Chirchiq Training Area near Tashkent on Nov.4.
- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Uzbekistan counterpart Major General Bakhodir Nizamovich Kurbanov presided over the Curtain Raiser of the military drill yesterday. The exercise, which will focused on counter–terrorism, will continue till Nov.13.
- ✓ During the exercise, an Indian Army contingent will train along with Uzbekistan Army. The exercise will enable sharing of best practices and experiences between the Armed Forces of the two countries. India and Uzbekistan have signed three MoU in the fields of Military Medicine and Military Education.

2. Which country has won the 2019 Rugby World Cup in Japan?

- A) Japan B) England
C) South Africa ☒ D) Singapore

- ✓ South Africa defeated England to win the Rugby World Cup on Nov.3. South Africa has claimed the cup for the first time since 2007. They have now become the second team after New Zealand to win three World Cup titles.

3. Which Indian sportsperson has won the 2019 SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament in Germany?

- A) Srikanth Kidambi B) Lakshya Sen ☒
C) Parupalli Kashyap D) B Sai Praneeth

- ✓ India's Lakshya Sen has won the SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament at Saarbrücken in Germany. He defeated Sen Weng Hong Yang of China in an exciting final on Nov.3.

4. Which Indian organization is hosting the 2019 SCO Joint Exercise on Earthquake Rescue?

- A) NDRF ☒ B) CISF C) CRPF D) BSF

- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) joint exercise on urban earthquake search and rescue – 2019 at the Ambedkar International Center in New Delhi on Nov.4.
- ✓ The four – day exercise is being hosted by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to rehearse disaster response mechanisms & share knowledge, experience, and technology.

5. The biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference has recently begun in which city?

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

- ✓ In Sri Lanka, the biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference began in Colombo today under the theme Equal Access to Justice and the Rule of Law. Union Minister for Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad will be representing India at the conference.
- ✓ The 4 day conference participated by Law Ministers and Attorney Generals from Commonwealth countries seeks to address challenges faced by millions of people seeking to resolve legal problems or disputes.
- ✓ Commonwealth Secretary – General Patricia Scotland emphasized the event's significance in the current global context in which obstacles to justice are prevalent in many forms.

6. The Asia Pacific Golf Summit (APGS) has started in which city?

- A) Dehradun B) Shimla
C) Gurugram ☒ D) Lucknow

- ✓ Asia – Pacific Golf Summit (APGS) will begin from Nov.4 at Gurugram's DLF Golf & Country Club. The Summit has regularly taken place since 2007 across various places in Asia.

- ✓ The focus of the 13th edition this year is “5G Technology – A New Mindset”. The theme has been carefully picked as 5G technology is said to drive the digital and telecommunications age into the future.

7. The ‘Red Atlas Action Plan Map’ has been launched by which union ministry?

A) Ministry of Defence

B) Ministry of Earth Sciences ☒

C) Ministry of External Affairs

D) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change

- ✓ ‘Red Atlas Action Plan Map’ atlas and the ‘Coastal Flood Warning System App (CFLOWS – Chennai)’ for flood mitigation in Chennai, Tamil Nadu was unveiled by the Vice President M Venkaiah.

- ✓ Both the atlas and the CFLOWS – Chennai are intended as decision support systems covering aspects, including preparedness and prevention. Such initiatives to effectively tackle urban flooding are likely to be replicated in other Indian cities including Mumbai, Maharashtra.

8. Which Indian author has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2019?

A) Madhuri Vijay ☒

B) Pradip Krishen

C) Anjum Hasan

D) KR Meera

- ✓ The 27 year old, Madhuri Vijay has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2019 for her debut novel, ‘The Far Field’. She is also a recipient of Henfield Prize and the Pushcart Prize. It is an annual Indian literary award founded in 2018. It is awarded to a distinguished work of fiction by an Indian writer working in English or to a translated fiction by an Indian writer.

- ✓ The award consists of cash prize of Rs.25 lakh. The award is funded by English construction manufacturing group JCB, which established the JCB Literature Foundation to maintain this award.

9. Pooja Gehlot has won India's 2nd silver in U-23 World Wrestling Championships in which category?

A) 57kg

B) 53kg ☒

C) 63kg

D) 65kg

- ✓ Pooja Gehlot (53 Kg) claimed India's second silver medal after going down to Japan's 2017 world champion Haruna Okuno in the finals of the UWW Under-23 World Championships.

- ✓ Gehlot lost 0-2 to Okuno in the summit clash to emulate Ravinder (61 Kg), who also won a silver earlier this week.

10. The documentary of which Indian Football league has won the ‘BAFTA Scotland’ Awards 2019 in the ‘Single Documentary’ category?

A) Churchill Brothers

B) Lonestar Kashmir

C) Real Kashmir ☒

D) Madhya Bharat

- ✓ Real Kashmir FC's BBC documentary has won the ‘Single Documentary’ category at the British Academy Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards Scotland.

- ✓ The football club from Kashmir has become the champions of I-League second division in the 2017 – 18 season. The BBC documentary had been nominated at BAFTA Scotland in two categories – ‘Director-Factual’ and ‘Single Documentary’.

1. The National Tribal Festival is being held in which city?

- A) Kanpur B) Patna
C) Mumbai D) New Delhi ☒

- ✓ The 15 day National Tribal festival (or Aadi Mahotsav) will be held in New Delhi from 16th of November 2019. The theme of the festival is a celebration of the spirit of tribal culture, craft, cuisine and commerce.
- ✓ The festival will feature exhibition – cum – sale of tribal handicrafts, art, paintings, fabric, jewellery and much more through 200 stalls. Approx 1000 tribal artisans from 27 states will participate in the event.

2. What is the theme of the 5th India International Science Festival (IISF)?

- A) Science for India B) Science for New India
C) RISEN India ☒ D) Boost New India

- ✓ The 5th India International Science Festival (IISF) is being held in Kolkata, West Bengal from 5 – 8 November 2019. The 4 day festival was inaugurated by PM Modi via video conference. The 5th edition of annual event is jointly organized by Union Ministry of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences and Vijnana Bharati (or VIBHA).
- ✓ To instill scientific temper among people, showcase India's contribution in field of Science and Technology as well as encourage translation of its benefits to people. It also aims to build a strategy for inclusive advancement of Science and Technology. IISF 2019 theme: RISEN – Research, Innovation and Science Empowering the Nation.

3. Who is leading Indian delegation at the 15th meeting of the Governing Council of SACEP?

- A) Narendra Modi B) Om Birla
C) Prakash Javadekar ☒ D) Ram Nath Kovind

- ✓ Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Information & Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar will attend the 15th meeting of the Governing Council of South Asia

Co-operative Environment Programme, SACEP in Dhaka on Nov.6.

- ✓ The SACEP is an inter-governmental organization which was established in 1982. Its member countries Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka aim to promote and support protection, management and enhancement of the environment in the region.
- ✓ The 14th meeting of the SACEP Governing Council was held in March last year in Colombo.

4. Which country has decided not to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) deal?

- A) India ☒ B) UK C) USA D) Bhutan

- ✓ On November 4, India has decided not to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), which would have been the world's largest trade pact, over concerns that it could lead to a potential flood of Chinese imports in the country.
- ✓ Under RCEP, India would have been required to eliminate tariffs on 74% of goods from China, Australia and New Zealand, and 90% goods from Japan, South Korea and ASEAN.

5. Who has been selected for 27th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2019?

- A) M Mukundan B) Anand ☒
C) K Jayakumar D) Rani George

- ✓ Noted writer Anand has been selected for the 27th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram for his overall contributions to Malayalam language and Literature. It is the highest literary honour of the Kerala government.
- ✓ The prize is named after Ezhuthachan, the father of Malayalam language. It consists of a purse of Rs 5 lakh and a citation.

6. Which Indian – origin researcher has won the Australian governments' 'Early career researcher of the year 2019' award?

- A) K S Mukherjee B) Nishant Patil

C) M K Sanoo

D) Neeraj Sharma ☒

- ✓ Indian – origin researcher, Dr Neeraj Sharma has won the Australian government's 'Early Career Researcher of the Year' for developing next-generation battery systems such as sodium-ion battery that will leave minimal environmental impact.

- ✓ Dr. Sharma is researcher at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) of Sydney.

7. Which IIT has launched 'Arise – A Standing Wheel Chair' for disabled?

A) IIT Madras ☒

B) IIT Bombay

C) IIT Indore

D) IIT Kanpur

- ✓ A 'standing wheelchair' called 'Arise', was developed at the TTK Center for Rehabilitation Research and Device Development at the IIT, Madras.

- ✓ The wheel chair, indigenously-designed at IIT-M in collaboration with Phoenix Medical Systems. Using 'Arise', a person with a disability can shift from a standing position to a sitting position and vice versa, independently or with assistance.

8. Which team has clinched the 2019 Deodhar Trophy?

A) India B ☒

B) India C

C) India E

D) India A

- ✓ Parthiv Patel-led India B has clinched the 47th edition of the Deodhar Trophy 2019 with a comprehensive 51 – run win over India C in the final at JSCA International Stadium Complex in Ranchi, Jharkhand.

9. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)?

A) Virat Singh

B) Nitish Rana

C) Aditya Mishra ☒

D) Ishan Porel

- ✓ Aditya Mishra IPS (1989: UP) has been appointed as the chairman of the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI). He was appointed on the recommendations of a search – cum – selection panel. He has been appointed as LPAI

chairman for a period of five years from the date of assumption of the charge.

- ✓ **LPAI** is a statutory body set up by Land Ports Authority of India Act, 2010 on 1 March 2012. It works under Union Ministry of Home Affairs. It develops, maintains and manages facilities for cross-border movement of passengers as well as goods at designated points along India's international borders. It also manages several Integrated Check Posts all across Borders of India.

10. Which IT initiative has recently launched as an Ease of Doing Business (EODB) monitoring dashboard of the Indian Customs?

A) TECHDASH

B) CUSTOMDASH

C) ICEDASH ☒

D) PORTDASH

- ✓ Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman today unveiled two new IT initiatives – ICEDASH and ATITHI – for improved monitoring and pace of Customs clearance of imported goods and facilitating arriving international passengers by electronic filing of Customs baggage and currency declarations.

1. Who led Indian parliamentary delegation at the 6th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit?

- A) S Jaishankar
B) Om Birla ☒
C) Piyush Goyal
D) Nitin Gadkari

- ✓ An Indian parliamentary delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla is taking part in the 6th Parliamentary Speakers' Summit of the G20 countries, being held in Tokyo, Japan from 3 – 5 November 2019.
- ✓ The summit is being attended by Presiding Officers of Parliaments of G20 countries. The Parliamentary summit is unofficially called P20. It was jointly hosted and organised by Inter – Parliamentary Union (IPU), an international organisation (headquartered in Geneva) and the House of Councillors of National Diet of Japan.
- ✓ The summit will have sessions on separate themes pertaining to trade (Promotion of Free, Open and Fair Trade and Investment), technology (Utilization of Innovative Technology towards a human – centred Future Society) and sustainable development (Efforts towards Resolution of Global Challenges and Achievement Sustainable Development Goals).

2. The students of which city has created Guinness World Records with largest astrophysics assemble?

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

- ✓ The Guinness World Records for the largest astrophysics lesson (45 minutes) and assembly of spectroscopes was successfully achieved at the Science City, Kolkata on the first day of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 today with the participation of over 1,598 students.

3. DRDO Igniter Complex has come up in which DRDO's laboratory?

- A) Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR)
B) Defence Research and Development Establishment (DRDE)
C) Armaments Research and Development Establishment (ARDE)

D) High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL) ☒

- ✓ Defence Minister (State) Shripad Naik inaugurated the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) Igniter Complex at High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL) in Pune.
- ✓ HEMRL is a premier laboratory of DRDO and primarily engages in developing Rocket and Gun Propellants, Pyrotechnic Devices, High Explosive Systems and synthesis of high energy molecules.

4. Which union ministry has released 5th edition of Wastelands Atlas 2019?

- A) Ministry of Rural development ☒
B) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
C) Ministry of Jal Shakti
D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- ✓ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar today released the fifth edition of Wastelands Atlas – 2019. The Atlas, published jointly by Department of Land Resources and National Remote Sensing Centre, provides robust geospatial information on wasteland.
- ✓ It's helpful in rolling back the wastelands for productive use through various land development programmes and schemes. It also provides State and district wise distribution of different categories of wastelands area in the country and will be helpful in addressing land degradation.

5. Sara Damnjanovic, who won the Miss Asia Global Title 2019, is from which country?

- A) France
B) Serbia ☒
C) Italy
D) Vietnam

- ✓ The 5th Edition of 'Miss Asia Global Title 2019' was organized at Gokulam Convention centre in Kochi, Kerala. Sara Damnjanovic from Serbia has been crowned 'Miss Asia Global – 2019'.
- ✓ Nguyen Thi Yen Trang from Vietnam was awarded the 'Miss Asia – 2019' title. Samiksha Singh from India won

the sub-title of 'Miss Beautiful Face' Title. The Next 'Miss Asia Global Title – 2020' will be held in Malaysia.

6. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched the Skills Build platform in collaboration with which company?

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

- ✓ Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), today announced the launch of SkillsBuild platform in collaboration with IBM.
- ✓ As part of the programme, a two-year advanced diploma in IT, networking and cloud computing, co-created and designed by IBM, will be offered at the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) & National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs).
- ✓ The digital platform will provide a personal assessment of the cognitive capabilities and personality via 'MyInnerGenius' to the students. They will then learn foundational knowledge about digital technologies, as well as professional skills such as resume writing, problem solving and communication.

7. The International Conference on Soil and Water Resources Management for Climate has started in which city?

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

- ✓ International Conference on Soil and Water Resources Management for Climate Smart Agriculture and Global Food and Livelihood Security begun at the National Agricultural Science Centre Complex in New Delhi.
- ✓ The conference is being organized jointly by the Soil Conservation Society of India in association with World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC), China & International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO), USA with the objective to deliberate upon the various issues and challenges of soil and water conservation. A total of 400 Delegates from 21 countries

namely China, Japan, Spain and Egypt, etc., are participating in the conference.

8. CARAT-2019 is the biggest Naval Exercise between which of the following countries?

- A) France & India
B) India & Sri Lanka
C) USA & Bangladesh ☒
D) India & Bangladesh

- ✓ The second phase of the biggest US- Bangladesh Navy exercise named 'Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) – 2019' started in Chattogram. It is being conducted from 4–7 November with different subject-based training and exercise.
- ✓ The exercise provides an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the operational activities of the Navies of two countries and to get acquainted with advanced technology through various theoretical and practical trainings.

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

- A) Nov.6
B) Nov.4
C) Nov.5 ☒
D) Nov.3

- ✓ The World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed every year on Nov.5 to raise awareness about precautionary measures against tsunami and share innovative approaches to risk reduction.
- ✓ Tsunamis are rare events, but can be extremely deadly. In the past 100 years, 58 tsunamis have claimed more than 260,000 lives, which is the highest number of deaths than in any other natural hazard.

10. Danakil Depression is associated to which African country?

- A) Morocco
B) Ethiopia ☒
C) Algeria
D) Kenya

- ✓ A recent study stated that an active and naturally occurring life cannot be sustained at Danakil, Ethiopia.
- ✓ Magnesium dominated brines that cause cells to break down and an environment having simultaneously very low pH and high salt, a combination that makes

adaptation highly difficult are the two barriers to the survival of life in the Danakil region.

- ✓ It is located in northeastern Ethiopia at the northern end of the Great Rift Valley, and separated by live volcanoes from the Red Sea. Danakil is one of the world's lowest places at 100 metres below sea level. The plain was formed by the evaporation of an inland water body. It is covered with more than 10 lakh tonnes of salt.
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1. Which country has banned the Islamist outfit 'Allar Dol'?

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

- ✓ The Government of Bangladesh has banned the Islamist outfit 'Allar Dol' because it poses threat to public safety and security. It is the 9th Islamist group to be banned for extremism and militancy in Bangladesh.
- ✓ The 'Allar Dol' was formed in 1995 with the aim to establish Caliphate through armed struggle. In 2004, it merged with banned militant organisation Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB). After arrest of leaders of JMB following serial blasts of 2005, some of its leaders left it to re-organise Allar Dol.

2. Which country has recently approved the world's first drug for Alzheimer's disease "GV-971"?

- A) India
B) China ☒
C) United States of America
D) France

- ✓ The world's first multi-targeting and carbohydrate-based drug "GV-971" for Alzheimer's disease is extracted from brown algae.
- ✓ Recently, China has approved this home-grown seaweed-based drug to potentially cure disease. The drug is the only Alzheimer's medicine out of more than 320 developed by pharmaceutical companies around the globe to survive clinical trials.
- ✓ The orally taken drug can treat mild to moderate forms of the disease and improve cognition. The Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible and progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory, thinking ability and the capability to carry out simple tasks.

3. India's CO₂ emissions growth poised to slow sharply by what % in 2019, according to an analysis published in Carbon Brief?

- A) 3%
B) 2% ☒
C) 4%
D) 6%

- ✓ According to an analysis published in Carbon Brief, India's Carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions growth is expected to slow down by 2% in 2019.

- ✓ The emissions are lower than the annual increase seen in any year since 2001 due to a slower growth in coal based power generation and rise in renewable power generation.

- ✓ The Oil demand growth slowed to 2.6% in the first eight months of 2019, compared with 4.6% in 2018, and 5% on average over the past 10 years. Carbon Brief is a site that tracks emission and CO₂ trends.

4. Which Indian leader co-chaired IRIGC – M & MTC meeting in Moscow?

- A) Piyush Goyal
B) Venkaiah Naidu
C) Rajnath Singh ☒
D) Narendra Modi

- ✓ In Moscow, the 19th India – Russia Inter – Governmental Commission on Military and Military – Technical Cooperation (IRIGC – M & MTC) meeting has been co-chaired by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and Russian Defence Minister General Sergey Shoigu. Both sides agree to constitute specific working groups for after sales support of key defence platforms.

- ✓ The Russian Defence Minister assured robust Russian participation in DefExpo 2020 i.e. scheduled to be held in Uttar Pradesh capital Lucknow between Feb.5-8. Russia also assures full support in increasing India's defence capabilities under 'Make in India' initiative.

5. Which state / UT government is organizing the theater festival "Mohan Rakesh Natya evam Samman Samaroh"?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
B) Delhi ☒
C) Uttar Pradesh
D) Karnataka

- ✓ To pay tribute to legendary playwright Mohan Rakesh, the 4 day festival titled "Mohan Rakesh Natya evam Samman Samaroh" is being organized by the Delhi government's art and culture wing "Sahitya Kala Parishad" held at the Kamani Auditorium from Nov.11.

- ✓ The purpose of the event is to provide a platform to the upcoming talents in the field of theatre. Rakesh was widely known as one of the brains behind the 'Nai Kahani' (New Short Story) literary movement of Hindi literature in the 1950s & also wrote the first modern Hindi play titled "Ashadh Ka Ek Din" in 1958.

6. The Union Ministry of Shipping is hosting the first-ever BIMSTEC Ports' Conclave in which city?

- A) Kochi B) Visakhapatnam ☒
- C) Mumbai D) Kolkata

- ✓ The first-ever 'BIMSTEC Ports' Conclave' is has been inaugurated by Union Shipping Minister Mansukh Mandaviya at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh on 7th November.

- ✓ The 2 day Ports' conclave of BIMSTEC nations is expected to explore the possibility of increasing economic cooperation by furthering EXIM trade and coastal shipping.

- ✓ The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi – Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is an International Organization of 7 nations of South Asia and South East Asia. Its member states are Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan & Nepal.

7. The first-ever tri-services exercise "Tiger TRIUMPH" is being conducted between India & which country?

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

- ✓ India and the United States are set to hold their first trilateral – service military exercise codenamed 'Tiger Triumph' at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada. The exercise is being organized under the aegis of the headquarters of the Integrated Defence Staff (IDS). It will focus on large-scale amphibious Humanitarian Relief and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.

8. Who has been chosen for the Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019?

- A) Shanta Gokhale ☒ B) Arun Kolatkar

C) K Satchidanandan D) Bhau Panchbhai

- ✓ The Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019 was conferred on writer, translator and film critic Shanta Gokhale.

- ✓ She, born in 1939 in the town of Dahanu in Maharashtra, recently published her memoir, "One foot on the ground: A life told through the Body". She received the Sangeet Natak Academy Award in 2015. Poet K Satchidanandan was named the Tata Literature Live! Poet Laureate for 2019.

9. Which noted journalist has been chosen for the 2019 Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award?

- A) Akhil E S B) Saurabh Duggal
- C) P G Unnikrishnan D) Gulab Kothari ☒

- ✓ Rajasthan Patrika group chairman Gulab Kothari has been chosen for the prestigious 2019 Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award for his outstanding contribution towards journalism. The award will be presented by the Press Council of India (PCI) on the occasion of the National Press Day (NPD).

10. Harmonized System (HS) code, which is in news recently, is associated to which field?

- A) Insurance B) Rural Banking
- C) Khadi ☒ D) Medical

- ✓ In order to exclusively categorize Khadi products in exports, the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry has issued a Harmonized System (HS) code to separate Khadi from the general textile products in India.

- ✓ The HS code is a 6-digit identification code developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO) and is used by customs officers to allow products to cross international borders.

- ✓ It is an international nomenclature for the classification of products. It allows participating countries to classify traded goods on a common basis for customs purposes. The code follows from the Kyoto Convention of 1974 and is used by over 200 countries.

1. Abhisek Sarkar, who won award at 2019 Dhaka Lit-fest, is from which state?

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

- ✓ At the 9th edition of the Dhaka Literature festival, West Bengal based writer Abhishek Sarkar and Bangladeshi poet Rofiquzzaman Rony were given the Gemcon Young Literature Award and Gemcon Young Poetry Award.
- ✓ Abhishek and Rofiquzzaman won the awards for their manuscripts, "Nishiddho" & "Dhoashar Tamate Rong," respectively.

2. Who has become the first Indian man cricketer to complete 100 T20 Internationals?

- A) Ravindra Jadeja B) Virat Kohli
C) Rohit Sharma ☒ D) Dinesh Karthik

- ✓ Rohit Sharma became the first Indian cricketer and second in world cricket to complete 100 T20I when he took the field during the second match against Bangladesh.
- ✓ Shoaib Malik (111 games) from Pakistan is the only player to have played more than 100 T20I. Rohit had earlier surpassed Virat Kohli's record to become the highest run-getter in the T20I format of the game.

3. Which country has protested over the inclusion of the region of Kalapani in the new political map of India?

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

- ✓ Kalapani inclusion in the new political map of India became an issue of contention between India and Nepal. The Nepal government has raised objections to India's move and claimed that the Kalapani territory is located in far-west of Nepal. As per India's new political map, Kalapani is shown as a part of Indian Territory.

4. Nabaneeta Dev Sen, who passed away recently, was the renowned poet of which language?

- A) Odia B) Marathi
C) Bengali ☒ D) Telugu

- ✓ Nabaneeta Dev Sen (81), the popular and feminist Bengali author, poet, teacher and literary critic has passed away in Kolkata on Nov.7.
- ✓ She was a winner of many honours & prizes, including the Mahadevi Verma Prize in 1992, Sahitya Akademi award in 1999, and Padma Shri in 2000.

5. Which Indian armed force has conducted ReSAREX – 19 off Goa coast?

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

- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) tested its efficiency and preparedness during the Regional Level Search and Rescue Workshop and Exercise 2019 (ReSAREX-19) conducted off the Goa coast.
- ✓ ICG participation: 5 ships of ICG, 2 Chetak helicopters were used for the workshop while resources from State Marine Police, Indian Mission Control Centre (IMCC) in Bengaluru, Captain of Ports, state administration of Goa, Goa medical college and Goa's Mormugao Port Trust were used in the service.

6. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been elected as the new President of which country?

- A) Turkmenistan B) Afghanistan
C) Kazakhstan D) UAE ☒

- ✓ The UAE's Supreme Council of the Union has re-elected his Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan as its President for a 4th 5 year term, in accordance with the provisions of the UAE Constitution. He was first elected President on Nov.3, 2004, following the death of his father Shaikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

7. The National Cancer Awareness Day is observed on the birth anniversary of which noted scientist?

- A) Satyendra Nath Bose B) C V Raman
C) Har Gobind Khorana D) Madame Curie ☒

✓ In India, the National Cancer Awareness Day is observed every year on 7th of November to remove all stops to lower the national cancer burden by generating awareness about early detection and avoiding leading cancer causing lifestyles.

✓ The main motto of the special day is to educate people on early detection & cure of cancer. It is estimated that there are about 2.9 million cases of cancer in the country with 1.1 million new cases being reported annually. 2/3rd of cancer cases are diagnosed at the advanced stage.

8. Who has become the first Indian to be appointed as General Vice President (GVP) of IODA?

- A) Rajesh Reddy B) Vinaya Shetty ☒
C) Mohit Kumar D) Nidhi Sharma

✓ Dr. Vinaya Shetty is the first Indian to be elected to the position of General Vice President (GVP), International Organisation Development Association (IODA) since its inception in 1986.

✓ In 2016, Vinaya became the first Indian woman entrepreneur finalist for the prestigious Empretech Women in Business Award by United Nations Conference Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

9. Indian Navy conducted the bilateral maritime Ex "Samudra Shakti-19" with which country?

- A) Vietnam B) Malaysia
C) Indonesia ☒ D) Maldives

✓ Recently, India and Indonesia have carried out the bilateral maritime exercise "Samudra Shakti - 19" in the Bay of Bengal.

✓ The joint exercises focussed on surface warfare exercises, air defence exercises, weapon firing drills, helicopter operations, and boarding operations.

✓ 'Garuda Shakti' is the joint military exercise between India and Indonesia.

10. The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has partnered with which bank for payment related services?

- A) BoB B) SBI
C) Central Bank of India ☒ D) Dena Bank

✓ Government e-Marketplace (GeM) today signed MoU with Central Bank of India. Through this partnership, Central Bank of India will be able to offer an array of services including transfer of funds through GeM Pool Accounts (GPA), advising of electronic Performance Bank Guarantees (e-PBG) and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to the registered users on the portal.

✓ Integration for payments and various banking services is one of the priorities for GeM towards the goal of paperless, contactless and cashless system. GeM has already signed MoU with 18 Public Sector and Private Banks to enable this.

1. Spain and which country have been named co-hosts of the 2022 Women's Hockey World Cup?

- A) Italy B) France
C) Poland D) Netherlands ☒

- ✓ The Executive Board of the International Hockey Federation on Friday announced that India would be hosting the Men's Hockey World Cup in 2023.
- ✓ Spain and Netherlands have been confirmed as the co-hosts for the 2022 FIH Hockey Women's World Cup. The Men's Hockey World Cup would be played from January 13–29, 2023 while the Women's World Cup would be played from July 1–17, 2022. The venues for the tournaments will be announced by the host nations.

2. Who has been named country manager at Google India?

- A) Sanjay Gupta ☒ B) Jay Kumar
C) Ajay Jain D) Rushiraj Pawar

- ✓ Google India has appointed Sanjay Gupta as its new country manager and vice-president of sales and operations for India. Gupta, the former Star and Disney India managing director, will contribute to Google's efforts to expand the internet ecosystem in the country.
- ✓ He will take on the role early next year, working closely with the teams based in Gurugram, Hyderabad and Bengaluru. He replaces Rajan Anandan, who left Google to join Sequoia Capital India.

3. Which American University has collaborated with AIIMS on genetic testing?

- A) Harvard University B) Stanford University
C) Michigan University ☒ D) Yale University

- ✓ Michigan University will expand genetic testing in India in partnership with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Delhi and the Kasturba Medical College in Manipal.
- ✓ A 2.3 million US dollar grant from the National Institute of Health over five years will help the University of Michigan and Indian geneticists identify and confirm

genetic changes that are the basis of developmental disorders.

4. Which state has topped India's first-ever ranking of states on justice delivery?

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

- ✓ According to 'India Justice Report 2019', Maharashtra is the top state in delivering justice to its citizens followed by Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab and Haryana in the first-ever ranking of states on their capacity to deliver justice to citizens.
- ✓ The list of seven small states (population less than one crore each) was topped by Goa, followed by Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh. In this classification, Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are at the bottom.
- ✓ The ranking is part of the India Justice Report (IJR) 2019, an initiative of Tata Trusts in collaboration with Centre for Social Justice, Common Cause, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, DAKSH, TISS-Prayas and Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy.

5. Which city hosted the 2019 conference of the "No Money for Terror"?

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

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, G.Kishan Reddy is leading a five-member delegation to the "No Money for Terror" Ministerial Conference taking place in Melbourne, Australia. The delegation comprises of high ranking officials including DG NIA.
- ✓ 65 nations are represented at the conference. Kishan Reddy announced at the conference that India would host the next "No Money for Terror" Conference in 2020.

6. Which country has assumed the Chairship of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) for 2019–2021?

- A) India B) Bangladesh
C) South Africa D) UAE ☒

- ✓ The United Arab Emirates (UAE), as the incoming IORA Chair, will host the 19th IORA Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting on 7 November 2019 in Abu Dhabi under the theme of "Promoting a Shared Destiny and Path to Prosperity in the Indian Ocean".

- ✓ At the COM, the UAE will assume the Chairship of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) for the period 2019–2021. The Chairship passes from the Republic of South Africa, which has been IORA Chair for the period 2017–2019. The People's Republic of Bangladesh will assume the position of Vice Chair of IORA (also for 2019–2021).

7. The 10th Asian Conference of Emergency Medicine (ACEM) was held in which city?

- A) Mumbai B) Chennai
C) Bengaluru D) New Delhi ☒

- ✓ Vice President M Venkaiah inaugurated the 10th Asian Conference of Emergency Medicine (ACEM) in New Delhi organized by the Asian Society for Emergency Medicine (ASEM) and Society for Emergency Medicine India (SEMI) in support of other organizations to draw a plan for emergency care across Asia. The conference took place inbetween November 7–10th.

8. India's first air pollution web repository "IndAIR" has been launched by which organisation?

- A) BARC B) CSIR ☒ C) DRDO D) ISRO

- ✓ India's first interactive online repository named 'IndAIR' (Indian Air quality Interactive Repository) has been launched by The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research–National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR–NEERI). There are 262 studies concerning Delhi–NCR in the repository.

- ✓ The main objective of the project is to make air quality research and studies in an easy to access web format for the researchers, public, media, and academics. NEERI has archived about 700 scanned materials from the pre-internet era.

- ✓ Apart from these 170 reports and case studies, 1,215 research articles, 100 cases and more than 2,000

statutes to provide the history of air pollution research and legislation in India have been collated.

9. Special Protection Group (SPG) Act was enacted by Parliament of India in which year?

- A) 1987 B) 1988 ☒ C) 1984 D) 1985

- ✓ Recently, the central government has withdrawn the Special Protection Group (SPG) cover of the President of Congress. The SPG was raised in 1985 with the intention to provide proximate security cover to the Prime Minister, former Prime Ministers and their immediate family members.

- ✓ It was created after the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Parliament passed the SPG Act (1988) dedicating the group to protecting the Prime Ministers of India.

- ✓ After Rajiv Gandhi's assassination (1991), the SPG Act was amended, offering SPG protection to all former Prime Ministers and their families for a period of at least 10 years.

10. The Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan has started in which city?

- A) Mumbai B) Chennai
C) Bengaluru D) New Delhi ☒

- ✓ Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan, a mega event for discussing ideas, theories and research findings in the ancient Sanskrit language, begins in New Delhi. Thousands of Sanskrit lovers from 17 countries are attending Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan.

- ✓ An exhibition 'Sanskriti Pradarshini' has also been put up displaying manus, models and charts that establish different phases of the development of Sanskrit.

1. Which Indian personality has been conferred 2019 ABLF Global Asian award?
- A) Mukesh Ambani B) Gautam Adani
- C) Azim Premji D) Kumar Mangalam Birla ☒
- ✓ Kumar Mangalam Birla, chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, was conferred the ABLF Global Asian Award, for "powerful individual whose business footprint and commitment to excellence have engaged international interest and attention".
- ✓ The Asia Business Leadership Forum (ABLF) is backed by the UAE government, and currently runs in three forms – talks, awards, and publications.
2. Ramakant Gundecha, who passed away recently, was the renowned maestro of which classical Hindustani musical form?
- A) Dhrupad ☒ B) Khyal
- C) Tarana D) Ghazal
- ✓ 'Padma Shri' awardee Dhrupad maestro Ramakant Gundecha (56), has passed away in Madhya Pradesh capital Bhopal on November 8.
3. Legendary poll reformer TN Seshan, who passed away recently, hold the post of CEC for how many years?
- A) 5 B) 6 ☒ C) 4 D) 2
- ✓ Former Chief Election Commissioner Tirunellai Narayanaier Seshan has passed away in Chennai on 10th of November 2019. He was known for cracking the whip on money and muscle power in elections, and proved to be a nemesis for political parties.
- ✓ His work as CEC got an international recognition when he was given the Ramon Magsaysay award for 1996. He was the only one to hold the post of CEC for 6 years from 1990 to 1996 in the last 50 years.
4. The Ministry of Home Affairs has proposed to merge which Central paramilitary force with ITBP?
- A) BSF B) Assam Rifles ☒ C) CISF D) SSB
- ✓ Recently, the Ministry of Home Affairs proposed that the Assam Rifles should be merged with the Indo – Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
- ✓ Currently, the Assam Rifles is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs and operational control of the Army, i.e. the Ministry of Defence. This duality of administrative control and operational control leads to problems of coordination.
5. Fordow Fuel Enrichment Plant is associated to which country?
- A) Iran ☒ B) Afghanistan
- C) Russia D) USA
- ✓ Iran has recently restarted enriching uranium to 5% at its Fordow underground mountain nuclear plant in a new departure from its commitments under a landmark international 2015 nuclear pact.
6. Which state assembly has passed resolution demanding lifting of traffic restrictions on NH 766?
- A) Tamil Nadu B) Karnataka
- C) Kerala ☒ D) Andhra Pradesh
- ✓ A resolution has been passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly demanding the Union government to lift the travel restrictions on National Highway – 766 (NH 766) to safeguard the right of the people of north Kerala to move freely.
- ✓ National Highway (NH) 766 connects Kozhikode (Kerala) and Kollegal in Karnataka. This NH passes through the Bandipur Forest Reserve which comes under Karnataka government. So the Karnataka state government has banned vehicles movement via Bandipur forest reserve between 9 pm and 6 am.
7. Shafali Verma, who has become the youngest Indian cricketer to international 50, is from which state?
- A) Haryana ☒ B) Odisha C) UP D) MP
- ✓ Shafali Verma became the youngest Indian cricketer to score a ½ century in international cricket at 15 years

and 285 days. She achieved this feat during 1st T20 International between India and West Indies.

- ✓ She surpassed cricket maestro Sachin Tendulkar's 30 year old record during her achievement.

8. The 50th WEF annual Meeting 2020 is being held in which city?

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

- ✓ In Switzerland, the 50th anniversary of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting is being held in Davos in January. Over 100 Indian CEOs, several political leaders and many Bollywood stars are expected to participate in the meeting.
- ✓ The annual meeting of rich and powerful from across the world is expected to be even a bigger affair this time because it would be its 50th anniversary.

9. Brazil is hosting the 2019 BRICS summit under which theme?

- A) BRICS: 4th Industrial Revolution
B) BRICS: Economic Growth for an Innovative Future ☒
C) BRICS: Unite for Climate Awareness
D) BRICS: Nature & Future

- ✓ Brazil is hosting 11th edition of BRICS summit 2019 in its capital Brasilia from 13th to 14th November under the theme 'BRICS: Economic Growth for an Innovative Future'.
- ✓ The BRICS counties – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa – contains 23% of the global GDP and around 17% of the share in world trade.

10. What is the theme of 2019 edition of International Day of Radiology (IDoR)?

- A) Cardiac Imaging B) Sports Imaging ☒
C) Emergency Imaging D) Brain Imaging

- ✓ The International Day of Radiology (IDoR) is an annual event promoting the role of medical imaging in modern healthcare. It is celebrated on November 8 each year and coincides with the anniversary of the discovery of X – rays.

- ✓ It was first introduced in 2012, as a joint initiative of the European Society of Radiology (ESR), the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), and the American College of Radiology (ACR).

1. The world's first CNG port terminal is scheduled to be built in which Indian city?

- A) Bhavnagar ☒ B) Chennai
C) Pune D) Dehradun

- ✓ Gujarat government has given its approval to a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) terminal facility at Bhavnagar port. This would be the world's 1st CNG port terminal. The approval for this was given by Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board headed by Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.
- ✓ The terminal will be jointly built by Foresight Group and Mumbai-based Padmanabh Mafatlal Group. The consortium of company will invest Rs 1,900 crore out of which Rs 1,300 crore will be invested in 1st phase and Rs 600 crore in 2nd phase.

2. On which date, the 2019 edition of Public Service Broadcasting Day is celebrated in India?

- A) Nov.13 B) Nov.11 C) Nov.10 D) Nov.12 ☒

- ✓ The Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed every year on Nov.12 to commemorate the first and last visit of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947. He addressed the displaced people, who had temporarily settled at Kurukshetra in Haryana after partition.

3. Sundar Singh Gurjar is is an Indian Paralympic javelin thrower in which category?

- A) F45 B) F46 ☒ C) F48 D) F57

- ✓ Javelin thrower Sundar Singh Gurjar has won India's second gold defending his World Para Athletics Championships title in the men's F46 javelin throw event in Dubai. With this, India has secured three Tokyo Paralympic Games quota, along with the bronze winner Ajeet Singh and Rinku.
- ✓ Gurjar came up with his season's best effort of 61.22m to claim the top spot. Singh sent the spear to a distance of 59.46m to clinch the bronze while Rinku finished fourth.

4. Who has become the first Indian bowler to take a hat-trick in Men's T20 match?

- A) R Ashwin B) Jasprit Bumrah
C) Deepak Chahar ☒ D) Mohammed Siraj

- ✓ India pacer Deepak Chahar recorded the best-ever figures in the T20 Internationals when he returned figures 6 for 7 runs in 3.2 overs against Bangladesh at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Nagpur.
- ✓ The previous record of 6 for 8 by Sri Lankan spinner Ajantha Mendis in 2012. Chahar also became the first Indian bowler to take a hat-trick in the shortest format of the game as he wrapped up the Bangladesh innings with the wickets of Shafiul Islam, Mustafizur Rahman and Aminul Islam in three consecutive deliveries.

5. What is the theme of 2019 edition of World Science Day for Peace and Development?

- A) Science, a Human Right
B) Science for Global Understanding
C) Celebrating Science Centres and Science Museums
D) Open science, leaving no one behind ☒

- ✓ The World Science Day for Peace and Development is observed every year on 10th of November to highlight the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues.
- ✓ It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives. The theme for 2019 is "Open science, leaving no one behind".

6. Which country has discovered a new oil field in Khuzestan with 53 billion barrels reserve?

- A) Saudi Arabia B) Iran ☒
C) Turkmenistan D) Uzbekistan

- ✓ Iran has discovered a new oil field in the country's south with over 50 billion barrels of crude oil. It is located in Iran's southern Khuzestan province.

- ✓ The field is 2,400 sq.kms (925 sq.miles), with the deposit some 80 m (260 ft) deep. Iran currently has the world's 4th largest proven deposits of crude oil.

7. Pliosaurs are known from which geologic period?

- A) Pleistocene
B) Oligocene
C) Jurassic ☒
D) Carboniferous

- ✓ Recently, the bones of pliosaurs were discovered in Poland. Pliosaurs are the predatory reptiles that lived in seas over 150 million years ago.

- ✓ They are one of the largest aquatic carnivorous reptiles that have ever lived and are often referred to as sea monsters. They had powerful large skulls and massive jaws with large sharp teeth.

8. Which Indian wildlife biologist has been conferred the George Schaller lifetime award?

- A) Latika Nath
B) Biju Das
C) Purnima Sharma
D) K Ullas Karanth ☒

- ✓ Wildlife biologist K Ullas Karanth, Director, Centre for Wildlife Studies, Bengaluru, was awarded the George Schaller Lifetime Award in Wildlife Conservation Science for his contribution to the field of conservation.

- ✓ He is the first recipient of the award instituted by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), New York, in honour of Dr George Schaller, who is considered one of the greatest wildlife scientists and conservationists globally.

- ✓ WCS George Schaller Lifetime Award has been created to honour members of WCS for their outstanding contributions in conserving wildlife and wild places.

9. Thomas Dennerby, who has taken charge as Indian Head Coach of Indian Women's U-17 team, is from which country?

- A) Denmark
B) Portugal
C) Sweden ☒
D) Spain

- ✓ All India Football Federation (AIFF) has announced the appointment of Thomas Dennerby (Sweden) as the

Indian head coach of the Women's U-17 football team. Thomas led the Sweden Women's national team to finish third in the FIFA World Cup in 2011.

10. What is the theme of 2019 edition of World Pneumonia Day?

- A) Healthy Lungs for all ☒
B) Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia Now
C) Innovate to End Child Pneumonia
D) Universal access to pneumonia prevention and care

- ✓ The World Pneumonia Day is observed every year on 12th of November to promote interventions to protect against, prevent, and treat pneumonia and to highlight proven approaches and solutions in need of additional resources and attention.

- ✓ Pneumonia is one of the leading causes of deaths in children under five years old despite being easily preventable and treatable. The 2019 theme is "Healthy Lungs for all".

1. Which space agency has detected huge X-ray burst from outer space?

A) NASA ☒

B) ISRO

C) Roscosmos

D) JAXA

- ✓ NASA's NICER (Neutron star Interior Composition Explorer) telescope detected a sudden spike of X-Rays. The X-ray burst came from an object named "J1808". The spike was caused by a massive thermo nuclear flash on the surface of a pulsar. A Pulsar is a neutron star.
- ✓ The Explosion releases as much as energy in 20 seconds as that released by the sun in 10 days. Like other astronomical bodies, the sun emits X-Rays as well. Therefore, studying about these sources will help to learn about the future of the sun.

2. Which space agency has launched first all-electric experimental aircraft "X-57 Maxwell"?

A) NASA ☒

B) ISRO

C) Roscosmos

D) LAPAN

- ✓ NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has launched its 1st all-electric experimental aircraft named the X-57 "Maxwell". It is NASA's 1st crewed X-plane (experimental plane) in nearly 2 decades adapted from Italian Tecnam P2006T aircraft.
- ✓ The first delivery of the all-electric experimental aircraft was taken from Empirical Systems Aerospace (ESAero) in California, United States. The aircraft is expected to be operational by late 2020.

3. Who has been sworn-in as the new Prime Minister of Mauritius?

A) Navin Ramgoolam

B) Nando Bodha

C) Ameenah Gurib

D) Pravind Jugnauth ☒

- ✓ Mauritius's incumbent Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth was sworn in for a 5 year term after the recent elections. Since attaining independence from Britain in 1968, Mauritius has become one of the most stable democracies in Africa.

4. How many times the President's rule has been imposed in Maharashtra?

A) 6

B) 5

C) 4

D) 3 ☒

- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind has signed the proclamation imposing President's rule in Maharashtra. The Union Cabinet has recommended the President rule on the report of the Governor invoking Article 356 of the constitution in the state.
- ✓ Article 356, commonly known as President's rule, deals with 'failure of constitutional machinery in the state'. The present day Maharashtra came into existence on 1st May, 1960 and this is the 3rd time the state has come under the central rule.

5. The 7th edition of North East Festival was held in which city?

A) Lucknow

B) Laddakh

C) New Delhi ☒

D) Guwahati

- ✓ New Delhi hosted the 7th edition of the North East Festival. The festival was held at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts on 11th November.
- ✓ The aim of the 3 day fest is to promote entrepreneurship and tourism and showcase and create awareness about India's North East.

6. On which date, the 2019 edition of National Legal Services Day is celebrated?

A) Nov.13

B) Nov.11

C) Nov.10

D) Nov.9 ☒

- ✓ The National Legal Services Day is celebrated every year on November 9 to make all people aware about the functions and their activities done by the Legal Services in India.
- ✓ It was first started by Supreme Court of India in the year 1995 to provide help and support to poor and weaker sections of the society. The Article 39A of Constitution provides free legal assistance to the poor and weaker sections of the society.

7. India's first elephant memorial has come up in which city?

- A) Lucknow B) Laddakh
C) Mathura ☒ D) Guwahati

- ✓ India's first elephant memorial has been launched by India based conservation charity to honour elephants that passed away due to trafficking & abuse.
- ✓ The memorial symbolizes the sacrifice of these gentle giants who lost their lives while suffering brutality at the hands of humans.

8. Which union ministry has launched "Swachh-Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan"?

- A) Ministry of Jal Shakti
B) Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries
C) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change ☒
D) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

- ✓ Union Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is undertaking a mass cleanliness-cum-awareness drive in 50 identified beaches under the programme called 'Swachh-Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan' from 11-17 November 2019.
- ✓ The Objective of Swachh-Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan to strive to make coastal areas across the country clean and to create awareness amongst citizens about the importance of coastal ecosystems so as to save marine creatures from plastic waste, industrial effluents and other harmful substances.

9. Which state government has decided to institute Suraj award to promote organ donation?

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

- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday announced an annual award in the name of Suraj to promote organ donation.

- ✓ Suraj, a resident of Ganjam district who was working at Surat, met with a fatal road accident on Oct.29. He was declared brain dead on Nov.2 by the doctors after which his parents decided to donate his organs to save lives of others.

10. Which state government has decided to launch Sishu Suraksha app to help report child rights violations?

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

- ✓ On the occasion of Children's Day on 14 November 2019, the Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (ASCPCR) launched a mobile app called 'Sishu Suraksha', an e-complaint box for child right violations.
- ✓ The ASCPCR decided to develop an e-complaint box, keeping in mind the mission of a Digital India. The objective of the app is to empower citizens to take moral responsibility of protecting future generations.

1. Which state government has launched e-Ganna App for sugarcane farmers?

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

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh government has launched a dedicated web portal and a mobile application, e-Ganna App, for sugarcane farmers of the state.
- ✓ The portal and the App will ensure transparency in the process of getting slips, and facilitate sugarcane supply by farmers to mills and check irregularities.

2. Which country is the focus country at the 39th India International Trade Fair (IITF)?

- A) South Africa B) South Korea ☒
- C) Vietnam D) Malaysia

- ✓ 39th India International Trade Fair 2019 begins in New Delhi. The theme for the fair is 'Ease of Doing Business' inspired by India's unique achievement of rising to 63rd rank on the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index from 142nd rank in the year 2014.
- ✓ The fair will be inaugurated by Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Nitin Gadkari. This year the status of 'Partner Country' has been accorded to 'The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan' and 'The Republic of Korea' will be the 'Focus Country'. Bihar and Jharkhand will be the focus states in this edition of the fair.

3. Which Indian sprinter has been listed in the TIME 100 Next?

- A) Dutee Chand ☒ B) Hima Das
- C) Sarita Gayakwad D) Sathi Geetha

- ✓ Dutee Chand, the Indian sprinter has been listed in the TIME 100 Next of TIME magazine.
- ✓ It highlights 100 rising stars who are shaping the future of entertainment, business, sports, politics, health, science etc. Dutee is the 1st Indian sprinter to win the 100m at the World University Games.

4. The Good Air Summit (GAS-2019) has been organized under which theme?

- A) Making India Responsible
- B) Making India Breathe ☒
- C) Making India Clean
- D) Making India Green

- ✓ In New Delhi, the Good Air Summit (GAS-2019) has been organized by the Integrated Health and Wellbeing Council under the theme 'Making India Breathe'. Over 2,000 students took the pledge to make environment greener and pollution-free at the summit.
- ✓ The purpose of the summit is to make the young children and citizens take responsibility for Good Air and bringing changes in the behaviour of individuals towards keeping society clean of pollutions.
- ✓ Here, the students joined the nationwide drive 'Good Air Movement' that aims to cover Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Ahmedabad to Aizawl.

5. The UN Women has proposed to partner with which state's gender park?

- A) Chhattisgarh B) Kerala ☒
- C) Maharashtra D) Gujarat

- ✓ With an aim to take forward projects and campaigns aimed at securing gender parity in South Asia, UN Women has proposed to partner with Kerala's gender park.
- ✓ Three key areas of co-operation of the partnership will be setting up of the gender data centre at The Gender Park, Kozhikode, holding events during the 64th session of Commission on Status of Women (CSW64) in March 2020 and 75th session of UN General Assembly in September 2020 and launch of a focused campaign called "16 Days of Activism in Kerala" from 25th November to 10th December, 2019.

6. The 7th edition of IUCN Asia Regional Conservation Forum 2019 was held in which city?

- A) Beijing B) Colombo

C) Islamabad ☒

D) New Delhi

- ✓ The 7th International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Asia Regional Conservation Forum, Asia's one of most important nature conservation events – Started on 14 Nov Under the theme of "Greening Asia for Nature and People", the forum will focus on themes related to nature-based solutions to address societal challenges.
- ✓ The event happens once in every four years and witnessed huge participation of delegates from governments, NGO, research and academic institutions from South, East and Southeast Asian.
- ✓ Asia accounts for 60% of the world's current population. According to World Bank's report in 2018, of the 783 million extremely poor who live below the poverty line, 33% live in South Asia and 9% live in East Asia and the Pacific.
- ✓ Discussions from the Asia Regional Conservation Forum will help shape conservation action for the next decade, as it will feed into the IUCN World Conservation Congress, which will be held in Marseille, France in June 2020.

7. India has partnered with which countries to explore an alternative to SWIFT?

A) South Africa & Maldives

B) Bangladesh & China

C) Russia & China ☒

D) France & Japan

- ✓ India, Russia, and China have partnered to explore an alternative to the US dominated Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) payment mechanism. The move aims to smoothen trade with countries that face American sanctions.
- ✓ The countries have decided to link Russia's financial messaging system of the Bank of Russia (SPFS) with the Chinese cross-border interbank payment system Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply (CIPS).
- ✓ The new payment system will work as a gateway model when messages on payments are transcoded in accordance with a certain financial system.

8. Which tech giant has introduced 'Project Zero' in India to remove counterfeit products?

A) Paytm B) Amazon ☒ C) Flipkart D) Indiamart

- ✓ E-commerce major Amazon has rolled out 'Project Zero' in India that will provide brands with additional tools to identify and remove counterfeits from its platform.
- ✓ The Project Zero features three tools viz. 'automated protections', 'self-service counterfeit removal tool' and 'product serialization'. The brands will have to sign up for the initiative to access the tools.

9. Who led Indian delegation at the 8th Session of Governing Body of Seed Treaty in Rome?

A) Parsottambhai Rupala

B) Harsh Vardhan

C) Narendra Singh Tomar ☒

D) Krishna Raj

- ✓ India attended the 8th session of the International Treaty of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) at Rome, Italy. Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Tomar attended the session representing India. Around 146 countries participated in the session.
- ✓ The Treaty is in harmony with the Convention on Biological Diversity. International organizations such as FAO, UN were also part of the session.

10. Which country has become the first South Asian nation to criminalize offences related to match-fixing & sports betting?

A) Bangladesh

B) Pakistan

C) Sri Lanka ☒

D) India

- ✓ Sri Lanka has become 1st South Asian nation to criminalise several offences related to match-fixing. The move comes after Sri Lankan parliament passed of a bill related to it labelled as "Prevention of Offences Related to Sports". Sri Lanka's Sports Ministry worked closely with International Cricket Council's (ICC) Anti-Corruption Unit during the process of drafting bill.
- ✓ The newest legislation covers all sports. As per it if a person is found guilty of committing an offence related to corruption in sports, then he may find himself jailed for a term up to 10 years and will also be required to pay other fines.

1. Which country's President has been invited as the chief guest at the India's 2020 Republic Day?
- A) Italy B) Brazil ☒
C) Portugal D) New Zealand
- ✓ Jair Bolsonaro, Brazilian President accepted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invitation to become the chief guest at India's Republic Day celebrations 2020. Modi is in Brazil to attend the 11th BRICS Summit.
2. Which Indian personality has been named an honorary trustee of "The Metropolitan Museum of Art"?
- A) Nita Ambani ☒ B) Ratan Tata
C) Amitabh Bachchan D) Priyanka Chopra
- ✓ Chairperson of the Reliance Foundation, Nita Ambani has been named an honorary trustee of "The Metropolitan Museum of Art". This decision was taken due to her commitment to preserve and encourage Indian art and culture. She is the first Indian to be so honoured.
- ✓ In 2017, Nita Ambani received the prestigious Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Award from the President of India for the work of Reliance Foundation in the area of sports for development. In 2016, Forbes listed her as one of the 50 most powerful businesswomen in Asia. She is a member of the International Olympic Committee and is the first Indian woman to serve in that role.
3. Who has been appointed as new CMD of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)?
- A) Sudhir Kumar B) Payal Sharma
C) Kamala Vardhana Rao ☒ D) Kirti Patel
- ✓ India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) has appointed G Kamala Vardhana Rao as the new Chairman and Managing Director.
- ✓ Prior to this, an IAS officer 1990 batch from Kerala Cadre, was the Principal Secretary, Kerala government. He has also served as the Secretary of Kerala Tourism in 2014-15.
- ✓ He has also served multiple positions including Chairman of Indian Tobacco Board, Director of Fisheries Department, Director, Department of Tourism and Culture, Andhra Pradesh government.
4. The first-ever Indo-US tri-services 'Tiger Triumph' has started in which state?
- A) Madhya Pradesh B) Andhra Pradesh ☒
C) Himachal Pradesh D) Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ The 9-day humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) exercise code-named 'Tiger Triumph' has been started between armed forces of India and United States on the Eastern seaboard (at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh).
- ✓ The aim of the first-ever tri-services exercise is to develop inter-operability between the militaries of the two countries in HADR operations.
5. Which state government has decided to organize 2019 World Kabaddi Cup?
- A) Tamil Nadu B) Kerala
C) Tripura D) Punjab ☒
- ✓ The 2019 World Kabaddi Cup will take place from December 1 to 9 and will be organised by the Punjab government in Punjab.
- ✓ This year's tournament will be dedicated to the 550th birth anniversary of Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Nine teams: India, USA, Australia, England, Sri Lanka, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan and Canada are expected to take part in the tournament.
6. Suranga Bawadi, which has been selected as the World Monument Watch List for 2020, is located in which state?
- A) Tamil Nadu B) Kerala
C) Tripura D) Karnataka ☒
- ✓ Suranga Bawadi in Bijapur, Karnataka was selected as the World Monument Watch List for 2020, by the New York-based non-governmental organisation.

- ✓ Suranga Bawadi was selected under the category of “Ancient Water System of the Deccan Plateau” along with 24 monuments across the world. It is one of the integral parts of the ancient Karez system of supplying water through subterranean tunnels. It was built in the 16th century of Adil Shahi-I in Vijayapura.

7. India is hosting the 19th Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of SCO 2020 in which city?

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

- ✓ India will host the 19th council of heads of government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation 2020. The first such high-level meeting of the 8-member grouping to be organised by New Delhi after its admission into the grouping in 2017.

- ✓ The SCO is a China-led eight-member economic and security bloc in which India and Pakistan were admitted as full members in 2017. Its founding members included China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The latest Summit of heads of government was held in Tashkent in November 2019.

8. On which date, the 2019 edition of World Kindness Day is celebrated?

- A) Nov.13 ☒ B) Nov.14 C) Nov.12 D) Nov.13

- ✓ The World Kindness Day is celebrated every year on 13th of November to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us.
- ✓ The day was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, a coalition of nations' kindness NGOs. The theme for 2019 edition is “Empathy, encouraging people across the globe to better understand “the pains of others” and touch their lives “positively”.

9. Which Indian scholar has won the 2019 BRICS-Young Innovator Prize?

- A) Sunil Rajput B) Ravi Prakash ☒
C) Laxmi Jain D) Deepankar Kumar

- ✓ Ravi Prakash, an Indian PhD scholar has won the BRICS-Young Innovator Prize for inventing an affordable indigenous milk chilling unit for smaller and marginal rural dairy farmers.

- ✓ Prakash, PhD scholar of ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Bangalore, was a part of a 21-member delegation sent to Brazil by the Department of Science and Technology for the 4th BRICS-Young Scientist Forum (YSF), 2019. The theme for 4th BRICS-YSF was “Cybersecurity and Bio-economy”.

10. The 2019 International Lavi fair was held in which district of Himachal Pradesh?

- A) Shimla ☒ B) Hamirpur
C) Kangra D) Kullu

- ✓ International Lavi fair being organised in Shimla district's Rampur from November 11 to 14, 2019. The fair dates back to the 17th century when Raja Kehari Singh of Rampur Bushahr state signed a treaty to promote trade between Tibet and Bushahr.

- ✓ Ahead of the fair, an exhibition of horses was organized. The main attraction is the sale and purchase of Chamurthi horses — an endangered species known as the “Ship of the cold desert”.

1. What is the India's rank at the 2019 Global Bribery Risk Index?

- A) 78th ☒ B) 68th C) 75th D) 65th

- ✓ India has been ranked 78th among 178 nations in the 2019 Global Bribery Risk Index, which was released by Trace Bribery Risk Matrix. The Matrix evaluates countries under four parameters which are business interaction with the government, anti-bribery deterrence, transparency and civil society oversight.
- ✓ TRACE is a US based organisation which provides ranking to various countries in terms of the risk of bribery companies' face in doing business in those countries.

2. Which state government has launched the 'Nadu-Nedu' programme?

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

- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jaganmohan Reddy has launched the 'Nadu-Nedu' programme to introduce English medium from classes 1 – 6 in state-run schools.
- ✓ The scheme will be implemented in 15,715 schools in the first phase. It will cover all schools in three years' time with a budget of Rs 12,000 crores.

3. Vashishtha Narayan Singh, who passed away recently, was the noted personality of which field?

- A) Maths ☒ B) Biology
C) Chemistry D) Physics

- ✓ Renowned mathematician Vashishtha Narayan Singh passed away in Patna on 14th November 2019.

4. The first ever international buyer seller meet on agriculture and horticulture produce has started in which state?

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

- ✓ The first-ever international buyer-seller meet on Agriculture & Horticulture produce was held in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, on 14–15 November 2019.

- ✓ It was organized by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

- ✓ The aim of the meet is to promote the export of agricultural products. It also aims to facilitate market linkages for agri-exports from the North Eastern Region, especially Arunachal Pradesh, APEDA, and Department of Agriculture & Horticulture, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

5. The Golden Leaf Awards are awarded for which sector?

- A) Tobacco ☒ B) Coffee C) Tea D) Jute

- ✓ The Tobacco Board of India (Guntur) has been awarded the Golden Leaf Award at Tab Expo 2019 event in Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- ✓ The award was given in the most impressive public service initiative category for the year 2019 for its efforts to initiate various sustainability (green) initiatives in Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco cultivation in India.
- ✓ The Golden Leaf Awards are created to recognise professional excellence and dedication in the tobacco industry by an international magazine Tobacco Reporter.

6. Who has been named FIFA's Chief of global football development?

- A) Robert Jerni B) Arsene Wenger ☒
C) Harendra Singh D) Igor Stimac

- ✓ Veteran coach Arsene Wenger has been named FIFA's Chief of global football development. He would be responsible for the growth of the football game around the world and would also be the leading authority on technical matters, including potential changes to the sport's laws.

7. On which date, the 2019 edition of National Press Day is celebrated in India?

- A) Nov.16 ☒ B) Nov.14 C) Nov.12 D) Nov.13

- ✓ The National Press Day (NPD) is celebrated every year on 16th of November as symbolic of free and responsible press in India. This was the day on which the Press Council of India (PCI) started functioning as a moral watchdog.

8. Which union ministry has decided to launch Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK)?

- A) Ministry of Finance
B) Ministry of Rural Development
C) Ministry of Women and Child Development ☒
D) Ministry of HRD

- ✓ The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development and Textiles has decided to launch Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK) on 18th November 2019 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The BPKK is the repository of diverse crops across 128 agro-climatic zones in India for better nutritional outcomes.

9. Which Indian movie bagged the Best Director award at the 2019 Asian Film Festival Barcelona?

- A) Super 30 B) War
C) Bhonsle ☒ D) Panipat

- ✓ Manoj Bajpayee–starrer and critically acclaimed movie “Bhonsle”, directed by Devashish Makhija, has won the prestigious awards at the 2019 Asian Film Festival Barcelona. The film bagged two awards in the ‘Best Screenplay’ and ‘Best Director’ categories at the festival.
- ✓ The movie revolves around a police constable, who tries to help in the struggles of migrants and their battles with the local politicians. It also addresses the concerns of various ethnic groups and highlights the issues that they face in order to survive in a city like Mumbai, away from their home.

10. Which movie bagged the Golden Royal Bengal Tiger Award for the Best Film at the 25th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF)?

- A) Aga’s House B) The Painted Bird
C) Run Kalyani D) The Weeping Woman ☒

- ✓ Spanish movie ‘The Weeping Woman’ (La llorona) bagged the Golden Royal Bengal Tiger Award for the Best Film in International Competition of the 25th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF).

1. The 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM – Plus) was held in which city?

- A) Colombo B) New Delhi
C) Hanoi D) Bangkok ☒

- ✓ The 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM – Plus) has recently held in Bangkok, Thailand on 18th November 2019. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh along with 17 other Defence Ministers of ADMM-Plus countries attended the meeting. Its purpose was to seek collaborations in terms of security with Ministry of Defence of countries outside the region.

2. Who has been sworn-in as new President of Sri Lanka?

- A) Gotabaya Rajapaksa ☒ B) Priyantha Sirisena
C) Namal Rajapaksa D) Karu Jayasuriya

- ✓ Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the controversial wartime defence secretary, has been sworn-in as 7th Executive President of Sri Lanka at the Ruwanweli Seya in Anuradhapura on 18th November 2019.

- ✓ He succeeded President Maithripala Sirisena for a five year term. Before the ceremony, the newly elected president worshipped at the Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi, a sacred fig tree in the Mahamewna Gardens and Ruwanweli Seya.

3. Which Indian boxer has been elected as a member of the first-ever international boxing body (AIBA) athletes' commission?

- A) Shiva Thapa B) Laishram Sarita Devi ☒
C) Mary Kom D) Vijender Singh

- ✓ Indian boxer, Laishram Sarita Devi of Manipur has been elected unopposed as a member of the first-ever international boxing body (AIBA) athletes' commission.

- ✓ She was inspired by Muhammad Ali's achievements, and turned professional in boxing in the year 2000. She is DSP in Manipur Police.

- ✓ The election of the Athletes Commission members was organized during AIBA Men and Women World Boxing Championships 2019 in Russia.

- ✓ Boxers from all over the world voted for new members – one per continent, except Europe which has two representatives.

4. Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde, who has been sworn-in as the new Chief Justice of India (CJI), is a former Chief Justice of which High Court?

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

- ✓ Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde, a former Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court, has recently administered oath as the 47th Chief Justice of India (CJI) by President Ram Nath Kovind at the Durbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhawan.

- ✓ He will have a tenure of over 17 months as the CJI and is due to retire on April 23, 2021. Justice Bobde has decided several key cases and was part of the recent historic Ayodhya verdict.

- ✓ He also headed a 3-member in-house committee which gave a clean chit to CJI Gogoi on a sexual harassment complaint against him by a former apex court staffer. Hailing from a family of lawyers from Maharashtra, he is the son of eminent senior advocate Arvind Shriniwas Bobde.

5. The Andhra Pradesh government has selected which IIM to help curb corruption in the state administration?

- A) IIM Calcutta B) IIM Indore
C) IIM Ahmedabad ☒ D) IIM Bangalore

- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh government has selected IIM Ahmedabad to help curb corruption in the state administration.

- ✓ The institute would study the structural issues in the government departments in relation to corruption and come out with measures to tackle them.

- ✓ The focus would be on government departments that have earned alleged notoriety for corruption. Based on the IIM-A report, it was expected that the government may suitably amend the PC Act for a complete crackdown on corruption.

6. Which country has become the first country in the world to introduce WHO approved typhoid vaccine?

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

- ✓ Pakistan has become the first country in the world to introduce WHO-approved Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV) into its routine immunisation programme through a campaign mode in Sindh.
- ✓ It's an effort to combat a drug-resistant strain of the potentially fatal disease in the Sindh province. The two-week campaign has been launched with the support of Geneva-based Gavi vaccine alliance.
- ✓ The TCV is a 1-dose vaccine, injected intramuscularly, that is lower in cost and has higher efficacy. It is expected to provide long lasting immunity in adults, children and infants older than 9 months of age.
- ✓ Typhoid is a highly contagious disease that spreads quickly when people live in crowded neighbourhoods with weak water and sanitation infrastructure.

7. Which state government has launched virtual classes' project?

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

- ✓ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has recently launched a project that will connect 500 government run secondary schools to virtual classrooms in the state.
- ✓ The virtual classes are attended through video conferences where students can meet the teacher on a real-time basis and ask questions. Approx 1.90 lakh students of these schools will also benefit from the project.

8. The 'SAANS' campaign has been launched by which union ministry?

- A) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
B) Ministry of Human Resource Development
C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare ☒

D) Ministry of Jal Shakti

- ✓ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan has launched a SAANS (Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully) campaign to curb pneumonia deaths among children.
- ✓ Under the campaign, a child suffering from pneumonia can be treated with pre-referral dose of anti-biotic amoxicillin by ASHA workers, and health and wellness centres can use pulse oximeter (device to monitor oxygen saturation) to identify low oxygen levels in the blood of a child, and if required, treat him by use of oxygen cylinders. The campaign will mobilize people to protect children from pneumonia.

9. Which state government has launched Mukhyamantri Septic Tank Safai Yojana?

- A) MP B) UP C) Rajasthan D) Delhi ☒

- ✓ Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched a scheme — Mukhyamantri Septic Tank Safai Yojana – to help people in waste management and to ensure the safety of sanitation workers.
- ✓ The government has plans to achieve three objectives with the scheme viz. a collection of waste from septic tanks in the colonies, ensuring safe disposal of the waste in sewage treatment plants, and deployment of trained staff with safety equipment for cleaning septic tanks.

10. The first-ever National Agrochemicals Congress was held in which city?

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

- ✓ The first-ever National Agrochemicals Congress was held in Pusa, New Delhi. The meeting was inaugurated by Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar. The meeting was held from 13–16 November. The 4 day long meeting had the theme, "Country's Status on Various Fronts of Agrochemicals".
- ✓ The National Agrochemicals Congress focused on sustainable production to sustainable agri-food systems along with the climatic conditions. The plenary sessions included discussion on issues and concerns of Agrochemicals for sustainable farming.

1. Which state government has decided to create new new Foreign Cooperation department?

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

- ✓ The Haryana Government has decided to create a dedicated new department namely Department of 'Foreign Cooperation' to deal in formulation of country – wise strategies for promotion of investment, employment in the state, education and skill development and promotion of Haryanavi culture and welfare of Haryanavi diaspora.
- ✓ The Haryana Cabinet has also decided to revise the House Rent Allowance admissible to the Ministers from Rs 50,000 to Rs 80,000 plus Rs 20,000 to cover electricity and water charges that is totalling Rs 1 Lakh per month.

2. What is the India's rank in the 2019 IMD World Talent Ranking?

- A) 58th B) 63rd C) 62nd D) 59th ☒

- ✓ Due to low quality of life and expenditure on education, India has been ranked 59th on a global annual list of 63 countries in the 2019 IMD World Talent Ranking.
- ✓ The list was topped by Switzerland, followed by Denmark, Sweden and Austria. The ranking is based on the performance in three main categories — Investment & Development, Appeal and Readiness.

3. Which union ministry has launched Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK)?

- A) Ministry of Women and Child Development ☒
B) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
C) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
D) Ministry of Rural Development

- ✓ The Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK) has been launched by Union Ministry of Women and Child Development in partnership with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in New Delhi.

- ✓ The BPKK is a repository of diverse crops across 128 agro-climatic zones in India for better nutritional outcomes.

4. The bilateral maritime exercise "Roar of the Sea" has started between India & which country?

- A) Qatar ☒
B) Japan
C) Afghanistan
D) Saudi Arabia

- ✓ The first-ever joint naval exercise titled "Za'ir-Al-Bahr" (Roar of the Sea) has started between Qatar & India in Doha. The exercise would strengthen cooperation and increase interoperability between the two navies.

5. Which state Olympic Association has decided to launch "Grassroot Olympic – Mission Talent Hunt" to groom talent?

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

- ✓ The Assam Olympic Association (AOA) has decided to launch a new programme – "Grassroot Olympic – Mission Talent Hunt" – to identify the sports talent in the state and groom them.

- ✓ The AOA will organize sports events in five categories covering players from 10 years to 60 years of age in the state.

6. Who is the author of the book "The Daughter from a Wishing Tree Unusual Tales about Women in Mythology"?

- A) Sudha Chandran
B) Sudha Murty ☒
C) Kiran Bedi
D) Lakshmi Venu

- ✓ The book "The Daughter from a Wishing Tree Unusual Tales about Women in Mythology" has been authored by acclaimed author and Infosys Foundation chairman Sudha Murty. The book will tell numerous untold tales of women in mythology.

- ✓ It will talk about the magic spell that can make a dead person come alive, and the wishing tree that gives the wonderful gift of daughters. It will also answer some

very curiosity invoking questions like who the gods turn to for support when they are helpless.

7. On which date, the 2019 edition of National Epilepsy Day is observed?

- A) Nov.17 ☒ B) Nov.14 C) Nov.12 D) Nov.13

- ✓ In India, the National Epilepsy Day is observed every year on 17th of November to create awareness about epilepsy. Epilepsy is a chronic disorder of brain characterized by recurrent 'seizures' or 'fits'.
- ✓ The seizures are caused as a result of sudden, excessive electrical discharges in the neurons (brain cells). The condition can affect people at any age and each age group has unique concerns and problems.

8. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of World Toilet Day?

- A) Toilets and Nutrition
B) Follow the Flush
C) When Nature Calls
D) Leaving No One Behind ☒

- ✓ The World Toilet Day is observed every year on 19th of November to inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis. The 2018 theme is "Leaving No One Behind".

9. Which company has launched 60 Starlink satellites for cheaper global Internet?

- A) SpaceX ☒ B) Blue Origin
C) Virgin Galactic D) Boeing

- ✓ Elon Musk-run SpaceX has recently launched 60 "Starlink" satellites into Low-Earth Orbit from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida that will bring cheaper and reliable space-based internet access to the world. The "Starlink" satellites will be deployed at an altitude of 280 km to beam broadband Internet services.
- ✓ These satellites are part of the 2nd batch of SpaceXs' broadband Internet mega constellation. Enabled by a constellation of Low-Earth Orbit satellites, Starlink will

provide fast, reliable internet to populations with little or no connectivity, including those in rural communities and places where existing services are too expensive or unreliable.

10. Jayakwadi Dam is located on which river?

- A) Krishna B) Kaveri
C) Godavari ☒ D) Mahanadi

- ✓ The Jayakwadi Dam is located on Godavari River at the site of Jayakwadi village in Paithan taluka of Aurangabad district in Maharashtra.
- ✓ It is in news because the seismometer, piezometer, earth pressure cell, slope meter and several other key instruments installed at the dam have stopped functioning properly.
- ✓ The seismometer was installed at the Jayakwadi dam after the devastating earthquake in Killari in Latur district in 1993. This instrument is powerful as it has a range of 10,000 kms. In the past, it has recorded the epicentres of earthquakes in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Russia, Nepal, etc.

1. The Union government has banned which state-based insurgent group Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council?

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

✓ The Central government has recently banned Meghalaya based insurgent group Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC) for its increased activities of violence and other subversive acts.

✓ The government also declared HNLC and its factions, wings and front organisations as “unlawful associations” by exercising powers conferred by the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1967.

2. Which state government has decided to start Arundhati gold scheme by January 2020?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) West Bengal
C) Assam ☒
D) Kerala

✓ The Assam government has decided to start Arundhati gold scheme by January 2020 for the registered newly married couples.

✓ Under the scheme, an amount of 30 thousand rupees will be given to the bride to purchase gold. The purpose of the scheme is to promote marriage registrations and prevent under-age marriages in the state.

✓ To get the benefit, the annual income of the bride and her father should not be more than 5 lakh rupees per year. As per the scheme, the minimum age of the bride and groom to be 18 and 21 years to avail the benefit.

3. Who has been named PETA India's Person of the Year for 2019?

- A) KS Panicker Radhakrishnan
B) Virat Kohli ☒
C) Shashi Tharoor
D) R Madhavan

✓ India captain Virat Kohli was, on November 20, named People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's 'Person of the Year for 2019' for his animal advocacy efforts.

✓ A vegetarian, Kohli's efforts to improve conditions for animals include sending a letter on PETA India's behalf to officials calling for the release of Malti, an elephant used for rides at Amer Fort, who was reportedly violently beaten by eight men.

✓ The 31 year old also reportedly visited an animal shelter in Bengaluru to check on injured and formerly neglected dogs there, sending a message to his fans to adopt animals rather than buying them.

4. Who is the head of the panel on petrochemical investment?

- A) P Raghavendra Rao
B) S Chaudhary
C) Pradeep Sharma
D) Rajat Bhargava ☒

✓ The Union Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has appointed senior Andhra Pradesh bureaucrat Rajat Bhargava as head of a high level committee to suggest necessary policy initiatives for attracting more investments into the Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIR) in the country.

✓ This is the first time the Union government is seeking to amend the PCPIR Policy after it was introduced. As per the PCPIR Policy, the Centre approved four PCPIRs at Dahej (Gujarat) on the west coast and Visakhapatnam – Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh), Paradeep (Odisha) and Cuddalore – Nagapattinam (Tamil Nadu) on the east coast.

✓ The VK-PCPIR is the largest in the country spread over an area of 640 sq km along the Bay of Bengal coast.

5. Which military unit has been honoured with President's Colour award?

- A) Mahar Regiment
B) Rajputana Rifles
C) Indian Naval Academy ☒
D) The Garhwal Rifles

✓ President Ram Nath Kovind and Supreme Commander of Indian Armed Forces awarded President's Colour to Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala at Kochi, Kerala. The President's Colour is the highest honour bestowed upon a military unit.

- ✓ It was awarded to INA in recognition of the yeoman service rendered by the institution in training and shaping Indian Naval officers over the last 50 years at three different locations – Goa, Kochi and Ezhimala.

6. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of World Children's Day?

- A) Protect Child, Protect World
B) Children of today, our keepers tomorrow ☒
C) Children are taking over and turning the world blue
D) Kids Take Over

- ✓ The World Children's Day is observed every year on 20th of November across the world to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.
- ✓ The 2019 theme is "Children of today, our keepers tomorrow". This year is special as it marks 30 years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

7. Which city has become the India's first City to Install 'Third Umpire' RT-PCR Machines?

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

- ✓ The Kolkata Municipal Corporation has installed first of its kind high end Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) machines in India for quick detection of diseases like dengue, tuberculosis and swine flu.
- ✓ These machines are to serve as a Third Umpire in situations when medical reports and blood tests reveal contradictory results. The purpose of these machines is to give accurate DNA report on blood tests in order to ascertain the exact cause of illness. Through these machines, the tests will be conducted free of cost.

8. IRCTC has signed pact with which state tourism to market & run Golden Chariot train?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) West Bengal
C) Karnataka ☒
D) Kerala

- ✓ The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) to market and operate the Golden Chariot train.

- ✓ IRCTC is expected to carry out an internal refurbishment of the train and commence operations from March 2020. The new itineraries shall be a mix of history, culture, wildlife and nature.

- ✓ It is proposed to include Bandipur, Mysore, Halebid, Chikmagalur, Hampi, Bijapur and Goa in the itinerary. As per the pact, KSTDC will soon hand over the reins of the train to IRCTC.

9. NASA scientists have recently detected water vapor on which Jupiter's moon?

- A) Ganymede
B) Europa ☒
C) Callisto
D) Io

- ✓ For the first time, NASA scientists have discovered the presence of water vapor above the surface of Jupiter's icy moon Europa using the W M Keck Observatory in Hawaii. The researchers detected 5,202 pounds of water releasing from Europa per second, which could fill an Olympic-size swimming pool within minutes.

10. Which country has declared that Israeli settlements on West Bank do not violate international laws?

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

- ✓ The United States has recently declared that Israeli settlements on occupied Palestinian land "West Bank" do not violate international laws.

- ✓ The US declaration marks the rejection of a 2016 UN Security Council (UNSC) resolution that settlements on the West Bank are a "flagrant violation" of international law. It is also a rejection of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949.

1. Which Indian state has launched the first Hindi daily "Arun Bhoomi"?

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

- ✓ Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu launched the state's first Hindi newspaper "Arun Bhoomi", which will be published and edited by Takam Sonia. The CM hoped that the major population of the country, who speak and read Hindi, would get easy access to news, information and knowledge about the state.

2. Which international organisation has released World Energy Outlook?

- A) IMF B) WHO C) IEA ☒ D) WB

- ✓ The International Energy Agency (IEA) has recently released its latest World Energy Outlook (WEO) report. In the 2019 edition, IEA projected a rapid increase in installed solar capacity by 2040, from 495 GW now to 3,142 GW.
- ✓ Though, it expects (CO₂) emissions to continue rising for decades unless policies reflect greater ambition on climate change. This is primarily due to the longevity of the existing stock of coal-based plants, which account for 30% of all energy-related emissions.
- ✓ IEA is an inter-governmental organisation established in the framework of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

3. Which international organization has organized the 2019 World Conference on Access to Medical Products – Achieving the SDGs 2030 in New Delhi?

- A) UNICEF B) UNESCO C) WHO ☒ D) IMF

- ✓ The 2019 World Conference on Access to Medical Products– Achieving the SDGs 2030 was held in New Delhi from 19–21 November 2019. It was jointly organized by the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ✓ The conference provided a platform for discussions focused on creating an enabling legal and trade environment for public health which are critical to

achieving the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 Agenda.

4. Who has been conferred the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2019?

- A) Angela Merkel B) Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
C) David Attenborough ☒ D) Ela Bhatt

- ✓ Renowned naturalist and broadcaster Sir David Attenborough has been chosen for the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2019. He has been recognized for a lifetime of doing more to reveal the wonders of the natural world to us than perhaps any other individual.

5. Which tech giant has organized South Asia Safety Summit 2019?

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

- ✓ The 2nd edition of South Asia Safety Summit 2019 was held in New Delhi to highlight the issue of safety while individuals and communities are connected on the digital platform. It was organized by Union Ministry of Women and Child Development and Facebook.
- ✓ During the Summit, Union Minister Smriti Zubin Irani launched "We Think Digital" website. The website is a 4 part course designed to empower students with the knowledge to use, understand, evaluate, communicate and create with digital technologies. The programme will focus on online safety, privacy and misinformation.

6. The first-ever pink ball Test match is being held between India & which country?

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

- ✓ The first-ever pink ball Test match between India and Bangladesh is being held at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata on 22nd November 2019. Pink balls will be used in place of red balls for better visibility under lights.

- ✓ BCCI President Sourav Ganguly unveiled the official mascots of the event "Pinku-Tinku". Its' also India's first Day-Night Test against Bangladesh.

7. Which state government has launched YSR Matsyakara Bharosa scheme for fishermen?

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

- ✓ On the occasion of World Fisheries Day, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched a welfare scheme – YSR Matsyakara Bharosa – for fishermen. Under this scheme, 1,32,332 fishermen in the 21–60 age group will get an enhanced monetary relief of Rs 10,000 each during the marine ban and lean period every year between April and June.

- ✓ Also, the subsidy on diesel has been increased from Rs 6.03 to Rs 9 per litre, applicable to the mechanised (3000 Ltrs) and motorized boats (300 Ltrs) for 10 months every year.

8. Which country is hosting the world's first Muslim yoga camp?

- A) India ☒ B) Israel
C) Bangladesh D) China

- ✓ The world's first Muslim yoga camp has started at Kanva Ashram in Kotdwar town of Uttarakhand on 20th November & will conclude on November 24.
- ✓ Approx 500 Muslim men and women from different countries are participating in the event. The event will send a healthy message to the world that yoga does not belong to a particular religion and is beneficial for entire humanity.

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

- A) Nov.21 ☒ B) Nov.19 C) Nov.18 D) Nov.20

- ✓ The World Television Day is observed every year on 21st of November across the world to acknowledge the role of broadcast media.

- ✓ The day also marks the commitment of governments, news organisations and individuals to deliver unbiased information in times when veracity of content on social media is questionable.

10. On which date, the 2019 edition of World Fisheries Day is observed?

- A) Nov.21 ☒ B) Nov.19 C) Nov.18 D) Nov.20

- ✓ The World Fisheries Day is observed every year on 21st of November throughout the world by fishing communities.
- ✓ This day is celebrated through rallies, workshops, public meetings, cultural programs, dramas, exhibition, music show, and demonstrations to highlight the importance of maintaining the world's fisheries.

1. Which tech giant has launched 'K-12 Education Transformation Framework' to facilitate digital transformation of schools in India?
- A) Twitter B) Wipro
- C) Facebook D) Microsoft ☒
- ✓ Microsoft has launched its 'K-12 Education Transformation Framework' to facilitate comprehensive digital transformation of schools in India.
- ✓ The framework consists of 4 pillars — Leadership and policy, Modern teaching and learning, Intelligent environments and Technology blueprint. The purpose of the framework is to provide tools to achieve the ambitious change many schools seek & to thoughtfully integrate technology in powerful and productive ways.
2. Which state government has decided to legalize the cultivation of cannabis in the state for medical and industrial purpose?
- A) Haryana B) Karnataka
- C) Madhya Pradesh ☒ D) Punjab
- ✓ The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to legalize the cultivation of cannabis in the state for medical and industrial purpose. It is clear that the farmers can only sell their produce to the government and not to private buyers.
- ✓ The government will allow the farming of hemp (a type of marijuana) for medical purposes like in the treatment of cancer. Hemp with a Tetra-Hydro-Cannabinol (THC) content of 0.3 to 1.5% can be used for industrial purposes like in the manufacturing of fiber.
3. Chitharesh Natesan, who became the first Indian to be crowned Mr Universe 2019, is from which state?
- A) Telangana B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Odisha D) Kerala ☒
- ✓ Indian bodybuilder Chitharesh Natesan from Kerala has become the first Indian to be crowned Mr Universe 2019 at the 11th World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship (WBPF) at the Island city of Jeju in South Korea. He won the title in the 90 kg category in the WBPF 2019.
- ✓ Earlier, he also bagged the Mr Asia 2019 title at the Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship (ABBF) held in Thailand in October.
4. Which Indian organisation hosted the first-ever Counter Terrorism Table Top Exercise (CTTE) for the Quad countries?
- A) BSF B) DRDO
- C) NIA ☒ D) Indian Army
- ✓ The National Investigation Agency (NIA) hosted the first-ever Counter Terrorism Table Top Exercise (CTTE) for the Quad countries at its headquarters in Delhi on November 21-22, 2019. The Quad countries include the United States (US), India, Australia, and Japan.
- ✓ According to the NIA, the exercise was to assess and validate Counter Terrorism (CT) response mechanisms in the light of emerging terrorist threats. It also aims to provide opportunities to share the best practices and to explore areas for enhanced cooperation amongst participating countries.
5. Which union ministry is organizing the Destination North East (NE) in Varanasi?
- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region ☒
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Ministry of Defense
- ✓ The Destination North East (NE) Festival is being organized by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on 23rd November 2019.
- ✓ The 4-day festival will showcase art, culture, cuisine, handicrafts and handlooms of the northeastern region. During the festival, the visitors will have live experience of the artisans and artistes from the Northeast working on their looms and crafts, performing their songs and dances in the open stage.

6. Which business tycoon has been conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)?

- A) Azim Premji B) Mukesh Ambani
C) Ratan Tata D) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw ☒

- ✓ Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, CMD of Biocon, has been conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for her outstanding achievement in healthcare and contribution to the society at large.
- ✓ She was also recognised for her philanthropic efforts and providing better healthcare to people in India and globally through cost-effective life-saving therapies and increasing access to healthcare at the grassroots. Bill Gates gave away this award to Mazumdar-Shaw in New Delhi on Nov 17 at an event to mark the celebration of 108th Foundation Day of ICMR.

7. The NuGen Mobility Summit 2019 is being held in which village of Haryana?

- A) Badesra B) Nathuwas
C) Chandeni D) Manesar ☒

- ✓ In Haryana, the NuGen Mobility Summit 2019 is being organized by International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) in Manesar under the theme "Smart & Green Mobility". It aims to find alternative mobility solutions to problems like pollution emanating from vehicular emissions.

8. The Union Cabinet has recently approved establishment of the National Institute of Sowa Rigpa (NISR) under which union ministry?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
C) Ministry of AYUSH ☒
D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- ✓ The Union Cabinet has recently approved the establishment of the National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa in Leh as an autonomous organization under the

Ministry of AYUSH. The Sowa-Rigpa is a Traditional Medical system of the Himalayan belt in India.

- ✓ It has been popularly practiced in Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Darjeeling (West Bengal), Himachal Pradesh, Union Territory of Ladakh and now all over India.
- ✓ The Institute would provide an impetus for the revival of Sowa-Rigpa in the Indian Sub-continent. It will also provide opportunities for students of Sowa-Rigpa not only in India but also from other countries.

9. Nilkanth Khadilkar, who passed away recently, was the noted personality of which field?

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

- ✓ Nilkanth Khadilkar (85), the noted editor of Marathi newspaper Navakal, has passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra on 22nd November. He was also author of a few books, including "Practical Socialism: musings from a tour of Russia".

10. Who is set to become the first woman pilot of Indian Navy to join naval operations?

- A) Nikita Gupta B) Komal Sharma
C) Divya Kumari D) Shivangi ☒

- ✓ Woman officer Sub Lt. Shivangi is expected to become the first woman pilot of Indian Navy to join naval operations. She will join naval operations on completion of operational training at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi, Kerala on December 2.
- ✓ She hails from Muzzafarpur, Bihar and completed her schooling from DAV Public school, Muzzafarpur.

1. Shaukat Kaifi, who passed away recently, was the renowned actress of which cinema?

- A) Hindi ☒ B) Kannada
C) Telugu D) Marathi

- ✓ Shaukat Kaifi (93), the veteran Bollywood actor and Shabana Azmi's mother, has passed away in Mumbai on 23rd November 2019. Kaifi's husband "Kaifi Azmi" was the celebrated Urdu poet and film lyricist.
- ✓ She and her husband were leading lights of the Indian People's Theatre Association (IPTA) and the Progressive Writers Association (IWA), which were the cultural platforms of the Communist Party of India (CPI). Her last film was Shaadi Ali's 'Saathiya'.

2. Who has been bestowed with the 28th Bihari Puraskar for 2018?

- A) Vijay Verma B) Satya Narayan
C) Manisha Kulshreshtha ☒ D) Bhagwati Lal Vyas

- ✓ Manisha Kulshreshtha, the noted writer from Rajasthan, has been conferred the 28th Bihari Puraskar for 2018 for her novel 'Swapnapash'. The award is presented by the KK Birla Foundation and is for writers of Rajasthani origin.
- ✓ It is given annually to an outstanding work in Hindi or Rajasthani published in the past 10 years. The award is named after famous Hindi poet Bihari. It carries a cash prize of Rs 2.5 lakh, a citation, and a plaque.

3. Bougainville is the province of which country?

- A) Solomon Islands B) Fiji
C) Kiribati D) Papua New Guinea ☒

- ✓ The people of Bougainville have started casting vote in a referendum on independence from Papua New Guinea (PNG). If the vote for independence passes, the autonomous province with 206,000 people could become the world's newest independent nation.
- ✓ The referendum is part of a peace deal in 2001 that ended a bloody civil war between Bougainville and PNG.

The referendum presents two options, either greater autonomy from PNG, or complete independence.

- ✓ Bougainville is the small archipelago of Pacific islands. Its history includes colonial exploitation, attempts at independence, a nine year war and a gradual peace process.

4. Living Root Bridges, sometimes seen in news, are associated to which state?

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

- ✓ The Living Root Bridges are the aerial bridges built by weaving and manipulating the roots of the Indian rubber tree. They have been serving as connectors for generations in Meghalaya. These bridges spans between 15 and 250 feet and are built over centuries.
- ✓ Primarily, the bridges are a means to cross streams and rivers and have also become world-famous tourist attractions. Now, new research investigates these structures and proposes to integrate them in modern architecture around the world, and potentially help make cities more environment-friendly.

5. Which oil company has rolled out special winter-grade diesel for Ladakh?

- A) HP B) IOCL ☒ C) BPCL D) GAIL

- ✓ The Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL) has launched a special winter-grade diesel for high altitude regions such as Ladakh, Kargil, Kaza and Keylong.
- ✓ This unique winter-grade fuel has been engineered to perform in extremely cold weather conditions. It will help provide year-round access to grueling regions and will work as a catalyst in the country's efforts to speed up strategic road connectivity.
- ✓ This special fuel produced by Panipat refinery is capable of remaining unfrozen up to minus 33°C. It also meets BIS specification of BS-VI grade diesel.

6. Which state assembly is hosting the Commonwealth Youth Parliament (CYP-2019)?

- A) Delhi ☒ B) Telangana
C) Kerala D) Punjab

- ✓ The Delhi Assembly along with the Lok Sabha will host a 3 day Commonwealth Youth Parliament (CYP) from 25th November. About 47 participants from 24 countries will participate in the event.
- ✓ The CYP is an annual gathering hosted by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA). It brings together young people aged 18–29 from across the Commonwealth of Nations to discuss issues of democracy and governance.

7. Who is the author of the book “RN Kao: Gentle Spymaster”?

- A) S E Joshi B) Nitin A Gokhale ☒
C) K Sankaran Nair D) Girish Chandra Saxena

- ✓ The book “RN Kao: Gentle Spymaster” has been authored by security expert Nitin A Gokhale. It is on the life and times of legendary spymaster Rameshwar Nath Kao, founding father of India’s external intelligence agency Research & Analysis Wing (RAW).
- ✓ Kao’s legendary exploits include conducting ‘Kashmir Princess’ probe in the mid-1950s, his contributions in the liberation of Bangladesh in 1971 and role in ensuring Sikkim’s merger with India.

8. Which state government has decided to constitute State Folk Art Council (SFAC)?

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

- ✓ The Chhattisgarh government has decided to constitute State Folk Art Council (SFAC) for preserving and nurturing traditional art forms and artists.
- ✓ The council will also ensure registration of folk art troupes of all kinds, enlist them and take necessary

steps to provide certain assistance including musical instruments and other materials required by them.

- ✓ It would promote folk arts of the state through modern promotional mediums, organize festivals at archaeological and cultural heritage sites.

9. The 8th International Tourism Mart (ITM-2019) was held in which city?

- A) Imphal ☒ B) Guwahati
C) Itanagar D) Kolkata

- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism is organizing the 8th International Tourism Mart in association with the North Eastern States at Imphal, Manipur from 23rd – 25th November 2019.
- ✓ The event aims to highlight the tourism potential of the region in the domestic and international markets. It brings together the tourism business fraternity and entrepreneurs from the 8 North Eastern States.

10. Oxford Dictionaries has named which word as its 2019 Word of the Year?

- A) Climate action B) Climate denial
C) Climate anxiety D) Climate emergency ☒

- ✓ Oxford Dictionaries named climate emergency as its 2019 Word of the Year choosing it from an all – environmental shortlist that also included climate action, climate denial Eco-anxiety extinction, and flight shame.
- ✓ Recent winners have included toxic (2018) youth-quake (2017). The use of the term climate emergency increased by a hundredfold since 2018, according to data collected in the Oxford Corpus, a database containing hundreds of millions of words of written English.

1. Which state government has decided to provide 5% reservation for its athletes in govt jobs?

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

- ✓ In Madhya Pradesh, the state government has decided to provide 5% reservation for national & international medallists in government jobs.
- ✓ It was announced by Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Jitu Patwari during the inauguration of Under 16 state-level Olympic Games at Kampoo sports complex in Gwalior on 24th November.
- ✓ He also announced that children from all CBSE, government and private schools would be involved in the Olympics. He said it includes 10 sports — hockey, basketball, football, volleyball, kabaddi, kho-kho, athletics, wrestling, badminton and table tennis.

2. Kailash Joshi, who passed away recently, was the former CM of which state?

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

- ✓ Kailash Joshi (91), the former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh & BJP leader, has passed away in Bhopal on 24th of November. His last rites performed at his ancestral town Hatpipalya in Dewas district. Born on 14th July 1929, Joshi was called as the 'saint of politics'.
- ✓ He served as the state's chief minister from 1977 to 1978. He was MLA for 8 terms and also served as member of both the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha.

3. Who became the first Indian bowler to take five-wicket haul with a pink ball?

- A) Mohammed Shami B) Umesh Yadav
C) Ishant Sharma ☒ D) Jasprit Bumrah

- ✓ Ishant Sharma has become the first Indian bowler to take five-wicket haul in the Day-night Pink ball Test against Bangladesh at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata. Earlier, Mohammad Nisar was the first-ever Indian

bowler to take a five-wicket haul with the red ball against England at Lord's in 1932.

- ✓ Interestingly, current head-coach Ravi Shastri holds the record of first-ever five-wicket haul by an Indian with the white ball when he took 5-wickets against Australia at WACA in 1991.

4. Which Indian Armed force has celebrated 'Poonch Link up Day'?

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

- ✓ On 23rd November, Indian Army celebrated the historic Poonch Link-up Day with traditional gaiety & fervour to mark the Operation Easy conducted by them in 1948 to defend the border district from the invading Pakistani raiders.
- ✓ Poonch withstood a siege by the Pakistanis from November 1947 till relieved by the Indian Army. The day marks the historic link up carried out by Brigadier Pritam Singh's forces with Brigadier Yadunath's forces from Rajouri at Danna Ka Pir on 21 November 1948.

5. India's first largest biotechnology stakeholders' conglomerate – the Global Bio-India (GBI) Summit 2019 was held in which city?

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

- ✓ India's first largest biotechnology stakeholders' conglomerate – the Global Bio-India (GBI) Summit, 2019 was held in New Delhi on 24th November.
- ✓ The 3-day summit provided an opportunity to showcase the potential of India's biotech sector to the international community, identify, create opportunities and deliberate on the key challenges in the areas of Bio-pharma, Bio-Agri, Bio-Industrial, Bio-Energy and Bio-Services and allied sectors.

6. Which state government has launched immunisation campaign against Filariasis?

- A) Haryana B) Uttar Pradesh ☒

C) Punjab

D) Madhya Pradesh

- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government has launched a massive immunization campaign against the filariasis (or Filaria) from 25th of November.
- ✓ Under this campaign, more than 65 thousand teams of health workers will distribute medicines to around 6.5 crore people till 10 December in 19 districts. The Central government has set year 2021 as the deadline for complete eradication of filaria in country.

7. The Arcadia Education Project of which country has won 2019 Aga Khan Architecture Award?

A) India

B) Bangladesh ☒

C) Nepal

D) Sri Lanka

- ✓ The Floating school named 'The Arcadia Education Project' has won the prestigious Aga Khan Architecture Award 2019 in Kajan, republic of Tatarastan. The school is located in South Kanarchor of Bangladesh. It is an innovative project for constructing a floating school for marginalized children in the country.
- ✓ The architect of the project Saif Ul Haque designed a school which remains on the ground during dry season and floats when the area is submerged in water during monsoon. He utilized only the local material-bamboo, used tyres and steel drums for constructing the amphibious structure for school.

8. Which country's team has won the 2019 Davis Cup title?

A) Spain ☒

B) Canada

C) Switzerland

D) USA

- ✓ In tennis, World No.1 Rafael Nadal has clinched 6th Davis Cup title for Spain after beating Denis Shapovalov of Canada in front of a jubilant home crowd in Madrid. Nadal defeated Shapovalov 6-3, 7-6 (9-7) to clinch Spain's 2-0 win against Canada.

9. Simon Taufel, who launched his book "Finding the Gaps", is the former cricket umpire of which country?

A) South Africa

B) New Zealand

C) Australia ☒

D) Sri Lanka

- ✓ The book "Finding the Gaps: Transferable Skills to Be the Best You Can Be" has been authored by former Australian cricket umpire Simon Taufel.

- ✓ Taufel is known for his accuracy and extreme fitness & maintained immense respect from players up to his retirement from the international game in 2012.

10. On which date, the 2019 edition of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is observed?

A) November 25 ☒

B) November 26

C) November 24

D) November 23

- ✓ The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is observed every year on 25th of November to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence. The official theme for 2019 is "Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands against Rape".

1. The 70th Constitution Day of India has celebrated on which date?

- A) November 25 B) November 26 ☒
C) November 24 D) November 23

✓ The National Law Day is celebrated in India on 26th of November every year to commemorate the adoption of Constitution of India. The day is also known as Constitution Day. On this day in 1949, the constitution was adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India which came into force on 26th January 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of India.

✓ On 19th November 2015, the Government of India in a gazette notification declared November 26th as the Constitution Day. The year of 2015 was the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The day was chosen to spread the importance of the constitution and to spread thoughts and ideas of Dr. Ambedkar.

2. Which state government has launched a citizen helpline No. 14400 for corruption-related complaints?

- A) Haryana B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Punjab D) Andhra Pradesh ☒

✓ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has recently launched a citizen helpline number, '14400' to enable people to complain about graft in government departments.

✓ The citizens could directly call the helpline and lodge a complaint against corruption in any government department. All complaints would be investigated in 15 to 30 days and required action will be taken.

3. Which Indian armed force is set to host multi-nation military drill 'Milan - 2020'?

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

✓ The Indian Navy will host multi-nation military drill 'Milan - 2020' at Visakhapatnam in March 2020 & will witness the participation of 41 nations from South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa and Europe.

✓ The areas of cooperation include capacity building, marine domain awareness, training, hydrography, technical assistance, operational exercise.

4. Sudhir Dhar, who passed away recently, was the renowned personality of which field?

- A) Painting B) Journalism
C) Cartoon ☒ D) Poetry

✓ Renowned cartoonist Sudhir Dhar (87) has passed away in Gurgaon on 26th of November 2019. He began his career with The Statesman in 1961 after which he moved to Hindustan Times.

✓ His cartoons have also appeared in The Independent, The Pioneer, Delhi Times, New York Times, Washington Post and Saturday Review among others.

5. The Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM) has been set up in which city?

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

✓ In Telangana, the Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM) has been set up in Hyderabad to impart professional training in management of railway finances.

✓ The institution marks an important addition to the list of premier professional institutions in the country in the field of financial management. The IRIFM institution is based on 14 acre campus at Moula-Ali, Secunderabad.

6. The Guru Ghasidas National Park is located in which district of Chhattisgarh?

- A) Koriya ☒ B) Bilaspur
C) Jashpur D) Mungeli

✓ The Chhattisgarh government has decided to declare Guru Ghasidas National Park in the Koriya district as a tiger reserve.

✓ Presently the state has 3 tiger reserves viz. Indravati in Bijapur district, Udanti - Sitanadi in Gariaband district and Achanakmar in Bilaspur district.

7. Which country has strongly criticized China's lending practices under its Belt and Road Initiative?

- A) Russia B) United States of America ☒
C) France D) England

- ✓ Top US diplomat Alice Wells has strongly criticized China's international development projects and lending practices under its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). He also questioned the China Pakistan Economic Corridor on its commercial viability.
- ✓ China does not report on its overall lending despite being the largest lender globally. Hence, neither rating agencies nor the Paris club nor IMF are able to monitor those financial transactions. The lack of transparency was a means to hide risks to countries that borrowed from China to finance the development projects.
- ✓ It leads to a surrender of strategic assets and it diminishes sovereignty. The case of Hambantota Port in Sri Lanka and a runway in the Maldives were among the projects cited as examples of China financing projects of questionable commercial viability.

8. The Proposed Etalin Hydroelectric Project is associated to which state?

- A) Odisha B) Tripura
C) Punjab D) Arunachal Pradesh ☒

- ✓ The Union government has recommended a biodiversity study of the proposed 3,097 MW Etalin Hydroelectric Project in Arunachal Pradesh by a credible international institute since the current environmental impact assessment was found to be completely inadequate.
- ✓ The project is estimated to cost Rs.25,296.95 crore & is proposed to be completed in 7 years. But, the project would entail felling 2,80,677 trees and threatens the existence of 6 globally-endangered mammal species.
- ✓ The area also has 680 species of birds, which is about 56% of the total avian species found in India. The Forest Advisory Committee of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has also advised caution in pursuing the project since it falls

under the richest bio-geographical province of the Himalayan zone.

9. Which state cabinet has approved the nomination of at least one differently abled member to each panchayat?

- A) Haryana B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Punjab D) Chhattisgarh ☒

- ✓ By amending the State Panchayati Raj Act of 1993, the Chhattisgarh Cabinet has made it mandatory the presence of at least one differently-abled member to each panchayat.
- ✓ If differently abled members are not elected through the electoral process, then one member – either male or female – would be nominated as a panch. The state will now have 11,000 persons with disabilities as representatives at the panchayat level.
- ✓ The state Cabinet also decided to drop the educational qualifications eligibility criterion for contesting panchayat elections.

10. The Union government has decided to merge which of the following Union Territories?

- A) Puducherry & Lakshadweep
B) Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli ☒
C) A&N and Lakshadweep
D) Chandigarh & Delhi

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy introduced a bill in the Lok Sabha to merge two Union Territories — Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli — into one.
- ✓ The move comes after Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) was divided into two UTs — J&K and Ladakh. Currently, India has 9 UTs after the creation of the UTs of J&K and Ladakh.

1. Which university has become the first state university of Madhya Pradesh to be accorded A+ Grade from National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)?

- A) Jiwaji University
- B) Maharaja Chhatrasal Bundelkhand University
- C) Devi Ahilya University ☒
- D) Barkatullah University

- ✓ The Indore-based Devi Ahilya University has become the first university of Madhya Pradesh to be accorded A+ grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). Now, the Centre of higher learning became entitled to several other facilities.
- ✓ It may introduce courses recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC) without the latter's permission besides commencing open distance-learning courses. The institute was established in 1964 by an Act of Legislature of Madhya Pradesh.

2. The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to set up its 1st vulture conservation in which district?

- A) Lucknow
- B) Sitapur
- C) Maharajganj ☒
- D) Raebareli

- ✓ In a bid to conserve the endangered vulture population, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to set up state's first vulture conservation and breeding centre in farenda area of Maharajganj district.
- ✓ The new centre would be set up in association with Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), a wildlife research organization. It will be the first scientific assessment of vultures in the state to find out which species is most threatened and the locations where these natural scavengers are thriving.
- ✓ It will be set up on the lines of Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre at Pinjore in Haryana, which is also the first in the country.

3. On which date, the 2019 edition of National Milk Day is celebrated in India?

- A) November 25
- B) November 26 ☒

C) November 24

D) November 23

- ✓ The National Milk Day is celebrated every year on 26th of November to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, the father of India's White Revolution. The White Revolution (also known as Operation Flood) was launched in 1970.

- ✓ It is considered to be world's biggest dairy development programme which transformed India from a milk deficient nation to the one of the largest producers of milk in the world.

4. Which union ministry has launched Credit-linked Subsidy Services Awas Portal (CLAP)?

- A) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ☒
- B) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- C) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- D) Ministry of Women and Child Development

- ✓ The Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri launched Credit-linked Subsidy Services Awas Portal (CLAP) in New Delhi on 27th of November 2019.

- ✓ The portal provides a transparent and robust real-time web-based monitoring system for credit-linked Subsidy Services, CLSS and beneficiaries. Using the portal, a beneficiary can track his application status in real-time.

5. Which union ministry has launched Kartavya portal as part of nationwide Nagrik Kartavya Palan Abhiyan?

- A) Ministry of Human Resource Development ☒
- B) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- C) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- D) Ministry of Women and Child Development

- ✓ On the occasion of 70th Constitution Day, Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched the kartavya.ugc.ac.in portal as a part of year long nationwide 'Nagrik Kartavya Paalan Abhiyan'.

- ✓ The portal will be used primarily for holding monthly essay competitions for students as well as other activities like quizzes, debates, poster making etc pertaining to Abhiyan.

6. Which Indian scientist has been conferred the RAeS Honorary Fellowship of the Society 2019?

- A) Punit Goenka B) K Sivan
C) G Satheesh Reddy ☒ D) Ram Sewak Sharma

- ✓ The Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) London has conferred the Honorary Fellowship of the Society for the year 2019 to G Satheesh Reddy, Secretary Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO.

- ✓ G Sathish Reddy is the first Indian recipient of this prestigious award in over 100 years. Honorary Fellowship from RAeS is one of the world's highest distinctions for aerospace achievement awarded for only the most exceptional contributions to the aerospace profession. It is considered as equivalent to the Nobel Prize in the aerospace domain.

7. Which state has topped the overall crimes against children, as per latest CRY Report?

- A) Haryana B) Uttar Pradesh ☒
C) Punjab D) Chhattisgarh

- ✓ The Child Relief and You (CRY) has recently its report titled "How vulnerable are children in India to crime?", which is based on the latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for 2016–2017 data released on 21st October 2019 after a gap of two years.

- ✓ The report reveals that crimes against children rose by 20% higher than overall number of crimes which rose by 3.6%. As per CRY report, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have topped the list of States for overall crimes against children.

- ✓ Both stood at 14.8% with over 19,000 cases. The highest increase in crimes against children was seen in Jharkhand at 73.9% while Manipur had a significant decline of 18.7% between 2016 and 2017.

8. Balasingh, who passed away recently, was the renowned actor of which regional cinema?

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

- ✓ Balasingh (67), the noted Tamil actor and theatre artist, has passed away in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. His notable performances include Kamal Haasan's directorial venture 'Virumandi' and actor Dhanush's 'Puthupetta', a gangster flick.

9. Madhu Shetye, who passed away recently, was the founding member of which press club?

- A) Kolkata Press Club B) Mumbai Press Club ☒
C) Press Club of India D) Chennai Press Club

- ✓ Madhu Shetye (89), the senior journalist and activist, has passed away in Mumbai on 27th November 2019. He was a founding member of the Mumbai Press Club.

- ✓ He was a former corporator in the Mumbai municipal corporation and had participated in the Samyukta Maharashtra and Goa liberation movements.

10. Which state government has decided to launch project Shakti to alert the public about crimes?

- A) Haryana B) Madhya Pradesh ☒
C) Punjab D) Chhattisgarh

- ✓ The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to launch the project titled 'Shakti' to alert the public through Short Message Service (SMS) system about crimes like abduction. The system will help prevent such crimes and solve them too.

1. Who designed the logo for the apex anti-corruption ombudsman "Lokpal"?

- A) Nikhil Kumar B) Prashant Mishra ☒
C) Kanon Krishna D) Narayanan Krishnaswamy

- ✓ Lokpal Chairman Justice (retired) Pinaki Chandra Ghose launched the new logo for the apex anti-corruption ombudsman. As per law, the logo symbolizes how Lokpal protects and cares for the people of India by establishing justice. It is designed by Prashant Mishra, a resident of Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The logo symbolizes various essence of LOKPAL figuratively in shapes such as: judges' bench, 3 human figures, Ashok chakra forming eye-pupil, law (shape of book in orange) and the tricolor two hands are placed below forming a unique balance. The logo is in tricolor representing the national essence of LOKPAL new motto titled "Ma Gridhah Kasyasvidhanam (Do not be greedy for anyone's wealth)" was also adopted.

2. Which Indian organization has revised the framework on currency swap arrangement for the SAARC countries for 2019-2022?

- A) SBI B) RBI ☒ C) SEBI D) IRDA

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised the framework on currency swap arrangement for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries for 2019-2022.
- ✓ Under the framework for 2019-22, the RBI will continue to offer a swap arrangement within the overall corpus of \$2 billion. The drawals can be made in US dollar, euro or Indian rupee. The framework is valid from November 14, 2019 to November 13, 2022.
- ✓ The facility will be available to all SAARC member countries, subject to their signing the bilateral swap agreements. The SAARC countries are — Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

3. Which launch vehicle has successfully carried out remote sensing satellite Cartosat-3 into orbit?

- A) PSLV-44 B) PSLV-49

C) PSLV-48

D) PSLV-47 ☒

- ✓ Through PSLV-47 vehicle, ISRO has successfully launched the India's latest earth observation remote sensing satellite Cartosat-3 into Sun Synchronous orbit from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota.
- ✓ Cartosat-3 satellite is a third generation agile advanced satellite having high resolution imaging capability. Beside this, 13 Commercial Nanosatellites from USA were also successfully injected into designated orbit.
- ✓ These satellites were launched under commercial arrangement with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of ISRO.

4. Which state Police has organized the 47th All India Police Science Congress (AIPSC)?

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

- ✓ Lieutenant Governor of Puducheri and retired IPS officer Kiran Bedi has inaugurated the 47th All India Police Science Congress (AIPSC) at police headquarters in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The UP Police in association with the home ministry and the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) has organised the 2-day event.
- ✓ During the event, there were discussions in 6 thematic sessions which includes some very contemporary issues like Reforms in Policing, Role of social media in countering radicalization and terrorism and Inculcating right kind of attitudes in police officers.

5. Who is the head of the expert committee to review Draft National Sports Code?

- A) Sudhanshu Mittal B) B P Baishya
C) Adille Sumariwala D) Mukundakam Sharma ☒

- ✓ The Ministry for Youth Affairs and Sports has constituted a 13-member expert committee, headed by former Supreme Court judge Justice Mukundakam Sharma, to review the Draft National Sports Code.

- ✓ The committee has been formed to suggest measures to make the Sports Code acceptable to all the stakeholders. It will try to strike a balance between the autonomy of National Sports Federations vis-a-vis need for transparency and autonomy.

6. Who is the author of the book "Hemant Karkare: A Daughters Memoir"?

- A) S H Khan B) Bhagat Gupta
C) Ajay Singh D) Jui Navare ☒

- ✓ The book titled "Hemant Karkare: A Daughters Memoir" has been authored by his daughter Jui Karkare Navare. The book portrays former Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) chief Hemant Karkare's life as a father to his daughter.
- ✓ Her father was gunned down by Pakistani ISI-backed terrorists who'd stormed Mumbai on the night of 26 November 2008. Beside him, the 18 security personnel also lost their lives in the 26/11 terror attacks.

7. Which Indian news channel has won the 2019 IPI India Award for Excellence in Journalism for Kathua coverage?

- A) NDTV India ☒ B) News 7 Tamil
C) Puthiya Thalaimurai D) Sun News

- ✓ The NDTV has won the 2019 IPI India Award for Excellence in Journalism 2019 for its coverage of the conspiracy to scuttle probe into the heinous Kathua rape and murder case probe and a strong expose of the political hypocrisy across the political spectrum.
- ✓ The story was anchored by senior journalist Nidhi Razdan. The Indian chapter of the International Press Institute (IPI) is an active forum of Editors, Publishers and Senior Executives of newspapers, magazines and news agencies, all of whom are members of the International Press Institute.

8. Clive James, who passed away recently, was the renowned writer & broadcaster of which country?

- A) South Africa B) Australia ☒
C) France D) United States

- ✓ Australian writer and broadcaster, Clive James (80) has passed away in Cambridge, United Kingdom on 24th of November 2019. Born in 1939, he moved to England in 1961 and rose to prominence as a literary critic and TV columnist.

9. What is the theme of the 10th CMS VATAVARAN Environment and Wildlife Film Festival?

- A) Celebrating Indian Villages
B) Celebrating Ganga
C) Celebrating Indian Wildlife
D) Celebrating Himalayas ☒

- ✓ The 4-day long MoEF&CC (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) and Centre for Media Studies (CMS) VATAVARAN-2019 Short Film Competition and Festival on Environment was held in New Delhi.
- ✓ The festival is being organized, exclusively on Environment and Wildlife along with the 10th Competitive edition of CMS VATAVARAN. This edition of the festival is focusing on theme "Celebrating Himalayas" in an attempt to highlight the importance of the spectacular mountain ecosystem in the current climate change discourse and action.

10. Which company has become the first Indian firm to hit Rs.10 lakh crore market valuation mark?

- A) Hindustan Unilever B) HDFC Bank
C) Reliance Industries ☒ D) TCS

- ✓ Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries (RIL) has become the first Indian firm to hit Rs 10 lakh crore mark in market capitalization following a spike in its share price. The oil-to-telecom conglomerate's market capitalisation (m-cap) zoomed to Rs 10.02 lakh crore during morning trade on the BSE.
- ✓ TCS is the India's 2nd most valued firm with a market valuation of Rs 7,79,708.02 crore, followed by HDFC Bank, Hindustan Unilever and HDFC. The m-cap figures of companies change daily with stock price movement.

1. Which Indian archer has won gold in the women's individual recurve event of the 21st Asian Championships in Bangkok?

- A) Nisha Rani Dutta B) Trisha Deb
C) Ankita Bhakat D) Deepika Kumari ☒

- ✓ Indian archer Deepika Kumari won gold in the women's individual 'recurve' event of the 21st Asian Championships in Bangkok. In final, she defeated her compatriot Ankita Bhakat by 6–0. Earlier, the duo had secured an individual Olympic quota for the country by storming into the semifinals of the event.

2. The 2023 Men's Hockey World Cup is being hosted by which city?

- A) Jaipur B) New Delhi
C) Bhubaneswar ☒ D) Gwalior

- ✓ The 2023 Men's Hockey World Cup will be held in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from Jan.13–29. It would be the first time a country would be hosting successive editions of the premier tournament in the sport but the same city hosting it twice makes it even special.
- ✓ However, this time, Bhubaneswar (which hosted the 2018 WC) would share hosting rights with the Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium in Rourkela.

3. Brad Gobright, who passed away recently, was the world-renowned rock climber of which country?

- A) Germany B) United States of America ☒
C) France D) Russia

- ✓ The world-renowned US rock climber, Brad Gobright has fell to his death while climbing a sheer rock face in northern Mexico on 29th of November 2019. He was best known for his gravity-defying solo ascents with no ropes.

4. Which international organization has declared a global climate & environmental emergency?

- A) European Union ☒ B) BRICS

C) WHO

D) SAARC

- ✓ The European Union (EU) has recently declared a global climate and environmental emergency in a symbolic move aimed at increasing pressure on the incoming European Commission (EC) to take a stronger stance on climate change.

- ✓ The climate declaration was passed in Strasbourg during a European Parliament debate on the upcoming UNs' COP25 climate summit. The summit kicks off on 2nd December in Madrid. The resolution calls on the EU to cut emissions by 55% by 2030 to become climate neutral by 2050.

5. Which state government has decided to replicate Tamil Nadu model of Micro Composting Centre?

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

- ✓ As part of its 'Swachha Odisha Sustha Odisha' campaign, the Odisha Government has decided to replicate Tamil Nadu model of Micro Composting Centre for proper segregation and management of wet waste. The Solid waste management is a cause of concern for urban local bodies due to a rapid urbanisation.

6. Which state Government has decided to set up outdoor gyms at public places?

- A) Odisha B) Punjab
C) Himachal Pradesh ☒ D) Rajasthan

- ✓ The Himachal Pradesh Government has decided to set up modern outdoor gyms at public places to connect the masses with the Fit India Movement. As part of the state government's initiative, recreational equipment for children and modern outdoor gyms would be set up at identified parks and public places of Dharamshala.
- ✓ The Fit India movement is a nationwide initiative to encourage people to remain healthy by including physical activities and sports in their daily lives. It was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on National Sports Day in New Delhi.

7. The researchers of which IIT has decided to create Gandhipedia?

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

✓ Two IITs (IIT Gandhinagar & IIT Kharagpur) and the National Council of Science Museums have joined hands to develop Gandhipedia to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.

✓ The Gandhipedia is an online repository of books, letters and speeches written by Mahatma Gandhi. Approx 100 works of Mahatma Gandhi such as his letters and speeches, would be uploaded in the portal. The entire project will be done with the help of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

8. What is the India's rank in the Global Diplomacy Index 2019?

- A) 64th B) 25th C) 15th D) 12th ☒

✓ India has been ranked 12th out of 61 nations in the Global Diplomacy Index 2019, which is released by the Sydney-based Lowy Institute. As of 2019, New Delhi has 123 embassies and high commissions.

✓ The index gives the latest statistics & marks how the world's diplomatic networks are expanding and, in certain cases, shrinking. It is an analysis of the number of embassies and consulates maintained by countries around the world. As per index, China has overtaken the United States to become the world's largest diplomatic network.

9. The Union Government has proposed to set up rocket launching pad near Kulasekarapattinam. Kulasekarapattinam is located in which district of Tamil Nadu?

- A) Salem B) Tirunelveli
C) Thoothukudi ☒ D) Nagapattinam

✓ The Union Government has proposed to set up new rocket launch pad near Kulasekarapattinam in Tamil Nadu.

✓ The development comes on the backdrop of increasing launches from India, both for domestic and international customers. Currently, the ISRO has two operational launch pads at Sriharikotta from where all GSLV and PSLV launches take place.

10. Which Union Ministry has collaborated with Ministry of Women and Child Development to organize National Organic Festival of Women Entrepreneurs?

- A) Ministry of Jal Shakti
B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
C) Ministry of Food Processing Industries ☒
D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

✓ The Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) and Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) has signed a pact to organize "National Organic Festival of Women Entrepreneurs".

✓ The event will be planned and organized through NIFTEM (National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management), which is an academic institution under the administrative control of MoFPI.

✓ The purpose of the festival is to encourage Indian women entrepreneurs and farmers to connect with buyers and empower them through financial inclusion. The fest will also promote organic food produce in India.