

CURRENT AFFAIRS Q&A - FEBRUARY 2019

1. Which city will be the world's fastest growing city in the 2019-2035 period, as per the Global economic Research report prepared by Oxford Economics?

1) Surat 2) Mumbai 3) Bengaluru
4) Guwahati 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Surat Explanation: As per a Global economic Research report prepared by Oxford Economics, Surat will be world's fastest growing city in the 2019-2035 period. The report also stated that all top 10 fastest growing cities will be from India.

2. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) under Ministry of Commerce and Industry was renamed as ____, on 30th January 2019?

1) Department of promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
2) Department of Industrial Promotion and Trade
3) Department Industrial Support and Commerce
4) Department of Commerce and Trade
5) None of these

Answer – 1) Department of promotion of Industry and Internal Trade Explanation: On 30th January 2019, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) renamed as Department of promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. The newly named department is under Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The department will look into matters related to promotion of internal trade, including retail trade, will are of traders and their employees, facilitating ease of doing business and start-ups.

Matters related to internal trade were earlier under the domain of Ministry of consumer affairs and now under the promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. The decision comes amidst a demand by traders body Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) for forming a separate ministry for internal trade. DIPP was responsible for formation and implementation of promotional and developmental measures for growth of the industrial sector keeping in view the national priorities and Socio economic objectives.

3. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveil the National Salt Satyagraha Memorial and the Statue of Mahatma Gandhi and 80 Satyagrahis, on 30th January 2019?

1) Gandhinagar, Gujarat 2) Nashik, Maharashtra
3) New Delhi, Delhi 4) Dandi, Gujarat
5) None of these

Answer – 4) Dandi, Gujarat Explanation: On 30th January 2019, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled the National Salt Satyagraha Memorial at Dandi Village which is situated on Arabian Sea coast in South Gujarat. The Statue of Mahatma Gandhi and 80 Satyagrahis who marched with Mahatma Gandhi in the historic Dandi Salt March in 1930 were also unveiled by Narendra Modi. National Salt Satyagraha Memorial has 24-narrative murals depicting various stories and

events of the Dandi Salt March. To Meet energy requirements of the memorial complex, Solar trees had been installed at the venue.

4. Which small finance bank launched 'Kisan Suvidha loan' for small and marginal farmers, on 30th January 2019?

1) AU Small Finance Bank
2) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
3) Jana Small Finance Bank
4) Sriram Small Finance Bank
5) None of these

Answer – 2) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Explanation: On 30th January 2019, 'Kisan Suvidha loan' for small and marginal farmers launched by Ujjivan Small Finance Bank. The scheme will attempt to reach the bottom of the pyramid with products and services. Kisan Suvidha loan can be used by farmers for both agriculture and allied activities. The product is specially designed to cater to the needs of customers for various allied and agricultural activities. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank launched the product in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Karnataka and Odisha with an eye to expand the product offerings. It provides loans to individuals with an amount ranging from Rs. 60000 to Rs. 2 Lakh to fulfill the customized needs of the mass market segment. The loan does not require any collateral. Ujjivan becomes the 1st bank to offer loans for agriculture and allied activities.

5. UNESCO announced which year as The International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements in Paris, on 29th January 2019?

1) 2019 2) 2020 3) 2021 4) 2022
5) None of these

Answer – 1) 2019 Explanation: On January 29, 2019, UNESCO launched 2019 as The International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements in Paris. The launch of International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements 2019 also recognized 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements by the Russian scientist, Dmitri Mendeleev, one of the father of Modern Chemistry.

6. No income tax for earnings up to ____ rupees, as per the Interim Budget for 2019 presented by Union Finance Minister Piyush Goyal in Parliament on February 1 2019?

1) Rs 5 lakh 2) Rs 2 lakh
3) Rs 1 lakh 4) Rs 3 lakh
5) None of these

Answer – 1) Rs 5 lakh Explanation: Union Finance Minister Piyush Goyal presented an Interim Budget for 2019 in Parliament on February 1 2019. An Interim Budget usually doesn't list out new schemes or doesn't unveil any policy measures. The government will present the vote on account for the next four-to-five months. A full-fledged Budget will be presented after the House reassembles after the general election. As per the budget, No income tax for earnings up to Rs

Answer – 4) Tamil Nadu Explanation: On January 31, 2019, 'ICT Academy Bridge 2019' the 37th edition of conference, was inaugurated by Dr. Manikandan, minister of Information and Technology, Tamil Nadu. This conference is conducted every year with a motive to develop a better education system and formulate strategic regulatory framework. The theme of the 37th edition of the conference "Fostering India for Industry 4.0".

16. Where did Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launch the Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) which will act as the hub of ISRO's future manned missions, on 30th January 2019?

- 1) Bengaluru
- 2) Hyderabad
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Mumbai
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Bengaluru Explanation: On 30th January 2019, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched the Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) which will act as the hub of ISRO's future manned missions at the headquarters of ISRO in Bengaluru, Karnataka. S. Unnikrishnan Nair and R. Hutton was declared as the founder Director of HSFC and Project Director of Gaganyaan respectively by ISRO chairman Dr. K. Sivan.

17. Which state became the first to set up price monitoring and research unit (PMRU) to track violation of prices of essential drugs and medical devices, on 3rd February 2019?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Kerala Explanation: On February 3, 2019, Kerala became the first state to set up price monitoring and research unit (PMRU) to track violation of prices of essential drugs and medical devices. The new watchdog will offer technical help to the State Drug Controllers to monitor notified prices of medicines, detect violation of the provisions of the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO). This move is taken by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA).

18. Pallavan Grama Bank and which other RRB in Tamil Nadu will be amalgamated to form a single RRB named Tamil Nadu Grama Bank under the sponsorship of Indian Bank, with effect from April 1, 2019?

- 1) Pandyan Grama Bank
- 2) Kattabomman Grama Bank
- 3) Thanjai Grama Bank
- 4) Chola Grama Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Pandyan Grama Bank Explanation: Under the sponsorship of Indian Bank, two regional rural bank – Pallavan Grama Bank and Pandyan Grama Bank will be amalgamated to form a single RRB i.e. Tamil Nadu Grama Bank in Tamil Nadu. The consolidation will be effective from April 1, 2019. This amalgamation has been conferred by Ministry of Finance under Regional Rural Banks Act 1976.

19. Name the Manipuri filmmaker who returned his Padma Shri award, which he received in 2006, as a mark of protest against Modi government's Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, on 3rd February 2019?

- 1) Anjan Joshi
- 2) Rishad Gogoi
- 3) Aribam Shyam Sharma
- 4) Mithil Labam Seth
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Aribam Shyam Sharma Explanation: On 3rd February 2019, Noted Manipuri filmmaker Aribam Shyam Sharma returned his Padma Shri award, which he received in 2006, as a mark of protest against Modi government's Citizenship (Amendment) Bill. He stated that the Bill, is a threat to the small state like Manipur which has a population less than a district of Uttar Pradesh.

20. Who assumed charge as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Corporation Bank, on 3rd February 2019?

- 1) Jai Kumar Garg
- 2) Shantanu Prasad
- 3) P V Bharathi
- 4) Satish Anamudi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) P V Bharathi Explanation: On February 3, 2019, Former executive director of Canara Bank, P V Bharathi assumed charge as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the city-based Corporation Bank. P V Bharathi surpassed Jai Kumar Garg, and became the first woman CEO of the bank. Despite the post of executive director of Canara Bank, she also held the post of non-executive director of Can Fin Homes Limited and also director board member of Canbank Venture Capital Limited.

21. International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) has decided to set up a World Heritage Centre housing 'spiritual camps' in 45 countries, one of which will be set up in ___?

- 1) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- 2) Mysore, Karnataka
- 3) Mayapur, West Bengal
- 4) Udaipur, Rajasthan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Mayapur, West Bengal Explanation: On February 3, 2019, International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) decided to set up a World Heritage Centre housing 'spiritual camps' in 45 countries, one of which is to be set up in Mayapur in West Bengal. The estimated cost of this project is 3000 crores.

22. Who was honoured with the first Word Smith Award 2019 for his contribution in Indian Literature, at the Words Count festival 2019 held in Pune on 4th February 2019?

- 1) Rachita Sen
- 2) Pavan Kumar Verma
- 3) Ranjan Kulkarni
- 4) Azad Shams
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Pavan Kumar Verma Explanation: On February 4, 2019, second edition of Words Count festival 2019 was held in Pune, Maharashtra. The Festival, was hosted by the award-winning screenwriter, author and columnist Advita Kala. This festival is held with a motive to bring together speakers from several socio-political spheres and share their insights on various issues. Pavan Kumar Verma, A career diplomat and famous writer was honored with first Word Smith Award 2019 for his contribution in Indian Literature.

23. Which state government has set up a 17-member committee headed by Vivek Pandit, to review various schemes implemented for the welfare of tribals in the state?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Jammu and Kashmir
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Maharashtra Explanation: The Maharashtra government has set up a committee to review various schemes implemented for the welfare of tribals in the state. The 17-member committee, headed by former MLA and Shramjeevi Sanghatna president Vivek Pandit, will undertake study of

various works done for providing employment opportunities, minimum wages and proper livelihood to tribals. And it will suggest measures to ensure that children in tribal regions were not deprived of education.

24. Name the former Secretary of Government of India who was entitled with K.Veeramani Award for Social Justice 2018 in New Delhi, on 4th February 2019?

- 1) V. P. Singh
- 2) Akshath Singh
- 3) P.S. Krishnan
- 4) Pritham Tanmoy
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) P.S. Krishnan Explanation: On February 4,2019, P.S. Krishnan, former Secretary of Government of India, was entitled with K.Veeramani Award for Social Justice 2018 in New Delhi. Mr.V.P.Singh, former Prime Minister of India, was the first recipient of the K veeramani award. Social Exclusion and Justice in India, Empowering Dalits for Empowering India: A Road-map are some of books written by P S Krishnan.

25. Name the campaign launched by Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen focuses on sustaining the open defecation free status of villages across India, on 6th February 2019?

- 1) Swachh Ganv- Part 2
- 2) Darwaza Band- Part 2
- 3) Hygiene and Health- Part 2
- 4) Swachh Desh- Part 2
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Darwaza Band- Part 2 Explanation: On 6th February 2019, the “Darwaza Band- Part 2” campaign was launched by Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen focuses on sustaining the open defecation free status of villages across the country. The campaign launched by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation in Mumbai in the presence of actor Amitabh Bachchan.

26. Indian Banking Association (IBA) has marked the advisory recommendations from banks to exempt farmers from processing, documentation, inspection, ledger folio charge and various service charges for Kisan Credit Card loans upto ____?

- 1) Rs 1 Lakh
- 2) Rs 3 Lakh
- 3) Rs 2 Lakh
- 4) Rs 5 Lakh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rs 3 Lakh Explanation: Indian Banking Association (IBA) has marked the advisory recommendations from banks to exempt farmers from processing, documentation, inspection, ledger folio charge and various service charges for Kisan Credit Card loans upto Rs. 3 Lakhs. These guidelines came to highlight as nominal amount of charges were collected by some schedule commercial banks for agriculture loans.

27. Who was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards 2017 under the category ‘Hindustani Vocal Music’, by President Ram Nath, on 6th February 2019?

- 1) Lalith J. Rao
- 2) Yogesh Samsi
- 3) Rajendra Prasanna
- 4) Rajendra Prasanna
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Lalith J. Rao

Explanation: On February 6 2019, Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for 2017 was presented by President Ram Nath Kovind to 42 artists in a ceremony held in New Delhi. Lalith J. Rao was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards 2017 under the category ‘Hindustani Vocal Music’.

28. Name Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)’s 40th communication satellite launched from French Guiana by Arianespace launch vehicle, on 6th February 2019?

- 1) CSAT-40
- 2) GSAT-31
- 3) NSAT-11
- 4) PSAT-32
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) GSAT-31

Explanation: On 6th February 2019, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully launched its 40th communication satellite “GSAT-31” from French Guiana by Arianespace launch vehicle. On 6th February 2019, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully launched its 40th communication satellite “GSAT-31” from French Guiana by Arianespace launch vehicle.

29. Name the person who was elected as the President of El Salvador, on 4th February 2019?

- 1) Nayib Bukele
- 2) Salvador Sánchez Ceré
- 3) Theodre Jinchaz
- 4) Alijaz Ramsay
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Nayib Bukele

Explanation: On February 4,2019 , Former mayor Nayib Bukele won El Salvador’s presidential election. He will succeed Salvador Sánchez Cerén ,after whom the leadership chair was vacant for a period of time. He is to assume the chair of president on June 1, 2019.

30. Name the new dwarf spheroidal galaxy discovered by astronomers from Italy, the UK, Germany and the United States, using Hubble Space Telescope, on 31st January 2019?

- 1) Jincig 1
- 2) Bedin 1
- 3) Nostro 1
- 4) Ginnie 1
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bedin 1

Explanation: On January 31,2019, astronomers from Italy, the UK, Germany and the United States discovered newly discovered galaxy consists of red giant particles. Bedin 1 is anew dwarf spheroidal galaxy. This ancient galaxy is one of the oldest galaxy and was named after Luigi Bedin, a researcher at Italy’s National Institute for Astrophysics. Bedin 1 is located 28.38 million light years from Earth.

31. Union Cabinet approved the introduction of _____ bill, to confer the status of Institutions of National Importance to NIFTEM, Kundli, Haryana and IIFPT, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu?

- 1) National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Bill, 2019
- 2) National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill, 2019
- 3) Integrated Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2018
- 4) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Bill, 2018
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Bill, 2019

Explanation: Union Cabinet has approved the introduction of National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Bill, 2019 to confer the position of National importance to Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) at

Haryana, Kundli and Institute of Food Processing Technology at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.

32. Which of the following animal is named as the National Aquatic animal of Thailand?

- 1) Wels Catfish
- 2) Zander
- 3) Siamese fighting fish
- 4) Rainbow Trout
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Siamese fighting fish

Explanation: On February 5, 2019, Thailand named the tiny, eye-catching, colourful fin plumaged Siamese fighting fish as its aquatic animal with a aim to boost the conservation and breeding of the same. Siamese fighting fish is the native of Mekong basin of Thailand and is mostly found in the Chao Phraya river in Thailand. The Siamese fighting fish was registered as intangible cultural heritage in 2013.

33. Which Country had signed the accord to join NATO to become its 30th member of the NATO military alliance?

- 1) Bulgaria
- 2) Macedonia
- 3) Slovakia
- 4) France
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Macedonia

Explanation: On February 6, 2019, Macedonia signed an accord to join NATO to become the 30th member of the NATO military alliance. The historic agreement was signed between Macedonia's Foreign Minister Nikola Dimitrov and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.

34. What is the repo rate in India, which is recently revised by RBI in 6th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy?

- 1) 6.50%
- 2) 6.75%
- 3) 6.25%
- 4) 6.00%
- 5) None of these

Answer-3) 6.25%

Explanation: RBI had reduced 0.25 basis points in the Policy Rates with immediate effect. The Change in Policy rates are as follows:

Policy Rates	6th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy (Feb 2019)	5th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy (Dec 2018)
Repo Rate	6.25%	6.50%
Reverse Repo Rate	6.00%	6.25%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate	6.50%	6.75%
Bank Rate	6.50%	6.75%
Reserve Ratios	6th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy (Feb 2019)	5th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy (Dec 2018)
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4%	4%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	19.25%	19.5%

35. RBI has Projected the GDP growth of India at _____ per cent for the financial year 2019-20?

- 1) 7.2%
- 2) 7.4%
- 3) 7.3%
- 4) 7.5%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 7.4%

Explanation: RBI had Projected the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth for the year 2019-20 at 7.4%, While the GDP growth is at 7.2-7.4 per cent in H1, and 7.5 per cent in Q3. Inflation was fallen 18 months low in December at 2.2% and it is expected to remain at 3.2-3.4% in H1-2019-20 and 3.9% in Q3-2019-20.

36. According to the Agriculture Census 2015-16 released by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Farmers are Categorized as _____ if which he holds below 1 hectare of land?

- 1) Marginal
- 2) Small
- 3) Medium
- 4) Large
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Marginal

Explanation: On 6th February 2019, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Issued Categorization of farmers in agriculture census. Agriculture census was held at 2015-16 which is conducted in every five years.

Categorisation of operational holdings as per Agriculture Census

- | Sl.No. | Category | Size-Class |
|--------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Marginal | Below 1.00 hectare |
| 2 | Small | 1.00-2.00 hectare |
| 3 | Semi-medium | 2.00-4.00 hectare |
| 4 | Medium | 4.00-10.00 hectare |
| 5 | Large | 10.00 hectare and above |

37. What is the theme of 2nd ASEAN – India Youth Summit, which was recently held in Guwahati, Assam?

- 1) Micro Irrigation and Modern Agriculture
- 2) Shaping a New India
- 3) Connectivity : Pathway to Shared Prosperity
- 4) Hindi Excellence on this Era of Innovation
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Connectivity : Pathway to Shared Prosperity

Explanation: On 7th February 2019, 2nd ASEAN – India Youth Summit concluded in Guwahati which was conducted to strengthen the mutual cooperation among ASEAN countries. It was inaugurated by Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Union Minister of State for Tourism K J Alphons. The theme of the summit was 'Connectivity : Pathway to Shared Prosperity'.

38. Name the tribe residing in Arunachal Pradesh, celebrates Boori Boot Yollo festival?

- 1) Nyishi
- 2) Monpa
- 3) Khamti
- 4) Khamyang
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Nyishi

Explanation: Nyishi tribe celebrated 'Boori Boot Yollo festival' with great enthusiasm to welcome spring and a successful harvest. Nyishi is the largest community in Arunachal Pradesh, found in Daporijo, Upper Subansiri Locale and Raga and Dollungmukh ranges of Lower Subansiri Region of Arunachal Pradesh.

39. Which City will host the 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) in the year 2020?

- 1) Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India
- 2) Washington, D.C., U.S
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) London, U.K
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India

Explanation: 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) to be held in Gujarat in 2020. The Government also launched a website for the COP-13. CMS-COP 13 is a global platform for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species and their habitats. It has over 120 participating countries. So far, 12 COPs (Conference of Parties) have been convened. COP-13 will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from 15 – 22 February, 2020.

40. Name the 6th edition of 5-day multinational maritime exercise that was held in Karachi, Pakistan in which 46 Countries Participated?

- 1) Shakti
- 2) Sampriti
- 3) AMAN-19
- 4) Mitra Shakti
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) AMAN-19

Explanation: The 5-day multinational maritime exercise 'AMAN-19' in which 46 nations participated from all over the world was formally commenced at Pakistan Navy Dockyard, with a colorful flag hosting ceremony.

Principal aim to conduct this exercise is to facilitate a forum of understanding of each other's maritime concepts and operation cultures and to produce ways and means to confront common threat at sea. The exercise will have 2 phases- Harbour phase and sea phase.

41. How much is the new limit decided by RBI for Bulk Deposits in order to enhance operational freedom of Banks?

- 1) 2 Crore
- 2) 1 Crore
- 3) Rs.50000
- 4) 1 Lakh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 2 Crore

Explanation: On 7th February 2019, Reserve Bank of India decided to treat deposits to over Rs.2 crore as 'bulk' as they doubled the limit for the same from the earlier Rs.1 crore. This move will enhance operational freedom of Banks. RBI also proposed banks would maintain their bulk deposits interest rate cards in the core banking system for supervisory review. National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies Limited (NAFCUB) has suggested this proposal. The decision in proposal for setting up an Umbrella Organization (UO) for urban cooperative banks in pending with RBI.

42. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi, laid down the foundation stone of Greenfield airport recently?

- 1) Hollongi
- 2) Changlang
- 3) Kurung Kumey
- 4) Papum Pare
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Hollongi

Explanation: Narendra Modi laid foundation stone for Greenfield airport at Hollongi during his Arunachal Pradesh visit which will improve connectivity. The total cost of the airport will be Rs.1042 crore in which centre will provide Rs.955 crore and State's share will be Rs.87 crore. The airport will have a capacity of 200 passengers in peak hour handling with 5 check-in counters and 2 parking bays.

43. Name the Doordarshan's 2nd channel in North-Eastern Region launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his State visit to Arunachal Pradesh?

- 1) DD Yadagiri
- 2) DD Saptagiri
- 3) DD Arunprabha
- 4) DD Girnar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) DD Arunprabha

Explanation: During the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Arunachal Pradesh, he launched DD Arunprabha Channel in Itanagar. It is Doordarshan 2nd channel in north-eastern region after DD North East. The project cost is estimated to be 60 crore which is part of the Rs. 1054.52 crore fund approved by Cabinet.

The service will be 24x7.

44. Which region is declared as the third administrative division of Jammu and Kashmir?

- 1) Udhampur
- 2) Bandipora
- 3) Ladakh
- 4) Srinagar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Ladakh

Explanation: The Jammu & Kashmir Government on Friday declared Ladakh as the third administrative division of the state. The Government has approved the creation of a separated administrative/revenue division of Ladakh. The division will comprise Leh and Kargil districts, with Leh as the division's headquarters. The creation of two posts of Divisional Commissioner and Inspector General of Police (IGP) has been sanctioned for the new division.

45. Which City had included Hindi as its third official language in the High Court?

- 1) Pretoria
- 2) Amsterdam
- 3) Stockholm
- 4) Abu Dhabi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Abu Dhabi

Explanation: Hindi is included as the third official language in the Abu Dhabi court system with a motive to improve access to justice for foreign workers. Authorities have created bilingual language guides to explain complex legal terms in an effort to help people understand court process. The other two official languages are Arabic and English.

46. Under the Short-Term Training (STT) of the PMKVY, 25.25 lakh candidates have been trained. PMKVY Stands for?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Kshetra Vikas Yojna
- 2) Pradhan Mudra Khanij Vikas Yojna
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna
- 4) Pradhan Mudra Kaushal Vikas Yojna
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna

Explanation: 25.25 lakh candidates, out of the 37.32 lakh (approx.), have been trained under the Short-Term Training (STT) of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY). Similarly, 11.27 lakh under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and 0.8 lakh under Special Project in various sectors across India. 'Skill Loan Mission' has been launched by the Government to support youth by providing loan facility to individuals who wish to enrol for the skill development courses, as per the Skill Loan eligibility criteria. All the member banks of the Indian Banking Association (IBA) and other banking and financial institutions, including Micro Finance Institutions, regulated by the Reserve bank of India (RBI) are applicable for the Skill Loan Scheme. The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship's lead bank, 'Bank of India' is the first bank to notify and implement the scheme. Loans are available in the range of Rs 5000 to Rs 15,000. In the financial year 2017-18, total amount of Rs 29.06 crore was disbursed against 3551

accounts, and during 2018-19 (till Dec 18), Rs 19.46 crore against 2429 accounts.

47. Which film won the Best Film in the 72nd British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards?

- 1) Spiderman : into the Spider-verse
- 2) The Favourite
- 3) 73 Cows
- 4) Roma
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Roma

Explanation: Netflix drama 'Roma' won the best film prize along with director, Alfonso Cuaron and co-stars Olivia Colman and Rachel Weisz won in their respective categories.

48. Who was the first female driver to win MRF Challenge title in Chennai?

- 1) Alice Powell
- 2) Jamie Chadwick
- 3) Abbie Eaton
- 4) Vicky Piria
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Jamie Chadwick

Explanation: Jamie Chadwick from Bath, England made history by becoming the first female driver to win the MRF challenge title after scoring a triple win in the final round in Chennai. Chadwick won 3 out of the 5 races to close an 18-point margin in Max Defourny of Germany. Chadwick won 6 out of 15 races in the series which had started in November and included events in Dubai and Bahrain.

49. Name the Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise, that held recently in Jaipur, Rajasthan?

- 1) Exercise 'Vijay Prahar'
- 2) Exercise 'Shakti'
- 3) Exercise 'Rahat'
- 4) Exercise 'Indra'
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Exercise 'Rahat'

Explanation: On 12th February 2019, Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise 'Exercise Rahat' concluded in Jaipur, Rajasthan. It was demonstrated in Jaipur, Kota and Alwar in Rajasthan. Indian Army was represented by Jaipur based Sapta Shakti Command. Representatives from Armed Forces, National Disaster Management Response Mechanism (NDMRM), SDMA Rajasthan and DLMA's participated in the exercise. With a view to cooperate efforts for humanitarian assistance and Disaster Relief operations NDMA coordinated the exercise. The exercise was conducted in three places, in Jaipur it was in the form of a table top exercise and at Kota and Alwar it demonstrated on-ground capability and coordination among various stakeholders.

50. What was the theme of the National Conference on Unani Medicine held in New Delhi, on the sidelines of Unani day observed on 11th February, 2019?

- 1) Unani Medicine for Families, education and well-being
- 2) Unani Medicine for Public Health
- 3) Unani Medicine for Families, healthy lives and sustainable future
- 4) Unani Medicine for Families for all ages
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Unani Medicine for Public Health

Explanation: On February 11, 2019, Dr. Najma Heptulla, Governor of Manipur, inaugurating the two-day National Conference on Unani Medicine organized by the Central

Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) in New Delhi. This conference was held as a part of 3rd Unani Day celebration. Theme of the conference was 'Unani Medicine for Public Health'. Unani Day on 11th February every year, is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Hakim Ajmal Khan.

51. Who won the Player of the Series in the T20I series played between New Zealand and India?

- 1) Martin Guptill
- 2) Rohit Sharma
- 3) Ross Taylor
- 4) Tim Seifert
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Tim Seifert

Explanation: New Zealand won the Twenty20 International (T20I) 3-match series at Seddon Park Ground, Hamilton, New Zealand beating India won the series. New Zealand's wicket keeper-batsman, Tim Seifert, won the player of the series award. He scored 138 runs at a strike-rate of 173.75 and an average of 46.33 on the 3 matches. He also picked 3 catches as the wicketkeeper.

52. National Productivity Council (NPC) Celebrates National Productivity Week from _____?

- 1) February 10 to February 16
- 2) February 12 to February 18
- 3) February 8 to February 14
- 4) February 6 to February 12
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) February 12 to 18

Explanation: On 12th February 2019, National Productivity Council (NPC) has commemorated its 61st Foundation Day as Productivity Day. NPC is celebrating National Productivity Week from 12th Feb to 18th Feb, 2019. The theme of this year's Productivity Day is "Circular Economy for Productivity and Sustainability". This is to signify a distinctive opportunity for circular business representative models for 'Make-Use-Return' for further economic prospects and revitalization of materials. The inauguration was organized to discuss the challenges, problems and repercussions from the execution of the circular economy which will augment productivity and create jobs. During the Productivity Week, workshops were organized in New Delhi and seminars were organized by regional Directorate of NPC at Kolkata, Guwahati, Chennai, Chandigarh and Bhubaneswar. National Productivity Council is going to play a vital role in achieving the growth target to raise the Indian Economy to the level of USD 5 trillion by 2025 and USD 10 trillion by 2035.

53. Name the Annual Exercise carried out by Indian Army at Deolali Camp near Nashik?

- 1) Exercise Sampriti
- 2) Exercise Mitra Shakti
- 3) Exercise Shatrujeet
- 4) Exercise Topchi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Exercise Topchi

Explanation: Indian Army demonstrated its artillery firepower, aviation and surveillance capacity at the annual 'Exercise Topchi' at Deolali Camp near Nashik. The latest ultra-light Howitzer M-777, self-propelled gun K-9 Vajra and indigenous Swathi weapon-locating radar was demonstrated. The aviation assets showcased were the indigenous advanced light helicopter, light combat helicopter, Cheetah & Chetak helicopters.

54. Who will be taking over the Chair of the African Union (AU) in 2020 after Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi term ends?

- 1) South Africa's President, Cyril Ramaphosa
- 2) Russia's President Vladimir Putin
- 3) Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
- 4) Libya's President Mohammed Magariaf
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) South Africa's President, Cyril Ramaphosa

Explanation: South Africa's President, Cyril Ramaphosa, will be taking over as the Chair of the African Union (AU) in 2020 after Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi completes his term.

55. Which animal is named as the Mascot for National Games 2022 that is to be held in Meghalaya?

- 1) Sangai
- 2) Tiger
- 3) Clouded Leopard
- 4) Hillock Gibbon
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Clouded Leopard

Explanation: The Sports and Youth Ministry in the meeting of Executive Committee of the National Games 2022 has chosen the 'Smiling Clouded Leopard' to be the Mascot for the National Games 2022. Meghalaya will host the 2022 National Games, which is coinciding with its 50 years of statehood. Clouded Leopard is among the wild cats that live throughout the forests of Garo, Khasi and Jaintia Hills. The meeting has decided that an open completion would be held to design a smiling clouded leopard that will be used as the mascot for the national Games.

56. Where did Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal commissioned the First Aqua Mega Food Park (Godavari Mega Aqua Food Park)?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation: Godavari Mega Aqua Food Park, first aqua mega food park was commissioned by Secretary of Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Pushpa Subrahmanyam on behalf of Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal via video conferencing in Andhra Pradesh. The park is set up on 57.81 acre of land and the facilities at its Central Processing Centre (CPC) includes pre-processing line, freezing and cold storage of fish and shrimp, an ice plant and food testing laboratory.

57. Which Country had recently changed its name to end the long running dispute with its neighbouring country Greece?

- 1) Bulgaria changed its name to Republic of South Bulgaria
- 2) Albania changed its name to Republic of North Albania
- 3) Republic of Macedonia changed its name to Republic of North Macedonia
- 4) Romania changed its name to Republic of South Romania
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Republic of Macedonia changed its name to Republic of North Macedonia

Explanation: Ending a long running dispute with Greece, the Republic of Macedonia has officially changed its name to

North Macedonia. Greece had been blocking Macedonia's entry into the European Union (EU) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), as it disapproved of the name of the country, as the Greek province of Macedonia adjoining it has been associated with Alexander the Great. On 6th Feb. 2019, NATO member states signed an accession protocol allowing North Macedonia to join the alliance and become the 30th member.

58. Union Cabinet Chaired by Prime minister Narendra Modi approved setting up of New Viral Vaccine Manufacturing Unit in which State/UT?

- 1) Faridabad, Haryana
- 2) Patna, Bihar
- 3) Coonoor, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Guwahati, Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Coonoor, Tamil Nadu

Explanation: Union Cabinet approved the proposal for allotment of 30 acres of land to Pasteur Institute of India for establishment of New Viral Vaccine Manufacturing Unit at Coonoor, Tamil Nadu. The land for the project will be transferred free of cost and will also be changed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from 'industrial' to 'institutional'. The project includes production of Anti Sera (like snake venom and Anti Rabies Sera) and Viral Vaccine (like TCA anti-measles vaccine, JE vaccine, etc.) at its manufacturing unit in Coonoor.

59. Who was appointed as the new Election Commissioner of India by President Ram Nath Kovind?

- 1) Sukumar Sen
- 2) Sunil Arora
- 3) Sushil Chandra
- 4) Om Prakash Rawat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sushil Chandra

Explanation: President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Sushil Chandra, the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), to be designated as the new Election Commissioner on 14th February, 2019. Mr. Sushil Chandra is an IIT graduate and is a 1980 batch officer of the Indian Revenue Service (IRS) official of Income Tax Cadre, was recently retired from CBDT. Mr. Chandra was appointed CBDT Chairman on November 1, 2016 and further he got 2 extensions. The Election Commission now has Sunil Arora as the Chief Election Commissioner who will succeed O.P. Rawat and Ashok Lavasa and Sushil Chandra as fellow commissioners.

60. A non-venomous snake species which is named as "Crying Keelback (Hebius lacrima)" is found in which State/UT?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation: A non-venomous snake species has been discovered by Herpetologists Jayaditya Purkayastha of Help Earth, Guwahati and Patrick David of Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris in Guwahati, Arunachal Pradesh. The Snake has been named as "Crying Keelback (Hebius lacrima)" due to the presence of black spots below the snake's eye which is taken as an allusion for crying. The 48 mm long Snake is found in "jhum" (shifting) cultivation areas in the Basar area West siang district of Arunachal Pradesh in 2010-11. The Discovery of snake is published in a peer reviewed journal for animal taxonomy known as "Zootaxa".

61. What is the theme of the 13th edition of PETROTECH-2019, organized by ONGC and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas?

- 1) Theme-India Vision 2020: Issues, Challenges, Opportunities and Progress.
- 2) Theme-Values and Ethics: Conceptual Framework from Different Perspectives
- 3) Theme-The Next Economic Miracle, manuscripts that seek to focus
- 4) Theme-Shaping the New Energy World through Innovation & Collaboration
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theme-Shaping the New Energy World through Innovation & Collaboration

Explanation: The theme of PROTECH-2019 was “Shaping the New Energy World through Innovation & Collaboration”. PETROTECH is a biennial conference and exhibition for national and international experts in the oil & gas industry to meet and exchange views and share knowledge, expertise, and experiences.

62. Government had increased the validity of e-tourist and e-business visas from 60 days to ___ in order to increase the number of foreign tourists and facilitate the process of e-visa?

- 1) 3 months
- 2) 6 months
- 3) 9 months
- 4) 1 year
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 1 year

Explanation: Duration of stay in India of e-tourists and e-business visas will be from 60 days to 1 year with multiple entry subjects. There has been removal of restriction of allowing foreigner for a maximum of 3 times. Government of India has made a series of amendments in e-visa regime, liberalizing it further and making it more tourists friendly. This step has been taken into consideration by Ministry of Tourism with Ministry of Home Affairs to ease the Visa regime in the country over the period of time.

63. What is the new National Minimum Wage (NMW) per month for a worker, recently revised by an expert committee appointed by Government of India?

- 1) Rs.8750 per month
- 2) Rs.9750 per month
- 3) Rs.7550 per month
- 4) Rs.8550 per month
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rs.9750 per month

Explanation: An expert committee appointed by government suggested Rs. 9,750 per month or Rs. 375 per day as National Minimum Wage (NMW) for a worker. The Present NMW is Rs. 4,576. National minimum wage has been proposed at various regional level in the range of Rs.8,892 to Rs. 11,622 per month, with supplementary house rent allowance of Rs. 1,430 per month for urban workers. The recommendations could form the basis for a national minimum wage covering all workers irrespective of skills, sectors, occupations and rural-urban areas. According to Committee's formula, a family with 3.2 units of consumption requires food of Rs.2400, minimum 50 gm of protein and 30 gm of fat every day. The Labour ministry has proposed a statutory minimal wage which will be calculated by NMW calculator to address varying economic conditions at state and regional levels through a Code on Wages Bill.

64. Which of the following scheme is launched as a pension scheme by Finance Minister during Union budget 2019-20 for the benefit of workers in Unorganised Sector?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Matritva Vandana Yojana
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan Yojana
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awaas Yojana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan Yojana

Explanation: On 15th February 2019, Finance minister has implemented the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan Yojana which is primarily a pension scheme for the labours, associated in the unorganized sector. It was announced in Budget 2019. Under this scheme, workers of unorganized sectors whose monthly income is less than Rs. 15,000 may avail the Rs. 3000 per month after 60 year of age. The scheme will facilitate the benefits up to 10 crore workers which include lower class workers, labor, plumber, mechanic, sweeper, construction workers, etc. An amount of Rs. 500 crore has been allocated for the scheme. The benefits of the scheme will be availed within 5 years.

65. What is the theme of World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2019 held in New Delhi?

- 1) Theme-Reconstructing Sociological Discourse in India: Perspectives from the Margins
- 2) Theme-Attaining the 2030 Agenda: delivering on our promise
- 3) Theme-International Migration, Indian Diaspora and Development
- 4) Theme-Cyber4All: An Inclusive, Sustainable, Developmental, Safe and Secure Cyberspace
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Theme-Attaining the 2030 Agenda: delivering on our promise

Explanation: World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2019, the flagship event of 'The Energy and Resources Institute' (TERI), was inaugurated by Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. It saw the presence of more than 2000 delegates in the fields of sustainable development, energy and environment sectors. The theme of WSDS 2019 was 'Attaining the 2030 Agenda: delivering on our promise'.

66. Which Bank assisted the 5th International Dam Safety Conference, a part of Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP)?

- 1) African Development Bank
- 2) Asian Development Bank
- 3) European Investment Bank
- 4) World Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) World Bank

Explanation: State Water Resources minister Niranjan Pujari and Union Water Resources & Ganga Rejuvenation Secretary U.P. Singh inaugurated the 5th International Dam Safety Conference 2019 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The conference was a part of the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) assisted by World Bank. 26 large dams in Odisha are covered under DRIP for rehabilitation

including construction of an additional spill way for the Hirakud dam at Rs 600 crores.

67. Government of India, Himachal Pradesh Government and World Bank had signed an agreement worth, how much million for supplying water to the citizens of Greater Shimla?

- 1) USD 20 Million
- 2) USD 40 Million
- 3) USD 50 Million
- 4) USD 60 Million
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) USD 40 Million

Explanation: A loan agreement of \$40 million (4 crore INR) was signed between the Government of India, Himachal Pradesh Government and World Bank, to help bring clean and reliable drinking water to the citizens of Greater Shimla area, who have been facing severe shortages of water and water-borne epidemics in the last few years. Shimla Water Supply and Sewage Service Delivery Reform Programmatic Development Policy Loan is expected to improve Water Supply & Sanitation (WSS) services in and around Shimla. Loan agreement was signed by Mr. Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India and Mr. Junaid Kamal Ahmad, Country Director, World Bank India, on behalf of the World Bank.

68. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi inaugurated Lower Panazara Medium Project under PMKSY in order to provide irrigation facility to 21 villages in Dhule, Maharashtra. S stands for _____ in PMKSY?

- 1) S- Sinchayee (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY))
- 2) S- Suraksha (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Suraksha Yojana (PMKSY))
- 3) S- Sadak (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sadak Yojana (PMKSY))
- 4) S- Swasthya (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Swasthya Yojana (PMKSY))
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) S- Sinchayee (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY))

Explanation: Prime Minister, Narendra Modi inaugurated Lower Panazara Medium Project which has a total water storage capacity of 109.31 Mcum and irrigation potential of 7585 hectares, under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). This Project will provide irrigation facility to 21 villages of Dhule District in Maharashtra.

69. India's first district cooling system is to be set up in which of the following city by United Arab Emirates (UAE) based Tabreed?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) East Delhi, New Delhi
- 3) Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

Explanation: United Arab Emirates (UAE) based international cooling provider, National Central Cooling Company PJSC (Tabreed) entered into a 30-year concession with Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) to build India's first district cooling system in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh. The agreement is for a contracted cooling capacity of 20,000 Refrigeration Tons (RTs) and will

cater to the State's Assembly, High Court, Secretariat and other Government buildings currently being constructed, for which cooling services will start in early 2021. The district cooling system will help save 40% of the energy currently being used and reduce CO2 emissions, as it uses only 50% of the primary energy consumption for cooling urban buildings, thus, improving the air quality and reducing general noise levels when compared to other traditional air conditioning systems.

70. First Indian Wealth management company, Edelweiss signed MoU with which of the following bank to access each other product platforms?

- 1) Asian Development Bank
- 2) Bank of Singapore
- 3) Bank of America
- 4) World Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bank of Singapore

Explanation: On 14th February 2019, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between Edelweiss and Bank of Singapore in order to form a strategic partnership. The MoU will provide an opportunity to clients of both entities to access each other product platforms. Edelweiss became the first Indian Wealth management company to sign an MoU with offshore private bank (Bank of Singapore). Bank of Singapore has signed similar MoU with financial companies from Switzerland and Japan.

71. Who became the first Indian Woman Flight Engineer?

- 1) Hina Jaiswal
- 2) Arunima Sinha
- 3) Roshini Sharma
- 4) Shila Dawre
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Hina Jaiswal

Explanation: Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal from Chandigarh, became the First Indian Woman Flight Engineer of the Indian Air Force (IAF). She was commissioned in the IAF's engineering branch in 2015 and completed the 6-month Flight Engineer course from the 112 Helicopter Unit attached to the Air Force Station in Yelahanka, Bengaluru. The Flight Engineer branch was opened to women officers in 2018.

72. Name the Book written by Mr. Dinesh Shahra and launched by Governor of West Bengal, Keshari Nath Tripathi?

- 1) In Search of Lost Time
- 2) The Great Gatsby
- 3) Simplicity & Wisdom
- 4) War and Peace
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Simplicity & Wisdom

Explanation: 'Simplicity & Wisdom' written by Dinesh Shahra was launched at Parmarth Ashram in Kumbh Mela. Launched by the Governor of West Bengal – Keshari Nath Tripathi and Swami Chidanand Saraswati, Head of Parmarth Ashram, this book is dedicated to Late Vedanti Swami Pragananandji. The book aims at guiding towards saintly wisdom and leading a content and happy life.

73. Who was appointed as the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

- 1) Pramod Chandra Mody
- 2) Salil Parekh
- 3) Sushil Chandra
- 4) Ashwin Chandra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Pramod Chandra Mody

Explanation: Pramod Chandra Mody, a 1982-batch IRS Officer was appointed as the new chairman of the Central Board

of Direct Taxes (CBDT) which is the policy making body of the Income Tax Department. He has been appointed in place of Sushil Chandra, who was on Thursday named as Election Commissioner ahead of the Lok Sabha polls due this summer. Having worked on various posts in the I-T Department, he was currently working as the Member (Administration) in the CBDT. His tenure would last till June 2019.

74. Which Team won the Irani Cup title recently and becomes the 3rd team after Bombay and Karnataka to defend the Ranji Trophy and Irani Cup?

- 1) Rest of India
- 2) Delhi
- 3) Vidarbha
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Vidarbha

Explanation: On 16th February, 2019, Vidarbha became the only 3rd team in Indian Domestic Cricket history to defend their Irani cup titles at Jamtha Stadium in Nagpur by defeating rest of India. Vidarbha becomes the 3rd team after Bombay and Karnataka to defend the Ranji Trophy and Irani Cup. Vidarbha chased a target of 280 run on the day and young Karnewar was the Player of the match.

75. Name the mega exercise conducted by Indian Air Force in Pokhran, Rajasthan?

- 1) Yudh Aabyas
- 2) Hind Shakti
- 3) Vayu Shakti
- 4) Ekuverin
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Vayu Shakti

Explanation: On 16th February 2019, Indian Air Force conducted mega exercise 'Vayu Shakti' in Pokhran, Rajasthan. The exercise was conducted two days after 40 CRPF personnel killed in a suicide attack in Kashmir's Pulwama. For the first time, the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALP) and the Akash surface-to-air missile were deployed in military exercise. MiG-29 fighter jet also participated in the exercise. The capability of Griffin Laser Guided Bomb (LGB) a laser-guided bomb system was also showcased in the exercise. It is used to retrofit gravity bombs, making them laser guided smart ammunition. The honorary group captain of the IAF, Sachin Tendulkar was present during the exercise. He became honorary group captain in 2015 for his achievements in cricket.

76. Name the 2 new Districts erected in Telangana after which the total number of districts raised to 33?

- 1) Sangareddy and Ranga Reddy
- 2) Mulugu and Narayanpet
- 3) Vikarabad and Suryapet
- 4) Nirmal and Nizamabad
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Mulugu and Narayanpet

Explanation: On 17th February, 2019, Revenue Department of Telangana has issued a notification stating about the creation of 2 new districts in Telangana– Mulugu and Narayanpet. With the creation of 2 districts, total number of districts in Telangana has augmented to 33. District Naraynpet and Mulugi has been carved out of the District Mahabubnagar and Bhupalapally districts respectively.

77. Name the first Iranian made semi-heavy submarine launched by Iran's President Hassan Rouhani?

- 1) Sina
- 2) Fateh
- 3) Kalat
- 4) Parvin
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Fateh

Explanation: Iran's President Hassan Rouhani unveiled the first Iranian made semi-heavy submarine named "Fateh" ("Conqueror" in Persian), capable of being fitted with missiles. It has subsurface-to-surface missiles with a range of about 2,000 km (1,250 miles) and is capable of reaching Israel and U.S. military bases in the region. A homegrown defence industry has been developed by Iran, since 1992, which produces light and heavy weapons ranging from mortars and torpedoes to tanks and submarines.

78. Under the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), which of the following helpline number has been launched for ensuring women safety, by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh?

- 1) 144
- 2) 112
- 3) 131
- 4) 136
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 112

Explanation: On 19th February 2019, pan India number 112 (helpline number) was launched by Home Minister Rajnath Singh and Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi in New Delhi. It comes under the Emergency Response Support System, ERSS which has been introduced for women safety in 16 states and Union Territories including Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir and was launched in Himachal Pradesh and Nagaland earlier. All the states are required to set up an Emergency Response Centre, ERC. In the hour of need, the person seeking can help can:

- Dial 112
- In smartphones, press power button of the phone thrice without any delay to activate a panic call to the Emergency Response Centre.
- In feature phones, long press on the number 5 or 9 on the keypad to activate the panic call.

79. Name the State government, which passed a Bill to make Sanskrit as the second official language of the state?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Himachal Pradesh

Explanation: On 16th February 2019, a bill was passed in the Himachal Pradesh assembly to make Sanskrit the second official language of the state. Key Points Mahender Singh Thakur, the Irrigation and Public Health minister introduced the bill Himachal Pradesh Official Language Bill, 2019 (Amendment). The bill was introduced in the absence of Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur and was passed without discussion. With this, Himachal Pradesh became the second state to adopt Sanskrit as the second official language of the state after Uttarakhand. The other bills passed during the same session:

- Himachal Pradesh University of Health Sciences Amendment Bill, 2019 to rename Himachal Pradesh University of Health Sciences as Atal Medical and Research University, Himachal Pradesh.

- Himachal Pradesh Bovine Breeding Bill, 2019 to promote indigenous species of cows in the state by setting up sperm stations and using frozen semen in artificial insemination.

80. Name the General Insurance Company, that launched first-of-its-kind 'Trip Protector' policy in India?

- 1) National Insurance Co. Ltd
- 2) New India Assurance Co. Ltd
- 3) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 4) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co. Ltd
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co. Ltd

Explanation: The first-of-its kind 'Trip Protector' insurance policy was launched by HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company which is the third-largest non-life insurance provider in the private sector in India. The policy states that:

- In case a flight or a hotel booking is cancelled, travellers will be safeguarded financially against the cost of cancellation levied on them by the respective hotels or airlines for both domestic and international travel.

- In instances wherein travellers are refused accommodation on arriving at the hotel due to overbooking, the policy will provide cover against cancellation of a pre-booked room.

- Initially, this policy is being offered to customers of HDFC Bank on the purchase of Airline tickets or Hotel Bookings done using their HDFC Bank credit cards.

- The policy will allow customers to choose between refundable and non-refundable tickets. Refundable tickets shall be paid for in case of cancellation.

81. Name the new micro insurance plan, that will provide coverage of up to 2 lakhs by the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India?

- 1) Micro Debit
- 2) Micro Bachat
- 3) Micro Loan
- 4) Micro Fund
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Micro Bachat

Explanation: On 18th February 2019, a new micro insurance plan 'Micro Bachat' was launched by the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India. It provides a coverage of up to 2 lakhs and is the first micro-insurance plan to do so. It provides both protection and savings and is a regular premium, non-linked, participating endowment micro insurance plan. In case a policyholder dies, this plan would provide financial assistance to the family. For surviving policyholders, a lump sum amount at the time of maturity shall be provided. It can be availed only by standard healthy citizens in the age group of 18-55 years without undergoing any medical examination.

82. Who was awarded with India's first-ever "Football Ratna" by Football Delhi president Shaji Prabhakaran, former player and administrator in AIFF and FIFA?

- 1) Cristiano Ronaldo
- 2) Lionel Messi
- 3) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- 4) Sunil Chhetri
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Sunil Chhetri

Explanation: The 34-year-old, Sunil Chhetri, was awarded India's first-ever "Football Ratna" by Football Delhi president Shaji Prabhakaran, former player and administrator at the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association). Football Delhi is the state association governing the sport in Delhi. He was also named as the 6th Indian Footballer in the elite Padma Shri list. Shubham Sarangi, youth player from Delhi who is currently the player of Delhi Dynamos team for Indian Super League (ISL), was also honoured by Football Delhi on this occasion. He

was part of the AIFF Youth Academy for 12 years, and has represented India in Under-14 and Under-17 National Teams.

83. Who won the Sportsman of the Year in Laureus World Sports Awards 2019 at the Laureus Awards Ceremony in Monaco?

- 1) Lionel Messi
- 2) Roger Federer
- 3) Novak Djokovic
- 4) Rafael Nadal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Novak Djokovic

Explanation: The Laureus World Sports Awards 2019 were announced at the Laureus Awards Ceremony in Monaco on 18 February, 2019. Novak Djokovic matched Usain Bolt's record by being named World Sportsman of the Year for the fourth time.

Category	Winner	Sport	Country
Sportsman of the Year	Novak Djokovic	Tennis	Serbia
Sportswoman of the Year	Simone Biles	Gymnastics	USA
Team of the Year	France's Football Team	Football	France
Comeback of the Year	Tiger Woods	Golf	USA
Breakthrough of the Year	Naomi Osaka	Tennis	Japan
Action Sports person of the Year	Chloe Kim	Snowboarding	USA

84. Who was appointed as the first woman president of Astronomical Society of India?

- 1) GC Anupama
- 2) Arati Saha
- 3) Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi
- 4) Reita Faria Powel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) GC Anupama

Explanation: The Astronomical Society of India will be presided over by a woman, GC Anupama for the first time in its history. She will succeed RK Tyagi and has been elected to this post for a tenure of 3 years.

85. Name the Scheme approved by Union Cabinet with an objective of providing financial and water security to farmers?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Matritva Vandana Yojana
- 3) Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan
- 4) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan

Explanation: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved launch of Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan with the objective of providing financial and water security to farmers. The proposed scheme consists of three components: Component-A: 10,000 MW of Decentralized Ground Mounted Grid Connected Renewable Power Plants. Component-B: Installation of 17.50 lakh standalone Solar

Powered Agriculture Pumps. Component-C: Solarisation of 10 Lakh Grid-connected Solar Powered Agriculture Pumps. All 3 components combined, the scheme aims to add a solar capacity of 25,750 MW by 2022. The total central financial support provided under the scheme would be Rs. 34,422 crore.

86. Name the SuperComputer that was unveiled in IIT-BHU by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- 1) Param Shivay
- 2) Aaditya
- 3) SahasraT
- 4) Param Yuva 2
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Param Shivay

Explanation: PM Narendra Modi inaugurated supercomputer 'Param Shivay' at IIT-BHU. The supercomputer of 833 teraflop capacity built at the cost of Rs 32.5 crore. Additional Information: India's first supercomputer called PARAM 8000 was launched in 1991. He released commemorative postage stamp on completion of 100 Years of IIT BHU.

87. What is the new interest rate on Employees' Provident Fund for 2018-19 recommended by Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)?

- 1) 8.65%
- 2) 8.55%
- 3) 8.85%
- 4) 8.75%
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) 8.65%

Explanation: Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has recommended to increase the interest rate on Employees' Provident Fund for 2018-19 to 8.65% from 8.55% benefitting 6 crore EPFO subscribers. All members of the Central Board of Trustees (CBT), EPFO have agreed to the increase the interest rate and the proposal would now go to the Finance Ministry for approval. The EPFO provided a five-year-low rate of interest of 8.55% for FY18. The interest rate was 8.65% in FY17, 8.8% in FY16 and 8.75% interest in FY14 and FY15. The rate of interest was 8.5% in FY13.

88. Who was appointed as the Additional charge as Secretary of newly created Department of Fisheries?

- 1) Bhaskar Khulbe
- 2) Tarun Shridhar
- 3) Pradeep Kumar Sinha
- 4) Inderjit Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Tarun Shridhar

Explanation: On 20th February 2019, the PM administration gave Secretary of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Tarun Shridhar the additional charge of Secretary of Department of Fisheries. Department of Fisheries is a newly created department under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Tarun Shridhar is an IAS officer from 1984 batch Himachal Pradesh cadre. Also, J Balaji, an IAS officer from 2001 batch of Assam-Meghalaya cadre was appointed as the Joint Secretary of Department of Fisheries. Earlier, he was serving as Joint Secretary of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries. These appointments follow the Cabinet approval of creation of one post of Secretary and one post of Joint Secretary in the new department.

89. Who was appointed as the First Ombudsman for the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) by Supreme Court?

- 1) Vijay Keshav Gokhale
- 2) Rajiv Mehrishi
- 3) D K Jain
- 4) T. S. Tirumurti
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) D K Jain

Explanation: The Supreme Court appointed its former judge, Justice D K Jain as the first ombudsman for the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Bench comprising Justices SA Bobde and A. M. Sapre appointed Justice D. K. Jain as the ombudsman after getting a consent of the parties and their suggestions to do so. The ombudsman will be resolving any issue that comes with regards to the players, as also financial issues. The apex court in its August 9, 2018 verdict had recommended the appointment of ombudsman.

90. Name the India's first Humanoid Police Robot inaugurated by Kerala Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan?

- 1) KP-BOT
- 2) KL-BOT
- 3) HUM-BOT
- 4) KL-HUM
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) KP-BOT

Explanation: Kerala Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan, inaugurated India's first Humanoid Police Robot named KP-BOT, ranked as Sub-Inspector (SI), at the Police Headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. With this, the Kerala State Police Headquarters has become the first police department in the country to use a robot for police work. The robot's gender is declared female keeping in mind women empowerment and gender equality. She will perform Front Office duties of the police headquarters like receiving visitors and direct them as required. Visitors can directly interact with her and she is capable of tasks like fixing appointments with officers, provide ID cards and open new files based on the grievances.

She can also identify higher officials and greet them with a salute. In 2018's Cocoon Cyber Conference it was announced that robots will be included in the police force, after which, the work on the project was started by state police Cyberdome and a Kochi based start-up, Asimov.

91. Name the Country, that had become the 72nd country to sign the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) with India?

- 1) Swaziland
- 2) Argentina
- 3) Russia
- 4) Netherland
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Argentina

Explanation: Argentina became the 72nd country to sign the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). The agreement was signed by Argentina's Foreign Minister Jorge Faurie in the presence of ISA's Director-General Upendra Tripathy. Argentina's President Mauricio Macri, accompanied by senior government officials and a business delegation, arrived in New Delhi on 17th February 2019 for a three-day India visit, during which he held talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to enhance cooperation in key sectors such as economy, nuclear technology and space.

92. Name the App launched by Suresh Prabhu during the National Conference on Logistics Policy:

Context, Issues & The Way Forward, held in New Delhi to gauge the actual issues faced by transporters on the road?

- 1) POLICY
- 2) LOGICS
- 3) SAFAR
- 4) TRANS
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) SAFAR

Explanation: The "National Conference on Logistics Policy: Context, Issues & The Way Forward" was held in New Delhi from 19th to 20th February, 2019. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, addressed the

first stakeholder consultation on the draft logistics policy prepared by the Department of Logistics of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. He also launched the SAFAR Mobile App, on this occasion. About the app: It will help to gauge the actual issues faced by transporters on the road. It will track the incidence of a number of parameters faced by transporters and automatically record the location of the issue. Transporters, truck drivers, and general public may use the app for reporting their logistics issues to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The app is available in 8 languages.

93. Who was the First Indian Woman, conferred with "Global Future of Nature Award" for her work on marine conservation?

- 1) Anandi Gopal Joshi
- 2) Indra Nooyi
- 3) Anushka Sharma
- 4) Divya Karnad
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Divya Karnad

Explanation: 33-year-old Ashoka University teacher and Wipro Sustainable Fellow, Divya Karnad became the First Indian Woman to be honoured with the "Global Future of Nature Award" for her work on marine conservation. She is the second Indian to receive this award after Dr. Charudutt Mishra. The award is given to 3 people annually, and this year it was given to Olivier Nsengimana and Fernanda Abra along with Divya Karnad.

94. Saudi Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Salman increased the quota for Indian Haj pilgrims from 1.75 lakh to _____ lakh after PM Narendra Modi's request?

- 1) 3 Lakh
- 2) 2.5 Lakh
- 3) 2.75 Lakh
- 4) 2 Lakh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 2 Lakh

Explanation: Saudi Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Salman also announced the increase in quota for Indian Haj pilgrims from 1.75 lakh to 2 lakh at the request of PM Modi. 2,340 Muslim women will go to Hajj this year, without mehram (companion) and without the lottery system. This will be the third such increase in the last 5 years.

95. Name the new Category of NBFC that is formed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) after merging three categories of NBFCs viz Asset Finance Companies (AFC), Loan Companies (LCs) and Investment Companies (ICs)?

- 1) NBFC-Asset and Investment Company (NBFC-AIC)
- 2) NBFC-Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC)
- 3) NBFC-Finance and Insurance Company (NBFC-FIC)
- 4) NBFC-Investment and Finance Company (NBFC-IFC)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) NBFC-Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC)

Explanation: On 22nd February 2019, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in accordance with an announcement made during the last bi-monthly policy, decided to create a single category for the NBFCs (non-banking financial companies) by bundling their present three-tier structure. In this regard, asset finance companies, loan companies and investment companies have been categorised as NBFC- investment and credit companies (NBFC-ICCs). A deposit taking NBFC-ICC will be required to make an investment of an amount less than twenty per cent of its owned fund, in unquoted shares of another company which is not a subsidiary company or a company in the same group of the NBFC.

96. Who was named as the Brand Ambassador of Swasth Immunised India a year-long campaign initiated by Network18 and Serum Institute of India?

- 1) Raveena Tandon
- 2) Priyanka Chopra
- 3) Amitabh Bachchan
- 4) Kareena Kapoor Khan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Kareena Kapoor Khan

Explanation: Bollywood actress, Kareena Kapoor Khan is named as the brand ambassador of Swasth Immunised India, a year-long campaign initiated by Network18 and Serum Institute of India which promotes immunisation of babies under two years of age. The campaign was launched at Mumbai and Adar Poonawalla, President, Vaccine Manufacturers Association of India and CEO, Serum Institute of India (SII), Natasha Poonawalla, Executive Director, SII, and Dr Nitin Shah, section head of pediatrics department at PD Hinduja National Hospital, were present at the event.

97. Which of the following Scheme is launched in 3rd Edition of VIVID 2019 to promote tech entrepreneurship?

- 1) Indian Technology Leadership Initiative Scheme
- 2) Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE 2.0) Scheme
- 3) New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative (NMITLI) Scheme
- 4) Technology based Employment Generation (TEG) Scheme
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE 2.0) Scheme

Explanation: 3rd Edition of "VIVID-Vision Insight and Voices as India goes Digital"- the District Informatics Officer (DIO) meet, was organised by National Informatics Centre (NIC) from 21st to 22nd February, 2019, as an initiative to interact with the DIO's and to share their experiences as well as contribution, as digital change-makers at the grass-root level in the States. He also released the Digital India Compendium and launched Digidhan Mitra Chatbot and Technology incubation and development of entrepreneurs (TIDE 2.0) scheme to promote tech entrepreneurship.

98. Which State/UT hosted the 3 Day International Conference and Exhibition on Energy and Environment?

- 1) TamilNadu
- 2) WestBengal
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) NewDelhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) NewDelhi

Explanation: International Conference and Exhibition on Energy and Environment was inaugurated in New Delhi by the President Ram Nath Kovind. The conference has been organized by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and would go on for 3 days. The conference aims to identify the research and development needs of new innovations, technologies and applications for clean, safe, sustainable development of society, environment, energy and industries in years following 2020. The President stressed on the following: India's commitment in providing affordable power to all the citizens. Providing impetus to the national economy through by Industrial revolution 4.0. Need to ideate and brainstorm on environmental issues which are related to use of fossil fuels and renewable sources of energy. An industrial exhibition was also organized in the Vigyan Bhawan and was

inaugurated by Union Science & Technology Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan.

99. What was the theme of the 14th Agricultural Science Congress held at New Delhi?

- 1) Theme – “Strengthening Agriculture and Maritime Cooperation”
- 2) Theme – “Partnering for change, engaging the world”
- 3) Theme – “Resilient and Innovative Agriculture Transformation”
- 4) Theme – “Innovations for Agricultural Transformation”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theme – “Innovations for Agricultural Transformation”

Explanation: The 14th Agricultural Science Congress was organized by National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Indian Agricultural Research Institute at National Agricultural Science Complex (NASC) in New Delhi from 20th to 23rd February 2019. The theme of the event was “Innovations for Agricultural Transformation” and it is central to the national complementary pledges of building a New India and Doubling Farmers’ Income by 2022.

100. Name the Asia Pacific Region’s biggest multinational military exercises, held in Thailand?

- 1) Ekuverin
- 2) Cobra Gold
- 3) Yudh Abhyas
- 4) Shatrujeet
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Cobra Gold

Explanation: Thailand and the United States hosted the annual Cobra Gold military exercise, the biggest activity of its type in the Asia-Pacific region with 29 nations taking part as participants or observers. Apart from the 2 countries, 7 countries who participated in the exercise were India, Singapore, Japan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia and South Korea. The Indian Army participated in the military training exercise with a 14-member contingent. Thai Chief of Defense Forces, Gen. Pornpipat Benyasri and the commander of the U.S. Army First Corps, Lt. Gen. Gary J. Volesky, representing the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command attended the opening ceremony.

101. Along with Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which of the following Bank formalised the USD 75-billion swap agreement?

- 1) Agricultural Bank of China
- 2) Bank of Japan
- 3) Bank of China
- 4) HSBC
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bank of Japan

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank of Japan formalised the USD 75-billion swap agreement, which would act as a cushion against any sharp swings in the local currency whenever the international financial markets turn volatile. It will enable the availability of USD 75-billion in foreign capital for use as and when the need arises, bringing greater stability to the foreign exchange and capital markets in India and serve as a second line of defence as India has about USD 398 billion foreign exchange reserves to cushion sudden dollar outflows. The proposal for entering into an agreement for

the bilateral swap arrangement was approved by the Union Cabinet in January 2019.

102. Name the new social impact bonds launched by World Bank, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) with an initial corpus of Rs.300 Crore?

- 1) Health and welfare Bonds (HWB)
- 2) Employment Generation Bonds (EGB)
- 3) Development Impact Bond (DIB)
- 4) Women’s Livelihood Bonds (WLBs)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Women’s Livelihood Bonds (WLBs)

Explanation: World Bank, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched new social impact bonds exclusively for women, called Women’s Livelihood Bonds (WLBs), with an initial corpus of Rs 300 crore. It will enable individual women entrepreneurs in sectors like food processing, agriculture, services and small units to borrow around Rs 50,000 to Rs 3 lakh at an annual interest rate of around 13% to 14% or less and have a tenure of 5 years. They will be unsecured, unlisted bonds and offer fixed coupon rate of 3% per annum to bond investors.

103. Who was awarded with Asian Player of the Year 2018 award from the Asian Hockey Federation?

- 1) Simranjeet Singh
- 2) Harmanpreet Singh
- 3) Akashdeep Singh
- 4) Manpreet Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Harmanpreet Singh

Explanation: Harmanpreet Singh was awarded the 2018 Player of the Year award while women’s team striker Lalremsiami as the Rising Player of The Year, by the Asian Hockey Federation. Harmanpreet Singh led the Indian team to an unbeaten streak at the Asian Champions Trophy in Muscat where the team was declared joint winners with Pakistan and also contributed to the team’s silver medal win at the FIH Champions Trophy in Breda. 18-year-old Lalremsiami, has shown remarkable progress in the women’s team with her impressive performance as a striker at the 2018 World Cup and the Asian Games where the team won Silver medal and was also a part of the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires where the under-18 team won a silver. The Indian men’s team was awarded the Best Performance of The Year for being the only Asian side to have reached the top eight at the World Cup in Bhubaneswar.

104. Name the Country which was suspended by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) from Hosting International Sporting Events after denying Visa’s to Pakistan Shooters?

- 1) United States
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) India

Explanation: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) suspended all Indian applications to host future events and urged international sports federations not to stage competitions in the country after two Pakistanis were denied visas to compete in New Delhi. It was after India denied visa requests of two shooters from Pakistan who were due to take part in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Competition during International Shooting

Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup event held in New Delhi following the attack by a Pakistan-based militant group in Pulwama, which killed at least 40 CRPF paramilitary police. The IOC Executive Board decided to suspend all discussions with the Indian National Olympic Committee (NOC) and Government regarding the potential applications for hosting future sports and Olympic-related events in India, until clear written guarantees are obtained from the Indian government to ensure the entry of all participants in such events in full compliance with the rules of the Olympic Charter.

105. Where did Defence Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurate the 12th biennial edition of International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition, the Aero India 2019?

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

Answer – 3) Bengaluru

Explanation: Defence Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the 12th biennial edition of International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition, the Aero India 2019 on 24th February 2019 at the Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru. The event was organized by the Defence Ministry of India, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Indian Air Force, Department of Space and the Union Civil Aviation Ministry.

106. Who became the first woman to co-pilot the indigenously made combat fighter jet “Tejas” in the Aero India 2019?

- 1) PV Sindhu
- 2) Saina Nehwal
- 3) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 4) Sushma Swaraj
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) PV Sindhu

Explanation: Indian badminton player and Olympic silver-medallist PV Sindhu co-piloted the indigenously made combat fighter jet “Tejas” at the Aero India 2019 as part of the Women’s Day observed at the air show, becoming the first ever woman to co-pilot Tejas. The Women’s Day showcased women’s achievements in the aerospace sector, and an all-women crew flew Dornier and Avro aircraft and participated in panel discussions. 3 women Indian Air Force (IAF) fighter pilots also flew the Hawk-I advanced jet trainer of BAE Systems (England) and an upgraded version of the Russian-made MiG-21.

107. According to the 2019 Passport Index which country topped the list?

- 1) UAE
- 2) India
- 3) US
- 4) Germany
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) UAE

Explanation: The Passport Index of 2019, which ranks almost 199 countries in the world based on their Visa-Free Scores and their ranking according to the UNDP human development index, showed that Indian passport has steadily strengthened in a period of 5 years from rank 77 in 2015 to 67 in 2019. 25 countries allow visa-free entry to Indian passport holders, whereas 39 countries offer visa-on-arrival. The Tourism Ministry for India is also offering e-tourist visa facilities to 166 countries, by making several amendments in the e-visa regime of the country in order to make this process more tourist friendly. Top 3 Countries are United Arab Emirates (UAE), Germany, Denmark.

108. Who was conferred with the Seoul peace prize in the 14th Edition of Seoul Peace Prize Ceremony held in South Korea?

- 1) Moon Jae-in
- 2) Gimhae Heo Seong gon
- 3) Ram Nath Kovind
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Narendra Modi

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with Seoul peace prize in the 14th Edition of Seoul Peace Prize Ceremony. Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to fallen soldiers at the National Cemetery, including those who died in the Korean War. PM gifts a Bodhi tree sapling to Mayor of Gimhae Heo Seong gon as a mark of close ties between the South Korea and India.

109. Which of the following Indian Documentary Film based on mensuration, that won the Oscar in “Best Documentary Short” Film category?

- 1) Venice 70: Future Reloaded
- 2) On Yoga the Architecture of Peace
- 3) Period. End of Sentence
- 4) An Insignificant Man
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Period. End of Sentence

Explanation: India-set short film, “Period. End of Sentence.”, a short documentary film based on mensuration won the Oscar for “Best Documentary Short” category. It is directed by Iranian-American film director, Rayka Zehtabchi.

110. Which Cricket team became the first ever Asian team to win Test Series in South Africa?

- 1) West Indies
- 2) Australia
- 3) India
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Sri Lanka

Explanation: Sri Lanka cricket team became the first Asian side to win a Test series in South Africa after winning the series by 8 wickets with a score of 2-0 at Port Elizabeth. This was Sri Lanka’s sixth series in South Africa and their first win. Kusal Perera of Sri Lanka was given the Man of the Series award. Before Sri Lanka, only Australia and England have defeated South Africa in a Test series at home.

111. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the deadline for prepaid payment instrument (PPI) issuers to complete their Know Your Customer (KYC) norms by _____ months?

- 1) 3 months
- 2) 6 months
- 3) 9 months
- 4) 12 months
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 6 months

Explanation: On 25th February 2019, the Reserve Bank of India extended the deadline for prepaid payment instrument (PPI) issuers to complete their Know Your Customer (KYC) norms by six months. Earlier, they had been asked to complete their KYC process by the end of February, 2019. However, an additional time of 6 months has been provided because of difficulties in undertaking Aadhaar e-KYC and time necessary to put in place other systems for completing the KYC process.

112. “Gandhi Peace Prize” for the year 2018 is conferred to _____ at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi?

- 1) Akshaya Patra Foundation
- 2) Vivekanand Kendra, Kanyakumari
- 3) Ekal Abhiyan Trust
- 4) Yohei Sasakawa
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Yohei Sasakawa

Explanation: President Ram Nath Kovind presented the “Gandhi Peace Prize” for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi, in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Gandhi Peace Prize for Social, Economic and Political transformation through Non-violence was instituted in the year 1995 and comprises of an amount of Rs 1 crore along with a citation. The following are the awardees:

- 2015 – Vivekanand Kendra, Kanyakumari
- 2016 – Akshaya Patra Foundation and Sulabh International (jointly)
- 2017 – Ekal Abhiyan Trust
- 2018 – Yohei Sasakawa

113. Name the online portal launched by Union Minister Piyush Goyal, that contains information related to passenger and freight trains and links to live feeds of IRCTC kitchens?

- 1) Rail Drishti Dashboard
- 2) SWAYAM Rail Dashboard
- 3) e Rail PATHSHALA
- 4) Diksha Rail Portal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Rail Drishti Dashboard

Explanation: Union Minister Piyush Goyal launched Rail Drishti Dashboard, an online portal containing information related to passenger and freight trains and links to live feeds of IRCTC kitchens. It has been developed by the Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS). The URL of the dashboard is raildrishti.cris.org.in and it is very well optimized and user friendly so that those in remote villages can also access and know everything about railways. It can be accessed using desktop/laptop or a mobile device such as phone or tablet. It encompasses all the efforts taken by the Indian railways to digitize and brings information from various sources to one platform and also gives access to key statistics and parameters to every citizen of India.

114. Who became the first Indian to score 8000 runs in T20s in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match in New Delhi?

- 1) Suresh Raina
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) Rahul Shah
- 4) Dhruv Raval
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Suresh Raina

Explanation: Indian batsman Suresh Raina became the first Indian to score 8000 runs in T20 cricket after scoring just 12 runs in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match in New Delhi against Puducherry. He was playing for Uttar Pradesh. He has scored 8001 runs in 300 Twenty20s at an average of 33.47 and notched 4 centuries and 48 fifties in the shortest format. MS Dhoni is the only other Indian to have played 300 T20s so far. He has scored the 6th most runs in T20s after Chris Gayle (12298 runs), Brendon McCullum (9922), Kieron Pollard (8838 runs), Shoaib Malik (8603 runs) and David Warner (8111 runs).

115. Which of the following banks are removed from the PCA (Prompt Corrective Action) framework recently?

- 1) Corporation Bank, Allahabad Bank and Dhanlaxmi Bank
- 2) Corporation Bank, Dhanlaxmi Bank and Yes Bank
- 3) Allahabad Bank, Yes Bank and ICICI Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank, Union Bank of India and Indian Bank.
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Corporation Bank, Allahabad Bank and Dhanlaxmi Bank

Explanation: On 26th February 2019, the Board for Financial Supervision (BFS) of the Reserve Bank of India has removed 2 public sector banks- Corporation Bank and Allahabad Bank and 1 private sector bank – Dhanlaxmi Bank from PCA (Prompt Corrective Action) framework. According to BFS, Allahabad Bank and Corporation Bank had received Rs 6,896 crore and Rs 9,086 crore respectively which led to increase in their capital funds and also increased their loan loss provision. According to RBI, Dhanlaxmi bank was found to be not breaching any of the risk threshold of the PCA Framework, hence was removed out of the PCA Framework.

116. Name the app launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during National Youth Parliament Festival 2019?

- 1) Khelo India App
- 2) MyGov App
- 3) UMANG App
- 4) Seva App
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Khelo India App

Explanation: The “Khelo India” app, which has been developed by Sports Authority of India was also launched at the event. It provides services such as locating the sports facilities in the country, their availability, rules of the games and checking the fitness levels of users.

117. Who was appointed as the Chairman of the National Book Trust (NBT)?

- 1) Jagdish Joshi
- 2) Subir Roy
- 3) Baldeo bhai Sharma
- 4) Govind Prasad Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Govind Prasad Sharma

Explanation: On 26th February 2019, the autonomous organization under the Department of Higher Education, National Book Trust (NBT) appointed educationist and author Govind Prasad Sharma as its new Chairman replacing Baldeo Sharma. Key Points Govind Prasad Sharma authored more than 6 academic books and several research papers. He also served as Vice Chairman of Madhya Pradesh Board of Secondary Education. Mr. Sharma was born in 1939 and he had served as the Director of Madhya Pradesh Hindi Granth Academi and as the principal of Government PG College, Madhya Pradesh.

118. Hemand Bhargava was appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of which of the following bank?

- 1) Union Bank of India
- 2) IDBI Bank
- 3) Yes Bank
- 4) Indian Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) IDBI Bank

Explanation: On 25th February 2019, IDBI Bank (Industrial Development Bank of India) appointed Hemand Bhargava as non-executive non-whole-time Chairman for a period of 3 years or till he continues as the chairman-in-charge and MD of LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India). Currently LIC is the majority shareholders in IDBI Bank with 51% stake. The Life Insurance has become the promoter of it after they acquired the stake from the Government of India. The name of the bank is proposed for a change by LIC to either LIC IDBI Bank or LIC Bank which was approved by the IDBI Bank board subject to a ‘no objection’ from RBI, shareholders and availability of name.

119. Sanath Jayasuriya has been banned from all forms of cricket for 2 years after admitting breaching two counts of

the ICC Anti-Corruption Code. He belongs to which of the following country?

- 1) New Zealand
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) India
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Sri Lanka

Explanation: Former captain of Sri Lanka, Sanath Jayasuriya has been banned from all forms of cricket for 2 years after admitting breaching two counts of the ICC Anti-Corruption Code. He admitted to being in breach of the following provisions of the Code: Article 2.4.6 – Failure or refusal, without compelling justification, to cooperate with any investigation carried out by the ACU. Article 2.4.7 – Obstructing or delaying any investigation that may be carried out by the ACU, including concealing, tampering with or

destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to that investigation and/or that may be evidence or may lead to the discovery of evidence of corrupt conduct under the Anti-Corruption Code.

120. Which Country will host the 2020 ICC Women's T20 World Cup?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) India
- 3) New Zealand
- 4) Australia
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Australia

Explanation: The 2020 ICC Women's T20 World Cup is scheduled to be the seventh ICC Women's T20 World Cup tournament. It is scheduled to be held in Australia between 21 February and 8 March 2020. The final will take place at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on International Women's Day.

Static GK Q&A – February 2019

1. Where is Blackbuck National Park located?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Gujarat

2. What is the capital and currency of Israel?

- 1) Capital – Tehran; Currency – Rial
- 2) Capital – Jerusalem; Currency – Shekel
- 3) Capital – Astana; Currency – Tenge
- 4) Capital – Pristina; Currency – Euro
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Capital – Jerusalem; Currency – Shekel

3. Name the CEO and headquarters of Oriental Bank of Commerce?

- 1) CEO – J Packirisamy; Headquarters – Hyderabad
- 2) CEO – Mr. P. S. Jayakumar; Headquarters – Vadodara
- 3) CEO – Shri. Karnam Shekhar; Headquarters – Mumbai
- 4) CEO – Mukesh Kumar Jain; Headquarters – Gurugram
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) CEO – Mukesh Kumar Jain; Headquarters – Gurugram

4. Name the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh?

- 1) Bhupesh Baghel
- 2) N Chandrababu Naidu
- 3) Pema Khandu
- 4) Nitish Kumar
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) N Chandrababu Naidu

5. Who is the President of South Africa?

- 1) Cyril Ramaphosa
- 2) Jacob Zuma
- 3) Kgalema Motlanthe
- 4) Thabo Mbeki
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Cyril Ramaphosa

6. Name the Chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC)?

- 1) Earl Eddings
- 2) David Richardson
- 3) Shashank Manohar
- 4) Indra Nooyi
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Shashank Manohar

7. Which state houses the Dal Lake?

- 1) Jammu and Kashmir
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Meghalaya
- 4) Sikkim

5) None of these

Answer - 1) Jammu and Kashmir

8. Navjot Kaur is related to which sport?

- 1) Tennis
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Hockey
- 4) Football
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Hockey

9. Where is Ellora Caves located?

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Maharashtra

10. Which state houses River Sal?

- 1) Goa
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Goa

11. Who is the President of Panama?

- 1) Lorena Castillo
- 2) Juan Carlos Varela
- 3) Ricardo Martinelli
- 4) Ernesto Pérez Balladares
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Juan Carlos Varela

12. What is the Capital and Currency of Thailand?

- 1) Capital- Stockholm; Currency- Thai Krona
- 2) Capital- Berne; Currency- Thai Franc
- 3) Capital- Damascus; Currency- Thai Pound
- 4) Capital- Bangkok; Currency- Thai baht
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Capital- Bangkok; Currency- Thai baht

13. Who is the Secretary General of Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)?

- 1) Rusli Noor
- 2) Ong Keng Yong
- 3) Lim Jock Hoi
- 4) Lê Luong Minh
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Lim Jock Hoi

14. Where is the Headquarters of State Bank of India located?

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

Answer - 1) Mumbai

15. Who is the MD & CEO of Allahabad Bank?

5) None of these

Answer - 4) Pranab Kumar Das

36. Where is the headquarters of Association of Southeast Asian Nations(ASEAN) is located?

- 1) Vienna,Austria 2) Paris,France
3) Jakarta, Indonesia 4) Washington D.C,U.S
5) None of these

Answer - 3) Jakarta, Indonesia

37. What is the currency of South Korea?

- 1) South Korean Dinar 2) South Korean Euro
3) South Korean Peso 4) South Korean won
5) None of these

Answer - 4) South Korean won

38. Where is the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary located?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh 2) Madhya Pradesh

3) Himachal Pradesh

4) Arunachal Pradesh

5) None of these

Answer - 2) Madhya Pradesh

39. Who is the CEO of Allahabad Bank?

- 1) CH. S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao 3) Amitabh Chaudhry
2) Aditya Puri 5) None of these
4) Shyam Srinivasan

Answer - 1) CH. S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

40. Where is the Bandipur Tiger Reserve And National Park located?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh 2) Kerala
3) Karnataka 4) Telangana
5) None of these

Answer -3) Karnataka