

Current Affairs GK: 15-31 December 2019

1. **The first edition of Mandu Festival begins at Mandu, picturesque fort city of?**

[A] Uttar Pradesh
[B] Madhya Pradesh
[C] Arunachal Pradesh
[D] Madhya Pradesh

Correct Answer: [D] Madhya Pradesh

Explanation: The first edition of Mandu Festival begins at Mandu, picturesque fort city of Madhya Pradesh.

2. **Which country has deployed its 1st Avangard Hypersonic missile system with latest strategic missiles of intercontinental range?**

[A] Russia
[B] China
[C] Japan
[D] US

Correct Answer: [A] Russia

Explanation: Russia deploys its 1st Avangard Hypersonic missile system with latest strategic missiles of intercontinental range.

3. **Noted Economist and Political Analyst S Gurumurthy released a book titled "Politics of Opportunism: Regional Parties, Coalitions, Centre-State Relations In India". The book is authored by?**

[A] Arundhati Roy
[B] Vikram Seth
[C] Salman Rushdie
[D] R P N Singh

Correct Answer: [D] R P N Singh

Explanation: Noted Economist and Political Analyst S Gurumurthy released a book titled "Politics of Opportunism: Regional Parties, Coalitions, Centre-State Relations In India". The book is authored by R P N Singh.

4. **Name the mobile app recently launched by Raksha Mantri for the forthcoming Def Expo 2020.**

[A] DefSpeaker 2020
[B] DefSeminar 2020
[C] DefExpo 2020
[D] DefWebinar 2020

Correct Answer: [C] DefExpo 2020

Explanation: Raksha Mantri has launched the "DefExpo 2020" mobile app of the forthcoming DefExpo 2020.

5. **Name the Veteran Political cartoonist who also worked as a staff cartoonist at various newspapers, including the Times of India and the Mid-day, passed away recently.**

[A] R. K. Laxman

[B] K. Shankar Pillai

[C] Abu Abraham

[D] Vikas Sabnis

Correct Answer: [D] Vikas Sabnis

Explanation: Veteran Political cartoonist Vikas Sabnis, who also worked as a staff cartoonist at various newspapers, including the Times of India and the Mid-day, passed away recently.

6. **Which country has successfully launched its largest carrier rocket "Long March-5"?**

[A] Russia
[B] US
[C] North Korea
[D] China

Correct Answer: [D] China

Explanation: China has successfully launched its largest carrier rocket "Long March-5".

7. **Name the Australian pace bowler who recently announced his retirement from International Cricket.**

[A] Josh Hazlewood
[B] Pat Cummins
[C] Kagiso Rabada
[D] Peter Siddle

Correct Answer: [D] Peter Siddle

Explanation: Australian pace bowler Peter Siddle has announced his retirement from International Cricket.

8. **Which bank is going to introduce One Time Password (OTP)-based ATM cash withdrawals which will be effective from January 1, 2020?**

[A] Punjab National Bank
[B] Andhra Bank
[C] Canara Bank
[D] State Bank of India

Correct Answer: [D] State Bank of India

Explanation: State Bank of India will introduce One Time Password (OTP)-based ATM cash withdrawals which will be effective from January 1, 2020.

9. **Union Home Minister laid the foundation stone of Directorate General Building of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in?**

[A] Mumbai
[B] Chennai
[C] Kolkata
[D] New Delhi

Correct Answer: [D] New Delhi

Explanation: Union Home Minister laid the foundation stone of Directorate General Building of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in New Delhi.

10. **Who among the following has sworn in as the 11th Chief Minister of Jharkhand?**

- [A] Shibu Soren
- [B] Hemant Soren
- [C] Babulal Marandi
- [D] Raghubar Das

Correct Answer: [B] Hemant Soren

Explanation: Hemant Soren sworn in as the 11th Chief Minister of Jharkhand.

11. **Name the Indian Grandmaster who recently won the World Women's Rapid Chess Championship held in Moscow, Russia.**

- [A] Harika Dronavalli
- [B] Tania Sachdev
- [C] Padmini Rout
- [D] Koneru Humpy

Correct Answer: [D] Koneru Humpy

Explanation: Indian Grandmaster Koneru Humpy wins the World Women's Rapid Chess Championship held in Moscow, Russia.

12. **Name the NASA Astronaut who has created a record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman.**

- [A] Peggy Whitson
- [B] Christina Koch
- [C] Anne McClain
- [D] Jessica Meir

Correct Answer: [B] Christina Koch

Explanation: NASA Astronaut Christina Koch has created a record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman.

13. **The Home Minister also launched a new logo "_____ " for those engaged in providing security to the common man and VIPs giving them a new identity.**

- [A] Ghatak
- [B] Garud
- [C] Ashoka
- [D] Shaurya

Correct Answer: [B] Garud

Explanation: The Home Minister also launched a new logo "Garud" for those engaged in providing security to the common man and VIPs giving them a new identity.

14. **Name the two Indian cricketers who featured in Wisden's "T20 International Team of the decade" released recently.**

- [A] Virat Kohli & Jasprit Bumrah
- [B] Virat Kohli & Rohit Sharma
- [C] KL Rahul & Jasprit Bumrah
- [D] Virat Kohli & Kuldeep Yadav

Correct Answer: [A] Virat Kohli & Jasprit Bumrah

Explanation: India skipper Virat Kohli and pace bowler

Jasprit Bumrah were the only Indians in Wisden's T20 International team of the decade.

15. **State Bank of India will introduce One Time Password (OTP)-based ATM cash withdrawals for every cash withdrawal of _____ and above between 8 am and 8 pm.**

- [A] Rs 2,000
- [B] Rs 5,000
- [C] Rs 8,000
- [D] Rs 10,000

Correct Answer: [D] Rs 10,000

Explanation: State Bank of India will introduce One Time Password (OTP)-based ATM cash withdrawals for every cash withdrawal of Rs 10,000 and above between 8 am and 8 pm.

16. **Name the book authored by Boria Majumdar with Nalin Mehta which was released recently and chronicle India's Olympic journey.**

- [A] Shining Billions: India and the Olympic Games
- [B] Dreams of a Billion: India and the Olympic Games
- [C] Dreams of Sports Prosperity: India and the Olympic Games
- [D] Dreams of Medals: India and the Olympic Games

Correct Answer: [B] Dreams of a Billion: India and the Olympic Games

Explanation: A book titled "Dreams of a Billion: India and the Olympic Games", authored by Boria Majumdar with Nalin Mehta was released recently.

17. **Name the train recently started by Indian Railways on the heritage Kalka-Shimla route having glass rooftop to have a panoramic view of the hilly region.**

- [A] Parwat Darshan Express
- [B] Shiv Darshan Express
- [C] Sheetal Darshan Express
- [D] Him Darshan Express

Correct Answer: [D] Him Darshan Express

Explanation: Indian Railways has started a glass-enclosed vistadome "Him Darshan Express" train on the heritage Kalka-Shimla route.

18. **Name the Indian ophthalmologist who was conferred with the American Academy of Ophthalmology's (AAO) highest award Life Achievement honour.**

- [A] Dr Pavuluri Krishna Choudary
- [B] Dr Rajesh Fogla
- [C] Dr Sudhir Kumar
- [D] Dr Santosh G Honavar

Correct Answer: [D] Dr Santosh G Honavar

Explanation: Dr Santosh G Honavar was conferred with the American Academy of Ophthalmology's (AAO) highest award Life Achievement honour.

19. **The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank has announced a loan of \$145 million to improve irrigation**

services and strengthen flood risk management in?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Haryana
- [C] Punjab
- [D] West Bengal

Correct Answer: [D] West Bengal

Explanation: The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank has announced a loan of \$145 million to improve irrigation services and strengthen flood risk management in West Bengal.

20. **Who has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of India?**

- [A] Nirupama Rao
- [B] Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- [C] Ranjan Mathai
- [D] Sujatha Singh

Correct Answer:

Explanation: Senior diplomat Harsh Vardhan Shringla, India's Ambassador to the US, has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary.

21. **DRDO has successfully flight-tested its Surface to Air Missile system in Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the Odisha coast. What is the name of Surface to Air Missile system?**

- [A] SRBM
- [B] QRSAM
- [C] QRBAM
- [D] Shaurya

Correct Answer: [B] QRSAM

Explanation: Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) was successfully flight-tested from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the Odisha coast.

22. **Name the exercise which was conducted by Indian Coast Guard (ICG) to validate and reinforce the response mechanism for oil pollution incidents and enable the Indian Coast Guard to fine-tune the actions required in such eventualities.**

- [A] Swachhh Deep
- [B] Swachhh Blue
- [C] Swachhh Ocean
- [D] Swachhh Sea

Correct Answer: [C] Swachhh Ocean

Explanation: The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted a two-day regional level pollution response exercise named 'Swachhh Samundra NW-2019' at sea off Vadinar in Gulf of Kutch.

23. _____ has emerged as the world's third-largest publisher of science and engineering articles, according to a latest US report.

- [A] Pakistan

[B] UAE United Kingdom

[C] India

[D] Japan

Correct Answer: [C] India

Explanation: India has emerged as the world's third-largest publisher of science and engineering articles, according to a latest US report.

24. **In which of the following railway station Indian railway open 'Oxygen Parlour' to battle rising air pollution in cities?**

- [A] Vijayawada Railway Station
- [B] Charbagh Railway Station
- [C] Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus
- [D] Nashik Railway station

Correct Answer: [D] Nashik Railway station

Explanation: In a unique initiative to battle rising air pollution in cities, an 'Oxygen Parlour' has been opened at Nashik railway station to provide an experience of breathing clean air to the commuters. The initiative comes with the efforts of Airo Guard in collaboration with the Indian Railways.

25. **Which of the following state recently inaugurated its first "Janta clinic" to provide free primary health care to people living in slums?**

- [A] Bihar
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Rajasthan
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

Correct Answer: [C] Rajasthan

Explanation: Rajasthan Chief Minister inaugurated its first "Janta clinic" at in the Malviya Nagar area of Jaipur. This clinic open to provide free primary health care to people living in slums.

26. **Which day was observed as Kisan Diwas or National Farmers' Day?**

- [A] 25 December
- [B] 20 December
- [C] 31 December
- [D] 23 December

Correct Answer: [D] 23 December

Explanation: Kisan Diwas or National Farmers' Day is observed across India on December 23.

27. **Who among the following has been appointed as the President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)?**

- [A] Roopa Kudva
- [B] Sangita Reddy
- [C] Mallika Srinivasan
- [D] Shikha Sharma

Correct Answer: [B] Sangita Reddy

Explanation: Sangita Reddy, Joint Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Group, has taken over as the President

of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) for 2019-20.

28. **National Farmers' Day was observed in the remembrance of?**
[A] Rajiv Gandhi
[B] Morarji Desai
[C] Chaudhary Charan Singh
[D] Lal Bahadur Shastri
Correct Answer: [C] Chaudhary Charan Singh
Explanation: The National Farmers' Day honours Chaudhary Charan Singh, the 5th Prime Minister of India whose was born on this day.
29. **Defense Minister chaired a meeting of the Consultative Committee of Parliament for the Ministry of Defense. Who is the present defense minister of India?**
[A] Amit Shah
[B] Nitin Jairam Gadkari
[C] Rajnath Singh
[D] Smriti Irani
Correct Answer: [C] Rajnath Singh
Explanation: Defense Minister Rajnath Singh chaired a meeting of the Consultative Committee of Parliament for the Ministry of Defense, held in New Delhi.
30. **Name the cricketer who has been announced by the top tier of Spanish club football "La Liga" as its brand ambassador in India.**
[A] M S Dhoni
[B] Virat Kohli
[C] Rohit Sharma
[D] K L Rahul
Correct Answer: [C] Rohit Sharma
Explanation: The top tier of Spanish club football "La Liga" has announced cricketer Rohit Sharma as its brand ambassador in India.
31. **Name the former Nandi Award winner and renowned Telugu actor and writer who passed away recently.**
[A] Kodi Ramakrishna
[B] Kaikala Satyanarayana
[C] Gollapudi Maruti Rao
[D] K. Viswanath
Correct Answer: [C] Gollapudi Maruti Rao
Explanation: Former Nandi Award winner and renowned Telugu actor and writer Gollapudi Maruti Rao passed away recently.
32. **Amazon's audiobook company Audible has launched a new app "_____ " in India.**
[A] Audible Lyrics
[B] Audible Singing
[C] Audible Suno
[D] Audible Bolo
Correct Answer: [C] Audible Suno

- Explanation:** Amazon's audiobook company Audible has launched a new app "Audible Suno" in India.
33. **Who was given additional charge of Meghalaya as governor?**
[A] RN Ravi
[B] Tathagata Roy
[C] Ganga Prasad
[D] Prem Singh Tamang
Correct Answer: [A] RN Ravi
RN Ravi, Governor of Nagaland, was given additional charge of Meghalaya. He was assigned with the additional responsibility as Meghalaya Governor, Tathagata Roy, is on a leave.
34. **Recently International Astronomical Union (IAU) announced a new star to which name?**
[A] Agni
[B] Sharjah
[C] Bibii
[D] Prakash
Correct Answer: [B] Sharjah
The International Astronomical Union (IAU) announced the names of the newly discovered stars and planets, where the name "Sharjah" was chosen for a star with "Barjeel" being the name of one of its planets.
35. **Recently Gita Siddharth Kak passed away in Mumbai. She was related to which field?**
[A] Journalist
[B] Actress
[C] Singer
[D] Social Activist
Correct Answer: [B] Actress
Actress Gita Siddharth Kak passed away in Mumbai. The actress is best known for her role in M.S. Sathya's 1973 classic 'Garm Hava'.
36. **The FIDE Women's Grand Prix (WGP) held in which city?**
[A] New York
[B] Monaco
[C] Paris
[D] Rome
Correct Answer: [B] Monaco
Grandmaster Koneru Humpy finished second in the FIDE Women's Grand Prix (WGP) which concluded in Monaco. Alexandra Kosteniuk won the Women's Grand Prix. It is her her third consecutive tournament.
37. **Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of the much-awaited Bharat Vandana Park in which state?**
[A] UP
[B] New Delhi
[C] Bihar
[D] Chhattisgarh

Correct Answer: [B] New Delhi

Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of the much-awaited Bharat Vandana Park in Dwarka, Delhi.

38. **Who was named ICC women's player of the year 2019?**

[A] Rachael Heyhoe Flint

[B] Ellyse Perry

[C] Smriti Mandhana

[D] Alyssa Healy

Correct Answer: [B] Ellyse Perry

Ellyse Perry has been crowned the international women's cricketer of the year, as Australia scooped the pool at the ICC awards. Perry claimed the Rachael Heyhoe-Flint award for the second time in three years, and was also named the ODI player of the year.

39. **The upgraded version of which rocket system was recently successfully test-fired from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, off the Odisha coast?**

[A] Agni

[B] Pinaka

[C] Suraksha

[D] Pravesh

Correct Answer: [B] Pinaka

Upgraded version of Pinaka guided rocket system successfully test-fired from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, off the Odisha coast.

40. **Which Company has partnered with local store owners of India for its 'I Have Space' (IHS) programme to provide pickup and delivery services to customers?**

[A] Dailyobjects

[B] Flipkart

[C] Amazon

[D] Myntra

Correct Answer: [C] Amazon

Amazon India has partnered with local store owners of India for its 'I Have Space' (IHS) programme to provide pickup and delivery services to customers.

41. **Who took charge as the Chairman and Managing director of General Insurance Corporation of India?**

[A] Avnish Kumar Singh

[B] Devesh Srivastava

[C] Mahendra Chaturvedi

[D] Swati Singh

Correct Answer: [B] Devesh Srivastava

Devesh Srivastava took charge as the Chairman and Managing director of General Insurance Corporation of India.

42. **Recently Gitanath Ganguly passed away. He was related to which field?**

[A] Sports

[B] Author

[C] Politics

[D] Journalism

Correct Answer: [A] Sports

Mohun Bagan's president Gitanath Ganguly, a crusader against noise pollution and a member of Legal Aid Service of West Bengal, died after a heart attack in Kolkata. He was 83.

43. **Recently Shriram Lagoo passed away. He was related to which field?**

[A] Actor

[B] Sports

[C] Social Activist

[D] Journalist

Correct Answer: [A] Actor

Veteran actor and acclaimed theatre personality Shriram Lagoo has passed away in Pune. He was 92. Shreeram Lagoo, who has acted in over 100 Hindi and Marathi films, was an ENT surgeon. He has also worked in more than 40 Marathi, Hindi and Gujarati plays.

44. **Who is the author of the book An Era of Darkness?**

[A] Arundhati Roy

[B] Shashi Tharoor

[C] Nandkishor Acharya

[D] Ramprasad Pal

Correct Answer: [B] Shashi Tharoor

Politician writer Shashi Tharoor and clay right nandkishor Acharya are among 23 writers who will be honored with the Sahitya Academy Award 2019. The National Academy of letters announced the names of the winners recently.

45. **In which state, Orange festival was observed?**

[A] Meghalaya

[B] Manipur

[C] Odisha

[D] Telangana

Correct Answer: [B] Manipur

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated the three-day state-level orange festival begins at district headquarters Tamenglong. Tamenglong district is largest producer of orange fruit in Manipur.

46. **Telecom operators will continue to pay 6 paise per minute for every outgoing call made to their competitors' network till which year?**

[A] March 31,2020

[B] April 30,2020

[C] Dec 31,2020

[D] August 31,2020

Correct Answer: [C] Dec 31,2020

Telecom operators will continue to pay 6 paise per minute for every outgoing call made to their competitors' network till December 31, 2020.

47. **Who has been voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2019?**

- [A] Eoin Morgan
- [B] Joe Root
- [C] Ben Stokes
- [D] James Anderson

Correct Answer: [C] Ben Stokes

England cricketer Ben Stokes has been voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2019. The England batsman became the first cricketer to win the prize since Andrew Flintoff in 2005 after a summer of batting heroics during both the World Cup and the Ashes.

48. **Which state government launched “Jal Sathi” initiative to engage the women from self-help groups in water distribution?**

- [A] West Bengal
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Bihar

Correct Answer: [B] Odisha

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched “Jal Sathi” initiative to engage the women from self-help groups in water distribution and consumer management with the aim of women empowerment.

49. **In which city, Haneda Airport is situated where robots will be greeting and guiding travellers during 2020 Olympics?**

- [A] Brasilia
- [B] Tokyo
- [C] Singapore City
- [D] New Delhi

Correct Answer: [B] Tokyo

As the 2020 Tokyo Olympics edge closer, Haneda airport’s operators have revealed that the robots will be greeting and guiding travellers.

50. **World’s first liquid hydrogen carrier ship launched in which country?**

- [A] China
- [B] Japan
- [C] Myanmar
- [D] Russia

Correct Answer: [B] Japan

Japan’s Kawasaki Heavy Industries debuted the world’s first marine carrier that transports liquefied hydrogen, using technology that will vastly expand cargo capacity of the green energy source.

51. **What is the rank of Indian men’s football team in latest FIFA rankings?**

- [A] 109th
- [B] 108th
- [C] 110th
- [D] 105th

Correct Answer: [B] 108th

The Indian men’s football team remained static at 108th spot in the year-ending FIFA rankings issued recently. India, however, lost 11 places throughout the year.

52. **Which state/UT has been selected for national award by Union Rural Development Ministry for best performance in the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)?**

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Jammu and Kashmir
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: [B] Jammu and Kashmir

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been selected for national award by Union Rural Development Ministry for best performance in the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The award distribution ceremony will be held at Pusa, New Delhi.

53. **The Five-day music festival ‘Tansen Samaroh’ begins in which city?**

- [A] Pune
- [B] Gwalior
- [C] Lucknow
- [D] Surat

Correct Answer: [B] Gwalior

Explanation: In Madhya Pradesh, popular classical music festival ‘Tansen Samaroh’ began with traditional style in Gwalior with the recitations of Harikatha and Milad. The five-day festival is celebrated every year in the memory of one of the most eminent singers of Indian history, ‘Mian Tansen’.

54. **What is the rank of India on WEF’s Global Gender Gap Report?**

- [A] 111
- [B] 112
- [C] 113
- [D] 115

Correct Answer: [B] 112

India has slipped four places on the World Economic Forum’s Global Gender Gap index 2020 to 112, due to rising disparity in terms of women’s health and participation in the economy. Moreover, India is now ranked in the bottom-five in terms of women’s health and survival and economic participation.

55. **Which team has been crowned FIFA’s Team of the Year for finishing top of the world rankings for the second December in a row?**

- [A] Uruguay
- [B] Belgium
- [C] Brazil

[D] France

Correct Answer: [B] Belgium

Belgium has been crowned FIFA's Team of the Year for finishing top of the world rankings for the second December in a row. World champions France conclude the year in second place, with Brazil third, England fourth and Uruguay fifth.

56. **Which country PM announced Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize?**

[A] Ukraine

[B] Portugal

[C] Afghanistan

[D] Zimbabwe

Correct Answer: [B] Portugal

Portuguese Prime Minister, Antonio Costa has announced that in order to help perpetuate Mahatma Gandhi's ideals, Portugal will be launching a Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize, each year inspired by his different thoughts and quotes.

57. **The 8th India-China joint training exercise 'HAND-IN-HAND 2019' held in which city?**

[A] Dispur

[B] Shillong

[C] Pune

[D] Kochi

Correct Answer: [B] Shillong

The 8th India-China joint training exercise 'HAND-IN-HAND 2019' with the theme counter-terrorism under the United Nations' mandate is being conducted in Meghalaya.

58. **Who has been appointed as next chief of Indian Army?**

[A] Rajendrasinhji Jadeja

[B] Bipin Rawat

[C] Manoj Mukund Naravane

[D] MK Makakatju

Correct Answer: [C] Manoj Mukund Naravane

Explanation: Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund Naravane, a soldier who has experience on all operational fronts- both land borders as well as counter insurgency operations, will be the next Chief of the Indian Army.

59. **The 14th edition of the 'Toshali National Crafts' Mela began in which city?**

[A] Pune

[B] Bhubaneswar

[C] Kanpur

[D] Dispur

Correct Answer: [B] Bhubaneswar

The 14th edition of the 'Toshali National Crafts' Mela began in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The mela was organised by the Handlooms, Textile, and Handicrafts

Department, Odisha. About 50 weavers from different states of the country participated in the mela.

60. **Recently L.S. Sheshagiri Rao passed away. He was related to which field?**

[A] Writer

[B] Sports

[C] Journalist

[D] Politics

Correct Answer: [A] Writer

Kannada writer and critic L.S. Sheshagiri Rao, referred to as LSS in literary circles, passed away in Bengaluru. He was 94.

61. **Recently which carnival has been removed from UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list?**

[A] Mexican

[B] Belgian

[C] Kenyan

[D] Indiana

Correct Answer: [B] Belgian

A Belgian carnival has been removed from UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list after officials found the "recurrence of racist and anti-Semitic representations" to be incompatible with its principles.

62. **Which country lifted the title of U17 Women's Football Tournament?**

[A] India

[B] Sweden

[C] Thailand

[D] Nepal

Correct Answer: [B] Sweden

Sweden trounced India 4-0 in the final of the U17 Women's Football Tournament 2019 at the Mumbai Football Arena, Maharashtra.

63. **Which Government conducted 'Suposhan Abhiyan' to help tribals?**

[A] Jharkhand

[B] Chhattisgarh

[C] Madhya Pradesh

[D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: [B] Chhattisgarh

The Chhattisgarh government has conducted various programmes under the scheme 'Suposhan Abhiyan' in local languages in Bastar with the help of local artists.

64. **Who has been named as the most famous teenager in the world by the United Nations?**

[A] Greta Thunberg

[B] Malala Yousafzai

[C] Millie Bobby Brown

[D] Storm Reid

Correct Answer: [B] Malala Yousafzai

Explanation: Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai was declared as the 'most famous teenager in

the world' by the United Nations in its 'decade in review' report released on December 23, 2019. The young education activist was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman while taking a bus from school in October 2012.

65. **When 'Good Governance Day' is observed in India every year?**

- [A] 20 December
- [B] 12 December
- [C] 25 December
- [D] 15 December

Correct Answer: [C] 25 December

Explanation: The Good Governance Day is observed annually across India on December 20th. The day is observed to commemorate the birthday of former Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. This day was first celebrated in the year 2014. Vajpayee is considered as one of the most influential leaders of Indian politics.

66. **Which state was ranked number-1 in the Good Governance Index released by the Central Government?**

- [A] Telangana
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Haryana

Correct Answer: [B] Tamil Nadu

Explanation: Tamil Nadu was ranked at the top in the Good Governance Index released recently by the Central Government. The states and union territories were divided into three groups- large states, northeast and hill states & union territories in this index. Odisha, Bihar, Goa, Uttar Pradesh are among the worst-performing states.

67. **Which state recently announced the Jyotirao Phule Kisan Loan Waiver Scheme?**

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Telangana
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Haryana

Correct Answer: [C] Maharashtra

Explanation: Jyotirao Phule Kisan loan waiver scheme for farmers has been launched by Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray. Farmers who have taken a loan of Rs 2 lakh can avail this scheme. This scheme will be implemented in Maharashtra from March 2020.

68. **Which film won the 'Best Hindi Film' award at the 66th National Film Awards?**

- [A] Andhadhun
- [B] Badhai Ho
- [C] Uri
- [D] Padmavat

Correct Answer: [A] Andhadhun

Explanation: Andhadhun won the National film Award in the 'Best Hindi Film' category at the 66th National Film Awards.

69. **Who won the National Film Award for 'Best Direction'?**

- [A] Sanjay Leela Bhansali
- [B] Sriram Raghavan
- [C] Aditya Dhar
- [D] Amit Sharma

Correct Answer: [C] Aditya Dhar

Explanation: Aditya Dhar won the National Film Award for 'Best Direction' for his movie, Uri: The Surgical Strike.

70. **Who among the following Indian-origin Americans was recently appointed as the director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) of America?**

- [A] Rahul Sachdeva
- [B] Pankaj Agnihotri
- [C] Sethuraman Panchanathan
- [D] Pramod Mistri

Correct Answer: [C] Sethuraman Panchanathan

Explanation: Indian American Sethuraman Panchanathan was recently appointed as the director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) of America. US President Donald Trump has recently approved his assignment. The US government body National Science Foundation (NSF) assists research in all non-medical fields, including science and engineering.

71. **Manuel Marrero Cruz has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which nation?**

- [A] Ecuador
- [B] Georgia
- [C] Cuba
- [D] Colombia

Correct Answer: [C] Cuba

Explanation: Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel has appointed Manuel Marrero Cruz as the new Prime Minister of the nation. Cruz earlier served as the tourism minister of the nation. The post of Prime Minister was abolished in Cuba in 1976 by Fidel Castro and was restored in 2019.

72. **Which Indian Air Force aircraft was decommissioned on December 27, 2019?**

- [A] Miraj-2000
- [B] MiG-27
- [C] MiG-21
- [D] MiG-23

Correct Answer: [B] MiG-27

Explanation: The MiG-27 fighter jet, known as the hero of the Kargil conflict, made its final roar from Jodhpur airbase on December 27, 2019.

73. **What is the name of common currency recently announced by western Africa?**

- [A] ROAR
- [B] ECO
- [C] COIN
- [D] NAT

Correct Answer: [B] ECO

Explanation: Eight countries in West Africa have decided to change the name of their common currency to 'Eco'. These countries also decided to leave the current currency 'CFA franc'. Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo in West Africa are currently using this currency.

74. **Which female weightlifter won a bronze medal and created two national records in the Qatar International Cup?**

- [A] Karnam Malleshwari
- [B] Heena Khan
- [C] Jigisha Patel
- [D] Rakhi Halder

Correct Answer: [D] Rakhi Halder

Explanation: Rakhi Halder is a Commonwealth gold medalist, who has set a national record by performing best in snatch and overall weight. She made this record by lifting a total of 218 kg with 95 kg in snatch and 123 kg in clean and jerk.

75. **Who was named captain of Cricket Australia's ODI team of the decade?**

- [A] MS Dhoni
- [B] Virat Kohli
- [C] AB de Villiers
- [D] Shakib al Hasan

Correct Answer: [A] MS Dhoni

Explanation: MS Dhoni has been named the captain of Cricket Australia's ODI team of the decade. Indian skipper Virat Kohli and opener Rohit Sharma were also named in the ODI team.

76. **Which Indian cricketer was named in the Wisden's list of five cricketers of the decade?**

- [A] MS Dhoni
- [B] Rohit Sharma
- [C] Sachin Tendulkar
- [D] Virat Kohli

Correct Answer: [D] Virat Kohli

Explanation: Indian skipper Virat Kohli has found a place in the list of five cricketers of the decade by the Wisden Cricketers' Almanac. Virat Kohli was named in the cricketers of the decade list along with four other cricketers Steve Smith, Ellyse Perry, Dale Steyn and AB de Villiers.

77. **Who was named the captain of the Wisden Test team of the decade?**

- [A] Steve Smith
- [B] Kumar Sangakkara
- [C] Virat Kohli
- [D] MS Dhoni

Correct Answer: [C] Virat Kohli

Explanation: Virat Kohli was named as the captain of the Wisden Test team of the decade. The only other Indian to feature in the list includes Ravichandran Ashwin.

78. **Which tennis player has announced his decision to retire in 2020?**

- [A] Leander Paes
- [B] Mahesh Bhupathi
- [C] Sania Mirza
- [D] Rohan Bopanna

Correct Answer: [A] Leander Paes

Explanation: Leander Paes announced recently that he will quit professional tennis after the 2020 season. The 46-year-old has won 6 doubles and 10 mixed doubles Grand Slam titles.

79. **Who among the following topped the Forbes 100 Indian celebrities List 2019?**

- [A] Akshay Kumar
- [B] Salman Kumar
- [C] Ranvir Singh
- [D] Virat Kohli

Correct Answer: [D] Virat Kohli

Explanation: Indian cricket team Captain Virat Kohli topped the Forbes' 100 Indian Celebrities list 2019, followed by Akshay Kumar and Salman Khan at second and third place respectively.

80. **Which Indian Bowler became the first to take two ODI hat-tricks?**

- [A] Jasprit Bumrah
- [B] Mohammed Shami
- [C] Yuzvendra Chahal
- [D] Kuldeep Yadav

Correct Answer: [D] Kuldeep Yadav

Explanation: Indian bowler Kuldeep Yadav became the first to take two ODI hat-tricks. Yadav created the record while playing India's second ODI against West Indies in Visakhapatnam.

81. **The Sahitya Akademi Award in the creative non-fiction category in English literature has been awarded to:**

- [A] Amitav Ghosh
- [B] Arundhati Roy
- [C] Shashi Tharoor
- [D] Salman Khurshid

Correct Answer: [C] Shashi Tharoor

Explanation: Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has been awarded with the Sahitya Akademi Award 2019 for his

novel 'An Era of Darkness'. Tharoor won the award in the creative non-fiction category in English literature.

82. **Which State recently launched the 'Jalsathi' programme?**
[A] Uttar Pradesh
[B] Odisha
[C] Madhya Pradesh
[D] Telangana
Correct Answer: [B] Odisha
Explanation: Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched the 'Jalsathi' programme for the supply of safe drinking water to all households. For the smooth implementation of the scheme, the Odisha government roped in women volunteers to serve as 'Jalasathis'.
83. **The Central Government extended which Scheme by two years on December 18, 2019?**
[A] AMRUT
[B] PMJAY
[C] PMUY
[D] UDAN
Correct Answer: [A] AMRUT
Explanation: The Central Government has extended the deadline of AMRUT - Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation by two years. The scheme was scheduled to be concluded in March 2020.
84. **Which court will hear the petition against the police atrocities on Jamia Milia Islamia University's students?**
[A] Delhi HC
[B] Supreme Court
[C] Allahabad HC
[D] Kolkata HC
Correct Answer: [A] Delhi HC
Explanation: Delhi High Court will be hearing the plea that seeks formation of a fact-finding committee to inquire into the police atrocities on the students of Jamia Milia Islamia University.
85. **Which nation's former Prime Minister was awarded with the death penalty for unlawfully imposing emergency in 2007?**
[A] Pakistan
[B] Bangladesh
[C] Afghanistan
[D] Sri Lanka
Correct Answer: [A] Pakistan
Explanation: Former President of Pakistan Pervez Musharraf was awarded with the death penalty for unlawfully imposing emergency in 2007 across the country.
86. **India was placed at which Rank in the Gender Gap Index-2019?**
[A] 110
[B] 97

[C] 88

[D] 112

Correct Answer: [D] 112

Explanation: India ranked at 112th position in the Gender Gap Index 2019, that was released by the World Economic Forum.

87. **Pakistan has resumed the train service between which two railway stations after a gap of 22 years?**
[A] Wagah and Attari
[B] Lahore and Wagah
[C] Lahore and Peshawar
[D] Raiwind and Gujranwala
Correct Answer: [B] Lahore and Wagah
Explanation: Pakistan resumed the operations of the train service between Lahore and Wagah after a gap of 22 years. This shuttle train service between Lahore and Wagah will complete three round trips daily charging Rs 30 per ride.
88. **When is the Vijay Diwas observed every year in India?**
[A] 16th December
[B] 15th December
[C] 13th December
[D] 11th December
Correct Answer: [A] 16th December
Explanation: India observes the Vijay Diwas every year on December 16 to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war. India's victory in the 1971 war paved the way for formation of Bangladesh.
89. **A book titled "Dreams of a Billion: India and the Olympic Games" was authored by?**
[A] Nalin Mehta
[B] Boria Majumdar
[C] S Gurumurthy
[D] Sashi Tharoor
Correct Answer: [B] Boria Majumdar
90. **Which of the following tunnels have named as Atal Tunnel?**
[A] Chenani Nashri Tunnel
[B] Rohtang Tunnel
[C] Natuwadi Tunnel
[D] Karbude Tunnel
Correct Answer: [B] Rohtang Tunnel
91. **Who among the following women cricketer has been named in the Wisden Cricketers of the Decade?**
[A] Mithali Raj
[B] Smriti Mandhana
[C] Ellyse Perry
[D] Alyssa Healy
Correct Answer: [C] Ellyse Perry

92. **Leander Paes belongs to which of the following sports?**

- [A] Badminton
- [B] Tennis
- [C] Table Tennis
- [D] Golf

Correct Answer: [B] Tennis

93. **Anish Bhanwala belongs to which of the following sports?**

- [A] Javelin Throw
- [B] Weight Lifting
- [C] Archery
- [D] Shooting

Correct Answer: [D] Shooting

94. **Which Australian men cricketer is listed in Wisden Cricketers of the Decade?**

- [A] Aron Finch
- [B] David Warner
- [C] Steve Smith
- [D] Glenn Maxwell

Correct Answer: [C] Steve Smith

95. **Who presented the 66th National Film Awards at a ceremony in New Delhi?**

- [A] Ramnath Kovind
- [B] Narendra Modi
- [C] Venkaiah Naidu
- [D] Amith Shah

Correct Answer: [A] Ramnath Kovind

96. **Government extends tenure of Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, chairman of?**

- [A] NSE
- [B] NPCI
- [C] NCLT
- [D] NABARD

Correct Answer: [D] NABARD

97. **Recently Thomas Chandy passed away. He belongs to?**

- [A] Sports
- [B] Politics
- [C] Writer
- [D] Actor

Correct Answer: [B] Politics

98. **Who broke Sanath Jayasuriya's 22-year-old record for most runs in a calendar year by an opener in all formats?**

- [A] Virat Kohli
- [B] Rohit Sharma
- [C] M.S.Dhoni

[D] Shikar Dhawan

Correct Answer: [B] Rohit Sharma

99. **Which team has been crowned FIFA 'Team of the Year'?**

- [A] Portugal
- [B] Argentina
- [C] Brazil
- [D] Belgium

Correct Answer: [D] Belgium

100. **Who got the best actress award in National Film Awards?**

- [A] Rani Mukherjee
- [B] Keerthi Suresh
- [C] Tamanna
- [D] Katrina Kaif

Correct Answer: [B] Keerthi Suresh

101. **National Mathematics Day is observed on 22 December by the great mathematician Srinivasa Iyengar Ramanujan. This year is celebrates?**

- [A] 150th
- [B] 175th
- [C] 132st
- [D] 137th

Correct Answer: [C] 132st

102. **Who was elected as the Awami League President?**

- [A] Ramnath Kovind
- [B] Xi jing ping
- [C] Sheik Hasina
- [D] Om Prakash Birla

Correct Answer: [C] Sheik Hasina

103. **Who wins Bangladesh Junior International Badminton Series?**

- [A] Kento momoto
- [B] P.V.Sindhu
- [C] Laksha Sen
- [D] Maisnam Meiraba Luwang

Correct Answer: [D] Maisnam Meiraba Luwang

104. **Who has been appointed as the Director of National Police Academy in Hyderabad?**

- [A] S.Maheswaran
- [B] P.Kandaswamy
- [C] K.Jayanth Murali
- [D] Atul Karwal

Correct Answer: [D] Atul Karwal

105. **Who became the most expensive overseas IPL player?**

- [A] Tom Banton
- [B] Glenn Maxwell

[C] Chris Morris

[D] Pat Cummins

Correct Answer: [D] Pat Cummins

106. **Who won the women's 49kg category weightlifting gold medal to open at the 6th Qatar International Cup in Doha?**

[A] Mirabai Chanu

[B] Santoshi Matsa

[C] Swati Singh

[D] Punam Yadav

Correct Answer: [A] Mirabai Chanu

107. **Who presided the second meeting of the Organising Committee on the celebrations for the 150th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi?**

[A] Narendra Modi

[B] Ram Nath Kovind

[C] Amit Shah

[D] Venkaiah Naidu

Correct Answer: [B] Ram Nath Kovind

108. **Who has won the 2019 Sahitya Akademi Award for his Bengali Essay "Ghumer Darja Thele"?**

[A] Joysree Goswami Mahanta

[B] Chinmoy Guha

[C] Tarun Kanti Mishra

[D] Kali Charan Hembram

Correct Answer: [B] Chinmoy Guha

109. **Who has been named the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year & ICC Women's ODI Player of the Year for 2018?**

[A] Chanida Sutthiruang

[B] Smriti Mandhana

[C] Ellyse Perry

[D] Shikha Pandey

Correct Answer: [B] Smriti Mandhana

Explanation: Ellyse Perry won ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year & ICC Women's ODI Player of the Year for 2019.

110. **Which state recorded the highest forest cover in the recently released India State of Forest Report 2019?**

[A] Andhra Pradesh

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Nagaland

[D] Meghalaya

Correct Answer: [B] Madhya Pradesh

Notes: Madhya Pradesh recently recorded the highest forest cover in terms of area. Other high forest covers were recorded in Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra. The State of Forest report is

released biennially by the Forest Survey of India which is under the ministry of environment, forest and climate change.

111. **The Dadasaheb Phalke Award, which was conferred to Amitabh Bachchan recently, is the highest award in the country for which field?**

[A] Theatre

[B] Classical dances

[C] Cinema

[D] Classical music

Correct Answer: [C] Cinema

Notes: Dadasaheb Phalke award is the highest award conferred in the field of cinema in India. Recently, it was awarded to Amitabh Bachchan. The award was instituted in honour of Dhundiraj Govind Phalke (also known as the Father of Indian Cinema) in 1969.

112. **Dhanu Jatra is currently celebrated in which state?**

[A] Odisha

[B] Telangana

[C] Jharkhand

[D] Madhya Pradesh

Correct Answer: [A] Odisha

113. **Which archipelago did Tropical Cyclone Sarai recently hit?**

[A] Indonesia

[B] Solomon Islands

[C] Fiji

[D] New Guinea

Correct Answer: [C] Fiji

114. **Him Darshan Express that was recently launched connects which of the following sites?**

[A] Sikkim – Gangtok

[B] Kalka – Shimla

[C] Chandigarh – Shimla

[D] Srinagar – Shimla

Correct Answer: [B] Kalka – Shimla

115. **Which state/ UT celebrated the Losar Festival recently?**

[A] Telangana

[B] Meghalaya

[C] Puducherry

[D] Ladakh

Correct Answer: D [Ladakh]

116. **Which of the following is called the Falcon Capital of the World?**

[A] Siberia

[B] Nagaland

[C] Meghalaya

[D] China

Correct Answer: [B] Nagaland

117. Which of the following country will develop Batticaloa airport as an international airport?

[A] Sri Lanka

[B] Bangladesh

[C] Nepal

[D] Indonesia

Correct Answer: [A] Sri Lanka

118. According to the India State of Forest Report, 2019, which of the following Indian state grew the maximum forest-and-tree cover in the last 2 years?

[A] Jharkhand

[B] Sikkim

[C] Karnataka

[D] Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: [C] Karnataka

119. Which of the following Indian state will host Khelo India Youth Games in January 2020?

[A] Jharkhand

[B] Assam

[C] Gujarat

[D] Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: [B] Assam

120. Who among the following has been named as India's first Chief of Defence Staff?

[A] Bipin Rawat

[B] Karambir Singh

[C] Dalbir Singh Suhag

[D] Birender Singh Dhanoa

Correct Answer: [A] Bipin Rawat

121. Who among the following has become the youngest bowler to take 100 T20 wickets?

[A] Mohammad Hasnain

[B] Noor Ahmad

[C] Mujeeb Ur Rahman

[D] Yasim Murtaza

Correct Answer: [C] Mujeeb Ur Rahman

122. Aditya is a programme by ISRO to study _____.

[A] Mars

[B] Titan

[C] Sun

[D] Venus

Correct Answer: [C] Sun

123. Who among the following will be the recipient of this year's prestigious CK Nayudu Lifetime Award given by the BCCI?

[A] Kris Srikkanth

[B] Anjum Chopra

[C] Virat Kohli

[D] Both A and B

Correct Answer: [D] Both A and B

124. Koneru Humpy is associated with which of the following sports?

[A] Badminton

[B] Chess

[C] Golf

[D] Tennis

Correct Answer: [B] Chess

125. Which of the following country is the only country in the world that has hypersonic weapons?

[A] China

[B] Japan

[C] Russia

[D] USA

Correct Answer: [C] Russia