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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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 2/3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 7–10<sup>th</sup>.

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 1<sup>st</sup> T20 International between India and West Indies.

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

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

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

- ✓ In Switzerland, the 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

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

- ✓ Brazil is hosting 11<sup>th</sup> edition of BRICS summit 2019 in its capital Brasilia from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> phase and Rs 600 crore in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1960 and this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time the state has come under the central rule.

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

A) Lucknow

B) Laddakh

C) New Delhi ☒

D) Guwahati

- ✓ New Delhi hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the North East Festival. The festival was held at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts on 11<sup>th</sup> 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.