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Editorial



"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."

- Winston Churchill

Dear Aspirants,

Once again we are pleased to present you the 'June 2018' Edition of our very own 'Masters in Current Affairs'. This edition features important articles on current issues and covers News Makers, News Diary, One liners etc. which will help you out in revising previous issues. One more good news for all of you is the announcement of Probationary officers' vacancy by State Bank of India. Now you have a golden chance to hit two targets of SBI Clerk and SBI PO in a single preparation. For this we have included "SBI Clerk Pre" model paper for your practice. For those students who are preparing for SSC, Railway or Other similar exams, we have given a solved paper of Assistant Review/ Review officer conducted by UPPSC on 8th April 2018 besides other important collections.

The months of March-April 2018 were full of events. We learn many things from sports which teach us important lessons to lead a healthy and balanced life. Commonwealth Games 2018 were memorable for us as India stood out at 3rd place with 26 gold medals, but we were very far from the first and second place. India was also warned for not following no needle policy, so we have to focus more on sports to keep up with the pace and avoid any such issues in future. This month, also witnessed CHOGM Summit 2018 which gave India a special honour and British Queen Elizabeth II also gave an indication that Prince Charles to take over her as the next head of the grouping. 65th National Film Awards 2018 were presented in April during which the Veteran Actress Sridevi was posthumously awarded National Award for Best Actress for the movie 'Mom'. On the international front, most awaited Pulitzer Prize was presented to the most acclaimed people across the world in the field of fiction, writing, reporting, public service and poetry etc. This issue is enriched with diverse topics on the current affairs and knowledge enrichment, and they will compel you to know more and more on the covered topics. Last but not the least, you can test your current affairs in QTM section and add fun to your learning. Wish you all the best for your forthcoming exams

We hope that this edition will help you in fostering your knowledge.

With Best Wishes

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Rahul Nema

Father's Name : Vijay Kumar Nema

Mother's Name : Seema Nema

Hobbies : Reading Books

Prior Selection : MPPSC

Name of the Exam : RRB Scale I

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has provided me the best guidance I would need.

MICA : How did you prepare for the examination?

RAHUL :

English Language

By attending class regularly and by revising all the rules and vocabulary.

Reasoning Ability & Computers

By practicing Variety of questions given through sheets and speed tests.

Data Interpretation

By learning formulae and tricks suggested by faculties during classes.

General Awareness

By learning through Study Notes, MICA, Current Affairs Live show and through Newspaper.

MICA : How about "Master in Current Affairs" Magazine and Mahendra Guru Website?

RAHUL : Both the website and Magazine are a great helping hand to prepare for exam. It provides the best knowledge.

MICA : What is the best thing about our coaching institute, according to you?

RAHUL : The best things about this institution are regular classes, high skills of faculties, PSS Facility and speed tests.

MICA : What is the role of "Time Management" in one's success?

RAHUL : Time management can be achieved by practicing regularly on speed tests and trying attempting questions in limited time.

MICA : How did you prepare for the Interview?

RAHUL : I prepared for the Interviews through the G.D. Classes and mock interview sessions organized by Mahendra's.

MICA : Tell us about the Interview Board and the questions asked?

RAHUL : The interview board consists of four gentlemen.

The questions asked were:

(I) My perception towards life?

(II) Did you watch any latest movie of Anushka Sharma?

(III) From where you prepared yourself for exam?

(IV) Why are you choosing bank as a career?

MICA : By whom did you get information of your selection and what was your reaction?

RAHUL : I received the information through Mahendra's Bhopal Branch and I was surprised at the news.

MICA : What message do you want to convey to other aspirants?

RAHUL : Without struggles, success can never be attained. So be patient and focus towards your goal.

MICA : Congratulations once again on your success. Your success is our success.

RAHUL : Thank You Mahendra for guiding me to Success.

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ONE Liner

PERSONS IN NEWS

- ✎ Gundu Hanumantha Rao has passed away recently. He was the _____. ♦ **Comedian**
- ✎ What is Name of Flying officer who has become the first Indian woman to fly a fighter aircraft? ♦ **Avani Chaturvedi**
- ✎ Who has been appointed as the Executive Director of European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)? ♦ **Catherine De Bolle**
- ✎ Suresh Seth has passed away recently. He was the _____. ♦ **Politician**
- ✎ What is Name of Swachh Bharat brand ambassador who has passed away recently? ♦ **Kunwar Bai**
- ✎ What is the Name of Senior journalist and editor-in-chief of National Herald who has passed away recently? ♦ **Neelabh Mishra**
- ✎ What is the Name of Former Cabinet Secretary who has passed away recently? ♦ **TSR Subramanian**
- ✎ Michael McCormack has been appointed as the new Deputy Prime Minister of _____. ♦ **Austria**
- ✎ Mangalal Shah has passed away recently. He was the _____. ♦ **Politician**
- ✎ Kanakalata Mohanty has passed away recently. He was the _____. ♦ **Author**
- ✎ What is the Name of Noted Odia bhajan singer who has passed away recently? ♦ **Arabinda Muduli**
- ✎ Who has been appointed by the Federation of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTAPCCI) as the Secretary General? ♦ **Sanjay Kapoor**
- ✎ 'Shammi' has passed away recently. She was the _____. ♦ **Actress**
- ✎ Conrad Sangma sworn in as the _____ chief minister of Meghalaya. ♦ **12th**
- ✎ Who has been appointed as the chief minister of Nagaland? ♦ **Neiphiu Rio**

- ✎ Pyare Lal Wadali has passed away recently. He was the _____. ♦ **Singer**
- ✎ Who has been appointed by Uber as its brand ambassador in India? ♦ **Virat Kohli**
- ✎ Patangrao Kadam has passed away recently. He was the _____. ♦ **Politician**
- ✎ Who has been given the additional charge of the Civil Aviation Ministry? ♦ **Suresh Prabhu**
- ✎ What is the Name of Indian-origin steel tycoon who has been appointed as the UK skills ambassador? ♦ **Sanjeev Gupta**

AWARDS

- ✎ Veteran Actress Sridevi has passed away recently. In which year she was awarded with the Padma Shri awards? ♦ **2013**
- ✎ Who has won the Pritzker Architecture Prize? ♦ **Balkrishna Doshi**
- ✎ Who has become the first woman from the field of law and justice who has been conferred the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar'? ♦ **Gita Mittal**
- ✎ Which Country has won the "Best Exhibitor Award" at ITB – Berlin? ♦ **India**

SCHEMES AND LAUNCHES

- ✎ Who has launched the Women Entrepreneurship Platform in New Delhi? ♦ **Amitabh Kant**
- ✎ Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has launched a _____ portal for women entrepreneurs of India. ♦ **Udyam Sakhi**
- ✎ Which state has announced 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Kosh' scheme? ♦ **Madhya Pradesh**
- ✎ Who has launched National Nutrition Mission, and pan India expansion of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. ♦ **Narendra Modi**
- ✎ Who has launched the Bagori Ganga Gram project, New Swajal Project at Bagori and Gangotri Iconic

Place at Dunda village in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand? ♦ **Uma Bharti**

✍ Who has launched Sukhad Yatra mobile application and 1033 Toll-free Emergency number for highway users? ♦ **Nitin Gadkari**

✍ Who has launched the Swajal pilot project at Village Bhikampur, Karauli, Rajasthan? ♦ **Uma Bharti**

NATIONAL

✍ Centre has constituted a committee to study the Brahmaputra and flood control measures in Assam and neighboring states. It will be headed by? ♦ **Rajiv Kumar**

✍ Who has inaugurated the 'International R&D Conclave' on Emerging Opportunities and Challenges of R&D in Indian Power Sector in New Delhi? ♦ **R.K.Singh**

✍ Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval to the construction of _____ long 2-Lane Bi-Directional Silkyara Bend - Barkot Tunnel in Uttarakhand. ♦ **4.531 Km**

✍ Uma Bharti is the Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation. He belongs to which constituency? ♦ **Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh**

✍ 'Garuda Shakti' is a Military drill of _____. ♦ **India and Indonesia**

✍ UGC has constituted a four-member Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) to conduct the appraisal of applications for shortlisting 20 Institutions of Eminence (IOE). It will be headed by _____. It will be headed by _____. ♦ **N Gopalaswami**

✍ In which city Second meeting of the Canada-India Business Forum was held? ♦ **New Delhi**

✍ Oxigen Services has signed an agreement with _____ to expand and deploy new micro-ATMs. ♦ **IOCL**

✍ In which city A cultural festival 'Ras Banaras – Swachhagraha – Bapu ko Karyanjali', was held? ♦ **Varanasi**

✍ In which city will International Conference on Sustainable Biofuels be held? ♦ **New Delhi**

✍ In which city 21st national conference on e-Governance was held? ♦ **Hyderabad**

✍ Who has laid the foundation stone for setting up of a National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC), at IIT Chennai? ♦ **Nitin Gadkari**

✍ In which city Second India-Korea Business Summit was Held? ♦ **New Delhi**

✍ Centre has approved projects worth over Rs _____ under the Nirbhaya fund for eight major cities to make them safer for women. ♦ **2,900 crore**

✍ India is all set to become the _____ member of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). ♦ **69th**

✍ Where is the Headquarters of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)? ♦ **London**

✍ Nitin Gadkari is the Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. He belongs to which constituency? ♦ **Nagpur**

✍ Competition Commission of India (CCI) has slapped a total penalty of more than ₹ _____ on Jet Airways, InterGlobe Aviation (Indigo) and SpiceJet. ♦ **54 Crore**

✍ Where is the Headquarters of Competition Commission of India (CCI)? ♦ **New Delhi**

NATIONAL

✍ In which of the Union Territory Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched development schemes worth Rs 1,000 crore? ♦ **Daman and Diu**

✍ Which State's chief minister has announced five lakh rupees health-cum-life insurance scheme for farmers in the state? ♦ **Telangana**

✍ Papikonda National Park is located in which state? ♦ **Andhra Pradesh**

✍ Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary is situated in which state? ♦ **Assam**

✍ Which State Government has awarded Ratan Tata with the Mahadyog Samman for his contribution to the development of the state? ♦ **Maharashtra**

✍ Which State Government has partnered with Nasscom to set up a Center of Excellence for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence? ♦ **Telangana**

✍ Which State's Khadi and Village Industries Board has signed a pact with Amazon India to facilitate online selling of Khadi products? ♦ **Uttar Pradesh**

✍ For which State Centre has announced a special package of 925 crore rupees for strengthening the power transmission and distribution system? ♦ **Arunachal Pradesh**

CURRENT AFFAIRS

One Liner

- ✍ Which State Government has signed a MOU with Taiwan for better technology partnership in the state?
♦ **Telangana**
- ✍ Who has inaugurated the Amma two-wheeler scheme in Tamilnadu?
♦ **Narendra Modi**
- ✍ Who has inaugurated Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) partnership summit in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh?
♦ **M Venkaiah Naidu**
- ✍ Who has inaugurated the 'UP Investors' Summit in Lucknow?
♦ **Narendra Modi**
- ✍ In which city India's first helicopter taxi service has been launched?
♦ **Bengaluru**
- ✍ Which state has launched the 'Ama Gaon, Ama Bikas' (Our village, Our development) programme?
♦ **Odisha**
- ✍ Where is the Headquarters of Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI)?
♦ **Ballabgarh**

INTERNATIONAL

- ✍ Which country has overtaken Saudi Arabia to become India's top crude oil exporter?
♦ **Iraq**
- ✍ Union Cabinet has given its approval to an Agreement on Film Co-production between India and _____.
♦ **Israel**
- ✍ What is the Capital of Israel?
♦ **Jerusalem**
- ✍ Union Cabinet approved a MOU between India and _____ for cooperation in the rail sector.
♦ **Morocco**
- ✍ In which city Global Digital Health Partnership Symposium was held?
♦ **Sydney**
- ✍ With which country India has signed an agreement for technical cooperation in Sustainable Urban Development Programme and Smart Cities?
♦ **Germany**
- ✍ India and _____ signed six agreements, including in the area of nuclear science, energy cooperation and information communication technology.
♦ **Canada**
- ✍ In which of the country 20th Conference of the Commonwealth Education Ministers (20CCEM) was held?
♦ **Fiji**
- ✍ Armen Sarkisian has been elected as the President of _____.
♦ **Armenia**
- ✍ India and _____ have signed 12 agreements including areas as media, health, culture, defense and tourism.
♦ **Jordan**
- ✍ Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of an Agreement between India and _____ to facilitate "Mutual Recognition of Academic Qualifications".
♦ **France**
- ✍ Union Cabinet has approved the signing of MOU between Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Public Service Commission of _____.
♦ **Mauritius**
- ✍ US and _____ military have started joint Military exercise "Juniper Cobra 2018".
♦ **Israeli**
- ✍ India and _____ have signed 14 agreements to promote cooperation in security, nuclear energy, and other areas.
♦ **France**

FINANCIAL AWARENESS

- ✍ Moody's has projected India's GDP growth rate at _____ for calendar year 2018.
♦ **7.6%**
- ✍ RBI has constituted an Expert panel which will investigate the reasons for the growing fraud in banks and also suggest ways to prevent it. It will be headed by _____.
♦ **Y H Malegam**
- ✍ Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has reduced the interest rate to _____ for 2017-18.
♦ **8.55%**
- ✍ Where is the Headquarters of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)?
♦ **New Delhi**
- ✍ Which Bank has signed an agreement with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for financing a project on 'Capacity Building of MSMEs in North East India for Export Competitiveness'?
♦ **Exim Bank**
- ✍ Who has been appointed as the goodwill ambassador of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)?
♦ **Samina Baig**
- ✍ According to NCAER, Indian Economy will grow at _____ percent in the Current Financial Year 2017-18.
♦ **6.7 Percent**
- ✍ Who has been appointed as the Director of Dhanlaxmi Bank?
♦ **Sajeev Krishnan**
- ✍ With which Bank Google has tied up for its mobile payments app Tez?
♦ **SBI**
- ✍ Who is the chairman of SBI?
♦ **Rajnish Kumar**
- ✍ Moody's had improved India's sovereign credit rating to _____ from Baa3.
♦ **Baa2**

- ✍ Central Statistical Office (CSO) has revised the growth rate for the current financial year from 6.5 percent to _____. ♦ **6.6 Percent**
- ✍ Central Statistics Office Pegged third-quarter GDP growth of the Financial year 2017-18 at _____ per cent. ♦ **7.2%**
- ✍ Which Bank has approved \$1.5 billion in loans to India for infrastructure-related projects in 2018? ♦ **AIIB**
- ✍ With which Bank IREDA has signed 150 million Euro Loan Agreement for Renewable Energy Financing in India? ♦ **European Investment Bank**

SPORTS

- ✍ Who has won the Men's singles title of the Austrian Open International Challenge? ♦ **Parupalli Kashyap**
- ✍ Who has won the men's singles title of Swiss Open Super 300 tournament? ♦ **Sameer Verma**
- ✍ Who has won the silver medal in 69th Strandja Memorial Boxing tournament at Sofia in Bulgaria? ♦ **MC Mary Kom**
- ✍ Which Indian gymnast has become the first Indian to win an individual medal at the Gymnastics World Cup? ♦ **Aruna Budda Reddy**
- ✍ Which Team has won the Vijay Hazare Trophy for the third time? ♦ **Karnataka**
- ✍ Who has become the first Indian woman to win a gold medal in the Asian wrestling championships in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan? ♦ **Navjot Kaur**
- ✍ Om Prakash Mitharwal is related to which sports? ♦ **Shooting**
- ✍ Ed Cowan announced his retirement from professional cricket. He is from which country? ♦ **Australia**
- ✍ Who has won the silver medal in ISSF World Cup in Guadalajara, Mexico? ♦ **Anjum Moudgil**
- ✍ Where is the Headquarters of International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)? ♦ **Munich, Germany**
- ✍ Indian archers have bagged the _____ in the Asia Cup Archery Stage 1 campaign. ♦ **5 Medals**
- ✍ Who has won the Gold Medal in Men's 50m rifle 3P Event in ISSF World Cup in Guadalajara, Mexico? ♦ **Akhil Sheoran**
- ✍ Anjum Moudgil is related to which Sports? ♦ **Shooting**
- ✍ Which Country has won the 27th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in Malaysia? ♦ **Australia**

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- ✍ India has successfully test-fired its medium range nuclear capable Agni-II missile. It has a strike range of _____ Kilometers. ♦ **2,000**
- ✍ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) carried out the successful test flight of _____ drone at Chalakere in Karnataka's Chitradurga district. ♦ **Rustom-2**
- ✍ National Science Day (NSD) is celebrated every year on _____. ♦ **28 February**
- ✍ India has successfully conducted the first night trial of nuclear-capable short-range ballistic missile Prithvi-II. It has a strike range of _____ Kilometers. ♦ **350**
- ✍ India successfully test-fired the nuclear-capable 'Dhanush' ballistic missile. It has a strike range of _____ Kilometers. ♦ **350**

MISCELLANEOUS

- ✍ Where is the Headquarters of NITI Aayog (National Institution for transforming India)? ♦ **New Delhi**
- ✍ International Mother Language Day is observed Every Year on _____. ♦ **21 February**
- ✍ Which Country will host the global World Environment Day celebrations on 5 June 2018? ♦ **India**
- ✍ According to UNICEF'S Report, India ranks _____ among 52 low-middle income countries having highest infant mortality rates. ♦ **12th**
- ✍ What is the Name of Actor Kamal Haasan's political party? ♦ **Makkal Needhi Miam**
- ✍ India has been ranked ____ in the global corruption perception index for 2017, released by Transparency International. ♦ **81st**
- ✍ Narora Atomic Power Station is situated in which state? ♦ **Uttar Pradesh**
- ✍ Dr. Satya Pal Singh is a Minister of State for Human Resource Development. He belongs to which constituency? ♦ **Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh**
- ✍ Which lake is the single largest habitat of Irrawaddy dolphins in the world? ♦ **Chilka Lake**
- ✍ Maharashtra government has tied up with Wikipedia to promote the _____ language. ♦ **Marathi**

ABBREVIATIONS

TCIL : Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd.
IIFCL : India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited
NSDF : National Sports Development Fund
BIRAC : Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council
CHOGM: Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
NATO : North Atlantic Treaty Organization
OECD : Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
APEC : Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

June 04:	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
June 05:	World Environment Day
June 08:	World Ocean Day
June 12:	World Day Against Child Labour
June 14:	World Blood Donor Day
June 20:	International Refugee Day
June 21:	International Music Day, International Yoga Day
June 26:	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

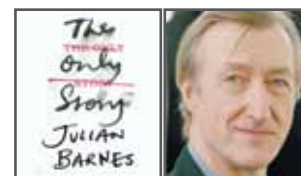
ECONOMIC GLOSSARY

STAGFLATION

It is a situation in which the inflation rate is high, the economic growth rate slows, and unemployment remains steadily high. It raises a dilemma for economic policy, since actions designed to lower inflation may exacerbate unemployment, and vice versa. The term "stagflation" was first coined during a period of inflation and unemployment in the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom experienced an outbreak of inflation in the 1960s and 1970s. Stagflation can result when the economy faces a supply shock, such as a rapid increase in the price of oil. An unfavorable situation like that tends to raise prices at the same time as it slows economic growth by making production more costly and less profitable. Second, the government can cause stagflation if it creates policies that harm industry while growing the money supply too quickly. These two things would probably have to occur simultaneously because policies that slow economic growth don't usually cause inflation, and policies that cause inflation don't usually slow economic growth.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

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:- Julian Barnes



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:- Ravish Kumar



JS Rajput

The Union Government has nominated Professor JS Rajput, former Director of NCERT, as India's representative to the Executive Board (EXB) of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The elections for the Members of the EXB for the term 2017-21 took place on November 8, 2017, in which India won with 162 votes in Group IV during the 39th session of the General Conference which was held from October 30 to November 14, 2017.

Executive Board of UNESCO

- ✎ The Executive Board of UNESCO has a four-year term of office and 58 seats.
- ✎ The executive board is one of the constitutional organs of UNESCO and is elected by the General Conference.
- ✎ The board examines the work for the organization and the corresponding budget estimates.
- ✎ It is the main organ responsible for all policies and programmes of UNESCO.
- ✎ The member of the board enjoys a vital role in shaping and reviewing UNESCO's policies and programmes corresponding to its five major programs on education, the natural science, the social and human Sciences, Culture and Communication and Information.



Javad Rahim

The Supreme Court appointed Justice Jawad Rahim, former Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court as acting president of the National Green Tribunal (NGT). Justice Rahim is currently a judicial member of NGT.

The Tribunal's dedicated jurisdiction in environmental matters provides speedy environmental justice and help reduce the burden of litigation in the higher courts. The Tribunal shall not be bound by the procedure laid down under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, but shall be guided by principles of natural justice. The tribunal is mandated to make and endeavour for disposal of applications or appeals finally within 6 months of filing of the same. Initially, the NGT is proposed to be set up at five places of sittings and will follow circuit procedure for making itself more accessible; New Delhi is the Principal Place of Sitting of the Tribunal and Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata, Allahabad and Chennai shall be the other place of sitting of the Tribunal.

Martín Vizcarra

Martín Vizcarra was appointed the new President of Peru. Vizcarra has replaced Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, who had resigned from the presidency because of corruption charges. Vizcarra was Vice President at that time. He will be in the presidency till 2021.

He is the 67th President of Peru. Earlier he had served as the Transport and Communications Minister of Peru (2011-2017), and the Ambassador of Peru (2017-2018) in Canada, the governor of the Department of Moquegua (2011-2014).



Indu Bhushan

Indu Bhushan was appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ayushman Bharat National Health Security Mission (ABNHPM). Under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Cabinet gave final approval to the name of Indu Bhushan for the CEO of Ayushman Bharat Mission.

Bhushan is currently the Director General of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) based in Manila and he has been appointed for this post for two years.

- ✎ Indu Bhushan was made the Director General of East Asia Department in Asian Development Bank in October 2017.
- ✎ Earlier Bhushan was the Director General of Strategy and Policy Manufacturing Department in EARD.
- ✎ Bhushan is working in ADB since 1997.



THE PEOPLE | APPOINTMENTS



M Sathiyavathy

MSathiyavathy took charge as member of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). She was administered oath of office and secrecy as member by Vinay Mittal, Chairman, UPSC.

Sathiyavathy is IAS Officer of 1982 batch of AGMUT Cadre. She has held several important positions in Central Government including first woman chief of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). She also had served as Joint DG in Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Controller, ISRO Satellite Centre, Department of Space, Member Secretary, Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles.

UPSC is a constitutional body that established under Article 315 of the Constitution of India and consists of a Chairman and ten Members. The members are appointed and removed by President. Article 316 of Constitution deals with appointment and term of office of members.

Sripriya Ranganathan

Sripriya Ranganathan is the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Korea.

A 1994-batch IFS (Indian Foreign Service) officer, Sripriya Ranganathan has been appointed as the new Ambassador of India to the Republic of Korea.

Sripriya Ranganathan is currently the Joint Secretary in MEA (Ministry of External Affairs), in-charge of territorial division of Bangladesh and Myanmar. She will replace 1992-batch diplomat Vikram K Doraiswami as the Ambassador in Seoul.



Vijay Chafekar

Inspector General Vijay Chafekar has been appointed as the Coast Guard Commander (western region).

Chafekar took over the charge from Inspector General K R Nautiyal, who has been promoted to the rank of additional director general and appointed commander of the Coast Guard's eastern seaboard at Visakhapatnam.

General Vijay Chafekar hails from Nagpur and previously he served as the deputy director general (policy and plans) at the Coast Guard Headquarters in New Delhi.

He holds an M.Phil degree in defence and strategic studies, apart from MSc and PG Diploma in maritime law. He is an alumnus of the prestigious Joint Services Staff College at Newport in the United States.



Bhanu Pratap Sharma

Bhanu Pratap Sharma is appointed as the new chairman of Banks Board Bureau (BBB). He was the former chairman of the Recruitment and Assessment centre of DRDO and former principal secretary (Finance), in the Bihar government. He replaces Vinod Rai, former Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), who was appointed as BBB's first chairman in April 2016.

Some of the other new members are Vedika Bhandarkar, P. Pradeep Kumar, and Pradip Shah.

Banks Board Bureau (BBB) is an autonomous body of the Government of India, which has the responsibility of selecting board members, including MD & CEO of PSBs, started functioning in April 2016. The chairman and its committee members had a two-year term. The BBB works as step towards governance reforms in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) as recommended by P.J. Nayak Committee.



Abel Prize

Canadian mathematician Robert Langlands was awarded with the 2018 Abel Prize for his revolutionary 'Grand Unified Theory of Maths'.

The Abel Committee of the Norwegian Academy of Science honoured Langlands “for his visionary program connecting representation theory to number theory.”

Langlands expressed the early ideas for his 'Grand Unified Theory of Maths' in a 17-page letter addressed to his French colleague Andre Weil in 1967.

The letter, like a vision, was circulated among renowned mathematicians, with hundreds of researchers coming together to explore the 'unified theory' as part of the Langlands program, which is widely considered the largest project of its kind in contemporary mathematical research.

About Abel Prize

- ✎ Named after a Norwegian mathematician Niels Hendrik Abel, the Abel Prize was first awarded in 2003.
- ✎ The award acknowledges outstanding scientific work in the field of mathematics.
- ✎ The award comes with a monetary reward of USD 776000.
- ✎ Some of the previous winners of award are Andrew J. Wiles, a mathematician who proved Fermat’s Last Theorem; Peter D Lax of New York University and John F. Nash Jr, whose life was portrayed in the movie 'A Beautiful Mind'.



National Water Digest Award

Chhattisgarh was awarded National Water Digest Award for Water Conservation-Diversion and increasing the irrigation capacity in the state. The award was presented to Chhattisgarh Water Resources Department (CWRD) on the occasion ‘World Forestry Day’ (observed on March 21) in New Delhi.

Key Facts

This is first time that CWRD was given national Award during the past 17 years. Chhattisgarh bagged this award for increasing irrigation capacity, water management -water diversion, water conservation, community participation and efforts towards inter-linking of rivers, better techniques utilized in irrigation facilities.

The Award is presented every year by globally renowned magazine ‘Water Digest’ which focuses mainly on water resources. The award is given in association with Central Water Resources River Development (CWRRD) and Ganga Cleaning Ministry, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Central Water Board (CWB), Central Water Commission (CWC) and Ganga Purification National Mission. The award is recognised by UNESCO.

BAFTA nomination for Anupam Kher

Veteran actor Anupam Kher has secured a nomination in the Best Supporting Actor category at the British Academy Television Awards 2018 for his role in the drama The Boy with the Topknot. The show, which aired on BBC Two last year, is based on a critically acclaimed memoir of the same name by U.K. journalist Sathnam Sanghera.

Also starring Sacha Dhawan and Deepti Naval, it follows a boy growing up in Wolverhampton in a traditional Punjabi family. Kher and Naval plays the parents of the protagonist.



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Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award

Actor Ranveer Singh and Actress Anushka Sharma will receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award. Ranveer Singh will receive this award as The Best Actor for his movie 'Padmaavat' while Anushka Sharma will receive this award for achieving excellence as a movie producer.

The award is being given by a Mumbai-based organisation called the Dadasaheb Phalke Foundation. This award, and the organisation, is not the same as the Government of India instituted Dadasaheb Phalke Award. Awarded during the National Awards ceremony held annually in New Delhi, the Indian government's Dadasaheb Phalke Award is the most prestigious, and the India's highest cinematic honour.



65th National Film Awards

65th national film awards have been announced. Shekhar Kapur, the chairman of National Film Awards Committee, has announced this. Sridevi has been conferred the best actress award. The award for Best Hindi movie has been conferred to Rajkumar Rao's film 'Newton'. At the same time, the special award for the film 'Newton' has been awarded to Pankaj Tripathi.

The National Film Awards is the most prominent film award ceremonies in India. Established in 1954, it has been administered, along with the International Film Festival of India and the Indian Panorama, by the Indian government's Directorate of Film Festivals since 1973.



The Awards are categorised in three sections; Feature Films, Non-Feature Films and Best Writing on Cinema. It aims at encouraging the production of films of aesthetic and technical excellence and social relevance, contributing to the understanding and appreciation of cultures of different regions of the country in cinematic form, thereby promoting unity and integrity of the nation.

Dada Saheb Phalke Award: Vinod Khanna

Best Actress: Sridevi for Mom

Best Actor: Riddhi Sen, Nagar Kirtan

Best supporting actress : Divya Dutta, Irada (Hindi Film)

Best Supporting Actor : Fahad Faazil

Best Popular Film : Baahubali 2

Best Director : Jayaraj for Bhayanakam (Malayalam)

Best Feature Film : Village Rockstars (Assamese)

Best Film Critic : Giridhar Jha

Best Regional Film : Ladhakh

Best Marathi Film : Kaccha Limbu

Best Malayam Film : Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum

Best Hindi Film : Newton

Best Bengali Film : Mayurakshi

Best Assamese Film : Ishu

Best Tamil Film : To Let

Best Telugu Film : Gazi

BEST Gujarati Film : DHH

Best Kannada Film : Hebbettu Ramakka

Best Action Direction : Baahubali 2

Best Choreography: Toilet Ek Prem Katha (Ganesh Acharya is the choreographer)

Best Special Effects : Baahubali 2

Special Jury Award : Nagar Kirtan(Bengali)

Best Music Direction : A R Rahman for Kaatru Veliyidai

Background Score : A R Rahman for Mom

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Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement Award

Dharmendra will be conferred with Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement Award by Maharashtra Government

Veteran actor Dharmendra has been chosen for Maharashtra government's Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement Award and director Rajkumar Hirani will get the Raj Kapoor Special Contributions Award.

Actor Vijay Chavhan and actress-director Mrinal Kulkarni on being announced as the recipients of the prestigious Chitrapati V Shantaram Jivangaurav Puraskar and Chitrapati V Shantaram Vishesh Yogdaan Puraskar respectively.



The state government-instituted awards will be given away at the 55th Maharashtra State Marathi Film Festival.

Dharmendra was conferred upon with the sobriquet of 'He-Man' after he featured in a number of action films and has movies such as Sholay, Chupke Chupke, Yaadon Ki Baaraat, Satyakam and Seeta Aur Geeta to his credit. Rajkumar Hirani or popularly known as Raju Hirani is regarded as one of the most celebrated filmmakers of Hindi cinema, having made critically-acclaimed and commercially-successful films such as Munna Bhai MBBS, 3 Idiots and PK under his belt.

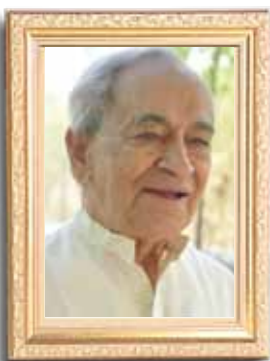
Both the lifetime achievement awards carry a citation and cash reward of Rs 5 lakhs, while the special contribution awards carry a citation and Rs 3 lakhs cash prize each.



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Siliguri-based miniature artist Biplab Sarkar has been awarded with the 'Glenfiddichs Emerging Artist of the Year 2018' award.

THE PEOPLE | OBITUARY



Bhai Vaidya

Veteran socialist leader, freedom fighter and former state minister Bhai Vaidya passed away after a brief illness. He was 89. He had been admitted to Poona hospital after he was diagnosed with cancer three weeks ago after complaining of breathlessness.

He had participated in the Quit India movement in 1942, Goa freedom struggle and united Maharashtra movement. He was jailed 25 times during various movements. During the Emergency, he had served 19 months in jail. Even at the age of 88, he was arrested after he took part in the agitation for “educational rights”. He was fondly addressed as “Bhai Vaidya”. Vaidya, who believed in value-based politics, had also participated in the 4,000-km padyatra from Delhi to Kanyakumari undertaken by Chandrashekhar in the eighties. He was a member of various committee in the civic body.



Raj Kishore

The veteran actor, Raj Kishore, died following a cardiac arrest. The actor was mainly seen in supporting roles during the '70s and '80s. His most significant work till date has been Sholay. He also starred in movies like Deewar, Hare Rama Hare Krishna, and Padosan among others.



Kollam Ajith

Malayalam actor Kollam Ajith passed away recently. He was 56.

Kollam Ajith made his silver screen debut with Padmarajan's 1983 film Parannu Parannu Parannu. While the actor was mostly seen in villainous and supporting roles, he played the lead role in 1989 film Agnipravesam. Some of his

best-known films are Yuvajanotsavam, Nadodikkattu, No.20 Madras Mail, Nirnayam, Aaraam Thampuram, Olympiyan Anthony Adam and Valliettan among others. Besides his stint in the Malayalam film industry, the actor also starred in Tamil, Telugu and Hindi films.



Brij Kishore

Gymnastics coach Brij Kishore of Sports Authority of Telangana State, whose trainee B. Aruna Reddy had won bronze in World Cup gymnastics recently, passed away from cancer. He was 50.

Kishore was appointed on a contract basis by the then Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh in 1993. For the last

25 years, Kishore has been working as a contract coach. Brij Kishore produced many national and international players, the most notable of them being Aruna Reddy, who became the first Indian ever to win a medal at the gymnastics World Cup, earlier this year.

Fauzi Sheikh Ramzan Qureshi

Azad Hind Fauj veteran Fauzi Sheikh Ramzan Qureshi passed away recently in Odisha. He had fought alongside Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Burma and Japan and had also been imprisoned, reports Indiatimes. The 90-year-old veteran lived in a village in Mandosil in the Paikmal Block of Bargarh district in Odisha and was also recently honoured by the state government on Netaji's birthday on January 18.

Netaji's iconic “give me blood and I will give you freedom” slogan highly motivated Sheikh and attracted him to the INA. After Independence, he tried to join the army but was unable to. It is tragic that while the armed forces and freedom fighters have now become tools to gain political mileage, heroes like Sheikh die alone and with barely anyone knowing about them.





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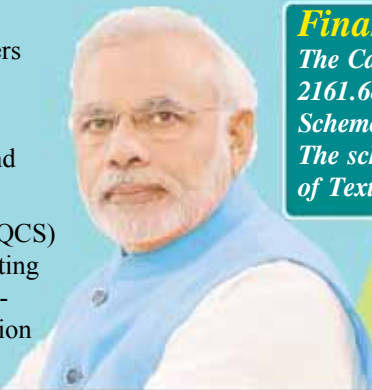
Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the 'Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry', a Central Sector scheme which will be implemented for the next three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20.

21 March '18

Four Components of the Scheme

- ✦ Research and Development (R&D), Training, Transfer of Technology and IT Initiatives
- ✦ Seed Organizations and Farmers Extension Centres
- ✦ Coordination and Market Development for seed, yarn and silk products
- ✦ Quality Certification System (QCS) by creating a chain of Silk Testing facilities, Farm based and post-cocoon Technology Up-gradation and Export Brand Promotion.



Financial Outlay for the Scheme

The Cabinet approved a total allocation of Rs 2161.68 crore for the implementation of the Scheme for three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20. The scheme will be implemented by the Ministry of Textiles through Central Silk Board (CSB).



Core Objective of the Scheme

- ✦ The scheme aims to improve the productivity and quality of silk through R&D intervention.
- ✦ The focus of R&D intervention is to promote improved cross-breed silk and the import substitute Bivoltine silk to enhance the Bivoltine silk production in India to such a level that raw silk imports become nil by 2022.
- ✦ R&D interventions will include development of improved host plant varieties and improved disease resistant silkworm breeds through joint research with organizations like IITs, CSIR, IISc and international institutes on Sericulture in Japan, China, Bulgaria, etc.
- ✦ It aims to promote the use of silkworm by-products (pupa) for poultry feed, sericin for cosmetic applications and product diversification into non-woven fabrics, silk denim and silk knit for added value realisation.
- ✦ It seeks to equip and strengthen the Seed Production Units to bring in quality standards in production network.

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North-East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS) 2017



The Cabinet has approved the North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS), 2017 with financial outlay of Rs 3,000 crores upto March, 2020. The newly introduced scheme shall promote industrialization in the States of the North Eastern Region and will boost employment and income generation.

Highlights of the scheme:

Central Capital Investment Incentive for Access to Credit (CCIIAC): 30% of the investment in Plant & Machinery with an upper limit of Rs.5 Crore on the incentive amount per unit.

Central Interest Incentive (CII): 3% on working capital credit advanced by eligible Banks/ Financial institutions for first 5 years from the date of commencement of commercial production by the unit.

Central Comprehensive Insurance Incentive (CCII): Reimbursement of 100% insurance premium on insurance of building and Plant & Machinery for 5 years from the date of commencement of commercial production by the unit.

Goods and Service Tax (GST) Reimbursement: Reimbursement up to the extent of Central Govt. share of CGST and IGST for 5 Years from the date of commencement of commercial production by the unit.

Income-Tax (IT) Reimbursement: Reimbursement of Centre's share of income tax for first 5 years including the year of commencement of commercial production by the unit.

Additionally, transport and employment incentives are also provided under the scheme.

First National Conference on Drug Law Enforcement

24 March '18



The first-ever National Conference on Drug Law Enforcement was held in New Delhi. It was inaugurated by Minister of State for Home Affairs Hansraj Gangaram Ahir. The 2-day conference was organized by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Ministry of Home Affairs.

Key Facts

More than 50 State and Central law enforcement agencies involved in combating drug trafficking had participated in this Conference. The working sessions of conference focused on various topics such as 'Wider context of drug trafficking in India', 'Financial Investigations' and 'Foreign & Cyber Investigations'. During these sessions various agencies gave presentations. United Nations (UN) and other foreign law enforcement agencies also shared their experiences.

Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)

NCB is nodal drug law enforcement and intelligence agency of India. It is responsible for fighting drug trafficking and the abuse of illegal substances. It functions under Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and is headquartered in New Delhi.

It was established in March 1986 to enable full implementation of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and fight its violation through Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988.



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Nanda Bahadur Pun has been re-elected as the vice president of Nepal.

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21 March '18

National Conference on Down Syndrome



A 'National Conference on Down Syndrome' was organised by the National Trust under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in New Delhi.

Objective

The main objective of the conference was to provide excellent opportunities to the parents to obtain information about latest development in education and skilling and inclusive living of persons with Down syndrome.

A book titled 'Twilights Children' based on the lives of people suffering from Down syndrome was also released on the occasion.

Key highlights

- ✎ The conference provided a common platform to intellectuals from all walks of life to come together and exchange ideas and knowledge on Down syndrome to enable a positive change in the people with Down syndrome.
- ✎ People with Down Syndrome and their parents were also invited to share their inspirational stories. The conference included assessment and screening sessions for the children with Down syndrome.
- ✎ It also included panel discussions on various topics related to the disorder and question-answer sessions with senior doctors of reputed hospitals.

What is Down syndrome?

It is a genetic disorder and the most common autosomal chromosome abnormality in humans, where extra genetic material from chromosome 21 is transferred to a newly formed embryo.

- ✎ *These extra genes and DNA cause changes in development of the embryo and fetus resulting in physical and mental abnormalities.*
- ✎ *The children diagnosed with the condition are likely to have delayed development and behavioural problems.*
- ✎ *The syndrome has no cure and it occurs in about one per 1,000 babies born each year.*



Background

The United Nations General Assembly decided to observe March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) on December 19, 2011. Since then, every year the day is officially observed by the UN to create awareness about people with Down syndrome.

The National Trust

It is a statutory body set up by an act of parliament for the welfare of persons with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Since its inception, the trust has been running various schemes and programmes for the welfare of these persons with disabilities. The trust creates awareness among the general public by organizing various workshops, seminars and conferences on the disabilities and capabilities of such persons.

ISA & MEA signed the host country agreement

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), signed the Host Country Agreement. It will give ISA a juridical personality and gives it power to contract, to acquire and dispose off movable and immovable properties, to institute

and defend legal proceedings. Under this agreement, ISA shall enjoy such privileges, applicable tax concessions and immunities as are necessary for ISA's Headquarter to independently discharge its function and programmes. ISA shall be deriving its status, privileges and immunities as per Article 10 of Framework Agreement.

Background:

The International Solar Alliance is an initiative jointly launched by the Prime Minister of India and President of France on 30th November 2015 at Paris, in the presence of the Secretary General of the UN, on the side lines of COP21 UN Climate Change Conference. The main objective of ISA is to undertake joint efforts required to reduce the cost of finance and the cost of technology, mobilize more than US \$ 1000 billion of investments needed by 2030 for massive deployment of solar energy, and pave the way for future technologies adapted to the needs of 121 countries lying fully or partially between the Tropics.



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114th meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) between India and Pakistan

03 April '18

The 114th meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) between India and Pakistan was held in New Delhi. Representatives from both sides discussed Indus Water Treaty (IWT) dispute and resolution of outstanding issues.

Background

The meeting took place in backdrop of continuing tension between two neighbouring countries over host of issues, including alleged harassment of diplomats. India, however, has been maintaining that designs of these projects are very much in accordance with IWT.

Permanent Indus Commission (PIC)

The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) was signed in 1960. It covers the water distribution and sharing rights of six rivers of Indus river system viz, Beas, Ravi, Sutlej, Indus, Chenab and Jhelum. The treaty specifies that waters from three western rivers viz. Indus, Jhelum and Chenab are reserved for Pakistan, while waters from eastern rivers viz. Ravi, Sutlej and Beas are reserved for India.

The PIC is established mechanism under IWT. Its mandate is to establish and maintain cooperative arrangements for implementation of water distribution pact and promote cooperation in development of Indus water systems between India and Pakistan. The meeting of PIC is held alternately in India and Pakistan at least once every year as mandated by treaty. The PIC had last met in Islamabad in March 2017.



Digital initiatives by Export Inspection Council (EIC)

04 April '18

Union Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation Minister, Suresh Prabhu launched digital initiatives by Export Inspection Council (EIC) for ease of export at New Delhi. India's potential for agricultural and food export will get a great boost due to these digital initiatives.

EIC is the official export certification body of Government of India and has launched this flagship project of Digital India Initiative to keep pace with changing dynamics of the world.

In order to continue the vision for credible inspection and certification and to strengthen the confidence on Indian produce, three portals have been developed to reduce transaction time and cost in a transparent manner. The portals not only provide an opportunity for ease of export but also plays an important role in the Go Green initiative by reducing paper usage and saving millions trees.

To provide fast, efficient and transparent services for ease of

doing business in all sectors the complete export food chain has been integrated in this digital platform. Primary production, chain catch, aquaculture pond, dairy farms and apiaries are all linked. Processing units, testing laboratories, official controls and exports have complete traceability.

One lab one assessment portal provides unified approach to all stakeholders like accreditation bodies, regulators and laboratories by bringing them together on a common platform. Simplified procedures for granting joint certification and joint decisions helps in reducing cost, time and multiplicity of assessment.

The Export Alert Monitoring portal monitors non compliances raised by importing countries. The portal will enable monitoring of

alerts and action taken by multiple organizations involved in initial certification in the food safety & biosecurity and analysing the trend, understanding the trade barriers to reduce the alerts and enhance the export trade.

EIC has worked towards building the analytical capability for the country by providing accredited Proficiency Testing (PT) providers at Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai by reducing dependency on foreign PT providers and ease of access.



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New Delhi has been ranked 22nd in the world in the TripAdvisor's "top 25 travellers' choice of destinations" list.

06 April '18

UTTAM App for Coal Quality Monitoring launched



The Union Minister for Railways and Coal Piyush Goyal launched UTTAM App for Coal Quality Monitoring. UTTAM stands for – Unlocking Transparency by Third Party Assessment of Mined Coal (uttam.coalindia.in). The Ministry of Coal and Coal India Limited (CIL) developed UTTAM, aims to provide an App for all citizens and coal consumers to monitor the process of Third Party Sampling of coal across CIL subsidiaries.

UTTAM App ensures accountability, transparency, effectiveness and efficiency in coal ecosystem. It provides a platform for monitoring of sampling and coal dispatches. The App is designed with an aim to make the citizens a stakeholder in the coal ecosystem. UTTAM is an example of leveraging technology to facilitate a bidirectional channel between Coal India Limited and a common citizen. It ensures transparency and efficiency in the coal quality monitoring process and brings coal governance closer to people.

06 April '18

Committee to regulate online portals

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has instituted a committee to regulate online portals, including news websites, entertainment sites and media aggregators.

The 10-member committee, will include secretaries of the departments of Home, Legal Affairs, Electronics and Information and Technology, and Industrial Policy and Promotion.



Other members

The CEO of MyGov and a representative each of the Press Council of India and National Broadcasters' Association will also be part of the committee. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting noted that both print and electronic media are regulated but online media does not come under any regulatory mechanism.

The content telecast on television channels are regulated in terms of the programme and advertisement codes under the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994. Similarly, the autonomous body Press Council of India regulates the print media.

The committee, broadly, will look at three things. One is to bring online information dissemination under regulation. Second is to propose a policy for foreign direct investment in this media. Third is to look at international best practices on such existing regulatory mechanism.

07 April '18

Agreement between Central Govt., Maharashtra Govt. and World Bank

Central Government, Maharashtra Government have signed US \$420 million loan agreement with World Bank for Project for Climate Resilient Agriculture to help small and marginal farmers in Marathwada and Vidarbha regions of Maharashtra. The loan will be provided from World Bank's International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). It will have maturity of 24 years and grace period of 6 years.

Maharashtra Project for Climate Resilient Agriculture

The project aims to help in increasing climate resilient practices in agriculture and ensuring that farming continues to remain a financially viable activity for them. It will be implemented in rural areas largely dependent upon rain fed agriculture. It will take up series of activities at farm and watershed level. It will help to scale up climate-resilient technologies such as micro irrigation systems, expand surface water storage and facilitate aquifer recharge, directly contributing to more efficient use of scarce water resources. It will help reduce risks of climate-related crop failure and enhance farmer's income by adopting climate-resilient seed varieties that are drought, salt tolerant and heat resistant. It will help to mainstream climate resilient agriculture agenda in various local institutions that deliver agricultural services to farming community. It will also help to improve capacity of farmer producers organizations to operate as sustainable, market-oriented enterprises.

Significance

This project is expected to benefit over 7 million people that are spread over area of 3.0 million hectares and cover 5142 villages across 15 most climate vulnerable districts of Maharashtra. It will help to mitigate emission of Green House Gases (GHGs) through carbon sequestration which involves planting trees in upper catchment areas and afforestation. It will also support Maharashtra government to shift towards new paradigm that puts climate resilience at core of agricultural growth and rural development in the state.



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Boost to Development Projects in North East; First Meeting of the NITI Forum for North East in Agartala.

10 April '18

The first meeting of Newly constituted NITI Forum for North East will be held in Agartala, Tripura. The meeting will be chaired by the Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog, Rajeev Kumar and the co-Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Jitendra Singh. Chief Ministers of NE States and leading lights from the region will attend the deliberations.

Moving towards a prosperous North East Region is the theme for the first meeting.

The broad agendas for the First Meeting include among others,

- Strategies for improving Road, Rail and Air Connectivity in the North East Region
- Realizing the Hydel Dream – Way Forward for utilizing existing potential for hydro-power in the NER
- Agriculture and allied sectors
 - NE States to encourage Organic Farming
 - Cultivation of Vegetables, fruits, Spices, medicinal plants
 - Soil Health Card for farmers
 - Minimizing post-harvest losses
 - Increased coverage under Crop Insurance
 - Milk production to be boosted
- Water Management
 - Early completion of on-going irrigation projects
- Promotion of Tourism
 - Promotion of Eco-Tourism, Rural Tourism and Adventure Tourism
- Strengthening of North East Tourism Development Council (NETDC)
- Organically-themed Home-Stay Tourism (as in Sikkim) may be encouraged in other NE States
- The NETDC to work closely with NE States for tourism promotion
- Identifying and targeting early bird projects in areas of connectivity, agricultural productivity and industrial development to give fillip to growth in the NER.



Background:

The 'NITI Forum for North East' was constituted in February 2018 with an aim to ensure sustainable economic growth of the North Eastern Region (NER) of the country and periodically review the development status in NER.

The secretariat for the Forum has been established in the DoNER Ministry. The Forum includes representation from all NE States, their Chief Secretaries and Secretaries of relevant Central Ministries/Departments, Directors of reputed institutions (IIT, IIM etc), experts and journalists have been included as members.

The first health centre under Ayushman Bharat Scheme inaugurated 14 April '18

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first health centre under Ayushman Bharat Scheme at Bijapur, Chhattisgarh. He also inaugurated the first phase of the Bastar Internet scheme under which a 40,000-km-long network of fibre optics cable would be spread across the seven districts of the tribal region.

The districts are Bijapur, Narayanpur, Bastar, Kanker, Kondagaon, Sukma and Dantewada. Modi, who is the first prime minister to visit the tribal district of Bijapur, also inaugurated a new rail line and a passenger train between Gudum and Bhanupratapur, bringing

north Bastar region on railways' map. Modi also inaugurated bank branches in seven villages and visited rural BPO centre developed under the India BPO promotion scheme. The BPO centre is provided Internet by the Bastar internet scheme.

He also laid foundation stones for road and bridge projects worth over Rs 1,700 crore. The prime minister's visit to the state coincides with the birth anniversary of Dalit icon B R Ambedkar. Under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, the government aims to open 1.5 lakh health and wellness centre by 2022, which would be equipped to treat host



of diseases, including blood pressure, diabetes, cancer and old-age illness.

Also under the scheme, the government has prepared the broad contour of the National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) and work is on to finalise parameters for identifying beneficiaries and hospital entitlement.



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India-Wiesbaden Conference 2018 held in New Delhi 17 April '18



The India-Wiesbaden Conference 2018 was held from April 16-17, 2018, in New Delhi. The title of conference was 'Securing Global Supply Chains through Government-Industry Partnerships towards Effective Implementation of UNSC Resolution 1540'

Key Facts

The Wiesbaden Process was initiated by Government of Germany in 2012 to strengthen implementation of UNSC Resolution 1540 through Government-Industry partnerships. India-Wiesbaden Conference 2018 was hosted by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in cooperation with Government of Germany and UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA). Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) was industry partner.

Representatives from Government and Industry of 39 countries, as well as experts from UNSC 1540 Committee and UN Office

for Disarmament Affairs had participated in conference. The Conference provided opportunity to participants to share experiences on their export control systems and identify legal and technical assistance, action plans & challenges in national implementation of UNSC 1540.

UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)

It establishes legally binding obligations on all states to adopt and enforce appropriate and effective measures to prevent to proliferation to non-state actors of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons and their delivery systems. It requires states to implement appropriate laws and effective measures to prevent non-state actors such as terrorists, from obtaining access to weapons of mass destruction (WMD). India has established legally backed robust export control system to implement UNSC 1540 as part of its long standing commitment to international non-proliferation.

17 April '18

IMD predicts Normal monsoon

According to India Meteorological Department INDIA IS likely to witness a normal monsoon this year. The monsoon will be 97 per cent of long period average (LPA), which is normal for the season. According to IMD Director General K G Ramesh The error margin in the forecast is plus/ minus 5 per cent. There was "very less probability" of a deficient monsoon. The forecast also suggests maximum probability for normal monsoon and low probability for deficient rainfall. There is 14 per cent chance of a deficient rainfall and 30 per cent chance of a below normal precipitation. The chance for a normal rainfall is 42 per cent, 12 per cent for above normal rainfall and 2 per cent chance for excess precipitation.

The four-month monsoon season from June to September provides about 75 per cent of the annual rainfall to the country, where GDP is still largely driven by the agriculture sector. Several parts of India are witnessing agriculture distress and a good rainfall is likely to provide some relief.

According to D S Pai, a scientist with the IMD, the La Nina condition is weakening and is highly likely to enter a neutral phase. La Nina is associated with cooling of the equatorial Pacific waters, while El Nino is associated with the warming of these waters. A positive IOD is associated with cooling of the equatorial waters of the Indian Ocean and a negative IOD is associated with the warming of these waters. These phenomena are one of the factors that impact the monsoon.



POSHAN Abhiyaan: 1st meeting of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges held in New Delhi 18 April '18

The first meeting of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges under POSHAN Abhiyaan was held in New Delhi. It saw participation of NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Dr Rajiv Kumar, CEO Amitabh Kant and representatives of various ministries of Central and State Governments.

National Council on India's Nutritional Challenges

Its mandate is to provide policy directions to address countries nutritional challenges through coordinated inter-sectoral action. It is also mandated to coordinate and review convergence between Ministries and review programmes for nutrition on a quarterly basis. It will submit its report to the Prime Minister every 6 months.

POSHAN Abhiyaan

POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan in March 2018. POSHAN stands for Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition. It aims to ensure holistic development and adequate nutrition for pregnant women, mothers and children. It targets to reduce level of under-nutrition and other related problems by ensuring convergence of various nutrition related schemes. It also targets stunting, under-nutrition, anaemia (among young children, women and adolescent girls) and low birth rate. It will monitor and review implementation of all such schemes and utilize existing structural arrangements of line ministries wherever available.



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Law Commission of India favours simultaneous elections

Law Commission of India, the government's highest law advisory body has released draft White Paper recommending holding of simultaneous elections to Lok Sabha and state assemblies. The commission, headed by former Supreme Court judge Justice B.S. Chauhan has decided to seek opinion of all stakeholders, including political parties, on the issue.

Law Commission's recommendations

Law Commission noted that simultaneous elections were held in country during first two decades after Independence up to 1967. Dissolution of certain Assemblies in 1968 and 1969 followed by dissolution of Lok Sabha led to disruption of conduct of simultaneous elections.

Simultaneous elections can be held now in the nation by amending Constitution, Representation of the People (RPI) Act, 1951 and Rules of Procedure of Lok Sabha/State Legislative Assemblies. Moreover, definition of simultaneous elections should be added to Section 2 of RPI Act, 1951.

Issuance of Notification: The statutory limit of six months for

issuance of notification of general elections be appropriately extended by way of amendments to section 14 and 15 of RPI Act, 1951.

No-confidence motion: The parties which introduce no-confidence motion should simultaneously give a suggestion for an alternative government as no-confidence motion and premature dissolution of House is major roadblocks to simultaneous elections.

Anti-defection law: The rigour of 'Anti-defection Law' laid down under paragraph 2(1) (b) of Tenth Schedule be removed as exception in order to prevent stalemate in the Lok Sabha/Assembly in case of Hung Parliament/Assembly.

Mid-term elections: In case of mid-term elections, new Lok Sabha or Assembly will only serve the remainder of term of previous Lok Sabha/Assembly and not a fresh term of five years. For this Article 83 and 172 of the Constitution along with sections 14 and 15 of the 1951 Act should be amended to incorporate provision regarding remainder of the term.

Selection of Prime Minister/CMs: The prime minister/chief ministers

should be elected to lead Lok Sabha/Assembly, by full house like electing speaker of Lok Sabha. This will potentially provide stability to government and in turn to Lok Sabha and state legislative assembly

Constitutional amendments: Centre should get the Constitutional amendments, if agreed upon, to be ratified by all the States so as to avoid any challenge to them.

Background

The idea of 'one nation one election' has been proposed for many years starting with Law Commission suggestion in 1999. Most recently, Parliament's standing committee 2015 report suggested holding simultaneous election to save public money and end policy paralysis because of impact of the model code of conduct. It had pegged the cost of holding elections for Lok Sabha and state assemblies at Rs. 4500 crore. Prime Minister Narendra Modi too had pitched for this idea.



Government launches DARPAN-PLI App 18 April '18

The Union Ministry of Communications has launched DARPAN-PLI application for seamless collection of premium for Postal Life Insurance (PLI) and Rural Postal Life Insurance (RPLI) policies. The app launched under DARPAN Project will help in collection of premium of these two policies at branch post offices anywhere in India, with online updation of the policies.

Key Facts

With launch of this app, indexing of maturity claims of PLI and RPLI policies can be done at Branch Post Office itself, upon which insurant will immediately be provided with request number for further references. This will help in providing better after-sales service to customers of PLI and RPLI, particularly those living in rural areas of country.

DARPAN Project

The Ministry of Communications had launched DARPAN (Digital Advancement of Rural Post Office for a New India) Project to achieve total digitisation of postal operations in the country, under IT Modernisation Plan, Department of Posts (DoP).

The project aims at connecting all 1.29 lakh Rural Branch Post Offices in country to enable them to do online postal and

financial Transactions. Under it, hand held devices with SIM connectivity and solar power backup are installed in all Branch Post Offices across the country to ensure improvement in quality of Postal services being offered in remote rural areas.

Significance

DARPAN project seeks to increase rural reach of Department of Posts (DoP) and enable BOs to increase traffic of all financial remittances, savings accounts, RPLI policy and cash certificates. It also will improve mail operations processes by allowing for automated booking and delivery of account. Overall, this project will help to improve quality of service, add value to services and achieve financial inclusion of un-banked rural population.



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Former US Ambassador to the United Nations John R Bolton will be the new National Security Advisor to President Donald Trump.

Meghalaya Landscapes Management Project: \$48 million Loan agreement inked with World Bank

18 April '18

The Union Government (Finance Ministry) has signed Loan Agreement with World Bank for IBRD loan of US \$48 million for Meghalaya Community – Led Landscapes Management Project (MCLLMP). The project aims to strengthen community-led landscapes management in selected landscapes in Meghalaya by 2023.

Key Facts

- Meghalaya's natural resource such as land, water sources and forests is source of livelihood for majority of state population. The project consists of three components:
- Strengthening knowledge and capacity for natural resource management.
- Community-led landscape planning and implementation.
- Project management and governance.

Significance of Project

It will help manage these depleting resources, by strengthening communities and traditional institutions. The Restoration of degraded and highly degraded landscapes under the project will increase water for local communities and improve soil productivity which will in turn increase incomes and reduce poverty.



India wins six elections in UNECOSOC bodies

18 April '18

India has won six elections to United Nations (UN) Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) bodies, five of them unanimously. In these polls, India won places on executive boards of four UN bodies, three commissions and committee.

NGO Committee

India faced an election within the Asia-Pacific group only for Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) Committee. India polled highest number of votes, receiving 46 votes, followed by Pakistan with 43, China received 39. The NGO committee of UN is considered influential because it scrutinises NGOs applying for consultative status with UNECOSOC and can recommend or block them. India will serve four-year term on panel starting January 2019.

Executive Boards

India won elections to Executive Boards of UN Development Programme (UNDP), UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS). India will serve three-year terms from January 2019 on those executive boards.

Executive Board of UN-Women

India was also elected separately on this executive board for three-year term starting January 2019. UN-Women work for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

Commissions

India was elected on UN Commission on Population and Development and it will have term till September 2021. India was also elected on the UN Commission for Social Development and shall have four-year term starting immediately. It was also elected UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and will serve three-year term starting January 2019.

UN Commission on Population and Development: It assist UNECOSOC by arranging for studies and advising it on population issues and trends, integrating population and development strategies and population and related development policies and programmes.

Commission for Social Development: Its purpose is advice UNECOSOC on social policies of general character and in

particular on all matters in social field not covered by specialised inter-governmental agencies.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice: It acts as principal policymaking body of UN in field of crime prevention and criminal justice. Its mandate includes improving international action to combat national and transnational crime and efficiency and fairness of criminal justice administration systems.

UNECOSOC

The Economic and Social Council is UN's central platform for reflection, debate, and innovative thinking on sustainable development.' It is one of six main UN organs which were established by UN Charter. EcoSoc is principal body for coordination, policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on economic, social and environmental issues as well as for implementation of internationally agreed development goals. It supervises subsidiary and expert bodies in the economic, social and environmental fields.



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UIDAI launches Updated QR code for offline Aadhaar verification

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has introduced updated 'QR code' for offline Aadhaar verification to strengthen its privacy measures during usage. The updated 'QR code' is aimed at adding an extra layer of privacy to Aadhaar after UIDAI introduced the concept of virtual identification.

Key Facts

The updated 'QR code' will only reveal non-sensitive details such as name, address, photo, and date of birth. It can be used for offline user verification without disclosing 12-digit aadhar identification number. The new QR code comes with photo and can be used in offline mode to safeguard against any tampering of documents.

Aadhaar card holders can download and print their biometric ID with QR code from UIDAI website or its mobile app. Users also can manually blacken aadhaar number and use printout with new QR code for establishing their identity, offline too. The printed QR code when scanned will only read non-sensitive information without revealing 12-digit aadhar identification number.

QR code

QR code (Quick Response code) is two-dimensional (matrix) machine-readable bar code made up of black and white square. This code can be read by the camera of a smartphone. It is used for storing URLs or other information that link directly to text, emails websites phone numbers. It is capable of 360 degrees (omni-directional), high speed reading.

QR Code can store up to 7089 digits as compared to conventional bar codes which can store max 20 digits. It encodes same amount of data in one-tenth the space of a traditional bar code. It carries information both horizontally and vertically. It has error correction capability and data stored in it can be restored even if it is partially damaged or dirty.



Government launches Study in India programme to attract foreign students



The Ministry of Human Resources Development (HRD) in collaboration with Ministry of External Affairs has approved 'Study in India' programme to attract foreign students to pursue higher education in India. The programme is similar to initiative launched by Australia, Malaysia, Singapore and Canada. It aims at boosting country's share of international students and subsequently, improve global reputation and rankings of Indian educational institutions.

Study in India programme

Objectives

- To encourage more foreign students to choose India as destination for higher education.
- To double India's market share of global education exports from less than 1% to 2%.
- To improve global ranking of Indian educational institutes.



Background

The government, at present, permits provision of 10% to 15% supernumerary seats for foreign students in higher education. This provision remains largely underutilised across universities and colleges. Currently, India is home to about 45,000 international students, which accounts for just 1% of global student mobility. By launching Study in India programme, government hopes to attract 1.5 lakh to 2 lakh international students by 2022.

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Odisha government has signed an MOU with the British Council to strengthen educational and cultural cooperation.

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e-SANAD portal and National Academic Depository integrated

19 April '18

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has launched integration of e-SANAD portal and NAD – National Academic Depository in a bid to make education system in India more transparent.

e-SANAD

e-Sanad is project aimed at online submission and verification of documents with ultimate object to extend contact less, cashless, faceless and paperless document attestation service. Using it, any type of document viz personal, educational or commercial can be authenticated and apostilled. The project was designed and being implemented by National Information Centre (NIC) in coordination with CBSE, States/UTs and Ministry of External Affairs in a phased manner.



National Academic Depository (NAD)

NAD is 24X7 online store house of all academic awards viz. diplomas certificates, degrees, mark-sheets etc. duly digitised and lodged by academic boards, institutions, eligibility assessment bodies. It ensures easy access to and retrieval of academic award and validates and guarantees its authenticity and safe storage.

NAD comprises of two interoperable digital depositories viz. NSDL Database Management Limited (NDML) and CDSL Ventures Limited (CVL). These digital depositories have ensured hardware, network facilities and software of prescribed quality for smooth and secured operationalisation of NAD.

20 April '18

Government releases draft rules for high security registration plates

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has published new draft rules to make mandatory for automobile manufacturers to provide high security registration plates (HSRP) to all new vehicles from January 1, 2019. The HSRP to be fitted in all classes of motor vehicles will have tamper-proof plates with host of in-built security features and is expected to offer increased protection against theft. HSRP was made mandatory in some States 2005 but failed to take off.

High Security Registration Plates (HSRP)

HSRPs will have in-built security features, such as self-destructive sticker with engine and chassis numbers. It will be fitted on front and rear of vehicles and windscreens will have number plate tag with hologram. Chromium-based hologram will be applied by hot stamping on top left corner of plates both at front and back.



Permanent identification (id) number with minimum of 10 digits will be laser-branded into reflective sheeting on bottom left of registration plate. The permanent number will be preceded by two alphabets indicating name of vendor, manufacturer or supplier for whom Type approval certificate was issued by testing agencies. Third registration plate, in form of self-destructive, chromium-based hologram sticker will be affixed on inner side of the vehicle's windshield. The registering authority registration number, laser-branded permanent number, engine number and chassis number will all be in the sticker. The plate fitted in rear of vehicle will be fastened with two non-removable and non-reusable snap locks. The replacement of existing registration plate will also be done through agency responsible for affixing the new plate.

The inclusion of automobile manufacturers and dealers will end monopoly of few HSRP manufacturers and ensure uniformity in quality of the HSRPs. Vehicle manufacturers can produce HSRP and obtain Type approval certificate from Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), New Delhi, or any one of six testing agencies authorised by Centre. They can also procure them from HSRP manufacturer.

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Burning Topics of the Month

MOU between Odisha government with the British Council.

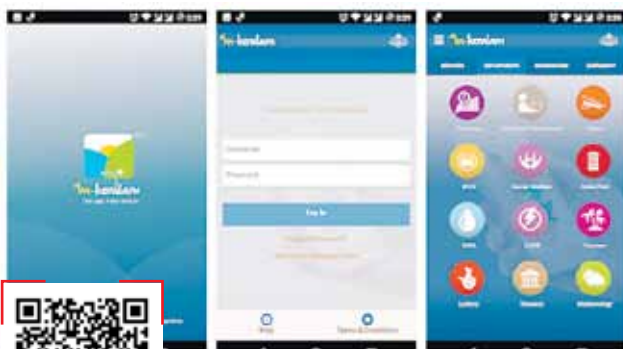
Surat : first Indian district to have 100% solar-powered Primary Health Centres (PHCs).

NTPC has commissioned the first unit of 1,320 MW super-critical Meja thermal project at Allahabad.

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mKeralam app

23 March '18



Kerala, which last year became the first Indian State to declare Internet a basic human right, has launched mKeralam, an app that will serve as a single window for accessing thousands of government services.

Developed by the Kerala State Information Technology Mission, it will initially offer 100 citizen-oriented public services of 20 departments and expand to 1,000 services from more than 80 departments.

“The app was launched by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at #Future, a two-day global digital summit which is held in Kochi.

The goal is to offer a one-stop shop for all public services, as it will not be convenient for citizens to depend on different apps to access different services.

The services accessible via mKeralam are already available through the State government website www.kerala.gov.in. But this app will offer simplified, omni-channel access to citizen services across multiple platforms, including the website, mobile app, and Akshaya centres so that citizens can pick whichever mode is most convenient for them.

The digital summit also witnessed the launch of Kerala Wi-Fi (KFI), which will be accessible at 1,000 public spaces evenly distributed across the State.

The rollout of KFI was marked by the government granting, for a period of one year, unlimited free access to the network to all who registered digitally for the #Future summit.

MOU between Odisha government with the British Council **26 March '18**

The Odisha government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the British Council to strengthen educational and cultural cooperation. The British Council will support the state governments "Mo School" (My School) initiative by contributing to the development of English language skills for learners and teachers including government-aided schools.

With the MoU, the British Council will expand its existing work in the state.

The areas of potential collaboration include developing initiatives to improve capacity and motivation of English language teachers in primary and secondary schools, teacher development institutions, to improve learner outcomes in English in the State and embed internationally benchmarked assessments.



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The government has decided to declare 2018 as 'National Year of Millets'.

28 March '18

MoU between AAI and Assam govt



The Airport Authority of India (AAI) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Assam government for sustainable development of human settlements at villages in Kamrup district.

Key Facts

- As per terms of MoU, AAI will provide financial assistance of Rs. 4.58 crore for Kamrup district under its Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) initiative.
- The estimates of the financial assistance have been prepared by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to improve resilience of communities around Guwahati Airport.
- The AAI through its CSR policy supports such initiatives for promoting infrastructure for convenience of population with view to improve resilience of communities.

Airports Authority of India (AAI)

AAI is statutory body under aegis of Ministry of Civil Aviation. It was founded in April 1995 and is headquartered in New Delhi. It is responsible for creating, upgrading, maintaining and managing civil aviation infrastructure in India. It also provides Air traffic management (ATM) services over Indian airspace and adjoining oceanic areas. AAI manages around 125 airports in India, which include 18 International Airport, 7 Customs Airports, 78 Domestic Airports and 26 Civil Enclaves at Defence airfields.

30 March '18

Surat : first Indian district to have 100% solar-powered Primary Health Centres (PHCs).

Surat district in Gujarat become first in country to have 100% solar powered Primary Health Centers (PHCs). All 52 PHCs in the district are now powered by solar system. With this, Surat sets an example for country by developing villages that use sustainable forms of energy at a time when global warming is mounting with each passing day



Key Facts

The solarification of all PHCs in Surat district will bring down electricity bill by 40% and also help fight global warming. Other than PHCs, there are 572 gram panchayats in district, out of which 150 are solar powered gram panchayats and soon other 422 panchayats will too be solar powered. 75% of the total expense of making gram panchayat solar powered is borne by state government and remaining 25% by district panchayats.

West Bengal introduced a new scheme 'Rupashree'

02 April '18

The state government of West Bengal introduced a new scheme called 'Rupashree' in order to provide marriage assistance to girls coming from economically weaker families with a budgetary allocation of Rs 1500 crore.

The scheme's announcement was made earlier by the state's Finance Minister Amit Mitra during the presentation of the state budget for 2018-19.



Key Features

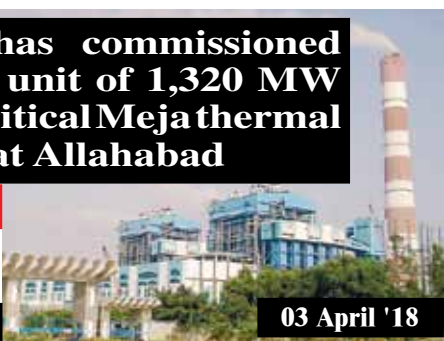
- The scheme proposes to extend one-time financial assistance worth Rs 25,000 to the family of the girl whose annual income is up to Rs 1.5 lakh.
- The monetary assistance will be provided at the time of marriage after the girl has attained the age of 18 years.
- A woman is required to fill the application form before her marriage and submit it to the office of Block Development Officer or Municipality Office to avail benefits under Rupashree.
- The scheme is expected to benefit around six lakh families annually.
- The state's Finance Minister has proposed to provide Rs 1500 crore for the implementation of the scheme.

Significance

Many poor families find it extremely difficult to bear the expenditure of marriage of the daughters and have to borrow at a high rate of interest to bear the marriage expenses. The new scheme aims to lessen the financial burden of such families.

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NTPC has commissioned the first unit of 1,320 MW super-critical Meja thermal project at Allahabad



03 April '18

NTPC has commissioned the first unit of 1,320 MW super-critical Meja thermal project at Allahabad. Power producer NTPC has commissioned the first unit of 1,320 MW super-critical Meja thermal project at Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh, taking its total installed generation capacity to 53,651 MW. The first unit of 660MW capacity of Meja Urja Nigam Pvt Ltd, a joint venture firm of NTPC, was commissioned recently.

With this, the total commissioned capacity of NTPC group has become 53,651 MW.

Located in the trans-Yamuna region of Meja in Allahabad, the two 660 MW thermal power plants boast of super-critical technology that enables higher temperature and pressure resulting in higher efficiency, reduced fuel consumption and minimal emission of greenhouse gases.



MAA programme in Himachal Pradesh

04 April '18



With an aim to promote breastfeeding, Himachal Pradesh Health Minister Vipin Parmar launched Mother's Absolute Affection (MAA) programme in the state. Breastfeeding help in reducing the incidence of infant mortality and early childhood mortality and provides complete nutrition to a child. The aim of the programme was to make people aware about the importance of breastfeeding.

The main components of the programme were

- ✍ Community awareness generation
- ✍ Strengthening inter-personal communication through ASHA workers
- ✍ Skilled support for breastfeeding at delivery points in public health facilities and work places.



Sakhi Pink booths in Karnataka

05 April '18

The Election Commission has decided to set up 450 Sakhi Pink booths during the Karnataka Assembly elections. The booths will be managed completely by female staff including presiding officer, polling officer, micro observers and security personnel.

These are done for the first time in the state with an objective to empower and encourage women voters.

Pink booths will be opened in areas where the female population is more than male voters. Another first during the election in the state is to offer various facilities to specially-abled voters.



Apart from the wheelchair, Braille chart and magnifying glass, the polling personnel are instructed that such special voters should not be made to wait in the queues and given priority in voting with assistance.

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Thaawarchand Gehlot has launched the first Indian Sign Language (ISL) Dictionary of three thousand words in New Delhi.



Ministry of Tribal Affairs launches first ever "Van Dhan Vikas Kendra" at Bijapur, Chhattisgarh for value addition of Forest Produce

Van Dhan Vikas Kendra



The Ministry of Tribal affairs has approved establishment of the first multipurpose "Van Dhan Vikas Kendra" on pilot basis for establishment in Bijapur District of Chhattisgarh State for providing skill upgradation and capacity building training and setting up of primary processing and value addition facility. This first model Van Dhan Vikas Kendra is being implemented for training of 300 beneficiaries with a total outlay of Rs 43.38 lakhs for training, providing equipments & tools for primary level processing and

infrastructure & building for housing the Kendra.

This Kendra to start with will have processing facility for Tamarind brick making, Mahua flower storage facility and chironjee cleaning and packaging.

TRIFED has assigned the work for establishment of this pilot Vikas Kendra in Bijapur District of Chattisgarh to CGMFP Federation and Collector, Bijapur would be the coordinating force. The selection of the tribal beneficiaries and formation of the SHGs has been undertaken by TRIFED and the training is scheduled

to start from 10th April, 2018. To start with Van Dhan Vikas Kendra is being established in a Panchayat Building so that the primary processing can be commenced by the SHGs. The Kendra will be shifted to its own building once the same is ready.

The Van Dhan Vikas Kendras will be an important milestone in economic development of tribals involved in collection of MFPs by helping them in optimum utilization of natural resources and provide sustainable MFP-based livelihood in MFP-rich districts.

Hariteema Yojana in UP

06 April '18

Uttar Pradesh Govt. has launched Ganga Hariteema Yojana (also known as Ganga Greenery scheme) in 27 districts of the state



located on the bank of river Ganga. It was launched by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in a function organised on bank of Sangam the confluence of rivers of Ganga, Yamuna and mythical Saraswati.

Key Facts

The scheme aims at enhancing green cover in catchment areas of river Ganga and control land erosion. Under it tree plantation will be carried out in 1 Km areas from banks of river. General people will also be encouraged for tree plantation on their private lands under 'One Person One Tree' slogan.

Department of Forest has been nominated as nodal department for the scheme. High power committee under chairmanship of Chief Minister will monitor implementation of scheme. The scheme will be carried out by September 16, 2018 which is observed as Ozone Day.

'Uzhavan' app

Tamil Nadu Govt. launched bi-lingual 'Uzhavan' (farmer) mobile application in a bid to use technology for benefit of farmers. It was launched by Chief Minister K Palaniswami in state capital Chennai. The app available in Tamil and English language will allow ryots to have access to nine types of services, including details about their crop insurance.



08 April '18



The app can be downloaded from Google Playstore. It can be used by farmers to get information on farm subsidies, book farm equipment and related infrastructure. It will also help them to get details on their crop insurance, besides receiving weather forecast for next four days. It will also provide information on available stocks of seeds and fertilisers in local government and private stores.

Amma Bio-Fertiliser scheme

Tamil Nadu Government also launched 'Amma Bio-Fertiliser' scheme named after late Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa. It is aimed at better management of nature farming and help boost and maintain soil fertility.

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Free Chemotherapy Scheme

(Cancer Treatment)

in 10 Districts of

Maharashtra

09 April '18

Maharashtra government has announced that cancer patients would be provided free chemotherapy treatment at district hospitals, with the first phase of the plan starting in June.

The plan will start with hospitals in Nagpur, Gadchiroli, Pune, Amravati, Jalgaon, Nashik, Wardha, Satara, Bhandara and Akola.

Objective

The move was to alleviate travelling and lodging problems of cancer patients who come to Mumbai's Tata Memorial Hospital in Parel, one of the country's premier cancer treatment facilities, for a six week chemotherapy course as part of the treatment.

Key Points

A physician and nurse from each of these 10 district hospitals would be imparted training for three weeks from May by the Medical Oncology department of Tata Memorial.

The initiative would help patients save in lodging and travelling expenses.

A list of medicines required to start chemotherapy units at these district hospitals had already been obtained from Tata Memorial Hospital.

According to the National Cancer Registry Programme, 11 lakh people are diagnosed with cancer every year across the country.

App-based taxi service in Goa

09 April '18

The Goa government has decided to launch its own app-based taxi service to some key tourist destinations in the coastal state. The state-run Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC) invited the taxi operators to register with the new mobile application-based transport service.

Currently, the tourist taxi operators run their businesses individually in Goa. They had earlier opposed attempts made by online cab aggregators like Ola to start services in the state, saying that such a move will affect their business.

Key points

- ✎ The taxi operators, who hold licence to run cabs in Goa, were eligible to register for the new transport service.
- ✎ The app-based taxis would operate from locations like GTDC residencies (hotels) across the state, the Mormugao Port Trust jetty where cruise vessels anchor, the airport and the St Monica Jetty in Panaji, besides other spots.
- ✎ The taxi operators will have to follow the online queuing system, based on which a ride will be confirmed or assigned to them.



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Kumar Mangalam Birla will be the non-executive chairman of the merged Idea-Vodafone entity.

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Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana launched in Telangana 16 April '18

Union petroleum minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in Telangana. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) is the scheme providing free cooking gas connections to below the poverty line families.

Key Points

- ✎ The number of LPG distribution points in the State will be increased to 1,000 from the existing 707 for quicker and efficient delivery of gas cylinders.
- ✎ Mostly women, who are denied the right to clean air through household pollution from solid fuels (wood, coal and cowdung) will be benefited.
- ✎ Under it, an eligible woman in the household will be issued a free connection and ₹1,600 cash assistance at installation, and cost of the stove kit will only be deducted in EMIs from the subsidy amount deposited in the account at the start of seventh refill cylinder.
- ✎ The scheme extends to families of SC/ST, beneficiaries of Antyodaya Anna Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and those from economically backward classes.
- ✎ 3.57 crore families benefited so far, and it was being raised to cover 8 crore families by 2020.



Madras High Court introduces e-court fee payment

16 April '18

The Madras High Court has become the first court in south India and eighth in the country to introduce e-court fee payment facility. Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami and Chief Justice Indira Banerjee jointly launched the facility at the principal seat of the High Court as well as its Madurai Bench.

So far only the Supreme Court and the High Courts in Delhi, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh had introduced the e-court fee payment facility.



e-stamps would do away with the hassle of procuring physical court fee stamps, which were in demand most of the time, and sticking them on case bundles while filing cases in the court.

Justice T. S. Sivagnanam, chairman of the computerisation committee of the High Court, said it was only in 2017 that the High Court sent a proposal to the State government for introducing e-stamps. The proposal was accepted and Sections 74 and 75 of the Tamil Nadu Court Fees and Suits Valuation Act of 1965 were amended to pave way for the facility. He pointed out that litigants can purchase e-court fee stamps by NEFT, RTGS, debit or credit cards. A printout of the receipt generated by the system alone need to be presented along with the case papers for cross verification by the court Registry.

As per the notification issued by the high court registry, the service will be initially provided for the principal bench and Madurai bench of the high court. E-Court fee system is a computer-based application which provides easier and secured way of paying judicial stamp duty to the government. It helps to tackle counterfeiting. The user-manual for generating e-court fee is made available in the high court's official website. Payments can be made through the website www.shcilestamp.com.

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Turkey's first-ever nuclear power plant.

Malaria Summit held in London.

Commonwealth Cyber Declaration adopted by Commonwealth countries.

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Russia successfully test fired ICBM Sarmat Missile

28 March '18

Russia has successfully test fired its latest nuclear Inter Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) RS-28 Sarmat. This missile can carry an array of warheads capable of dodging missile defenses. The test was carried out at the Plesetsk Cosmodrome, as spaceport in the west of Russia, close to the Arctic Circle. The ICBM Sarmat has the capacity to reach any point in the world. The missile will enter into service by 2021.

Background

The RS-28 Sarmat is a heavy liquid-propellant ICBM capable of carrying nuclear charges. This missile is under development in Russia since 2000ss. The objective of this development is to replace the R-36M2 Voevoda ICBM, which is Russia's only Strategic Missile Force since 1988.

The name Sarmat is based upon the nomadic Sarmatian tribes which used to live between 6th and 4th century BC in current territories of Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan.



Pakistan successfully test fired Submarine Launched version of Cruise Missile (SLCM) BABUR

31 March '18

Pakistan Navy successfully test fired indigenously developed Submarine Launched version of Cruise Missile (SLCM) BABUR. The missile was fired from an underwater dynamic platform, which successfully hit its target with sharp accuracy. The missile also met all its flight parameters.

This is only the second time that Pakistan has announced a test of the submarine launched Babur-III missile, with the first test being conducted in January 2017.

SLCM BABUR has a range of 450 KMs and is capable of delivering various types of payloads and incorporates state of the art technologies including underwater controlled propulsion, advanced guidance and navigation features.



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Praveer Sinha has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Tata Power.

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Turkey's first-ever nuclear power plant

03 April '18

The President of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan along with Russian President Vladimir Putin launched the construction of Turkey's first-ever nuclear power plant in Mersin region, a large port city on the Mediterranean coast of southern Turkey.

Significance

Once completed the power station will contribute around 10 percent to the electricity needs of Turkey, which is significant as the nation has few energy resources of its own.



Key Highlights

- ✦ The construction workers at the site have already begun work on the ground.
- ✦ The first stage is due to be completed by 2023, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of modern Turkey's founding. It is expected to be completed fully by 2026.
- ✦ The project marks a new stage in the development of Turkey's economy.
- ✦ It is expected to contribute to the country's energy security and also play an important role in its fight against climate change.



President Ram Nath Kovind's visit to Swaziland

11 April '18

President Ram Nath Kovind was on a two-day visit to Swaziland in which he signed several important agreements. He becomes the first visiting Head of State to address Parliament of Swaziland.

Key Notes about President's Visit

- ✦ The President offered concessional finance on the part of India for construction of a new parliament building in Swaziland.
- ✦ India would facilitate establishing a Centre of Agricultural Excellence in Swaziland. India would develop an irrigation system in the Lubuyane region.
- ✦ To support the Swaziland National Disaster Management Agency, India has offered US\$ 1 million as well as foodgrains.
- ✦ The President inaugurated the Royal Science and Technology. The Park has been developed and built with the assistance of India.
- ✦ The King of Swaziland also conferred the Order of the Lion on the President. This is the highest civilian honour Swaziland bestows on a non-citizen.
- ✦ The President renewed India's commitment to Swaziland and announced that an Indian embassy would be opening in the kingdom shortly.
- ✦ India and Swaziland signed two agreements — on health cooperation; and on visa waivers for those travelling on official and diplomatic passports.



Swaziland

Swaziland, officially the Kingdom of Swaziland is a sovereign state in Southern Africa. It is neighboured by Mozambique to its northeast and by South Africa to its north, west and south; it is a landlocked country. The country is an absolute monarchy, ruled by Ngwenyama ("King") Mswati III since 1986.

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Agreement between India and Bangladesh

Bangladesh and India signed an agreement on their proposed nearly 130km oil pipeline aimed at pumping Indian oil to Bangladesh with a capacity of 1 million tonnes per annum.



The deal was part of the six memorandum of understandings (MoUs) which Dhaka and New Delhi signed during a meeting between their foreign secretaries in Dhaka, Xinhua.

List of MoU

- ✎ MoU on the friendship pipeline between Numaligarh in Assam and Parbatipur in Bangladesh.
- ✎ MoU on cooperation between Prasar Bharati and Bangladesh Betar.
- ✎ MoU for setting up an ICCR Urdu Chair in Dhaka University and an Addendum to the GCNEP-BAEC Interagency Agreement.
- ✎ Two more MoUs to set up language labs in 500 schools in Bangladesh and upgrade roads in Rangpur city were also signed.

India has remained a "committed development partner" of Bangladesh and had extended lines of credit of over \$8 billion to Bangladesh in the last seven years. From 2008-09, the bilateral trade almost tripled from \$2.75 billion to \$7.52 billion in 2016-17.

India signs MoU with Republic of Korea

11 April '18



India signed an MoU with the Republic of Korea on Mutual Recognition of Certificates of Competency of Seafarers. This paves the way for the two governments to mutually recognize the certificates of maritime education and training, competency, endorsements and medical fitness of seafarers issued by each other.

Importance

The agreement will benefit both countries. Korea is a large ship owning nation. As of now, Korean entities own more than 500 foreign going ships, and need seafarers to work on their fleet. India has around 1,54,349 seafarers. The agreement will open up employment opportunities for Indian seafarers on Korean ships.

MoU between Indian Consortium and Saudi Aramco

12 April '18

An Indian Consortium consisting of IOCL, BPCL and HPCL and Saudi Aramco signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly develop and build an integrated refinery and petrochemicals complex, Ratnagiri Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd. (RRPCL) in the State of Maharashtra.

The strategic partnership brings together crude supply, resources, technologies, experience and expertise of these multiple oil companies with an established commercial presence around the world.

Key Highlights

- ✎ The refinery will be capable of processing 1.2 million barrels of crude oil per day (60 million metric tonnes per annum, or MMTPA).
- ✎ It will produce a range of refined petroleum products, including petrol and diesel meeting BS-VI fuel efficiency norms. The Refinery will also provide feedstock for the integrated petrochemicals complex, which will be capable of producing approx. 18 million tonnes per annum of petrochemical products.
- ✎ The project will also include the development of associated facilities such as a logistics, crude oil and product storage terminals, raw water supply project as well as centralised and shared utilities.
- ✎ The joint partnership between the consortium from India consisting of IOCL, HPCL and BPCL and Saudi Aramco & an additional strategic partner on a 50:50 basis.

RRPCL will rank among the world's largest refining & petrochemicals projects and will be designed to meet India's fast-growing fuels and petrochemicals demand. The project cost is estimated at around Rs.3 lakh crore (USD 44 billion).



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Manu Bhaker won a gold medal in the women's 10-metre air pistol event at the Junior World Cup in Sydney, Australia.

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Highlights of President Ram Nath Kovind's visit to Zambia

12 April '18



This is the first visit to the country by an Indian president since 1989.

- ✎ The two sides signed four agreements - on double taxation avoidance; on judicial cooperation; on mutual visa waivers for officials and diplomats, and on the Entrepreneurship Development Institute that India will build in Zambia.
- ✎ President Kovind also addressed the Zambia-India Business Forum. The theme of the forum was Zambia - India Advancing New Frontiers.
- ✎ India has agreed in principle to provide concessional finance and support towards the construction of the Mahatma Gandhi Convention Centre in Lusaka.
- ✎ India has also gifted Zambia medicines and medical equipment worth USD 3 million.
- ✎ India presented USD 100,000 for the Mahatma Gandhi School in Lusaka.

Malaria Summit held in London

18 April '18

The Malaria Summit was held in London, United Kingdom organisations to make game-changing commitments towards beating malaria. It was organized by non-profit organisation Malaria No More in conjunction with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and supported by British Prime Minister Theresa May.



Key Facts

The summit coincided with Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in London, a biennial convening of 53 Commonwealth leaders, whose countries are disproportionately affected by malaria. It united 14 heads of state and governments, scientists, private sector and international organisations to make game-changing commitments towards beating malaria.

The participants committed on high level political commitment towards malaria elimination, significant increase in investment from malaria endemic countries to leverage and complement donor funding, new innovative tools to overcome the growing threat of resistance and improved methods to track disease to enable more effective and efficient intervention and to prevent resurgence.

The summit pledged investment of over \$3.8 billion to pay for innovation in malaria research and treatment. The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria also pledged \$2 billion would be invested in 46 countries affected by malaria between 2018-20.

Malaria

Malaria is life-threatening mosquito-borne blood disease caused by Plasmodium parasite. It is transmitted to humans through bite of Anopheles mosquito. Once infected mosquito bites human, the parasites multiply in host's liver before infecting and destroying red blood cells. Symptoms of mosquito resemble those of flu, but, without treatment, the effects can sometimes be long-term and fatal. It can be treated and controlled with early diagnosis. Currently, no vaccine is licensed for use in the United States or globally, although one is available in Europe.

Commonwealth Cyber Declaration adopted by Commonwealth countries

20 April '18

The Commonwealth countries at the end of Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in London have adopted Commonwealth Cyber Declaration to take action on cybersecurity by 2020. The declaration is considered as world's largest and most geographically diverse inter-governmental commitment on cybersecurity cooperation.

Key Facts

Under this declaration leaders of 53 commonwealth countries agreed to work closely to evaluate and strengthen their

cybersecurity frameworks and response mechanisms. It also aims to tackle criminal groups and hostile state actors who pose a global threat to cybersecurity.

The declaration sets out common vision for ensuring internet remains free and open across Commonwealth. It commits members to raise national levels of cyber security and increased cooperation to counter those who seek to undermine our values, security, even integrity of elections.

The funding under it will support Commonwealth partners to prevent

and respond to cyber security risks affecting governments, businesses and citizens. It will enable low and middle income Commonwealth members to carry out national cyber security capacity reviews before next CHOGM in 2020. It will underpin projects across Commonwealth to provide technical assistance, training and advice to address wide range of cyber security and cybercrime threats.



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Burning Topics of the Month

India has become the third largest electricity producer.

SBI launched its UK subsidiary, SBI (UK) Limited.

India will grow at 7.3% in 2018: World Bank Report.

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HDFC Bank signed an agreement with the Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

23 March '18

Private sector lender HDFC Bank signed an agreement with the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) under which the bank will facilitate a host of services to the public procurement portal for Central and state government organisations.

The MoU is significant as Government e-marketplace will bring transparency and efficiency in the procurement process with assured and timely payment to the sellers. GeM provides an end-to-end online marketplace for central and state government ministries or departments, central or state public sector undertakings, autonomous institutions and local bodies for procurement of common use goods /services in a transparent and efficient manner. About 20 states have already signed an MoU with GeM to use this portal for their procurements.

Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

GeM is an Online Market platform to facilitate procurement of goods and services by various Ministries and agencies of the Government. It has been envisaged as National Procurement Portal of India

It aims to enhance transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement of goods and services and eliminate corruption. It functions under Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D), Ministry of Commerce and Industries. It is completely paperless, cashless and system driven e-market place that enables procurement of common use goods and services with minimal human interface.

**India has been ranked 67th for fixed broadband speeds and 109th for mobile internet speeds in February, 2018.**

26 March '18

India is ranked 67th for fixed broadband, and 109th for mobile internet speeds in February, according to internet speed testing analysis firm Ookla.

India's performance in fixed broadband download speeds has gone up from average speeds of 18.82 megabit per second (mbps) in November 2017 to 20.72 mbps in February 2018; however, it remains below global average download speed of 42.71 mbps, as per the Ookla's Speedtest Global Index.

India's rank in terms of mobile internet download speed remains same at 109th, but average download speeds have risen to 9.01 mbps in February from 8.80 mbps in November last year.

As per the index, global average mobile broadband download speed was 22.16 mbps in February.

India's neighbour China was ranked 26th with average mobile broadband download speed of 33.96 mbps, Sri Lanka 82nd, Pakistan 92nd, Bangladesh 115th and Nepal 118th. The February Speedtest Global Index shows Norway at pole position in the world for mobile internet with an average download speed of 62.07 Mbps. Singapore takes the top spot for fixed broadband with a 161.53 Mbps average download.

India's neighbouring countries China was ranked 20th, Sri Lanka 76th, Bangladesh 86th, Nepal 89th and Pakistan 112nd, in terms of fixed line broadband download speed. Ookla's Speedtest Global Index compares internet speed data from around the world monthly with help of 7,021 servers globally, out of which 439 Speedtest servers are present in India.



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Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched the 'mKeralam app'.

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28 March '18



India's electricity production grew 34% over seven years to 2017, and the country now produces more energy than Japan and Russia, which had 27% and 8.77% more electricity generation capacity installed, respectively, than India seven years ago.



India produced 1,160.10 billion units (BU) of electricity—one BU is enough to power 10 million households (one household using average of about 3 units per day) for a month—in financial year (FY) 2017. Electricity production stood at 1,003.525 BU between April 2017-January 2018, according to a February 2018 report by India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), a trust established by the commerce ministry.

As of January 2018, India has installed power capacity of 334.4 gigawatt (GW), making it the fifth largest installed capacity in the world after European Union, China, United States and Japan. The government is targeting capacity addition of around 100 GW—the current power production of United Kingdom—by 2022.

Highlights:

- ✦ India is the third largest producer and fourth largest consumer of electricity in the world, with the installed power capacity reaching 334.4 GW as of January 2018. The country also has the fifth largest installed capacity in the world.
- ✦ The government targets capacity addition of around 100 GW under the 13th Five-Year Plan (2017–22)
- ✦ 100 per cent FDI is allowed under the automatic route in the power segment and renewable energy.

02 April '18



In India, the Post Office Payment Bank has started its services from 1st April, 2018. It will be known as India Post Payment Bank and it will be the largest payment bank network in the country. This payment bank has been opened in all the post offices in the country and by this the various facilities will be provided to the citizens for free. It is understood that there are 1.55 lakh post offices in the country, in which 650 payment banks will assist these post offices.

Key Features of India Post Payment Bank

Under this, savings account of up to Rs 1 lakh will be available, up to 25 thousand deposits, 5 percent interest, current account and third party insurance will be available.

- ✦ Under this, post man and rural post offices helpers will deliver digital payment services in urban and rural areas.
- ✦ In year 2015, the RBI gave the in-principle approval for working as a payment bank for Indian posts.
- ✦ The old banks of the country charge money for ATMs and other internet banking facilities, but customers of the post office payment bank will not have to pay any kind of charge to use the ATM.
- ✦ Similarly, for mobile alerts, the bank will not charge any amount.
- ✦ Most banks currently charge for SMS alerts from 25 rupees to 50 rupees. Similarly, there will be no charge for maintenance of quarterly balance. Under this, three types of accounts will be created - Safal, Sugam and Saral.

Background

This bank was speculated by former Governor Raghuram Rajan of the Reserve Bank. This will diversify into the banking sector, and so far the people who are away from the banking system will also get involved. Any subscriber can connect with their identity card. Through this the citizens of the country can avoid the hassles of opening the account and can move towards cashless economy.

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Jio Payments Bank

04 April '18

Jio Payments Bank commenced its banking services. Reliance Industries Ltd was one of the 11 applicants which were issued in-principle approval for setting up a payments bank in August 2015. Jio Payments Bank Limited has commenced operations as a payments bank with effect from April 3, 2018.

Telecom major Bharti Airtel was the first to begin payment bank services in November 2016. Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma promoted Paytm Payments Bank began operations from May 2017 last year while FINO Payments Bank Limited kicked-off in June last year. Birla group's Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank was the latest in this space whose operations were started from February 22 this year.

Background

Payments banks are being promoted by the Reserve Bank to further financial inclusion by giving services such as small savings accounts, payment or remittance services to migrant labour workforce, low income households, small businesses and unorganised sector entities as well as other users.



According to the Steel Users Federation of India (Sufi), India has reached the second place after China in crude steel production. Behind Japan, India has become the world's second largest crude steel producer. At present, China is in the first place in the production of raw steel.



India becomes second largest manufacturer of crude steel



According to the World Steel Association, India has produced 8.4 million tonnes of crude steel in February 2018.

China's share of total global production is more than 50 percent. India's raw steel production increased 4.4 percent to 9.31 million tonnes from April, 2017 to February 2018, compared to the same period last year. That is why India has been able to reverse Japan in the production of crude steel.

India was the third largest crude steel producer, surpassing America in 2015.



05 April '18

ICICI Bank launches 'Social Pay'



Leading private lender ICICI Bank announced the launch of a service 'Social Pay' that enables Non Resident Indians (NRIs) to send money to a beneficiary in India using social media platforms like WhatsApp and e-mail. Named 'Social Pay', this first-of-its-kind service is available on Money2India (M2I), the bank's app for remittances. This new facility will enable NRIs to send money conveniently to their friends and family.

To transfer money, users need to generate a secure link from the M2I app and share it with the beneficiary on their social media profile or email for adding his/her bank details. This link, which is valid for 24 hours is secured with a four digit code set by the sender, which he/she shares with the beneficiary. The beneficiary then validates the passcode before adding the bank details. The M2I user then re-verifies and confirms the payment details on the app to complete the transaction in a safe and secure manner.

"ICICI Bank is one of the leading players in the Indian remittance market. With increasing number of people connected on social media globally, 'Social Pay' embraces the medium as a way to simplify money transfers, adding to customer convenience.

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Tata Motors Ltd has named Rajendra Petkar as the firm's chief technology officer.

05 April '18

Ola to offer in-trip insurance to riders



Cab aggregator Ola will offer in-trip insurance cover to riders, who can avail the service by paying Re 1 for intra-city travel. Ola has partnered with Acko General Insurance and ICICI Lombard General Insurance to launch the program across over 110 cities in the country, the Bengaluru-based company said in a statement.

The company, which already offers an insurance programme to its driver partners, will offer an opt-in insurance policy of Rs 5 lakh as well as cover for missed flights and loss of baggage. Commuters can opt for an in-trip insurance cover at a premium of Re 1 per ride for intra-city travel, Rs 10 for Ola Rentals and Rs 15 for Ola outstation rides.

The facility would be available to all users, including cabs, auto, kaali-peeli, and e-rickshaws. The programme is being rolled out for customers in major metros and will be scaled up to all cities, covering the entire base in the coming weeks.

The programme will provide benefits in cases of loss of baggage or laptops, missed flights, accidental medical expense, ambulance transportation cover, among other facilities. The launch of this initiative, a first of its kind in India, reiterates our resolve of building customer-first solutions.

SBI launched its UK subsidiary, SBI (UK) Limited

11 April '18

The SBI has announced the launch of its UK subsidiary, SBI (UK) Limited, with an initial capital commitment of 225 million pounds from its parent entity.

SBI had started operating for UK residents in 1921.

The move is a reflection of the continued strength of UK-India ties, particularly in financial and professional services.

SBI UK, as the largest Indian bank in the UK, which came into effect on April 1, means that all retail branches of SBI in the UK will fall under a new UK-incorporated banking entity instead of their previous status as overseas branches of the Indian entity.

SBI operates seven branches in London and five each in Manchester, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leicester and Coventry all cities with a large concentration of Indian diaspora population.

India and World Expo 2020 Signed contract

11 April '18



India and World Expo 2020 signed participants contract for India's pavilion in the prestigious World Expo 2020 held once in 5 years.

Key Facts

- ✎ The contract provides for the setting up of India pavilion at Expo 2020 on an extra large plot (about one acre) in the 'Opportunity' segment.
- ✎ This is tune with the great opportunity for economic activity that India provides on the way to becoming a \$5 trillion economy by 2025.
- ✎ Focus will be given to India's advances in Space, Pharma, IT, Renewable Energy, Telecom sectors.
- ✎ The pavilion will be developed in public-private partnership mode.
- ✎ Leading industries and businesses will work with Central government and State governments to participate in India's pavilion.



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MoU Between Indian Army and Axis Bank

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Army and Axis Bank on the Defence Salary Package. The first MoU between Axis Bank and the Indian Army was signed in 2011 and was renewed on 24 Mar 2015. The current MoU is tailor-made to suit the requirements of serving soldiers, pensioners and families.

Under the current MoU, apart from other benefits, the Army personnel will get free personal accident death cover and free permanent total disability cover of Rs 30 lakh and free educational cover of up to Rs 2 Lakh for children between the age of 12 and 20 years.



Recently, Indian Army has also signed a MoU with HDFC bank. Army is hoping that this MoU will benefit a large number of serving and retired Army personnel who are having their accounts with Axis bank; and also provide them an opportunity to access modern banking facilities.

17 April '18

Digital platform for MSME Exporters launched

The Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Suresh Prabhu launched the FIEO GlobalLinker- a digital platform for MSME exporters to digitise their businesses and join a global community of growing businesses today in New Delhi.



The Minister congratulated Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) for coming out with the interesting idea. He said that this initiative will help in expanding India's multi-focused export strategy and also aid in connecting art and artisans to the market. Minister also informed that at least 300 Geographical Indications will be registered very soon, which will give a major boost to exports.

FIEO GlobalLinker is setup with a view to make the business growth of SMEs simpler, more profitable and enjoyable. It is a growing global network currently comprising over 140,000 SME firms, who are seeking business collaboration and growth opportunities through the use of their electronic business card and digital profiles created on the platform. FIEO is available free of cost and it offers exporters a range of features and benefits like:

Business Opportunities: Exporters will be able to find clients, suppliers and advisors using the search and review facilities. Creating a free e-commerce store for direct sales and improved chain management.

Up-to-date Business Knowledge through business articles, industry news and common interest groups.

Improved Efficiencies: Platform provides services like company intranet, integrating email, a business calendar.

FIEO's Services: Application for new RCMC/endorsement/renewal/participation in FIEO's promotional programme and alerts.

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Pankaj Advani has won the Asian Billiards Championships title by defeating B. Bhaskar.

India will grow at 7.3% in 2018: World Bank Report 17 April '18

The World Bank in its twice-a-year South Asia Economic Focus report has projected growth rate of 7.3% for India in 2018 and 7.5% for 2019 and 2020. The growth is expected to accelerate from 6.7% in 2017 to 7.3% in 2018 and to subsequently stabilise supported by sustained recovery in private investment and private consumption.



Key Facts

India's recovering growth will drive South Asia to the fastest growing region. Indian economy has recovered from effects of demonetisation and the Goods and Services Tax (GST). India should strive to accelerate investments and exports to take advantage of recovery in global growth. Disruptions from demonetisation and events surrounding implementation of GST led to setback in economic activity and potentially larger negative effect on poor and vulnerable. Private consumption will remain primary driver of growth while services sector and increasingly, industrial sector will lead production growth.

Every month, the working age increases by 1.3 million people and India will need to create 8.1 million jobs a year to maintain its employment rate. The employment rate is declining based on employment data analyzed from 2005 to 2015, largely due to women leaving the job market.

UK-India Tech Alliance launched by Nasscom, TechUK

19 April '18

The NASSCOM (National Association of Software & Services Companies) and TechUK launched new UK-India Tech Alliance. The leading technology trade bodies of India and UK inked memorandum of understanding (MoU) in this regard during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the UK.

The UK-India Tech Alliance

The alliance is aimed at increasing collaboration on skills and new technologies, assisting policy development and encouraging innovation and lay groundwork for roadmap which will be jointly presented in June 2018. It will promote growth of skills needed for world where artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, big data analytics and cybersecurity have become major technology growth areas. It will be key partner for government – providing sounding board and expert advice for policy development to ensure that both governments nurture growth in this sector and beyond.

The MoU commits two organisations to exchange knowledge and learn lessons from FutureSkills initiative launched by NASSCOM, explore expansion of FutureSkills platform, work together to strengthen people-to-people (P2P) and business-to-business (B2B) links between India and UK. It calls for exploring wider partnership to develop digital skills in both countries and encourage Indian companies active in UK to deliver digital skills training opportunities as part of cross-sector Digital Skills Partnership convened by UK government.



India is now world's sixth largest economy: IMF 20 April '18

According to International Monetary Fund's (IMF) World Economic Outlook (WEO) for April 2018, India is now the world's sixth largest economy at \$2.6 trillion (in terms of GDP), displacing France. The five economies ahead are United States, China, Japan, Germany and United Kingdom.



IMF's April 2018 WEO

India is expected to grow at 7.4% in 2018 and 7.8% in 2019, making it fastest growing economy in the world. India has made progress on structural reforms in recent past, including through implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST), which will help reduce internal barriers to trade, increase efficiency and improve tax compliance.

The medium-term growth outlook for India is strong but important challenge is to enhance inclusiveness. Moreover, India's high public debt and recent failure to achieve budget's deficit target needs fiscal consolidation into a medium term to further strengthen fiscal policy credibility.

The main priorities for India are lifting constraints on job creation and ensuring that demographic dividend is not wasted. For this India needs to ease labour market rigidities, reduce infrastructure bottlenecks, and improve educational outcomes.

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Burning Topics of the Month

**India's Kidambi Srikanth
Becomes World No. 1
Badminton Player.**

**Make BCCI public body
and bring under RTI:
Law Commission.**

**John Isner has lifted the
Men's Singles Miami
Open.**

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26 March '18

Pankaj Advani has won the Asian Billiards Championships title

Pankaj Advani secured his Asian Billiards Championships title by beating his practice partner B Bhaskar 6-1 in the summit clash in Yangon.

With this win, Advani remains the leading Indian, Asian and world champion in billiards for 2017-18. This is Advani's 11th gold medal at the Asian level of cue sports. His continental billiards title tally has gone up to seven, in addition to the back-to-back Asian Games gold medals in 2006 and 2010, one 6-red snooker title and a snooker team gold.

Key Notes

- ✍ *With this win, Advani remains the reigning Indian, Asian and world champion in billiards for 2017-18.*
- ✍ *This is Advani's 11th gold medal at the Asian level of cue sports.*



Rashid Khan has become the fastest Bowler to take 100 One-Day International (ODI) wickets.

26 March '18

Afghanistan legspinner Rashid Khan has become the fastest bowler to the milestone of 100 ODI wickets, doing so in 44 matches which is eight fewer than the previous record holder, Australia's Mitchell Starc who took 52 matches to break an 18-year-old record in 2016.

Rashid, the game's No 2 ranked ODI bowler, took his 100th wicket in the format when he had West Indies' Shai Hope lbw for 23 with the last ball of his third over during final of ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier in Harare.

He took his 50th ODI wicket in his 26th match, and moved to 99 in 17 more.

Key Notes

- ✍ *Afghanistan's legspinner Rashid Khan has become the fastest bowler to the milestone of 100 ODI wickets.*
- ✍ *The previous record was by Australian left-arm pacer Mitchell Starc who broke the record in 2016.*



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Telangana Sports Journalists Association annual awards

01 April '18



Indian women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj was named 'Sportsperson of the Year' at the Telangana Sports Journalists Association annual awards for 2017 in Hyderabad.

Other Awards

Best Senior Male athlete: The award was conferred to ace Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth by former BCCI president N Shivlal Yadav.

Best Senior Female athlete: The award was conferred to ace Indian shuttler P V Sindhu by tennis star Sania Mirza.

Best Coach of the Year: The award was conferred by former Indian cricketer V V S Laxman to Gopichand, who received the honour for the second time in a row.

Lifetime Achievement award: The honour was presented to triple Olympian and former national hockey player N Mukesh Kumar.

Team of the year: The award was won by Hyderabad Cricket team. It was given away by national selection committee chairman M S K Prasad who urged the youngsters to play it fair.

Outstanding achievement award: The award was presented to ace Indian gymnast B Aruna Reddy.

Santosh Trophy 2018

Kerala won the title for Santosh Trophy by defeating last champion West Bengal by 4-2 in the penalty shootout finals of the 72nd national football championship. After the scheduled and extra time both teams were equal to 2-2, after which the penalty shootout was taken for the result. This is the sixth Santosh Trophy title of Kerala which they won after 13 years. Santosh Trophy was played in the Salt Lake Stadium in the home ground of West Bengal, which won 32 times in the title match. Last year, West Bengal won this trophy. West Bengal won this trophy in 2017, six years after 2011.

About Santosh Trophy

- ✗ In the year 1941, the Indian Football Association started the Santosh Trophy Football competition. It is played between state and government institutions.
- ✗ Heavenly Manmatha Nath Rai Chowdhary named it after the name of Maharaja of Santosh, which falls in the region of Bangladesh.
- ✗ Runner up is given Kamla Gupta trophy in the memory of Dr. S.K. Gupta's wife. Whereas the third person is given the Dhanti Cup on behalf of the Mysore Football Association. West Bengal has won the title of Santosh Trophy for the most 32 times so far.

John Isner has lifted the Men's Singles Miami Open

02 April '18



In Tennis, John Isner has lifted the Men's Singles trophy of the Miami Open. In the title clash, the 14th seeded American defeated fourth-placed German Alexander Zverev, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4 to win his first ever Masters 1,000 title.

At 32 years, 11 months, Isner is the oldest first-time winner at the ATP World Tour Masters 1000 level.

The 2018 Miami Open presented by Itaú (also known as 2018 Miami Masters) was a professional men and women's tennis tournament. It was the 34th edition of the Miami Open, and part of the Masters 1000 category on the 2018 ATP World Tour, and of the Premier Mandatory category on the 2018 WTA Tour. All men and women's events took place at the Tennis Center at Crandon Park in Key Biscayne, Florida, United States, from March 19 through April 1, 2018.

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India's Kidambi Srikanth Becomes World No. 1 Badminton Player



Kidambi Srikanth became the first Indian male to become world No. 1 in badminton rankings. The ace Indian shuttler ousted Denmark's Viktor Axelsen to reach to the top of rankings. He's the second Indian to do so after Saina Nehwal, who became the first Indian to climb atop the world ranking in 2015.

Srikanth, has won four Super Series titles in 2017 Indonesia Open, Australian Open, Denmark Open and French Open. The shuttler also played a major role in India's gold medal win in mixed team event in the 2018 Commonwealth Games at Gold Coast. Srikanth defeat former world no. 1 Lee Chong Wei in straight Games as India won the final 3-1.

Key Points

- ✎ Srikanth has moved to the top of the men's singles rankings with 76895 points
- ✎ In 2017, he became the first Indian to win back-to-back Super Series titles.



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Make BCCI public body and bring under RTI: Law Commission

The Law Commission of India (LCI) has recommended to declare Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) as a public body. It also recommended BCCI and its all member cricket associations to be brought under Right to Information (RTI) law regime.

Recommendations of LCI

BCCI's monopolistic activities, directly and indirectly, affect the fundamental rights of citizens, players, and other functionaries. Private citizen should be able to move highest court against BCCI for any violation of his fundamental rights.

BCCI has been flying under radar of public scrutiny and encouraged environment of opacity and non-accountability. It has created impression in minds of general public that corruption and other forms of malpractices are adversely affecting one of most popular sports played in India.

BCCI should be held accountable, under all circumstances, for any violations of basic human rights of stakeholders. BCCI exercises 'state-like' powers in the regulation of cricket, and thus, comes under the definition of 'state' under Article 12 of the Constitution.

How can BCCI as an entity permitted as de facto by state to represent country at the international stage. BCCI virtually acts as National Sports Federation (NSF) and Sports Ministry website should explicitly mention BCCI in list of NSFs. This will automatically bring it within the purview of the RTI Act.



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Afghan spinner Rashid Khan has become the fastest-ever bowler to reach 100 wickets in ODI cricket.

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ISRO launches GSAT-6A.

PSLV-C41 successfully launches IRNSS-1I navigation satellite.

TESS: NASA launches its newest planet-hunting spacecraft on SpaceX rocket.

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Agreement between ISRO and BHEL

23 March '18

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) entered into a Technology Transfer Agreement (TTA) with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) to transfer the technology for the manufacture of Space Grade Lithium-Ion Cells.

The TTA was signed at ISRO Headquarters, Bengaluru in the presence of Dr. K. Sivan, Chairman of ISRO and Atul Sobti, Chairman & Managing Director of BHEL.



Key Highlights

- ISRO uses Li-Ion batteries as power sources for satellite and launch vehicle applications due to their high energy density, reliability and long cycle life.
- The Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) of ISRO at Thiruvananthapuram has successfully developed the technology to produce space grade Li-ion cell and demonstrated the performance of the cell under various testing conditions.
- These space grade cells are currently being used for various satellite and launch vehicle applications.



Significance

This Li-ion cell Technology Transfer will enable BHEL to produce space grade Li-Ion cells which can meet the country's space programme requirements.

This technology could also be used to cater to the Li-Ion cell requirement for other national needs.

About BHEL

- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) owned and founded by the Union Government, is an engineering and manufacturing company based in New Delhi, India.
- Established in 1964, BHEL is India's largest power generation equipment manufacturer.
- The company was granted the prestigious Maharatna status in 2013 for its outstanding track record and vast scale of operations.

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Government has banned import of Oxytocin 09 April '18

The Union government has banned imports of the hormone oxytocin to stop its misuse in the livestock industry, as it causes hormonal imbalances and shortens the lives of milch animals.

- The government has decided to rely on domestic production to satisfy requirements of the hormone.

Background:

A panel of top drug experts had recommended an import ban in February. It also recommended that sale be limited to registered government hospitals and clinics.

About Oxytocin:

- Oxytocin is a hormone that is made in the brain, in the hypothalamus. It is transported to, and secreted by, the pituitary gland, which is located at the base of the brain.
- It acts both as a hormone and as a brain neurotransmitter. The release of oxytocin by the pituitary gland acts to regulate two female reproductive functions: Childbirth and Breast-feeding.

Concerns:

- The drug is used by dairy owners and farmers to boost milk production and

make vegetables look bigger and fresher. But, it was found that indiscriminate use of Oxytocin in milch animals and by farmers was causing irreversible hormone damage.

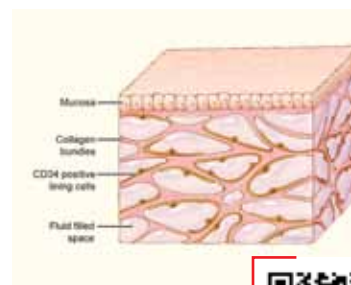
- The drug's abuse in animals shortens their lives and makes them barren sooner.
- Implications to human health are humongous, from reproductive complications to hormonal imbalances.

New organ 'Interstitium' discovered

02 April '18

Scientists have discovered a new organ 'Interstitium' in the human body, a discovery that could help the scientists understand the spread of cancer within the body.

The findings of the study were published in the Nature's Scientific Reports journal.



About the research

- Scientists used a special live imaging technique called a Probe-based Confocal Laser Endomicroscopy (pCLE) to locate the interstitium in various parts of the body such as lungs and digestive tract.
- The study was conducted by David Carr-Locke and Petros Benias, doctors of Mount Sinai Beth Israel Medical Centre, while investigating patient's bile duct for cancer. The research team collected tissue specimens of bile ducts during twelve cancer surgeries that involved removal of pancreas and the bile duct.
- The study reveals that layers of body 'Connective Tissues' that were long thought to be dense, lining the digestive tract, lungs and urinary systems and surrounding arteries and veins - are instead interconnected and fluid-filled compartments.
- These compartments have been termed as 'Interstitium' by the scientists.
- After a thorough study, scientists concluded that the interstitium can compress or expand in size, suggesting it could serve as "shock absorber" for other parts of the body.
- Once confirmed as an organ, interstitium will take skin's place as the largest organ in the human body. Earlier, no one studied these spaces due to the medical field's dependence on the examination of fixed tissue on microscope slides to get the most accurate view of biological reality.

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PSLV-C41 successfully launches IRNSS-1I navigation satellite



In its forty third flight, ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C41 successfully launched the 1,425 kg IRNSS-1I Navigation Satellite from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

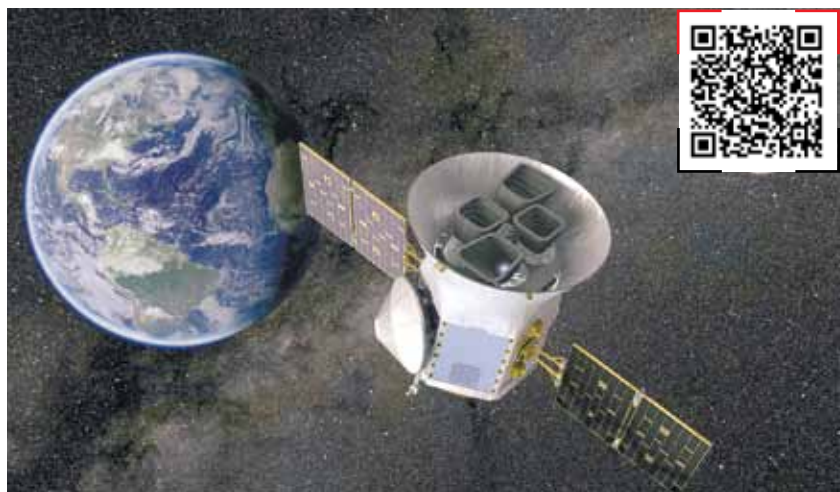
IRNSS-1I is the latest member of the 'Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC)' system. NavIC, also known as Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), is an independent regional navigation satellite system designed to provide position information in the Indian region and 1,500 km around the Indian mainland.

A number of ground facilities responsible for IRNSS satellite ranging and monitoring, generation and transmission of navigation parameters, satellite control, network timing, etc., have been established in many locations across the country as part of NavIC.

Till now, PSLV has successfully launched 52 Indian satellites and 237 customer satellites from abroad.

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TESS: NASA launches its newest planet-hunting spacecraft on SpaceX rocket



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS), a new planet-hunting spacecraft onboard of SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida, US. TESS mission is designed to carry out first spaceborne all-sky transiting exoplanet survey.

Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)

The TESS mission is led by Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research. It is designed to find potential planets orbiting stars close to Earth. It will identify such planets by spotting decreased brightness of stars after planet passes in front of it.

The primary mission objective of TESS is to survey brightest stars near Earth for transiting exoplanets over two-year period. It will use array of wide-field cameras to perform all-sky survey. It will create catalog of thousands of exoplanet candidates using transit photometry method.

TESS observatory weighs just 362 kilograms. It has four wide-view cameras surrounded by sun shade to monitor any dips in brightness from target stars. Repeated dips will indicate a planet passing in front of its star. TESS has no instruments capable of detecting life. Its main job is to find and characterize planets that will become main targets of future telescopes.

With help of TESS, it will be possible to study mass, size, density and orbit of large cohort of small planets, including sample of rocky worlds in habitable zones (goldilocks zone) of their host stars. This will reveal whether planets are rocky (like Earth), gas or jovian giants (like Jupiter) or something even more unusual.

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IIT Delhi and University of Delhi in the world's top 200 universities.

IGI Airports is among world's Top 20 Busiest Airports.

Chandrayaan-2 launch postponed to October-November 2018.

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India is now the second-largest mobile phone producer in the world



02 April '18

India is now the second-largest mobile phone producer in the world after China. According to the data shared by Indian Cellular Association with the government, annual production of mobile phones in India increased from 3 million units in 2014 to 11 million units in 2017. With this, India replaced Vietnam to become the second largest producer of mobile phones in 2017. The top three mobile producing countries are China, India and Vietnam. With the rise in mobile phone production, imports of the devices in the country also reduced to less than half in 2017-18.

The fast track task Force, a body under Ministry of Electronics and IT, has set target to achieve around 500 million mobile phone production in India by 2019, with value estimated to be around USD 46 billion.

Indian Cellular Association (ICA) is the apex body of the mobile industry comprising manufacturers, brand owners, application & solution providers, distributors, retailers and eminent consumers of mobile handsets. The Association has been constituted to provide value and service to the mobile cellular industry in India by fuelling its growth, improving competitiveness, helping create a legal and ethical market and regulatory environment, thereby providing long-term benefits of mobile connectivity to the Indian masses.

Pankaj Mohindroo, the Founder and National President of ICA has recently been appointed by the Government of India as Chairman of the 'Task Force on Mobile Phone Manufacturing' to rejuvenate India's mobile manufacturing eco-system with a view to achieve production of 500 million units of mobile handsets by 2019.

Bloomberg Billionaires top 100 Index 03 April '18

Reliance chairman Mukesh Ambani, with a net worth of \$38 billion, is Asia's third-richest man and is ranked 19 in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Apart from Ambani, there are 23 Indians in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index top 500 list, with Amazon's Jeff Bezos and Bill Gates holding on to the top two spots. While Jeff Bezos, whose net worth is \$121 billion, added \$21.8 billion to his business this year, Bill Gates has seen a drop by 1.5 per cent (\$1.36 billion). Another interesting fact that can be gleaned from the index is the shift of the world's riches from Europe – once a hotbed of billionaires -to US. There are only two billionaires from Europe – Amancio Ortega of Spain and Bernard Arnault of France – among world's top 10 richest people.

Apart from Ambani, four other Indians who have made it to the list include ArcelorMittal CEO Lakshmi Mittal (51), Shapoorji Pallonji Group Chairman Pallonji Mistry (61), Wipro Chairman Azim Premji (66), and HCL Chairman Shiv Nadar (85).



Top 5 Bloomberg Billionaires

1.	Jeff Bezos	United States
2.	Bill Gates	United States
3.	Warren Buffett	United States
4.	Amancio Ortega	Spain
5.	Bernard Arnault	France

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A' National Conference on Down Syndrome' was organised by the National Trust under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at New Delhi.

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03 April '18

A meagre two Indian institutions (the IIT Delhi and University of Delhi) figured in the world's top 200 universities compared to 49 from the USA, 30 from United Kingdom, 11 from Germany and 8 from China & Australia, a joint study by industry body ASSOCHAM and think tank Yes Institute said today. The ASSOCHAM-Yes institute joint study reveals that there is no other Indian institution in the top 200.

IIT Delhi and University of Delhi in the world's top 200 universities



Key Highlights

- ✎ The joint study revealed that the top talent goes to developed countries for studying, research and contributing intellectual capital as well as economic value to other countries.
- ✎ It stated that an estimated six lakh Indian students are studying abroad, spending over USD 20 billion annually.
- ✎ The study reported that only 16 per cent of the Indian firms carry out any in-firm training themselves, as against 80 per cent of Chinese firms.
- ✎ The study indicates that only a small portion of Indian graduates are considered employable.


 Shri Narendra Modi
 Prime Minister


 Government of India
 Ministry of Human Resource Development


National Institutional Ranking framework (NIRF)
 04 April '18


 Shri Prakash Javadekar
 Minister of HRD

The Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Prakash Javadekar, released the NIRF India Rankings 2018 in various categories on the basis of performance of Higher Educational Institutions. 69 top institutions in 9 categories were awarded.

In the third edition of India Rankings, a total of 2809 institutions have participated in 9 categories. Collectively they have submitted 3954 distinct profiles, some in multiple disciplines/categories. This includes 301 Universities, 906 Engineering Institutions, 487 Management Institutions, 286 Pharmacy Institutions, 71 Law Institutions, 101 Medical Institutions, 59 Architecture Institutions and 1087 General Degree Colleges.

“India Rankings 2018” have ranked institutions in the disciplines/categories mentioned above, and have also provided a common overall rank across all disciplines for those institutions which have more than 1000 enrolled students.

This year marks the beginning of limited ranking of institutions in new areas like Medicine, Law and Architecture.

Top 3 institutions Overall:

1. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
2. Indian Institute of Technology Madras
3. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Top institute in Management is Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad.

Top University is Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.

Top Medical institution is All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

NIRF Rankings 2018—Overall

Rank	Institute	Location
1	Indian Institute of Science	Bengaluru
2	Indian Institute of Technology Madras	Chennai
3	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	Mumbai
4	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	New Delhi
5	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur	Kharagpur
6	Jawaharlal Nehru University	New Delhi
7	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	Kanpur
8	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	Roorkee
9	Banaras Hindu University	Varanasi
10	Anna University	Chennai

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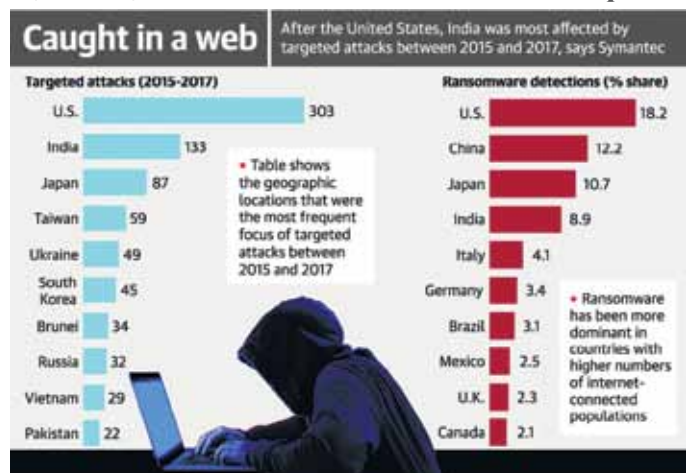
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India third most vulnerable country to cyber threats

India emerged as the third most vulnerable country in terms of risk of cyber threats, such as malware, spam and ransomware, in 2017, moving up one place over previous year, according to 'Internet Security Threat Report' by security solutions provider Symantec. The U.S. remains most vulnerable to such attacks, followed by China.

In 2017, 5.09% of global threats detected were in India, slightly less than 5.11% in 2016. The U.S. (26.61%) was most vulnerable to such attacks, followed by China (10.95%).

The global threat ranking is based on eight metrics — malware, spam, phishing, bots, network attacks, web attacks, ransomware and cryptominers.



As per the report, India continues to be second most impacted by spam and bots, third most impacted by network attacks, and fourth most impacted by ransomware.

The report also pointed out that with the threat landscape becoming more diverse, attackers are working harder to discover new avenues of attack and cover their tracks while doing so.



Assam Spring Festival 09 April '18

Assam Spring Festival is being held at the Manas National Park where visitors will get to experience the state's local food, music, handloom and handicrafts. The aim of the event is to promote the local food and culture of the fringe villagers. It is an attempt to create a model of alternative livelihood through food, handloom and culture.

Key facts on Manas National Park:

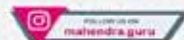
- Manas National Park is a national park, UNESCO Natural World Heritage site, a Project Tiger reserve, an elephant reserve and a biosphere reserve in Assam, India.
- Located in the Himalayan foothills, it is contiguous with the Royal Manas National Park in Bhutan.
- The Manas river flows thorough the west of the park and is the main river within it. It is a major tributary of Brahmaputra river and splits into two separate rivers, the Beki and Bholkaduba as it reaches the plains.
- The Manas river also serves as an international border dividing India and Bhutan.
- The park is well known for species of rare and endangered wildlife that are not found anywhere else in the world like the Assam roofed turtle, hispid hare, golden langur and pygmy hog.



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India's Aviation Sector

Indira Gandhi International Airport climbed up from the 22nd to the 16th position as the busiest airport in the world this year. The airport was ranked as India's busiest airport for passenger traffic, which grew by 14.1 percent year over year.

As per the report, the IGI Airport was also the fastest-growing airport among those in the top 20 club, with traffic increasing at the rate of 14.1 percent, followed by China's Guangzhou

Airport (10.3 percent) and Indonesia's Jakarta Airport (8.3 percent).

Apart from IGI Airport, the airports of Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Chennai were also ranked among the fastest growing airports in the world with a year on year growth of 26.9 percent, 19.6 percent, 12.9 percent and 10.5 percent, respectively, in 2017.

Key highlights

- ✎ Atlanta Airport was ranked as the world's busiest airport, however, it

Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport entered the club of the top 20 airports across the world, as per the Airport Council International's preliminary report on airport traffic for 2017.

While, New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport was pushed out of the top 20 club, with the entry of the IGI Airport.

was the only one among the top 20 to report a decline in passenger traffic.

- ✎ Dubai Airport was ranked as the world's busiest airport for international passengers, followed by London's Heathrow Airport and Hong Kong Airport.

- ✎ In terms of air cargo, Hong Kong Airport took the top place, with Memphis Airport and Shanghai Airport falling at second and third places.

Index of Economic Freedom

India has jumped 13 places in the last one year to 130th spot in the latest annual Index of Economic Freedom released by a top American think-tank the Heritage Foundation. In 2017, India with a score of 52.6 points was ranked at 143 among 180 countries, two spots below neighbour Pakistan.

As per the latest Index of Economic Freedom, China has jumped one spot and Pakistan is now at 131 position. China with 57.4 points was ranked 111 in the 2017.

The report said Economic liberalisation measures, including industrial deregulation, privatisation of state-owned enterprises and reduced controls on foreign trade and investment that began in the early 1990s accelerated growth.

The report also mentioned that Corruption, underdeveloped infrastructure, a restrictive and burdensome regulatory environment, and poor financial and budget management continue to undermine overall development.

Key Highlights of the report

- ✎ India's economic freedom score is 54.5, making its economy the 130th freest in the 2018 Index.
- ✎ India's overall score has increased by 1.9 points, led by improvements in judicial effectiveness, business freedom, government integrity, and fiscal health. India is ranked 30th among 43 countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and its overall score is below the regional and world averages.
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Soft Drinks Sugar tax in UK to combat obesity and sugar related diseases

17 April '18

The Soft Drinks Industry Levy also known as soft drinks sugar tax or sin tax or sugar tax came into force in United Kingdom as part of government's plan to combat obesity and sugar related disease. With introduction of sugar levy, UK joins few countries, including Mexico, France and Norway that have introduced similar fat taxes.

Key Facts

The Soft Drinks Industry Levy was announced in 2016. It is based on levels of sugar in drinks, with most sugary drinks paying highest tax. Drinks containing 5 grams of sugar per 100ml taxed at 18 pence per litre, and those with more than 5 grams per 100ml taxed at 24 pence per litre.

The levy will be applied to manufacturers in Britain and whether they pass it on to consumers or not will be up to them. It will be not applicable to fruit juices as they don't contain added sugar and neither to drinks that have high milk content.

The levy is expected to raise 240 million pounds every year for Treasury. Proceeds from it will be used to directly fund new sports facilities in schools as well as healthy breakfast clubs, ensuring children in UK lead healthier lives.

According to UK government figures, 60% of its population is overweight, with approximately one-in-four people obese. Sugary soft drinks account for around 20% of sugar consumed by children. High sugar consumption has been linked to weight gain, which is risk factor for several obesity related diseases including cancer in adults. Rather than banning products or forcing companies to act, UK Government through this levy is hoping to nudge manufacturers in healthier direction. One option open to companies is changing recipes to lower added sugar, so that they pay less or no tax.



18 April '18

Environment ministry releases draft National Clean Air Programme

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has released draft of National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) proposing multiple strategies to reduce air pollution. It aims to tackle increasing air pollution problem across country in comprehensive manner. The goal of NCAP is to meet prescribed annual average ambient air quality standards at all locations in country in a stipulated time frame. However it does not mention of any specific target and time frame. Under NCAP, the MoEFCC plans to take host of measures to bring down air pollution.



Objectives of the NCAP

- ✎ Augment and evolve effective and proficient ambient air quality monitoring network across country to ensure comprehensive and reliable database.
- ✎ To have efficient data dissemination and public outreach mechanism for timely measures for prevention and mitigation of air pollution.
- ✎ To have feasible management plan for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution.

Measures to be taken by MoEFCC under NCAP

Under proposed NCAP, the MoEFCC will augment air quality monitoring network, identification of alternative technology for real-time monitoring, set up of 10 city super network, indoor air pollution monitoring and management and air pollution health impact studies. Other measures under it also includes air quality forecasting system, issuance of notification on dust management, three-tier mechanism for review, assessment and inspection for implementation and national emission inventory.

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Bollywood actress-producer Anushka Sharma has been featured in the Forbes 30 under 30 Asia 2018 list.

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Chandrayaan-2 launch postponed to October-November 2018

The Indian Space and Research Organisation (ISRO) has postponed launch of India's second lunar mission 'Chandrayaan-2' from April 2018 to October-November 2018. The launch was postponed for additional tests suggested by national level committee to review Chandrayaan-2.



Chandrayaan 2

Chandrayaan 2 is India's second mission to Moon and is advanced version of previous Chandrayaan-1 mission (launched in 2008). It has been developed indigenously by ISRO. It consists of Orbiter, Lander and Rover configuration. In this mission, ISRO will for first time attempt to land a rover on moon's south-pole. It will be launched on board of Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mk III (GSLV-F10). It is ISRO's first inter-planetary mission to land rover on any celestial body. The spacecraft (orbiter) weighs around 3,290 kg and it will orbit around moon and perform objectives of remote sensing moon. Once GSLV-F10 put spacecraft in 170 km x 20,000 km elliptical orbit, orbiter will be manoeuvred towards 100-km lunar orbit by firing thrusters and then lander housing the rover will separate from orbiter.

The six wheeled rover will move on lunar surface and collect soil or rock samples for on-site chemical analysis to gather scientific information on lunar topography, mineralogy, elemental abundance, lunar exosphere and signatures of hydroxyl and water-ice. The data will be relayed to Earth through orbiter. The rover will move around landing site in semi-autonomous mode as decided by the ground commands.

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Commonwealth Heads of Govt. Meeting (CHOGM) held in London

The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2018 (CHOGM 2018) was held in London, United Kingdom. It was overall 25th meeting of the heads of government of the Commonwealth of Nations. It was also first CHOGM held following United Kingdom's decision to withdraw from European Union. This decision has resulted for Britain to strengthen its economic ties with and play greater role in Commonwealth. India was represented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Key Facts

The theme CHOGM 2018 was "Towards a Common Future". The British hosts had set out four main goals for summit viz prosperity: boosting intra-Commonwealth trade and investment; security: increasing cooperation across security challenges including global terrorism, organised crime and cyberattacks; fairness: promoting democracy, fundamental freedoms and good governance across Commonwealth and sustainability: building resilience of small and vulnerable states to deal with effects of climate change and other global crises.

During CHOGM 2018, Commonwealth Blue Charter on ocean governance Commonwealth connectivity agenda for trade and investment, declaration on cybercrime and revised Commonwealth guidelines on election observation in member countries were taken into consideration.

Cabinet approves ordinance for death penalty for child rapists 20 April '18

The Union Cabinet has approved promulgation of Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance to provide death penalty for rapists of girls below 12 years. The ordinance amends Indian Penal Code (IPC), Criminal Procedure Code, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and Indian Evidence Act.

Key Provisions of Ordinance

It provides for stringent punishment of jail term of minimum 20 years or life imprisonment or death for rape of girl less than 12 years. It provides punishment with imprisonment for rest of life or death sentence in case of gang rape of girl below 12 years. It increases minimum punishment from 10 years to 20 years for crime of

rape of girl under 16 years, which can be extended to imprisonment for rest of life. It increases minimum punishment for rape of women from rigorous imprisonment of 7 years to 10 years, which can be extended to life imprisonment. It provides for speedy investigation and trial, which must be completed in two months. It proposes 6 months' time limit for disposal of appeals in rape cases. It provides dedicated manpower for investigation of rape cases in time bound manner. It provides no provision for anticipatory bail for person accused of rape or gang rape of girl under 16 years. It has also been provided that court has to give notice of 15 days to Public Prosecutor and representative of victim before deciding bail applications in case of rape of a girl under 16 years of age. It has provision for maintaining national database and profile of sexual offenders by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). This data will be regularly shared with States/UTs for monitoring, tracking and investigation including verification of antecedents by police.



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BENIGN [Adjective]

PRONUNCIATION

UK /bɪˈnɪn/

It's as easy as 'ABC' so let's know how to pronounce this one! 'BE' can be pronounced like 'be' from the word 'begin' [bɪˈgɪn] or befriend/ befit/ because etc. and 'nign' can be pronounced like the number 'nine' [naɪn] or dine/ shine/ fine etc. , so all together you should pronounce it like 'be+nine'

DEFINITIONS

1. Gentle and kind
2. Showing gentleness or kindness
3. ENVIRONMENT: (of a climate) mild and favourable.
4. MEDICINE: (of a disease) not harmful in effect, especially relating to a tumorous growth.

SYNONYMS : Kind, cordial, gentle, generous

ANTONYMS : Unfriendly, hostile, unhealthy, malignant

EXAMPLES OF BENIGN IN A SENTENCE

1. She is a benign and magnanimous lady.
2. Generally, children have benign faces.
3. The climate becomes more benign as we move nearer to the Black Sea.
4. There is benign growth in his brain tumour.

FIRST KNOWN USE OF BENIGN

14th Century

C14: from French bénin, fem. bénigne), from Latin benignus "kindly, kindhearted, friendly, generous," literally "well born," from *bene* "good/well" (see *bene-*) + *gignere* "to bear, beget," from *genus* "birth" (see *genus*). For similar sense evolution, *gentle*, *kind* (adj.), generous.

NEW AND TRICKY

PREFIX-	MEANING	PART OF SPEECH	EXAMPLES
ben-	Good	Adjective	Benediction, beneficent, benevolence

OTHER PARTS OF SPEECH

Benignly, adverb

Benignity, noun

EXAMPLES IN A SENTENCE

1. The policeman smiled benignly at the motorist.
2. This new benignity and tolerance disconcerted him a little.

OTHER RELATED WORDS

Benignant, adjective

Superbenign, adjective

Superbenignly, adverb

Unbenign, adjective

Unbenignly, adverb

CONTEMPORARY EXAMPLES

- Even its benign forms—the resurgence of modest dress norms in Jewish communities, for example—perpetuate this idea.
Church Sex Scandals Are Rooted in Theology, Jay Michaelson, December 15, 2014.
- Unstoppable or not, John H has seen little in his 38 years to persuade him progress is benign.
The Golden West Up for Grabs: 'Painted Horses' Is the Next Great Western Novel, Wendy Smith, November 28, 2014.
- It is not some benign magical sleep as shown on TV, where people wake up a year later and are instantly back to normal.
Understanding Tracy Morgan's Traumatic Brain Injury, Jean Kim, November 20, 2014.

HISTORICAL EXAMPLES

- Gentleness and mercy should blend their benign influences with justice.
Female Scripture Biographies, Vol. I, Francis Augustus Cox
- For a few moments she listened to them, feeling elderly and benign.
Howards End, E. M. Forster
- So, from their benign choice, he had really nothing to say to Lydia or Anne.
The Prisoner, Alice Brown

OTHER RELATED EXAMPLES

1. He had a warm, benign nature and offered himself to you as a friend and ally.
2. In persistently windy areas consider planting a windbreak to create a more benign climate for your garden.
3. The village spirits are considered benign, helping people to have good and happy lives so long as proper rituals are observed.
4. At the moment, though, the normally benign Morris has fallen into a stern mood.
5. I remember very well having the extraordinary sense that this place was very special - a benign and benevolent land.

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2018 Commonwealth Games

Host city	Gold Coast, Queensland
Country	Australia
Motto	Share the Dream
Nations participating	71 Commonwealth Teams
Athletes participating	4,426
Events	275 in 19 sports











The 2018 Commonwealth Games, officially known as the XXI Commonwealth Games and commonly known as Gold Coast 2018, were an international multi-sport event for members of the Commonwealth that were held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, between 4 and 15 April 2018. It was the fifth time Australia had hosted the Commonwealth Games and the first time a major multi-sport event achieved gender equality by having an equal number of events for males and female athletes.

More than 4,400 athletes from 71 Commonwealth Games Associations took part including Gambia where were readmitted as a Commonwealth Games Federation member on 31 March 2018. With 275 sets of medals, the games featured 19 Commonwealth sports, including beach volleyball, para triathlon and women's rugby sevens. These sporting events took place at 14 venues in the host city, two venues in Brisbane and one venue each in Cairns and Townsville.

The host nation Australia topped the medal table for the fourth time in the past five Commonwealth Games, winning the most golds (80) and most medals overall (198). England and India finished second and third respectively. Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, British Virgin Islands and Dominica each won their first Commonwealth Games medals.

Borobi was named as the mascot of the 2018 Commonwealth Games in 2016. Borobi is a blue koala, with indigenous markings on its body. The term "borobi" means koala in the Yugambeh language, spoken by the indigenous Yugambeh people of the Gold Coast and surrounding areas.

Medal Tally

Rank	CGA		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Australia (AUS)		80	59	59	198
2	England (ENG)		45	45	46	136
3	India (IND)		26	20	20	66
4	Canada (CAN)		15	40	27	82
5	New Zealand (NZL)		15	16	15	46
6	South Africa (RSA)		13	11	13	37
7	Wales (WAL)		10	12	14	36
8	Scotland (SCO)		9	13	22	44
9	Nigeria (NGR)		9	9	6	24
10	Cyprus (CYP)		8	1	5	14
	Total (43 CGAs)		275	276	289	840

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Anmol and Manu Bhaker have won a Gold Medal in the mixed 10m air pistol event at the ISSF Junior World Cup.

The list of India's medal winners at the Gold Coast games

GOLD MEDAL (26)

Weightlifting		
1.	Chanu Saikhom Mirabai	(Women's 48kg)
2.	Venkat Rahul Ragala	(Men's 85kg)
3.	Sanjita Chanu Khumukcham	(Women's 53kg)
4.	Sathish Kumar Sivalingam	(Men's 77kg)
5.	Punam Yadav	(Women's 69kg)
Shooting		
6.	Manu Bhaker	(Women's 10m Air Pistol)
7.	Jitu rai	(Men's 10m Air Pistol)
8.	Anish Bhanwala	(Men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol)
9.	Sanjeev Rajput	(Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions)
10.	Heena Sidhu	(Women's 25m Pistol)
11.	Tejaswini Sawant	(Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions)
12.	Shreyasi Singh	(Women's Double Trap)
Wrestling		
13.	Kumar Sushil	(Men's Freestyle 74 kg)
14.	Sumit	(Men's Freestyle 125 kg)
15.	Rahul Aware	(Men's Freestyle 57 kg)
16.	Bajrang	(Men's Freestyle 65 kg)
17.	Vinesh Phogat	(Women's Freestyle 50 kg)
Boxing		
18.	Gaurav Solanki	(Men's 52kg)
19.	Vikas Krishan	(Men's 75kg)
20.	MC Mary Kom	(Women's 45-48kg)
Table-Tennis		
21.	India	(Men's Team)
22.	Manika Batra	(Women's Singles)
23.	India	Women's Team
Badminton		
24.	Saina Nehwal	(Women's Singles)
25.	India	(Mixed Team Event)
Athletics		
26.	Neeraj Chopra	(Men's Javelin Throw)
Silver Medals (20)		
Weightlifting		
1.	Pardeep Singh	(Men's 105kg)

2.	Gururaja	(Men's 56kg)
Shooting		
3.	Heena Sidhu	(Women's 10m Air Pistol)
4.	Mehuli Ghosh	(Women's 10m Air Rifle)
5.	Anjum Moudgil	(Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions)
6.	Tejaswini Sawant	(Women's 50m Rifle Prone)
Wrestling		
7.	Mausam Khatri	(Men's Freestyle 97 kg)
8.	Babita Kumari	(Women's Freestyle 53 kg)
9.	Pooja Dhanda	(Women's Freestyle 57 kg)
Boxing		
10.	Satish Kumar	(Men's +91kg)
11.	Amit	(Men's 46-49kg)
12.	Manish Kaushik	(Men's 60kg)
Table-Tennis		
13.	Achanta Sharath/Gnanasekaran Sathiyar	(Men's Doubles)
14.	Batra Manika/Das Mouma	(Women's Doubles)
Badminton		
15.	Satwik Rankireddy/Chirag Chandrashekhhar Shetty	(Men's Doubles)
16.	Srikanth Kidambi	(Men's Singles)
17.	PV Sindhu	(Women's Singles)
Athletics		
18.	Seema Punia	(Women's Discus Throw)
Squash		
19.	Chinappa Joshna/Pallikal Karthik Dipika	(Women's Doubles)
20.	Pallikal Karthik Dipika/Ghosal Saurav	(Mixed Doubles)
Bronze Medals (20)		
Weightlifting		
1.	Deepak Lather	(Men's 69kg)
2.	Vikas Thakur	(Men's 94kg)
Shooting		
3.	Om Mitharval	(Men's 10m Air Pistol)

4.	Ravi Kumar	(Men's 10m Air Rifle)
5.	Om Mitharval	(Men's 50m Pistol)
6.	Ankur Mittal	(Men's Double Trap)
7.	Apurvi Chandela	(Women's 10m Air Rifle)
Wrestling		
8.	Somveer	(Men's Freestyle 86 kg)
9.	Sakshi Malik	(Women's Freestyle 62 kg)
10.	Divya Kakran	(Women's Freestyle 68 kg)
11.	Kiran	(Women's Freestyle 76 kg)
Boxing		
12.	Hussamuddin Mohammed	(Men's 56kg)
13.	Manoj Kumar	(Men's 69kg)
14.	Naman Tanwar	(Men's 91kg)

Table-Tennis		
15.	Desai Harmeet/ Shetty Sanil Shankar	(Men's Doubles)
16.	Sharath Achanta	(Men's Singles)
17.	Gnanasekaran Sathiyar/ Batra Manika	(Mixed Doubles)
Badminton		
18.	Reddy N. Sikki/ Ponnappa Ashwini	(Women's Doubles)
Athletics		
19.	Navjeet Dhillon	(Women's Discus Throw)
Para Powerlifting		
20.	Sachin Chaudhary	(Men's Heavyweight)


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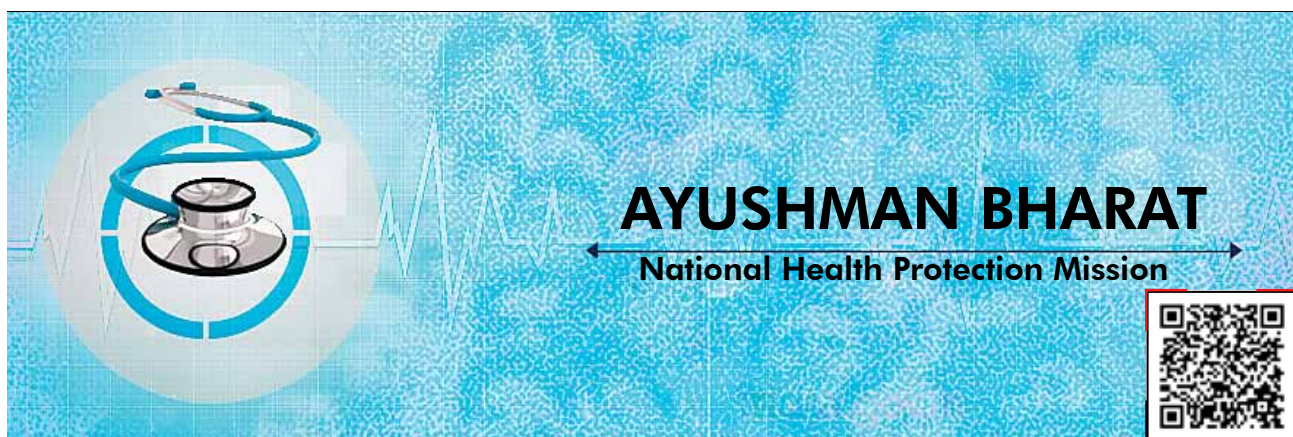

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Gujarat's Surat has become the first Indian district to have 100% solar-powered Primary Health Centres (PHCs).



Benefit cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year More than 10 crore families to be covered RSBY and SCHIS to be subsumed under Ayushman Bharat - NHPS

Recently the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the launch of a new Centrally Sponsored Ayushman Bharat -National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM) having central sector component under Ayushman Bharat Mission anchored in the MoHFW. The scheme has the benefit cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year. The target beneficiaries of the proposed scheme will be more than 10 crore families belonging to poor and vulnerable population based on SECC database. AB-NHPM will subsume the on-going centrally sponsored schemes -Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) and the Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS).

Salient Features:

1. AB-NHPM will have a defined benefit cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year.

This cover will take care of almost all secondary care and most of tertiary care procedures. To ensure that nobody is left out (especially women, children and elderly), there will be no cap on family size and age in the scheme. The benefit cover will also include pre and post-hospitalisation expenses. All pre-existing conditions will be covered from day one of the policy. A defined transport allowance per hospitalization will also be paid to the beneficiary.

2. Benefits of the scheme are portable across the country and a beneficiary covered under the scheme will be allowed to take cashless benefits from any public/private empanelled hospitals across the country.
3. AB-NHPM will be an entitlement based scheme with entitlement decided on the basis of deprivation criteria in the SECC database, The different categories in rural area include families having only one room with kucha walls and kucharooof; families having no adult member between age 16 to 59; female headed households with no adult male member between age 16 to 59; disabled member and no able bodied adult member in the family;

SC/ST households; and landless households deriving major part of their income from manual casual labour, Also, automatically included families in rural areas having any one of the following: households without shelter, destitute, living on alms, manual scavenger families, primitive tribal groups, legally released bonded labour. For urban areas, 11 defined occupational categories are entitled under the scheme.

4. The beneficiaries can avail benefits in both public and empanelled private facilities. All public hospitals in the States implementing AB-NHPM, will be deemed empanelled for the Scheme. Hospitals belonging to Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) may also be empanelled based on the bed occupancy ratio parameter. As for private hospitals, they will be empanelled online based on defined criteria.
5. To control costs, the payments for treatment will be done on package rate (to be defined by the Government in advance) basis. The package rates will include all the costs associated with treatment. For beneficiaries, it will be a cashless, paper less transaction. Keeping in view the State specific requirements, States/ UTs will have the flexibility to modify these rates within a limited bandwidth.
6. One of the core principles of AB-NHPM is to co-operative federalism and flexibility to states. There is provision to partner the States through co-alliance. This will ensure appropriate integration with the existing health insurance/ protection schemes of various Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments (at their own cost), State Governments will be allowed to expand AB-NHPM both horizontally and vertically. States will be free to choose the modalities for implementation. They can implement through insurance company or directly through Trust/ Society or a mixed model.
7. States would need to have State Health Agency (SHA) to implement the scheme States will have the option to use an existing Trust / Society / Not for Profit Company/ State Nodal Agency or set up a new Trust / Society / Not for Profit Company/ State Health Agency to implement the scheme and act as SHA. At the district

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level also, a structure for implementation of the scheme will need to be set up.

8. To ensure that the funds reach SHA on time, the transfer of funds from Central Government through AB-NHPMA to State Health Agencies may be done through an escrow account directly. The State has to contribute its matching share of grants within defined time frame.
9. In partnership with NITI Aayog, a robust, modular, scalable and interoperable IT platform will be made operational which will entail a paperless, cashless transaction. This will also help in prevention / detection of any potential misuse / fraud / abuse cases. This will be backed by a well-defined Grievance Redressal Mechanism. In addition, pre-Authorisation of treatments with moral hazards (Potential of misuse) will be made mandatory.
10. In order to ensure that the scheme reaches the intended beneficiaries and other stakeholders, a comprehensive media and outreach strategy will be developed, which will, inter alia, include print media, electronic media, social media platforms, traditional media, IEC materials and outdoor activities.

Implementation Strategy:

At the national level to manage, an Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Mission Agency (AB-NHPMA) would be put in place. States/ UTs would be advised to implement the scheme by a dedicated entity called State Health Agency (SHA). They can either use an existing Trust/ Society/ Not for Profit Company/ State Nodal Agency (SNA) or set up a new entity to implement the scheme. States/ UTs can decide to implement the scheme through an insurance company or directly through the Trust/ Society or use an integrated model.

Major Impact:

In-patient hospitalization expenditure in India has increased nearly 300% during last ten years. (NSSO 2015). More than 80% of the expenditure are met by out of pocket (OOP). Rural households primarily depended on their 'household income / savings' (68%) and on 'borrowings' (25%), the urban households relied much more on their 'income / saving' (75%) for financing expenditure on hospitalizations, and on '18% borrowings. (NSSO 2015). Out of pocket (OOP) expenditure in India is over 60% which leads to nearly 6 million families getting into poverty due to catastrophic health expenditures. AB-NHPM will have major impact **on reduction of Out Of Pocket (OOP)** expenditure on ground of:

- i) Increased benefit cover to nearly 40% of the population, (the poorest & the vulnerable)
- ii) Covering almost all secondary and many tertiary hospitalizations. (Except a negative list)
- iii) Coverage of 5 lakh for each family, (no restriction of family size)

This will lead to increased access to quality health and medication. In addition, the unmet needs of the population which remained hidden due to lack of financial resources will be catered to. This will lead to timely treatments, improvements in health outcomes, patient satisfaction, improvement in productivity and efficiency, job creation thus leading to improvement in quality of life.

Expenditure involved:

The expenditure incurred in premium payment will be shared between Central and State Governments in specified ratio as per Ministry of Finance guidelines in vogue. The total expenditure will depend on actual market determined premium paid in States/ UTs where AB-NHPM will be implemented through insurance companies. In States/ UTs where the scheme will be implemented in Trust/ Society mode, the central share of funds will be provided based on actual expenditure or premium ceiling (whichever is lower) in the pre-determined ratio.

Number of Beneficiaries:

AB-NHPM will target about 10.74 crore poor, deprived rural families and identified occupational category of urban workers' families as per the latest Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) data covering both rural and urban. The scheme is designed to be dynamic and aspirational and it would take into account any future changes in the exclusion/ inclusion/ deprivation/ occupational criteria in the SECC data.

States/Districts covered:

AB-NHPM will be rolled out across all States/UTs in all districts with an objective to cover all the targeted beneficiaries.

Background:

RSBY was launched in the year 2008 by the Ministry of Labour and Employment and provides cashless health insurance scheme with benefit coverage of Rs. 30,000/- per annum on a family floater basis [for 5 members], for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, and 11 other defined categories of unorganised workers. To integrate RSBY into the health system and make it a part of the comprehensive health care vision of Government of India, RSBY was transferred to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) w.e.f 01.04.2015. During 2016-2017, 3.63 crore families were covered under RSBY in 278 districts of the country and they could avail medical treatment across the network of 8,697 empanelled hospitals. The NHPS comes in the backdrop of the fact that various Central Ministries and State/UT Governments have launched health insurance/ protection schemes for their own defined set of beneficiaries. There is a critical need to converge these schemes, so as to achieve improved efficiency, reach and coverage.



Padma Awards - one of the highest civilian Awards of the country, are conferred in three categories, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri. The Awards are given in various disciplines/ fields of activities, viz.- art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service, etc. 'Padma Vibhushan' is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service; 'Padma Bhushan' for distinguished service of high order and 'Padma Shri' for distinguished service in any field. The awards are announced on the occasion of Republic Day every year.

These awards are conferred by the President of India at ceremonial functions which are held at Rashtrapati Bhawan usually around March/ April every year. This year the President of India has approved conferment of 85 Padma Awards including two duo cases (in a duo case, the award is counted as one) as per list below. The list comprises 3 Padma Vibhushan, 9 Padma Bhushan and 73 Padma Shri Awards.

Padma Vibhushan

The Padma Vibhushan is the second-highest civilian award of the Republic of India; Bharat Ratna is the highest, Padma Bhushan third-ranking. Instituted on 2 January 1954, the award is given for exceptional and distinguished service.

Sl. No	Name	Field	State
1.	Shri Illaiyaraja	Art-Music	Tamil Nadu
2.	Shri Ghulam Mustafa Khan	Art-Music	Maharashtra
3.	Shri Parameswaran Parameswaran	Literature and Education	Kerala

Padma Bhushan

The Padma Bhushan is the third-highest civilian award in the Republic of India, preceded by the Bharat Ratna and the Padma Vibhushan and followed by the Padma Shri.

Sl. No	Name	Field	State
4.	Shri Pankaj Advani	Sports-Billiards/ Snooker	Karnataka
5.	Shri Philipose Mar Chrysostom	Others-Spiritualism	Kerala
6.	Shri Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Sports-Cricket	Jharkhand
7.	Shri Alexander Kadakin (Foreigner/ Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Russia
8.	Shri Ramachandran Nagaswamy	Others-Archaeology	Tamil Nadu
9.	Shri Ved Prakash Nanda (OCI)	Literature and Education	USA
10.	Shri Laxman Pai	Art-Painting	Goa
11.	Shri Arvind Parikh	Art-Music	Maharashtra
12.	Ms. Sharda Sinha	Art-Music	Bihar

Padma Shri

Padma Shri (also Padma Shree) is the third highest civilian award given annually and fourth highest civilian award in the Republic of India, after the Bharat Ratna, the Padma Vibhushan and the Padma Bhushan. Awarded by the Government of India, it is announced every year on India's Republic Day.

Sl. No	Name	Field	State
13.	Shri Abhay Bang (Duo)	Medicine	Maharashtra
	Ms. Rani Bang (Duo)	Medicine	Maharashtra
14.	Shri Damodar Ganesh Bapat	Social Work	Chhattisgarh

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Justice Jawad Rahim has been appointed as the acting chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT).

15.	Shri Prafulla Govinda Baruah	Literature and Education-Journalism	Assam
16.	Shri Mohan Swaroop Bhatia	Art-Folk Music	Uttar Pradesh
17.	Shri Sudhanshu Biswas	Social Work	West Bengal
18.	Ms. Saikhom Mirabai Chanu	Sports-Weightlifting	Manipur
19.	Shri Pandit Shyamlal Chaturvedi	Literature and Education-Journalism	Chhattisgarh
20.	Shri Jose Ma Joey Concepcion III (Foreigner)	Trade & Industry	Philippines
21.	Ms. Langpoklakpam Subadani Devi	Art-Weaving	Manipur
22.	Shri Somdev Devvarman	Sports-Tennis	Tripura
23.	Shri Yeshi Dhoden	Medicine	Himachal Pradesh
24.	Shri Arup Kumar Dutta	Literature and Education	Assam
25.	Shri Doddarange Gowda	Art-Lyrics	Karnataka
26.	Shri Arvind Gupta	Literature and Education	Maharashtra
27.	Shri Digamber Hansda	Literature and Education	Jharkhand
28.	Shri Ramli Bin Ibrahim (Foreigner)	Art-Dance	Malaysia
29.	Shri Anwar Jalalpuri (Posthumous)	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh
30.	Shri Piyong Temjen Jamir	Literature and Education	Nagaland
31.	Ms. Sitavva Joddati	Social Work	Karnataka
32.	Ms. Malti Joshi	Literature and Education	Madhya Pradesh
33.	Shri Manoj Joshi	Art-Acting	Maharashtra
34.	Shri Rameshwarlal Kabra	Trade & Industry	Maharashtra
35.	Shri Pran Kishore Kaul	Art	Jammu and Kashmir

36.	Shri Bounlap Keokangna (Foreigner)	Others-Architecture	Laos
37.	Shri Vijay Kichlu	Art-Music	West Bengal
38.	Shri Tommy Koh (Foreigner)	Public Affairs	Singapore
39.	Ms. Lakshmikutty	Medicine-Traditional	Kerala
40.	Ms. Joyshree Goswami Mahanta	Literature and Education	Assam
41.	Shri Narayan Das Maharaj	Others-Spiritualism	Rajasthan
42.	Shri Pravakara Maharana	Art-Sculpture	Odisha
43.	Shri Hun Many (Foreigner)	Public Affairs	Cambodia
44.	Ms. Nouf Marwaai (Foreigner)	Others- Yoga	Saudi Arabia
45.	Shri Zaverilal Mehta	Literature and Education-Journalism	Gujarat
46.	Shri Krishna Bihari Mishra	Literature and Education	West Bengal
47.	Shri Sisir Purushottam Mishra	Art-Cinema	Maharashtra
48.	Ms. Subhasini Mistry	Social Work	West Bengal
49.	Shri Tomio Mizokami (Foreigner)	Literature and Education	Japan
50.	Shri Somdet Phra Maha Muniwong (Foreigner)	Others-Spiritualism	Thailand
51.	Shri Keshav Rao Musalgaonkar	Literature and Education	Madhya Pradesh
52.	Dr Thant Myint- U (Foreigner)	Public Affairs	Myanmar
53.	Ms. V Nanammal	Others-Yoga	Tamil Nadu
54.	Ms. Sulagitti Narasamma	Social Work	Karnataka
55.	Ms. Vijayalakshmi Navaneethakrishnan	Art-Folk Music	Tamil Nadu
56.	Shri I Nyoman Nuarta (Foreigner)	Art-Sculpture	Indonesia

57.	Shri Malai Haji Abdullah	Social Work	Brunei
	Bin Malai Haji Othman (Foreigner)		Darussalam
58.	Shri Gobardhan Panika	Art-Weaving	Odisha
59.	Shri Bhabani Charan Pattanaik	Public Affairs	Odisha
60.	Shri Murlikant Petkar	Sports-Swimming	Maharashtra
61.	Shri Habibullo Rajabov (Foreigner)	Literature and Education	Tajikistan
62.	Shri M R Rajagopal	Medicine-Palliative Care	Kerala
63.	Shri Sampat Ramteke (Posthumous)	Social Work	Maharashtra
64.	Shri Chandra Sekhar Rath	Literature and Education	Odisha
65.	Shri S S Rathore	Civil Service	Gujarat
66.	Shri Amitava Roy	Science and Engineering	West Bengal
67.	Shri Sanduk Ruit (Foreigner)	Medicine-Ophthalmology	Nepal
68.	Shri R Sathyanarayana	Art-Music	Karnataka
69.	Shri Pankaj M Shah	Medicine-Oncology	Gujarat
70.	Shri Bhajju Shyam	Art-Painting	Madhya Pradesh

71.	Shri Maharao Raghuveer Singh	Literature and Education	Rajasthan
72.	Shri Kidambi Srikanth	Sports-Badminton	Andhra Pradesh
73.	Shri Ibrahim Sutar	Art-Music	Karnataka
74.	Shri Siddeshwara Swamiji	Others-Spiritualism	Karnataka
75.	Ms. Lentina Ao Thakkar	Social Work	Nagaland
76.	Shri Vikram Chandra Thakur	Science and Engineering	Uttarakhand
77.	Shri Rudrapatnam Narayanaswamy Tharanathan (Duo)	Art-Music	Karnataka
78.	Shri Nguyen Tien Thien (Foreigner)	Others-Spiritualism	Vietnam
79.	Shri Bhagirath Prasad Tripathi	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh
80.	Shri Rajagopalan Vasudevan	Science and Engineering	Tamil Nadu
81.	Shri Manas Bihari Verma	Science and Engineering	Bihar
82.	Shri Panatawane Gangadhar Vithobaji	Literature and Education	Maharashtra
83.	Shri Romulus Whitaker	Others-Wildlife Conservation	Tamil Nadu
84.	Shri Baba Yogendra	Art	Madhya Pradesh
85.	Shri A Zakia	Literature and Education	Mizoram

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The most prestigious honor of American journalism, Pulitzer Prize, was recently announced by Columbia University. It was honored in 14 categories including Reporting, Photography, Criticism and Commentary, while fiction, drama and musicians in the field of art were also named in Pulitzer. American rapper and songwriter Kendrick Lamar has won the Pulitzer Prize for his album 'Damn'.

For the first time in history, a rap artist has been awarded this prestigious award. For the first time, an artist has won this award in non-classical and other rap zones. 'Dam' is Lamar's fourth studio album, which was released in April 2017.

Here is the list of 2018 Pulitzer Prize winners in Journalism Category:

Category	Winners	Work
Public Service	The New York Times for reporting by Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey and The New Yorker for reporting by Ronan Farrow	Exposed powerful and wealthy sexual predators like Harvey Weinstein
Breaking News Reporting	Staff of The Press Democrat, Santa Rosa, California	For coverage of historic wildfires that devastated Santa Rosa and Sonoma County
Investigative Reporting	Staff of The Washington Post	For revealing a candidate's alleged past sexual harassment of teenage girls that changed the course of a Senate race in Alabama
Explanatory Reporting	Staffs of The Arizona Republic and USA Today Network	For reporting the difficulties and consequences of fulfilling President Trump's pledge to construct a wall along the US border with Mexico through text, video, podcasts and virtual reality.
Local Reporting	Staff of The Cincinnati Enquirer	For a story and a video that documented seven days of Cincinnati's drug epidemic that ruined families and communities.
National Reporting	Staffs of The New York Times and The Washington Post	For a reporting that deepened the nation's understanding of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election and its connections to the Trump campaign
International Reporting	Reuters staff - Clare Baldwin, Andrew R.C. Marshall and Manuel Mogato	For exposing brutal killing campaign behind Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte's war on drugs.
Feature Writing	Rachel Kaadzi Ghansah, freelance reporter, GQ	For portrayal of murderer Dylann Roof who killed nine people inside Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C.

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Commentary	John Archibald of Alabama Media Group, Birmingham	For a commentary rooted in Alabama that exposed corrupt politicians, championing the rights of women and calling out hypocrisy.
Criticism	Jerry Saltz of New York magazine	For conveying a daring perspective on visual art in America
Editorial Writing	Andie Dominick of The Des Moines Register	For examining the harmful consequences for poor Iowa residents of privatising the administration of Medicaid.
Editorial Cartooning	Jake Halpern, freelance writer, and Michael Sloan, freelance cartoonist at The New York Times	For accounting the daily struggles of a real-life family of refugees and its fear of exile
Breaking News Photography	Ryan Kelly of The Daily Progress, Charlottesville	For a frightening image that captured the moment of impact of a car attack during a racially charged protest in Charlottesville
Feature Photography	Photography Staff of Reuters	For photographs that exposed violence faced by Rohingya refugees in fleeing Myanmar.

The Pulitzer Prizes are awarded in 14 categories for reporting, photography, criticism and commentary and in the seven categories of arts including fiction, drama and music.

Key Facts:

From 1917 onwards, the Pulitzer Prize for a letter, drama, music, and journalism, given in the name of American publisher of Hungarian origin Joseph Pulitzer, is given in a total of 21 categories per year. This award is given by the University of Columbia. Each winner gets a certificate and a cash amount of \$ 10000. Gold medal is given for the subject of 21st class 'Journalism related to public service'.

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Q.1. Consider the following statements:

- (A) Kerala state government has launched a new app mKeralam App.
- (B) The App has been launched by CM Pinarayi Vijayan at a two- day global digital summit which is held in Thiruvananthapuram.
- (C) This App has provided the single window for accessing the employment notifications.
- (D) The Current governor of Kerala is Banwarilal Purohit.

Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B (3) Only C
- (4) Both A & C (5) None of these

Q.2. Consider the following statements:

- (A) Odisha government has been signed a MoU with the British Council to strengthen educational and cultural cooperation.
- (B) The British Council will support the state governments "Mo School" (My School) initiative.
- (C) The Current governor of Odisha is Senayangba Chubatoshi Jamir.

Which of the following statements are false?

- (1) Only B (2) Only C
- (3) Both A & B (4) All of the above
- (5) None of these

Q.3. Consider the following statements:

- (A) AAI is a statutory body under the aegis of Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- (B) It was founded in April 1992 and is headquartered in New Delhi.
- (C) AAI has signed MoU with Assam government for sustainable development of human settlements at villages in Kamrup district, recently.

Which of the following statements are false?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B (3) Only C
- (4) Both A & B (5) None of these

Q.4. The first 100% solar-powered primary health center (PHC) in India is _____

- (1) Tapi (2) Vadodara (3) Jamnagar
- (4) Rajkot (5) Surat

Q.5. Consider the following statements:

- (A) Central Government, Maharashtra Government has signed US \$420 million loan agreement

with World Bank's IBRD for Project of Climate Resilient Agriculture.

- (B) This project will help small and marginal farmers in Marathwada and Vidarbha regions of Maharashtra.
- (C) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) is an international financial institution that was established in 1944 in Washington D.C.
- (D) IBRD provides financial and technical assistance for projects and programs in the developing countries.

Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B
- (3) Only D (4) All of the above
- (5) None of these

Q.6. Consider the following statements:

- (A) Kerala government has launched "Ammu Bio-Fertiliser" scheme.
- (B) The Current of Kerala is P Sathasivam.
- (C) Its aim is to provide better management of natural farming and also boost soil fertility.

Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B
- (3) Only C (4) All of the above
- (5) None of these

Q.7. Consider the following statements:

- (A) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami has launched bi-lingual 'Uzhavan' (farmer) mobile App in state capital Chennai.
- (B) 'Uzhavan' App available in Tamil and English language will allow access to nine types of services, including details about their crop insurance.
- (C) It can be used by farmers to get information on farm subsidies, crop insurance, provide information on available stocks of seeds and fertilizers in local government and private stores.

Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B
- (3) Only C (4) All of the above
- (5) None of these

Q.8. Which former Director of NCERT has been appointed as a next India's representative to the Executive Board of UNESCO?

- (1) Parvin Sinclair (2) Hrushikesh Senapaty
(3) Alok Verma (4) J.S. Rajput
(5) B.K. Tripathi

Q.9. Martín Vizcarra has been appointed as a new President of which South American Country?

- (1) Brazil (2) Argentina (3) Peru
(4) Venezuela (5) Chile

Q.10. Who has been appointed as a new Chief Executive Officer of Ayushman Bharat National Health Security Mission (ABNHPM)?

- (1) Takehiko Nakao (2) Indra Nooyi
(3) Samir Sharifov (4) Indu Bhushan
(5) Rajneesh Kumar

Q.11. Which former Judge of Karnataka's High court has been appointed as a new President of National Green Tribunal (NGT)?

- (1) L. Narayana Swamy
(2) Vineet Kothari
(3) Jawad Rahim
(4) Ramakrishna Devdas
(5) Shankar Ganapathi Pandit

Q.12. Robert Langland's has been awarded the Abel Prize 2018. Abel Prize is given in the field of _____

- (1) Economics (2) Mathematics
(3) Literature (4) Medicine
(5) Chemistry

Q.13. Veteran actor _____ has been nominated in the Best Supporting Actor category at the British Academy Film & Television Awards (BAFTA) 2018.

- (1) Naseeruddin Shah (2) Amitabh Bachchan
(3) Anupam Kher (4) Shatrughan Sinha
(5) Dilip Kumar

Q.14. Bhalchandra Vaidya who passed away recently. He was former Home Minister of which state?

- (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Maharashtra
(3) Manipur (4) Mizoram
(5) Meghalaya

Q.15. India has successfully launched _____ communication satellite using the heavy rocket Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F08), recently.

- (1) GSAT-5A (2) GSAT-6A (3) GSAT-6T
(4) GSAT-5N (5) GSAT-5AA

Q.16. Which private sector bank in India has signed an agreement with the under which the bank will provide a number of services to the public procurement portal for Central and state government organizations?

- (1) Axis Bank (2) IndusInd Bank
(3) ICICI (4) Yes Bank
(5) HDFC

Q.17. Which Country has become the 3rd largest producer of electricity in the World?

- (1) Indonesia (2) U.S.A. (3) China
(4) Japan (5) India

Q.18. India has been ranked _____ for fixed broadband speed, and _____ for mobile internet speeds on the basis of Ookla's Speed test Global Index.

- (1) 62th, 108th (2) 64th, 107th
(3) 67th, 109th (4) 65th, 110th
(5) 69th, 112th

Q.19. In CCEA, "E" stands for _____

- (1) Energy (2) Economic (3) Export
(4) Empowerment (5) Enforcement

Q.20. "UTTAM App" has been launched by Ministry of Coal for Coal quality Monitoring. Who is the Current Minister of Coal?

- (1) D. V. Sadananda Gowda
(2) Narendra Singh Tomar
(3) Piyush Goyal
(4) Gopinath Munde
(5) Birender Singh

Q.21. Minister of Information and Broadcasting has constituted a committee to regulate online portals, including news websites, entertainment sites and media aggregators, recently. Total number of members in this Committee are _____

- (1) 5 (2) 6 (3) 8
(4) 10 (5) 12

Q.22. Former Gymnastics Coach N. Brij Kishore who passed away recently. He had appointed as a Gymnastics Coach by which States Sports Authority?

- (1) Himachal Pradesh (2) Uttar Pradesh
(3) Madhya Pradesh (4) Arunachal Pradesh
(5) Andhra Pradesh

Q.23. Consider the following statements:

- (A) Hariteema Yojana was launched by UP Chief Minister in 27 districts of the state located on the bank of the river Ganga.
(B) Under this scheme tree plantation will be carried out in 1 Km areas from banks of river.
(C) Department of Forest has been nominated as nodal department for the scheme.

Which of the following statements are true?

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- (1) Only A (2) Only B (3) Only C
(4) Both A & B (5) All of the above

Q.24. Consider the following statements:

- (A) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the “Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry”.
- (B) The scheme will be implemented by the Ministry of Textiles through Central Silk Board (CSB).
- (C) Cabinet approved a total allocation of Rs 2063.60 crore for the implementation of the Scheme for three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20.
- (D) The scheme aims to improve the productivity and quality of silk through R& D intervention.

Which of the following statements are false?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B (3) Only C
(4) Both A & B (5) None of these

Q.25. Consider the following statements:

- (A) Cabinet has approved the North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS), 2017 with financial outlay of Rs 3,000 crores up to March, 2019.
- (B) This scheme is to promote industrialization in the States of the North Eastern Region.
- (C) It will also boost employment and income generation.

Which of the following statements are false?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B (3) Only C
(4) Both A & B (5) None of these

Q.26. Consider the following statements:

- (A) Minister of State for Home Affairs Hansraj Gangaram Ahir has inaugurated first-ever National Conference on Drug Law Enforcement in New Delhi.
- (B) In this Conference, more than 50 State and Central law enforcement agencies are involved in combating drug trafficking.
- (C) Narcotics Control Bureau is nodal drug law enforcement and intelligence agency of India. It is responsible for fighting drug trafficking.
- (D) Narcotics Control Bureau was established in March 1986 & its headquarter is located in New Delhi.

Which of the following statements are false?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B

- (3) Only C (4) All of the above
(5) None of these

Q.27. Consider the following statements:

- (A) ‘National Conference on Down Syndrome’ was organized by the National Trust under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in Kolkata.
- (B) A book titled ‘Twilights Children’ based on the lives of people suffering from Down syndrome was also released on the occasion.
- (C) Down syndrome is a genetic disorder and the most common autosomal chromosome abnormality in humans.

Which of the following statements are false?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B (3) Only C
(4) Both A & B (5) None of these

Q.28. Consider the following statements:

- (A) International Solar Alliance (ISA) consists of more than 121 countries.
- (B) It was founded in Paris, France.
- (C) This initiative was firstly proposed by Indian Prime Minister in November 2015.

Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B
(3) Only C (4) All of the above
(5) None of these

Q.29. Pankaj Advani has won Asian Billiards Championships 2018, which is held at _____.

- (1) Taunggyi (2) Taungoo (3) Magway
(4) Aungmye (5) Yangon

Q.30. Rashid Khan has become the fastest Bowler to take 100 One-Day International (ODI) wickets. He belongs to which country?

- (1) Bangladesh (2) Bhutan
(3) Afghanistan (4) Maldives
(5) Sri Lanka

Q.31. Who has been awarded the Sportsperson of the Year at the “Telangana Sports Journalists Association annual awards” that was held in Hyderabad?

- (1) Kidambi Srikanth (2) Mithali Raj
(3) P. V. Sindhu (4) V. V. S. Laxman
(5) B. Aruna Reddy

Q.32. Consider the following statements:

- (A) Santosh Trophy was started by the Indian Football Association in 1941.

(B) West Bengal has won the title of Santosh Trophy for the most 32 times so far.

(C) In 2108 Kerala won the title for Santosh Trophy by defeating the West Bengal.

Which of the following statements are false?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B (3) Only C
(4) Both A & B (5) None of these

Q.33. Which country has launched Submarine Launched version of Cruise Missile (SLCM) BABUR?

- (1) Saudi Arabia (2) Yemen (3) Iran
(4) Pakistan (5) Mauritania

Q.34. Which Country has successfully test-fired its latest nuclear Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) RS-28 Sarmat?

- (1) Turkey (2) China (3) Russia
(4) Greece (5) Iran

Q.35. President of Turkey _____ and; Russian President Vladimir Putin has launched the Turkey's first-ever nuclear power plant in southern Turkey.

- (1) Abdullah Gul (2) Turgut Ozal
(3) Recep Tayyip Erdogan (4) Ahmet Necdet Sezer
(5) Kenan Evren

Q.36. Consider the following statements:

(A) Former director of NCERT J.S.Rajput has been appointed as India's representative to the Executive Board (EXB) of UNESCO.

(B) The executive board is one of the constitutional organs of UNESCO and is elected by the General Conference.

(C) Executive Board of UNESCO has a four-year term of office.

Which of the following statements are false?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B
(3) Only C (4) All of the above
(5) None of these

Q.37. Who has appointed as a new President of Peru?

- (1) Alan Garcia (2) Alejandro Toledo
(3) Martín Vizcarra (4) Ollanta Humala
(5) Simon Bolivar

Q.38. Dinesh Maheshwari has been appointed as the new chief justice of _____ high court.

- (1) Manipur (2) Assam (3) Karnataka
(4) West Bengal (5) Gujarat

Q.39. Who has won gold medal in 21 st Commonwealth games in men's 77 kg weightlifting event that was held at Gold Coast in Australia?

- (1) Deepak Lather
(2) Katulu Ravi Kumar
(3) Venkat Ragala
(4) Satish Kumar Sivalingam
(5) Vikas Thakur

Q.40. Consider the following statements:

(A) GOBAR stands for Galvanizing Organic Agro Resources.

(B) GOBAR Dhan Yojana, central government scheme for managing & converting cattle dung, solid waste into manure biogas.

(C) Through this scheme, government aims to ensure cleanliness.

Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B (3) Only C
(4) Both A & B (5) All of the above

Q.41. Consider the following statements:

(A) NPPA stands for National Pharmaceutical Price Authority.

(B) NPPA is a government regulatory agency that controls the prices of pharmaceutical drugs in India.

(C) It was established in August 29, 1997.

(D) Rakesh Kumar Vats has been appointed as a new Chairman of NPPA.

Which of the following statements are false?

- (1) Only A (2) Only B (3) Both A & C
(4) Both B & D (5) None of these

Q.42. Recently, government has banned the imports of _____ hormone to stop its misuse in the livestock industry.

- (1) Serotonin (2) Thyroxin (3) Oxytocin
(4) Prolactin (5) Leptin

Q.43. "Van Dhan Vikas Kendra" has been initiated in which state in India?

- (1) Jharkhand (2) Chhattisgarh (3) Rajasthan
(4) Gujarat (5) Uttarakhand

Q.44. Which private sector bank has become the first Indian bank to adopt Swift's new cross-border payment service?

- (1) Axis Bank (2) HDFC (3) ICICI
(4) IndusInd Bank (5) Yes Bank

Q.45. Which among the following banks has been fined for failing to report bad loans by RBI?

- (1) HDFC (2) IDBI (3) PNB
(4) Axis Bank (5) None of these

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- Q.46.** Who has become the first woman to feature on the cover of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack?
- (1) Danielle Hazell (2) Katherine Brunt
(3) Heather Knight (4) Anya Shrubsole
(5) None of these
- Q.47.** Morne Morkel had announced his retirement from the International Cricket, recently. Morne Morkel belongs to which country?
- (1) England (2) New Zealand (3) Australia
(4) Zimbabwe (5) South Africa
- Q.48.** Who has appointed as a next ambassador of India to Serbia?
- (1) Narinder Chauhan (2) Manpreet Vohra
(3) Subrata Bhattacharjee (4) Alok Kumar Sinha
(5) Manjeev Singh Puri
- Q.49.** India has ranked _____ in "Global Startup Ecosystem".
- (1) 33rd (2) 34th (3) 35th
(4) 36th (5) 37th
- Q.50.** R. K. Dorendra Singh who passed away recently, he is former Chief Minister of which state?
- (1) Manipur (2) Maharashtra
(3) Meghalaya (4) Madhya Pradesh
(5) Mizoram
- Q.51.** Who has become the most successful player in Davis Cup 2018?
- (1) Mahesh Bhupathi (2) Rohan Bopanna
(3) Leander Paes (4) Somdev Devvarman
(5) Sumit Naggal
- Q.52.** Which state government has announced to give free chemotherapy to the Cancer patients within their state?
- (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Manipur
(3) Gujrat (4) Maharashtra
(5) Tamil Nadu
- Q.53.** Which Bollywood actress has been awarded with the DadaSaheb Phalke Excellence Award 2018?
- (1) Sonakshi Sinha (2) Deepika Padukone
(3) Anushka Sharma (4) Katrina Kaif
(5) Rani Mukherjee
- Q.54.** Who has been elected as a new Prime Minister of a Central European Country Hungary?
- (1) Gyula Horn (2) Gordon Bajnai
(3) Janos Kadar (4) Viktor Orban
(5) Geza Lakatos
- Q.55.** Who has won gold medal in 10m air pistol men's event that was held in Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2018 in Gold Coast?
- (1) Abhinav Bindra
(2) Om Prakash Mitharval
(3) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
(4) Jitu Rai
(5) Gagan Narang
- Q.56. Consider the following statements:**
- (A) Davis Cup is an international team event in men's football.
(B) Davis Cup 2018 is the 107 th edition of the Davis Cup, a tournament between national teams in men's football events.
(C) The founder of Davis Cup is Dwight F. Davis.
- Which of the following statements are true?**
- (1) Only A (2) Only B (3) Only C
(4) Both A & B (5) All of the above
- Q.57. Consider the following statements:**
- (A) GDP is a monetary value of the market value of all final goods and services produced in a country within their geographical boundary in a financial year.
(B) GDP is the best way to measure a country's economy.
(C) RBI has decided to use GDP instead of Gross Value Added (GVA) to measure economic activity in India, recently.
(D) GDP provides the picture from the consumers' side or the demand side.
- Which of the following statements are false?**
- (1) Only A (2) Only B (3) Only C
(4) Both A & B (5) None of these
- Q.58. Consider the following statements:**
- (A) Theatre Olympics is the largest international theatre festival held in India for the first time.
(B) 8th edition Theatre Olympics has been inaugurated by Vice President in New Delhi.
(C) The Theme of 8th Theatre Olympics is "Flag of Friendship".
(D) 8th Theatre Olympics concluded in Mumbai on April 8, 2018.
- Which of the following statements are true?**
- (1) Only A (2) Only B (3) Only C
(4) Both A & B (5) All of the above

- Q.59.** “Odilorhabdins” is relates to _____
 (1) Virus (2) Bacteria (3) Fungi
 (4) Antibiotic (5) Computer Virus
- Q.60.** President Ram Nath Kovind has visited Equatorial Guinea; has signed 3 MOUs in the field of AYUSH; traditional medicine; medicinal plant; information & Communication technology. Who is the Current President of Equatorial Guinea?
 (1) Avelino Mocache (2) Francisco Nguema
 (3) Teodoro Obiang (4) Francisco Obama
 (5) Ricardo Obama
- Q.61.** Which public sector bank has launched Internet of Things (IoT)-based customer feedback application as part of their “Customer first” initiative?
 (1) Punjab National Bank
 (2) Allahabad Bank
 (3) Bank of Baroda
 (4) Indian Overseas Bank
 (5) Indian Bank
- Q.62.** Who has been inaugurated Delhi-Pathankot Flight route under the UDAN Scheme?
 (1) D.V. Sadananda Gowda
 (2) Ananth Kumar
 (3) Suresh Prabhu
 (4) Ravi Shankar Prasad
 (5) Thawar Chand Gahlot
- Q.63.** Rahul Aware won the India’s 1st gold medal at Commonwealth Games 2018 in which category?
 (1) Wrestling (2) Javelin Throw (3) Athletics
 (4) Swimming (5) None of these
- Q.64.** What is the rank of India in Index of Economic Freedom 2018?
 (1) 110th (2) 125th (3) 128th
 (4) 130th (5) None of these
- Q.65.** Which Indian city hosted the 16th International Energy Forum (IEF) Ministerial Meeting 2018?
 (1) Mumbai (2) Kolkata (3) Delhi
 (4) Pune (5) None of these
- Q.66.** Which country hosted the 11th World Hindi Conference?
 (1) Mauritius (2) Maldives
 (3) Madagascar (4) Nepal
 (5) None of these
- Q.67.** Who has been appointed as the Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)?
 (1) V Karthi Kumar (2) Aathi Naryanan
 (3) Hari Krishnan (4) Balram Bhargava
 (5) None of these
- Q.68.** What was the theme of National Safe Motherhood Day 2018?
 (1) Respectful Motherhood Care
 (2) Respectful Maternity Care
 (3) Respectful Child Care
 (4) Respectful Health Care
 (5) None of these
- Q.69.** Which Indian Bank has become the first foreign bank in the UK to ring-fence its retail division from its wholesale business?
 (1) Indian Overseas Bank
 (2) Central Bank of India
 (3) State Bank of India
 (4) Canara Bank
 (5) None of these
- Q.70.** Which among the following countries has been opened to tourists for first time?
 (1) Saudi Arabia (2) Yemen (3) Oman
 (4) Qatar (5) None of these
- Q.71.** World’s oldest living man Masazo Nonaka from which country?
 (1) China (2) Japan
 (3) Afghanistan (4) Bhutan
 (5) None of these
- Q.72.** Who has been appointed Chairman of NASSCOM for 2018-19?
 (1) Azar Premji (2) Rishab Premji
 (3) Azim Premji (4) Rishad Premji
 (5) None of these
- Q.73.** Who became first to visited Head of State to address Parliament of Swaziland?
 (1) Narendra Modi (2) Nirmala Sitharaman
 (3) Ramnath Kovind (4) Sushama Swaraj
 (5) None of these
- Q.74.** International conference on ‘Water, Environment & Climate Change was held at:-
 (1) Kathmandu (2) Pokhara (3) Tibet
 (4) Patan (5) None of these
- Q.75.** Heena Sidhu won gold at CMG 2018, is associated to which category?
 (1) Swimming (2) Shooting
 (3) Weightlifting (4) Badminton
 (5) None of these

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- Q.76.** Who has become the first Indian to qualify for the men's 400m final at the Commonwealth Games since Milkha Singh?
- (1) Muhammed Anas Yahiya
 - (2) Jamshad Zoha
 - (3) Sibin Boban
 - (4) Muhammed Anwer
 - (5) None of these
- Q.77.** Who has been honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award 2018 in the Best Actor category?
- (1) Salman Khan
 - (2) Ranbir Kapoor
 - (3) Ranveer singh
 - (4) Shah Rukh Khan
 - (5) None of these
- Q.78.** Which Airport has been named as world's busiest Airport?
- (1) Singapore Changi Airport
 - (2) Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
 - (3) Beijing Capital International Airport
 - (4) Tokyo Haneda Airport
 - (5) None of these
- Q.79.** Eighth Regional 3R Forum in Asia and Pacific held in _____?
- (1) Bangalore
 - (2) Indore
 - (3) Chennai
 - (4) Hyderabad
 - (5) None of these
- Q.80.** Who has been elected as Chairman of Boao Forum?
- (1) Boutros Boutros
 - (2) Ban Ki-moon
 - (3) Kofi Annan
 - (4) António Guterres
 - (5) None of these
- Q.81.** Yaogan satellite was launched by which among following country?
- (1) Japan
 - (2) India
 - (3) China
 - (4) Russia
 - (5) None of these
- Q.82.** Project Dhoop aims to provide to school students to get adequate of _____?
- (1) Scholarship
 - (2) Vitamin D
 - (3) Food
 - (4) Education
 - (5) None of these
- Q.83.** Who has been honoured as the Equatorial Guinea's highest civilian honour?
- (1) Narendra Modi
 - (2) Ramnath Kovind
 - (3) Arun Jaitley
 - (4) Teodoro Obiang
 - (5) None of these
- Q.84.** Parker Solar Probe is also known as:-
- (1) Parker Human's mission
 - (2) Parker solar mission
 - (3) Humanity's first mission
 - (4) Humanity's solar probe mission
 - (5) None of these
- Q.85.** Which state has become the first state in the country to issue guidelines for declaring a patient as brain dead?
- (1) Tamil Nadu
 - (2) Kerala
 - (3) Karnataka
 - (4) Orissa
 - (5) None of these
- Q.86.** Manu Bhaker sets CWG record to bag gold, is associated to which category?
- (1) Shooting
 - (2) Swimming
 - (3) Badminton
 - (4) Tennis
 - (5) None of these
- Q.87.** What are the two unknown languages discovered by University of Hyderabad?
- (1) Kadamba and Cholsar
 - (2) Mirjam and Walmiki
 - (3) Walmiki and Malhar
 - (4) Kadamba and Malhar
 - (5) None of these
- Q.88.** Ganga Hariteema Yojana is launched by which government?
- (1) Andhra Pradesh
 - (2) Orissa
 - (3) Uttar Pradesh
 - (4) Madhya Pradesh
 - (5) None of these
- Q.89.** Which country has imposed Soft Drinks Sugar tax to combat obesity and sugar related diseases?
- (1) India
 - (2) UK
 - (3) USA
 - (4) Japan
 - (5) None of these
- Q.90.** Participating countries in Joint military exercise "Desert Tiger 5" are:-
- (1) UAE and Singapore
 - (2) Malaysia and UK
 - (3) UK and singapore
 - (4) UAE and Malaysia
 - (5) None of these
- Q.91.** Where does Assam Spring Festival organised?
- (1) Manas National Park
 - (2) Kaziranga National Park
 - (3) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park
 - (4) Orang National Park
 - (5) None of these
- Q.92.** In order to boost its defence, which country has activated 1st marine unit since World War?
- (1) China
 - (2) Japan
 - (3) US
 - (4) India
 - (5) None of these
- Q.93.** In which middle-east country the UK has opened a naval base in nearly 50 years?
- (1) Oman
 - (2) Qatar
 - (3) Kuwait
 - (4) Bahrain
 - (5) None of these

- Q.94.** Ragala Venkat Rahul who won the second gold medal at CWG, is associated with which category?
- (1) Air Rifle (2) Badminton
(3) Weightlifting (4) Swimming
(5) None of these
- Q.95.** Scientists have harvested Vegetables without daylight and soil, in which among the following continent?
- (1) Antarctic (2) Arctic (3) Africa
(4) Australia (5) None of these
- Q.96.** Gobardhan Yojna is Launched at which among the following state?
- (1) Haryana (2) Punjab
(3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Himachal Pradesh
(5) None of these
- Q.97.** Expanded form of Gobar is:-
- (1) Galvanising Organic Bio Agri Resources
(2) Galvanising Organic Bio Agro Resources
(3) Galvanising Organic Biology Agro Resources
(4) Galvanising Organic Biology Agri Resources
(5) None of these
- Q.98.** Which State government has signed agreement with World Bank and government of India signed a US\$ 420 million project to help Small and Marginal farmers?
- (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Karnataka
(3) Maharashtra (4) Orissa
(5) None of these
- Q.99.** Which Bank became first Indian bank to go live on SWIFT's GPI service?
- (1) HDFC (2) IDFC (3) ICICI
(4) PNB (5) None of these
- Q.100.** 'SAHYOG-HYEOBLYEOG 2018' is a joint anti-piracy of which among the following combined countries?
- (1) India-South Korea (2) India-North Korea
(3) India-Russia (4) India-Japan
(5) None of these
- Q.101.** Who is the current Director General of Indian Coast Guard?
- (1) Arvind Singh (2) Arun Sathyan
(3) Ajay Kumar (4) Rajendra Singh
(5) None of these
- Q.102.** World's first hotel in space to open in 2021, is named as _____?
- (1) Space Hotel (2) Aurora Station
(3) Aurora Hotel (4) Space Station
(5) None of these
- Q.103.** Which country has introduced national service for women for first time?
- (1) Australia (2) Qatar
(3) Saudi Arabia (4) Iraq
(5) None of these
- Q.104.** Sanjita Chanu won gold medal at CWG in which category?
- (1) Fire shooting (2) Air Rifle
(3) Swimming (4) Weightlifting
(5) None of these
- Q.105.** Central Government has planned death penalty for those, who rape kids below the age of _____ years.
- (1) 10 (2) 12 (3) 14
(4) 18 (5) None of these
- Q.106.** Arsene Wenger is associated with which of the following fields?
- (1) Tennis (2) Polo (3) Football
(4) Gymnastics (5) None of these
- Q.107.** Which African was recently in news for changing its name?
- (1) Swaziland (2) Lesotho (3) Botswana
(4) Seychelles (5) None of these
- Q.108.** According to World Bank, India has world's _____ largest unbanked population in the world.
- (1) 2nd (2) 3rd (3) 6th
(4) 10th (5) None of these
- Q.109.** Which country has proposed to build an economic corridor with India and Nepal?
- (1) Bhutan (2) Bangladesh (3) Burma
(4) China (5) None of these
- Q.110.** A Village in Pakistan's Rawalpindi has been named after which of the following personalities?
- (1) Imran Khan (2) Musharaff
(3) Malala (4) Benazir Bhutto
(5) None of these
- Q.111.** Who is the current President of Cuba?
- (1) Fidel Castro
(2) Raul Castro
(3) Miguel Mario Díaz-Canel Bermúdez
(4) Roberto Morales Ojeda
(5) None of these
- Q.112.** With which of the following fields Kartik Aaryan is associated?
- (1) Cinema (2) Journalist (3) Politics
(4) Scientist (5) None of these

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Q.113. Which country has been ranked as no.1 in Index of Economic Freedom 2018?

- (1) Hong Kong (2) Singapore
- (3) New Zealand (4) None of these
- (5) None of these

Q.114. Which scheme has been launched by Government of India to attract foreign students?

- (1) Grow with India (2) Study in India
- (3) Explore in India (4) Dekho India
- (5) None of these

Q.115. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), what is the rank of India in the world in terms of the size of economy.

- (1) Second (2) Fourth (3) Sixth
- (4) Tenth (5) None of these

Q.116. Microsoft has launched its first product based on _____.

- (1) Ubuntu (2) Android (3) MacOS
- (4) Linux (5) None of these

Q.117. Who has become the first filmmaker in India who to get his wax statue at Madame Tussauds Museum?

- (1) Karan Johar (2) Anurag Kashyap
- (3) Mani Ratnam (4) Parkash Jha
- (5) None of these

Q.118. In which city, the 2-day Civil Services Day event was inaugurated by the Vice-President of India?

- (1) Pune (2) Assam (3) Nagpur
- (4) New Delhi (5) None of these

Q.119. Which city hosted the 16th Federation Cup Jr National athletics championship 2018?

- (1) Bangalore (2) Coimbatore (3) Chennai
- (4) Hyderabad (5) None of these

Q.120. According to TRA Brand Trust Report 2018, which bank is India's most trusted private sector bank?

- (1) HDFC (2) IDFC (3) ICICI
- (4) Axis Bank (5) None of these

Q.121. Malaria Summit was recently held in _____.

- (1) Germany (2) Paris (3) New York
- (4) London (5) None of these

Q.122. Which company has launched web browser in India with the benefit of less data consumption?

- (1) Flipkart (2) Apple (3) Amazon
- (4) Paytm (5) None of these

Q.123. Where is the Headquarters of Bandhan Bank situated?

- (1) Pune (2) Mumbai (3) New Delhi
- (4) Kolkata (5) None of these

Q.124. DARPAN-PLI App is for _____.

- (1) Indian Postal Service
- (2) Indian Railways
- (3) Indian Police Service
- (4) Indian Revenue Service
- (5) None of these

Q.125. Who will lead the jury of the 71st Cannes Film Festival?

- (1) Andrey Zvyagintsev (2) Robert Guediguian
- (3) Cate Blanchett (4) Chang Chen
- (5) None of these

Q.126. What is the name of the service launched by Google to provide a new security layer for its mailing service Gmail?

- (1) Security mode (2) Confidential mode
- (3) Protective mode (4) Private mode
- (5) None of these

Q.127. How many world heritage sites are there in India approved by UNESCO?

- (1) 34 (2) 35 (3) 36
- (4) 38 (5) None of these

Q.128. ASHAs (Accredited Social Health Activists) is launched by _____.

- (1) Pratheepa Patil (2) Narendra Modi
- (3) Ram Nath Kovind (4) Manmohan Singh
- (5) None of these

Q.129. Who has become the first rapper to win the Pulitzer Prize?

- (1) Kendrick Lamar (2) Drake
- (3) J. Cole (4) Kanye West
- (5) None of these

Q.130. S Nihal Singh, who passed away recently, was associated with _____.

- (1) Politics (2) Cinema (3) Journalism
- (4) Sports (5) None of these

Q.131. Which body has recently approved the world's first contact lens that automatically darkens when exposed to light?

- (1) WHO (2) USFDA (3) UNO
- (4) USDA (5) None of these

Q.132. Which Union Minister has launched digital platform for MSME Exporters?

- (1) Smriti Irani (2) Arun Jaitley
- (3) Suresh Prabhu (4) Sushma Swaraj
- (5) None of these

- Q.133.** India-Wiesbaden Conference 2018 was held in _____.
- (1) Mumbai (2) New Delhi (3) Kolkata
(4) Pune (5) None of these
- Q.134.** The Wiesbaden Process was initiated by _____.
- (1) Germany (2) France (3) Spain
(4) Austria (5) None of these
- Q.135.** Sampanna Ramesh Shelar has set a world record in _____.
- (1) Shooting (2) Swimming (3) Athletics
(4) Wrestling (5) None of these
- Q.136.** New York Times and New Yorker has won Pulitzer for reporting on _____.
- (1) Politics Corruption
(2) Crime death
(3) sexual harassment and abuse in Hollywood
(4) terror blasts
(5) None of these
- Q.137.** India Meteorological Department Headquarters is situated in _____.
- (1) Mumbai (2) New Delhi (3) Chennai
(4) Kolkata (5) None of these
- Q.138.** Which IPL team has launched “Go Green” initiative?
- (1) CSK (2) KKR (3) RCB
(4) RR (5) None of these
- Q.139.** Which bank has become the second most valued bank in the country?
- (1) State Bank of India
(2) Kotak Mahindra Bank
(3) HDFC
(4) Canara Bank
(5) None of these
- Q.140.** Which Indian state is using pigeons to communicate between police stations?
- (1) Orissa (2) Uttar Pradesh
(3) Meghalaya (4) Maharashtra
(5) None of these
- Q.141.** Who has been appointed as Commonwealth youth ambassador?
- (1) Prince William (2) Meghan Markle
(3) Prince Harry (4) Theresa May
(5) None of these
- Q.142.** The biannual Army Commanders’ Conference has begun in _____.
- (1) New Delhi (2) Jammu Kashmir
- (3) Assam (4) Nagaland
(5) None of these
- Q.143.** Commonwealth Heads of Government (CHOGM) Summit 2018 was held in:-
- (1) Canada (2) London (3) Paris
(4) New York (5) None of these
- Q.144.** Where was the first health centre under the Ayushman Bharat scheme inaugurated?
- (1) Raipur (2) Bilaspur (3) Bijapur
(4) Jagdalpur (5) None of these
- Q.145.** Axis Bank and the Indian Army has renewed their MoU recently. The first MoU between Axis Bank and the Indian Army was signed in _____.
- (1) 2010 (2) 2011 (3) 2012
(4) 2013 (5) None of these
- Q.146.** Railways has launched ‘MADAD’ app for _____.
- (1) Booking Tickets (2) Medical Emergency
(3) Lodging Complaints (4) Wallet theft
(5) None of these
- Q.147.** What rank did India get during Commonwealth Games 2018 with 26 gold medals?
- (1) Second (2) Third (3) Fourth
(4) Fifth (5) None of these
- Q.148.** Where was the second edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC) held?
- (1) Kolkata (2) Chennai (3) New Delhi
(4) Bangalore (5) None of these
- Q.149.** Which country has topped in FIFA Ranking?
- (1) Poland (2) Brazil (3) Germany
(4) Spain (5) None of these
- Q.150.** Which city will house the Headquarters of the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation’s task force for fast-tracking Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology?
- (1) Pune (2) New Delhi (3) Mumbai
(4) Hyderabad (5) None of these
- Q.151.** Who became the first Indian javelin thrower to claim a gold medal?
- (1) Manika Batra (2) Sharath Kamal
(3) Neeraj Chopra (4) Kristina O’Hara
(5) None of these
- Q.152.** Which Country has conducted largest naval parade?
- (1) Japan (2) India (3) China
(4) Russia (5) None of these

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Q.153. Which among the following countries will lose Olympic sports due to doping?

- (1) India and China (2) India and Russia
(3) Russia and Japan (4) Russia and China
(5) None of these

Q.154. Who among the following in the news recently for being India's youngest CWG gold medalist?

- (1) Anish Bhanwala (2) Tejaswini Sawant
(3) Bajrang Punia (4) Rajendra Singh
(5) None of these

Q.155. Tejaswini Sawant won India's 5th shooting gold at CWG 2018. She is associated with _____.

- (1) Shooting (2) Swimming
(3) Weightlifting (4) Wrestling
(5) None of these

Q.156. According to Asian Development Bank (ADB), in 2018-2019, the growth rate of Indian economy will be _____.

- (1) 7.3% (2) 7.4% (3) 7.5%
(4) 7.6% (5) None of these

Q.157. World's Largest Solar Park will be set up in which Indian state?

- (1) Bihar (2) Gujarat
(3) Andhra Pradesh (4) Maharashtra
(5) None of these

Q.158. President Ramnath Kovind laid the foundation stone of Lusaka traffic decongestion Project in _____.

- (1) Botswana (2) Tanzania
(3) Zambia (4) Zimbabwe
(5) None of these

Q.159. What is Yagyi – Kalewa?

- (1) India-Nepal Tunnel way
(2) India-Russia Defence MoU
(3) India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway
(4) India-Bangladesh-Myanmar Water way
(5) None of these

Q.160. Who has been appointed as the chairman of Banks Board Bureau?

- (1) Hima Sharma
(2) Bhanu Pratap Sharma
(3) Sherin Vinoth
(4) Rohini Sharath
(5) None of these

ANSWER KEY

Q.1. (1)	Q.2. (5)	Q.3. (2)	Q.4. (5)	Q.5. (4)	Q.6. (3)	Q.7. (4)	Q.8. (4)	Q.9. (3)	Q.10. (4)
Q.11. (3)	Q.12. (2)	Q.13. (3)	Q.14. (2)	Q.15. (2)	Q.16. (5)	Q.17. (5)	Q.18. (3)	Q.19. (2)	Q.20. (3)
Q.21. (4)	Q.22. (5)	Q.23. (5)	Q.24. (3)	Q.25. (1)	Q.26. (5)	Q.27. (1)	Q.28. (4)	Q.29. (5)	Q.30. (3)
Q.31. (2)	Q.32. (5)	Q.33. (4)	Q.34. (3)	Q.35. (3)	Q.36. (4)	Q.37. (3)	Q.38. (3)	Q.39. (4)	Q.40. (5)
Q.41. (4)	Q.42. (3)	Q.43. (2)	Q.44. (3)	Q.45. (2)	Q.46. (4)	Q.47. (5)	Q.48. (3)	Q.49. (4)	Q.50. (1)
Q.51. (3)	Q.52. (4)	Q.53. (3)	Q.54. (4)	Q.55. (4)	Q.56. (3)	Q.57. (5)	Q.58. (3)	Q.59. (4)	Q.60. (3)
Q.61. (4)	Q.62. (3)	Q.63. (1)	Q.64. (4)	Q.65. (3)	Q.66. (1)	Q.67. (4)	Q.68. (2)	Q.69. (3)	Q.70. (1)
Q.71. (2)	Q.72. (4)	Q.73. (3)	Q.74. (1)	Q.75. (2)	Q.76. (1)	Q.77. (3)	Q.78. (2)	Q.79. (2)	Q.80. (2)
Q.81. (3)	Q.82. (2)	Q.83. (2)	Q.84. (3)	Q.85. (2)	Q.86. (1)	Q.87. (3)	Q.88. (3)	Q.89. (2)	Q.90. (4)
Q.91. (1)	Q.92. (2)	Q.93. (4)	Q.94. (3)	Q.95. (1)	Q.96. (1)	Q.97. (2)	Q.98. (3)	Q.99. (3)	Q.100. (1)
Q.101. (4)	Q.102. (2)	Q.103. (2)	Q.104. (4)	Q.105. (2)	Q.106. (3)	Q.107. (1)	Q.108. (1)	Q.109. (4)	Q.110. (3)
Q.111. (3)	Q.112. (1)	Q.113. (1)	Q.114. (2)	Q.115. (3)	Q.116. (4)	Q.117. (1)	Q.118. (4)	Q.119. (2)	Q.120. (3)
Q.121. (4)	Q.122. (3)	Q.123. (4)	Q.124. (1)	Q.125. (3)	Q.126. (2)	Q.127. (3)	Q.128. (4)	Q.129. (1)	Q.130. (3)
Q.131. (2)	Q.132. (3)	Q.133. (2)	Q.134. (1)	Q.135. (2)	Q.136. (3)	Q.137. (2)	Q.138. (4)	Q.139. (2)	Q.140. (1)
Q.141. (3)	Q.142. (1)	Q.143. (2)	Q.144. (3)	Q.145. (2)	Q.146. (3)	Q.147. (2)	Q.148. (3)	Q.149. (3)	Q.150. (2)
Q.151. (3)	Q.152. (3)	Q.153. (2)	Q.154. (1)	Q.155. (1)	Q.156. (1)	Q.157. (2)	Q.158. (3)	Q.159. (3)	Q.160. (2)

GENERAL STUDIES

Q.1. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

List - I

(Dam)

- A. Doolhasti
- B. Gandhisagar
- C. Ukai
- D. Tawa

List-II

(River)

- 1. Chambal
- 2. Chenab
- 3. Tapi
- 4. Tawa

Codes :

- | | A | B | C | D |
|-----|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (b) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| (c) | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| (d) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |

Q.2. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists :

List - I

(Grass-Lands)

- A. Pampas
- B. Pustaz
- C. Veld
- D. Downs

List-II

(Country)

- 1. Australia
- 2. South Africa
- 3. Argentina
- 4. Hungary

Codes :

- | | A | B | C | D |
|-----|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| (b) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| (c) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (d) | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

Q.3. 'TRAI' is a regulatory body associated with which of the following sectors ?

- (a) Transport
- (b) Tourism
- (c) Technical Education
- (d) Telecom

Q.4. Which among the following is not a speculator in the stock exchange ?

- (a) Broker
- (b) Bull
- (c) Bear
- (d) Stag

Q.5. Which of the following commodities has highest export from India in 2017 ?

- (a) Agriculture and allied products
- (b) Engineering goods

(c) Textiles

(d) Chemicals

Q.6. Which of the following agencies is not engaged in exporting agricultural goods from India ?

- (a) NAFED
- (b) State Trading Corporation
- (c) IFFCO
- (d) MMTC

Q.7. According to "India. State of Forest Report 2017" what percentage of total geographical area of the country is under forest cover ?

- (a) 21.04
- (b) 21.54
- (c) 20.54
- (d) 20.04

Q.8. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below the lists:

List - I

(National Parks)

- A. Intanki
- B. Betla
- C. Sirohi
- D. Guindy

List-II

(States)

- 1. Jharkhand
- 2. Tamil Nadu
- 3. Nagaland
- 4. Manipur

Codes

- | | A | B | C | D |
|-----|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (b) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| (c) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (d) | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |

Q.9. The place on earth's surface which records the seismic waves first, is called

- (a) Focus
- (b) Epicentre
- (c) Seismosite
- (d) None of the above

Q.10. Which of the following represents the correct north to south sequence of following four islands of Japan ?

- (a) Hokkado. Honshu. Kyushu. Shikoku
- (b) Hokkado. Shikoku. Honshu. Kyushu
- (c) Hokkado. Honshu. Shikoku. Kyushu
- (d) Hokkado. Kyushu. Honshu. Shikoku

Q.11. Chiquicamata (Chili) is worldwide famous for which of the following minerals ?

- (a) Copper
- (b) Iron
- (c) Silver
- (d) Manganese

Q.12. Which of the following rock systems is the major source of metallic minerals in India ?

- (a) Tertiary system (b) Vindhyan system
(c) Gondwana system (d) Dharwar system

Q.13. As per Census 2011, which among the following Indian States recorded lowest female literacy ?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Rajasthan
(c) Kerala (d) Andhra Pradesh

Q.14. Which of the following states recorded a decline in its population in Census 2011?

- (a) Nagaland (b) Kerala
(c) Sikkim (d) Manipur

Q.15. As per Census 2011, which among the following states recorded highest literacy ?

- (a) Manipur (b) Punjab
(c) Assam (d) Madhya Pradesh

Q.16. As per 2011 Census, the percentage of urban population to total population in India was

- (a) 28.50 (b) 31.16
(c) 37.60 (d) 39.20

Q.17. Match List-1 with List-11 and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

List - I (Hills)	List - 11 (States)
A. Garo	1. Meghalaya
B. Miri	2. Tamil Nadu
C. Kollai Mallai	3. Arunachal Pradesh
D. Dalma	4. Jharkhand

Codes

A	B	C	D
(a) 1	3	2	4
(b) 1	2	3	4
(c) 1	3	4	2
(d) 2	1	3	4

Q.18. The number of coastal states in India is

- (a) 06 (b) 07
(c) 08 (d) 09

Q.19. As per Census 2011 of India, which among the following states recorded highest density of population ?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Bihar
(c) Punjab (d) Tamil Nadu

Q.20. According to Malthus, which one of the following is the most effective measure of population control?

- (a) War (b) Misery
(c) Birth control (d) Vices

Q.21. Consider the following statements about ecosystem :

1. The production at the autotroph level is said to be primary productivity.
2. The secondary productivity refers to the production at the heterotroph level.

Of the above, the correct statement's is/are:

- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.22. The amount of energy during transfer from one trophic level to another in an eco-system

- (a) increases
(b) decreases
(c) remains constant
(d) may increase or decrease

Q.23. In which of the following types of forests maximum plant diversity is found ?

- (a) Tropical moist deciduous forests.
(b) Sub-tropical mountain forests.
(c) Temperate moist forests.
(d) Tropical evergreen forests.

Q.24. As per 2011 Census, the percentage of population of metropolitan cities to the total urban population of India was

- (a) 31.16 (b) 36.48
(c) 42.61 (d) 49.20

Q.25. As per Census 2011, which among the following states recorded lowest percentage of urban population ?

- (a) Tripura (b) Sikkim
(c) Arunachal Pradesh (d) Himachal Pradesh

Q.26. As per Census 2011, which of the following states is second in India in its literacy rate and the level of urbanization ?

- (a) Mizoram (b) Maharashtra
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Tripura

Q.27. Arrange the following States in descending order of urbanisation as per Census 2011 and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

1. Gujarat
2. Andhra Pradesh
3. Maharashtra
4. West Bengal

Codes :

- (a) 4, 2, 3, 1 (b) 3, 4, 2, 1
(c) 2, 3, 1, 4 (d) 1, 2, 4, 3

Q.28. 'NOIDA' is located in which district of Uttar Pradesh ?

- (a) Gautam Buddha Nagar
- (b) Ghaziabad
- (c) Meerut
- (d) Shahjahanpur

Q.29. What is the size of the Budget of Uttar Pradesh for 2018-19 ?

- (a) ₹ 824384.53 crores
- (b) ₹428354.53 crores
- (c) ₹428384.52 crores
- (d) ₹824254.52 crores

Q.30. Consider the following statements :

Assertion (A) : 'Bhojpuri' is lingua franca of eastern Uttar Pradesh.

Reason (R) : People in eastern Uttar Pradesh are not at home with other languages.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Codes :

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (c) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- (d) (A) is false, but (R) is true.

Q.31. Which district of Uttar Pradesh is the largest producer of Dushari Mango ?

- (a) Agra
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Varanasi
- (d) Pratapgarh

Q.32. Which one of the following is the largest ecosystem of the earth ?

- (a) Hydrosphere
- (b) Biome
- (c) Lithosphere
- (d) Biosphere

Q.33. As per 2011 Census, the literacy rate in Uttar Pradesh from 2001 to 2011, rose up to

- (a) 11.45%
- (b) 12.45%
- (c) 13.45%
- (d) 14.45%

Q.34. In U.P., which one of the following cities is not an export development centre ?

- (a) Agra
- (b) Allahabad
- (c) Khurja
- (d) Meerut

Q.35. Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwa Vidhyalaya Evam Go Raksha Anusanthan Sansthan is situated at

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Meerut
- (c) Ayodhya
- (d) Mathura

Q.36. Consider the statements:

Assertion (A) : Kanauj is a 'city of perfumes'.

Reason (R) : All residents of Kanauj city have perfume industries.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Codes :

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (c) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- (d) (A) is false, but (R) is true.

Q.37. Consider the following objectives of 'Single Window Clearance department' in U.P. and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

1. Industrial waste management
2. Industrial approval

Codes :

- (a) Only 1 is correct.
- (b) Only 2 is correct.
- (c) Both 1 and 2 are correct.
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct.

Q.38. In which city the famous 'Thumari' singer Girija Devi was born ?

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Aligarh
- (c) Moradabad
- (d) Varanasi

Q.39. Which one of the following is the eastern most town of Uttar Pradesh ?

- (a) Ballia
- (b) Azamgarh
- (c) Barabanki
- (d) Basti

Q.40. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched ?

- | (City) | (Characteristic) |
|---------------|------------------------|
| (a) Varanasi | - Culture and Religion |
| (b) Lucknow | - State Capital |
| (c) Jhansi | - Industrial Hub |
| (d) Moradabad | - Brass Industry |

Q.41. The tenure of the office of the Lokayukta of Uttar Pradesh is

- (a) 5 years
- (b) 6 years
- (c) 7 years
- (d) 8 years

Q.42. Which of the following pairs is not correctly matched ?

Institution	Year of establishment
(a) Central Bureau of Investigation	- 1963
(b) Central Vigilance Commission	- 1964
(c) Prevention of Corruption Act	- 1985
(d) Enforcement Directorate	- 2000

Q.43. The Administrative Reforms Commission 1967, which for the first time recommended for the setting up of Lokpal and Lokayukta. was headed by

- (a) Morarji Desai
- (b) K. Santhanam
- (c) Chaudhary Charan Singh
- (d) Babu Jagjivan Ram

Q.44. In which of the following Articles of the Indian Constitution, the abolition of untouchability has been guaranteed ?

- (a) Article-14 (b) Article-15
- (c) Article-16 (d) Article-17

Q.45. With reference to the reservation of seats for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions, which of the following statements is/are correct ?

1. It is provided for in Article 243D(3) of the Indian Constitution.
2. The reservation shall cease to have effect on the expiration of the period specified in Article 334.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Codes :

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.46. According to Article 170 of the Indian Constitution, the minimum and maximum strength of members of Legislative Assembly in a state can be respectively:

- (a) 40 and 400 (b) 50 and 450
- (c) 50 and 500 (d) 60 and 500

Q.47. The two Union Territories which have been given right to take part in the election of the President of India by the 70th Amendment of Indian Constitution, are:

- (a) Delhi and Chandigarh
- (b) Delhi and Puducherry
- (c) Delhi and Daman & Diu
- (d) Chandigarh and Puducherry

Q.48. Which one of the following statements is-are correct with reference to India ?

1. The fiscal deficit target for the year 2017-18 was raised to 3.5 percent of GDP.
2. The fiscal deficit target for the year 2018-19 has been placed at 3.3 percent of GDP.
3. The fiscal deficit target for the year 2020-21 is projected at 3.1 percent of the GDP.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Codes :

- (a) 3 only (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 2 and 3 only

Q.49. Consider the following statements :

Assertion (A): Fiscal deficit of Indian Government as a percentage of GDP was higher in 2017-18 as compared to Budget estimates.

Reason (R) : Growth in indirect tax collection was relatively lower during 2017-18 on account of introduction of GST.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below :

Codes :

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (c) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- (d) (A) is false, but (R) is true.

Q.50. Which of the following continued to be the major component of India's external credit till 2017?

- (a) NRI deposits
- (b) Short term debt
- (c) Trade Credit
- (d) Commercial borrowing

Q.51. Which city of Uttar Pradesh is famous for 'wood carving cottage industry'?

- (a) Gorakhpur (b) Saharanpur
- (c) Meerut (d) Kanpur

Q.52. In Uttar Pradesh, North Central Zone Cultural Centre has been established at :

- (a) Agra (b) Varanasi
(c) Allahabad (d) Bareilly

Q.53. Consider the following statements to explain why Uttar Pradesh is called the 'Sugar-bowl of India' :

1. U.P. has the highest production of sugarcane.
2. U.P. has the sugarcane engineering education institutes.
3. U.P. has the largest number of sugar mills.
4. U.P. has the highest number of sugarcane growers.

Which of the above explanations are correct ?

- (a) Only 1 and 3 (b) Only 1 and 2
(c) Only 1, 2 and 4 (d) Only 2, 3 and 4

Q.54. Producer Price Index measures :

- (a) the average change in the prices of produced goods and services.
(b) the marginal change in the prices of produced goods and services.
(c) the total change in the prices of produced goods and services.
(d) None of the above

Q.55. Which of the following statements is/are correct about 73rd Amendment to the Indian Constitution?

1. It recognized Panchayats as institutions of self-government.
2. It recognized urban local governments as institutions of self-government.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

Codes :

- (a) Both 1 and 2 (b) Only 2
(c) Only 1 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.56. As in December 2017, Indian government's holding in which of the following banks was maximum ?

- (a) Central Bank of India
(b) United Bank of India
(c) Bank of India
(d) State Bank of India

Q.57. As per Census of India 2011, which among the following districts of Uttar Pradesh has the highest literacy rate ?

- (a) Allahabad (b) Varanasi
(c) Bareilly (d) Ghaziabad

Q.58. A monkey climbs 16 m up a slippery pole. It rises 1 m in 1 minute and slips $\frac{1}{4}$ m in the next minute. It will reach the top in :

- (a) 30 minutes (b) 32 minutes
(c) 36 minutes (d) None of the above

Q.59. "Tharu Tribe" is residing in which of the following states of India ?

- (a) Bihar and Madhya Pradesh
(b) Jharkhand and Bihar
(c) Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh
(d) Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh

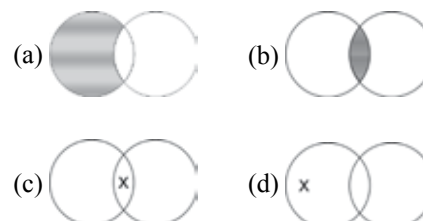
Q.60. Which one of the following did not take place in the Union Budget for 2017-18 ?

- (a) Elimination of the classification of expenditure into 'Plan' and 'Non-Plan'.
(b) Increase in the number of centrally sponsored schemes.
(c) Bringing Railway finances into the mainstream budgeting.
(d) Advancing the date of Union Budget almost by a month.

Q.61. Looking at a portrait of a man. Sanjay said "His mother is the wife of my father's son. I have no brothers and sisters". At whose portrait was Sanjay looking ?

- (a) His son (b) His nephew
(c) His cousin (d) His father

Q.62. Which one of the following is the correct symbolization of the proposition "some peddlers are millionaires" by means of Venn diagram?



Q.63. Ram travels 1 km due east, then 5 km due south, then 2 km due east and finally 9 km due north. How far is he from the starting point ?

- (a) 10 km (b) 8 km
(c) 7 km (d) 5 km

Q.64. Find out the missing number in the following sequence:

6, 24, 60, 120, 210, _____

- (a) 324 (b) 336
(c) 428 (d) 440

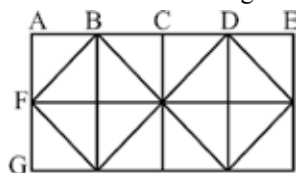
Q.65. If "some saints were martyrs" is true, what may be interred about the truth or falsehood of the proposition "some martyrs were not non-saints" ?

- (a) undetermined (b) true
(c) false (d) None of the above

Q.66. In a code language SISTER and CAR are written as 212345 and 765 respectively, then 655423 stands for :

- (a) ARREST (b) ASRERT
(c) ASSERT (d) None of the above

Q.67. How many squares are present in the following figure (provided that $AB = BC = CD = DE = EF = FG$ and all internal angles are 90°) ?



- (a) 9 (b) 11
(c) 13 (d) 14

Q.68. Find out the missing number in the following table:

9	4	20
8	5	12
7	6	?

- (a) 2 (b) 4
(c) 6 (d) 8

Q.69. A is taller than B, but not as tall as C. D is taller than E but not as tall as B. E is taller than F but not as tall as D. Who among them is the tallest ?

- (a) B (b) C
(c) D (d) F

Q.70. What is the next letter in the following sequence?
B, D, G, K, P, _____

- (a) T (b) U
(c) V (d) W

Q.71. Name the first Indian woman fighter pilot who created history by flying solo fighter plane 'MIG-21 Bison' ?

- (a) Bhawana Kanth (b) Subhangi Swaroop
(c) Mohana Singh (d) Avani Chaturvedi

Q.72. Name the Indian gymnast who created history in February 2018 by winning the first individual medal at Gymnastics World Cup ?

- (a) Aruna Budda Reddy
(b) Dipa Karmakar
(c) Pranati Nayak
(d) Rakesh Patra

Q.73. Given that A is brother of B: C is father of A: D is the brother of E and E is the daughter of B. Then the uncle of D is :

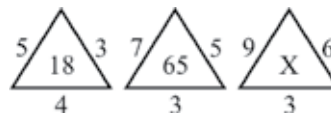
- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) None of the above

Q.74. What should come in the place of (?) in the following sequence ?

ADG, GJM, MPS, (?)

- (a) SVW (b) SVX
(c) SVY (d) SWY

Q.75. What is the number X in the third figure given below :



- (a) 82 (b) 92
(c) 102 (d) 108

Q.76. A school bell takes 14 seconds to ring 8 times. How much time will it take to ring 4 times ?

- (a) 6 seconds (b) 7 seconds
(c) 8 seconds (d) None of the above

Q.77. The 'Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2018' was won by

- (a) India (b) Holland
(c) Australia (d) Germany

Q.78. Which country will host the 24th Winter Olympics, 2022?

- (a) Italy (b) China
(c) Japan (d) Germany

Q.79. 21st FIFA World Cup, 2018 will be held in which of the following countries?

- (a) Brazil (b) Argentina
(c) Spain (d) Russia

Q.80. Consider the following statements about 'World Happiness Report 2018' released by United Nations in March 2018 :

1. India dropped 11 spots from its ranking in the previous year 2017.

2. Finland with 1st rank is the happiest country.
3. This report includes only 155 countries.

Of the above, the correct statement/s is/are:

- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 1 and 2
(c) Only 1 and 3 (d) Only 2 and 3

Q.81. What is the theme for 'World Environment Day 2018'?

- (a) Connecting People to Nature
(b) One World, Our Environment
(c) Beat Plastic Pollution
(d) Save Water for Future

Q.82. Consider the following statements about 'Hurun Global Rich List 2018':

1. India has the third highest number of billionaires in the world.
2. There are 118 billionaires in India.
3. China has the highest number of billionaires.

Of the above, the correct statement/s is/are:

- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 1 and 2
(c) Only 2 and 3 (d) Only 1 and 3

Q.83. The first summit of 'International Solar Alliance' was held in which of the following cities?

- (a) New Delhi (b) New York
(c) Paris (d) None of the above

Q.84. As per Union Budget List-I with List-II and answer from the codes lists:

List-I (Sector)	List-II (Budget allocation : in lakh crores)
A. Defence	1. ₹ 1.38
B. Agriculture and allied activity	2. ₹ 1.69
C. Subsidy for food	3. ₹ 0.63
D. Rural development	4. ₹ 2.82

Codes :

A	B	C	D
(a) 4	3	2	1
(b) 1	2	3	4
(c) 4	2	1	3
(d) 3	1	4	2

Q.85. Consider the following statements related to tennis player Roger Federer:

1. As of March 20, 2018 he is ranked World No. 1 player in men's singles.

2. He is first-ever player to win twenty grand slam men's singles title.

3. He has won Wimbledon men's sinule title seven times till March 2018.

Of the above, the correct statement/s is/are:

- (a) Only 1 and 2 (b) Only 2
(c) Only 2 and 3 (d) Only 1 and 3

Q.86. Which among the following countries has announced to impose 'Carbon Tax' from 2019 to cut its greenhouse gas emission?

- (a) Thailand (b) China
(c) Singapore (d) Malaysia

Q.87. The first Union Territory of India to run 100 percent on solar energy is

- (a) Chandigarh (b) Diu
(c) Andaman-Nicobar (d) Puducherry

Q.88. In March 2018, which state of India has unveiled its state flag?

- (a) West Bengal (b) Maharashtra
(c) Kerala (d) Karnataka

Q.89. Arrange the names of the following rulers in correct chronological order and select the answer from the codes given below :

1. Vidyadhara
2. Dhanga
3. Yasoverma
4. Keertiverma

Codes :

- (a) 3, 2, 1, 4 (b) 1, 3, 2, 4
(c) 3, 1, 4, 2 (d) 2, 3, 1, 4

Q.90. 'Aadi Varaha' was the title of which Gurjar Pratihara ruler?

- (a) Vatsraja (b) Nagbhatta II
(c) Mihira Bhoja (d) Nagbhatta I

Q.91. Which district of Bihar set a record by constructing 11244 toilets in 100 hours?

- (a) Sivan (b) Gopalganj
(c) Chhapra (d) Muzaffarpur

Q.92. Which of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

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Rulers

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| (a) Nasik | - Gautami Putra |
| (b) Hathigumpha | - Kharvela |
| (c) Bhitari | - Pulkeshin II |
| (d) Gimar | - Rudradaman I |

Q.93. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below the lists:

List-I	List-II
(Acharya)	(Doctrine)
A. Lakulisa	1. Ajivaka
B. Nagarjuna	2. Sunyavada
C. Bhadrabahu	3. Pasupat
D. Gosala	4. Jain

Codes :

A	B	C	D
(a) 2	3	4	1
(b) 3	2	4	1
(c) 1	2	3	4
(d) 3	1	4	2

Q.94. Which one of the following rulers established Vikramasila University ?

- (a) Gopal (b) Devapal
(c) Mahipala I (d) Dharmapal

Q.95. Who among the following Chisti Saints is known as 'Chirag-e-Delhi' ?

- (a) Mui-ud-din
(b) Farid-ud-din
(c) Nizam-ud-din Aulia
(d) Nasiruddin

Q.96. Who among the following rulers circulated the silver coin called 'Shahrukh' ?

- (a) Akbar (b) Babar
(c) Humayun (d) Shahjahan

Q.97. What does 'Triratna' means in Buddhism ?

- (a) Tripitaka
(b) Buddha, Dhamma, Sangha
(c) Sheel, Samadhi, Sangha
(d) Satya, Ahinsa, Karuna

Q.98. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists :

List-I	List-II
A. Ranthambore	1. Karandeva
B. Chittor	2. Raja Ray Ramchandra
C. Devgiri	3. Hamirdeo
D. Gujarat	4. Rana Ratan Singh

Codes :

A	B	C	D
(a) 4	3	2	1
(b) 1	4	3	2

(c) 2 4 1 3

(d) 3 4 2 1

Q.99. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched ?

- (Traveller) (Country)
(a) Ibn Batuta - Morocco
(b) Marco Polo - Italy
(c) Abdur Razzaq - Turkey
(d) Nuniz - Portugal

Q.100. Consider the following events and arrange these in chronological order :

1. Transfer of capital by Mohd. Tughlaq
2. Afganpur conspiracy
3. Murder of Jalal-ud-Din Khalji
4. Second Battle of Tarain

Select correct answer from the codes given below:

Codes :

- (a) 4, 3, 2, 1 (b) 3, 1, 2, 4
(c) 1, 2, 3, 4 (d) 1, 2, 4, 3

Q.101. Who was the Political Guru of Subhash Chandra Bose ?

- (a) G.K. Gokhale (b) C.R. Das
(c) B.C. Pal (d) B.G. Tilak

Q.102. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

List-I	List-II
(Rebellion)	(Year A.D.)
A. Ahom	1. 1855-56
B. Kol	2. 1828
C. Santhal	3. 1921
D. Moplah	4. 1831-32

Codes :

A	B	C	D
(a) 4	3	2	1
(b) 1	4	3	2
(c) 2	4	1	3
(d) 3	4	2	1

Q.103. Who among the following rulers established 'Diwan-i-Amir-Kohi' department ?

- (a) Balban
(b) Allauddin Khilji
(c) Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq
(d) Firoz Shah Tughlaq

Q.104. 'Operation Rubicon' was the code word proposed to be adopted by British Government in India with reference to which of the following ?

- (a) Gandhi's fast unto death in Jail
- (b) Activities of Jai Prakash Narayan
- (c) Gandhi's participation in Round Table Conference
- (d) None of the above

Q.105. Who among the following was not the member of Champaran Agrarian Enquiry Committee ?

- (a) F.G. Slay (b) DJ. Reid
- (c) Anugrah Narayan (d) Mahatma Gandhi

Q.106. Consider the following events :

- 1. Gandhi-Irwin Pact
- 2. Communal Award
- 3. Second Round Table Conference
- 4. Nehru Report

Arrange above events in chronological order and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Codes :

- (a) 3, 2, 1, 4 (b) 3, 1, 4, 2
- (c) 4, 3, 2, 1 (d) 4, 1, 3, 2

Q.107. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

List-I	List-II
A. Samachar Darpan	1. Raja Ram Mohan Roy
B. Mirat-ul-Akhbar	2. B.G. Tilak
C. Kesari	3. Mahatma Gandhi
D. Young India	4. J.C. Marshman

Codes :

- | A | B | C | D |
|-------|---|---|---|
| (a) 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| (b) 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| (c) 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| (d) 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

Q.108. Kuka Movement was founded in

- (a) Bengal (b) Bihar
- (c) Punjab (d) Maharashtra

Q.109. Which one of the following persons was not associated with Azad Hind Fauj ?

- (a) Major General Shahnawaz Khan
- (b) Colonel Prem Kumar Sahgal
- (c) Colonel Shaikat Ali Malik
- (d) Major Kartar Singh

Q.110. Consider the following events :

- 1. August Offer
- 2. Poona Pact
- 3. Third Round Table Conference
- 4. Communal Award

Arrange the above events in chronological order and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Codes :

- (a) 4, 3, 2, 1 (b) 4, 2, 3, 1
- (c) 2, 1, 3, 4 (d) 3, 2, 1, 4

Q.111. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

- (a) Local self-government - Lord Lytton
- (b) Subsidiary Alliance - Lord Wellesley
- (c) Doctrine of Lapse - Lord Dalhousie
- (d) Permanent Settlement - Lord Cornwallis

Q.112. Which one of the following polymers is not biodegradable ?

- (a) Cellulose (b) Starch
- (c) Protein (d) PVC

Q.113. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched ?

- (a) Aluminium - Bauxite
- (b) Copper - Cinnabar
- (c) Zinc - Calamine
- (d) Iron - Haematite

Q.114. Sea weeds are the main and important source of the following element:

- (a) Iodine (b) Chlorine
- (c) Bromine (d) None of the above

Q.115. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched ?

- (a) Vitamin D - Rickets
- (b) Vitamin C - Bleeding gums
- (c) Vitamin A - Rheumatism.
- (d) Vitamin B₁ - Beriberi

Q.116. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched ?

- (a) Chloromycetin - antityphoid
- (b) Crystal violet - antiseptic

(c) Quinine - anti malarial

(d) Aspirin - anaesthetic

Q.117. The silk produced by spiders is called

(a) Tussar silk (b) Munga silk

(c) Gossamer silk (d) Ahinsa silk

Q.118. The total amount of blood present in a normal human (70 kg) adult is about

(a) 6000 m/ (b) 5000 m/

(c) 4000 m/ (d) 3000 m/

Q.119. Which one of the following enzymes converts proteins into amino acids ?

(a) Pepsin (b) Lactase

(c) Urease (d) Zymase

Q.120. Which one of the following is a female sex-hormone ?

(a) Androsterone (b) Testosterone

(c) Estrone (d) Thyroxine

Q.121. The device which works on the principle of electromagnetic induction is

(a) Ammeter (b) Voltmeter

(c) Dynamo (d) Electric motor

Q.122. Which one of the following is not required for photosynthesis process ?

(a) Sunlight (b) Oxygen

(c) Water (d) Carbon dioxide

Q.123. With reference to bacteriophages, which statement/s is/are correct ?

1. Bacteriophages are virus that infect bacteria.

2. Bacteriophages are used in genetic engineering.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below :

Codes :

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only

(c) Both (1) and (2) (d) Neither (1) nor (2)

Q.124. Which one of the following scales of temperature does not have a negative value ?

(a) Celsius (b) Fahrenheit

(c) Kelvin (d) Reaumar

Q.125. The ratio of kinetic energies of two bodies of same mass is 4 : 9, the ratio of their velocities will be

(a) 4:9 (b) 2:3

(c) 16:81 (d) $\sqrt{2}:\sqrt{3}$

Q.126. Which one of the following is not the unit of heat?

(a) Centigrade (b) Calorie

(c) Erg (d) Joule

Q.127. Which one of the following statements is not true about Li-Fi ?

(a) The full form of Li-Fi is 'Light Fidelity'.

(b) The successful test of Li-Fi in India was done by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on 29th January, 2018.

(c) Li-Fi can send 10 GB/sec. data upto 1 km circumference.

(d) It is operated by optical fibre network.

Q.128. Which one of the following substances is a herbicide ?

(a) Chlorpyrifos (b) Carboendazim

(c) Quinolphos (d) Butachlor

Q.129. Among Indian States, which state has the highest yield (per hectare) of rice ?

(a) West Bengal (b) Uttar Pradesh

(c) Haryana (d) Punjab

Q.130. Among the following countries, which was the highest crude oil supplier to India during 2017-18?

(a) Saudi Arabia (b) Iran

(c) Iraq (d) Kuwait

Q.131. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched ?

(a) Cuscuta - stem parasite

(b) Chandan - root parasite

(c) Orchids - epiphyte

(d) Nepenthes - hydrophyte

Q.132. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below the list:

List -I

List -II

(Crop/Plantation)

(Largest producer state)

A. Jute

1. Kerala

B. Tea

2. Uttar Pradesh

C. Sugarcane

3. Assam

D. Rubber

4. West Bengal

Codes :

	A	B	C	D
(a)	4	3	2	1
(b)	3	1	2	4
(c)	2	4	3	1
(d)	1	2	3	4

Q.133. Among the Indian States, Uttar Pradesh is the largest producer of which of the following crops ?

- (a) Wheat, Potato, Groundnut
- (b) Wheat, Potato, Sugarcane
- (c) Potato, Sugarcane, Cotton
- (d) Potato, Sugarcane, Paddy

Q.134. Which of the following pairs is not correctly matched ?

- | | |
|---------------|-----------|
| (Crop) | (Variety) |
| (a) Mustard | Varuna |
| (b) Field Pea | Sapna |
| (c) Linseed | Surya |
| (d) Groundnut | Kaushal |

Q.135. Which among the following statements is not true?

- (a) Rust is a disease found in wheat.
- (b) Early blight is a disease found in Potato.
- (c) False smut is a disease found in barley.
- (d) Khaira is a disease found in paddy.

Q.136. Consider the statements :

Assertion (A) : Among various types of soils, clay retains highest amount of water.

Reason (R) : Clay has pore spaces of large size.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below :

Codes :

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

(c) (A) is true, but (R) is false.

(d) (A) is false, but (R) is true.

Q.137. First 'Deendayal Handicraft SankuF' trade facilitation centre is located at

- (a) Agra
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Kanpur
- (d) Gorakhpur

Q.138. The share of Tertiary Sector in Indian economy during 2016-17 was

- (a) ₹ 51.8 lakh crore
- (b) ₹ 50.6 lakh crore
- (c) ₹ 49.0 lakh crore
- (d) ₹ 52.8 lakh crore

Q.139. The water holding capacity of different types of soils decreases in the order:

- (a) Clay > Silt > Sand
- (b) Clay > Sand > Silt
- (c) Sand > Silt > Clay
- (d) Silt > Sand > Clay

Q.140. Which of the following pairs is not correctly matched ?

(Institute) (Location)

- (a) Indian Vegetable - Varanasi
Research Institute
- (b) Central Institute - Srinagar
of Subtropical
Horticulture
- (c) Indian Institute - Lucknow
of Sugarcane
Research.
- (d) Indian Institute of - Kanpur
Pulse Research

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- Q.1.(D)** (Dam) (River)
 A. Doolhasti 1. Chenab
 B. Gandhisagar 2. Chambal
 C. Ukai 3. Tapi
 D. Tawa 4. Tawa
- Q.2.(A)** (Grass-Lands) (Country)
 A. Pampas 1. Argentina
 B. Pustaz 2. Hungary
 C. Veld 3. South Africa
 D. Downs 4. Australia
- Q.3.(D)** The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is a statutory body set up by the Government of India under section 3 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997. It is the regulator of the telecommunications sector in India.
- Q.4.(D)** Bull and bear is related to stock exchange. stag word is related to Inflation.
- Q.5.(B)** Engineering goods has highest export from India in 2017.
- Q.6.(D)** NAFED -National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India.
 State Trading Corporation -agro products
 IFFCO- Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative
 MMTC- Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation of India
- Q.7.(B)** The increase in the forest cover has been observed as 6,778 sq km and that of tree cover as 1, 243 sq km. The total forest and tree cover is 24.39%
- Q.8.(C)** (National Parks) (States)
 A. Intanki 1. Nagaland
 B. Betla 2. Jharkhand
 C. Sirohi 3. Manipur
 D. Guindy 4. Tamil Nadu
- Q.9.(B)** The place on earth's surface which records the seismic waves first, is called epicenter.
- Q.10.(C)** Hokkado, Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu are the correct north to south sequence of following four islands of Japan.
- Q.11.(A)** Chile's economy heavily dependent on the copper industry. It was from that period that copper became known as "Chile's salary". By the late 1950s, the three largest copper mines in Chile were Chuquicamata, El Salvador mine, and El Teniente.
- Q.12.(D)** The Dharwar rocks are rich in iron ore, manganese, lead, zinc, gold, silver etc.
- Q.13.(B)** According to the Census 2011 data, Kerala has the highest female literacy rate of 91.98% where as Rajasthan has the lowest female literacy rate of 52.66%. Lakshadweep holds the first rank in male literacy rate whereas Bihar has recorded lowest male literacy rate.
- Q.14.(A)** Nagaland was the only state in the country to record a negative growth in population minus 0.47% decadal population growth in the 2011 census.

Q.15.(A)

SL. No.	State	Total Lit.	Male Lit.	Female Lit.	Total Lit. rate	Male lit. rate	Female literacy rate
1	Punjab	1,89,88,611	1,06,26,788	83,61,823	76.68	81.48	71.34
2	Manipur	18,91,196	10,26,733	8,64,463	79.85	86.49	73.17
3	Assam	1,95,07,017	1,07,56,937	87,50,080	73.18	78.81	67.27
4	Madhya Pradesh	4,38,27,193	2,58,48,137	1,79,79,056	70.63	80.53	60.02

Q.16.(B)

- Q.17.(A)** A. Garo 1. Meghalaya
 B. Miri 2. Arunachal Pradesh
 C. Kollai Mallai 3. Tamil Nadu
 D. Dalma 4. Jharkhand
- Q.18.(D)** 9 States and 4 Union Territories The states which have a sea-line running along their borders are nine viz. Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal. Two Union territories with costal-line are Daman & Diu and Puducherry, while Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands are island territories.

Q.19.(B)

State	No. of person per square Km.
Uttar Pradesh	828
Bihar	1102
Punjab	550
Tamil Nadu	555

Q.20.(B)

Q.21.(C)

Q.22.(B)

The amount of energy at each trophic level decreases as it moves through an ecosystem. As little as 10 percent of the energy at any trophic level is transferred to the next level; the rest is lost largely through metabolic processes as heat.

Q.23.(D)

Tropical evergreen forests, are found largely in the temperate mid-latitudes of North America, Siberia, Canada, Australia, Africa, Scandinavia, Himalayas and western ghats of India.

Q.24.(C)

There are 53 urban agglomerations in India with a population of 1 million or more as of 2011 against 35 in 2001. 42.61 percent of the urban population of India lives in these cities.

Q.25.(B)

As per Census 2011, Sikkim states recorded lowest percentage of urban population.

Q.26.(A)

As per Census 2011, Mizoram states is second in India in its literacy rate and the level of urbanization(51.51%).the top in level of urbanization is Goa(62.17%). in literacy rate As per Census 2011 Kerala is on the top(94.0%) and at second place in literacy rate Mizoram with 91.3%.

Q.27.(B)

Maharashtra has more than five crore people living in urban areas, higher than other states. Uttar Pradesh has four crore people in cities, and Tamil Nadu comes in third with more than three crore.

Q.28.(A)

Noida is located in Gautam Buddh Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh state. New Okhla Industrial Development Authority is abbreviated as NOIDA.

Q.29.(C)

Yogi Adityanath government presented its Rs 4,28,384.52-crore budget for 2018-19 which is 11.4 per cent higher than the last fiscal year.

Q.30.(C)

Bhojpuri is an Indo-Aryan language spoken in the Northern-Eastern part of India and the Terai region of Nepal. It is chiefly spoken in eastern Uttar Pradesh, western Bihar, and in extreme northwestern part of Jharkhand in India.

Q.31.(B)

Dasheri, originated in Dasheri village near Kakori in Lucknow district in 18th century, is a sweet and

fragrant variety of mango. Lucknow district of Uttar Pradesh is the largest producer of Dushari Mango.

Q.32.(A)

Q.33.(C)

As per 2011 Census, the literacy rate in Uttar Pradesh from 2001 to 2011, rose up to 13.45%. the literacy rate in Uttar Pradesh As per 2011 Census, is 69.72 percent.

Q.34.(C)

Allahabad is not an export development centre. agra is famous for shoes export. meerut is famous for bat export. Khurja is famous for ceramics pottery export.

Q.35.(D)

Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwa Vidhyalaya Evam Go Raksha Anusanthan Sansthan is situated at Mathura.

Q.36.(C)

Kannauj famous for distilling of scents is known as India's perfume capital and is famous for its traditional Kannauj Perfume, a government protected entity Kannauj itself has more than 200 perfume distilleries and is a market center for tobacco, Ittar (perfume), and rose water.

Q.37.(B)

Q.38.(D)

Girija Devi was born in Varanasi, on 8 May 1929, to Ramdeo Rai, a zamindar. Her father played the harmonium and taught music.

Q.39.(A)

Ballia is the eastern most town of Uttar Pradesh. Bhojpuri is the primary local language.

Q.40.(C)

Jhansi is a historic city in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. It lies in the region of Bundelkhand on the banks of the Pahuj River, in the extreme south of Uttar Pradesh.

Q.41.(D)

According to the Uttar Pradesh Lokayukta Act of 1975, the Governor of the state can appoint the Lokayukta after consultations with the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, and the leader of the opposition in the state assembly. The Lokayukta serves the office for the period of eight years after an amendment increased the tenure length by two years (Before 6 years).

Q.42.(D)

The establishment of Enforcement Directorate is 1 May 1956. It's Headquarters at New Delhi. There are five Regional offices in Mumbai, Chennai, Chandigarh, Kolkata and Delhi.

Q.43.(A)

The first Administrative Reforms Commission was established in 5 January, 1966. Its chairman was Morarji Desai, after becoming the deputy prime minister of Morarji Desai in the year 1967, Hanumanthiya became chairman, in the year 1970, this commission recommended the creation of Lokpal and Lokayukta for the first time.

Q.44.(D) Article 14: Equality before the law.

Article 15: Prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth.

Article 16: Equality of opportunity in matters of public employment.

Article 17: Abolition of Untouchability.

Q.45.(A) 243 D(3)- At least one-third seats reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes of the total number of seats.

Article 334 of the Constitution relating to reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and special representation of the Anglo-Indian community in the House of the People and in the Legislative Assemblies of the States.

Q.46.(D) The Legislative Assembly of each State shall consist of not more than five hundred, and not less than sixty, members chosen by direct election from territorial constituencies in the State.

Q.47.(B) The Constitution (70th Amendment) Act, 1992: Before this act was made Article 54 relating to the election of the President provided for an electoral college consisting only of the elected members of Parliament as well as the legislative assemblies of the States (not of Union Territories). The amendment provides for the inclusion of members of the legislature of Pondicherry and Delhi.

Q.48.(C) The difference between total revenue and total expenditure of the government is termed as fiscal deficit.

1. The fiscal deficit target for the year 2017-18 was raised to 3.5 percent of GDP.

2. The fiscal deficit target for the year 2018-19 has been placed at 3.3 percent of GDP.

3. The fiscal deficit target for the year 2020-21 is projected at 3.0 percent of the GDP.

Q.49.(A) Growth in indirect tax collection was relatively lower during 2017-18 on account of the introduction of GST. So, the Fiscal deficit of Indian Government as a percentage of GDP was higher in 2017-18 as compared to Budget estimates.

Q.50.(D) The major component of India's external credit till 2017 are:

Commercial borrowing - (38%)

NRI deposits- (24%)

Short-term debt- (19%)

Q.51.(B) Saharanpur city of Uttar Pradesh is famous for 'wood carving cottage industry'. Saharanpur is known as 'Capital of woodcraft'.

Q.52.(C) In Uttar Pradesh. North Central Zone Cultural Centre has been established at Allahabad (1986 AD.)

Q.53.(C) According to 2016-17 U.P. has the highest production of sugarcane (113704 ton)

Sugarcane engineering education institutes located in Lucknow.

Maharashtra has the largest number of sugar mills.

U.P. has the highest number of sugarcane growers.

Q.54.(A) Producer Price Index measures the average change in the prices of produced goods and services.

Q.55.(C) 73rd Amendment Act, 1992 (commonly referred to as the Panchayati Raj Act) went into effect on April 24, 1993, and 74th Amendment Act, 1992 (the Nagarpalika Act), on June 1, 1993.

Q.56.(B) As in December 2017, United Bank of India has the maximum holding of the Indian government.

Q.57.(D) According to census 2011 Ghaziabad district of Uttar Pradesh has the highest literacy rate (78.1%)

Q.58.(D)

Q.59.(D) "Tharu Tribe" is residing in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh states of India.

Q.60.(B) 3 main reform in the Union Budget -2017-18

Advancing the date of Union Budget almost by a month (1 February)

Railway budget merge into the General budget.

Elimination of the classification of expenditure into 'Plan' and 'Non- Plan'.

Q.61.(A)

Q.62.(C)

Q.63.(D)

Q.64.(B) $6 = (2^3 - 2 = 6)$, $24 = (3^3 - 3 = 24)$, $60 = (4^3 - 4 = 60)$, $120 = (5^3 - 5 = 120)$, $210 = (6^3 - 6 = 210)$, $336 = (7^3 - 7 = 336)$

Q.65.(B)

Q.66.(A)

Q.67.(C)

Q.68.(B)

Q.69.(B) According to question,

$C > A > B$ - (i)

$B > D > E$ - (ii)

& $D > E > F$ - (ii)

Hence, equation (i), (ii) & (ii)

$C > A > B > D > E > F$

C is the tallest.

Q.70.(C)

Q.71.(D) Avani Chaturvedi is first Indian woman fighter pilot who created history by flying solo tighter plane 'MIG-21 Bison' (February, 2018 Jamnagar, Gujarat)

Q.72.(A) Aruna Buddha Reddy is Indian gymnast who created history in February 2018 Melbourne, Australia by winning the first individual medal at Gymnastics World Cup.

Q.73.(*)

Q.74.(C)

Q.75.(D) $(5)^2 + (3)^2 - (4)^2 = 18$

$25 + 9 - 16 = 18$

$(7)^2 + (5)^2 - (3)^2 = 65$

$49 + 25 - 9 = 65$

$(9)^2 + (6)^2 - (3)^2 = X$

So, $X = 81 + 36 - 9 = 108$

Q.76.(A)

Q.77.(C) The 'Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2018' was won by Australia against Britain.

Q.78.(B) China will host the 24th Winter Olympics, 2022.

Q.79.(D) 21st FIFA World Cup, 2018 will be held in Russia.

Q.80.(B) 'World Happiness Report 2018' released by United Nations in March 2018:

India dropped 11 spots from its ranking in the previous year 2017 (122nd to 133rd rank)

Finland with 1st rank is the happiest country.

This report includes only 156 countries.

Q.81.(C) India will host the World Environment Day to be held on June 5 this year. In the year 2018, the main theme of this day is to 'eliminate plastic pollution'.

Q.82.(D) China tops with 819 billionaires among 27 countries in the 'Hurroon Global Rich List, 2018' released in February, 2018. America is second with 517 billionaires. India is at number three with a total of 131 billionaires involving 31 new billionaires.

Q.83.(A) International Solar Coalition (ISA) is an organization of countries based on solar energy, which was launched in Paris on November 30, 2015 by India and France. The first summit of this Coalition was concluded in New Delhi on March 11, 2018.

Q.84.(A)

Q.85.(A) As of March 20, 2018, Roger Federer of Switzerland was the world's number-1 tennis player in the men's singles at ATP Rankings. However, in the latest rankings released in April 2018, Spain's Rafael Nadal is the world's number-1 tennis player and Federer is second in the rankings.

Q.86. (*) In February 2018, the Singapore government has announced that it will introduce a carbon tax from 2019 to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

Q.87.(B) In early March 2018, Diu became the first Union Territory of India to achieve complete solar power capacity. Geographical area of Diu is 42 sq. Km. And it produces 13 MW power from its solar power plants.

Q.88.(D) On March 8, 2018, Karnataka unveiled its state flag. This state flag (Nada flag) is divided into three strips of yellow, white and red, in which the state symbol is printed in the center. Karnataka, the second state to hold a state flag after Jammu and Kashmir.

Q.89.(A) The correct chronological order of the rulers given in the choice is- Yashovarman (930-950 AD), Dhang (950-1002 AD), Vidyadhar (1019-1029 AD) and Kirtivirma (1060-1100 AD).

Q.90.(C) Mihir Bhoja was the most powerful ruler of Gurjar-Pratahar. He was a Vaishnava devoutman and had assumed titles like 'Adi Varah' and 'Prabhas'.

Q.91.(B) In February, 2018, the Gopalganj district administration of Bihar created 11244 toilets in 100 hours, breaking all records under special campaign. Earlier this record was the name of 10000 toilets constructed in 100 hours in Vijay Grama of Telangana.

Q.92.(C) Gautami's son Shatkarni was a powerful ruler of the Satavahana dynasty. Its three records have been known. Two from Nashik and one from Karla.

Q.93.(B) The summation from List-I of List-II is as follows-

List I	List II
(Teacher)	(theory)
Lukulish	Pashupat
Nagarjuna	Nihilism
Bhadrabahu	Jain
Gausal	Ajivak

Q.94.(D) The ancient Buddhist University of Vikramshila was founded by the ruling dynasty ruler of Bengal, Dharmapala (770-810 AD). He was an enthusiastic Buddhist. In his writings, he has been called 'Parasagogat'.

Q.95.(D) Sheikh Nasiruddin, Sheikh was the main disciple of Nizamuddin Auliya. It has become famous for its title 'Chirag-e-Delhi' i.e. Delhi's chirag.

Q.96.(B) Babar had run silver and copper coins. Silver coins were called 'Shahrukh'.

Q.97.(B) Buddha, Dhamma and Sangh are 'Triratna' of Buddhism. After Buddha's death, his teachings were compiled and divided into three parts, these are called Tripitakas. These are Vinay Pitak, Sutta Pitak and Amidham Pitak.

Q.98.(D) Correct Match of List -I and List - II is-

List -I	List - II
Ranthambore	Hamirdev
Chittor	Rana Ratan Singh
Devgiri	Raja Rai Ramchandra
Gujarat	Karndev

Q.99.(C) Ibn Batuta (133-1347 AD) was a Moroccan traveler. He came to India in the tenure of Muhammad bin Tughluq (AD 1325-51). Marco Polo was a famous traveler of Venice (Italy). He came to India during the ruler Marvarman Kulashkara (AD 1268-1310). In the reign of Iranian ambassador Abdur Razzak Devaraya II (1422-46 AD) came to Vijayanagar. Nuniz is a traveler and a businessman of Portugal. He also traveled to Vijay Nagar.

Q.100.(A) Jalaluddin Khilji was murdered in 1296 AD after establishing Muslim power in India after the defeat of Prithviraj Chauhan by Mohammed

Gori in the Second Battle of Tarain in 1192. Ulug Khan (Muhammad bin Tughluq) was taken by his Afghan conspirator Sultan Muhammad bin Tughluq (1325-51 AD) from his capital Delhi to 'Daulatabad' (Devgiri).

Q.101.(B) Political guru of Subhash Chandra Bose was Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das.

Q.102.(A) Correct Match of list-I and List-II is.

List - (Revolt)	List -II (Year AD)
Ahom	1828
Col	1831-32
Santhal	1855-56
Mopala	1921

Q.103.(C) Muhammad bin Tughlaq established a department 'Diwan-e-Amir-e-Kohi' for the advancement of agriculture. The main work of this department was to provide more support to the farmers and bring more land under agricultural work.

Q.104.(A) At the time of imprisonment in Aga Khan Palace, Mahatma Gandhi's health was rapid decline due to fasting. In consultation with the British, it was considered by the British government in India that if Gandhiji dies, the Bombay government will send the word 'Rubikan' to the provincial governments.

Q.105.(C) Chairman of Champaran Agricultural Investigation Committee F.G. Sly. Its members were: D.J. Reed, Mahatma Gandhi, L.C. Adami, Raja Hariprasad Narayan Singh and G. Rayne, while M.E.L. Tannare was secretary.

Q.106.(D) The correct chronological order of events-

- Nehru Report - 1928 AD
- Gandhi-Irwin Pact - March 5, 1931
- Second Round Table Conference September-December, 1931
- Communal Arbitration (Decision) August 16, 1932

Q.107.(D) List-I List-of-II

The correct match is-

- List-I List-II
- Samachar Darpan J. C. Marshman
- Mirat-ul Akhbar Raja Rammohan Rai
- Kesari B.G. Tilak
- Young India Mahatma Gandhi

Q.108.(C) The initial form of 'Kuka movement' was religious, but later it became converted into a political uprising. This rebellion was started in Punjab in about 1840 AD by Bhagat Jawahar Mal.

Q.109.(*) Maj Gen Shahnawaz Khan, Colonel Prem Kumar Sehgal, Colonel Shaukat Ali Malik and Maj Kartar Singh were all associated with the Azad Hind Fauj.

Q.110.(B) The correct chronology of the above events is-
Communal Award - August 16, 1932
Poona Pact - September 24, 1932
Third Round Table Conference - November 17 - December 24, 1932
August Offer - 1940 AD

Q.111.(A) The local self-government proposal presented in the reign of Lord Ripon is considered to be the beginning of modern local self-government in India from 1882 AD. Lord Ripon is called 'father of local self-government'. All the options other than option (A) are well matched.

Q.112.(D) Bio-degraded polymers are those which are degradable through biological processes over time, in a natural and environmentally safe manner. Cellulose, starch, and protein are biodegradable polymers. PVC is not biodegradable polymer.

Q.113.(B) The correct match is as follows:

Aluminum - Bauxite
Copper (Copper) - Cuprite
Mercury - Cinnabar
Zinc (Zinc) - Calamine
Iron (Iron) - Hematite

Q.114.(A) The main and important source of iodine is the seaweed (eg-kelp, nori, kombu, wakame, etc.). Other sources of iodine are seafood (seafood), dairy products (especially milk) etc.

Q.115.(C) Eye disease Night Blindness occurs due to the deficiency of 'Vitamin A'. Due to the lack of 'Vitamin D' 'Scurvy' (Scurvy Disease or Rickets) Disease is often occurs in children. The lack of 'Vitamin C' is a 'scurvy disease' (gum bleeding). 'Beriberi' is a disease caused by deficiency of Vitamin B1.

Q.116. The correct combination is as follows:
Chloromycetin - Anti-typhoid
Crystal Violet - Anticonvulsant

Quinine - Anti-Malaria

Aspirin - Painkillers

Q.117.(C) The silk produced by spiders is called 'Gossein silk'.

Q.118.(B) In adult humans with a normal 70 kg weight, the total amount of blood is approximately 5000 ml (about 5 liters).

Q.119.(A) Digestion of proteins starts in the stomach. Pepsin enzyme disintegrates proteins into stomach into small polypeptides and their constituents amino acids.

Q.120.(C) 'Estrone' is a feminine hormone. Testosterone is the male hormone. Male hormone androgen is called androsterone. Thyroxine hormone is secreted by thyroid gland and regulates metabolic processes.

Q.121.(C&D) Dynamo and electric motor are devices based on electromagnetic induction. Dynamo converts mechanical energy, while the electric motor converts electrical energy into mechanical energy.

Q.122.(B) In the process of photosynthesis, plants produce complex foods such as carbohydrates by releasing carbon dioxide and water from the air in the presence of sunlight through its green parts, such as leaves and expel out oxygen gas.

Q.123.(C) The viruses that transmit bacteria, are called bacteriophages. In genetic engineering, bacteriophage are used. Hence the statement (1) and (2) are both correct.

Q.124.(C) The value of Celsius, Fahrenheit and Reaumur scale is negative, while the value of the Kelvin scale is not negative.

Q.125.(B) According to the question, the mass of both objects is equal. So mass = m

Velocity of the first object = v_1

Kinetic energy of the first object (K_1) = $\frac{1}{2}mv_1^2$

According to Question,

$$\frac{K_1}{K_2} = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$\therefore \frac{v_1^2}{K_2} = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{v_1}{v_2} \right)^2 = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{9}} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}$$

Q.126.(A) The unit of heat is not 'centigrade' but it is a unit of temperature. Calories, joule and energy are the units of heat. Heat is a form of energy. When energy is transmitted from one body to another due to the sensitivity, then the energy transferred is called 'heat'.

Q.127.(B-D) In 2011, Germany's physicist 'Herald Haas' proposed 'Li-Fi' technology. Li-Fi is a wireless optical networking technology, in which light-emitting diodes are used to transmit data. Li-Fi is a complete 'light fidelity' (light tragedy). In India, on January 29, 2018, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology successfully tested the 'Li-Fi' as a pilot project. However, in the choice of questions (B), the Central Information and Broadcasting Ministry is being examined by the Ministry, which is wrong. 10 GB / second data can be sent by Li-Fi in the area of 1 km.

Q.128.(D) Herbicide is a type of chemical, which is used to destroy weeds in the agricultural sector. Butachlore is a herbicide of acetaminidine. It is widely used in paddy cultivation in India.

Q.129.(D) The highest productivity of rice in the Indian states (kg / ha) is in Punjab State (3952 kg / ha), while West Bengal is the largest contributor to total rice production.

Q.130.(C) In the year 2017-18, Iraq was the country to supply maximum crude oil to India. It is notable that Saudi Arabia was the first country to supply the maximum crude oil before it. Iraq supplied 38.9 million tons of oil during the year 2017-18 (April-January)

Q.131.(D) The pitcher plant is the insectivorous plant of the Nepenthes family. These plants are predominantly vegetable and are grown in swampy or more humid places, with the intention of hydrophyte, partially or completely water-submerged. Such plants are adapted to live and develop in aquatic environment. Chandra is a partial parasite.

Q.132.(A) The following are correctly matched-

List-I	List-II
(Crop / plantation)	(most productive state)
Jute	West Bengal
Tea	Assam
Sugarcane	Uttar Pradesh
Rubber	Kerala

Q.133.(B) Uttar Pradesh is one of the leading producing states of wheat, potatoes and sugarcane among all the states in India.

Q.134.(C) 'Surya' is a species of mango, papaya, potato etc. and not linseed. All other options are matched.

Q.135.(C) False smut is a disease of paddy crop. The statements given in other options are true.

Q.136.(C) Because of the small diameter of the soil particles, it has more water retention capacity. So the statement (A) is correct. Because the size of the membrane is small in size, it is found in most small sizes, and the reason (R) is wrong.

Q.137.(B) The first 'Deendayal Handicraft Complex', a business facility located in Varanasi, was dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister on September 22, 2017. The foundation stone of this center was laid by the Prime Minister in November 2014. In order to develop and promote Varanasi's handlooms, handicrafts and silk products and provide necessary help to weavers, artisans and entrepreneurs in the Budget 2014-15, the Finance Minister has set up a business facility center and a craft museum was announced.

Q.138. (*) India's gross value-added (GVA) at current prices was Rs 138.4 lakh crore in the year 2016-17, in which the tertiary sector's participation was 52.8 percent, which is 73.08 lakh crores. None of the given options have this value. In fact, if 52.8 lakh crore rupees in option (D) was 52.8 percent, then it was a suitable option.

Q.139.(A) The decreasing sequence of water-bearing capacity of the soil given in the choices is respectively- the membrane < silt < sand.

Q.140.(B) The central sub-tropical horticulture research institute is located in Lucknow.

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Q.1-10. The following sentence is divided into five parts i.e. (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E). Among these five parts, the highlighted part is correct and you have to find out two more correct parts among the remaining four parts. The combination of those two correct parts will be your answer. If none of the options follow your choice mark (5) None of these as your answer.

Q.1. Thirteen people, include 9 students,(A)/ were killing(B)/ when a private school bus(C)/ **fell into a gorge(D)**/ in Himachal Pradesh.(E)

- (1) Both A and C (2) Both C and D
(3) Both A and E (4) Both C and E
(5) None of these

Q.2. **The government has announced(A)**/ a ex-gratia of Rs 500,000 to the next of kin(B)/ of each of those killed(C)/ and free treatment to(D)/ these injured.(E)

- (1) Both A and C (2) Both C and D
(3) Both A and E (4) Both C and E
(5) None of these

Q.3. The Prime Ministers of India(A)/**will address "Swachhh Bharat Mission" volunteers(B)**/ and flag off a number of(C)/ railway schemes,(D)/ an official of the East Champaran district said.(E)

- (1) Both A and C (2) Both C and D
(3) Both A and E (4) Both C and E
(5) None of these

Q.4. City police launch a massive drive(A)/ to curbing bank crime in the city while(B)/ on a first-of-its-kind step,(C)/ posters informing customers at(D)/ **safe procedures were pasted.(E)**

- (1) Both A and C (2) Both C and D
(3) Both A and E (4) Both C and E
(5) None of these

Q.5. The advisory has stress that(A)/ District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police(B)/ be made personal responsible for ensuring(C)/**that law and order situation(D)**/ remains firmly under control.(E)

- (1) Both A and C (2) Both C and D
(3) Both A and E (4) Both B and E
(5) None of these

Q.6. **The Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson(A)**/ made the comment that(B)/ "I are not aware

of the detailed information(C)/ on the current situation(D)/ by China-India.(E)

- (1) Both A and C (2) Both B and D
(3) Both A and E (4) Both C and E
(5) All are correct

Q.7. A man was shoot dead(A)/**by the police in east London(B)**/ after he make threats(C)/ claiming he have(D)/ an gun, officials said.(E)

- (1) Both A and C (2) Both C and D
(3) Both A and E (4) Both C and E
(5) None of these

Q.8. The state government will give employment(A)/ to one lakh youth through(B)/ skill development programmes and(C)/ that there will be special focus(D)/**on the districts too.(E)**

- (1) Both A and C (2) Both C and D
(3) Both A and E (4) Both C and E
(5) All are correct

Q.9. The eye-witness say that(A)/ Prima facie, negligent drives(B)/ and over-speeding are(C)/ **the main reasons(D)**/ for the accident.(E)

- (1) Both A and C (2) Both C and D
(3) Both A and E (4) Both C and E
(5) None of these

Q.10. The Supreme Court directed the central government(A)/to file a comprehensive reports(B)/ details the facilities being(C)/ **provided to Rohingya refugees(D)**/ staying at two camps in Haryana.(E)

- (1) Both A and C (2) Both C and D
(3) Both A and E (4) Both C and E
(5) None of these

Q.11-20. In the following passage, there are words/ groups of words printed in italics, each of which was been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four words/group of words are suggested which can substitute the word printed in italics. Find out the choice which can correctly substitute that word. If the word/group of words is correct as it is and no correction is required, give 'No correction required' as your answer.

National integration is, therefore, the need of the hour. India *had already suffered* (11) centuries of servitude and enslavement. Perhaps India is

the only country in the world, which has suffered foreign rule *of* (12) more than seven hundred and fifty years. The internal dissensions among the Rajput kings and princes allowed the Muslim *rulers* (13) to establish their foothold in India, which *was prolonged* (14) as long as five centuries. Then there was once again a time when destiny gave India a chance to be united. But the British ingenuously succeeded in creating a *rift* (15) between different kings and established their sway which was *discarded* (16) only when the different links of Indian nationhood were joined together again by Indian leaders of unparalleled political *skill* (17), who were not creations of history but creators of history. They had realised that India's sorrow had *risen* (18) from disunity. The mighty efforts of these leaders succeeded and India *achieved* (19) independence, but India's heart *had been* (20) vivisected in the creation of Pakistan.

Q.11. Choose the correct option for (11)

- (1) has already suffered
- (2) has had already suffered
- (3) had already been suffering
- (4) suffered already
- (5) No change required

Q.12. Choose the correct option for (12)

- (1) from (2) since
- (3) for (4) over
- (5) No change required

Q.13. Choose the correct option for (13)

- (1) plunderers (2) intruders
- (3) invaders (4) attackers
- (5) No change required

Q.14. Choose the correct option for (14)

- (1) prolonged to (2) prolonged for
- (3) prolonged over (4) prolonged upto
- (5) No change required

Q.15. Choose the correct option for (15)

- (1) gap (2) differences
- (3) barrier (4) hindrance
- (5) No change required

Q.16. Choose the correct option for (16)

- (1) abolished (2) overthrown
- (3) overruled (4) prohibited
- (5) No change required

Q.17. Choose the correct option for (17)

- (1) aptitude (2) tact
- (3) acumen (4) attitude
- (5) No change required

Q.18. Choose the correct option for (18)

- (1) developed (2) originated
- (3) arose (4) fructified
- (5) No change required

Q.19. Choose the correct option for (18)

- (1) find (2) reveals
- (3) unmatched (4) bewailed
- (5) No change required

Q.20. Choose the correct option for (20)

- (1) was being (2) had
- (3) has had (4) was
- (5) No change required

Q.21-25. Rearrange the following sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence ab initio to form a meaningful paragraph, while the starter and the closing sentence have already been numbered as (1) and (8) respectively then answer the questions given below them.

(1) The forest department

(A) Is all set

(B) The process takes place every five years.

(C) In Kolhan region.

(D) According to information said the wildlife estimation census

(E) To embark on its two-phased wildlife estimation census

(F) Will be carried out

(8) in two phases

Q.21. Which of the following would be the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C (4) F (5) D

Q.22. Which of the following would be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C (4) F (5) D

Q.23. Which of the following would be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C (4) E (5) D

Q.24. Which of the following would be the LAST sentence after rearrangement?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C (4) F (5) D

Q.25. Which of the following would be the **THIRD** sentence after rearrangement?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C (4) F (5) D

Q.26-30. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words has been printed in bold to help you locate it while answering the question.

Many of us bought into the fantasy that digital made everything better. We surrendered to this idea, and mistook our dependence, until it was too late.

Ten years after the iPhone first swept us off our feet, the growing mistrust of computers in both our personal lives and the greater society we live in is **inescapable**. This publishing season is flush with books raising alarms about digital technology's pernicious effects on our lives: what smartphones are doing to our children; how Facebook and Twitter are eroding our democratic institutions; and the economic effects of tech monopolies.

A recent Pew Research Center survey noted that just 21 percent of respondents to a Quartz survey said they trust Facebook with their personal information. Nearly half of millennials worry about the negative effects of social media on their mental and physical health, according to the American Psychiatric. As much as we might fantasize about it, we probably won't delete our social media accounts and toss our phones in the nearest body of water. What we can do is to restore some sense of balance over our relationship with digital technology, and the best way to do that is with analog: the ying to digital's yang.

Thankfully, the analog world is still here, and not only is it surviving but, in many cases, it is thriving. Sales of old-fashioned print books are up for the third year in a row, according to the Association of American Publishers, while e-book sales have been declining. Independent bookstores have been steadily expanding for several years. Vinyl records have witnessed a decade-long boom in popularity, while sales of instant-film cameras, paper notebooks, board games and Broadway tickets are all growing again.

Q.26. Choose the **most unsuitable title** for the passage given above.

- (1) Our love affair with technology is over.
(2) Our love affair with technological advancements is over.

(3) Our love affair with gadgets is over.

(4) Our love affair with digital is over.

(5) Our love affair with book-stores is over.

Q.27. Ten years after the iPhone first "**swept us off our feet**", what do you understand by the phrase given in the statement?

- (1) To be very quickly bored with someone/something.
(2) To be so thoroughly charmed by someone/something.
(3) To be so thoroughly disenchanted by someone/something.
(4) To be so thoroughly consumed by someone/something.
(5) To be so thoroughly tarnished by someone/something.

Q.28. Which of the following sectors are all growing again according to the passage?

- (1) sales of instant-film cameras
(2) sales of paper notebooks
(3) sales of board games
(4) sales of Broadway tickets
(5) All of the above

Q.29. Choose the word which is most nearly the **similar** in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

Inescapable

- (1) Avoidable (2) Inexplicable
(3) Insensitive (4) Ineluctable
(5) Intrinsic

Q.30. Which of the following sentence(s) is/are **not true** according to the passage?

- (1) Just 21 percent of respondents said they trust Facebook with their personal information.
(2) Nearly quarter of millennials worry about the negative effects of social media on their mental and physical health.
(3) What we can do is to restore some sense of balance over our relationship with digital technology.
(4) To restore some sense of balance over our relationship with digital technology the best way to do that is with analog.
(5) All of the above

NUMERICAL ABILITY

- Q.31.** A boat goes 12 Km upstream in 2.4 hours and 36 km downstream down stream in 4 hours. Find the speed of current.
 (1) 1.5 km/h (2) 1 km/h (3) 2 km/h
 (4) 2.5 km/h (5) None of these
- Q.32.** 35 boy earned Rs.98000 by working 25 days. How many men must work for 12 days to receive Rs48384 provided the daily wages of a man is twice that of boy?
 (1) 15 days (2) 12 days (3) 20 days
 (4) 24 days (5) None of these
- Q.33.** In a mixture ratio of spirit and water is 5:3. When 15 litre mixture is taken out and replaced by 20 litre water quantity of spirit and water becomes equal. Find the initial quantity of mixture ?
 (1) 100 litre (2) 105 litre (3) 95 litre
 (4) 85 litre (5) None of these
- Q.34.** A train of length 135 meter crosses a man coming from opposite with a speed of 8 Km/h direction in 9 seconds. Find the time taken by train to cross a another passenger train whose length is 150 meters and also coming from opposite direction with speed of 14 Km/h.(In seconds)
 (1) 16.8 (2) 15.5 (3) 14.2
 (4) 17.1 (5) None of these
- Q.35.** The difference between the sum of four consecutive odd numbers and three consecutive even numbers together is 40. Also, the largest even number is 5 more than the largest odd number. What is the sum of the smallest odd number and the smallest even number?
 (1) 23 (2) 28 (3) 33
 (4) 30 (5) None of these
- Q.36.** Ankush and Preetam can do a work in 12 days while Preetam and Ashwini can complete the same work in 10 days. If Preetam is 20% less efficient than Ashwini, then in how many days will all the three working together will complete the same work?
 (1) 7.5 days (2) 7.2 days (3) 8.5 days
 (4) 9 days (5) None of these
- Q.37.** A milkman claims to sell milk at its cost price, still he is making a profit of 60% since he has mixed some amount of water in the milk. What is the percentage of milk in the mixture?
 (1) 50% (2) 25% (3) 62.5%
 (4) 87.5% (5) None of these
- Q.38.** A wire is looped in the form of a circle of diameter 28 cm. It is re bent in a shape of a square . Find the area of the square.
 (1) 400 cm² (2) 484 cm² (3) 529 cm²
 (4) 961 cm² (5) None of these
- Q.39.** A shopkeeper marks up the price of his product by 25%. If he increases the discount from 5% to 12%, the profit would decrease by Rs 14. How much profit would he earn if he gives a discount of 15% on the marked price?
 (1) 5 Rs (2) 10 Rs (3) 25 Rs
 (4) 35 Rs (5) None of these
- Q.40.** Find the compound interest on a principal of Rs. 44000 at 15% rate of interest for time period of 3 years.
 (1) 23419.25 (2) 21944.5
 (3) 22918.5 (4) 19423.75
 (5) None of these
- Q.41-45.** Find the value of variables and state the correct relationship-
 (1) $x > y$ (2) $x \geq y$
 (3) $x < y$ (4) $x \leq y$
 (5) $x = y$ or relationship can not be established
- Q.41.** $x^2 + 10x + 21 = 0$
 $y^2 + 16y + 48 = 0$
- Q.42.** $x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$
 $y^2 - 15y + 56 = 0$
- Q.43.** $x^2 = 44$
 $y^2 = 55$
- Q.44.** $3x^2 - 26x + 55 = 0$
 $2y^2 + 7y - 15 = 0$
- Q.45.** $8x + 10y = 42.5$
 $2x - y = 2.75$
- Q.46-50.** Find the next number in the following number series ?
- Q.46.** 18 10 22 14 32 ?
 (1) 12 (2) 14 (3) 21
 (4) 23 (5) 25
- Q.47.** 20 44 73 107 146 ?
 (1) 190 (2) 195 (3) 215
 (4) 188 (5) 175
- Q.48.** 120 60 40 30 24 ?
 (1) 36 (2) 30 (3) 20
 (4) 16 (5) 12
- Q.49.** 60 80 140 245 400 ?
 (1) 655 (2) 610 (3) 628
 (4) 590 (5) 710

- Q.50.** 13.5 30 94 381 1911 ?
 (1) 10217 (2) 11420 (3) 11473
 (4) 9690 (5) 8430

Q.51-55. What should come at place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

- Q.51.** $18 \times 53 - 112\% \text{ of } 324 = ?$
 (1) 493.42 (2) 591.12 (3) 613.32
 (4) 544.52 (5) None of these

- Q.52.** $119^2 - 98^2 = ?\% \text{ of } 600$
 (1) 629.75 (2) 735.25 (3) 759.5
 (4) 699.5 (5) None of these

- Q.53.** $17\frac{2}{3} + 18\frac{3}{2} = 15\frac{3}{4} + \frac{?}{3}$
 (1) 64.25 (2) 73.75 (3) 59.5
 (4) 81.125 (5) None of these

- Q.54.** $\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{11} \div \frac{5}{3} \times \frac{5}{8} = ?$
 (1) 88 (2) 32 (3) $\frac{1}{32}$
 (4) $\frac{1}{88}$ (5) None of these

- Q.55.** $88\% \text{ of } 940 + 380\% \text{ of } 44 = 176\% \text{ of } ?$
 (1) 542 (2) 576 (3) 591
 (4) 614 (5) None of these

Q.56-60. What approximate value should come at place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

- Q.56.** $139.8\% \text{ of } 843 + 74.99\% \text{ of } 432 = ?^2$
 (1) 39 (2) 45 (3) 49
 (4) 33 (5) 51

- Q.57.** $19 \times 43 + 113 \times 12 = ?^2$
 (1) 43 (2) 53 (3) 61
 (4) 33 (5) 47

- Q.58.** $\sqrt{18000} + \sqrt[3]{42900} = ?$
 (1) 160 (2) 210 (3) 90
 (4) 170 (5) 240

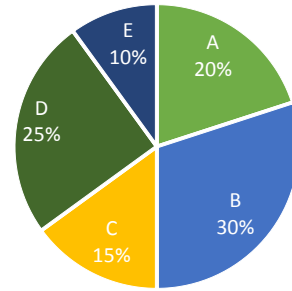
- Q.59.** $?\% \text{ of } 399 = 73\% \text{ of } 144 + 59\% \text{ of } 211$
 (1) 57 (2) 63 (3) 54
 (4) 48 (5) 69

- Q.60.** $2.99^2 = 19680$
 (1) 12 (2) 19 (3) 9
 (4) 15 (5) 7

Q.61-65. Read the following information carefully to answer the questions asked-

Following pie chart so the information about the percentage of population distribution of five villages and the table so the ratio of male-females and literate and illiterates in these villages.

Distribution of Population living in five villages



Village	literate : illiterates	Male : Females
A	2:3	1:1
B	3:2	2:1
C	1:4	1:2
D	4:1	5:3
E	7:5	3:2

- Q.61.** Find the ratio between the number of females in village A to the number of literates in village C.
 (1) 7:3 (2) 3:7 (3) 10:3
 (4) 3:10 (5) None of these

- Q.62.** Find the difference between the total number of illiterates and total number of literates from village D if total population of village A is 200.
 (1) 120 (2) 200 (3) 250
 (4) 175 (5) None of these

- Q.63.** If number of women in village B is 360 less than the number of men, then find the difference of literate and illiterate population of village E.
 (1) 40 (2) 60 (3) 50
 (4) 80 (5) None of these

- Q.64.** Find the total number of literates in Village A, C and D if total population of all five villages is 2400.
 (1) 840 (2) 720 (3) 600
 (4) 920 (5) None of these

- Q.65.** Find the ratio of number of literate and illiterates taking village B and E together?
 (1) 123:77 (2) 159:84 (3) 143:97
 (4) 216:187 (5) None of these

REASONING

Q.66-70. In each question given below four Statements are followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to take the four given Statements to be true (even if they seem to be at variance from the commonly known facts). Read the conclusions and decide which logically follows. Give answer-

- (1) If only conclusion I follows
- (2) If only conclusion II follows
- (3) If either conclusion I or II follows.
- (4) If neither conclusion I nor II follows.
- (5) If both conclusions I and II follow.

Q.66-67. Statements:

Some NT are YR.
All YR are EM.
No EM is NR.
Some HS are NR.

Q.66. Conclusions:-

- (I) Some EM are NT.
- (II) Some HS are not EM.

Q.67. Conclusions:-

- (I) Some NR are not YR.
- (II) Some HS being NT is a possibility.

Q.68-70. Statements:-

No YN is DB.
All YN are DS.
Some BJ are DS.
No ES is BJ.

Q.68. Conclusions:-

- (I) Some DS are not YN.
- (II) Some BJ are YN.

Q.69. Conclusions:-

- (I) Some ES are not YN.
- (II) Some DS are not DB.

Q.70. Statements:-

All SK are DG.
No DG is NH.
Some NH are NS.
All NS are NM.
Conclusions:-

(I) Some NS are not DG.

(II) Some NM are not SK.

Q.71-75. In the following questions, relationship between different elements is shown in the statement. These Statements are followed by two conclusions I and II. Find which of the two conclusions I and II given below them is/are definitely true.

Give answer-

- (1) If only conclusion I is true.
- (2) If only conclusion II is true.
- (3) If either conclusion I or II is true.
- (4) If neither conclusion I nor II is true.
- (5) If both conclusions I and II are true.

Q.71. Statements:-

$CH > PI \geq TA, FA \leq TA > IM \geq JA$

Conclusions:-

- (I) $CH \geq JA$
- (II) $TA > JA$

Q.72. Statements:-

$KI > LO, MA \leq OL, MA < LO, JA \leq KI$

Conclusions:-

- (I) $KI > OL$
- (II) $MA \leq JA$

Q.73. Statements:-

$NO \leq CH > KI \geq MO, LO = CH < IC = PU$

Conclusions:-

- (I) $PU > NO$
- (II) $PU \leq KI$

Q.74. Statements:-

$CH > EG, AP = BI, BI \geq CH, OL \leq EG$

Conclusions:-

- (I) $AP \geq CH$
- (II) $OL < BI$

Q.75. Statements:-

$QU < RA < SN, FR \geq GO = SN, RA \leq MA$

Conclusions:-

- (I) $FR > MA$
- (II) $FR \leq MA$

Q.76-80. Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

In a certain code language, "Great Near Frame 28" is written as "gt im vu 16", "Near Mortal Frame 55" is written as "im on vu 25" and "Flop Near Dream 96" is written as "ku im nw 54".

Q.76. What is the code for 'English 37' in that code language?

- (1) vv 18 (2) sa 21
(3) sv 21 (4) ma 29
(5) sv 31

Q.77. How will 'Physics 67' be written in that code language?

- (1) hk 42 (2) hk 24
(3) gk 42 (4) lk 12
(5) ch 48

Q.78. In the given code language, 'my 64' is the code of which of the following options?

- (1) Boon 88 (2) Boon 28
(3) Peel 78 (4) Pearl 16
(5) Peak 88

Q.79. Which of the following is the code for "59 Fresh Rose Flower 98"?

- (1) 45 sm mt vo 72 (2) 25 sm mt vo 78
(3) 45 sm kt vo 72 (4) 25 su mt vo 69
(5) 45 su vi iu 72

Q.80. 'Lotus 50' stands for –

- (1) he 11 (2) lp 0
(3) ho 0 (4) up 7
(5) ar 5

Q.81-85. Study the following information carefully and answer the question given below.

Arun is the son of Kavita. Naveen is the son of Arun. Miraj is the brother of Naveen. Pooja is the wife of Arun. Rimzim is the daughter of Helan. Dev is the father of Helan who is the sister of Arun.

Q.81. How is Rimzim related to Kavita?

- (1) Niece (2) Mother
(3) Grand-daughter (4) Sister
(5) Wife

Q.82. Who is the wife of Dev?

- (1) Pooja (2) Rimzim
(3) Helan (4) Kavita
(5) Dev

Q.83. Which of the following is true?

- (1) Arun is the son of Miraj.

(2) Arun is the uncle of Rimjim.

(3) Pooja is the Dev's wife.

(4) Dev is the Kavita's son.

(5) Helan is the mother of Arun.

Q.84. How is Miraj related to Dev?

- (1) Grandson (2) Nephew
(3) Son (4) Father
(5) Grandfather

Q.85. Which of the following is not true?

- (1) Arun is the son of Dev.
(2) Arun is the brother of Helan.
(3) Kavita is the Dev's wife.
(4) Dev is the Kavita's grandson.
(5) Pooja is Arun's wife.

Q.86-90. Study the following information carefully and give the answer of questions given below.

Eight persons A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H are sitting around a circular table and facing at the centre. They have different ages – 23 years, 28 years, 32 years, 48 years, 51 years, 54 years, 78 years and 85 years but not necessarily in the same order.

F is third to the right of E. The person who is 54 years old is neither neighbour of F nor E. Only three persons are between F and the one who is eldest. D is neither neighbour of C nor G. A and B are an immediate neighbour of each other. The one who is youngest is not the neighbour of F. H is 51 years old and neighbour of C who is 28 years old. The second eldest and the third youngest persons are immediate neighbours of each other. E is 48 years old and immediate neighbour of the second youngest person. 51 years and 54 years old persons are in front of each other. G is an immediate right of F who is 78 years old. D is between E and A.

Q.86. What is the position of H with respect to A?

- (1) Fourth to the left (2) Fourth to the right
(3) Second to the left (4) Both (1) and (2)
(5) None of these

Q.87. Who is/are neighbour(s) of F?

- (1) G and C (2) E and A
(3) G and H (4) B and E
(5) None of these

- Q.88.** Who is 54 years old?
(1) B (2) A (3) D
(4) E (5) G
- Q.89.** How many persons are between the eldest and the youngest person?
(1) One (2) Six (3) Four
(4) Three (5) Two
- Q.90.** Who is in front of E?
(1) B (2) F (3) A
(4) H (5) G
- Q.91-95.** Study the following arrangement and answer the questions given below.
6 \$ U O 9 L 1 K @ J 3 D # F 5 2 X N Z & P Y %
R 4 8 E G A © * Q W
- Q.91.** If all the symbols and the numbers in the above arrangement are dropped, which of the following will be the tenth from the left end?
(1) Y (2) N (3) P
(4) Z (5) None of these
- Q.92.** How many such symbols are there in the above arrangement each of which is immediately preceded by a number and immediately followed by a letter?
(1) None (2) One
(3) Two (4) Three
(5) More than three
- Q.93.** How many such consonants are there in the above arrangement each of which is immediately followed by a symbol but not immediately preceded by a number?
(1) None (2) One
(3) Two (4) Three
(5) More than three
- Q.94.** Which of the following is the sixth to the right of the seventeenth from the right end of the above arrangement?
(1) % (2) Y (3) D
(4) 3 (5) None of these
- Q.95.** Which of the following is the fifth to the left of the sixth to the left of Z in the above arrangement?
(1) L (2) 1 (3) Q
(4) K (5) None of these

- Q.96-100.** Read the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Seven persons Jayant, Jimmy, Joker, Julfi, Jain, Jiyana and Zohra are planning to visit in seven different places - Great pyramid of Giza, Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Statue of Olympia, Temple of Artemis, Statue of Maussollos, Colossus of Rhodes and Tajmahal on a different day of the week from Monday to Sunday. The order of persons, places and days are not necessarily in the same. Jimmy plans to visit Temple of Artemis on Wednesday. Zohra plans to visit on Monday but not for place of Statue of Olympia or Tajmahal. Joker plans to visit Great pyramid of Giza but not on Tuesday. Julfi does not visit Statue of Olympia but visits on the next day of Jain who plans to visit Colossus of Rhodes. Jiyana plans to visit Statue of Maussollos on Friday.

- Q.96.** Who plans to visit on Saturday?
(1) Joker (2) Julfi
(3) Jain (4) Julfi or Jain
(5) None of these
- Q.97.** On which day does Julfi plan to visit?
(1) Sunday (2) Saturday
(3) Tuesday (4) Cannot be determined
(5) None of these
- Q.98.** Joker travels on which day?
(1) Saturday (2) Sunday
(3) Tuesday (4) Thursday
(5) None of these
- Q.99.** Which of the following combinations of person, place and day is correct?
(1) Zohra - Hanging Gardens of Babylon - Wednesday
(2) Jayant - Hanging Gardens of Babylon - Monday
(3) Zohra - Statue of Olympia - Monday
(4) Julfi - Tajmahal - Sunday
(5) None of these
- Q.100.** Who visits to Statue of Olympia and on which day?
(1) Jayant, Thursday (2) Jayant, Tuesday
(3) Julfi, Saturday (4) Julfi, Sunday
(5) None of these

EXPLANATION/ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- Q.1-3.** **Note:** You are to answer the correct pair not the incorrect one.
- Q.1.(4)** **Explanation:** part (A): **including**, part (B): **were** killed because the sentence itself conveys the passive sense.
- Q.2.(2)** **Explanation:** part (B): a ex-gratia of Rs 500,000 as article 'an' is required before a vowel., part (E): **those** injured.
- Q.3.(2)** **Explanation:** part (A): The Prime Minister of India, because this post can be filled by one person only at a time. , part (E): **'the'should be removed** before East Champaran, because of the structure **"the+ direction name + proper noun"** is a wrong structure, such as the East Jordan, the west California etc.
- Q.4.(5)** **Explanation:** part (A): **launched**, part (B): to **curb**, part (C): **in** a first , part (D): customers **on**.
Note: You are to answer the **correct pair** but no pair is correct except part (E).
- Q.5-6.** **Note:** You are to answer the correct pair not the incorrect one.
- Q.5.(4)** **Explanation:** part (A): has **stressed**, part (C): be made **personally** responsible.
- Q.6.(2)** **Explanation:** part (C): I **am** not aware, part (E): **on** China-India.
- Q.7.(5)** **Explanation:** part (A): was **shot** dead, part (C): after he **made** threats, part (D): claiming he **had**, part (E): **a** gun.
Note: You are to answer the **correct pair** but no pair is correct except part (B).
- Q.8.(5)** **Explanation:** All parts are grammatically correct.
Note: All parts are correct no pair is incorrect one.
- Q.9-10.** **Note:** You are to answer the correct pair not the incorrect one.
- Q.9.(4)** **Explanation:** part (A): **said** that , part (B): negligent **driving**.
- Q.10.(3)** **Explanation:** part (B): a comprehensive **report**, because 'a' generally is used before a singular countable noun, part (C): **detailing** the facilities, because gerund is required here.
- Q.11.(1)**
- Q.12.(3)**
- Q.13.(3)** **For other options**
- Plunderer(n)- a robber of goods especially in time of war.
- Q.14.(5)**
- Q.15.(5)** **For other options**
Hindrance(n)-barrier
- Q.16.(2)** **For other options**
Overrule(v)-repeal
- Q.17.(3)**
- Q.18.(2)** **For other options**
Fructify(v)-make fruitful
- Q.19.(5)** **For other options**
Bewail(V)-bemoan
- Q.20.(5)**
- Q.21-25.** **Explanation:** 'AECBDF'
(1) The forest department
(A) is all set
(B) To embark on its two-phased wildlife estimation census
(C) In Kolhan region.
(D) The process takes place every five years.
(E) According to information said the wildlife estimation census
(F) Will be carried out
(8) in two phases
- Q.21.(2)**
- Q.22.(1)**
- Q.23.(4)**
- Q.24.(4)**
- Q.25.(3)**
- Q.26.(5)**
- Q.27.(2)**
- Q.28.(5)** **Hint:** Answer lies at last of the passage.
- Q.29.(4)** **For other options**
Intrinsic(adj.)-inherent
Inexplicable(adj.)-unexplainable
- Q.30.(2)**

EXPLANATION/NUMERICAL ABILITY

Q.31.(3) $D=36/4=9$

$U=12/2.4=5$

$v = \frac{9-5}{2} = 2 \text{ km/h}$

Q.32.(5) Wage of 1 boy per day = $\frac{98000}{35 \times 25} = 112$

Wage of 1 man per day = $112 \times 2 = 224$

Required answer = $\frac{48384}{12 \times 224} = 18 \text{ days}$

Q.33.(3) Sprit Water

5	3	=	5	3
1	1) × 5	=	5	5

Difference 2 = 20

Required answer = $10 \times 10 - 5 = 95 \text{ litre}$

Q.34.(4) Speed of train = $\frac{135}{9} \times \frac{18}{5} - 8 = 46$

Required answer = $\frac{135+150}{(46+14) \times \frac{5}{18}} = 17.1 \text{ seconds}$

Q.35.(3) Even $x+1$ $x+3$ $x+5$

Odd $x-6$ $x-4$ $x-2$ x

Now $(3x+9)-(4x-12)=40$

$x=19$

Required answer = $13+20=33$

Q.36.(2) Preetam : Ashwani = 4 : 5 = 8 : 10

Total work = $(8+10) \times 10 = 180$

Work of Ankush = $\frac{180}{12} - 8 = 7$

Required answer = $\frac{180}{8+10+7} = 7.2 \text{ days}$

Q.37.(3) $60\% = \frac{3}{5}$

it means he mix 3 litre water in 5 litre milk

Hence required answer = $\frac{5}{3+5} \times 100\% = 62.5\%$

Q.38.(2) Perimeter of square = $2 \times \frac{22}{7} \times 14 = 88$

Side of square = $88/4=22$

Area of square = $22^2=484$

Q.39.(2) 7% of MP = 14

MP = 200

CP = $200 \times \frac{100}{125} = 160$

SP = 170

Profit = $170 - 160 = 10 \text{ Rs}$

Q.40.(3) Required answer

= $44000 \left[\frac{115}{100} \times \frac{115}{100} \times \frac{115}{100} - 1 \right] = 22918.5$

Q.41.(5) Relationship can not be established

Q.42.(3) $x = -4, -3$

$y = 8, 7$

$x < y$

Q.43.(5) Relationship can not be established

Q.44.(3) $x=5, 11/3$ $y=-10, 3$

$x < y$

Q.45.(1) $x=2.5$ $y=2.25$

$x > y$

Q.46.(3) $18 \xrightarrow{\div 2+1} 10 \xrightarrow{\times 2+2} 22 \xrightarrow{\div 2+3} 14 \xrightarrow{\times 2+4} 32 \xrightarrow{\div 2+5} 21$

Q.47.(1) $20 \xrightarrow{\times 2} 44 \xrightarrow{\div 2} 29 \xrightarrow{\times 3} 73 \xrightarrow{\div 3} 34 \xrightarrow{\times 4} 107 \xrightarrow{\div 4} 39 \xrightarrow{\times 5} 146 \xrightarrow{\div 5} 44 \xrightarrow{\times 6} 190$

Q.48.(3) $120 \xrightarrow{\times 1/2} 60 \xrightarrow{\times 2/3} 40 \xrightarrow{\times 3/4} 30 \xrightarrow{\times 4/5} 24 \xrightarrow{\times 5/6} 20$

Q.49.(2) $60 \xrightarrow{\div 2} 30 \xrightarrow{\times 2} 60 \xrightarrow{\div 3} 20 \xrightarrow{\times 3} 60 \xrightarrow{\div 4} 15 \xrightarrow{\times 4} 60 \xrightarrow{\div 5} 12 \xrightarrow{\times 5} 60 \xrightarrow{\div 6} 10 \xrightarrow{\times 6} 60$

Q.50.(3) $13.5 \xrightarrow{\times 2+3} 30 \xrightarrow{\times 3+4} 94 \xrightarrow{\times 4+5} 381 \xrightarrow{\times 5+6} 1911 \xrightarrow{\times 6+7} 11473$

Q.51.(2) $954-362.88=591.12$

Q.52.(3) $4557=?\% \text{ of } 600$

$?=759.5$

Q.53.(1)

$\frac{?}{3} = (17 + 18 - 15) + \frac{8+18-9}{12}$

$\frac{?}{3} = \frac{257}{12}$

$?=64.25$

Q.54.(4) $\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{11} \times \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{5}{8} = ?$

$? = \frac{1}{88}$

Q.55.(5) $? = \frac{88 \times 940 + 380 \times 44}{176}$

$? = 565$

Q.56.(1) $?^2 = 1504$

$? = 39$

Q.57.(5) $?^2 = 2173$

$? = 47$

Q.58.(4) $134 + 35 = ?$

$? = 169$

Q.59.(1) $? \% \text{ of } 399 = 230$

$? = 57.4$

Q.60.(3) $3^? = 19683 = 3^9$

$? = 9$

Q.61.(3) Required answer = $20 \times \frac{1}{2} : 15 \times \frac{1}{2} = 10 : 3$

Q.62.(5) Population of D = $\frac{200}{20} \times 25 = 250$

Required answer = $\frac{250}{5} \times 3 = 150$

Q.63.(2) Total population = $360 \times \frac{3}{1} \times \frac{10}{30} \times \frac{2}{7+5} = 600$

Q.64.(1) Required answer

$= 2400 \left[\frac{30}{100} \times \frac{2}{5} + \frac{15}{100} \times \frac{1}{5} + \frac{25}{100} \times \frac{4}{5} \right] = 840$

Q.65.(3) Let total population of village E = 60

Then total population of village B = 180

Total literate = $180 \times \frac{3}{5} + 60 \times \frac{7}{12} = 143$

Total illiterates = $180 \times \frac{2}{5} + 60 \times \frac{5}{12} = 97$

Required ratio = 143:97

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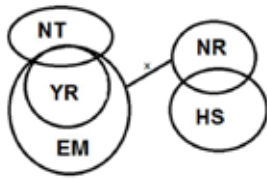
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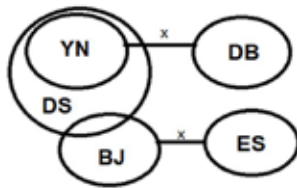
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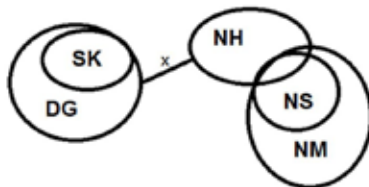
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Q.69.(2)

Q.70.(5)



Q.71.(2) $CH > PI \geq TA \geq FA$

V

$IM \geq JA$

(II) $TA > JA$ (True)

Q.72.(4) $JA \leq KI > LO > MA \leq OL$

Q.73.(1) $NO \leq CH > KI \geq MO$

II

$LO < IC = PU$

(I) $PU > NO$ (True)

Q.74.(5) $AP = BI \geq CH > EG \geq OL$

Q.75.(3) $QU > RA < SN = GO \leq FR$

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Q.76-80. In word = Opposite letter of the first and the last letters of each word.

In number = Multiplication between each digit of the given number.

Q.76.(3)

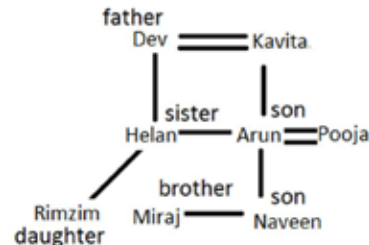
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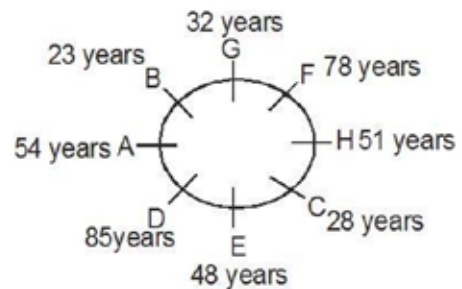
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Q.81-82.



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Q.86-90.



Q.86.(4) Q.87.(3) Q.88.(2) Q.89.(1) Q.90.(5)

Q.91.(4)

Q.92.(2) 6\$U

Q.93.(3) NZ&, Y%R

Q.94.(1) %

Q.95.(4)

Q.96-100.

Person	Day	Place
Zohra	Monday	Hanging Gardens of Babylon
Jayant	Tuesday	Statue of Olympia
Jimmy	Wednesday	Temple of Artemis
Joker	Thursday	Great Pyramid of Giza
Jiyana	Friday	Statue of Maussollos
Jain	Saturday	Clossus of Rhodes
Julfi	Sunday	Tajmahal

Q.96.(3)

Q.97.(1)

Q.98.(4)

Q.99.(4)

Q.100.(2)

TOP NOTCH CAPTIVATORS OF THE MONTH

1



Bhanu Pratap Sharma is appointed as the new chairman of Banks Board Bureau (BBB)

6



The Madras High Court has become the first court in south India and eighth in the country to introduce e-court fee payment facility.

2



21st Commonwealth games were recently concluded in Gold Coast, Australia. India was ranked third with 26 gold, 20 silver and 20 bronze medals.

7



India signed an MoU with the Republic of Korea on Mutual Recognition of Certificates of Competency of Seafarers.

3



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first health centre under Ayushman Bharat Scheme at Bijapur, Chhattisgarh.

8



According to the Steel Users Federation of India (Sufi), India has reached the second place after China in crude steel production.

4



The Pulitzer Prize 2018 was announced and The New York Times and The New Yorker won the public service prize.

9



Kidambi Srikanth became the first Indian male to become world No. 1 in badminton rankings.

5



Surat district in Gujarat become first in country to have 100% solar powered Primary Health Centers (PHCs)

10



Indira Gandhi International Airport climbed up from the 22nd to the 16th position as the busiest airport in the world this year.



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