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1. Who took charge of the finance portfolio in Modi's new Cabinet?

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Rajnath Singh
- C. Arun Jaitley
- D. Nirmala Sitharaman

Correct Answer – D. Nirmala Sitharaman

Explanation: PM Modi's new cabinet will have Nirmala Sitharaman as the Finance Minister. It is worth noting that in 2017, Sitharaman was the first woman to be appointed full-time Defence Minister of India.

2. Former foreign secretary S Jaishankar was given charge of which among the following ministries?

- A. Home Affairs
- B. WCD
- C. HRD
- D. External Affairs

Correct Answer – D. External Affairs

Explanation: Jaishankar will have to deal with overall expectations of expanding India's global influence & stature. It is worth noting that he was a key member of the Indian team which negotiated the landmark Indo-US nuclear deal.

3. "Binny", the country's lone orangutan passed away, recently died in _____.

- A. Manipur
- B. Sikkim
- C. Odisha
- D. AP

Correct Answer – C. Odisha

Explanation: At Odisha's Nandankanan Zoological Park, due to an old-age related ailment, it died. It is worth noting that it was brought to Nandankanan Zoo from Pune's Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park in 2003.

4. Who took charge recently as the 24th Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)?

- A. GS Laxmi
- B. Mihir Seth
- C. Sunil Lamba
- D. Karambir Singh

Correct Answer – D. Karambir Singh

Explanation: He has served in a variety of Command, Staff and Instructional appointments. The tenure of a Service Chief is three years or 62 years of age (whichever is earlier).

5. How many Indian-origin students are among the eight participants who won the prestigious Scripps National Spelling Bee?

- A. Two
- B. Four
- C. Five
- D. Six

Correct Answer – D. Six

Explanation: It is the first time that more than two co-champions have been named. Each will receive the full winner's prize of USD 50,000 in cash.

6. India has moved up one place to rank ____ most competitive economy in the world, according to 2019 edition of the IMD World Competitiveness Rankings.

- A. 30th
- B. 35th
- C. 40th
- D. 43rd

Correct Answer – D. 43rd

Explanation: The IMD World Competitiveness Rankings was established in 1989. It incorporates 235 indicators from each of the 63 ranked economies. It is worth noting that, with 11 out of 14 economies either improving or holding their ground, Asia-Pacific region has emerged as a global beacon.

7. ICC launched _____ on the eve of the men's World Cup, bringing together 460 million people playing cricket globally to celebrate the magnificent diversity of cricket.

- A. Criccio Campaign

- B. NextGen Campaign
- C. 100TS Campaign
- D. DiverseCric Campaign

Correct Answer – A. Criiiio Campaign

Explanation: Criiiio is a celebration of all the brilliant and unique ways people play the game. Fans have been encouraged to join the social cricket tribe by sharing pictures/videos of where and how they play cricket.

8. **Maharana Pratap Jayanti is observed on _____ celebrating the birth anniversary of the brave Rajput warrior.**

- A. June 5
- B. June 6
- C. June 7
- D. June 8

Correct Answer – B. June 6

Explanation: Maharana was one of the strongest warriors in India. Maharana Pratap bravely fought the Haldi Ghati Battle. While he lost the war, but he fought till the end.

9. **In Modi 2.0 cabinet, _____ has been given the Ministry of Women and Child Development, as well as the Ministry of Textiles.**

- A. Smriti Zubin Irani
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Menaka Gandhi
- D. Harsmirat Kaur

Correct Answer- A. Smriti Zubin Irani

Explanation: In 2019, Smriti Irani defeated Rahul Gandhi on his home turf, by more than 50,000 votes. It is worth noting that she continued to cultivate Amethi in the past five years despite her 2014 loss. As a result, this helped her reap electoral dividends.

10. **Who has been given the charge of Railways, Commerce and Industry ministries in Modi's new cabinet?**

- A. Sushma Swaraj
- B. Nirmala Sitharaman
- C. Amit Shah
- D. Piyush Goyal

Correct Answer – D. Piyush Goyal

Explanation: Goyal is known for his corporate network developed during his days as an investment banker. It is worth noting that he achieved the lowest accident figures in his previous tenure.

11. **_____ announced its first interactive game show, titled "Confetti" in India.**

- A. Facebook
- B. Google
- C. Twitter
- D. Microsoft

Correct Answer – A. Facebook

Explanation: It was first launched in the US. The interactive game will challenge participants to answer pop culture trivia questions.

12. **Who has bagged the J C Daniel Award 2018 for overall contribution to Malayalam film industry?**

- A. K Vijayan
- B. Vaikom Vasudev
- C. Sheela
- D. U Kunjabdulla

Correct Answer – C. Sheela

Explanation: The top film award comprises cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, citation and statuette. 'Bhagyajathakam' (1962), directed by P Bhaskaran was Sheela's first film in Malayalam.

13. **Rohtas Fort, sometimes seen in the news, is located in which among the following countries?**

- A. Bangladesh

- B. Pakistan
- C. Syria
- D. Saudi Arabia

Correct Answer – B. Pakistan

Explanation: The main fortifications consist of the massive walls, which extend for more than 4 km. It is also called Qila Rohtas. It's an exceptional example of early Muslim military architecture in Central and South Asia.

14. **UN Russian Language Day is observed annually on _____.**

- A. June 4
- B. June 6
- C. June 8
- D. June 10

Correct Answer – B. June 6

Explanation: This day coincides with the birthday of Aleksandr Pushkin (a Russian poet considered the father of modern Russian literature).

15. **Who has been elected by parliament as the prime minister of Papua New Guinea (PNG)?**

- A. Peter O'Neill
- B. James Marape
- C. Job Pomat
- D. Bob Dadae

Correct Answer – B. James Marape

Explanation: He wanted PNG to be “the richest black Christian nation” in the world & committed to reviewing resource laws, according to the reports.

16. **World Digestive Health Day is celebrated every year on _____.**

- A. 28th May
- B. 29th May
- C. 1st June
- D. 5th June

Correct Answer – B. 29th May

Explanation: It was launched in 2004 to mark the 45th anniversary of the creation of the World Gastroenterology Organisation. The theme for the World Digestive Health Day 2019 campaign is “Early Diagnosis and Treatment of GI Cancer.”

17. **Kruger National Park, sometimes seen in the news, is in which among the following countries?**

- A. Chile
- B. Argentina
- C. South Africa
- D. Pakistan

Correct Answer – C. South Africa

Explanation: The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa. Kruger is home to at least 12,000 rhinos.

18. **World No Tobacco Day is observed every year on _____ to inspire people to stop smoking.**

- A. May 31
- B. June 3
- C. June 7
- D. June 10

Correct Answer – A. May 31

Explanation: The theme of World No Tobacco Day 2019 is “Tobacco and Lung health”. Currently, approximately 5.4 million people die due to tobacco-related illnesses every year worldwide.

19. **Who will once again hold the Food Processing ministry?**

- A. Smriti Irani
- B. Jitendra Singh
- C. Harsmirat Kaur
- D. Sushma Swaraj

Correct Answer – C. Harsimrat Kaur

Explanation: In 2019 elections, Harsimrat Kaur won the seat from Bathinda by defeating Amrinder Singh Raja Warring of Congress. It is worth noting that she is appreciated for her initiative – Nanhi Chhaan – to fight female infanticide.

20. **World Oceans Day takes place on _____ every year.**

- A. 7th June
- B. 8th June
- C. 9th June
- D. 10th June

Correct Answer – B. 8th June

Explanation: The concept of a 'World Oceans Day' was first proposed in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. The theme for 2019's World Oceans Day is "Gender and Oceans".

21. **_____ has emerged as India's Most Influential Brand (MIB) of 2018, according to an Ipsos Survey.**

- A. Apple
- B. Google
- C. Facebook
- D. Nokia

Correct Answer – B. Google

Explanation: Ipsos' Most Influential Brands Study is a holistic assessment & ranking of 100+ brands on influence in each country.

22. **Golestan Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located in which among the following countries?**

- A. Iran
- B. India
- C. Israel
- D. Syria

Correct Answer – A. Iran

Explanation: The Golestan Palace is a masterpiece of the Qajar era. It represents a new style incorporating traditional Persian arts and crafts and elements of 18th century architecture and technology.

23. **International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression, sometimes seen in the news, is observed on _____.**

- A. 2nd June
- B. 4th June
- C. 8th June
- D. 11th June

Correct Answer – B. 4th June

Explanation: This day acknowledges the pain suffered by children throughout the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse.

24. **Piyush Goyal, is leading the Indian delegation for the G20 Ministerial meeting on Trade and Digital Economy to be held in _____.**

- A. China
- B. Germany
- C. Japan
- D. US

Correct Answer – C. Japan

Explanation: It is to be held on 8th – 9th June, 2019 in Tsukuba city, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan. It is worth noting that G20 is made up of 19 countries and the European Union (EU). The G20 members represent two-thirds of the world's people and 85 percent of its economy.

25. **World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated on _____ every year.**

- A. 4th June
- B. 5th June
- C. 7th June
- D. 9th June

Correct Answer – B. 5th June

Explanation: The theme of “Beat Air Pollution” was chosen by this year’s host country, China. UN stats indicate that an estimated 1.2 million premature deaths occur in India each year due to air pollution.

26. **Who has joined Ujjivan Small Finance Bank’s board as an independent director?**

- A. Narendra Tomar
- B. Sachin Bansal
- C. Bunny Bansal
- D. Rajiv Kumar

Correct Answer – B. Sachin Bansal

Explanation: This is the second big futuristic move by Ujjivan management. Earlier, it roped in Nitin Chugh as its next chief executive.

27. **Who was appointed as the chief of India Meteorological Department (IMD)?**

- A. R Shivshankar
- B. NS Ram
- C. Sudhir Kumar
- D. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

Correct Answer – D. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

Explanation: He will assume charge in August. Mohapatra did his Masters in Physics. The IMD is responsible for weather and climate related forecasts for the country.

28. **RBI has approved appointment of Rakesh Makhija as chairman of _____.**

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. Axis Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. Bank of Baroda

Correct Answer – B. Axis Bank

Explanation: Makhija has been an active participant and contributor to the industrial and technology sectors. He has held a number of top management positions within the SKF Group.

29. **India was ranked _____ out of 129 countries, according to the Sustainable Development Goals Gender Index.**

- A. 65th
- B. 78th
- C. 95th
- D. 110th

Correct Answer – C. 95th

Explanation: The Sustainable Development Goals Gender Index has been developed by UK-based Equal Measures 2030. The new index includes 51 indicators across 14 of the 17 official Sustainable Development Goals.

30. _____, who held titles like the “Czar of Indian Cuisine” and “Taste maker to the Nation”, passed away recently.

- A. Jiggs Kalra
- B. Khushwant Singh
- C. Ravinder Gill
- D. Yashwant Kapoor

Correct Answer – A. Jiggs Kalra

Explanation: He had been instrumental in reviving some of the indigenous lost recipes. His phenomenal work includes reviving age-old delicacies like the famous Galouti Kebabs.

31. **Famous Bangladeshi actress Anju Ghosh joined which among the following political parties?**

- A. INC
- B. BJP
- C. TMC
- D. National Conference

Correct Answer – B. BJP

Explanation: Ghosh is known for her role in Beder Meye Josna, which is the highest-grossing film in Bangladeshi film history.

32. _____ has allotted the status of 'legal person or entity' to animals.

- A. Allahabad HC
- B. Delhi HC
- C. Punjab & Haryana HC
- D. Bombay HC

Correct Answer – C. Punjab & Haryana HC

Explanation: The verdict will also issue a prescribed load draught animals will be allowed to carry while pulling a vehicle. Both the orders were written by Justice Rajiv Sharma.

33. _____ has appointed Purnima Sahni Mohanty as its new Director of Communications.

- A. Microsoft India
- B. Google India
- C. Facebook India
- D. Samsung India

Correct Answer – A. Microsoft India

Explanation: Mohanty is a senior communications leader with over 27 years of experience in the industry. Prior to this role, Mohanty was working as Director & Head of Communications & CSR at DuPont.

34. _____ is observed as World Bicycle Day.

- A. June 2
- B. June 3
- C. June 4
- D. June 5

Correct Answer – B. June 3

Explanation: This day encourages the nations to devote particular attention to the bicycle in cross-cutting development strategies.

35. International Sex Workers' Day takes place on _____.

- A. 2nd June
- B. 4th June
- C. 6th June
- D. 8th June

Correct Answer – A. 2nd June

Explanation: It remembers the discrimination of prostitutes and their often exploitative living and conditions of working.

36. Who was recently elected to the board of the International Air Transport Association (IATA)?

- A. Sumit Khanna
- B. Ajay Singh
- C. Rajiv Munjal
- D. Radhika Chopra

Correct Answer – B. Ajay Singh

Explanation: SpiceJet chief Ajay Singh was elected to the board of the IATA. The new board would be chaired by Lufthansa Group Chief Executive Officer Carsten Spohr.

37. The main event of International Yoga Day on June 21 this year will be held in _____ with Prime Minister Narendra Modi attending it.

- A. Chandigarh
- B. Pune
- C. Ranchi
- D. Jammu

Correct Answer – C. Ranchi

Explanation: It will be the government's first mega public event after Modi became prime minister for a second term. It is expected that about 10,000 people, will attend the event. The United Nations declared June 21 as the International Day of Yoga in 2014.

38. **Nayib Bukele took office as president of _____ recently.**

- A. El Salvador
- B. Poland
- C. South Africa
- D. South Sudan

Correct Answer – A. El Salvador

Explanation: During his term, Bukele wants to tackle El Salvador's legacy of gang violence and corruption. By bolstering education, he wants to reduce the number of young people joining El Salvador's notorious criminal gangs.

39. **The government reappointed _____ as National Security Adviser, according to him/her a Cabinet rank.**

- A. Sushma Swaraj
- B. S Jaishankar
- C. Ajit Doval
- D. Hardeep Puri

Correct Answer – C. Ajit Doval

Explanation: Doval becomes the first NSA to get Cabinet status in the table of precedence. The cabinet rank will facilitate his interactions with the most senior officials.

40. **_____ has toppled Indian Oil Corp (IOC) to regain crown of being the country's most profitable public sector company.**

- A. ONGC
- B. SAIL
- C. SBI
- D. NABARD

Correct Answer – A. ONGC

Explanation: ONGC, in the previous two financial years, had lost the most profitable PSU tag to IOC. ONGC reported a 34% jump in its 2018-19 fiscal net profit to Rs 26,716 crore.

41. **The two-day Elephanta Festival has been recently organised in _____.**

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. UP
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Kerala

Correct Answer – C. Maharashtra

Explanation: The MTDC (Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation) organises the festival every year to promote tourism and the culture of Mumbai.

42. **Operation Blue Star, sometimes seen in the news, was carried out in _____.**

- A. 1980
- B. 1984
- C. 1991
- D. 1999

Correct Answer – C. 1984

Explanation: Operation Blue Star was carried out in Amritsar between June 1 and 8, 1984. It was former PM's Indira Gandhi's solution to the haywire going law and order situation in Punjab.

43. **Keeping its poll promise, PM Modi's government has launched a new ministry called _____ to provide safe drinking water to people.**

- A. Jal Shakti
- B. Jal Naari
- C. Jal Sarla
- D. Jal Sabla

Correct Answer – A. Jal Shakti

Explanation: The Jal Shakti Ministry has been created by reorganising the earlier Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. It is worth noting that from April to July, the water situation in at least 8 states in the country has been grim.

44. **Former President Pratibha Patil was bestowed on the highest civilian award of _____ for foreigners.**

- A. Argentina
- B. Chile
- C. Mexico
- D. South Africa

Correct Answer – C. Mexico

Explanation: Patil is the 1st Indian woman to receive such an award. Earlier Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan was honored with this award.

45. **Who has been appointed as the Minister of Information and Broadcasting in the new Narendra Modi government?**

- A. Ravi Shankar Prasad
- B. Piyush Goyal
- C. Menaka Gandhi
- D. Prakash Javadekar

Correct Answer – D. Prakash Javadekar

Explanation: Prakash Javadekar has been recently appointed as the Minister of Information and Broadcasting (I&B).

46. **_____ appointed a new advocate general, Satish Chandra Verma with immediate effect.**

- A. MP
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Telangana
- D. Chattisgarh

Correct Answer – D. Chattisgarh

Explanation: Before being appointed as the new AG, Verma was the Additional Advocate General of the state. This appointment is done in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (1) of Article 165 of the Constitution of India.

47. **World Health Organization (WHO) awarded which state's Medical & Health Department its Tobacco Control Award for year 2019?**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Rajasthan
- C. MP
- D. Kerala

Correct Answer – B. Rajasthan

Explanation: The award was conferred by World Health Organization. It is worth mentioning that in 2018, the department had issued an official notice on 23,800 people for smoking in public places under the COTPA.

48. **Who assumed charge as the Union Minister of Tribal Affairs?**

- A. Raman Singh
- B. Arjun Munda
- C. Sushma Swaraj
- D. Meenakshi Lekhi

Correct Answer – B. Arjun Munda

Explanation: Arjun Munda represents Khunti (ST) constituency of Jharkhand in the 17th Lok Sabha. He served as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand from 2003-2006.

49. **Who has been given the additional charge of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) recently?**

- A. Suresh Kapoor
- B. Ramesh Goenka
- C. JS Ravi
- D. Arun Kumar

Correct Answer – D. Arun Kumar

Explanation: Arun Kumar is currently holding the position of an additional secretary at the aviation ministry.

50. **Telangana statehood day was recently observed. This state was officially formed on _____.**
- A. 1st June, 2015
 - B. 5th June, 2016
 - C. 2nd June, 2014
 - D. 10th June, 2010

Correct Answer – C. 2nd June, 2014

Explanation: TRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao was elected as the first Chief Minister of the state.

51. **_____ has rolled out a campaign titled, 'Billion Beats' ahead of the ICC World Cup 2019.**
- A. Vivo
 - B. Samsung
 - C. Micromax
 - D. Oppo

Correct Answer – D. Oppo

Explanation: It is inviting consumers to share the sound of their heartbeats through the app. It aims to highlight fans' emotions & encourage these cricket fans to create something of their own.

52. **_____ has been named as the new CEO of Rajya Sabha TV by the government.**
- A. Sudhir Chaudhary
 - B. Arnab Goswami
 - C. Barkha Dutt
 - D. Manohar K Pandey

Correct Answer – D. Manohar K Pandey

Explanation: He will take the charge from Prasar Bharati CEO Shashi Shekhar Vempati.

53. **Which among the following launched 'Sabse Khaas Loan' for two-wheeler customers?**
- A. L&T Finance
 - B. HDFC
 - C. ICICI
 - D. PNB

Correct Answer – A. L&T Finance

Explanation: The scheme provides hassle-free and low-cost finance for two-wheelers. The loan is for financially prudent customers. The borrowers can choose from 3 different EMI tenures 6, 12 and 18 months.

54. **Who was recently elected as the leader of the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP)?**
- A. Rahul Gandhi
 - B. Sonia Gandhi
 - C. Lovely Singh
 - D. Sheila Dixit

Correct Answer – B. Sonia Gandhi

Explanation: Sonia Gandhi represents Uttar Pradesh's Rae Bareilly in Lok Sabha. She is the chairperson of the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance.

55. **After the formation of new government, the Budget session will be held from _____.**
- A. June 11
 - B. June 15
 - C. June 17
 - D. June 23

Correct Answer – C. June 17

Explanation: The new Lok Sabha speaker will be elected on June 19. The Union Budget will be presented on July 5. Economic Survey will be released on 4th of July.

56. **_____ is observed on the 1st of June every year.**
- A. Global Day of Parents
 - B. Global Day of Fathers
 - C. Global Day of Mothers

D. Global Day of Grandsons

Correct Answer – A. Global Day of Parents

Explanation: This day provides an opportunity to appreciate all parents in all parts of the world. In particular, family-oriented policies can contribute to the achievement of SDGs 1 to 5.

57. _____ is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month.

- A. May
- B. June
- C. August
- D. October

Correct Answer – B. June

Explanation: This month advocates work for equal “rights and benefits” for LGBT people. The month was chosen to remember a riot in 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan.

58. Which among the following states launched ‘Haritha Drishti’ mobile application?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Kerala
- D. West Bengal

Correct Answer – C. Kerala

Explanation: This app will have details on Haritha Kerala Mission. It can also help in calculating water levels & water availability in various water sources.

59. _____ has launched a mobile app “The Ruet” to share real-time information about the moon.

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. Iran
- D. US

Correct Answer – B. Pakistan

Explanation: It combines Islamic Hijri calendar with modern technology. It’s a utility and information appl related to moon and sighting of the moon.

60. Which state has planned to launch a campaign “One Citizen One Tree campaign”?

- A. Meghalaya
- B. Haryana
- C. UP
- D. Bihar

Correct Answer – A. Meghalaya

Explanation: Each village will plant 1000 trees bringing it to a total of 4,60,000 trees. The campaign will mobilize 20 villages each from both catchment areas.

61. 10th National Science Film Festival of India (NSFFI) will be organised in _____.

- A. Manipur
- B. Sikkim
- C. Nagaland
- D. Tripura

Correct Answer – D. Tripura

Explanation: 10th National Science Film Festival of India (NSFFI) will be organised in Tripura. The initiative would focus on upholding tourism and rich biodiversity of Tripura.

62. World Milk Day, sometimes seen in the news, is observed on _____.

- A. May 31
- B. June 1
- C. June 5
- D. June 10

Correct Answer – B. June 1

Explanation: The theme of the World Milk Day this year is “Drink Milk: Today and Every day.” This day was established in 2001 by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations.

63. **The world's biggest retailer Walmart has appointed _____ as chief technology and chief development officer.**

- A. Rahul Bajaj
- B. CK Khaitan
- C. Rakesh Munjal
- D. Suresh Kumar

Correct Answer – D. Suresh Kumar

Explanation: Reportedly, Kumar has previously worked with Amazon, where he led the company's retail supply chain systems for 15 years.

64. **Which country had collected nearly 11 tonnes of trash that had piled up on the peak for decades on Mount Everest?**

- A. India
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Nepal
- D. Maldives

Correct Answer – C. Nepal

Explanation: The clean-up initiative, was launched in mid-April. It involved a team of 12 high-altitude Sherpa climbers.

65. **Which among the following states appointed Alapan Bandopadhyay as the home secretary?**

- A. Odisha
- B. West Bengal
- C. Telangana
- D. Maharashtra

Correct Answer – B. West Bengal

Explanation: This selection is seen as a hint that he could be made the new chief secretary. Bandopadhyay would continue to hold it as an additional charge of commerce and industry department.

66. **The Indian hockey teams, men and women, will be sponsored by _____ for the next five years.**

- A. West Bengal
- B. Sikkim
- C. Bihar
- D. Odisha

Correct Answer – D. Odisha

Explanation: Hockey India's current deal with Odisha is estimated to be around Rs 150 crore for five years. Following the deal, Odisha's name will don the jerseys of both the men's and women's teams.

67. **_____ was declared winner in the 'Best Smart City' award category at a Smart city expo.**

- A. Chandigarh
- B. Pune
- C. Ludhiana
- D. Noida

Correct Answer – B. Pune

Explanation: PSCDCL (Pune Smart City Development Corporation) was also adjudged as joint winner in the Smart City Special Purpose (SPV) award category.

68. **Who has been appointed as the Director of Professional Tennis Registry (PTR)?**

- A. Rekha Bhardwaj
- B. Sunil Lamba
- C. Dilip Mohanty
- D. Rakesh Jhanji

Correct Answer – C. Dilip Mohanty

Explanation: In 2007, he was conferred India President's Award by PTR. In 2012, he was honored with "PTR India Coach of the year Award". It is worth mentioning that Professional Tennis Registry is a global organisation of tennis teaching professionals.

69. **Nepal has celebrated 'International Everest Day' on _____.**

- A. May 27
- B. May 29
- C. June 3
- D. June 5

Correct Answer – B. May 29

Explanation: On this date, mountaineers Tenzing Norgay Sherpa and Edmund Hillary scaled the world's highest peak. It is worth noting that Mt. Everest towers 29,029 ft above sea level and is the highest point on Earth.

70. **Who took oath for the second consecutive time as the prime minister of India?**

- A. Arun Jaitley
- B. Amit Shah
- C. S Jaishankar
- D. Narendra Modi

Correct Answer – D. Narendra Modi

Explanation: President Ram Nath Kovind administered the oath of office and secrecy to Narendra Modi. It is worth mentioning that multi-layered security arrangement was put in place in Delhi.

71. **Cabinet Committee on Security has cleared the setting up of _____ which has been entrusted with the task of creating space warfare weapon systems and technologies.**

- A. DSRO
- B. MRCO
- C. SWAR
- D. UTIP

Correct Answer – A. DSRO

Explanation: DSRO stands for "Defence Space Research Agency". It will comprise scientists who will work closely with integrated staff officers of the three armed forces.

72. **Who has been chosen as the pro tem speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha?**

- A. Sushma Swaraj
- B. Murlidhar Joshi
- C. Virendra Kumar
- D. Shailesh Vajpayee

Correct Answer – C. Virendra Kumar

Explanation: He is likely to be administered the oath of office at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on June 17. He was elected to 11th Lok Sabha for the first time in 1996.

73. **The Centre has set a target of providing clean drinking water to all by _____.**

- A. 2022
- B. 2024
- C. 2026
- D. 2030

Correct Answer – B. 2024

Explanation: Government of India aims to increase piped water coverage from the existing 18% to 100% coverage by 2024.

74. **Kazakh-Indian Investment Forum, sometimes seen in the news, was recently held in _____.**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. New Delhi
- C. Gujarat
- D. Punjab

Correct Answer – C. Gujarat

Explanation: The event was organized by the Embassy of Kazakhstan in India. It is worth noting that Kazakhstan is Central Asia's biggest and resource rich state.

75. **A first of its kind 'Gandhi cycle rally for peace' was organised by the Indian Embassy in _____ recently.**

- A. Saudi Arabia

- B. Pakistan
- C. Nepal
- D. Sri Lanka

Correct Answer – A. Saudi Arabia

Explanation: Seven teams were deployed along the route to assist the cyclists. The participants remembered Mahatma Gandhi and relevance of his message of peace on the occasion.

76. **Which among the following has become the world's most valuable brand, according to global market research agency Kantar's Top BrandZ report?**
- A. Google
 - B. Amazon
 - C. Microsoft
 - D. Apple

Correct Answer – B. Amazon

Explanation: In 1994, this Seattle-based retail behemoth was founded by Jeff Bezos. Moreover, for the first time, Alibaba beat Tencent to become the most valuable Chinese brand.

77. **Who has been re-appointed as Principal Secretary to PM Narendra Modi?**
- A. Nitin Kumar
 - B. Nripendra Misra
 - C. PK Mishra
 - D. Rajeev Tyagi

Correct Answer – B. Nripendra Misra

Explanation: Misra has served in various capacities in the government. In 2009, he retired as the chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India. He is a 1967-batch retired IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre.

78. **India is to launch Aditya-L1, its first mission to study the sun, in _____.**
- A. 2020
 - B. 2022
 - C. 2024
 - D. 2026

Correct Answer – A. 2020

Explanation: The mission is expected to be inserted in a halo orbit around the Lagrangian point 1 (L1).

79. **Who was appointed Private Secretary to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, according to a Personnel Ministry order?**
- A. Kundan Kumar
 - B. Harsh Joshi
 - C. Menaka Chopra
 - D. Sunil Bajwa

Correct Answer – A. Kundan Kumar

Explanation: He is a 2004 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre. He'll have a tenure up to February 3, 2020.

80. **Farmers will have to contribute _____ per month under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana.**
- A. Rs 100
 - B. Rs 500
 - C. Rs 1000
 - D. Rs 1200

Correct Answer – A. Rs 100

Explanation: Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana seeks to provide minimum fixed monthly pension of Rs 3,000 on attainment of 60 years.

81. **Who has been appointed as the leader of Rajya Sabha?**
- A. Piyush Goyal
 - B. Thawar Chand Gehlot
 - C. Rahul Gandhi
 - D. Amit Shah

Correct Answer – B. Thawar Chand Gehlot

Explanation: Mr Gehlot will now occupy the first seat in the House. Thawar Chand Gehlot is a prominent Dalit face of the BJP. He was appointed the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment.

82. _____ became the first party from the Northeast to be given national status by the Election Commission.

- A. NPP
- B. Asom Gana Parishad
- C. SDF
- D. Bodoland People's Front

Correct Answer – A. NPP

Explanation: It was founded by former Meghalaya CM PA Sangma in 2012. The EC has also allotted the symbol of "Book" to the NPP as per the request of the party.

83. Who has been appointed the deputy leader of Rajya Sabha?

- A. Arun Jaitley
- B. Piyush Goyal
- C. Sushma Swaraj
- D. Menaka Gandhi

Correct Answer – B. Piyush Goyal

Explanation: Piyush Goyal has been appointed the deputy leader of RS. He is currently a Rajya Sabha member from Maharashtra. He was formerly the National Treasurer of the BJP.

84. Facebook has honoured Zonel Sougajam from _____ for discovering a WhatsApp bug that violated the privacy of a user.

- A. Nagaland
- B. Manipur
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Punjab

Correct Answer – B. Manipur

Explanation: His name is currently at the 16th position in the "Facebook Hall of Fame" for this year. It is worth mentioning that Facebook, purchased the messaging service WhatsApp in February 2014.

85. Which Bollywood actor has cleared the loans of over two thousand farmers from Bihar?

- A. Ranbir Kapoor
- B. Amitabh Bachchan
- C. Ajay Devgan
- D. Nana Patekar

Correct Answer – B. Amitabh Bachchan

Explanation: This is not the first time Bachchan has helped farmers. Last year, he'd cleared the loans of over one thousand farmers in UP.

86. Every year, _____ is celebrated as World Day Against Child Labour.

- A. June 10
- B. June 12
- C. June 14
- D. June 16

Correct Answer – B. June 12

Explanation: The theme for 2019's World Day against Child Labour is 'children shouldn't work in fields, but on dreams. Around 152 million children are still in child labour.

87. Chandrayaan-2, India's second mission to the moon, would be launched on _____ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman K Sivan announced.

- A. July 5
- B. July 15
- C. July 30
- D. August 15

Correct Answer – B. July 15

Explanation: The launch would take place at 2.51 am on board the GSLV MK-III vehicle from

Sriharikota. Chandrayaan-2 is an advanced version of the previous Chandrayaan-1 mission, which was launched about 10 years ago.

88. **International Albinism Awareness Day, sometimes seen in the news, is observed on _____.**

- A. June 11
- B. June 13
- C. June 21
- D. June 24

Correct Answer – B. June 13

Explanation: “Still Standing Strong” is the theme for this year’s International Albinism Awareness Day. It aims to stop the brutalities against people with albinism. It is a genetic condition resulting in little or no pigmentation in the skin, hair, and eyes.

89. **World Blood Donor Day, sometimes seen in the news, is observed on _____.**

- A. June 18
- B. June 14
- C. June 30
- D. July 6

Correct Answer – B. June 14

Explanation: World Blood Donor Day is observed on 14th June every year. It is an opportunity to raise global awareness of the life-saving nature of blood.

90. **RBI has set up a committee of experts headed by _____ to reduce prices for customers on ATM transactions.**

- A. Rajiv Kumar
- B. S Jaishankar
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. VG Kannan

Correct Answer – D. VG Kannan

Explanation: It has a specific mandate to review the existing interchange fee and pricing structures.

91. **Who has once again become the sole Indian in the Forbes 2019 list of world’s highest-paid athletes?**

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. MS Dhoni
- C. Sachin Tendulkar
- D. Yuvraj Singh

Correct Answer – A. Virat Kohli

Explanation: Kohli is last on the list of top-100 athletes. According to the Forbes list, Kohli estimated earnings is \$21m (from endorsements) & \$4m (from salary and winnings).

92. **_____ has elected interim leader Kassym-Jomart Tokayev – as the country’s new president.**

- A. Pakistan
- B. Iraq
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Iran

Correct Answer – C. Kazakhstan

Explanation: Tokayev won nearly 71% of the vote in a race against six rivals largely unknown to Kazakh voters. Nazarbayev remains chairman of the influential Security Council.

93. **The annual festival of Kheer Bhawani is celebrated in which among the following states?**

- A. Jammu & Kashmir
- B. Punjab
- C. Telangana
- D. Rajasthan

Correct Answer – A. Jammu & Kashmir

Explanation: It was celebrated by Kashmiri Pandits with religious fervour at Tulmulla in Kashmir’s Ganderbal.

94. **_____ has been designated as the Guest of Honour at the 33rd Feria Internacional del Libro de Guadalajara (Guadalajara International Book Fair), in Mexico.**

- A. US
- B. Canada
- C. India
- D. Japan

Correct Answer – C. India

Explanation: The book fair is to be organised from November 30 to December 8. It will be “the largest book fair in the Spanish speaking world.” The dedicated India pavilion at the fair will showcase over 35 Indian authors and artists.

95. **Chaukhandi Stupa, sometimes seen in the news, is located in which among the following states?**

- A. UP
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Maharashtra

Correct Answer – A. UP

Explanation: It is one of the important Buddhist Stupas at Sarnath (UP). Stupas have evolved from burial mounds. They serve as a shrine for relic of the Buddha.

96. **The Ambassador of Conscience Award, sometimes seen in the news, is instituted by _____.**

- A. Amnesty International
- B. Oxfam
- C. ActionAid
- D. Sister Cities International

Correct Answer- A. Amnesty International

Explanation: It was conceived in 2003, inspired by the poem “From the Republic of Conscience”. It recognizes remarkable individuals and groups who have promoted and enhanced the cause of human rights. **This year, Climate change activist Greta Thunberg and the Fridays for Future movement of school-children have been honoured with this award.**

97. **Who will receive the inaugural George H. W. Bush Award for Statesmanship in U.S.-China Relations?**

- A. Jimmy Carter
- B. Donald Trump
- C. Hillary Clinton
- D. Barack Obama

Correct Answer – A. Jimmy Carter

Explanation: The award goes to people who have made profound contributions to the relations between the U.S and China.

98. **Union Home Minister chaired a high level meeting to review the preparedness of State and Central Ministries/Agencies concerned to deal with the situation arising out of _____.**

- A. Cyclone Vayu
- B. Cyclone Titli
- C. Cyclone Ockhi
- D. Cyclone Bijli

Correct Answer – A. Cyclone Vayu

Explanation: Cyclone Vayu is expected to have an impact on the Gujarat coast. Indian Coast Guard, the Navy, Army, and Air Force units have also been put on standby.

99. **India’s first dinosaur museum and fossil park has been recently inaugurated in _____.**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat
- C. Kerala
- D. Telangana

Correct Answer – B. Gujarat

Explanation: It is situated at Raiyoli village near Balasinor town of Mahisagar district. It is worth noting that Raiyoli is globally known to be the third largest fossil site. The entire infrastructure has been created by the Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd.

100. **Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)?**

- A. VS Kaumudi
- B. Meenakshi Luthra
- C. Ashok Verma
- D. Rajiv Kapur

Correct Answer – A. VS Kaumudi

Explanation: He is a 1986-batch IPS officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre. He's at present the Additional Director General in the Central Reserve Police Force.

101. **Mount Sinabung, sometimes seen in the news, is located in which among the following countries?**

- A. India
- B. Maldives
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Indonesia

Correct Answer – D. Indonesia

Explanation: Mount Sinabung (2475m high) is located in Karo district of North Sumatra province. It is among 129 active volcanoes in Indonesia.

102. _____ **has been named the 'World's Most Punctual Airline' for the second consecutive time.**

- A. Air India
- B. Srilankan Airlines
- C. GoAir
- D. Emirates

Correct Answer – B. Srilankan Airlines

Explanation: With over 90 per cent of its flights in May being "on time", the airline won this tag. It is worth noting that global flight tracker, Flightstats analysed data of 41 carriers.

103. **The Dzukou Valley is located at the border of the states of _____ and _____.**

- A. UP, Bihar
- B. Sikkim, Tripura
- C. West Bengal, Assam
- D. Manipur, Nagaland

Correct Answer – D. Manipur, Nagaland

Explanation: It is also known as the Valley of Flowers. It is surrounded by the mighty Japfu hilly ranges. The valley's picturesqueness largely derives from its interesting topography.

104. **Who became the first South Asian American woman to preside over the US House of Representatives?**

- A. Manjula Khattar
- B. Heena Mathur
- C. Sakshi Malhotra
- D. Pramila Jayapal

Correct Answer – D. Pramila Jayapal

Explanation: It is worth noting that the 116th Congress broke records with women and lawmakers crossing racial and religious barriers.

105. _____ **is the most traffic congested city in the world, according to the 'Traffic Index-2018'.**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Gurugram
- D. Pune

Correct Answer – B. Mumbai

Explanation: 'Traffic Index-2018' has been compiled by leading independent location technology specialist TomTom.

106. **The Nipah virus, sometimes seen in the news, was first recognised in _____ during an outbreak among pig farmers in Malaysia.**

- A. 1997

- B. 1999
- C. 2009
- D. 2011

Correct Answer – B. 1999

Explanation: Nipah is a zoonotic virus which means it is transmitted from animals such as bats or pigs to humans. It is a rare and often deadly disease.

107. **The headquarters of FIFA is located in which among the following countries?**

- A. US
- B. Spain
- C. Denmark
- D. Switzerland

Correct Answer – D. Switzerland

Explanation: FIFA is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland. It organizes major international football tournaments, & the most famous one is the FIFA World Cup.

108. **Indian Air Force has signed Rs 300-crore deal with _____ to buy as many as 100 SPICE bombs.**

- A. Israel
- B. France
- C. US
- D. South Korea

Correct Answer – A. Israel

Explanation: The SPICE bombs are an advanced version of SPICE-2000 bombs. These were used by the IAF during the air strikes in Balakot on February 26. It is worth noting that SPICE bomb, which stands for Smart, Precise Impact, Cost-Effective.

109. **9th annual Global Entrepreneurship Summit has been recently held in _____.**

- A. Beijing
- B. New Delhi
- C. Moscow
- D. The Hague

Correct Answer – D. The Hague

Explanation: The Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) 2019 has been hosted by the governments of the USA and the Netherlands.

110. **A major week-long exercise, Kharga Prahar, jointly by the Indian Army and Indian Air Force (IAF) carried out in _____ concluded recently.**

- A. Punjab
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Kerala

Correct Answer – A. Punjab

Explanation: The exercise was undertaken by various units and formations of Kharga Corps. The components of the Indian Air Force also participated in the exercise.

111. **Who has won the Women's Prize for Fiction for his/her book, "An American Marriage"?**

- A. Tayari Jones
- B. Ritika Bansal
- C. Anna Burns
- D. Pat Barker

Correct Answer – A. Tayari Jones

Explanation: The prize was set up in 1996. It aims to celebrate & promote international fiction by women throughout the world to the widest range of readers possible.

112. **The 69th FIFA Congress re-elected Gianni Infantino as the President of FIFA until _____.**

- A. 2021
- B. 2023
- C. 2025
- D. 2026

Correct Answer – B. 2023

Explanation: The 70th FIFA Congress will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May 2020. No vote took place amongst FIFA's 211 member federations as Infantino, was the only candidate.

113. Which of these cities has recently been renamed as Nur-Sultan?

- A. Baku
- B. Bishkek
- C. Astana
- D. Ashgabat

Correct Answer – C. Astana

Explanation: Immediately after assuming the charge, Tokayev proposed renaming Astana, the capital city of Kazakhstan to Nur-Sultan, after his predecessor, which was approved by the Parliament of Kazakhstan.

114. Which country will organize the Guadalajara International Book Fair in 2019?

- A. Mexico
- B. Venezuela
- C. Canada
- D. Brazil

Correct Answer – A. Mexico

Explanation: India has been designated as the Guest of Honour at the 33rd Feria Internacional del Libro de Guadalajara (Guadalajara International Book Fair), in Mexico. The book fair, to be organised from November 30 – December 8, will be "the largest book fair in the Spanish speaking world.

115. Who has been appointed as the head of the committee formed to review the existing marketing structure of LPG marketing in India?

- A. N. S. S. Narayana
- B. Kirit Parikh
- C. T. N. Srinivasan
- D. Anindya Sen

Correct Answer – B. Kirit Parikh

Explanation: The Central Government has set up a five-member committee headed by economist Kirit Parikh to review the existing marketing structure of LPG marketing in India.

116. Who has been appointed as the interim Central Vigilance Commissioner?

- A. Sharad Kumar
- B. K.V. Chowdhary
- C. Nittoor Srinivasa Rau
- D. Tejendra Mohan Bhasin

Correct Answer – A. Sharad Kumar

Explanation: Vigilance Commissioner Sharad Kumar has been named interim Central Vigilance Commissioner until a new incumbent is chosen by the selection panel headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

117. India has signed an agreement with which country for the Railway Station Development Program in India?

- A. Germany
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Scotland

Correct Answer – C. France

Explanation: The Indian Railway Station Development Corporation (IRSDC), has entered into a tripartite agreement with French Railways (SNCF) and AFD, a French Agency, to support capacity building for the Railway Station Development Program in India.

118. Which of these is not a member of the UNSC?

- A. Russia
- B. India
- C. United States

D. China

Correct Answer – B. India

Explanation: The United Nations Charter established six main organs of the United Nations, including the Security Council. It gives primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security to the Security Council, which may meet whenever peace is threatened. Five permanent members of the council are China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States

119. **Who has been appointed as the Vice-Chairperson in the reconstituted NITI Aayog?**

A. Amitabh Kant

B. Bibek Debroy

C. Rajiv Kumar

D. Ramesh Chand

Correct Answer – C. Rajiv Kumar

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reconstituted the federal policy think-tank National Institution of Transforming India (NITI) Aayog by introducing key Cabinet ministers as members as ex-officio members. The Vice Chairperson is Rajiv Kumar.

120. **Who has won the 2019 Canadian Grand Prix award?**

A. Max Verstappen

B. Valtteri Bottas

C. Sebastian Vettel

D. Lewis Hamilton

Correct Answer – D. Lewis Hamilton

Explanation: British racing driver Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) beat Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) to win Canadian Grand Prix 2019 on June 9, 2019.

121. **The Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman has been newly instituted by which ministry?**

A. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

B. Ministry of Human Resource Development

C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D. Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

Correct Answer – A. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Explanation: The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has instituted the first edition of Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS), from 2019 to mark the contribution of media in spreading the message of Yoga.

122. **Girish Karnad who died recently was a noted _____**

A. Journalist

B. Actor

C. Author

D. Politician

Correct Answer – B. Actor

Explanation: Girish Karnad passed away due to health issues on June 10, 2019. He was 81. The playwright, actor, director, teacher, administrator, activist and intellectual was not just a Renaissance Man who spanned cultural genres.

123. **Who is the current Cabinet Secretary?**

A. Nripendra Misra

B. Ajit Seth

C. Pradeep Kumar Sinha

D. Rajiv Gauba

Correct Answer – C. Pradeep Kumar Sinha

Explanation: The Government of India has further given three-month extension to Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha, whose four year tenure will be completed on June 12, 2019.

124. **Which planet will be the brightest object in the sky in June, besides the sun and the moon?**

A. Venus

B. Jupiter

C. Saturn

D. Mercury

Correct Answer – B. Jupiter

Explanation: Jupiter will be the brightest object in the sky in June, besides the sun and moon. Jupiter is the biggest planet in the solar system and it will be closer to Earth today, June 10, 2019 than at any other time of the year. It is expected to be seen after the sun has set.

125. **In a recent list released by Forbes, which woman of Indian origin is ranked 18th in the list of America's richest 80 women?**

- A. Neerja Sethi
- B. Neha Narkhede
- C. Aprajita Sinha
- D. Jayshree Ullal

Correct Answer – D. Jayshree Ullal

Explanation: Jayshree Ullal (18th Rank), co-founder of IT consulting and outsourcing firm Syntel Neerja Sethi (23rd Rank), and CTO and co-founder of streaming data technology company Confluent Neha Narkhede (60th Rank) are in the Forbes list of 'America's Richest Self-Made Women 2019'.

126. **Where would be the main event of International Yoga Day will be organized in the country by the Government of India?**

- A. Ranchi
- B. Alwar
- C. Almora
- D. Patna

Correct Answer – A. Ranchi

Explanation: Jharkhand capital Ranchi will be the venue for the main event for International Yoga Day on June 21 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend it. The event will be held at the Prabhat Tara ground and around 30,000 people are expected to participate in it.

127. **PM Modi has been conferred with 'The Most Honourable Order of the Distinguished Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen'. It is the highest honour for foreign nationals by which country?**

- A. Australia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

Correct Answer – D. Maldives

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with 'The Most Honourable Order of the Distinguished Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen' award by the Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih on June 8, 2019. It is the highest award to honour foreign nationals by the Maldives.

128. **Who has been appointed as the electoral officer of BCCI?**

- A. T. S. Krishnamurthy
- B. M. S. Gill
- C. Navin Chawla
- D. N Gopaldaswami

Correct Answer – D. N Gopaldaswami

Explanation: N Gopaldaswami has been appointed as the BCCI's electoral officer. He will supervise the elections of the BCCI and the Indian Cricketers Association. On May 21, the CoA had announced that BCCI elections would be held on October 22, 2019. It had been announced earlier that the electoral officer would be appointed by June 30.

129. **What is the projected GDP growth of Indian economy for 2019-20 as estimated by Goldman Sachs?**

- A. 7.3%
- B. 7.5%
- C. 7.2%
- D. 7.1%

Correct Answer – C. 7.2%

Explanation: American brokerage Goldman Sachs has predicted the Indian GDP growth to accelerate

to 7.2 percent in 2019-20 on lower oil prices, political stability and removal of infrastructure bottlenecks.

130. **Currently, who has been named as the “World’s Richest Female Musician” by the Forbes magazine?**

- A. Lady Gaga
- B. Halle Berry
- C. Beyonce
- D. Rihanna

Correct Answer – D. Rihanna

Explanation: Singer Rihanna has been named as the “World’s Richest Female Musician” by the Forbes magazine. She has an earning of \$600 million with the bulk of that coming from her Fenty beauty range.

131. **Name the winner of Amnesty International’s Ambassador of Conscience Award 2019?**

- A. Greta Thunberg
- B. Örjan Ramberg
- C. Josefin Nilsson
- D. Lena Endre

Correct Answer – A. Greta Thunberg

Explanation: The Amnesty International has awarded Sweden’s teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg with their most prestigious award ‘Ambassador of Conscience Award’ on June 7, 2019, for her leadership in the climate movement.

132. **Name the first ever Indian Origin to be appointed as the Chief Economist of the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office?**

- A. Kumar Iyer
- B. Ruchi Ghanashyam
- C. Riva Ganguly Das
- D. Abhay Thakur

Correct Answer – A. Kumar Iyer

Explanation: The government of United Kingdom has appointed Kumar Iyer as the Chief Economist of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) with effect from July 2019. He is the first Indian-origin person.

133. **NITI Aayog has published a new report in which it recommends that all vehicles on the country’s roads be fully electric after the year _____.**

- A. 2022
- B. 2025
- C. 2028
- D. 2030

Correct Answer – D. 2030

Explanation: Niti Aayog has also proposed extending financial incentives like cash subsidy. It has also proposed local manufacturing of 50 GWh batteries by 2030.

134. **Asian Development Bank (ADB) has put _____ on top in terms of speed of growth among 45 Asia-Pacific nations.**

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Sri Lanka

Correct Answer – C. Bangladesh

Explanation: Bangladesh’s strong growth will help South Asia remain the fastest-growing subregion in the world. In contrast, Pakistan’s outlook is for a sharp drop in growth.

135. **PM Modi will attend the 14th G20 Summit to be held in _____.**

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Russia
- C. Japan

D. China

Correct Answer – C. Japan

Explanation: Former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu will be India's sherpa at the G20 meet. It is centred around the theme "Human-centred future society".

136. **This year, the northern summer solstice falls on _____.**

A. June 19

B. June 21

C. June 23

D. June 25

Correct Answer – B. June 21

Explanation: Solstices occur because Earth's axis of rotation is tilted about 23.4 degrees relative to Earth's orbit around the sun. Solstice literally means "Sun stands still" in Latin.

137. **The theme of 5th International Yoga Day 2019 is _____.**

A. Healthy Life

B. Karmic Zindagi

C. Climate Action

D. Yoga For Peace

Correct Answer – C. Climate Action

Explanation: The theme focuses on the way how yoga can help us to solve the problem of climate change. The word 'yoga' is derived from Sanskrit and means 'to join'/to unite'.

138. **Strait of Hormuz, sometimes seen in the news, is a strait between the Persian Gulf and _____.**

A. Gulf of Oman

B. Bay of Fundy

C. Hudson Bay

D. Bay of Biscay

Correct Answer – A. Gulf of Oman

Explanation: A third of the world's LNG & almost 20% of total global oil consumption passes through the strait. This strait was in news as US military surveillance drone has been shot down by Iranian forces while flying over this strait.

139. **Global Garbage Man Day, sometimes seen in the news, is observed on _____.**

A. June 26

B. July 6

C. July 17

D. July 29

Correct Answer – C. July 17

Explanation: It is celebrated on July 17th, every year. This day is observed to pay respect to the sanitation workers.

140. **Who recently won "Global Social Media Icon 2019" at Malaysia Social Media Week?**

A. Vijay Sharma

B. Nishant Aggarwal

C. Mehul Chauhan

D. Malini Agarwal

Correct Answer – D. Malini Agarwal

Explanation: Agarwal is India's first digital millennial influencer and entrepreneur. She is the founder of MissMalini Entertainment. The event was held at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre at Puchong.

141. **World Sauntering Day is celebrated on _____ every year.**

A. June 19

B. June 29

C. July 6

D. July 28

Correct Answer – A. June 19

Explanation: Sauntering is a style of walking. A saunter is a slow walk which carries a cheerful attitude. It reminds people about the importance of putting the brakes on our high-speed life.

142. **Which state topped for hosting the most environment-friendly buildings, according to the US Green Building Council (USGBC)?**

- A. Telangana
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Maharashtra

Correct Answer – D. Maharashtra

Explanation: Maharashtra stood 1st in a USGBC list of India's top 10 states for LEED. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. It is an international symbol of sustainability excellence.

143. _____ **has emerged the country's best university, rising ten places in the 2019 QS World University Ranking.**

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. Indian Institute of Science Bangalore
- D. JNU

Correct Answer – B. IIT Bombay

Explanation: 23 Indian institutes feature in the sixteenth edition of the QS World University Ranking. OP Jindal Global is the only new entrant from India this year.

144. **Which Indian engineer has won the 2019 Commonwealth Secretary-General's Innovation for Sustainable Development Award in London?**

- A. Adi Muhammad
- B. Nitesh Kumar Jangir
- C. Sahil Juneja
- D. Sonal Pandey

Correct Answer – B. Nitesh Kumar Jangir

Explanation: To tackle avoidable deaths of premature babies from respiratory distress syndrome, Jangir created Saans as a breathing support device.

145. **World Sickle Cell Day, sometimes seen in the news, is observed on _____.**

- A. June 18
- B. June 19
- C. June 20
- D. June 21

Correct Answer – B. June 19

Explanation: It aims to raise the public awareness about the sickle cell disease and its treatment methods. It is an inherited genetic abnormality of haemoglobin.

146. **The tool _____ was recently developed by the WHO Essential Medicines List to reduce the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).**

- A. AntiMicro
- B. AWaRe
- C. XRadiation
- D. MicroResist

Correct Answer – B. AWaRe

Explanation: AWaRe stands for Access, Watch, and Reserve. The first goal of AWaRe is to have all countries report antibiotic use by 2023.

147. **Rāvāna-1, sometimes seen in the news, is a satellite associated with which among the following countries?**

- A. Maldives
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. India

Correct Answer – C. Sri Lanka

Explanation: The launch marks Sri Lanka's entry into the global space age. It was designed and developed by two Sri Lankan engineers (Tharindu Dayaratne & Dulani Chamika).

148. **Who won the women's 1500m gold at the Folksam Grand Prix in Sollentuna, Sweden?**

- A. PU Chitra
- B. Jinson Johnson
- C. Murali Sreeshankar
- D. Harmeet Kaur

Correct Answer – A. PU Chitra

Explanation: It is worth noting that Chitra won the gold in the Asian Championships in Doha in April.

149. **World Refugee Day, sometimes seen in the news, is observed on _____.**

- A. June 15
- B. June 20
- C. June 25
- D. June 30

Correct Answer – B. June 20

Explanation: More than 70 million people are currently forcibly displaced worldwide. The theme for World Refugee Day 2019 is #StepWithRefugees.

150. **_____ is planning to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2030.**

- A. Norway
- B. Ireland
- C. Switzerland
- D. Spain

Correct Answer – B. Ireland

Explanation: By then, the government hopes to have 950,000 electric vehicles on Irish roads. Moreover, charge points for electric cars will also be increased.

151. **Autistic Pride Day, sometimes seen in the news, is observed on _____.**

- A. June 18
- B. July 30
- C. August 11
- D. September 07

Correct Answer – A. June 18

Explanation: Every year, Autistic Pride Day is observed on June 18. The concept was initiated by Aspies For Freedom (AFF). Being autistic is a form of neurodiversity.

152. **_____ made it mandatory for trekkers to carry GPS device so that they can be provided all possible help in case of any emergency.**

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Assam
- D. Nagaland

Correct Answer – A. Himachal Pradesh

Explanation: It is worth noting that trekking and other yatras are restricted during adverse weather conditions. GPS will ensure all possible help in case of any emergency.

153. **Feni River, sometimes seen in the news, is in which among the following states?**

- A. Bihar
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Assam
- D. Tripura

Correct Answer – D. Tripura

Explanation: A bridge is proposed to be built which will connect Tripura with Chittagong port of Bangladesh. The foundation of the bridge was laid in 2015.

154. **Who was unanimously elected the Speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha?**

- A. Anupam Kher

- B. Sushma Swaraj
- C. Om Birla
- D. Nitin Gadkari

Correct Answer – C. Om Birla

Explanation: He was elected this year from Rajasthan's Kota-Bundi seat. His 25-year experience of legislative procedures equips him as Speaker. The motion to choose Birla as the Speaker was moved by PM.

155. **International Picnic Day is celebrated annually on _____.**

- A. June 17
- B. June 18
- C. June 19
- D. June 20

Correct Answer – B. June 18

Explanation: It is worth noting that this made-up holiday first originated as a popular pastime in France after the Revolution.

156. **Sustainable Gastronomy Day is celebrated around the world on _____.**

- A. 16th June
- B. 18th June
- C. 20th June
- D. 22nd June

Correct Answer – B. 18th June

Explanation: Gastronomy is an art or science of good eating. It acknowledges gastronomy as a cultural expression related to the natural & cultural diversity of the world.

157. **Namaste Thailand Film Festival 2019, sometimes seen in the news, has been held in _____.**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Noida
- D. Jaipur

Correct Answer – A. New Delhi

Explanation: Organised annually since 2017, it aims to bridge the gap between Indian and Thai cultures. The festival ran from June 14-16, 2019.

158. **Jawaharlal Nehru University would confer its Distinguished Alumni Award to Union Ministers**

Nirmala Sitharaman and _____.

- A. S Jaishankar
- B. Arun Jaitley
- C. Amit Shah
- D. Nitin Gadkari

Correct Answer – A. S Jaishankar

Explanation: The award will be presented at JNU's third convocation to be held in August. Sitharaman completed her MA and M Phil degrees, while Jaishankar completed his M Phil and doctoral research from this esteemed university.

159. **Which among the following cities of UP has begun construction of a road using plastic waste?**

- A. Amethi
- B. Lucknow
- C. Rampur
- D. Kanpur

Correct Answer – B. Lucknow

Explanation: This is the first time Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) is constructing a road using plastic waste. Pune, Chennai, Jamshedpur and Indore have already executed this project. According to the reports, Lucknow has become the fifth city in India on the list.

160. **Hero MotoCorp Ltd., the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, appointed _____ as its new Brand Ambassador.**

- A. Priyanka Chopra

- B. MS Dhoni
- C. Yerry Mina
- D. Indra Bajwa

Correct Answer – C. Yerry Mina

Explanation: Mina is one of the promising young footballers. He has come on board with Hero MotoCorp at a time when the company is to introduce a series of new, technologically advanced 2-wheelers in Colombia.

161. **Who has been ruled out of the remainder of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 owing to a fractured thumb?**

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Hardik Pandya
- C. Shikhar Dhawan
- D. MS Dhoni

Correct Answer – C. Shikhar Dhawan

Explanation: Dhawan sustained the injury during India's 2nd World Cup game. But in his absence, KL Rahul had opened in the game against Pakistan.

162. **NASA's Spitzer space telescope will be switched off permanently in which among the following years?**

- A. 2020
- B. 2022
- C. 2023
- D. 2025

Correct Answer – A. 2020

Explanation: Spitzer is a small but transformational observatory. In 2017, the telescope revealed the presence of seven rocky planets around the TRAPPIST-1 star.

163. **Who was named as leader of Congress in Lok Sabha recently?**

- A. Rahul Gandhi
- B. Adhir Ranjan Chaudhary
- C. Sonia Gandhi
- D. Renuka Chaudhary

Correct Answer – B. Adhir Ranjan Chaudhary

Explanation: Being a five-time member of the Lok Sabha, he was chosen in view of his long experience in the parliament & the party. It is worth noting that fact, he is popularly known 'Robinhood of Berhampore' in the area because of his 'friend of the poor' image.

164. **Revolt Intellicorp has finally unveiled India's first fully electric motorcycle. Name it.**

- A. SV 501
- B. RV 400
- C. MV 311
- D. OV 999

Correct Answer – B. RV 400

Explanation: It will be manufactured at Revolt's production facility in Manesar (Haryana). RV 400 has received an ARAI-certified range of 156km.

165. **Which year has been agreed to be celebrated as the 'year of cultural and friendship' between the Kyrgyz Republic and India?**

- A. 2020
- B. 2021
- C. 2022
- D. 2023

Correct Answer – B. 2021

Explanation: PM was on a 2-day visit to Kyrgyzstan to attend the SCO Summit. The two leaders also jointly inaugurated the India-Kyrgyzstan Business Forum.

166. **Who took up his/her new role as Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme?**

- A. Inger Andersen

- B. R Guha
- C. António Guterres
- D Elle Wilson

Correct Answer – A. Inger Andersen

Explanation: Between January 2015 and May 2019, Ms. Andersen was the Director General of IUCN. The UN Environment Programme is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya.

167. **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has promoted _____ as executive director (ED) recently.**

- A. Rabi N. Mishra
- B. Satish Verma
- C. Yashwant Sinha
- D. Rukhsaar Sharma

Correct Answer – A. Rabi N. Mishra

Explanation: RBI currently has 12 executive directors, including the chief financial officers. Mishra has been serving RBI for about 30 years now. He would be looking after the newly-created specialised supervisory and regulatory cadre.

168. **Facebook revealed plans to establish a cryptocurrency called _____.**

- A. Libra
- B. Marria
- C. Siera
- D. Rossy

Correct Answer – A. Libra

Explanation: It will be a digital currency backed by a reserve of real-world assets. Libra transactions will be powered and recorded by a blockchain.

169. **Around 2027, _____ is projected to overtake China as the world's most populous country.**

- A. US
- B. India
- C. France
- D. Portugal

Correct Answer – B. India

Explanation: According to the report titled "The World Population Prospects 2019: Highlights", India will overtake China to become the world's most populated country.

170. **In "Operation Sunrise 2", which is sometimes seen in the news, India coordinated with _____ to target several militant groups.**

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Myanmar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

Correct Answer – B. Myanmar

Explanation: Myanmar is one of the strategic neighbours of India. It shares a 1,640-km border with a number of N-E states. This operation was aimed to bust camps of militant outfits.

171. **World Food India 2019 is to be held in _____.**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Pune
- D. Varanasi

Correct Answer – A. New Delhi

Explanation: WFI 2019 will be held from 1-4th November 2019 in New Delhi. The tagline of the event will be "Forging Partnerships for Growth". The first such event was conducted in 2017.

172. **The fifth meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog was held under the chairmanship of _____.**

- A. Rajiv Kumar
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Sushma Swaraj

D. Nirmala Sitharaman

Correct Answer – B. Narendra Modi

Explanation: Governing Council is the premier body, which is tasked with evolving a shared vision of national development priorities.

173. **International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) is observed on _____.**

- A. 15th June
- B. 16th June
- C. 17th June
- D. 18th June

Correct Answer – A. 15th June

Explanation: It recognizes the contribution of over 200 million migrants worldwide. It is estimated that 75% of remittance flows go towards immediate needs.

174. **The government has set up an expert panel headed by _____ to consider allowing private firms to sell subsidised cooking gas.**

- A. Renuka Ranjan
- B. Viral Acharya
- C. Suman Rao
- D. Kirit Parikh

Correct Answer – D. Kirit Parikh

Explanation: It will look to review the existing structure of LPG marketing in India. Its ToR also include scope for liberalising government policies for private participation.

175. **Which among the following has been awarded the BBC World Service Global Champion Award for the programme?**

- A. Save Girl Child
- B. Akshay Patra
- C. Nanhi Chhaon
- D. Khet Haryali

Correct Answer – B. Akshay Patra

Explanation: The award recognises a person/project that is changing the way the world produces, processes, consumes the food for the better.

176. **Fitch Ratings recently slashed India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast to _____.**

- A. 5.6%
- B. 6.0%
- C. 6.6%
- D. 7.1%

Correct Answer – C. 6.6%

Explanation: Citing persistent slowdown in manufacturing and agriculture sectors, Fitch Ratings slashed India's GDP.

177. **_____ will launch the world's largest underwater theme park in August.**

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. India
- C. Bahrain
- D. Sri Lanka

Correct Answer – C. Bahrain

Explanation: A Boeing 747 aircraft will be submerged into it. It spans an area of 1,00,000 square metres. It will also feature a replica of a traditional Bahraini pearl merchant's house.

178. **According to the Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2019, _____ is the most attractive employer brand in the country.**

- A. Amazon India
- B. Microsoft India
- C. Sony India
- D. Nestle India

Correct Answer – A. Amazon India

Explanation: Amazon India scored high on financial health. The Randstad Employer Brand Research, covered 75 per cent of the global economy.

179. _____ has launched a certificate programme in yoga (CPY) ahead of the upcoming International Yoga Day.

- A. Panjab University
- B. IGNOU
- C. DU
- D. JNU

Correct Answer – B. IGNOU

Explanation: The course will begin from July 2019 session. The programme will contain 3 courses with 16 credits.

180. The BJP Parliamentary board elected _____ as the party's national working president.

- A. Arun Jaitley
- B. JP Nadda
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. Murli Manohar Joshi

Correct Answer – B. JP Nadda

Explanation: JP Nadda is expected to work closely with Shah to oversee the party's election campaign strategy in upcoming assembly elections. He is currently a Rajya Sabha member.

181. Pakistan has appointed _____ the new Director-General of the powerful spy agency, ISI.

- A. Asim Munir
- B. Faiz Hameed
- C. Suhail Muhammad
- D. Naveed Mukhtar

Correct Answer – B. Faiz Hameed

Explanation: He has previously served as the head of the Counter Intelligence wing of the ISI. It is worth mentioning that ISI has come under increasing criticism for not having kept terrorist forces in society in check.

182. _____ broke Sachin Tendulkar's record to become the fastest cricketer to reach 11,000 runs in one-day internationals.

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Yuvraj Singh
- C. MS Dhoni
- D. Virat Kohli

Correct Answer – D. Virat Kohli

Explanation: Virat Kohli reached the milestone in 222 innings, while Sachin Tendulkar had achieved the milestone in 276 innings.

183. Green Mizoram Day is being organised every year on _____ since 1999.

- A. June 8
- B. June 11
- C. June 14
- D. June 17

Correct Answer – B. June 11

Explanation: CM Zoramthanga and others planted thousands of saplings with the aim of improving the environment. It is worth noting that over 38.46 lakh saplings among the people for planting during 1999 – 2018.

184. Climate scientists have created a history by installing world's highest operating weather station at _____.

- A. Mount Everest
- B. Mount Elbert
- C. Mount Massive
- D. Mount Rainier

Correct Answer – A. Mount Everest

Explanation: Tom Matthews and Baker Perry, along with a crew of engineers, erected the weather station that can withstand extreme winds and cold weather.

185. **Who was recently crowned Miss India 2019?**

- A. Aditi Chawla
- B. Renuka Sagar
- C. Suman Rao
- D. Anukreethy Vas

Correct Answer – C. Suman Rao

Explanation: Rao from Rajasthan has won the Femina Miss India World 2019 beauty pageant. She will now represent India at Miss World 2019 in Thailand.

186. **Global Wind Day is a worldwide event that is observed on _____.**

- A. 13 June
- B. 15 June
- C. 21 June
- D. 23 June

Correct Answer – B. 15 June

Explanation: Global Wind Day was first observed in Europe in 2007. It is worth noting that a total of 591GW of wind capacity is installed globally across 91 countries.

187. **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed on _____.**

- A. 15 June
- B. 17 June
- C. 21 June
- D. 26 June

Correct Answer – A. 15 June

Explanation: It promotes public awareness relating to international cooperation to combat desertification and the effects of drought. This year's campaign will run under the slogan '25 YEARS – Let's grow the future together'.

188. **"Chalo App", sometimes seen in the news, has been launched in which among the following states?**

- A. Haryana
- B. Assam
- C. West Bengal
- D. Odisha

Correct Answer – B. Assam

Explanation: This app would allow commuters in Guwahati to know the live arrival time of their bus. In addition, passengers will be able to buy a mobile pass or a ticket through this app.

189. **Bishkek Declaration, sometimes seen in the news, is associated with which among the following?**

- A. SAARC
- B. SCO
- C. ASEAN
- D. G20

Correct Answer – B. SCO

Explanation: The 19th annual SCO summit was held on 13-14 June 2019 in Bishkek. India and other members of the SCO, in the Bishkek Declaration, condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. It is worth noting that The SCO is a China-led 8-member economic and security bloc.

190. **_____ recently launched a universal old age pension scheme—Mukhyamantri Vridhajan Pension Yojna (MVPY).**

- A. Haryana
- B. Bihar
- C. UP
- D. Maharashtra

Correct Answer – B. Bihar

Explanation: Till now, only BPL persons (60 years+) were covered under the prevalent scheme. It aims

to cover an estimated 36 lakh senior citizens who were still not privy to any salary, pension or family pension.

191. **Which nation has the most internet users in the world, about 21% of the world's total internet users?**

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Indonesia
- D. Pakistan

Correct Answer – B. China

Explanation: Chinese companies took 7 of the top 30 spots for internet market cap leaders. According to 2019 edition of Mary Meeker's Internet Trends report, there are now 3.8 billion Internet users globally.

192. **Who was recently conferred with the highest national award of Kyrgyzstan, the Manas Order of the First Degree?**

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Xi Jinping
- C. Imran Khan
- D. Sooronbay Jeenbekov

Correct Answer – B. Xi Jinping

Explanation: This award recognizes Xi's special contributions to the development of the Kyrgyzstan-China comprehensive strategic partnership.

193. **Central India got its first Sikh museum in _____ recently.**

- A. Chattisgarh
- B. MP
- C. Jharkhand
- D. West Bengal

Correct Answer – A. Chattisgarh

Explanation: It is worth noting that Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Sikh Museum, was inaugurated by CM Bhupesh Bhagel on the 'Shahidi Divas' of Sikh's Guru Arjun Dev.

194. **Which among the following has, in a historic move, recognised forests as living entities?**

- A. US
- B. El Salvador
- C. Mauritius
- D. Sri Lanka

Correct Answer – B. El Salvador

Explanation: El Salvador has lost about 85% of its native forests since the 1960s. It has also made strong commitments to restoring its native landscapes.

195. **Who has been honoured with 2018's Jnanipath Award?**

- A. Amitav Ghosh
- B. Arundhati Roy
- C. R Luthra
- D. Nalini Sharma

Correct Answer – A. Amitav Ghosh

Explanation: He's the first Indian author in English language who has been honoured with the Jnanipath Award. He was born in Kolkata and has spent his formative years in Bangladesh, India & Sri Lanka.

196. **Many children have died due to AES in Muzaffarpur. Expand AES.**

- A. Acute Encephalitis Syndrome
- B. Anathema Encephalitis Syndrome
- C. Acne Encephalitis Syndrome
- D. Argentine Encephalitis Syndrome

Correct Answer – A. Acute Encephalitis Syndrome

Explanation: AES is a neurological disorder which affects the brain and the limbic system. Just like other viral strains, AES spreads through contaminated surfaces.

197. **Casio India, has announced _____ as the brand ambassador for its popular range of G-Shock watches.**

- A. Salman Khan
- B. Priyanka Chopra
- C. Ranveer Singh
- D. Tiger Shroff

Correct Answer – D. Tiger Shroff

Explanation: Casio India Co. Pvt. Ltd. has been operating in India since 1996. The G-Shock category has always been resilient with strength and style.

198. **India recently conducted a successful first test flight of the indigenously developed HSTDV from a base off the Odisha coast. Expand HSTDV.**

- A. Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle
- B. Hypersonic Terminology Demonstrator Vehicle
- C. Hypersonic Technology Demonstration Vehicle
- D. Hyper Technology Demonstrator Vehicle

Correct Answer – A. Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle

Explanation: The HSTDV is an unmanned scramjet m demonstration vehicle that can cruise up to a speed of mach 6. India's HSTDV was test-fired by the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

199. **Which among the following remains the most peaceful country in the world, according to the Global Peace Index?**

- A. Norway
- B. US
- C. Russia
- D. Iceland

Correct Answer – D. Iceland

Explanation: It is worth noting that IEP (Institute for Economics and Peace) prepares the GPI report. While, India has finished at 141 among 163 countries.

200. **Novak Djokovic topped in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) ranking, he hails from which country ?**

- A. Spain
- B. Serbia
- C. Switzerland
- D United Kingdom

Correct Answer – 2. Serbia

Explanation: According to recently released "Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP)" rankings, Novak Djokovic(Serbia) continued as world number one. Novak Djokovic tops the chart in men's ATP rankings ahead of Rafael Nadal of Spain (French Open winner 2019) and former World number one Roger Federer of Switzerland.

201. **Which state has launched the Chief Minister Yuva Sambal Yojana?**

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Bihar
- D. Haryana

Correct Answer – A. Rajasthan

Explanation: The state government of Rajasthan has announced that the unemployed youth having graduation or equivalent degree will be given unemployment allowance up to Rs 3,500 per month under the Chief Minister Yuva Sambal Yojana.

202. **Name the institute which has topped the QS World University Rankings 2020?**

- A. Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- B. Stanford University
- C. Harvard University
- D. University of Oxford

Correct Answer – A. Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Explanation: The World-class Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has topped the latest QS World University Rankings for the eighth consecutive year. No other university has achieved the top position for such a long run till now.

203. Who has become the first sitting US president to set foot in North Korea?

- A. Donald Trump
- B. Barack Obama
- C. Robert Mueller
- D. Joe Biden

Correct Answer – A. Donald Trump

Explanation: Both countries agreed to set up teams to resume stalled nuclear talks. The snap Sunday meeting is an extraordinary development in the mutual relations of these countries.

204. The second anniversary of Good & Services Tax (GST) is to be observed on _____.

- A. 1st July
- B. 4th July
- C. 6th July
- D. 8th July

Correct Answer – A. 1st July

Explanation: GST was launched on the 1st July, 2017 in a majestic ceremony held in the Central Hall of Parliament on the midnight of 30th June, 2017.

205. Under the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, there will be a Rs _____ fine for not giving way to emergency vehicles.

- A. 5000
- B. 10,000
- C. 20,000
- D. 50,000

Correct Answer – B. 10,000

Explanation: The decision is undoubtedly good. Because many a times patients in critical condition have to wait for the path of an ambulance to clear on the road. It was introduced following several cases that surfaced where ambulances were stuck for hours.

206. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED has launched _____ to create awareness and promote tribal arts and crafts, as well as aid in socio-economic welfare of over 700 Indian tribes.

- A. Adivasi Uthan
- B. Go Tribal Campaign
- C. Tribes & India
- D. Adivasi Kranti

Correct Answer – B. Go Tribal Campaign

Explanation: It aims to promote the tribal communities of India and their art. Besides this, it also has an objective to help them to go global and providing them opportunities to attain a sustainable livelihood.

207. _____ is the day designated to celebrate the International Day of Parliamentarism.

- A. June 28
- B. June 30
- C. July 4

D. July 8

Correct Answer – B. June 30

Explanation: This day celebrates parliaments & the ways in which such systems of government improve the lives of people the world over.

208. **One of India's largest cryptocurrency exchange, _____, shut down recently owing to regulatory troubles.**

- A. Libra
- B. Koinex
- C. WannaCry
- D. Peta

Correct Answer – B. Koinex

Explanation: Koinex was set up in 2017. Within four months, it was the country's largest digital assets trading fund.

209. **Which among the following released "Renewable Power Generation Costs" report?**

- A. World Bank
- B. IRENA
- C. IMF
- D. UNICEF

Correct Answer – B. IRENA

Explanation: It determined that costs from all renewable power generation technologies dropped in 2018. It is worth noting that onshore wind and solar PV power are now often less expensive than any fossil fuel option.

210. **India's Ahmedabad and Japan's _____ will now be sister cities, according to the letter of Intent (LoI).**

- A. Kobe
- B. Nagoya
- C. Tokyo
- D. Osaka

Correct Answer – A. Kobe

Explanation: The concept of sister cities/twin towns is a legal and social agreement to promote cultural & commercial ties. It is worth noting that PM Modi is in Japan to attend G20 Summit which will be held in Osaka.

211. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi held an informal meeting of the BRICS in _____**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Osaka
- C. Beijing
- D. Moscow

Correct Answer – B. Osaka

Explanation: BRICS leaders, PM Modi, Jair Bolsonaro (Brazil), Vladimir Putin (Russia), Xi Jinping (China) and Cyril Ramaphosa (South Africa) attended the meeting to exchange ideas. In his remarks, PM spoke about strengthening the WTO, ensuring energy security and the need to work together to fight terrorism.

212. **Taiwanese firms are in the process of setting up an IT and electronics cluster in which among the following cities?**

- A. Noida
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Kochi

Correct Answer – C. Bengaluru

Explanation: The annual bilateral trade between India and Taiwan was around \$7 billion last year. The proposed cluster will deepen their engagement in the domestic market.

213. **Treaty of Versailles, which ended the state of war between Germany and the Allied**

Powers, was signed on _____.

- A. 29 June 1934
- B. 30 June 1900
- C. 21 June 1907
- D. 28 June 1919

Correct Answer – D. 28 June 1919

Explanation: June 28, 2019 marks the centenary of the Treaty of Versailles. This treaty formally ended World War I.

214. **International Day of the Tropics, sometimes seen in the news, is observed on _____.**

- A. June 29
- B. June 30
- C. July 5
- D. July 10

Correct Answer – A. June 29

Explanation: The Tropics host nearly 95% of the world's mangrove forests by area. It aims to raise awareness to the specific challenges faced by tropical areas.

215. **_____ decided to issue “red cards” to men who harass women on streets.**

- A. Chandigarh Police
- B. Noida Police
- C. Jaipur Police
- D. Ahmedabad Police

Correct Answer – B. Noida Police

Explanation: The red cards will act as warnings. The cards will be handed out on suspicion by the state's 'anti-Romeo squads'. On an average, eight women are raped and 30 abducted every day in UP.

216. **NASA just announced an ambitious plan to send a drone to Titan. Titan is the largest moon of which among the following planets?**

- A. Jupiter
- B. Saturn
- C. Mercury
- D. Venus

Correct Answer – B. Saturn

Explanation: Titan is Saturn's largest moon. It is considered to be a richly organic world of its own. The Dagonfly drone will be launched in 2026. Titan is the second largest moon in our solar system.

217. **Exporters body FIEO has elected _____ as its new President.**

- A. Sharad Kumar Saraf
- B. Ramesh Saini
- C. UK Mishra
- D. V Naipaul

Correct Answer – A. Sharad Kumar Saraf

Explanation: Saraf, at FIEO, has served twice as Vice-President and 4 times as Regional Chairman. He has replaced renowned exporter Ganesh Kumar Gupta. FIEO stands for Federation of Indian Export Organisations.

218. _____ is India's expensive city, according to the survey by global consulting leader

Mercer.

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Pune
- D. Bengaluru

Correct Answer – A. Mumbai

Explanation: According to Mercer's 25th Annual Cost of Living Survey, Mumbai is India's most expensive city owing to having one of the highest residential housing prices.

219. **Which among the following has appointed Madhukar Kumar as its Chief Analytics Officer?**

- A. Indeed
- B. Shine
- C. Amazon
- D. Flipkart

Correct Answer – B. Shine

Explanation: It is worth noting that Shine.com is currently focusing on ramping up its senior management team. He has over 13 years of experience across Artificial intelligence (AI), Machine learning (ML), data sciences, predictive analytics etc.

220. **The Odisha government has appointed _____ as the new Advocate General for the state.**

- A. Ashok Parija
- B. Ramesh Chand
- C. Tulsi Prasad
- D. Hemant Khare

Correct Answer – A. Ashok Parija

Explanation: He was designated as a Senior Advocate in 2003 in the Orissa High Court. He will replace erstwhile Advocate General Surya Prasad Misra.

221. **All panchayats will be provided high speed broadband connections under which among the following projects by March 2020?**

- A. RailWire
- B. IndiaGoogle
- C. BharatNet
- D. MuftSeva

Correct Answer – C. BharatNet

Explanation: BharatNet is a digital connectivity initiative. It was originally launched under UPA-II government.

222. **Who became the fastest batsman to score 20,000 international runs?**

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. M. S Dhoni
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Shikhar Dhawan

Correct Answer – A. Virat Kohli

Explanation: Virat surpassed Tendulkar & Brian Lara to get to the landmark. Kohli has been in superb form in the ICC cricket World Cup 2019.

223. **Which became the first central university to introduce answer sheet display system before result declaration?**

- A. JNU
- B. Delhi University

C. MANUU

D. AMU

Correct Answer – C. MANUU

Explanation: The students are provided opportunity to learn till the declaration of their results, through this system. According to Hyderabad-based Maulana Azad National Urdu University, it is the first central university in the country to introduce this system.

224. **Wildlife experts have discovered the Impressed Tortoise in which among the following states?**

A. Manipur

B. Arunachal Pradesh

C. Nagaland

D. Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer – B. Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation: The Impressed Tortoise measures one feet. This is a landmark development because there have been no concerted efforts to investigate and survey turtles in Northeast India. It's sighting will account for a 5% increase in the diversity of the species in the country.

225. _____ is observed as **MSME Day to promote and showcase innovations from Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises around the world.**

A. June 25

B. June 27

C. June 29

D. July 5

Correct Answer – B. June 27

Explanation: The contribution of the MSME sector to India's GDP is around 30%. MSMEs are the backbone of most economies worldwide.

226. **National Statistics Day is celebrated every year on _____.**

A. June 28

B. June 29

C. July 6

D. July 17

Correct Answer – B. June 29

Explanation: It marks the birth anniversary of renowned statistician Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis. He was born on 29 June 1893. He was an Indian Bengali scientist and applied statistician.

227. **Kalu police station has been ranked the best PS in the country. It is situated in which among the following states?**

A. Uttar Pradesh

B. Rajasthan

C. Haryana

D. Kerala

Correct Answer – B. Rajasthan

Explanation: On its performance in crime prevention, detection, community policing, Kalu emerged at the No.1 position. The 2018 survey covered of a set of police stations short listed from across the country.

228. **BJP named _____ as its candidate for a Rajya Sabha seat from Gujarat.**

A. S Jaishankar

B. Amit Shah

C. Narendra Modi

D. Arun Jaitley

E. None of these

Correct Answer – A. S Jaishankar

Explanation: He is a career diplomat and former foreign secretary. It is worth noting that a minister who is not a member of Parliament has to be elected as its member within 6 months of his/her swearing in.

229. _____ issued visas to 463 Indian Sikh pilgrims who are going to that country to observe the death anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh.

- A. Pakistan
- B. Iran
- C. Canada
- D. Nepal

Correct Answer – A. Pakistan

Explanation: The 463 Indian Sikh pilgrims will visit the neighbour country to observe Maharaja Ranjit Singh's death anniversary from June 27-July 6. This was done within the framework of the Pak-India Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines of 1974.

230. Who will be conferred Neerja Bhanot Award-2018 on Neerja's birth anniversary in Chandigarh?

- A. Wendy Sue Knecht
- B. Ritu Malhotra
- C. Teerath Singh
- D. Sifiya Haneef

Correct Answer – D. Sifiya Haneef

Explanation: The annual Neerja Bhanot Award was instituted in 1990. She is to awarded this for her exemplary contribution towards helping widows in distress.

231. Who became the 1st Bangladesh batsman to score 1000 World Cup runs?

- A. Shakib Al Hasan
- B. Tamim Iqbal
- C. Mushfiqur Rahim
- D. Liton Das

Correct Answer – A. Shakib Al Hasan

Explanation: Overall, Shakib is the 19th batsman to score 1000 World Cup runs. He has played 4 World Cups from 2007 to 2019. He reached the milestone in his 27th World Cup match.

232. Who among the following is popularly called the Modi of Odisha?

- A. Pratap Chandra Sarangi
- B. Anubhav Mohanty
- C. Baijayant Panda
- D. Jay Panda

Correct Answer – A. Pratap Chandra Sarangi

Explanation: Sarangi defeated two high-profile candidates in Balasore. He is fondly called 'Nana' & revered like an older brother. He was also the state president of Bajrang Dal.

233. Who has been appointed as the next director general of Indian Coast Guard?

- A. Rajendra Singh
- B. Krishnaswamy Natarajan
- C. Munish Chadha
- D. Alka Lamba

Correct Answer – B. Krishnaswamy Natarajan

Explanation: Krishnaswamy Natarajan is an alumnus of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. He will take over from Rajendra Singh, who retires on June 30.

234. **Who has been elected as the head of Asia-Pacific Group of the ILO?**

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Mohammad Shariatmadari
- C. Imran Khan
- D. Xi Jinping

Correct Answer – B. Mohammad Shariatmadari

Explanation: The appointment was made during the 108th session of the International Labor Conference. International Labor Organization aims to promote social justice and decent work by setting international labor standards.

235. **LESA, sometimes seen in the news, aims to rescue an astronaut should he or she suffer an injury on the lunar surface. Expand LESA.**

- A. Lunar Evacuation System Assembly
- B. Lunar Evacuation Service Assembly
- C. Lunar Evacuation Sci-Fi Assembly
- D. Lunar Evacuation Sonar Assembly

Correct Answer – A. Lunar Evacuation System Assembly

Explanation: It has been developed by the European Space Agency (ESA). It can be operated by a single astronaut to rescue a fallen colleague.

236. **NDA government recently appointed _____ as the new Research and Analysis Wing chief.**

- A. Arvind Bakshi
- B. Ramesh Kapoor
- C. Ajit Doval
- D. Samant Goel

Correct Answer – D. Samant Goel

Explanation: It is worth mentioning that Goel played an instrumental in planning the February 2019 Balakot air strikes and also the 2016 surgical strikes. Goel is currently the second seniormost officer in R&AW.

237. **Ministry of Information and broadcasting (MIB) will distribute around _____ free STBs of DD Free Dish among people living in far flung and border areas in Jammu and Kashmir.**

- A. 30,000
- B. 50,000
- C. 70,000
- D. 90,000

Correct Answer – A. 30,000

Explanation: It is worth noting that DD Free Dish will allow people in far flung and border areas to view 100 channels for free.

238. **Chief Minister of which among the following states kick-started his village stay campaign 'Grama Vastavya 2.0'?**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Punjab
- D. Haryana

Correct Answer – A. Karnataka

Explanation: This has been launched to keep his party afloat and boost the prospects of the

Janata Dal (S)-Cong coalition government in the state. It is worth noting that Kumaraswamy, in 2006-07, had popularised the 'Grama Vaastavya' in north Karnataka.

239. **The Hindu Group, has announced the appointment of _____ as Head of Brand Marketing recently.**

- A. Suresh Balkrishna
- B. Gagan Narang
- C. Aparajita Biswas
- D. Harish Khare

Correct Answer – C. Aparajita Biswas

Explanation: She is a marketing specialist with more than 12 years of experience in Brand Strategy & Corporate Communication. Her last stint was with Vodafone Idea Limited.

240. _____ **has emerged as the top ranking state in the second health index launched by NITI Aayog.**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. MP
- C. Kerala
- D. Andhra Pradesh

Correct Answer – C. Kerala

Explanation: According to the report titled 'Healthy States, Progressive India: Report on Rank of States and UTs', Kerala has emerged as the top ranking state. This index is a composite measure of States and UTs based on 23 health indicators.

241. **Who has recently bagged the prestigious RedInk Award for 'Journalist of the Year'?**

- A. Hemant Khare
- B. Rachna Khaira
- C. Sudhir Chaudhary
- D. Arnab Goswami

Correct Answer – B. Rachna Khaira

Explanation: Mumbai Press Club has instituted the RedInk Awards for Excellence in Journalism. She was awarded for her expose on the functioning of the Unique Identification Authority of Indian (UIDAI) and its Aadhar data cache.

242. **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor _____ resigned from his post citing to personal reasons.**

- A. Viral Acharya
- B. Shaktikanta Das
- C. S Jaishankar
- D. Raghuram Rajan

Correct Answer – A. Viral Acharya

Explanation: Acharya, when became, was the youngest deputy governor. He has been a strong advocate of conservatism when it came to both monetary policy and financial markets. He was a close aide of former governor Urjit Patel.

243. _____ **has agreed to revoke the citizenship of billionaire diamantaire Mehul Choksi after massive diplomatic pressure from India.**

- A. UAE
- B. Antigua
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Phillipines

Correct Answer – B. Antigua

Explanation: He is a key accused in the PNB scam. Choksi is currently based in the Caribbean nation of Antigua.

244. **Who has been named as the new chairman of Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)?**

- A. Amit Agarwal
- B. Rajan Anandan
- C. Dhruv Shringi
- D. Mehul Verma

Correct Answer – A. Amit Agarwal

Explanation: Agarwal will succeed former Google India MD Rajan Anandan. The tenure of the new council is for two years.

245. _____ is conducting the world's first-ever trial to construct roads using industrial waste from coal-fired power stations and steel manufacturing.

- A. New Delhi
- B. Sydney
- C. Washington
- D. Moscow

Correct Answer – B. Sydney

Explanation: This initiative can lower the pollution and greenhouse gases emitted during the production of concrete. Concrete contributes 7% of all greenhouse gas emissions.

246. **The anniversary of the National Emergency has been observed recently across the country. Late PM Indira Gandhi declared Emergency across the country on _____.**

- A. June 23, 1971
- B. June 25, 1975
- C. June 27, 1980
- D. June 30, 1984

Correct Answer – B. June 25, 1975

Explanation: The state of emergency was officially issued by President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed. It came to effect from June 25, 1975, and lasted till March 21, 1977.

247. **India proposed to host the 2023 International Olympic Committee (IOC) session in _____.**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Kolkata
- D. Mumbai

Correct Answer – D. Mumbai

Explanation: An IOC Session is the general meeting of the members of the Committee. It is held once a year. Each member has one vote in this.

248. **International Olympic Committee (IOC) formally opened its new headquarters in _____.**

- A. India
- B. Switzerland
- C. Russia
- D. Spain

Correct Answer – B. Switzerland

Explanation: The new headquarters costs 145 million US Dollars. It has been designed by architecture firm 3XN of Denmark.

249. As a memorable gesture, Japan gifted _____, a museum of peace built on the memories of one of the fiercest battles of the Second World War.

- A. Tripura
- B. Manipur
- C. Nagaland
- D. Assam

Correct Answer – B. Manipur

Explanation: It is barely 20km southwest of Manipur's capital Imphal. It has been developed on 10 acres of land at the foothill of Red Hill.

250. ReCAAP or RECAAP, sometimes seen in the news, stands for _____.

- A. Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against ships in Asia
- B. Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against ships in South America
- C. Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against ships in South Asia
- D. Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against ships in Africa

Correct Answer – A. Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against ships in Asia

Explanation: It is the first regional government-to-government (G2G) agreement to promote cooperation against piracy and armed robbery. The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC) was established in Singapore on November 29, 2006.

251. Hormozgan, sometimes seen in the news, is one of the provinces of _____.

- A. Iran
- B. Pakistan
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Syria

Correct Answer – A. Iran

Explanation: It was in news as Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards have shot down a US "spy" drone in Hormozgan. Tension between Iran and the United States has spiked since last year.

252. International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, is observed annually on _____.

- A. June 26
- B. July 7
- C. July 19
- D. August 5

Correct Answer – A. June 26

Explanation: According to the UNODC, nearly 200 million people are using illicit drugs such as cocaine, cannabis.

253. Which among the following has launched National Freight Index (NFI)?

- A. Infosys
- B. Rivigo
- C. TCS
- D. MindTree

Correct Answer – B. Rivigo

Explanation: Indian road freight market size is estimated at \$150 billion-\$160 billion. NFI will also give historical spot price movements of the road freight industry.

254. **Who has become the second Sri Lankan after Muttiah Muralitharan to pick 50-plus wickets in World Cup history?**

- A. Lasith Malinga
- B. Nuwan Pradeep
- C. Kusal Prera
- D. Rama Chasing

Correct Answer – A. Lasith Malinga

Explanation: After Muttiah Muralitharan, he is now the 2nd Sri Lankan to join the club. It is worth noting that only four bowlers have reached the landmark of 50 World Cup wickets.

255. **United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated on _____ of every year.**

- A. June 22
- B. June 23
- C. July 06
- D. July 12

Correct Answer – B. June 23

Explanation: In 2002, the UNGA designated June 23 of each year as United Nations Public Service Day. It aims to celebrate the value and virtue of public service to the community.

256. **World's largest multi-stage, multi-purpose lift irrigation project was dedicated to the nation by Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao. Name the project.**

- A. Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project
- B. Warangal Lift Irrigation Project
- C. Karimnagar Lift Irrigation Project
- D. Khammam Lift Irrigation Project

Correct Answer – A. Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project

Explanation: It will lift the water to a height of half-a-kilometer. The foundation stone for the Rs 80,500 crore project was laid in 2016. It has been built across Godavari river.

257. **_____ beat Japan 3-1 in the summit clash to win the International Hockey Federation (FIH) Series Finals.**

- A. China
- B. South Africa
- C. India
- D. North Korea

Correct Answer – C. India

Explanation: India is currently ranked No. 9 in the world. This win will now improve India's ranking. It is worth noting that Indian men won the FIH Series Finals in Bhubaneswar.

258. **Which state/UT is all set to launch its flagship universal health insurance scheme 'Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana' (SSBY) from July this year?**

- A. Delhi
- B. Punjab
- C. UP
- D. Haryana

Correct Answer – B. Punjab

Explanation: The state will provide an annual health coverage of Rs. 5 lakh per family per annum. This scheme isn't based on caste, gender or religion but includes all rural and urban families.

259. **India is the second largest fish producing country in the world as it accounts for _____ of the global fish production.**

- A. 6.3%

- B. 10.9%
- C. 12.6%
- D. 14.7%

Correct Answer – A. 6.3%

Explanation: Sustaining 14.5 million fishermen, the fisheries sector is growing at the rate of 7%. It is a sun rise sector in India, considering the commercially viable global tuna market.

260. **Who has been conferred 'Innovative Research Excellence Award 2019' at Asian Leadership Summit held at Thimphu?**

- A. Rakesh Gujral
- B. Gaurav Nigam
- C. Teerath Vajpayee
- D. Sujal Khatri

Correct Answer – B. Gaurav Nigam

Explanation: He was selected for the award for excellence in school education on basis of his excellent performance. He has been advocating for implementing STEM education approach.

261. **AV500 unmanned helicopter, sometimes seen in the news, is associated with which among the following countries?**

- A. China
- B. North Korea
- C. India
- D. Japan

Correct Answer – A. China

Explanation: It was in news as China's AV500 has successfully conducted its first night operation under challenging conditions. It can carry a 175-kg payload & fly at a maximum speed of 170 km/hr.

262. **NITI Aayog has published a new report in which it recommends that all vehicles on the country's roads be fully electric after the year _____.**

- A. 2022
- B. 2025
- C. 2028
- D. 2030

Correct Answer – D. 2030

Explanation: Niti Aayog has also proposed extending financial incentives like cash subsidy. It has also proposed local manufacturing of 50 GWh batteries by 2030.

263. **This year, the northern summer solstice falls on _____.**

- A. June 19
- B. June 21
- C. June 23
- D. June 25

Correct Answer – B. June 21

Explanation: Solstices occur because Earth's axis of rotation is tilted about 23.4 degrees relative to Earth's orbit around the sun. Solstice literally means "Sun stands still" in Latin.

264. **The theme of 5th International Yoga Day 2019 is _____.**

- A. Healthy Life
- B. Karmic Zindagi
- C. Climate Action
- D. Yoga For Peace

Correct Answer – C. Climate Action

Explanation: The theme focuses on the way how yoga can help us to solve the problem of climate change. The word 'yoga' is derived from Sanskrit and means 'to join'/to unite'.

265. **Strait of Hormuz, sometimes seen in the news, is a strait between the Persian Gulf and _____.**

- A. Gulf of Oman
- B. Bay of Fundy
- C. Hudson Bay
- D. Bay of Biscay

Correct Answer – A. Gulf of Oman

Explanation: A third of the world's LNG & almost 20% of total global oil consumption passes through the strait. This strait was in news as US military surveillance drone has been shot down by Iranian forces while flying over this strait.

266. **Who recently won "Global Social Media Icon 2019" at Malaysia Social Media Week?**

- A. Vijay Sharma
- B. Nishant Aggarwal
- C. Mehul Chauhan
- D. Malini Agarwal

Correct Answer – D. Malini Agarwal

Explanation: Agarwal is India's first digital millennial influencer and entrepreneur. She is the founder of MissMalini Entertainment. The event was held at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre at Puchong.

267. **More than 12,000 farmers have committed suicide in which among the following states between 2015 and 2018?**

- A. Punjab
- B. Maharashtra
- C. UP
- D. Gujarat

Correct Answer – B. Maharashtra

Explanation: Around 6888 cases were found to be eligible for government aid, out of the total farmer suicides during the three-year period.

268. **Which among the following become India's favourite tourist destination of 2019, according to travel site TripAdvisor's Travellers' Choice Awards?**

- A. Dharavi
- B. Taj Mahal
- C. Delhi Bazaar Walk
- D. Rock Garden

Correct Answer – A. Dharavi

Explanation: Asia's largest slum- Dharavi lies right in the middle of India's financial capital. This proved that experiencing local culture has become an important part of travelling.

269. **International Widows Day annually takes place on _____.**

- A. 21st June
- B. 23rd June
- C. 25th June
- D. 30th June

Correct Answer – B. 23rd June

Explanation: According to the latest figures, 14.6% of women aged 55–59 globally were widowed. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the plight of widows around the world.

270. _____ will become the first Asian country to host rugby union's marquee event.

- A. Japan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Maldives
- D. India

Correct Answer – A. Japan

Explanation: For the first time, it will be held in Asia. Japan 2019 will be the ninth Rugby World Cup. The first ever competition was joint-hosted by Australia and New Zealand, in 1987.

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