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Awards and Honours

1. **Who received the first 'Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence'?**

[A] Mina Swaminathan
[B] Hari Krishan Jain
[C] Vandana Shiva
[D] M S Swaminathan

Correct Answer: [D] M S Swaminathan

Explanation: Agricultural scientist Dr M S Swaminathan receives the first 'Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence' in Hyderabad from Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu.

2. **Who received the first 'Muppavarapu National Award for Social Service'?**

[A] Medha Patkar
[B] Gutta Muniratnam
[C] Kiran Bedi
[D] Sunitha Krishnan

Correct Answer: [B] Gutta Muniratnam

Explanation: Social worker Dr. Gutta Muniratnam receives the first 'Muppavarapu National Award for Social Service' in Hyderabad from Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu.

3. **Which country will be the guest of honour at the Paris Book Fair 2020?**

[A] USA
[B] Japan
[C] India
[D] Russia

Correct Answer: [C] India

Explanation: India will be the guest of honour at the Paris Book Fair 2020 to be held in March this year. This will be the third time that India would be the guest country at the fair after 2002 and 2007.

4. **Who won 2019 Costa Children's Award?**

[A] Jasbinder Bilan
[B] Chetan Bhagat
[C] Aravind Adiga
[D] Anita Desai

Correct Answer: [A] Jasbinder Bilan

Explanation: Jasbinder Bilan has won the UK based Costa Children's Award 2019. She has won the award for her debut novel 'Asha and the Spirit Bird'. She will receive 5,000 pounds as prize money associated with the award.

5. **Which of the following won the Best Motion Picture - Drama award at the Golden Globes 2020?**

[A] Joker
[B] The Farewell
[C] Rocketman
[D] 1917

Correct Answer: [D] 1917

Explanation: 1917 wins Best Motion Picture - Drama at the Golden Globes 2020. It is an epic war film directed, co-written and produced by Sam Mendes. The film stars George MacKay, Dean-Charles Chapman, Mark Strong, Andrew Scott, Richard Madden, Claire Duburcq, with Colin Firth and Benedict Cumberbatch.

6. **Who has been conferred with Nritya Kalanidhi Award?**

[A] Priyadarshini Govind
[B] Padma Subrahmanyam
[C] Yamini Krishnamurthy
[D] Mallika Sarabhai

Correct Answer: [A] Priyadarshini Govind

Explanation: Bharatnatyam dancer Priyadarshini Govind has been conferred with Nritya Kalanidhi Award. The award has been presented by the Madras Music Academy for her performance and efforts to propagate the art form.

7. **Who won the best Actor award in a Motion Picture - Drama at the Golden Globes 2020?**

[A] Taron Egerton
[B] Leonardo Dicaprio
[C] Joaquin Phoenix
[D] Ricky Gervais

Correct Answer: [C] Joaquin Phoenix

Explanation: Joaquin Phoenix wins Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture - Drama for the film Joker. Joker, starring Joaquin Phoenix. The film is a dark and disturbing take on the origins of the DC villain.

8. **Name the Indian women leg-spinner who has won the Best International Cricketer in Women's category Award in BCCI annual awards.**

[A] Shafali Verma
[B] Smriti Mandhana
[C] Anjum Chopra
[D] Poonam Yadav

Correct Answer: [D] Poonam Yadav

Explanation: The Indian women leg-spinner Poonam Yadav has won the Best International Cricketer in Women's category Award in BCCI annual awards.

Appointments

1. **Who has been appointed as new Director of the National Book Trust?**

- [A] Yuvraj Malik
- [B] Jyoti Sharma
- [C] Manoj Kumar Sinha
- [D] Raj Singh Yadav

Correct Answer: [A] Yuvraj Malik

Explanation: Lt Col Yuvraj Malik has been appointed the Director of the National Book Trust (NBT).

India's rank in different indexes

1. **What was India's rank in the recently released Henley Passport Index 2020?**

- [A] 84th
- [B] 94th
- [C] 105th
- [D] 74th

Correct Answer: [A] 84th

Explanation: India was ranked 84th in the recently released Henley Passport Index 2020.

Books and Authors

1. **Who is the author of 'Asha and the Spirit Bird'?**

- [A] Ashwin Sanghi
- [B] Rohinton Mistry
- [C] Jasbinder Bilan
- [D] Shashi Tharoor

Correct Answer: [C] Jasbinder Bilan

Explanation: Jasbinder Bilan has won the UK based Costa Children's Award 2019. She has won the award for her debut novel 'Asha and the Spirit Bird'. She will receive 5,000 pounds as prize money associated with the award.

Government Schemes

1. **Yashaswini Scheme for Women entrepreneurship has been launched in which state?**

- [A] Goa
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Karnataka

Correct Answer: [A] Goa

Explanation: Yashaswini Scheme for Women entrepreneurship launched in Panaji, Goa by Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Irani.

Indian Affairs

1. **Kolkata Port Trust in Kolkata recently celebrated its _____ anniversary?**

- [A] 75th
- [B] 100th
- [C] 125th
- [D] 150th

Correct Answer: [D] 150th

Explanation: On the 150th celebration of Kolkata Port Trust, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Port Anthem at Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Kolkata Port holds important place in the history of India.

2. **On the occasion of 150th year's celebration of Kolkata Port Trust, the Kolkata Port was renamed**

as?

- [A] Atal Bihari Vajpayee Port
- [B] L. K. Advani Port
- [C] Murlī Manohar Joshi Port
- [D] Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port

Correct Answer: [D] Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port

Explanation: The Kolkata Port has been renamed as Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port on the occasion of 150th years celebration of Kolkata Port Trust.

3. **Which edition of Kolkata Literary Festival is to begin from January 17?**

- [A] 5th
- [B] 9th
- [C] 11th

[D] 13th

Correct Answer: [C] 11th

Explanation: The three-day literary festival, which begins on January 17, will see participation of over 100 speakers and focus on themes of nationalism and identity, homeland, and belonging. The 11th edition of Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival will pay tribute to late novelist and award-winning author Nabaneeta Dev Sen who passed away on November 7 last year.

4. **Which of the following airport has received international recognition for reducing carbon emission?**

[A] Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata
[B] Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
[C] Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
[D] Chennai International Airport

Correct Answer: [A] Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata

Explanation: The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has announced 4 airports in India have received international recognition for reducing carbon emission. The airports had adopted the grading system in 2018 as per ACI. Four AAI airports - Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata; Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar; Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi and Trivandrum International Airport.

5. **The world's highest railway bridge will connect rest of the India with which city?**

[A] Ladakh
[B] Chail
[C] Munnar
[D] Kashmir

Correct Answer: [D] Kashmir

Explanation: The government has set a fresh deadline for the completion of the world's highest railway bridge that connects Kashmir to the rest of India by December 2021. It is the most challenging

project in the post-independent history of the Indian Railways.

6. **Which of the following place of Punjab is connected through Kartarpur Corridor?**

[A] Hoshiarpur
[B] Gurdaspur
[C] Amritsar
[D] Nawanshahr

Correct Answer: [B] Gurdaspur

Explanation: A corridor between the neighbouring nations of India and Pakistan, connecting the Sikh shrines of Dera Baba Nanak Sahib, Punjab (India) and Gurudwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Punjab(Pakistan).

7. **7th World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019 held in _____.**

[A] Kolkata
[B] Mumbai
[C] Bengaluru
[D] Hyderabad

Correct Answer: [B] Mumbai

Explanation: 7th World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019 held in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The theme of (WHEF) 2019 "Prosperous Society: Stronger Society" to bring together financially successful members in Hindu society such as traders, bankers, technocrats, investors, industrialists to share business knowledge, expertise and resources with their fellow brethren.

8. **Which state is to set up a zoo named after Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan?**

[A] Andhra Pradesh
[B] West Bengal
[C] Uttar Pradesh
[D] Social Activist

Correct Answer: [C] Uttar Pradesh

Explanation: Uttar Pradesh State government is to set up a zoological garden in Gorakhpur, UP. The zoo is to be named after the socialist and freedom fighter Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan.

International

1. **"Sea Guardians" is a naval drill between China and which country?**

[A] Pakistan
[B] India
[C] Japan
[D] North Korea

Correct Answer: [A] Pakistan

Explanation: China and Pakistan had launched a naval drill in North Arabian Sea called the Sea Guardians. The aim of the drill is to increase inter-

operability between the two navies. On January 10, 2020, India deployed its INS Vikramaditya in North Arabian Sea where the exercise is being held.

2. **Selfie museum has recently been inaugurated in which city?**

[A] New York
[B] Dubai
[C] Sydney
[D] Brussels

Correct Answer: [B] Dubai

Explanation: The Selfie Kingdom (TSK), Dubai's first ever dedicated selfie museum, has opened its doors for photo/selfie enthusiasts of all ages. Located Close to the Expo 2020 site, TSK is an interactive space that aims to inspire creativity, art, design and promote digital content.

3. **Who is the new Prime Minister of Spain?**

- [A] Francisco Franco
- [B] Albert Rivera
- [C] Santiago Abascal
- [D] Pedro Sanchez

Correct Answer: [D] Pedro Sanchez

Explanation: Spain's Parliament confirmed Socialist leader Pedro Sanchez as Prime Minister of the country on 7 January 2020. He will hold the office for another term at the helm of the country's first-ever coalition government since its return to democracy in the 1970s.

4. **Who won Croatia's presidential election?**

- [A] Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic
- [B] Andrej Plenkovic
- [C] Miroslav Skoro
- [D] Zoran Milanovic

Correct Answer: [D] Zoran Milanovic

Explanation: Zoran Milanovic won Croatia's presidential election. He is Croatia's center-left former prime minister. He defeated center-right incumbent Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic in a second-round vote. The presidential election was held on 22 December 2019. He belongs to the Social Democrats (SDP).

5. **The largest specimen of the world's biggest flower has been found in which country?**

- [A] Indonesia
- [B] Vietnam
- [C] Singapore
- [D] Japan

Correct Answer: [A] Indonesia

Explanation: Indonesian conservationists say they've spotted the biggest specimen ever of what's already been billed as one of the world's largest flowers. The giant Rafflesia tuan-mudae -- a fleshy red flower with white blister-like spots on its enormous petals -- came in at a whopping 111 centimetres (3.6 foot) in diameter. That's bigger than the previous record of 107 centimetres on a bloom also found in the jungles of West Sumatra several years ago.

6. **Which of the following country topped the recently released Henley Passport Index 2020?**

- [A] Japan
- [B] Singapore
- [C] North Korea
- [D] Germany

Correct Answer: [A] Japan

Explanation: Japan has topped the recently released Henley Passport Index 2020.

7. **Name the financial institution which has recently released Global Economic Prospects report.**

- [A] Asian Development Bank
- [B] World Trade Organization
- [C] World Bank
- [D] United Nations

Correct Answer: [C] World Bank

Explanation: World Bank has released Global Economic Prospects report.

Science and Technology

1. **George Laurer, who recently passed away was the inventor of which of the following services?**

- [A] Barcode
- [B] MICR
- [C] RTGS
- [D] None of these

Correct Answer: [A] Barcode

Explanation: George Laurer, the US engineer who helped develop the barcode, has passed away at the age of 94. Mr. Laurer has been recognized as the co-inventor of the Universal Product Code (UPC) or barcode.

2. **Which of the following institute will set up a task force on gene therapy in order to encourage research in the field?**

- [A] Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute
- [B] Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied

Fibers

- [C] Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- [D] The Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research

Correct Answer: [C] Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Explanation: The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) will set up a task force on gene therapy in order to encourage research in the field. The purpose of setting up the task force is to explore gene editing based therapeutic approaches that will treat illness.

3. **Which of the following launched India's First Service Audio Service 'Suno'?**

- [A] Netflix
- [B] Audible
- [C] Google

[D] Facebook

Correct Answer: [B] Audible

Explanation: Audible, a part of e-commerce giant Amazon, on December 12 launched an India-first audio service 'Suno'. Audible Suno - which will be available via a separate Android app - provides free and advertising-free access to hundreds of hours of original audio entertainment in Hindi and English.

4. **Which social media has inked an agreement with International Cricket Council to get exclusive digital content rights for ICC matches in South Asia, recently?**

[A] YouTube

[B] Instagram

[C] Twitter

[D] Facebook

Correct Answer: [D] Facebook

Explanation: The International Cricket Council has inked an agreement with Facebook, under which the social media platform will get exclusive digital content rights for select cricket matches in the Indian subcontinent including the Women's T20 World Cup 2020-22, Men's T20 World Cup 2020-21 and the Men's Cricket World Cup 2023. The social media platform also bagged the rights for match recaps for rest of the world for the next 4 years.

Sports

1. **Who recently received the Polly Umrigar award?**

[A] Virat Kohli

[B] Jasprit Bumrah

[C] Cheteshwar Pujara

[D] Kuldeep Yadav

Correct Answer: [B] Jasprit Bumrah

Explanation: India spearhead Jasprit Bumrah on January 12 headlined the BCCI Annual Awards function, grabbing the prestigious Polly Umrigar award apart from annexing the Dilip Sardesai honour for his exploits in international cricket in the 2018-19 season. Polly Umrigar award is presented to the best male International cricketer and it carries a citation, trophy and cheque for 15 lakh.

2. **Which country won ATP Cup tennis tournament?**

[A] Spain

[B] USA

[C] Serbia

[D] Switzerland

Correct Answer: [C] Serbia

Explanation: Team Serbia defeated Team Spain 2-1 in a blockbuster final to win the first ATP Cup at Ken Rosewall Arena in Sydney. Roberto Bautista Agut gave Spain the early advantage with a 7-5, 6-1 victory over Dusan Lajovic before Novak Djokovic

defeated Rafael Nadal 6-2, 7-6(4) in the battle of the No.1 players.

3. **Who won the men's doubles title at ATP Qatar Open tennis tournament?**

[A] Luke Bambridge and Santiago Gonzalez

[B] Rohan Bopanna and Wesley Koolhof

[C] Andreas Mies and Kevin Krawietz

[D] Henri Kontinen and Franco Skugor

Correct Answer: [B] Rohan Bopanna and Wesley Koolhof

Explanation: Rohan Bopanna in partnership with Wesley Koolhof of Netherlands beat Luke Bambridge and Santiago Gonzalez 3-6, 6-2, 10-6 to win the first doubles title of the season, in the \$1,465,260 ATP tennis tournament in Doha, Qatar.

4. **Which of the following teams recently won the 7th National Ice Hockey Championship women trophy?**

[A] Ladakh Women Team

[B] Chandigarh women team

[C] Delhi women team

[D] Maharashtra women team

Correct Answer: [A] Ladakh Women Team

Ladakh women team has won the 7th National Ice Hockey Championship women trophy.

Indian Economy

1. **Operation twist is a move of which bank to buy and sell government securities?**

[A] RBI

[B] SBI

[C] HDFC

[D] BoB

Correct Answer: [A] RBI

Explanation: On December 23, 2019, the Reserve

Bank of India will buy and sell government securities of Rs 10,000 crores under a special Open Market Operation. Such moves are implemented by the federal bank in order to bring down the interest rates of long-term securities. This time RBI has named its move as "Operation Twist".

2. **What is the fixed uniform tax rate on both state and private lottery?**

- [A] 30%
- [B] 28%
- [C] 25%
- [D] 20%

Correct Answer: [B] 28%

Explanation: The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council fixed a uniform tax rate of 28% on both state and private lottery. The 38th GST Council was chaired by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi. The new rate for the lottery will be effective from March 2020.

3. **According to a recent report by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, how much percent MSME sector has contributed to GDP?**

- [A] 25%
- [B] 29%
- [C] 32%
- [D] 36%

Correct Answer: [B] 29%

Explanation: Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises reported that Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector has contributed over 29% of Gross domestic product (GDP) and over 49% of Indian exports. The report was submitted by the Union MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari. The Indian government has taken many initiatives to enhance the competitiveness of MSMEs.

4. **According to the Rating agency CRISIL, what is the GDP growth for 2019-20?**

- [A] 5.1%
- [B] 6.1%
- [C] 4.5%

- [D] 5%

Correct Answer: [A] 5.1%

Explanation: Rating agency Crisil on December 2 sharply cut its growth forecast for the current financial year to 5.1 percent from an earlier estimate of 6.3 per cent. Growth in the second half of 2019-20 will go up to 5.5 percent, up from the 4.75 percent in the first half.

5. **Which of the following organization has recently released a report "National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI): 2019-2024"?**

- [A] National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- [B] Securities and Exchange Board of India
- [C] Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- [D] Reserve Bank of India

Correct Answer: [D] Reserve Bank of India

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India has released a report "National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI): 2019-2024".

6. **In its Global Economic Prospects report, World Bank has projected India's growth rate at ___ for fiscal year 2020.**

- [A] 5.0%
- [B] 5.2%
- [C] 5.4%
- [D] 5.6%

Correct Answer: [A] 5.0%

Explanation: In its Global Economic Prospects report, World Bank has projected India's growth rate at 5% for fiscal year 2020.

Indian Polity

1. **How many bills were passed in Rajya Sabha in the winter session of Parliament?**

- [A] 12
- [B] 10
- [C] 15
- [D] 8

Correct Answer: [C] 15

Explanation: Union parliamentary affairs minister Pralhad Joshi on December 13 informed media that a total of 14 bills were passed in the Lok Sabha and 15 were passed in the Rajya Sabha during the recently concluded Winter Session of the Parliament. In the winter session, Lok Sabha passed 14 bills and the Rajya Sabha passed 15 bills. Productivity was 116 percent in Lok Sabha and 100 percent in Rajya Sabha.

2. **According to the recently passed Constitution amendment bill, the reservation to SCs and STs in**

- Lok Sabha and state assemblies will be extended by how many years?**

- [A] 15 years
- [B] 10 years
- [C] 5 years
- [D] 8 years

Correct Answer: [B] 10 years

Explanation: Rajya Sabha passed a Constitution amendment bill to extend reservation to SCs and STs in Lok Sabha and state assemblies by another 10 years. The bill was passed by Lok Sabha on 10 December.

3. **Which Article is related with "Abolition of Untouchability"?**

- [A] Article 20
- [B] Article 19
- [C] Article 18
- [D] Article 17

Correct Answer: [D] Article 17

Explanation: Article 17 of the constitution abolishes the practice of untouchability. Practice of untouchability is an offence and anyone doing so is punishable by law.

4. **Who is the longest serving Chief Minister of any Indian state?**

- [A] Lal Thanhawla
- [B] Gegong Apang
- [C] Pawan Kumar Chamling
- [D] Jyoti Basu

Correct Answer: [C] Pawan Kumar Chamling

Explanation: Pawan Kumar Chamling of the Sikkim Democratic Front was the longest serving Chief Minister of Sikkim from 1994-2019.

5. **Census exercise India-2021 will begin on 1st April 2020 and will be conducted by the Office of the**

Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India. It comes under which of the following ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Defence
- [B] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- [D] Ministry of Finance

Correct Answer: [B] Ministry of Home Affairs

Explanation: Census exercise India-2021 will begin on 1st April 2020 and will end on 30th of September 2020. The responsibility of conducting the Census rests with the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India under Ministry of Home Affairs.

Important Day and themes

1. **Lohri day is celebrated on which date?**

- [A] 11th January
- [B] 12th January
- [C] 13th January
- [D] 14th January

Correct Answer: [C] 13th January

Explanation: Lohri day is celebrated on 13 January every year in India. Lohri is termed as the festival of farmers in Northern India. It is observed a night before Makar Sankranti.

2. **National Youth Day is celebrated on which date?**

- [A] 11th January
- [B] 12th January
- [C] 13th January
- [D] 14th January

Correct Answer: [B] 12th January

Explanation: The birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda also called Swami Vivekananda Jayanti is celebrated every year on 12 January. He was born on 12 January, 1863. The government had decided to observe it as National Youth Day because the philosophy of Swamiji and the ideals for which he lived and worked could be a great source of inspiration for the Indian Youth. He had given speech at the Parliament of the World's religions in Chicago and glorified India's name.

3. **Death anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri is observed on which date?**

- [A] 9th January
- [B] 10th January
- [C] 11th January
- [D] 12th January

Correct Answer: [C] 11th January

Explanation: He was the second Prime Minister of Independent India. He popularized the slogan 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan' He actively participated in the India's freedom struggle. Due to cardiac arrest he died on 11 January, 1966.

4. **World Hindi Day is observed on which date?**

- [A] 7th January
- [B] 8th January
- [C] 9th January
- [D] 10th January

Correct Answer: [D] 10th January

Explanation: World Hindi Day is observed on 10 January 2020. It is observed every year. The day ensures to promote the Hindi language around the world. World Hindi Day is different from National Hindi Day.

5. **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated on which date?**

- [A] 7th January
- [B] 8th January
- [C] 9th January
- [D] 10th January

Correct Answer: [C] 9th January

Explanation: Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is a celebratory day observed on 9 January by the Republic of India to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community towards the development of India. The day commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to Ahmedabad on 9 January 1915.

Festivals and Venues

1. **Karavali Utsav is being celebrated in which state?**

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Telangana
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: [C] Karnataka

Explanation: A 10-day coastal Karnataka festival 'Karavali Utsav' began on January 10. The festival will last till January 19 at Karavali Utsav Ground in Kadri Park at Panambur Beach. The three-decade-old Karavali Utsav is a festival of Karwar, a coastal district of Karnataka which has its own culture and traditions.

2. **Name the city which is hosting the World Future Energy Summit 2020.**

- [A] Kabul
- [B] Abu Dhabi
- [C] London
- [D] Doha

Correct Answer: [B] Abu Dhabi

Explanation: The World Future Energy Summit was recently started in Abu Dhabi.

3. **Name the city which hosted the 31st International Kite Festival recently.**

- [A] Ahmedabad
- [B] Gandhinagar
- [C] Surat
- [D] Junagadh

Correct Answer: [A] Ahmedabad

Explanation: The 31st International Kite Festival has been launched at Sabarmati river front in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

4. **The 4th edition of 'Buxa Bird Festival' has started in Buxa National Park in Alipurduar district of?**

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Manipur
- [C] Uttarakhand
- [D] West Bengal

Correct Answer: [D] West Bengal

Explanation: The 4th edition of 'Buxa Bird Festival' has started in Buxa National Park in West Bengal's, district Alipurduar.

Obituary

1. **Chidananda Murthy, who recently passed away was a famous person of which profession?**

- [A] Epigraphist
- [B] Palaeographer
- [C] Philosopher
- [D] Anthropologist

Correct Answer: [A] Epigraphist

Explanation: Noted Kannada scholar, epigraphist and activist Chidananda Murthy dies in Bengaluru at 88.

2. **Thomas Antony, who recently died at 62, was a famous person of which profession?**

- [A] Journalist
- [B] Cartoonist
- [C] Musician
- [D] Doctor

Correct Answer: [B] Cartoonist

Explanation: Eminent caricaturist and Kerala Cartoon Academy secretary Thomas Antony died in the early hours of January 12 after suffering a heart attack at Kottackal in Malappuram district. Antony, 62, is survived his wife and a son. He was working as the executive artist with Malayalam daily 'Metro Vaartha'.

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