



CURRENT AFFAIRS

December 2016

1. What is the India's rank in the 2016 Enabling Trade Index (ETI) of World Economic Forum (WEF)?

[A]112th

[B]102nd

[C]93rd

[D]116th

102nd

India has been ranked 102nd among 136 nations in the 2016 Enabling Trade Index (ETI), as per recently published 'Global Enabling Trade Report 2016 of World Economic Forum (WEF) and the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation. The list is topped by Singapore followed by the Netherlands, Hong Kong SAR, Luxembourg and Sweden. The index assesses the extent to which economies have in place the factors facilitating the free flow of goods over borders and to their destinations. It takes into consideration various factors, including domestic and foreign market access, border administration, transport and digital infrastructure and operating environment.

2. Who has become the first woman President of the All India Tennis Association (AITA)?

[A]Hironmoy Chatterjee

[B]Chintan Parikh

[C]Aneil Mahajan

[D]Praveen Mahajan

Praveen Mahajan

Praveen Mahajan, a former IRS officer, has become the first woman President of the All India Tennis Association (AITA). She succeeded Anil Khanna. Prior to this appointment, Mahajan was the first woman chief of the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) and was posted in Jodhpur as administrative member of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).

3. Which international organisation has inscribed Yoga in the representative list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity?

[A]UNIDO

[B]UNICEF

[C]UNISDR

[D]UNESCO

UNESCO

India's one of the ancient practices "Yoga" has been inscribed as an element in the UNESCO's list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of humanity during the 11th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. With this, Yoga has become the 13th intangible cultural heritage that has been listed from India so far with UNESCO. Previous ones includes Chhau dance, Buddhist chanting of Ladakh, Sankirtana-the ritual singing, drumming, and dancing of Manipur, the traditional brass and copper craft of utensil making among the Thatheras of Jandiala Guru, Punjab and Ramlila- the traditional performance of the Ramayana.

.4. The 2016 India International Science Festival (IISF) will be held in which city?

[A]Bangaluru

[B]New Delhi

[C]Kochi

[D]Pune

New Delhi

The 2016 India International Science festival (IISF) will be held in New Delhi from December 7 to 11, 2016. The festival is being organized by ministries of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences in collaboration with Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA). The theme of the science festival is “Science for the masses”. Approx 5000 young Indian scientists will showcase their scientific work to the public during the festival.

5. Makkal Pavalar Inkulab, who passed away recently, was the legendary poet of which language?

[A]Telugu

[B]Odia

[C]Tamil

[D]Malayalam

Tamil

Makkal Pavalar Inkulab, the legendary Tamil poet and activist, has recently passed away at Urappakkam in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He was known for his poems like Naanga Manushangada, Kanmani Rajam, etc. His drama “Avvai” is

considered to be the first modern Tamil drama and a prescribed textbook for many colleges.

6. The National Pollution Control Day (NPCD) is observed on which date in India?

[A]December 3

[B]December 4

[C]December 2

[D]December 5

December 2

The National Pollution Control Day (NPCD) is celebrated every year on December 2 in India with an aim to make aware the people and industries about the need of Pollution Control Acts. This day is observed in the memory of those who lost their lives in 1984 due to the Bhopal gas tragedy and who were left severely affected due to leakage of poisonous gas “Methyl Isocyanate (MIC)” from Union Carbide plant in Bhopal. This catastrophe was the worst in the world’s industrial history and people there still continue to witness physical and mental disabilities.

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7. Who has been appointed as the interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)?

[A]T P Paul

[B]J Ravichandran

[C]L S Khan

[D]S S Nadkarni

J Ravichandran

J Ravichandran has been appointed as the interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE). He will be in charge till the NSE board appoints a new CEO. Ravichandran succeeded Chitra Ramkrishna, who quit the post due to personal reasons.

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8. What is the theme of the 2016 International Day of Persons with Disabilities?

[A]Achieving 17 goals for the future we want

[B]E-accessibility

[C]Nothing about us without us

[D]Decent work for persons with disabilities

Achieving 17 goals for the future we want

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed every year on December 3 to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities since 1992. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. The 2016 theme is "Achieving 17 Goals for the Future We Want". This theme notes the recent adoption of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the role of these goals in building a more

inclusive and equitable world for persons with disabilities. It has been celebrated with varying degrees of success around the planet.

9. What is the theme of 2016 Heart of Asia (HoA) ministerial conference?

[A]Addressing challenges, achieving prosperity

[B]E-connectivity for prosperity

[C]Peace: Priority for all

[D]Connect world with harmony

Addressing challenges, achieving prosperity

The 6th Heart of Asia (HoA) ministerial conference has started at Amritsar in Punjab on December 42016 with focus on tackling terror in region. The conference will discuss peace, cooperation and economic development in Afghanistan. The main conference has been inaugurated jointly by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani. The Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will lead the Indian delegation. The delegates from nearly 40 countries will participate in the conference including India, China, Russia, Iran and Pakistan and representatives of 17 supporting nations were deliberating on a vast range of issues facing the region. The theme of the conference is "Addressing Challenges, Achieving Prosperity".

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10. Bekal Utsahi, who passed away recently, was the renowned Urdu poet of which state?

[A]Uttar Pradesh

[B]Telangana

[C]Andhra Pradesh

[D]Madhya Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh

Bekal Utsahi, the renowned Urdu poet and former Rajya Sabha MP, has recently passed away in New Delhi. He was native of Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh. Utsahi was best known for his soulful and patriotic 'Geet', a form of poetic rendition popular both in Hindi and Urdu.

11. The 2016 World Ayurveda Congress has held in which city of India?

[A]Bengaluru

[B]Kolkata

[C]Jaipur

[D]Bhopal

Kolkata

The 7th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) has been held at Science City in Kolkata, West Bengal from December 1, 2016, The mega event is organized by the World Ayurveda Foundation with support of Ministry of AYUSH and the State Government of West Bengal. The focus of WAC is "Strengthening the Ayurveda Ecosystem". The major components of the program are public outreach session comprising of the Ayurveda Expo, the Ayurveda clinics for the general public and public lectures. To facilitate development and growth of AYUSH system of medicine, the Ministry of AYUSH has also organized AROGYA Expo from 1st-4th December, 2016 at Science City, Kolkata to coincide with the 7th WAC.

12. The first-ever International Gita Mahotsav will be held in which state of India?

[A] Assam

[B] Uttar Pradesh

[C] Punjab

[D] Haryana

Hide Answer

The first-ever International Gita Mahotsav will be held in Kurukshetra, Haryana on December 6, 2016. President Pranab Mukherjee will inaugurate the Mahotsav and will also lay the foundation stone of Krishna circuit on the occasion. In a 5-day mega event, many spiritual leaders from different religions, scholars and artists from various countries will participate. The Mahotsav will set a world record with the recitation of Ashtadash Shaloki Gita by as many as 18 thousand students at one go. During Mahotsav, youths from 574 districts of the country will reach Kurukshetra, showcasing one Shloka each scripted on their traditional dresses.

13. How much amount per district will be provided by NITI Aayog to encourage digital payment system?

[A] Rs. 10 lakh

[B] Rs. 8 lakh

[C] Rs. 5 lakh

[D]Rs. 12 lakh

Rs. 5 lakh

NITI Aayog will provide Rs. 5 lakh for every district in India to encourage digital payment system. For availing the incentive, the district collector, commissioner or magistrates would have ensure that individuals transiting to digital payment mode should do at least two successful transactions by any of the five methods. These five modes are – unified payment interface (UPI), Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD), Aadhaar Enabled Payments, e-wallets and Rupay debit/credit/prepaid cards. The top ten best performing districts of India will be awarded the Digital Payment Champions of India Award by NITI Aayog/Government of India. Similarly, the 50 Panchayats which go cashless will be awarded Digital Payment Award of Honour.

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14. The book “The Walking Dead: A Continuing Story of Survival Horror” has been authored by whom?

[A]Tim Moon

[B]Robert Kirkman

[C]Bobby Adair

[D]Jim Demonakos

Robert Kirkman

The black & white comic book “The Walking Dead: A Continuing Story of Survival Horror” has been authored by Robert Kirkman. It is a compilation of stories that expand on the story that is well known to any zombie movie fan.

15. What is theme of International Oil and Gas Conference and Exhibition “Petrotech-2016”?

[A]Hydrocarbons to fuel the future – Preferences and Challenges

[B]Hydrocarbons to fuel the future – Choices and Challenges

[C]Hydrocarbons to fuel the future – Prediction and Challenges

[D]Hydrocarbons to fuel the future – Options and Challenges

Hydrocarbons to fuel the future – Choices and Challenges

The 12th edition of International Oil and Gas Conference and Exhibition “Petrotech-2016” has started at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on December 5. The 2016 theme is “Hydrocarbons to fuel the future – Choices and Challenges”. The purpose of the global event is to bring Energy Ministers, industry leaders, professionals, academicians and domain experts from the energy sector on a common platform. It is a biennial platform for national and international experts in the oil & gas industry to exchange views and share knowledge, expertise and experiences. The 3-day mega event will see participation of six thousand delegates from 68 countries, including technologists, scientists, planners and policy-makers, management experts and service-providers.

16. What is the theme of 2016 United Nations (UN)’ International Volunteer Day (IVD)?

[A]Zero Hunger

[B]Global Applause – give volunteers a hand

[C]Global active volunteers for peace

[D]Your world is changing

Global Applause – give volunteers a hand

The United Nations (UN)' International Volunteer Day (IVD) is observed every year on December 5 to recognise the volunteers worldwide and their efforts in making peace and sustainable development a reality. The 2016 theme is "Global Applause – give volunteers a hand".

17. Who has been named as the "Asian of the Year 2016"?

[A] Sachin Bansal

[B] Ratan Tata

[C] Mukesh Ambani

[D] Sunil Mittal

Sachin Bansal

Sachin Bansal and Binny Bansal, founders of Flipkart, have been jointly named as the "Asian of the Year 2016" by Singapore-based newspaper The Straits Times as part of a group called the "The Disruptors". The "Asian of the Year 2016" award recognises entrepreneurs operating at the frontiers of technology's interface with business who have launched companies that have disrupted traditional business model for the benefit of end consumers.

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18. The Winter Fog Experiment (WIFEX) 2016-17 campaign has been launched by which union ministry?

[A] Ministry of Urban Development

[B]Ministry of Earth Sciences

[C]Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

[D]Ministry of Science and Technology

Ministry of Earth Sciences

The Winter Fog Experiment (WIFEX) 2016-17 has been inaugurated by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), New Delhi. The forecast of the fog from the WIFEX model will be made operational for winter 2017-18. The aim of the observational campaign is to achieve the better understanding of the fog life cycle and improve capability in fog prediction.

19. Who has been named as the new Prime Minister of France?

[A]Edith Cresson

[B]Laurent Fabius

[C]Bernard Cazeneuve

[D]Manuel Valls

Bernard Cazeneuve

Bernard Cazeneuve has been named as the new Prime Minister of France. He succeeded Manuel Valls, who resigned in order to make a bid for the Presidency 2017. Cazeneuve will be in charge of the Socialist government until June's Parliamentary elections. He has played a key role in managing France's security since the terror attacks in Paris in 2015.

20. Who has been appointed as the new chief of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?

[A]P V Ramesh Babu

[B]B S Bhullar

[C]Malini Shankar

[D]Vaduvendra Mathur

B S Bhullar

B.S. Bhullar, a 1986-batch IAS officer of UP cadre, has been appointed chief of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Presently, Bhullar is posted as Additional Secretary in Civil Aviation ministry. The post was lying vacant for the past over 4 months after M Sathiyavathy, the first woman chief of the aviation regulator, was named as new Union Labour Secretary in July 2016. The DGCA is responsible for implementing, controlling, and supervising airworthiness standards, safety operations, crew training in India.

21. The 2016 India International Science festival (IISF) has started in which city?

[A]Pune

[B]New Delhi

[C]Kolkata

[D]Bengaluru

Hide Answer

The 2016 India International Science festival (IISF) has started at CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (NPL) Campus in New Delhi from December 7 and will continue till 11th of this month. The Ministry of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences has been organising India International Science Festival in association with Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA) to promote the science and technology developed by the Indian research labs and to inculcate the scientific temper among masses. The theme of the science festival is “Science for the masses”. IISF-2016 is expecting a large number of visitors (more than 5 lakh) from all walks of life to experience the festival of science and to interact with Indian scientific community.

22. Which is the most powerful language according to the 2016 World Power Language Index (PLI)?

[A]Mandarin

[B]English

[C]French

[D]Spanish

English

English has been ranked first in the top 10 most powerful languages in the world according to the 2016 World Power Language Index (PLI) published by World Economic Forum (WEF). It is the dominant language of three G7 nations (USA, UK and Canada). The list is followed by Mandarin, French and Spanish. An Indian language “Hindi” has been ranked 10th in the 2016 PLI. The index measures the usefulness of a language to a representative human being and is not meant to apply to any particular person with their own set of conditions, preferences and geography.

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23. Which Indian bank has been adjudged the “Best Bank for SME Lending” by Assocham?

[A] Punjab National Bank

[B] State Bank of India

[C] Vijaya Bank

[D] Bank of Baroda

Vijaya Bank

Vijaya Bank has been adjudged “Best Bank for SME Lending” by The Associate Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) at the 4th SMEs Excellence Award function in New Delhi. The Vijaya Bank offers a wide range of personalized and online banking services including savings and current accounts, credit cards, debit cards, loans, mortgages, etc.

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24. “Resourcesat-2A” remote sensing satellite has been launched by which launch vehicle?

[A] PSLV-C33

[B] PSLV-C36

[C] PSLV-C35

[D] PSLV-C37

PSLV-C36

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched the remote sensing satellite “Resource sat-2A” into orbit by the PSLV C-36 launch vehicle at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Andhra Pradesh. The mission life of Resourcesat-2A is 5 years. The satellite carries two Solid State Recorders with a capacity of 200 Giga Bits each to store the images taken by its cameras which can be read out later to ground stations. These cameras will send clear and specific pictures of areas where exactly the various resources are located at an in depth level. The new satellite Resourcesat-2A is a follow on mission to Resourcesat-1 and 2. The Resourcesat-2A intends to continue the remote sensing data services to global users provided by the earlier two.

25. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of India (CJI)?

[A]Jasti Chelameswar

[B]Dipak Misra

[C]Madan B Lokur

[D]Jagdish Singh Khehar

Jagdish Singh Khehar

Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar has been appointed as the 44th Chief Justice of India. He will be sworn-in as the CJI on January 4, 2017. The current Chief Justice TS Thakur will hold on to the office till 3rd January, 2017. Justice Khehar will be the first Sikh to hold the post of CJI and would remain in office from January 4, 2017 till August 4, 2017 i.e. till he attains the age of 65.

26. Which portal has been launched by Ministry of Women and Child Development to register online complaints of child sexual abuse?

[A]POCSO e-BOX

[B]POCSO m-BOX

[C]POCSO c-BOX

[D]POCSO m-BOX

POCSO e-BOX

The Union government launched a “Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) e-box BOX” in August 2016 for easy and confidential registration of complaints regarding sexual offence against children. This information has recently given by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Krishna Raj in the Rajya Sabha.

27. India has recently signed deal for 145 M777 ultra-light howitzers guns with which country?

[A]Russia

[B]Japan

[C]Brazil

[D]United States

United States

India has recently signed Rs. 5,000 crore deal for 145 M777 ultra-light howitzers guns with the United States, which will be deployed in high-altitude

areas in Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh, bordering China. The purchase of guns will be India's first deal for artillery guns since the Bofors scandal in 1980s. The deal was inked at the 2-day meeting of the 15th India-US Military Cooperation Group (MCG) held in New Delhi.

28. The Raising Day of Border Security Force (BSF) is celebrated on which day in India?

[A]December 3

[B]December 2

[C]December 1

[D]December 4

December 1

The Border Security Force (BSF) has recently celebrated its 51st anniversary of Raising Day on December 1, 2016. In 2016 (till date), BSF troops of Punjab Frontier have maintained excellent alertness and have seized over 219 Kgs heroin, 12 weapons, interdicted six Pak smugglers, two Indian smugglers and apprehended one Pak National and five Bangladeshi Nationals. BSF, the biggest border guarding force in the world, came into existence on December 1, 1965. It is deployed on Indo-Pakistan International Border, Indo-Bangladesh International Border, Line of Control along with Indian Army and in Anti-Naxal Operations.

29. Where is the headquarters of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)?

[A]Pune

[B]New Delhi

[C]Kolkata

[D]Bangaluru

New Delhi

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is the apex body in India for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research. It is in news because ICMR has recently signed a MoU with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for cooperation in the area of zoonoses, anti-microbial resistance, nutrition and pesticide residues. This MoU will strengthen the ties between the two organizations and energize environment of mutual cooperation and collaboration. The headquarters of ICMR is located in New Delhi.

30. The 2016 Tripitak Sutrapath Mahotasava has started in which state of India?

[A]Assam

[B]Nagaland

[C]Bihar

[D]Odisha

Bihar

The 10-days Tripitak Sutrapath Mahotasava has started at Bodhgaya in Bihar. Over three thousand monks of various Buddhist countries are participating in this mahotasava. In this fest, monks would pay special offer to Lord Buddha. There will be special prayer for world peace.

31. Who has won the 2016 International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) male Athlete of the Year award?

[A]Usain Bolt

[B]Wayde van Niekerk

[C]Mo Farah

[D]Elaine Thompson

Usain Bolt

A 9-time Olympic gold medallist, Usain Bolt from Jamaica has won the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) male Athlete of the Year award for a record sixth time. Beside him, Ethiopia's Almaz Ayana, who broke the 10,000m world record by over 14 seconds in winning Olympic gold in 2016 Rio Olympics, won the 2016 IAAF female Athlete of the Year award. The awards were handed out by IAAF at a gala ceremony in Monaco.

32. Phulel Singh Sujlana, who passed away recently, was the former international umpire of which sports?

[A]Cricket

[B]Boxing

[C]Hockey

[D]Badminton

Hockey

Phulel Singh Sujlana, the former international hockey umpire and veteran administrator, has recently passed away, according to Mumbai Hockey Association Limited. Sujlana was the chairman of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) Umpires Board from 1985 to 1993 and chairman of its Technical Committee in 1985.

33. Which Indian city has bagged the C40 Award for best solid waste management improvement project of 2016?

[A]New Delhi

[B]Kolkata

[C]Mumbai

[D]Chennai

Kolkata

Kolkata has been bagged the C40 Award for best solid waste management improvement project of 2016 during the C40 Mayors Summit held in Mexico City. The Kolkata Solid Waste Management Improvement Project has achieved 60-80% segregation of waste at its source. The project aims to eradicate open dumping and burning of waste and to limit the concentration of methane gas generated in landfill sites. Kolkata is the only Indian city to receive the prestigious award. The C40 Cities Awards recognise the best and boldest work being done by mayors to fight climate change and protect people from risks.

34. Who has won the 2016 International Children's Peace Prize?

[A]Om Prakash Gurjar

[B]Kehkashan Basu

[C]Neha Gupta

[D]Abraham M Keita

Kehkashan Basu

Kehkashan Basu, a UAE-based Indian environmental activist, has won the 2016 prestigious International Children's Peace Prize for her fight for climate justice and combating environmental degradation. Kehkashan, based in the UAE was presented the award by Bangladesh's Nobel peace laureate Mohammad Yunus at a ceremony in The Hague, Netherlands. The International Children's Peace Prize is an initiative of Marc Dullaert, Chairman and Founder of the Dutch Kids Rights Foundation, and is awarded annually to a child, anywhere in the world, for his or her dedication to children's rights.

35. Who has been appointed as the new interim director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)?

[A]R K Raghavan

[B]R K Dutta

[C]Rakesh Asthana

[D]Anil Sinha

Rakesh Asthana

Rakesh Asthana, the 1984 batch IPS officer of Gujarat-cadre, has been appointed as the interim Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). He succeeded Anil Kumar Sinha. It is the first time in last 10 years that no new

CBI chief has been named to succeed the current chief. The CBI chief is selected through a collegium comprising the Prime Minister, the Leader of Opposition or largest party in opposition in Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India. The collegium has not been able to meet.

36. Which country team has won the 2016 Women's Twenty20 Asia Cup cricket tournament?

- [A]Pakistan
- [B]India
- [C]Nepal
- [D]Bangladesh

India

The Indian Women's cricket team has won the 2016 Women's Twenty20 Asia Cup cricket tournament by defeating arch-rivals Pakistan by 17 runs in the final at Bangkok, Thailand. With this win, India won their 6th Asia Cup crown.

37. Who has won the 2016 Miss Supranational crown?

- [A]Ornella Mariam
- [B]Korinna Kocsis
- [C]Srinidhi Shetty
- [D]Valeria Vespoli

Srinidhi Shetty

Srinidhi Shetty of India has won the 8th edition of Miss Supranational 2016 at the beauty pageant held at the Municipal Sports and Recreation Center of Krynica-Zdroj in Poland.

38. Which famous personality has won the online reader's poll for TIME magazine's Person of the Year 2016?

[A] Narendra Modi

[B] Vladimir Putin

[C] Barack Obama

[D] Donald Trump

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40. "Stanpan Suraksha app" has been launched by which union ministry to promote breastfeeding?

[A] Ministry of Home Affairs

[B] Ministry of Panchayati Raj

[C] Ministry of Tribal Affairs

[D] Ministry of Women and Child Development

Ministry of Tribal Affairs

The first-of-its-kind app, "Stanpan Suraksha" has been launched by Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram to promote breastfeeding. The mobile app has been developed by the Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI). The app has a baby food promotion reporting mechanism where any person can click a photograph of inappropriate promotion around them of baby food and related equipment and send it to BPNI. The BPNI will document and analyse the reports and follow up with required action. This feature will empower people to keep check on the baby food industry.

41. "Exercise Konkan 16" the annual bilateral maritime exercise between Indian Navy and the Royal Navy has started in which city?

- [A]Guwahati
- [B]Kochi
- [C]Mumbai
- [D]Ahmedabad

Mumbai

The annual bilateral maritime exercise “KONKAN 16” has started between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy from Dec 05, 2016 at Mumbai and will continue till December 16, 2016. The exercise will be conducted in two phases at Mumbai and Goa. The first phase, to be held from 05 – 09 Dec 16, would be a Command Planning exercise involving the two navies, where planners from both sides will undertake planning for combined maritime operations. The second phase is a LIVE EXERCISE (LIVEX), to be held from 12-16 Dec 2016 at Goa, which involves interaction between the IN Marine Commandos (MARCOs) and the Royal Marines.

42. Who is the newly elected President of the Uzbekistan?

- [A]Shavkat Mirziyoyev
- [B]Narimon Umarov
- [C]Khotamjon Ketmonov
- [D]Islam Karimov

Shavkat Mirziyoyev

Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the acting President of Uzbekistan, has become the new President of Uzbekistan after winning the first presidential election since the

death of authoritarian leader and President Islam Karimov in September 2016. Mirziyoyev worked as prime minister under President Karimov since 2003 until the leader's death in September 2016.

43. Mukesh Kumar is associated with which sports?

[A] Chess

[B] Swimming

[C] Wushu

[D] Golf

Golf

Indian Golfer Mukesh Kumar has won the 2016 Panasonic Open India golf title at Delhi Golf Club (DGC). With this win, he became the oldest golfer to win an Asian Tour title at the age of 51 years and 126 days.

44. The 5th edition of International Energy Forum (IEF)-IGU Ministerial Forum has been started in which city?

[A] New Delhi

[B] Pune

[C] Chennai

[D] Bangaluru

New Delhi

The 5th edition of International Energy Forum (IEF)- International Gas Union (IGU) Ministerial Forum has been inaugurated by Dharmendra Pradhan, the Minister of State (I/C) for Petroleum and Natural Gas, in New Delhi. The Ministerial forum is being held as a parallel event to the 3-day Petrotech-2016.

45. What is the theme of 2016 World Soil Day?

- [A]Soils, crystallizes life
- [B]Soils, a solid ground for life
- [C]Soils and pulses, a symbiosis for life
- [D]Soil day for future life

Soils and pulses, a symbiosis for life

The World Soil Day 2016 is observed every year on December 5 to connect people with soils and raise awareness on their critical importance in our lives. The 2016 theme is “Soils and pulses, a symbiosis for life”, which focuses on the positive contributions of pulses to soil properties, such as fixing the atmosphere nitrogen and improving its biodiversity, fertility and structure.

46. “2016 Indra NAVY” naval exercise will be held between India and which country?

- [A]Russia
- [B]United States
- [C]Japan
- [D]China

Russia

The 2016 Indra NAVY joint naval exercise will be held between India and Russia from December 14 to 21 in the south-eastern Indian coastal city of Visakhapatnam and in the Bay of Bengal. The joint naval exercise will consist of two stages – coastal and naval. The coastal part will be held on December 14-18 in the city of Visakhapatnam, while the naval will take place in the Bay of Bengal on December 19-21.

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47. The Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated on which day in India?

[A]December 7

[B]December 6

[C]December 8

[D]December 9

December 7

The Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated annually in India on December 7 to honour the sacrifices of brave soldiers, airmen and sailors of India. The day is dedicated towards collection of funds from people for the welfare of the Armed Forces personnel.

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48. The Center of Excellence in Information Technology will be established by the Government of India (GoI) in which country?

- [A] Bhutan
- [B] Morocco
- [C] Egypt
- [D] Greece

The Government of India (GoI) will establish a Center of Excellence in Information Technology at Egypt's oldest and most prestigious Al-Azhar University. This was announced by Indian Ambassador to Cairo, Sanjay Bhattacharyya, after meeting Grand Sheikh of Al-Azhar Ahmed el-Tayeb in Cairo. The centre will be set up in the engineering department of the university early next year, as part of an effort to enhance cooperation in education between the two countries.

49. Which of the following has become the India's first parliamentary constituency to have health insurance for all?

- [A] Warangal
- [B] Aurangabad
- [C] Vijayawada
- [D] Ratlam

Vijayawada

The Vijayawada Parliamentary constituency has become the India's first parliamentary constituency to have health insurance for all from a new born to senior citizens. The constituency consists of 265 villages in Andhra Pradesh. The "Swastha Kutambham" health insurance scheme launched by Andhra Pradesh

Government in association with Tata Trusts covers health for all in the rural areas and was introduced recently in the villages under Vijayawada MP Constituency. The health insurance will cover all the villagers for a year from December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017.

50. Srinivasa Iyer Ramaswamy, who recently passed away, was related to which field?

[A]Journalism

[B]Sports

[C]Marine Science

[D]Film Industry

Journalism

Srinivasa Iyer Ramaswamy (81), the noted political satirist and founder editor of Thuglak magazine, has recently passed away in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He was popularly known as Cho Ramaswamy and was an advisor to former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa.

51. "AP Purse mobile app" has been launched by which state government to promote digital transactions?

[A]Arunachal Pradesh

[B]Uttar Pradesh

[C]Andhra Pradesh

[D]Karnataka

Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Government has recently launched AP Purse mobile application to promote digital transactions among the people in Vijayawada. The mobile app features 13 mobile banking and 10 mobile wallet options. By using this application, people can pay their bills and carry out their cashless transactions to solve the cash crunch problem in the state following demonitisation of high value old currency notes.