



CURRENT AFFAIRS

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1. Vodafone M-Pesa has partnered with _____ state government which offers easy-to-use option to pay their electricity bills instantly

- a) Punjab b) Sikkim c) Assam d) Manipur

Answer a) Punjab. Vodafone M-Pesa, a unique and innovative Digital Wallet service from Vodafone that offers Money Transfer, Bill & Utility Pay, Merchant Payments and Business Solutions, has partnered with Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), offering millions of people in Punjab a simple, easy-to-use option to pay their electricity bills instantly.

2. The first round-the-world solar powered flight has been completed, after the Solar Impulse aircraft touched down in _____

- a) Beijing b) Riyadh c) Abu Dhabi d) Washington

Answer c) Abu Dhabi. The first round-the-world solar powered flight has been completed, after the Solar Impulse aircraft touched down in Abu Dhabi. Bertrand Piccard piloted the plane for a final time, steering it safely from the Egyptian capital Cairo to the UAE. He has been taking turns at the controls with Swiss compatriot Andre Borschberg, with the mission aiming to promote renewable energy. It brings to an end a voyage that began in Abu Dhabi on 9 March last year.

3. Gujarat Chief Minister _____ has submitted her resignation due to old age

- a) Jayalalitha b) Mamta Banerjee c) Anandiben Patel d) Vasundhara Raje

Answer c) Anandiben Patel. Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel has submitted her resignation to BJP State President Vijay Rupani. In a Facebook post, Patel said she resigned before her 75th birthday to give the new Chief Minister more time to prepare for important events like 2017 state elections. BJP President Amit Shah said the BJP Parliamentary board will take a decision on the resignation.

4. Nearly _____ of the country has received deficient rainfall till July 31, the India Meteorological Department (IMD)

- a) 50% b) 21% c) 33% d) 10%

Answer b) 21%. Nearly 21% of the country has received deficient rainfall till July 31, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The IMD added that the most rain deficient areas were

Saurashtra and Kutch region with 49% deficiency, followed by Gujarat region (39%) and Himachal Pradesh (27%). Further, drought-hit Vidarbha and Marathwada have received normal rainfall so far.

5. Who won the 'Choice Male Artist' singer title 2016?

- a) Justin Timberlake b) Justin Bieber c) David Guetta d) Chris Brown

Answer b) Justin Bieber. Singer Selena Gomez won the 'Choice Female Artist' while Justin Bieber won the 'Choice Male Artist' at the Teen Choice Awards 2016, held in Los Angeles. 'Deadpool' won the Choice Movie award in the Action/Adventure category while Leonardo DiCaprio was declared the Choice Movie Actor (Drama) for 'The Revenant'. Meanwhile, 'Pretty Little Liars' won the Choice TV Show (Drama) award.

6. Who won the 'Choice Female Artist' singer title 2016?

- a) Whitney Houston b) Mariah Carey c) Christina Aguilera d) Selena Gomez

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7. World Economic Forum (WEF), will host its annual India Economic Summit in _____ on October 6-7

- a) Bangalore b) Mumbai c) Hyderabad d) Delhi

Answer d) Delhi. World Economic Forum (WEF), will host its annual India Economic Summit in Delhi on October 6-7 which would be attended by over 500 business and political leaders including top policymakers and CEOs.

8. Parliament passed a bill to establish a National Institute of Technology (NIT) in _____

- a) Haryana b) Andhra Pradesh c) Maharashtra d) Tamil Nadu

Answer b) Andhra Pradesh. Parliament passed a bill to establish a National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Andhra Pradesh. HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar said ₹40 crore has been provided in the Budget for the NIT, and a Detailed Project Report would be ready in two months. Notably, the bill was passed nearly a year after the first session of the NIT started.

9. The West Bengal State Assembly on approved a proposal to rename West Bengal as _____ in English

- a) Bengali b) Bangla c) Bengal d) Banga

Answer c) Bengal. The West Bengal State Assembly on approved a proposal to rename West Bengal as "Bengal" in English and "Bangla/Banga" in Bengali. The proposal will be forwarded to the Centre for approval. Reportedly, this was initiated after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee complained that state officials had to wait a lot during Central meetings due to alphabetically-ordered time slots.

10. Who assumed charge as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Air Command Recently?

- a) Arup Raha b) Jagjeet Singh c) Narayan Menon d) S Neelakantan

Answer d) S Neelakantan. Air Marshal S Neelakantan assumed charge as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Air Command. The traditional Guard of Honour was presented to him by the 'Air Warriors.' Air Marshal Neelakantan, who was commissioned as a fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force on December 28, 1977, is an alumni of National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and Tactics and Combat Development Establishment, a defence press release said.

11. Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Nepal?

- a) Pushpa Kamal Dahal b) Baburam Bhattarai c) Madhav Kumar d) Sushil Koirala

Answer a) Pushpa Kamal Dahal. Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist-Centre) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal was elected the new Prime Minister of Nepal. Dahal, the sole contender for the post, received 363 of the 573 votes in the Parliament, Speaker Onsari Gharti Magar said. This comes after the resignation of KP Oli hours ahead of a no-confidence motion last month.

12. The 'Amazing North-East... Paradise Unexplored' festival showcasing the various music and dances of Northeast India will be held at _____

- a) Assam b) Delhi c) Meghalaya d) Tripura

Answer b) Delhi. The 'Amazing North-East... Paradise Unexplored' festival showcasing the various music and dances of Northeast India will be held at the India International Centre in New Delhi, beginning 6 pm. The festival will also serve as a medium to discuss the reported challenges and hardships faced by the people living in the region.

13. The former Formula One driver Chris Amon who passed away recently, He was from _____

- a) Australia b) New Zealand c) Russia d) Spain

Answer b) New Zealand. The former Formula One driver Chris Amon has died at the age of 73 after battling cancer. The New Zealander spent 13 years in F1 across the 1960s and 70s, earning a reputation as one of the unluckiest drivers in the sport. He died in Rotorua Hospital in New Zealand.

14. Indian-American _____ has been named as the city's new Chief Digital Officer

- a) Vijayakumar b) Sreenivasan c) Sundar Kumar d) Gokul Singh

Answer b) Sreenivasan. An eminent Indian-American digital media expert has been named by New York Mayor Bill de Blasio as the city's new Chief Digital Officer to focus on promoting access to local government through technology and support its tech ecosystem. An immigrant from India, Sreenivasan was born in Japan and received a Bachelor's degree in History from St Stephen's College in Delhi.

15. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned the second 500 MW thermal unit at Marwa Thermal Power Station in _____

- a) Punjab b) Maharashtra c) Uttar Pradesh d) Chhattisgarh

Answer d) Chhattisgarh. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned the second 500 MW thermal unit at Marwa Thermal Power Station in Chhattisgarh. Located in Janjgir-Champa district of Chhattisgarh, Marwa TPS has been set up by Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Ltd. (CSPGCL). The first unit of Marwa TPS was also commissioned earlier by BHEL.

16. The tallest moving observation tower in the world, the 'British Airways i360' opened in _____

- a) USA b) India c) UK d) Australia

Answer c) UK. The tallest moving observation tower in the world, the 'British Airways i360' opened in Brighton city, United Kingdom. The 531-feet tower will send up to 200 viewers skyward in a curved glass pod which will stop at 450 feet. The tower, which took about 12 years and £46 million to build, offers panoramic views of up to 42 kilometres.

17. For the first time the _____ Navy has flown an aircraft using 3D-printed parts deemed essential to maintaining safe flight

- a) India b) USA c) Russia d) North Korea

Answer b) USA. For the first time the US Navy has flown an aircraft using 3D-printed parts deemed essential to maintaining safe flight. Tested in an MV-22 Osprey, the parts played a key role in securing the engine to the plane. According to a one-minute video, the engine nacelle contained a titanium 3D-printed link which helped hold the engine onto the wing.

18. The International Olympic Committee has unanimously agreed to add ___ sports to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

- a) 2 b) 7 c) 5 d) 10

Answer c) 5. The International Olympic Committee has unanimously agreed to add karate, skateboarding, surfing, sports climbing and baseball/softball to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The decision will add 18 events and 474 athletes to the Tokyo Olympics, without affecting the current

athlete and event quotas. Talking about the change, IOC President Thomas Bach said, "We want to take sport to the youth."

19. Who will become the first tennis player to carry Team Great Britain's flag at the Olympics?

- a) Roger Federer b) Novak Djokovic c) Rafael Nadal d) Andy Murray

Answer d) Andy Murray. Current Olympic and Wimbledon champion Andy Murray will become the first tennis player to carry Team Great Britain's flag at the Olympics. Murray, who won the gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics, will lead Great Britain's contingent at the opening ceremony on Friday. The flag bearer is chosen by the British Olympic Association, with each sport nominating one athlete.

20. Which State government will open 51 cyber laboratories on August 15 this year?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Maharashtra c) Sikkim d) Rajasthan

Answer b) Maharashtra. The Maharashtra government will open 51 cyber laboratories on August 15 this year, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) KP Bakshi said on Thursday. The new laboratories will cover 34 districts across the state. Notably, Maharashtra has seen a rise of 142.1% from 2013 to 2015 in the registration of cyber crime cases, according to the Crime in India Report 2015.

21. World's tallest outdoor glass lift opened in _____

- a) India b) USA c) Russia d) China

Answer d) China. Built on the side of a cliff in China's Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, Bailong Elevator is the world's tallest outdoor glass lift with a height of 1,070 feet (approx 325 metres). Recognised by the Guinness World Records, it is also known as the Hundred Dragons Elevator and consists of three lifts which take around a minute to reach the top.

22. Who is the new Prime Minister of Tunisia?

- a) Habib Essid b) Neji Jalloul c) Mohamed Ennaceur d) Youssef Chahed

Answer d) Youssef Chahed. Tunisia's President BejiCaidEssebsi named Youssef Chahed as the new prime minister after parliament ousted HabibEssid in a vote of no-confidence because of his handling of economic reforms and security. A junior minister in Essid's government, Chahed, 41, is an agricultural sciences specialist and academic who has taught in France and Tunisia. He is also part of the NidaaTounes secular party and has ties to Essebsi's family, which has led to some criticism from opposition leaders.

23. Patanjali Ayurveda will set up a ₹500 crore food processing unit in _____

- a) Himachal Pradesh b) Madhya Pradesh c) Arunachal Pradesh d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer b) Madhya Pradesh. Baba Ramdev-led Patanjali Ayurveda will set up a ₹500 crore food processing unit in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district. "We have demarcated 400 acres of land to

Patanjali Ayurveda... and have got an advance of ₹1 crore," a senior official said. The food processing project, to start production in three years, will provide direct employment to around 700 people, he added.

24. National Handloom Day is observed on?

- a) August 5 b) August 6 c) August 7 d) August 8

Answer c) August 7. The 2nd National handloom day is being celebrated all around the country on 7th August 2016. "Observance of National Handloom Day would generate awareness about the importance of handloom industry as a part of our rich heritage and culture, promote handloom products. National Handloom Day, which was first celebrated in 2015, will be celebrated at state level in all states and in 200 different handloom clusters.

25. Central Government launched 'Swachh Suvakshan-2017' to assess and rank 500 cities and towns. Who is the Minister of Urban Development?

- a) Prakash Javadekar b) Maneka Gandhi c) Ravi Shankar Prasad d) Venkaiah Naidu

Answer d) Venkaiah Naidu. Minister of Urban Development Shri M.Venkaiah Naidu launched 'Swachh Suvakshan-2017' to assess and rank 500 cities and towns based on levels of sanitation and efforts made by respective urban local bodies and also to capture progress towards achieving 'Open Defecation Free' status. The Minister also released in New Delhi various publications and mobile applications to help the 500 cities and towns prepare for the survey to be conducted in January next year.

26. Who has been re-elected as Asian Development Bank President?

- a) Jim Yong Kim b) Takehiko Nakao c) Jin Liqun d) Haruhiko Kuroda

Answer b) Takehiko Nakao. The board of Asian Development Bank has re-elected Takehiko Nakao as the multilateral funding agency's president for a five-year term beginning November. Nakao was first elected as ADB president on April 28, 2013 to serve the three-and-half-years remaining term of his predecessor Haruhiko Kuroda. Being the ninth president of ADB, he was the sole nominee after ADB's Governors were invited from May 31 to June 30, 2016, to make nominations for the organisation's presidency, the release added.

27. Which State government will undertake an irrigation project worth ₹2,800 crore to keep a check on floods?

- a) Sikkim b) Meghalaya c) West Bengal d) Haryana

Answer c) West Bengal. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said the state government will undertake an irrigation project worth ₹2,800 crore to keep a check on floods. The project will involve canal dredging in Burdwan, Hooghly, Bankura, East Midnapore and other south Bengal

districts. It will be undertaken with the help of World Bank in the next five years, Banerjee added.

28. Government of India launched _____ App and Helpline - 1969 to help general public address complaints related to civic issues

- a) Swachhgov b) Swachhata c) Swachhbalan d) Swachhbharat

Answer b) Swachhata. The Centre launched 'Swachhata App' and 'Swachhata Helpline - 1969' to help general public address complaints related to civic issues. Union Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu also unveiled 'Asli Tarakki' (real progress) campaign to promote usage of toilets along with launching 'Swachh Suvakshan' to assess and rank 500 cities and towns based on levels of sanitation in 2017.

29. India _____ riskiest place to do business: Report

- a) 25th b) 8th c) 17th d) 4th

Answer d) 4th. London-based risk analysis firm Verisk Maplecroft has ranked India the fourth riskiest in a list of 198 countries losing out on business opportunities due to civil unrest. War-torn countries Syria, Yemen and Libya took the first three spots on the list. Notably, countries like Bangladesh (6th) and Nigeria (10th) were found to be safer for conducting businesses than India.

30. _____ has become the first country to ban the mobile game Pokémon Go

- a) India b) USA c) Iran d) Iraq

Answer c) Iran. Iran has become the first country to ban the mobile game Pokémon Go. The country's High Council of Virtual Spaces, the official body that oversees Iran's online activity, took the decision citing unspecified security concerns. Iran had reportedly waited for co-operation from the game makers before taking the decision to ban it.

31. _____ became the first nation to register a gold medal at the Rio Olympics 2016

- a) China b) USA c) India d) Australia

Answer b) USA. USA became the first nation to register a gold medal at the Rio Olympics 2016, after 19-year-old Virginia Thrasher won gold in the 10-metre air rifle on Day One of the event held on Saturday. Thrasher finished ahead of China's Du Li and Yi Siling, who won the silver and bronze medals to open China's medals tally at the event.

32. Which State has been selected for the All India Coordinated Rice Improvement Project Award 2015?

- a) Manipur b) Rajasthan c) West Bengal d) Kerala

Answer c) West Bengal. West Bengal has been selected for the All India Coordinated Rice Improvement Project Award 2015. This is the first time the state will be receiving this award. It was selected by the 51st committee from the Indira Gandhi Krishi Bikash Kendra. Earlier, West Bengal won the Krishi Kamran Puraskar for three consecutive years. The state has been selected for the award for its achievement in four key areas that include scientific research for seeds. The state government has also bagged the award for the second position for participating in International Agriculture and Horticulture Expo.

33. Jute Corporation to launch "Colours of Independence" campaign in _____

- a) Mumbai b) Vishakhapatnam c) Bangalore d) Chennai

Answer b) Vishakhapatnam. Jute Corporation of India has been entrusted with the task of launching the week-long "Colours of Independence" campaign in Vishakhapatnam. The campaign was being

launched in 70 cities across the country to commemorate 70 years of Independence. "A jute fabric will be set up in the CMR shopping mall and State HRD minister G. Srinivasa Rao will formally launch the programme by painting on it and the members of the public can participate later for the next seven days, till August 15.

34. IDFC Bank has appointed former Reserve Bank of India deputy governor _____ to the bank's board

- a) Usha Thorat b) Subir Gokarn c) Chakrabarty d) Anand Sinha

Answer d) Anand Sinha. IDFC Bank, the newest lender in the country, has appointed former Reserve Bank of India deputy governor Anand Sinha to the bank's board. In a notice to exchanges, the lender said Sinha would be joining as an additional director in the category of independent director on the board. His appointment comes into effect from August 1.

35. _____ is the world's 'least miserable' place: Survey

- a) USA b) Thailand c) China d) Spain

Answer b) Thailand. The Misery Index, computed by adding inflation to the unemployment rate, has ranked Thailand as the least miserable place with a 1.11% score, out of 74 economies surveyed by Bloomberg. Singapore and Japan have been ranked second and third 'least miserable' respectively. Further, the South American nation Venezuela has been named the 'most miserable' with a score of 188.2%.

36. Which country has witnessed its highest-ever tea production during 2015-16, at 1233.14 million kilograms?

- a) China b) Kenya c) Sri Lanka d) India

Answer d) India. Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the country has witnessed its highest-ever tea production during 2015-16, at 1233.14 million kilograms. She further said that India's tea production has increased by 3% during the same period as compared to that of the last year. Sitharaman added that small tea growers contributed nearly 34% to the total output.

37. Which State has the highest number of National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers among all Indian States?

- a) Kerala b) Tamil Nadu c) Maharashtra d) Karnataka

Answer b) Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu has the highest number of National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers among all Indian states, followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka. Of more than 36 lakh volunteers, Tamil Nadu has over 4 lakh, while Maharashtra and Karnataka have over 3 lakh each. Launched in 1969, NSS requires enrolled students to put in 120 hours of community service every year.

38. The International Day of the World's Indigenous People is observed on?

- a) August 9 b) August 10 c) August 11 d) August 12

Answer a) August 9. The International Day of the World's Indigenous People, which takes place every year on 9 August, was proclaimed by the General Assembly in December 1994. The right of indigenous peoples to education is also protected by a number of other international human rights instruments, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

39. Which country banned four cricket players for attempting to fix matches?

- a) Australia b) Sri Lanka c) South Africa d) Bangladesh

Answer c) South Africa. Four South African cricketers, including former Test wicket keeper Thami Tsolekile, have been handed bans ranging from seven to 12 years for attempting to fix matches, Cricket South Africa (CSA) announced.

40. Kalikho Pul who passed away recently, He was former chief minister of _____

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Arunachal Pradesh c) Madhya Pradesh d) Assam

Answer b) Arunachal Pradesh. Former Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Kalikho Pul was found dead at his residence on Tuesday. He allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself. The Congress leader had become acting CM of the state in February this year. Later in July, Pul had been removed from the CM's post after the Supreme Court reinstated the Nabam Tuki-led Congress government in Arunachal Pradesh.

41. Who has been appointed as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of United Bank of India?

- a) PS Jayakumar b) Pawan Kumar Bajaj c) Suresh N Patel d) Sushil Mahnot

Answer b) Pawan Kumar Bajaj. Pawan Kumar Bajaj and Ravindra Prabhakar Marathe were appointed as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of United Bank of India and Bank of Maharashtra respectively. Mr Bajaj is executive director in Indian Overseas Bank. He has been appointed as MD and CEO "based on merit-cum-preference", an order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training said.

42. Government of India has slapped anti-dumping duty on the import of hot-rolled steel products from _____ nations, including China and South Korea

- a) Four b) Five c) Six d) Seven

Answer c) Six. The government has slapped anti-dumping duty on the import of hot-rolled steel products from six nations, including China and South Korea, in a bid to shield domestic manufacturers against cheaper inward shipments. An anti-dumping duty of \$474-557 per tonne was imposed on 'hot-rolled flat products of alloy or non-alloy steel' import from China, Japan, South

Korea, Russia, Brazil and Indonesia, the Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance said in a notification.

43. Max Life Financial Services will get Rs850 crore as non-compete fee following merger of its life insurance business with _____

- a) Bajaj Allianz b) Aviva India c) HDFC Life Insurance d) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

Answer c) HDFC Life Insurance. Analjit Singh-led promoter group of Max Financial Services will get Rs850 crore as non-compete fee following merger of its life insurance business with HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company Ltd (HDFC Life). The payment will be made by the merged entity over a four-year period, with an upfront fee of Rs501 crore followed by three equal annual instalments totalling Rs349 crore.

44. Which State government has introduced the Excise Duty (Amendment) Bill 2016, which proposes to declare 'no alcohol consumption zones'?

- a) Goa b) Maharashtra c) Bihar d) Tamil Nadu

Answer a) Goa. The Goa government has introduced the Goa Excise Duty (Amendment) Bill 2016, which proposes to declare 'no alcohol consumption zones' and fine violators who consume alcohol in the 'zones' between ₹1,000 to ₹10,000. The bill says liquor consumption causes environmental degradation and harms pedestrians, while adding that "persons... in an inebriated state" pose a "law and order situation".

45. Millionlights, an education content provider Company has launched the first and only Indian TV Channel focused on higher education in _____

- a) Agra b) Jaipur c) Pune d) Bangalore

Answer c) Pune. Millionlights, an education content provider Company has launched the first and only Indian TV Channel focused on higher education and skill development in partnership with DEN Manoranjan Satellite in Pune. Millionlights aims to create a landscape of content, delivery platforms and certifications leading to higher employability. The company already runs a website, which provides certification courses.

46. Which team won the UEFA super cup football title 2016?

- a) AC Milan b) Real Madrid c) FC Barcelona d) Sevilla

Answer b) Real Madrid. Right-back Daniel Carvajal's solo strike in the 119th minute helped Real Madrid lift their third Super Cup. Madrid took the lead with Marco Asensio's long-range strike before Sevilla's Franco Vazquez and Yevhen Konoplyanka handed Sevilla the lead. Sergio Ramos made it 2-2 to force extra time before Carvajal handed Zinedine Zidane his second trophy as Madrid coach.

47. Which IT company is recognised as a Top 100 Brand in the US?

- a) Wipro b) Infosys c) TCS d) HCL

Answer c) TCS. Tata Consultancy Services, a leading global IT services, consulting and business solutions firm, announced its ranking as the 58th most valuable US brand in an annual survey by a top brand valuation company. The Brand Finance study 'Top 500 US Brands' evaluates the financial value of a company's brand name, intellectual assets and trademark as compared to companies across industries.

48. Who has been appointed as the managing director of Max Hypermarkets in India?

- a) Sanjeev Krishnan b) Rajeev Krishnan c) Amit Mishra d) Mahesh Gopal

Answer b) Rajeev Krishnan. The Landmark Group has appointed Rajeev Krishnan as the managing director of Max Hypermarkets in India. Krishnan takes over from the outgoing managing director, Viney Singh, and the appointment has been effective from August 1, 2016. Singh will continue to be on the board of the company as a non-executive director.

49. Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to launch LPG scheme for BPL households in _____ targeting 1.06 crore BPL households of the state

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Andhra Pradesh c) West Bengal d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer c) West Bengal. Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan would launch Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in West Bengal on August 14, targeting 1.06 crore BPL households of the state. West Bengal, where LPG penetration is lower than national average at 52%, would be the next destination for the launch of PMUY scheme covering all 20 districts, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) general manager R K Mahapatra .

50. _____ has become the first state to ratify the Goods and Services Tax Constitutional Amendment Bill

- a) Gujarat b) Kerala c) Goa d) Assam

Answer d) Assam. Assam has become the first state to ratify the Goods and Services Tax Constitutional Amendment Bill. The Parliament had earlier cleared the bill to usher in a uniform tax regime throughout the country, and it now awaits the ratification of at least 15 states to make it a law. The Centre seeks to roll-out the GST by April 1, 2017.

51. World elephant day is observed on?

- a) August 10 b) August 11 c) August 12 d) August 13

Answer c) August 12. On August 12, 2012, the inaugural World Elephant Day was launched to bring attention to the urgent plight of Asian and African elephants. The elephant is loved, revered and respected by people and cultures around the world, yet we balance on the brink of seeing the last of

this magnificent creature.

52. ITC's leading health & hygiene brand, Savlon is proud to announced _____ as its brand ambassador

- a) Sania Mirza b) Deepika Pallikal c) Dipa Karmakar d) Saina Nehwal **Answer**

d) Saina Nehwal. ITC's leading health & hygiene brand, Savlon is proud to announce Saina Nehwal, ace shuttler as its brand ambassador. In its new campaign with Saina, Savlon seeks to inspire parents to let go of their fears and encourage children to push their limits and maximize their potential to succeed in life.

53. Bharat Heavy Electricals limited (BHEL) appointed _____ as director (power)

- a) Akhil Joshi b) Vijay Joshi c) Praveen Joshi d) Mukesh Joshi

Answer a) Akhil Joshi. Mr. Akhil Joshi presently posted as Executive Director, Bharat Heavy Electricals limited (BHEL) has been appointed as the Director (Power), BHEL for a period of five years from the date of his assumption of charge of the post, or till the date of his superannuation, or until further orders. As Director (Power), Mr. Joshi will be responsible for marketing, erection, commissioning, overall management of power projects and the after-market business for the company.

54. _____ Government has decided to grant 33 per cent reservation to women in Urban Local Bodies, ULBs recently

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Nagaland c) West Bengal d) Rajasthan

Answer b) Nagaland. The Nagaland Government has decided to grant 33 per cent reservation to women in Urban Local Bodies, ULBs. The decision was taken during a cabinet meeting held in Kohima Wednesday. Chief Minister TR Zeliang announced this during the State Level Watershed Conference held in Kohima yesterday. Mr.Zeliang however said the state has not been able to avail the annual developmental funds granted by the Centre for ULBs, which was a big loss.

55. _____ government inaugurated 100 new godowns for storing fertilisers, seeds and paddy, with a storage capacity of 41,425 metric tonne, in villages of different districts

- a) Odisha b) Sikkim c) Rajasthan d) Maharashtra

Answer a) Odisha. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated 100 new godowns for storing fertilisers, seeds and paddy, with a storage capacity of 41,425 metric tonne, in villages of different districts. He also announced a programme to distribute free mobile phones to a total of 41,000 women Kisan Credit Card holders across the state.

56. _____ became the first Indian in 32 years to qualify for the finals of an athletic event at the Olympics

- a) Sudha Singh b) Tintu Lukka c) Lalita Babar d) Kavita Raut

Answer c) Lalita Babar. Indian steeplechase sprinter Lalita Babar became the first Indian in 32 years to qualify for the finals of an athletic event at the Olympics. She qualified for the finals of the 3,000-metre steeplechase event on Saturday, after registering a new national record of 9 minutes and 19.76 seconds. Lalita will compete for a medal in the final on Monday.

57. The 92-year-old practice of presenting a separate Rail Budget is set to come to an end from the next fiscal. Who is the present Minister of Railways?

- a) Piyush Goyal b) Nitin Gadkari c) Suresh Prabhu d) Sadananda Gowda

Answer c) Suresh Prabhu. The 92-year-old practice of presenting a separate Rail Budget is set to come to an end from the next fiscal, with the Finance Ministry accepting Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu's proposal to merge it with the General Budget. According to railways, the Finance Ministry has now constituted a five-member committee comprising senior officials of the Ministry and the national transporter to work out the modalities for the merger. The committee has been asked to submit its report by August 31.

58. A first-of-its-kind "touch and feel garden" for the visually impaired people in the country was inaugurated in _____

- a) Kerala b) Tamil Nadu c) Rajasthan d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer a) Kerala. A first-of-its-kind "touch and feel garden" for the visually impaired people in the country was inaugurated near Calicut University campus by Kerala Assembly Speaker P Sreeramakrishnan. The garden has nearly 70 aromatic, medicinal and herbal plants brought from various parts the country.

59. Which telecom company issued new notification, which to make unlimited free calls from landline to any network's mobile and landline in India on August 15, and every Sunday thereafter?

- a) Airtel b) Aircel c) BSNL d) Idea

Answer c) BSNL. Customers of state-run BSNL will be able to make unlimited free calls from landline to any network's mobile and landline in India on August 15, and every Sunday thereafter, Telecom Minister Manoj Sinha said today. The service will be available besides BSNL's free night calling scheme. This will let people experience modern facilities on BSNL landline network, company's Chairman said.

60. Who has been appointed as the United Nations' special envoy on youth unemployment?

- a) Werner Faymann b) Michael Haupl c) Christian Kern d) Heinz Fischer

Answer a) Werner Faymann. Former Austrian Chancellor Werner Faymann has been appointed the United Nations' special envoy on youth unemployment. Faymann has been appointed because he

has played a long-standing and proactive role in promoting opportunities for young people, the UN said. This is Faymann's first appointment since he resigned as Austria's Chancellor in May after serving for seven-and-a-half years.

61. Which company bags contract to convert Nagpur into integrated smart city?

- a) Reliance b) Tata Company c) Larsen & Toubro d) Exide

Answer c) Larsen & Toubro. Larsen & Toubro has been identified as Implementation Partner to convert Nagpur, the Orange City, into the country's first large-scale integrated Smart City as per a Letter of Intent that was handed over in the auspicious presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis, to representatives of the company at a function in Mumbai.

62. Which State government announced a slew of development projects and schemes regarding the "seven resolves" for the next five years?

- a) Gujarat b) Assam c) Tamil Nadu d) Bihar

Answer d) Bihar. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced a slew of development projects and schemes regarding the "seven resolves" adopted by his government for the next five years and said that rule of law prevailed in the state. In his speech on 70th Independence Day, Kumar announced the launch of Student Credit Card scheme from October 2. The scheme promises R. 4 lakh interest free loan to students for pursuing higher education.

63. _____ government announced 50% hike in minimum wages of workers in the city

- a) Puducherry b) Tamil Nadu c) Kerala d) Delhi

Answer d) Delhi. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced 50% hike in minimum wages of workers in the city. Following this, minimum monthly wage for unskilled workers will increase from ₹9,568 to ₹14,000, for semi-skilled workers from ₹10,600 to ₹15,600 and from ₹11,600 to ₹17,000 for skilled workers. "Those who have less in life should have more in law," Kejriwal said.

64. The first ever BIO-CNG project in India was inaugurated in _____

- a) Delhi b) Mumbai c) Pune d) Hyderabad

Answer c) Pune. The first ever BIO-CNG project in India was inaugurated in Pune, by the hands of Union Minister of surface Transport Nitin Gadkari and Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar. Speaking on this occasion, Mr. Gadkari said that Bio-Fuel will help in reducing the import of diesel up to 50% and therefore the huge amount of Foreign Exchange will be saved.

65. Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar finished _____ in the women's vault finals at the Rio Olympics

- a) Fourth b) Third c) Fifth d) Sixth

Answer a) Fourth. Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar finished fourth in the women's vault finals at the Rio Olympics. With her two jumps, Dipa, who is India's first ever female gymnast at the Olympics, finished with a score of 15.066, as against the bronze medal-winning score of 15.216. American gymnast Simone Biles grabbed the gold medal while Russia's Maria Paseka won the silver.

66. Former Indian cricketer _____ has been elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).

- a) Virender Sehwag b) Sachin Tendulkar c) Anil Kumble d) Rahul Dravid

Answer a) Virender Sehwag. Former Indian cricketer Virender Sehwag has been elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). The Indian opener joined compatriots Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Sourav Ganguly on the list of Honorary Life Members. "It is always a pleasure to welcome new Honorary Life Members to the Club, and Virender is no exception", said MCC's chief.

67. Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) inaugurated the nickel, copper and acid recovery plant in _____

- a) Bihar b) Jharkhand c) Kerala d) Rajasthan

Answer b) Jharkhand. Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) inaugurated the nickel, copper and acid recovery plant at Indian Copper Complex, Ghatsila (Jharkhand). This is the first facility in India to produce nickel metal of LME grade from primary resource. The Singhbhum Copper Belt has unique ore characteristics which contains appreciable quantity of nickel. Hindustan Copper has installed and commissioned the technology to recover as nickel metal.

68. India was ranked _____ on WIPO's 2016 Global Innovation Index (GII) while maintaining its top position among Central and South Asian economies

- a) 35th b) 58th c) 66th d) 80th

Answer c) 66th. India has been ranked the world's top exporter of information and communication technology (ICT) services, as per a report by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Further, India was ranked 66th on WIPO's 2016 Global Innovation Index (GII) while maintaining its top position among Central and South Asian economies. Switzerland topped the GII, followed by Sweden and the UK respectively.

69. Which State will be launching solar powered three-wheelers and based on the project's success, it will be carried forward in other states as well?

- a) Sikkim b) Kerala c) Andhra Pradesh d) Assam

Answer b) Kerala. Kerala will be launching solar powered three-wheelers and based on the project's success, it will be carried forward in other states as well. The vehicle will have solar panels fitted on roofs and six hours of charging will allow it to run for minimum 80 kms. The rickshaws will accommodate five passengers and will be equipped with a rechargeable battery.

70. Who has been appointed as Punjab's Governor?

- a) Najma Heptulla b) Banwarilal Purohit c) VP Singh Badnore d) Jagdish Mukhi

Answer c) VP Singh Badnore. With the appointment of Najma Heptulla as the Governor of Manipur on, Assam, Punjab and Andaman-Nicobar Islands also got new governors. While former Nagpur MP Banwarilal Purohit was appointed as Assam's Governor, former Rajya Sabha MP VP Singh Badnore became Punjab's Governor. Further, Delhi-based BJP leader Jagdish Mukhi was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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72. Who has been awarded Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Award for meritorious services in the Higher Education Department of Tamil Nadu?

- a) L Narasimman b) P Shanmugam c) S Suresh Kumar d) V Ganesh

Answer b) P Shanmugam. Central Leather Research Institute's Principal Scientist P Shanmugam has bagged the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Award for meritorious services in the Higher Education Department of Tamil Nadu. Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa presented the award comprising a certificate, Rs five lakh cheque and eight gram gold medal during the 70th Independence Day celebrations at Fort St George.

73. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has announced four new trains, they are

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- a) Antyodaya Express, Tejas, UDAY, and Shatabdi Express
b) Antyodaya Express, Talco, UDAY, and Humsafar
c) Maharaja Express, Tejas, UDAY, and Gatimaan Express
d) Antyodaya Express, Tejas, UDAY, and Humsafar

Answer d) Antyodaya Express, Tejas, UDAY, and Humsafar. Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu announced four new categories of trains, one for unreserved passengers and three for reserved ones, which will be operational in the next couple of months. "The reason behind starting new train for unreserved passengers is to ensure that those belonging to the 'Antodya class' (very poor people) can also travel by train A MoU was inked between city-based National Academy of the Indian Railway (NAIR) and MS University of Baroda. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has announced four new trains, Antyodaya Express, Tejas, UDAY, and Humsafar.

74. Which city has been named as the most liveable city in the world?

- a) Mumbai b) Singapore c) Melbourne d) Washington

Answer c) Melbourne. Melbourne in Australia has been named the most liveable city in the world for the sixth year in a row by The Economist. The Global Liveability Ranking 2016 has placed Vienna in Austria and Vancouver in Canada second and third respectively. The index, which was influenced by factors such as terrorism, has ranked Damascus in Syria the least liveable city.

75. _____ confirmed the production of plutonium has been restarted in the country

- a) USA b) India c) China d) North Korea

Answer d) North Korea. North Korea confirmed the production of plutonium has been restarted in the country after speculations that it reopened its Yongbyon nuclear facility earlier this month. It will continue conducting nuclear tests till perceived threats from U.S. remain. The Yongbyon reactor was closed down in July 2007. However, North Korean government officials said in September 2015 that the plant was operational again, it was working on improving the "quality and quantity" of its nuclear weapons.

76. In an attempt to improve the girl child ratio, the _____ government has re launched the "Majhi Kanya Bhagyashri" scheme

- a) Rajasthan b) Punjab c) Maharashtra d) Assam

Answer c) Maharashtra. In an attempt to improve the girl child ratio, the Maharashtra government has relaunched the "Majhi Kanya Bhagyashri" scheme. It was earlier launched in April last year but failed to gain momentum due to the lack of public awareness. The scheme is for couples willing to undergo family planning operation after the birth of their girl child.

77. Which state government signed a MoU with Railways to develop the Surat railway station under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model?

- a) Gujarat b) Bihar c) West Bengal d) Maharashtra

Answer a) Gujarat. An agreement between the Railways, Gujarat government and Surat Municipal Corporation was signed to develop the Surat railway station under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. "This station will be India's first and distinctive railway station upon its completion", Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu said, and added that the PPP helps in generating the capital and reducing taxes.

78. The largest aircraft in the world _____ made its maiden flight in Bedfordshire, United Kingdom

- a) Airlander 10 b) Skylander 10 c) Wetlander 10 d) Biglander 10

Answer a) Airlander 10. Airlander 10, the largest aircraft in the world, made its maiden flight in Bedfordshire, United Kingdom. The 302-foot long aircraft dubbed the 'flying bum' costs £25 million (about ₹219 crore). Part plane and part airship, the aircraft is capable of staying airborne for up to five days during manned flights and two weeks during unmanned flights.

79. According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, no custom duty will be charged for importing a consumer electronic item worth up to _____ in India

- a) 25000 b) 50000 c) 100000 d) 200000

Answer b) 50000. According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, no custom duty will be charged for importing a consumer electronic item worth up to ₹50,000 in India. Earlier, the limit for importing electronics for personal use without incurring any custom duties was ₹2,000. Beyond this limit, 41% of the value would be charged as the custom duty.

80. _____ is the world's first licensed armless pilot as well as the first armless black-belt in the American Taekwondo Association

- a) Jessica Cox b) Serena Mary c) Liz Murray d) Maria Sashay

Answer a) Jessica Cox. Jessica Cox is the world's first licensed armless pilot as well as the first armless black-belt in the American Taekwondo Association. The 33-year-old Jessica was born without arms due to a non-genetic birth defect and has not used prosthetic arms since she turned 14. Jessica travels around the world as a motivational speaker and aims to 'change attitudes about disability'.

81. TA Razzaq who passed away recently, He was a screenwriter of _____ film industry

- a) Telugu b) Tamil c) Kannada d) Malayalam

Answer d) Malayalam. Award-winning Malayalam screenwriter TA Razzaq passed away in Kochi.

Razzaq, age at 58s a scriptwriter his notable films include Kanakinavu, Ghazal, Perumazhakalam, Aayirathil Oruvan and Thalolam. Kanakinavu went on to win a National Award. Kanakkinavu also bagged the National Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration the same year.

82. Which State has received the highest number of gallantry medals for police personnel in the country on the eve of Independence Day?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Maharashtra c) Kerala d) Telangana

Answer d) Telangana. Telangana State has received the highest number of gallantry medals for police personnel in the country on the eve of Independence Day. It was the only State unit to secure the President's police medal for gallantry (PPMG). The other units to receive the award this year were Central Reserve Police Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, and the Intelligence Bureau.

83. Who has been re-elected as President of Zambia?

- a) Micheal Sata b) Edgar Lungu c) Rupiah Banda d) Hakainde Hichilema

Answer b) Edgar Lungu. Zambian President Edgar Lungu narrowly won re-election on in a vote his main rival said was rigged. Hakainde Hichilema's United Party for National Development (UPND) said it would appeal the result at the Constitutional Court, accusing election officials of fraud during the count which began after voting ended.

84. Online and mobile commerce major the _____ Group, along with Crossword and Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, has launched 'Mission Million Books'

- a) Flipkart b) Amazon c) Snapdeal d) Alibaba

Answer d) Alibaba. Online and mobile commerce major the Alibaba Group, along with Crossword and Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, has launched 'Mission Million Books', a pan-India initiative inviting Indian citizens to donate textbooks and educational material for the underprivileged. The collected material will be distributed to more than 2,500 educational institutions across India.

85. World Mosquito day is observed on?

- a) August 17 b) August 19 c) August 20 d) August 18

Answer c) August 20. World Mosquito Day, observed annually on 20 August, is a commemoration of British doctor Sir Ronald Ross's discovery in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. Ross is responsible for the annual observance, having declared shortly after his discovery that the day should be known as World Mosquito Day in the future.

86. In order to promote the "welfare of women", the _____ government has decided to reserve 33% posts of Sub-Inspectors for women recently

- a) Delhi b) Puducherry c) West Bengal d) Gujarat

Answer b) Puducherry. In order to promote the "welfare of women", the Puducherry government

has decided to reserve 33% posts of Sub-Inspectors for women, Chief Minister V Narayanaswamy said today. The government has also decided to disburse the monthly assistance to aged persons and widows under welfare schemes through Anganwadi centres instead of the beneficiaries approaching the bank branches, he added.

87. Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti launched projects worth ₹560 crore under the Namami Gange programme in _____

a) Jaipur, Rajasthan b) Mumbai, Maharashtra c) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh d) Vishakhapatnam, A P

Answer c) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti launched projects worth ₹560 crore under the Namami Gange programme in Kanpur, UP. This includes networking schemes worth ₹397 crore, a ₹100 crore riverfront development scheme, and a ₹63 crore interception and diversion plan of a city's drain. Fourteen ghats and five crematoria will also be constructed in the district, a statement read.

88. India ranks _____ in Asia Pacific on fixed broadband

a) 56th b) 44th c) 81st d) 39th

Answer d) 39th. India ranks a low 39th in terms of fixed broadband adoption among Asia Pacific countries, with just 1.3 per cent of its citizens subscribing to such a service in 2015, according to a study by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). Hong Kong, New Zealand, Japan, Macao, Australia and Singapore topped the list of 53 countries covered in the report.

89. Which State government decided to felicitate the Olympic badminton star PV Sindhu with Rs. 3 crore rewards in cash and a Group I cadre job in the State?

a) Haryana b) Andra Pradesh c) Telangana d) Tamil Nadu

Answer b) Andra Pradesh. The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet decided to felicitate the Olympic badminton star PV Sindhu with Rs. 3 crore reward in cash, a 1,000 sq yard site in the new capital city of Amaravati and a Group I cadre job in the State. The Cabinet also approved a Rs. 50 lakh cash reward to Pullela Gopichand, the former badminton star and coach of Sindhu.

90. Indian-origin MP _____ became Canada's first female Leader of the Government in the House of Commons

a) Maryam Monsef b) Melanie Joly c) Kirsty Duncan d) Bardish Chagger

Answer d) Bardish Chagger. Indian-origin MP Bardish Chagger became Canada's first female Leader of the Government in the House of Commons. The 39-year-old MP from Waterloo is also among the youngest to hold the post and will retain her previous role as Minister for Small Business and Tourism. Chagger's parents had immigrated to Canada in the 1970s.

91. World's New Largest Glass Bridge Opens in _____

- a) China b) USA c) India d) Japan

Answer a) China. Said to be the world's longest and highest glass-bottomed bridge, a 430-metre-long and 300-metre-high skywalk opened in China. The skywalk, made of 99 glass panels connecting two mountain cliffs, is located in Zhangjiajie Park. The mountain cliffs in the area are said to have inspired the 'floating peaks' in the movie 'Avatar'.

92. **President of the Indian Olympic Association _____ was awarded the Olympic Order for his outstanding services to the Olympic movement**

- a) K Ravichandran b) N Ramachandran c) N Srinivasan d) P Sivaraman

Answer b) N Ramachandran. President of the Indian Olympic Association N Ramachandran was awarded the Olympic Order for his outstanding services to the Olympic movement. The Olympic Order is the highest award of the Olympic Movement and is awarded for particularly distinguished contributions to the Olympic Movement, that is, recognition of efforts worthy of merit in the cause of sport. It was established in May 1975.

93. **India is the _____ largest number of technology driven startups in the world**

- a) First b) Second c) Third d) Fourth

Answer c) Third. India is the third largest number of technology driven startups in the world, with the US and the UK occupying the top two positions. The study, done by Assocham in association with Thought Arbitrage Research Institute, also revealed that Bengaluru is host to the largest share of technology startups in the country.

94. **Union Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi inaugurated the state's first animal birth control centre (ABC) at _____**

- a) Uttar Pradesh b) Kerala c) Rajasthan d) Uttarakhand

Answer d) Uttarakhand. Union Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi inaugurated the state's first animal birth control centre (ABC) at Kedarpuram. The centre will take up birth control measures with stray dogs the population of which has been rising in the city and the state.

95. Which State police launched pilot project on DNA profiling?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Andra Pradesh c) Punjab d) Karnataka

Answer b) Andra Pradesh. With an aim to tightening the noose around criminals, Andhra Pradesh Police launched DNA Index System (DIS), the first-of-its-kind initiative that allows generation of DNA profiles from live samples like saliva and blood stains. The system uses the latest DNA technology tool called RapidHIT developed by IntegenX of USA.

96. Jagdish Mukhi took oath as the 12th Lieutenant Governor of _____

- a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands b) Manipur c) Assam d) Delhi

Answer a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands. BJP leader Jagdish Mukhi took oath as the 12th Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The oath of office and secrecy was administered by Calcutta High Court's acting Chief Justice Girish Chandra Gupta in Port Blair. Mukhi will succeed Lt General AK Singh (Retd) who has been holding the post since July 2013.

97. Banwarilal Purohit took oath as the Governor of _____

- a) Haryana b) Manipur c) Assam d) Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Answer c) Assam. Banwarilal Purohit took oath as the Governor of Assam and Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, Ajit Singh administered the pledge of office and secrecy to him. Purohit will succeed Nagaland Governor Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya, who was also the acting Governor of Assam. After entering active politics in 1977, Purohit first won elections in Maharashtra Assembly in 1978.

98. Who has been appointed as Vice Chancellor of Mumbai-based Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI)?

- a) Ashok Das b) Anil Kakodkar c) P D Gupta d) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan

Answer c) P D Gupta. Eminent scientist P D Gupta was appointed as Vice Chancellor of Mumbai-based Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI). He has been appointed to the post for five years, an order issued by Department of Personnel and Training. The HBNI is an aided institution of the Department of Atomic Energy and is a deemed to be university under the UGC Act.

99. Hindi scholar and writer _____ was awarded the prestigious 25th Vyas Samman 2015 for her poetry collection "Kshama".

- a) Sunita Jain b) Kalpana Jain c) Archana Jain d) Kavitha Jain

Answer a) Sunita Jain. Hindi scholar and writer Sunita Jain was awarded the prestigious 25th Vyas Samman 2015 for her poetry collection "Kshama". The book "Kshama" was published in 2008. West Bengal Governor K N Tripathi conferred the award on the scholar. The award instituted by the K K Birla Foundation carries a cash prize of Rs 2.50 lakh. It is given annually to outstanding literary work

in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen.

100. Which Bank becomes the first public sector bank to make locker visiting facility free for its customers?

- a) State Bank of India b) Punjab National bank c) Indian Bank d) Syndicate Bank

Answer b) Punjab National bank. The Punjab National Bank (PNB) becomes the first public sector bank to make locker visiting facility free for its customers. The lender had earlier allowed 12 free visits to the lockers per customer in a year. The new rule, which eliminates an additional fee charged by the bank during locker visits, has been introduced from August 1, 2016. PNB used to charge Rs. 50 per locker visit once a customer crossed the limit of 12 visits specified under the bank's rules regarding locker operations.

101. World's first leprosy vaccine developed in _____

- a) Russia b) USA c) Japan d) India

Answer d) India. G.P Talwar, the founder-director of National Institute of Immunology (NII), has developed a first-of-its-kind, exclusive and indigenous leprosy vaccine in India. The vaccine, mycobacterium indicus pranii, has been approved by the Drug Controller General of India (DGCI) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) department of the US.

102. Which company has completed the acquisition of Anil Ambani-owned Reliance Infrastructure's cement business for a valuation of about ₹4,800 crore?

- a) Birla Corporation b) India Cements c) Ambuja Cements d) Ultratech Cement

Answer a) Birla Corporation. Birla Corporation has completed the acquisition of Anil Ambani-owned Reliance Infrastructure's cement business for a valuation of about ₹4,800 crore. This will boost the former's cement production by around one-and-a-half times. RInfra selling off its cement business is being seen as a move to improve its financial health, whose consolidated debt stood at ₹25,800 crore last fiscal, analysts said.

103. The world's largest indoor theme park, 'IMG Worlds of Adventure' is scheduled to open in _____

- a) USA b) China c) India d) Dubai

Answer d) Dubai. The world's largest indoor theme park, 'IMG Worlds of Adventure' is scheduled to open on August 31 in Dubai. The park will host rides, movie screenings, live performances, shopping venues, and dining options in a fully air-conditioned 1.5 million square feet area. Notably, Dubai is estimated to raise around \$837 million revenue from theme parks by 2019, according to Forbes.

104. In the list of 10 Richest Countries in World, India is ranked _____ in the world

- a) 1st b) 3rd c) 5th d) 7th

Answer d) 7th. In the list of 10 Richest Countries in World, India is ranked 7th and they have beaten

Canada at 8th, Australia at 9th and Italy at 10th. This report is made by new wealth world and this is governed by Capegemini. America in at the first place and second place in this list is occupied by China. Due to the huge population of India it was able to make a place in the list of the richest countries of world.

105. The All India Radio's first cross-border radio service channel was launched in _____ by President Pranab Mukherjee

- a) Mumbai b) Kolkata c) Hyderabad d) Delhi

Answer b) Kolkata. The All India Radio's first cross-border radio service channel was launched in Kolkata by President Pranab Mukherjee. President Pranab Mukherjee launched Akashvani Maitree channel for Bengali listeners and its website, an initiative which will provide a platform for blending content both from India and Bangladesh and preserving Bengali culture. The channel will be broadcast from a state-of-the-art brand new high power 1000Kw DRM transmitter with a capacity to reach the entire length and breadth of Bangladesh through medium wave and will be also available globally on its website and mobile app.

106. India and _____ signed an agreement that aims to foster conditions that will help create and improve workplace-based vocational training in India's industrial clusters

- a) Bangladesh b) China c) USA d) Germany

Answer d) Germany. Deepening collaboration on skill development, India and Germany signed an agreement that aims to foster conditions that will help create and improve workplace-based vocational training in India's industrial clusters. German technical assistance will be used to enhance industry institute partnerships between Indian and German organizations, build capacity of local training institutions and foster industry linkages which will help adapt elements of the German dual system into the Indian context.

107. The Chhattisgarh Assembly unanimously ratified the Goods and Service Tax (GST) constitution amendment bill becoming the _____ state to pass the bill

- a) Third b) Fourth c) Fifth d) Sixth

Answer c) Fifth. The Chhattisgarh Assembly unanimously ratified the Goods and Service Tax (GST) constitution amendment bill becoming the fifth state to pass the bill. Before Chhattisgarh, Himachal, Assam, Jharkhand and Bihar became the first four states to pass the bill. The GST bill, seen as single biggest tax reform in a long time, needs to be ratified by at least 15 state legislatures before the President can notify the GST council which will decide the new tax rate and other issues.

108. Former CCI head Ashok Chawla will take over as Non-Executive Part-time Chairman of _____ from October

- a) Yes Bank b) HDFC Bank c) Federal bank d) Axis Bank

Answer a) Yes Bank. Former CCI head Ashok Chawla will take over as Non-Executive Part-time

Chairman of YES Bank from October as the lender has received approval from the Reserve Bank for this appointment. YES Bank said Chawla's appointment is for a period of three years, with effect from the date of joining the bank.

109. Sellapan Ramanathan who passed away recently, He was the sixth and longest-serving President of _____

- a) Sri Lanka b) Nepal c) Singapore d) Myanmar

Answer c) Singapore. Indian-origin former Singapore President Sellapan Ramanathan popularly known as S R Nathan died after suffering a stroke. A veteran public servant, 92-year-old Nathan passed away peacefully at Singapore General Hospital. He was the sixth and longest-serving President of Singapore and served two terms from 1999 to 2011.

110. Who was conferred the first IEI-IEEE Award for engineering excellence 2015?

- a) Ramesh Reddy b) Satheesh Reddy c) Sankar Reddy d) Kiran Reddy

Answer b) Satheesh Reddy. Satheesh Reddy, Scientific Adviser to the Defence Minister and DRDO's DG (Missiles & Strategic Systems), was conferred the first IEI-IEEE Award for engineering excellence 2015. The award is in recognition of his 'significant national contributions towards missiles and aerospace technologies'.

111. Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) has signed an MoU with _____ for promoting renewable energy

- a) ISRO b) DRDO c) TERI d) None of these

Answer c) TERI. Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) has signed an memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Energy and Resources Institute (Teri) for promoting renewable energy. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is a research institute based in New Delhi that conducts research work in the fields of energy, environment and sustainable development. Established in 1974, it was formerly known as Tata Energy and Resource Institute.

112. Which country to host the 1st BRICS Film Festival from September 2?

- a) India b) Brazil c) Russia d) China

Answer a) India. India will be hosting the first BRICS film festival which will begin from Sept. 2, said Information and Broadcasting Minister M. Venkaiah Naidu. The five-day BRICS film festival would be held from September 2 to 6 at New Delhi. "The film festival will showcase an amalgamation of culture, films, song, dance and food of the 5-member countries including Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

113. Which company has topped the Forbes list of 'World's Most Innovative Companies' of 2016?

a) Facebook

b) Tesla Motors

c) Google

d) None of these

Answer b) Tesla Motors. Electric vehicle maker Tesla Motors has topped the Forbes list of 'World's Most Innovative Companies' of 2016. It was founded in 2003 by a group of engineers in Silicon Valley including Elon Musk, who wanted to prove that electric cars could be better than gasoline-powered cars. Notably, the automobile major unveiled the world's fastest electric car in production.

114. _____ has become the first south Indian state to have a dedicated children's court

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Andhra Pradesh c) Kerala d) Telangana

Answer d) Telangana. Telangana has become the first south Indian state to have a dedicated children's court. It is the third state, after Goa and Delhi, to have a child-friendly court with facilities like separate waiting rooms and video camera trials for the accused. Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act stipulates installation of such courts in all states at the earliest.

115. **World's first self-driving taxis debut in _____**

- a) India b) Singapore c) China d) Australia

Answer b) Singapore. Three-year old startup nuTonomy started the public trial of self-driving cabs in Singapore, becoming the world's first company to publicly test self-driving taxis. It will offer free rides to select customers in its six modified Renault and Mitsubishi electric cars. Taxi hailing app Uber is also planning to launch its autonomous taxis in the US within a few weeks.

116. **Which State Cabinet has decided to declare the state as open defecation-free on its formation day on November 1?**

- a) Kerala b) Tamil Nadu c) Karnataka d) Assam

Answer a) Kerala. The Kerala Cabinet has decided to declare the state as open defecation-free on its formation day on November 1. The Cabinet plans to invite PM Narendra Modi to attend the state-level function to be held in Thiruvananthapuram. This comes as the state government is constructing over 1.90 lakh toilets across the 941 grama panchayats under its sanitation programme.

117. **Who has been declared UEFA's Best Player in Europe for 2016?**

- a) Lionel Messi b) Cristiano Ronaldo c) Neymar d) Gareth Bale

Answer b) Cristiano Ronaldo. Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo has been declared UEFA's Best Player in Europe for 2016. He won the award ahead of teammate, Gareth Bale and Atletico Madrid forward, Antoine Griezmann. This is the second time that the Portuguese captain has won the award, tying him with the Argentine Messi as the only two players to have had the honour of winning the award twice.

118. **India has been ranked _____ on the World Risk Index**

- a) 55 b) 63 c) 77 d) 81

Answer c) 77. India has been ranked 77th on the World Risk Index, topped by Island state of Vanuatu. The World Risk Report 2016, published by the UNU Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) and Bundnis Entwicklung Hilft ,analyses the role that infrastructure plays in shaping a country's disaster risk.

119. _____ **have been named recipients of the Sports Journalists Association of Mumbai's (SJAM) Golden Jubilee Annual Awards 2016**

- a) Saina Nehwal, Lalita Babar and Ajinkya Rahane b) Sakshi Malik, Lalita Babar and Rohit Sharma
c) Dipa Karmakar, PV Sindhu and Ajinkya Rahane d) Shardul Gagare, Lalita Babar and Ajinkya Rahane

Answer d) Shardul Gagare, Lalita Babar and Ajinkya Rahane. Grandmaster Shardul Gagare, athlete Lalita Babar and India batsman Ajinkya Rahane have been named recipients of the Sports Journalists

Association of Mumbai's (SJAM) Golden Jubilee Annual Awards 2016. Former India fast bowler Zaheer Khan will present the trophies and certificates to all the 17 award recipients during a function.

120. Which state launched a mobile app for availing immediate and easy access to ambulances in the state?

- a) Maharashtra b) Haryana c) Himachal Pradesh d) Rajasthan

Answer c) Himachal Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh Health Minister Kaul Singh Thakur launched a mobile app for availing immediate and easy access to ambulances in the state. The app named '108 HP' can be downloaded on any smartphone. The app will make the access to the National Ambulance Service (NAS) much faster and does not require sharing of information such as name and location. Himachal has become the first state in India to launch any such app.

121. Nagaland becomes _____ State/Union Territory to ratified the Goods and Service Tax (GST) Constitution Amendment Bill

- a) 8th b) 9th c) 10th d) 11th

Answer a) 8th. Nagaland becomes eighth State to pass GST bill. The Nagaland Legislative Assembly has ratified the Goods and Service Tax (GST) Constitution Amendment Bill. The bill was endorsed by the House by a voice vote following a brief discussion. Introducing the bill, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiyanielie Peseyie said the revenue of the state would go up as tax evasion would be checked due to transparency and broadening of tax base.

122. Which University conducted its first convocation in nearly 800 years?

- a) Allahabad University b) University of Mumbai c) University of Madras d) Nalanda University

Answer d) Nalanda University. Nalanda University, one of the India's oldest institutes, conducted its first convocation in nearly 800 years. President Pranab Mukherjee laid the foundation stone of the permanent campus of the university in Bihar's Rajgir and awarded two gold medals and 12 Post Graduate degrees to the students. Currently, 155 students are studying in the university.

123. Who has been appointed as Executive Director of Corporation Bank for a period of three years?

- a) Dinesh Kumar Khara b) Sanjay Pawar Singh c) Gopal Murli Bhagat d) Tarlochan Singh

Answer c) Gopal Murli Bhagat. The Central government has appointed Gopal Murli Bhagat as Executive Director of Corporation Bank for a period of three years. Prior to his elevation, Bhagat was General Manager with Bank of India. Corporation Bank is a public sector banking company headquartered in Mangalore, India. The bank has pan-India presence with 8,000 functional units

comprising 2200 branches, 1800+ ATMs and 3,000 branchless banking units as of 30 January 2015.

124. Indian tennis player _____ became the first Indian player to secure a main draw berth at the US Open

- a) Saketh Myneni b) Rohan Bopanna c) Yuki Bhambri d) Somdev Devvarman

Answer a) Saketh Myneni. Indian tennis player Saketh Myneni became the first Indian player to secure a main draw berth at the US Open, since Somdev Devvarman's run in the tournament in 2013. Myneni, the 28-year-old world number 143, defeated Serbia's 200th ranked Pedja Krstin, 6-3, 6-0, in his final qualification round match on Friday, to secure progression to the main event.

125. Who became the first Indian to complete 200 wickets in T20 cricket?

- a) Amit Mishra b) Jasprit Bumrah c) Mohit Sharma d) Ravichandran Ashwin

Answer d) Ravichandran Ashwin. Ravichandran Ashwin became the first Indian to complete 200 wickets in T20 cricket, after dismissing Kieron Pollard in the second T20I against West Indies in Florida on Sunday. Ashwin took 195 matches to reach the milestone, with spinner Amit Mishra following at 199 wickets in 168 matches. Ashwin is also the first Indian to take 50 wickets in T20 internationals.

126. Four athletes _____ were conferred India's highest sporting honour the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award

- a) Heena Sidhu, Lalita Babar, Jitu Rai and Dipa Karmakar
b) Sania Mirza, Deepika Kumari, Jitu Rai and Dipa Karmakar
c) PV Sindhu, Sakshi Malik, Jitu Rai and Dipa Karmakar
d) Saina Nehwal, Sakshi Malik, Jitu Rai and Dipa Karmakar

Answer c) PV Sindhu, Sakshi Malik, Jitu Rai and Dipa Karmakar. It was a celebration of woman power in sports as Olympic stars PV Sindhu, Sakshi Malik and Dipa Karmakar were conferred India's highest sporting honour the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna along with shooter Jitu Rai in a gleaming awards ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi.

127. Doha Bank, one of the prominent banks in Qatar, is formally inaugurating its first branch in _____

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Kerala c) Maharashtra d) Karnataka

Answer b) Kerala. Doha Bank, one of the prominent banks in Qatar, is formally inaugurating its first branch in Kerala. The branch offers all banking products to corporate and retail customers. It will be formally inaugurated by the State Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. The Bank has its other two branches in Mumbai.

128. The Social Justice Ministry is working on proposals to relax the annual income limit of 'creamy

layer' OBCs to _____ against the present ₹6 lakh limit

- a) 7 lakh b) 8 lakh c) 9 lakh d) 10 lakh

Answer b) 8 lakh. The Social Justice Ministry is working on proposals to relax the annual income limit of 'creamy layer' OBCs to ₹8 lakh against the present ₹6 lakh limit, according to reports. Around 27% seats in government jobs and educational institutions are currently reserved for OBCs having an annual income below ₹6 lakh. Reportedly, only 12-15% of the quota gets utilised now.

129. _____ and _____ passed the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill, becoming the tenth and eleventh Assemblies to have ratified the legislation

- a) Madya Pradesh and Maharashtra b) Sikkim and Rajasthan
c) Maharashtra and Haryana d) Odisha and Nagaland

Answer c) Maharashtra and Haryana. Maharashtra and Haryana passed the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill, becoming the tenth and eleventh Assemblies to have ratified the legislation. The Bill was previously passed by Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and Nagaland in the listed order. The GST Bill requires ratification by at least 16 assemblies to become a law.

130. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of the ₹12,000-crore Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran for Irrigation (SAUNI) project in _____

- a) Bihar b) Gujarat c) Uttar Pradesh d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer b) Gujarat. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of the ₹12,000-crore Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran for Irrigation (SAUNI) project in Gujarat's Jamnagar. Under the project, nearly 10 dams and reservoirs of Rajkot, Jamnagar and Morbi, would be filled with the water of Narmada River. The four-phased project is expected to be completed before 2019, said Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani.

131. The _____ Assembly becoming the 12th state or union territory to ratified the Constitutional Amendment Bill on the Goods and Services Tax (GST)

- a) Odisha b) Sikkim c) Uttar Pradesh d) Telangana

Answer d) Telangana. The Telangana Assembly ratified the Constitutional Amendment Bill on the Goods and Services Tax (GST), becoming the 12th state or union territory to do so. The Centre seeks to roll out the nation-wide uniform indirect tax regime by April 1, 2017. The bill requires at least 15 states' assent before the President can notify it as a law.

132. John Ellenby who passed away recently was a/an

- a) Actor b) Economist c) Computer Engineer d) Journalist

Answer c) Computer Engineer. John Ellenby, a British-born computer engineer who played a critical

role in paving the way for the laptop computer, died in San Francisco. He was 75. Mr. Ellenby's pioneering work came to fruition in the early 1980s, after he founded Grid Systems, a company in Mountain View, Calif.

133. Dr.DinanathPathy who passed away recently wasa/an

- a) Painter b) Writer c) Art historian d) All of the above

Answer d) All of the above. Noted painter, writer and art historian Dr.DinanathPathy passed away following a cardiac arrest at a private hospital here today. He was 74. Pathy was admitted to Kar Clinic here after he felt chest pain while on his morning walk today. Though he was given treatment by doctors, he died shortly thereafter. A former secretary of the Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi and Bhubaneswar, Pathy was one of the pioneers of the art movement in the State.

134. Which bank to deploy robots at its branches?

- a) ICICI Bank b) HDFC Bank c) Federal Bank d) Axis Bank

Answer b) HDFC Bank. Over the next few weeks, you may encounter a robot at a branch of HDFC Bank as the country's second largest private sector lender tries to match Japanese players that have launched humanoids. Taking a cue from Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, which launched a robot named Nao last year, and Mizuho Bank's Pepper, HDFC Bank has launched 'Project AI' (artificial intelligence) where the first product is now ready for deployment.

135. Who has been appointed the guest editor for technology magazine Wired's November Issue?

- a) Barack Obama b) Pranab Mukherjee c) Vladimir Putin d) Hilary Clinton

Answer a) Barack Obama. US President Barack Obama has been appointed the guest editor for technology magazine Wired's November issue, making him the first ever sitting US President to be a magazine's guest editor. The theme of the issue will be 'Frontiers', which will include stories of pioneers in various fields including technology and medicine. Obama has previously written about feminism in Glamour magazine.

136. _____ has passed the Goods and Services Tax Bill, becoming the 15th state to have ratified the legislation.

- a) Sikkim b) Goa c) Uttarakhand d) Rajasthan

Answer b) Goa. Goa has passed the Goods and Services Tax Bill, becoming the 15th state to have ratified the legislation. The Bill was previously passed by Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Nagaland, Maharashtra, Haryana, Telangana, Sikkim and Mizoram. Notably, the Bill required ratification by at least 15 states to be sent to the President for his approval.

137. Which state has become the first state to distribute 2 crore LED bulbs under UJALA scheme?

- a) Bihar b) Punjab c) Gujarat d) Kerala

Answer c) Gujarat. Under the Government of India's by Unnat Jyoti Affordable LEDs for all (UJALA) scheme, Gujarat has become the first state to distribute 2 crore LED bulbs. Gujarat has reached this milestone in just 96 days and over 42 lakh households have already benefitted from the scheme. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), under the administration of Ministry of Power, Government of India, is distributing approximately 2 lakh bulbs daily in Gujarat which is again a record in itself.

138. Who has been elected as ATP Player Council President?

- a) Roger Federer b) Andy Murray c) Rafael Nadal d) Novak Djokovic

Answer d) Novak Djokovic. The new ATP Player Council elected World No.1 Novak Djokovic as President and Kevin Anderson as Vice President, ahead of the start of the US Open. "First of all, it's an honour to be elected to be part of the Council," said Djokovic, after his first-round victory over Jerzy Janowicz. "I gladly accepted it, because it's a calling. It's a responsibility.

139. Gene Wilder who passed away recently was a/an

- a) Actor b) Politician c) Economist d) Singer

Answer a) Actor. Gene Wilder, who established himself as one of America's foremost comic actors with his delightfully neurotic performances in three films directed by Mel Brooks; his eccentric star turn in the family classic "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"; and his winning chemistry with Richard Pryor in the box-office smash "Stir Crazy," died early at his home in Stamford, Conn. He was 83.

140. The Indian Space Research Organisation is planning to launch a record_____satellite in one mission by early next year

- a) 68 b) 72 c) 77 d) 85

Answer a) 68. The Indian Space Research Organisation is planning to launch a record 68 satellites in one mission by early next year, ISRO's commercial arm Antrix' CMD Rakesh Sasibhushan has said. Officials said that the satellites will be "nano in nature". Earlier in June, ISRO had set a record in its space programme by successfully launching 20 satellites in a single mission.

141. Which state government signed a memorandum of understanding with Google India to promote digital literacy and drive digital transformation in the state?

- a) Gujarat b) Telangana c) Bihar d) Goa

Answer d) Goa. The Goa government signed a memorandum of understanding with Google India to promote digital literacy and drive digital transformation in the state. In the first phase, Goa government will launch internet safety education for students from classes 9th to 12th in government schools. The curriculum has been created by Google in consultation with experts, CM Laxmikant Parsekar said.

142. India's economy is likely to grow _____ in 2016-17 on the back of good monsoons, a survey by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry

- a) 7.7% b) 7.8% c) 7.9% d) 8.0%

Answer b) 7.8%. India's economy is likely to grow 7.8% in 2016-17 on the back of good monsoons, a survey by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry has said. The industry body owed the improvement in the growth estimate to the better performance of the agriculture and industry sectors. Meanwhile, the RBI has pegged the growth rate at 7.6% this fiscal.

143. Ashok Kumar Pradhan has taken over as its Chief General Manager of _____

- a) State Bank of India b) State Bank of Hyderabad
c) State Bank of Mysore d) State Bank of Travancore

Answer d) State Bank of Travancore. Ashok Kumar Pradhan has taken over as its Chief General Manager of State Bank Of Travancore. He succeeds S Adikesavan, whose transfer to Hyderabad had

kicked up a controversy recently. Pradhan, who is from Cuttack in Orissa, started his banking career in 1985 as a Probationary Officer in State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur. He has handled various key assignments as Controller and Zonal Head and has functioned Zonal Head and also Deputy General Manager (Credit) at State Bank of Hyderabad.

144. Which state government has urged the Centre to declare monkeys as 'vermin' for one more year?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Kerala c) Himachal Pradesh d) Rajasthan

Answer c) Himachal Pradesh. The Himachal Pradesh government has urged the Centre to declare monkeys as 'vermin' for one more year. This comes ahead of the previous order of declaring monkeys as vermin for six months within the Shimla Municipal Corporation limits, coming to an end on September 14. Declaring an animal type as vermin allows authorities to kill them without forest department's permission.

145. India and _____ have signed a defence deal agreeing to use each other's land, air and naval bases for repair and resupply

- a) Russia b) Germany c) USA d) China

Answer c) USA. India and the US have signed a defence deal agreeing to use each other's land, air and naval bases for repair and resupply. The agreement will reportedly make joint operations "easier" and more "efficient". This comes after US military stated that it wants to increase cooperation with India similar to its closest allies, especially to counter China.

146. India's first military heritage website _____ was launched by Glory Foundation

- a) coloursoflife.org b) coloursofglory.org c) coloursofarmy.org d) coloursofindia.org

Answer b) coloursofglory.org. India's first military heritage website coloursofglory.org was launched by Glory Foundation. A veteran of the 1971 Indo Pak war, city based Captain D.P.Ramachandran who is also the executive trustee of the foundation said, the war heroes of South India held great significance to the history of India. The foundation will conduct various awareness programs throughout major cities in the Country to educate the people about the Nation's military history and heritage.

147. Which state government has launched a new cadre for urban local bodies?

- a) Odisha b) Uttarakhand c) Tamil Nadu d) West Bengal

Answer a) Odisha. Odisha government has launched a new cadre for urban local bodies called the Odisha Municipal Cadre. Chief minister Naveen Patnaik yesterday announced that 3,213 posts will be created in eight areas under the Odisha Municipal Cadre. Accordingly, the government will appoint people in the areas of cleanliness, health, e-governance and finance under the municipal cadre.

148. Who has been appointed as the United Nations (UN) Women's Advocate for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in India?

- a) Aishwarya R Dhanush b) Latha Rajnikanth c) Soundarya R Ashwin d) Aishwarya Rai

Answer a) Aishwarya R Dhanush. Rajinikanth's daughter Aishwarya R Dhanush has been appointed as the United Nations (UN) Women's Advocate for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in India. Aishwarya, who began her career as a filmmaker with her debut feature film '3', is also known for her philanthropic activities for the underprivileged. "Gender equality is a subject close to my heart," said Aishwarya.

149. The RBI in its annual report reiterated the overall gross value added (GVA) growth projection at__in 2016-17

- a) 7.2 b) 7.3 c) 7.5 d) 7.6

Answer d) 7.6. The RBI in its annual report reiterated the overall gross value added (GVA) growth projection at 7.6% in 2016-17, up from 7.2% last year. This will be on account of a positive agricultural performance and the release of the Seventh Pay Commission's payments, the report stated. Further, short-term macroeconomic priorities will be on achieving the 4% inflation target, it added.

150. Who has become the first Asian to be nominated for International Union for Conservation of Nature's 'Heritage Heroes Award'?

- a) Bibhuti Lahkar b) Anil Prakash Joshi c) Raman Sukumar d) Rajpal Singh Yadav

Answer a) Bibhuti Lahkar. Ecologist Bibhuti Lahkar has become the first Asian to be nominated for International Union for Conservation of Nature's 'Heritage Heroes Award'. The award recognises the outstanding efforts of conservationists who help conserve World Heritage sites. Lahkar has been working at the Manas National Park in Assam for around 20 years, where he trained local youth in wildlife monitoring and ecotourism.

151. Singapore-based business space solutions provider Ascendas-Singbridge will develop an IT Park in _____

- a) Gurgaon b) Bangalore c) Mumbai d) Hyderabad

Answer a) Gurgaon. Singapore-based business space solutions provider Ascendas-Singbridge said it will develop an IT Park, comprising 8 million sq ft area, in Gurgaon at a project cost of USD 400 million. In the first phase, the company would develop two buildings with about 1 million sq ft of Grade A office space. It would complete the first building in Phase 1 in Q4 of 2017.

152. China launched a cargo train service from Guangzhou city to _____ to boost trade

- a) USA b) Russia c) India d) Japan

Answer b) Russia. China launched a cargo train service from Guangzhou city to Russia to boost trade as part of its multi-billion dollar project to revive ancient silk routes. A cargo train left south China's Guangzhou City for Vorsino, Kaluzhskaya Oblast, in Russia. It is the latest freight train route China has launched to boost trade ties along the ancient Silk Road, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

153. National Sports Day in India is celebrated on _____

- a) August 27 b) August 28 c) August 29 d) August 30

Answer c) August 29. National Sports Day in India is celebrated on August 29 to mark hockey legend Dhyan Chand's birthday. Dhyan Chand, considered as the greatest player in hockey, played a key role in India's three consecutive Olympic triumphs in 1928, 1932 and 1936. Notably, the government gives away awards such as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna and Dronacharya Awards on this day.

154. Union Human Resource Development Minister _____ will formally launch IIT Dharwad chapter in Dharwad

- a) Piyush Goyal b) Venkaiah Naidu c) Ravi Shankar Prasad d) Prakash Javdekar

Answer d) Prakash Javdekar. Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javdekar will formally launch IIT Dharwad chapter in Dharwad. The inauguration, which was planned last month end, had to be postponed due to the Kalasa Banduri agitation.

155. Mehbooba Mufti launched the UJALA scheme in Jammu and Kashmir. Expand UJALA?

- a) Uday Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All b) Unnat Jyoti by Accessable LEDs for All
c) Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All d) Unnat Jannat by Affordable LEDs for All

Answer c) Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All. Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti launched the central government's UJALA scheme in the state with the distribution of LED bulbs among people. The National LED programme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in January 2015. Under this scheme consumer can buy five LED bulbs at the rate of Rs 20 each by showing monthly electricity bills or ID cards. In case of purchase of more than five bulbs, consumers need to pay Rs 95 per bulb.

156. The West Bengal Assembly passed a resolution for renaming the state as 'Bangla' in Bengali and 'Bengal' in English, Who is the Governor of west Bengal?

- a) Ram Nath Kovind b) Keshari Nath Tripathi c) Ram Naik d) Padmanaba Acharya

Answer b) Keshari Nath Tripathi. The West Bengal Assembly passed a resolution for renaming the state as 'Bangla' in Bengali and 'Bengal' in English, weeks after a proposal in this regard was put forward by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

157. Who won the Connecticut Open title 2016 in women's double category?

- a) Kateryna Bondarenko and Monica Niculescu b) Sania Mirza and Chuang Chia-jung
 c) Sania Mirza and Monica Niculescu d) Kateryna Bondarenko and Chuang Chia-jung

Answer c) Sania Mirza and Monica Niculescu. Indian tennis player Sania Mirza won her seventh title of the year and 39th title overall after clinching her career's third Connecticut Open. Mirza, along with her Romanian partner Monica Niculescu, took 1 hour 30 minutes to register a 7-5, 6-4 win over the unseeded Ukrainian-Chinese Taipei duo of Kateryna Bondarenko and Chuang Chia-jung in the tournament final.

158. Indian spinner _____, in partnership with Wisden India, has launched the world's first auction fantasy league named 'Cric-Trade' for cricketfans

- a) Harbhajan Singh b) Ravichandran Ashwin c) Pragnan Ojha d) Amit Mishra

Answer b) Ravichandran Ashwin. Indian spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, in partnership with Wisden India, has launched the world's first auction fantasy league named 'Cric-Trade' for cricket fans. It is played on a match-day basis and pitches two players against each other, who bid for a particular cricketer. The auctions begin two hours before a match and run for one and a half hours.

159. Who won the Belgian Grand Prix title 2016?

- a) Nico Rosberg b) Sebastian Vettel c) Lewis Hamilton d) Fernando Alonso

Answer a) Nico Rosberg. Mercedes' Nico Rosberg won his maiden Belgian GP title on Sunday, after leading the race from the start to the finish. Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo finished second, ahead of Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton, who began the race in the 21st position. With the win, Rosberg cut down Hamilton's lead in the drivers' championship by nine points.

160. Which company is the most valuable automobile brand in the world, according to Forbes?

- a) Ford b) Toyota c) Tata d) BMW

Answer b) Toyota. Japanese automaker Toyota is the most valuable automobile brand in the world, according to Forbes. Toyota, which was founded 79 years ago on August 28, 1937, has a brand value of \$42.1 billion. German luxury automobile manufacturer BMW comes second on the list, with a brand value of \$28.8 billion.

161. Which country will host the 19th SAARC Summit on November 9 and 10 this year?

- a) India b) Maldives c) Pakistan d) Nepal

Answer c) Pakistan. Pakistan will host the 19th SAARC Summit on November 9 and 10 this year. A Pak Foreign Office spokesperson said in Islamabad that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has invited the leaders of SAARC Member States and nine observer countries to attend the Summit.

162. Government of India has set up a high-level committee to suggest steps to promote card payments, the 11-member committee, headed by _____

- a) UK Sinha b) Ratan P Watal c) Ashok Lavasa d) RM Lodha

Answer b) Ratan P Watal. With an aim to discourage cash transactions, the Finance Ministry has set up a high-level committee to suggest steps to promote card payments through incentives like tax rebates and cash back schemes. The 11-member committee, headed by former Finance Secretary Ratan P Watal, will recommend various measures to “incentivise transactions through cards and digital means, e.g., through tax rebates/incentives, introduction of cash back/lottery,” the ministry said.

163. ISRO successfully test-fires scramjet engine at _____

- a) Bangalore b) Sriharikota c) Ahmedabad d) Thiruvananthapuram

Answer b) Sriharikota. The Advanced Technology Vehicle (ATV), a sounding rocket (research rocket) with a solid booster carrying advanced scramjet engines, was successfully flight-tested from the launch pad of the Sathish Dhawan Space Centre, also known as Sriharikota Range (SHAR), at Sriharikota.

164. Which Bank has launched “KBL-SMARTz,” a mobile application built on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform?

- a) Lakshmi Vilas Bank b) Axis Bank c) Karnataka Bank d) South Indian Bank

Answer c) Karnataka Bank. Karnataka Bank has launched “KBL-SMARTz,” a mobile application built on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), umbrella organization for all retail payments system in India.

165. First female-run mosque opens in _____

- a) Dubai b) Denmark c) India d) Iran

Answer b) Denmark. Denmark's Mariam mosque has started Friday prayers this week led by two female imams, marking the official opening of the first female-led mosque in the country. The mosque aims to confront “patriarchal interpretations” of the Qur’an, challenge Islamophobia and encourage progressive Islamic values. Interestingly, China has had female-run mosques since the 19th century.

166. The World Bank has sanctioned _____ to dredge the Brahmaputra as an initiative to develop waterways to Bangladesh and to other South East Asian countries

- a) 650 crore b) 980 crore c) 1050 crore d) 1530 crore

Answer b) 980 crore. The World Bank has sanctioned Rs.980 crore to dredge the Brahmaputra as an initiative to develop waterways to Bangladesh and to other South East Asian countries in a bid to boost trade and industry in the Northeast.

167. Which city will host the 2017 Bharatiya Pravasi Divas?

- a) Hyderabad b) Mumbai c) Bangalore d) Delhi

Answer c) Bangalore. The IT-BT capital of the country, Bengaluru, will host the 2017 Bharatiya Pravasi Divas. Scheduled to take place on February 7, 8 and 9 of 2017, the Ministry of External Affairs held a meeting with Tourism Minister R V Deshpande for a preliminary round of talks.

168. India's first textile university to come up at _____

- a) Coimbatore b) Nellore c) Tiruppur d) Surat

Answer d) Surat. Gujarat government is planning to set up India's first textile university at Surat with an investment of about Rs 800 crore – Rs 900 crore. The textile industry will support the government in the endeavour. The state government will fund about Rs 800-900 crore for the university, which is expected to get operational in the next one and a half years.

169. India's Saina Nehwal and PV Sindhu ranked _____ and _____ in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings

- a) 4th and 5th b) 6th and 7th c) 9th and 10th d) 1st and 2nd

Answer c) 9th and 10th. India's Saina Nehwal dropped four points to be ninth, while compatriot PV Sindhu remained in the 10th spot in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings despite getting silver in the women's singles competition at the recently-concluded Olympics in Rio.

170. Tillakaratne Dilshan announced retirement from international cricket, He belongs to which country?

- a) India b) Sri Lanka c) Bangladesh d) Pakistan

Answer b) Sri Lanka. Sri Lankan top-order batsman Tillakaratne Dilshan announced that he will retire from international cricket after the ongoing series against Australia. Dilshan, who retired from Tests in 2013, is the fourth Sri Lankan to reach 10,000 runs in ODIs. Dilshan will play his last ODI against Australia on Sunday, while his final T20I will be against Australia on September 9.

171. Akhlaq Ur Rahman Kidwai who passed away recently, he served as Governor of _____ states

- a) Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Kerala b) Punjab, Maharashtra and Haryana
c) Rajasthan, West Bengal and Odisha d) Bihar, West Bengal and Haryana

Answer d) Bihar, West Bengal and Haryana. Akhlaq Ur Rahman Kidwai, who served as Governor of States, including Bihar, West Bengal and Haryana, passed away. He was 96. A recipient of Padma Vibhushan, Dr. Kidwai was admitted to Escorts hospital here, 10 days ago after he had suffered breathing complications. Born in 1920 in Baragaon village of Barabanki district in Uttar Pradesh, Kidwai is survived by two sons and four daughters.

172. Commerce Ministry sets up grievance redressal committees, Who is the Minister of State for the Ministry of Commerce & Industry?

- a) Sushma Swaraj b) Uma Bharti c) Nirmala Sitharaman d) Smriti Irani

Answer c) Nirmala Sitharaman. The Commerce Ministry has set up two committees for 'speedy' redressal of grievances of trade and industry pertaining to the Foreign Trade Policy. The committees are set up at the headquarter and zonal regional authority levels. The Director General of Foreign Trade said the committees will review grievance cases pending beyond a reasonable time and suggest policy reforms, among others.

173. Chinese telecom equipment maker Huawei launched its largest global service centre (GSC) in _____

- a) Japan b) Russia c) USA d) India

Answer d) India. Chinese telecom equipment maker Huawei launched its largest global service centre (GSC) in India with an initial investment of ₹136 crore. "The India GSC will handle more than 50 projects, supporting over 30 countries in Asia, the Middle East and Africa, serving over 350 million subscribers," Huawei India CEO Jay Chen said. The facility is located in Bengaluru.

174. The Children's Film Society of India (CFSI) has organised a film festival in _____

- a) Odisha b) West Bengal c) Nagaland d) Kerala

Answer c) Nagaland. The Children's Film Society of India (CFSI) has organised a film festival in Nagaland. Titled 'CFSI Film Bonanza', the week-long festival opened on August 23 and will cover all major cities like Kohima, Wokha, and Dimapur.

175. The Cabinet approved the revised Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement between India and _____ which will also prevent fiscal evasion in income tax

- a) Germany b) USA c) Cyprus d) Singapore

Answer c) Cyprus. The Cabinet approved the revised Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement between India and Cyprus which will also prevent fiscal evasion in income tax. Under the revised treaty, capital gains will be taxed in India for entities residing in Cyprus, against the previous residence-based regime. The earlier treaty was leading to distortion of financial and real investments, a release stated.

176. How many Indian companies have made it to the Forbes list of 'World's Most Innovative Companies' of 2016?

- a) 5 b) 6 c) 8 d) 10

Answer a) 5. A total of five Indian companies have made it to the Forbes list of 'World's Most Innovative Companies' of 2016. India's largest paint company Asian Paints was ranked 18, the highest among Indian firms. Further, Hindustan Unilever, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Sun Pharma, and Larsen & Toubro (L&T) were the other four named in the list.

177. The _____ and _____ Assemblies passed the GST Constitutional Amendment Bill, becoming the seventh and eighth states/union territories to ratify the legislation

- a) Telangana and Puducherry b) Maharashtra and Delhi
c) Odisha and Puducherry d) Madhya Pradesh and Delhi

Answer d) Madhya Pradesh and Delhi. The Madhya Pradesh and Delhi Assemblies passed the GST Constitutional Amendment Bill, becoming the seventh and eighth states/union territories to ratify the legislation. The Bill was previously passed by Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Gujarat in the listed order. The Constitution Amendment Bill requires ratification

by at least 15 states to become a law.

178. Which State government plans to transform 1,000 villages with the help of corporate sector?

- a) Karnataka b) Maharashtra c) Rajasthan d) Odisha

Answer b) Maharashtra. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said the State government plans to transform 1,000 villages with the help of corporate sector, and the civil society over the next few years. He said corporate sector is already working with the government in various sectors through the CSR and “we thought of using their resources, knowledge, technology and planning and implementation skills.

179. Which two states signed agreement on Godavari water irrigation projects on inter-state borders?

- a) Telangana and Bihar b) Andra Pradesh and Gujarat
c) Tamil Nadu and Karnataka d) Telangana and Maharashtra

Answer d) Telangana and Maharashtra. The Telangana and Maharashtra chief ministers signed an agreement that would clear the way for constructing three new barrages by the lower riparian state on Godavari while protecting Maharashtra’s interests.

180. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is live and currently available for customers of _____ banks

- a) 15 b) 18 c) 21 d) 25

Answer c) 21. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is live and currently available for customers of 21 banks. UPI is a payment solution which empowers a recipient to initiate the payment request from a smartphone. It facilitates ‘virtual payment address’ as a payment identifier for sending and collecting money and works on single click 2-factor authentication.

181. Which State GPS enabled mobile app bagged this year’s Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)’s award?

- a) Telangana b) Andra Pradesh c) Maharashtra d) Tamil Nadu

Answer a) Telangana. The GPS enabled mobile app of the Telangana Aarogyasri Healthcare Trust bagged this year’s Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)’s healthcare excellence award. It is the second award for the app having secured the ‘Elite Smart Healthcare Conclave’ for being the most important mobile app in the nation.

182. Women’s Equality Day is observed on?

- a) August 24 b) August 25 c) August 26 d) August 27

Answer c) August 26. Women’s Equality Day is a day proclaimed each year by the United States President to commemorate the granting of the vote to women throughout the country. Women in the United States were granted the right to vote on August 26, 1920, when the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was certified as law. The amendment was first introduced many years

earlier in 1878.

183. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu commissioned a new railway line between _____ and _____

- a) Amaravati and Tirumala b) Amalapuram and Hidupur
c) Kurnool and Anantapur d) Nandyala and Yerraguntla

Answer d) Nandyala and Yerraguntla. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu commissioned a new railway line between Nandyala and Yerraguntla. They also flagged off a new passenger train between Nandyala and Kadapa.

184. The Government of India launched Accessible E-Library _____ for Divyang under Prime Minister's Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan.

- a) 'Bharat Pustakalaya' b) 'Sugamya Pustakalaya'
c) 'Sugamya Abhinaya Pustakalaya' d) 'Swachh Pustakalaya'

Answer b) 'Sugamya Pustakalaya'. The government launched Accessible E-Library 'Sugamya Pustakalaya' for Divyang under Prime Minister's Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan. Union Ministers Ravi Shankar Prasad, Prakash Javadekar and Thawar Chand Gehlot jointly launched the e-library at a function in New Delhi. Sugamya Pustakalaya is an online library for Divyang and houses publications across diverse subjects and languages and multiple accessible formats.

185. The 2016 Kabaddi World Cup will be held in _____

- a) China b) India c) Pakistan d) Bangladesh

Answer b) India. The 2016 Kabaddi World Cup will be held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat from October 7 to 22, the international federation said. Gujarat will play host to 12 kabaddi teams from USA, Canada, UK, Australia, Iran, Poland, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Korea, Japan and Kenya, besides hosts India. The Kabaddi World Cup matches will be held in Ahmedabad's upcoming state-of-the-art stadium.

186. A total of _____ nations won their first ever Olympic gold medal at the recently concluded Rio Olympics, making it the most first-time gold medalists since 1996

- a) 10 b) 15 c) 17 d) 19

Answer d) 19. A total of nine nations won their first ever Olympic gold medal at the recently concluded Rio Olympics, making it the most first-time gold medalists since 1996. Singapore, Bahrain, Fiji, Côte d'Ivoire, Jordan, Puerto Rico, Tajikistan, Vietnam and debutant nation Kosovo were the Olympics' maiden gold-winners. The Independent Olympic Athletes team also registered its first-ever Olympic gold in Rio.

187. Indian Railways has increased the freight rates by up to _____ in a bid to step up its revenue

- a) 10% b) 14% c) 19% d) 22%

Answer c) 19%. Indian Railways has increased the freight rates by up to 19% in a bid to step up its

revenue. The national transporter's freight revenue in the first quarter of the current fiscal declined by 10.3% year-on-year to ₹25,503 crore on account of flat freight loading growth. Freight rate is the price of delivering cargo from one point to another.

188. _____ government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Union Civil Aviation Ministry and the Airports Authority of India for developing 10 airports in the state

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Karnataka c) Maharashtra d) Telangana

Answer c) Maharashtra. The Maharashtra government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Union Civil Aviation Ministry and the Airports Authority of India for developing 10 airports in the state under the centre's Regional Connectivity Scheme. The state will contribute 20% of the cost of Viability Gap Funding, whereas the centre will bear the remaining 80% cost.

189. Which state government has issued draft notification on rearranging district borders to create 17 new districts?

- a) Rajasthan b) Telangana c) Maharashtra d) Tamil Nadu

Answer b) Telangana. In a major administrative revamp, the two-year-old Telangana government has issued draft notification on rearranging district borders to create 17 new districts. After the completion of the process, the number of districts in the State will go up to 27 from the present 10. The new districts will come into being in October.

190. Gujarat becomes _____ state to ratify GST bill

- a) Third b) Fourth c) Fifth d) Sixth

Answer d) Sixth. The Gujarat State Assembly ratified the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Constitution Amendment Bill in the absence of the Opposition party Congress. It has become the sixth State to pass the Bill, which requires ratification from at least 15 state legislatures before the President notifies the GST Council. The Gujarat Government had convened a special two-day monsoon session of the State Assembly to ratify the GST Bill.

191. _____ will soon have a sprawling new Aerospace Museum close to the international airport focused mainly on Nation's rich aviation history.

- a) Maharashtra b) Andhra Pradesh c) Delhi d) Karnataka

Answer c) Delhi. Delhi will soon have a sprawling new Aerospace Museum close to the international airport focused mainly on Nation's rich aviation history. New Aerospace Museum is not only meant to preserve the glorious tradition of the IAF but also to create awareness in general public about India's rich Aerospace heritage. A proposal for new Air Force Aerospace Museum was cleared by Ministry of Defence and final financial sanction on the Detailed Project Report is awaited.

192. Which state became the seventh state in the country to ratify the historic tax amendment bill?

- a) Madhya Pradesh b) Andhra Pradesh c) Chhattisgarh d) Assam

Answer a) Madhya Pradesh. The Madhya Pradesh Assembly passed the Goods and Service Tax (GST) Constitution Amendment Bill. MP became the seventh state in the country to ratify the historic tax amendment bill. Before Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam, Himachal Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have already passed the bill in their respective assemblies.

193. A new species of sea creature, named Nudibranchs, was recently confirmed in

- _____
- a) India b) USA c) Australia d) China

Answer c) Australia. A new species of sea creature, named Nudibranchs, was recently confirmed in Australia, 16 years after it was first observed. Previously mistaken for sea slugs due to early shedding of shells, the soft-bodied organisms are distinguished from other species on the basis of size, anatomy, colouring and distribution and have been nicknamed "butterflies of the sea".

194. Cricketer Ajinkya Rahane, athlete Lalita Babar, and boxer Shiva Thapa, along with _____ other sportspersons will be conferred with the Arjuna Award

- a) 10 b) 11 c) 12 d) 15

Answer c) 12. Cricketer Ajinkya Rahane, athlete Lalita Babar, and boxer Shiva Thapa, along with 12 other sportspersons will be conferred with the Arjuna Award, a government press release declared. Para-athlete Sandeep Singh Mann and deaf wrestler Virender Singh will also be awarded the sporting honour, which constitutes a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, a medal, and a citation.

195. K K Sreedharan who passed away recently was a/an

- a) Author b) Editor c) Politician d) Journalist

Answer b) Editor. Mathrubhumi former editor K K Sreedharan Nair passed away. He was 86. The end came at a private hospital in Kochi. After an illustrious career spanning over six decades, Sreedharan Nair had retired from service on June 8, 2015. The posts of senior sub editor, chief sub editor, news editor and deputy editor. For 10 years from 1990, he served as the editor of Mathrubhumi daily.

196. Which country is the largest investor in India?

- a) UK b) USA c) China d) Japan

Answer a) UK. Stating that the United Kingdom is the largest investor in India, British Deputy High Commissioner in Chennai Bharat Joshi said that India is on the "top of the list" for partnership with the UK. Further, he said that the UK will continue to strengthen trade, business, and tourism relations with India even during the period post 'Brexit'.

197. Which state has emerged at the top in terms of attracting investments in India's hospitality and tourism industry?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Kerala c) Rajasthan d) Maharashtra

Answer d) Maharashtra. Maharashtra has emerged at the top in terms of attracting investments in India's hospitality and tourism industry, a study by industry body Assocham stated. The state accounted for nearly 17% of the sector's investments, attracting over ₹15,500 crore till June 2016. Gujarat and Karnataka came second and third with 14.5% and 12% investments respectively, according to the study.

198. Which State announced Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik as brand ambassador of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' initiative?

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Haryana c) Gujarat d) Maharashtra

Answer b) Haryana. Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar announced Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik as brand ambassador of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' initiative. The announcement came at a felicitation ceremony to honour Sakshi, who is India's only female wrestler to have won an Olympic medal. The Haryana government has announced a ₹2.5 crore cash reward and a government job for her.

199. Which state government has proposed an internal security act to deal with the challenges of terrorism and communal and caste violence?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Kerala c) Maharashtra d) Punjab

Answer c) Maharashtra. Maharashtra Government has proposed an internal security act to deal with the challenges of terrorism and communal and caste violence. The proposed legislation, 'Maharashtra Protection of Internal Security Act, 2016,' would be the first such state-level act for internal security which will give more power to the police department if implemented.

200. In a bid to curb black money in the economy, the Government of India is considering banning cash transactions over _____

- a) 3 lakh b) 5 lakh c) 10 lakh d) 50 lakh

Answer a) 3 lakh. Government is examining SIT's recommendation of banning cash transactions of over Rs.3 lakh in a bid to clamp down on black money in the economy, CBDT Chairperson Rani Singh Nair said. The move follows Supreme Court-appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT) on black money recommending banning cash transactions of Rs.3 lakh and above and restricting cash holding with individuals and industry to Rs.15 lakh to curb illegal wealth in the country.

201. PM Modi and Afganistan president Ashraf Ghani jointly inaugurate the restore stor palace in _____

- a) Jalalabad b) Mumbai c) Kabul d) Delhi

Answer c) Kabul. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Monday jointly inaugurated the renovated Stor Palace in Kabul through video conferencing. During the video conference, Prime Minister Modi assured that India's 1.25 billion citizens would always be on Afghanistan's side in its quest to establish regional peace, security and stability. The Stor palace has

been the setting for many momentous historical events.

202. Who has been appointed as independent director on the board of India Post Payment Banks (IPPB) -- the payments bank arm of postal department?

- a) R S Sodhi b) K M Mukherjee c) A K Singh d) T K Ganesh

Answer a) R S Sodhi. Amul Managing Director R S Sodhi has been appointed as independent director on the board of India Post Payment Banks (IPPB) -- the payments bank arm of postal department. Sodhi is one of the five independent members to be appointed on the board. IPPB is set to be operational in March 2017.

203. Who won the Cincinnati Masters women's doubles title 2016?

- a) Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis b) Sania Mirza and Coco Vandeweghe
c) Martina Hingis and Coco Vandeweghe d) Sania Mirza and Barbora Strycova

Answer d) Sania Mirza and Barbora Strycova. Sania Mirza won the Cincinnati Masters women's doubles title almost a fortnight after partnering up with Czech Republic's Barbora Strycova. The duo defeated the Swiss-American pair consisting of Sania's former partner Martina Hingis and Coco Vandeweghe 7-5, 6-4, on Sunday. Though Mirza-Hingis officially ended their partnership, they will play together in October's WTA Tour Championships.

204. Smallpox epidemiologist Donald Ainslie Henderson who passed away recently, He was from _____

- a) Russia b) USA c) Japan d) India

Answer b) USA. American epidemiologist Donald Ainslie Henderson — leader of the international campaign against smallpox in the 1980s — has passed away at age 87 due to complications from a hip fracture. D.A. will forever be known for his work as a “disease detective,” which led to the eradication of smallpox more than 30 years ago. This achievement was the only such vanquishment of a human disease in history, consequently saving millions of lives.

205. A two-day meeting of BRICS women parliamentarian’s forum began in _____

- a) Mumbai b) Hyderabad c) Jaipur d) Bangalore

Answer c) Jaipur. A two-day meeting of BRICS women parliamentarian’s forum began in Jaipur. Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan said that government has chosen the path of removing poverty by empowering the poor. The Lok Sabha Speaker called on the BRICS countries to strengthen cooperative mechanisms and to innovate new institutional means for meeting the needs of the member countries.

206. China’s largest high speed train maker has announced that its first USD 63.4 million joint venture plant in _____

- a) USA b) India c) Bangladesh d) Sri Lanka

Answer b) India. China's largest high speed train maker has announced that its first USD 63.4 million joint venture plant in India to repair and manufacture railway locomotive engines has started operations. The state-run China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation (CRRC) is the first foreign company to set up assembly line of rail transportation equipment in India after Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled his ambitious 'Make in India' campaign in 2014.

207. NBFCs allowed using Sarfaesi Act for cases above _____

- a) 10 Lakhs b) 50 Lakhs c) 1 Crore d) 10 Crore

Answer c) 1 Crore. The government has allowed NBFCs with asset base of Rs.500 crore and above to be covered under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Sarfaesi) Act 2002 for cases of above Rs.1 crore, like all other financial institutions.

208. Railways will collaborate with _____ for digitizing and showcasing its heritage on digital platforms

- a) Facebook b) Google c) TCS d) Twitter

Answer b) Google. Railways will collaborate with Google for digitizing and showcasing its heritage on digital platforms. Google has agreed to partner with Railways to digitize its heritage assets and help create a digital repository for universal online access free of cost. Indian Railway has a huge list of heritage assets including bridges, steam locos, buildings, artifacts and museums which can be showcased for global audience.

209. Which telecom company has signed a strategic business pact with Microsoft India for offering complete suite of telecom and IT solutions for enterprise businesses?

- a) Airtel b) Aircel c) BSNL d) Vodafone

Answer c) BSNL. State-run telecom firm BSNL has signed a strategic business pact with Microsoft India for offering complete suite of telecom and IT solutions for enterprise businesses. "BSNL signed a strategic business MoU (memorandum of understanding) with Microsoft India offering complete suite of telecom and IT Solutions for enterprise business."

210. NLC Ltd to add 6,820 Mw of power at cost of Rs 27,740 crore, Navaratna Company (NLC)

Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC) located at _____

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Gujarat c) Bihar d) Kerala

Answer a) Tamil Nadu. Navaratna Company (NLC) Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC), which comes under the Ministry of Coal, is planning to add over 6,821 megawatt (Mw) of power, with an investment of over Rs 27,740 crore in these projects. NLC Ltd, earlier known as Neyveli Lignite Corporation, is presently operating four thermal power stations at Neyveli, Tamil Nadu, and one thermal power station at Barsingsar, Rajasthan, with a total installed capacity of 3,240 Mw. During the year, two units of TPS-II Expansion (2×250 Mw) achieved commercial operation.

211. _____ is home to the India's largest number of technology driven startups, according to a study by Assocham

- a) Hyderabad b) Bangalore c) Mumbai d) Chennai

Answer b) Bangalore. Bengaluru is home to the country's largest number of technology driven startups, according to a study by Assocham. Delhi NCR and Mumbai account for the country's second and third largest share of technology driven startups, the study added. It further noted that the cities Hyderabad and Chennai are also popular among the startups and budding entrepreneurs.

212. **Subrata Banerjee who passed away recently, he was a former international umpire of**

- _____
- a) Hockey b) Football c) Cricket d) Baseball

Answer c) Cricket. Subrata Banerjee, a former international umpire passed away at the age of 71 in Kolkata. Banerjee rendered his services as an umpire in men's as well as women's international games. He also officiated in age group tournaments as well. Banerjee stood in 13 One-Day Internationals (ODIs) in his international career, which spanned for 15 years.

213. **Former Union Minister Najma Heptulla was sworn-in as the 18th governor of** _____

- a) Assam b) Kerala c) Karnataka d) Manipur

Answer d) Manipur. Former Union Minister Najma Heptulla was sworn-in as the 18th governor of Manipur, Heptulla's appointment as Manipur governor comes after her resignation from the NDA Union cabinet last month on "age" grounds. The government is believed to have set an unwritten '75-year age bar' for ministers and has kept veterans such as L K Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi out of the cabinet.

214. **Who has been concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of India to Georgia?**

- a) Yogeshwar Sangwan b) Viiay Keshav Gokhale c) Gautam H Bambawale d) Raghavan

Answer a) Yogeshwar Sangwan. Mr. Yogeshwar Sangwan (IFS: 1994), presently Ambassador of India to Armenia, has been concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Georgia, with residence in Yerevan, The Ministry of External Affairs said that Mr. Vishvas Vidu Sapkal (IFS:1998), presently High Commissioner of India to Fiji, had been concurrently accredited as the High Commissioner to Kiribati, with residence in Suva (Fiji).

215. **Who has been re-appointed as the Chairman of telecom giant Bharti Airtel for another five year, with effect from October 1, 2016?**

- a) Gopal Vittal b) Lakshmi Mittal c) Sunil Bharti Mittal d) Azim Premji

Answer c) Sunil Bharti Mittal. Sunil Bharti Mittal has been re-appointed as the Chairman of telecom giant Bharti Airtel for another five year, with effect from October 1, 2016. Mittal is the Founder of

Bharti Enterprises, one of India's largest conglomerates with diversified interests in telecom, insurance, real estate, agri and food, besides other ventures.

216. Which Country won its first Olympic men's football gold medal in 2016 Rio Olympics?

- a) Argentina b) Brazil c) Germany d) Spain

Answer b) Brazil. Brazil star forward Neymar gave the 2016 Rio Olympics host nation its biggest moment as he handed the country its first Olympic men's football gold medal with the winning penalty in a 5-4 shootout victory over Germany.

217. Which State government urged the Chinese companies to invest in sectors, including infrastructure, to help accelerate the economic growth of the state along with the country?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Maharashtra c) Assam d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer b) Maharashtra. The Maharashtra government urged the Chinese companies to invest in sectors, including infrastructure, to help accelerate the economic growth of the state along with the country. "They should look at Maharashtra... as a destination which will increase... bilateral trade between India [and] China, as recommended by [PM] Narendra Modi", state Industry Minister Subhash Desai said.

218. Who the first athlete to complete a triple-triple of winning golds in 100-metre, 200-metre and 4X100-metre at three consecutive Olympics?

- a) Justin Gatlin b) Yohan Blake c) Usain Bolt d) Micheal Johnson

Answer c) Usain Bolt. Usain Bolt became the first athlete to complete a triple-triple of winning golds in 100-metre, 200-metre and 4X100-metre at three consecutive Olympics after helping the Jamaican team win the 4X100-metre race in Rio on Saturday. With a total of nine golds in as many events, Bolt has the second most number of Olympic gold medals, behind American swimmer Michael Phelps.

219. Actor _____ will be awarded the Chevalier de L'Ordre Arts et Lettres (The Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) by the French government.

- a) Amir Khan b) Rajinikanth c) Kamal Haasan d) Mohan Lal

Answer c) Kamal Haasan. Actor Kamal Haasan will be awarded the Chevalier de L'Ordre Arts et Lettres (The Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) by the French government. The Order is part of France's premier award, the Legion of Honor. Other Indians who have been conferred the Chevalier Order include actors Sivaji Ganesan, Amitabh Bachchan, Aishwarya Rai, Nandita Das and Shah Rukh Khan.

220. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) permitted an increment in the maximum validity period of mobile internet data packs to _____ days from 90 days

- a) 180 b) 365 c) 270 d) 120

Answer b) 365. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) permitted an increment in the maximum validity period of mobile internet data packs to 365 days from 90 days applicable currently. This is to address the concerns of marginal consumers who prefer lower denomination data packs with longer validity, the telecom regulator said.

221. Which State received ₹16,469.43 crore in 2015-16, making it the top beneficiary of loans disbursed under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana?

- a) Karnataka b) Rajasthan c) Tamil Nadu d) Punjab

Answer a) Karnataka. Karnataka received ₹16,469.43 crore in 2015-16, making it the top beneficiary of loans disbursed under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, a scheme for giving credit to micro units, as per government data. Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra were second and third respectively. Overall, banks and financial institutions disbursed ₹1.33 lakh crore under PMMY, exceeding the ₹1.22 lakh crore target, data added.

222. Who has been appointed as the 24th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India?

- a) Arundhati Bhattacharya b) Arvind Subramanian c) R Gandhi d) Urjit Patel

Answer d) Urjit Patel. Deputy Governor of the RBI Urjit Patel has been appointed as the 24th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. Patel, who was in-charge of RBI's monetary policy, will replace Raghuram Rajan, who vacates office on September 4. The 52-year-old had studied at Oxford and Yale Universities and also served as an advisor to the Boston Consulting Group.

223. _____ to be new brand ambassador of Incredible India

- a) Narendra Modi b) Sachin Tendulkar c) Saina Nehwal d) Amitabh Bachchan

Answer a) Narendra Modi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be the face of Incredible India campaign of the Union Culture and Tourism Ministry. After much deliberation, a decision has been taken in this regard. Concepts for ad films have also been directed to be submitted in a week's time. Modi will be talking about the significance of different places in those films.

224. Qatar-based Doha Bank will open a state-of-the-art branch in _____

- a) Karnataka b) Kerala c) Maharashtra d) Tamil Nadu

Answer b) Kerala. Qatar-based Doha Bank will open a state-of-the-art branch in Kochi, the only branch of a Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)-based bank in India. Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan will inaugurate the branch, which will be located in the LULU International shopping Mall at Edapally, It will mainly cater to the needs of the large NRI population, both in Kerala and the Gulf.

225. Government has slapped an additional penalty of USD 380 million (around Rs 2,500 crore) on _____

- a) Mahendra Industries b) Tata Company c) Reliance Industries d) Adidas Company

Answer c) Reliance Industries. Government has slapped an additional penalty of USD 380 million (around Rs 2,500 crore) on Reliance Industries and its partners for producing less than targeted natural gas from eastern offshore KG-D6 fields. The total penalty, which is in form of disallowing recovery of cost incurred, for missing the target in five fiscal years beginning April 1, 2010, now stands at a cumulative USD 2.76 billion.

226. World's most photographed tigress _____ has died in Ranthambore National Park

- a) Malika b) Machhli c) Munna d) Amitabh

Answer b) Machhli. Machhli (T-16), the magnet for wildlife enthusiasts and one of the longest surviving tigress, passed away. The tigress had been unwell for the past few months before succumbing to her illness. Machhli was often referred to as the Queen of Ranthambore National Park. She gained fame for her bravery and tourist-friendly attitude.

227. Joao Havelange who passed away recently, He was a former president of _____

- a) IOC b) BCCI c) ICC d) FIFA

Answer d) FIFA. Joao Havelange, who has died at 100, Havelange was a distinguished athlete. He played junior football with Fluminense, but it was in swimming and water polo that he made his name by representing Brazil at the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936 and Helsinki in 1952.

228. Who has been awarded as the Most Enterprising CEO in Electronics Sector by the Indo Global Business Council (IGBC)?

- a) Girish Kumar b) M M Joshi c) SK Sharma d) Prakash Varma

Answer c) SK Sharma. SK Sharma, Chairman and Managing Director, BEL, has been awarded as the Most Enterprising CEO in Electronics Sector by the Indo Global Business Council (IGBC), a policy think-tank based in New Delhi. M M Joshi, Executive Director (National Marketing), BEL, received the award on behalf of CMD.

229. Which Bank has launched a payment service using a smartphone keyboard named 'iMobile SmartKeys'?

- a) Axis Bank b) State Bank of India c) HDFC Bank d) ICICI Bank

Answer d) ICICI Bank. To make mobile payments easier, ICICI Bank has launched a payment service using a smartphone keyboard named 'iMobile SmartKeys'. Users will be able to make quick and secure payments on any mobile application, including chat, messenger, email, games or search browser, without having to exit their current application on their smartphone.

230. Indian Wrestler _____ won the bronze medal in women's freestyle wrestling

in the 58kg category in 2016 Rio Olympics

- a) Babita Kumari b) Sakshi Malik c) Vignesh Phogat d) Geeta Phogat

Answer b) Sakshi Malik. Wrestler Sakshi Malik won the bronze medal in women's freestyle wrestling in the 58kg category, registering India's first medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics. The 23-year-old, who is participating in her maiden Olympics, defeated Kyrgyzstan's Aisuluu Tynybekova in the bronze medal match. Notably, Malik also became the first Indian female wrestler to ever win an Olympic medal.

231. Who became the first Indian female and first ever Indian shuttler to win Olympic silver in Rio Olympics 2016?

- a) Saina Nehwal b) Jwala Gutta c) PV Sindhu d) Ashwini Ponnappa

Answer c) PV Sindhu. PV Sindhu became the first Indian female and first ever Indian shuttler to win Olympic silver after she lost to world number one Carolina Marin in the final at the Rio Olympics on Friday. The 21-year-old Indian, participating in her maiden Olympics, also became only the second Indian shuttler to win an Olympic medal, after Saina Nehwal's bronze medal.

232. Which pharmaceutical firm has been ranked first in 'India's Top Most Reputed Pharmaceutical Brands' list, released by BlueBytes?

- a) Sun Pharmaceutical b) Lupin c) Cipla d) Abbott

Answer b) Lupin. Indian pharmaceutical firm Lupin has been ranked first in 'India's Top Most Reputed Pharmaceutical Brands' list, released by BlueBytes along with TRA Research. Further, domestic pharma majors, Sun Pharmaceutical and Cipla were ranked second and third respectively. Among global brands, the UK-based GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) was at the top, followed by Pfizer and Abbott.

233. Former cricketer and Rajya Sabha MP Sachin Tendulkar has adopted Donja village in _____ under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

- a) Assam b) Punjab c) Maharashtra d) Gujarat

Answer c) Maharashtra. Former cricketer and Rajya Sabha MP Sachin Tendulkar has adopted Donja village in Maharashtra's Osmanabad district under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana. "We are sure this will inspire other villages in the region to emulate this model of development," officials said. Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, launched in October 2014, is a scheme under which MPs adopt villages for their development.

234. Which E-commerce firm has shut down Exclusively, a marketplace for branded fashion and lifestyle products?

- a) Amazon b) Snapdeal c) Flipkart d) Shopclues

Answer b) Snapdeal. E-commerce firm Snapdeal has shut down Exclusively, a marketplace for

branded fashion and lifestyle products. The Exclusively catalogue has been integrated into Snapdeal's platform, and the merchandise will be available under Snapdeal Fashion and will be delivered by its own logistics network. Exclusively was acquired by Snapdeal in February 2015 for an undisclosed sum.

235. SBI approved merger with its associate banks, how many associates banks merge with State Bank of India?

- a) 4 b) 5 c) 6 d) 7

Answer b) 5. State Bank of India (SBI) & its listed associate banks mainly State Bank of Travancore (SBT) and State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur (SBBJ) have rallied by up to 9% on the BSE after SBI approved the share swap ratios for the merger of five associate banks and Bharatiya Mahila Bank with itself. SBI CFO Anshula Kant told that eight valuation experts were appointed to arrive at the share swap and that May 16, the day the merger was first announced.

236. The First SAARC Young Parliamentarians Conference begins in _____

- a) Kabul, Afghanistan b) New Delhi, India c) Islamabad, Pakistan d) Dhaka, Bangladesh

Answer c) Islamabad, Pakistan. The First SAARC Young Parliamentarians Conference begins in Islamabad, with the key theme of "Peace & Harmony for Development." The National Assembly (NA) of Pakistan has taken the initiative to host the first ever conference inviting young parliamentarians from seven other SAARC member countries.

237. The Finance Ministry has asked ministries and departments to open e-FPB accounts with RBI. Expand e-FPB?

- a) Electronic Focal Point Bank b) Electronic Foreign Point Branch
c) Electronic Focal Permanent Branch d) Electronic Focal Point Branch

Answer d) Electronic Focal Point Branch. The Finance Ministry has asked ministries and departments to open e-FPB (Electronic Focal Point Branch) accounts with RBI for receipts or payments exceeding ₹100 crore, reports said. The account will facilitate the government to collect non-tax revenue payments from PSUs and transfer funds for schemes. A governing body would be formed to monitor proper utilisation of funds, an official said.

238. Union Government allows Online Authentication using _____ for new mobile connections

- a) Aadhaar b) Voter ID c) Ration Card d) Bank Book

Answer a) Aadhaar. Telecom (DoT) to allow electronic KYC of Aadhaar as one of the valid documents for getting a new mobile connection. The government issued e-KYC guidelines to make the online process of application and authentication faster and simpler for subscribers. In contrast to the

existing document-based process, the move is intended to cut down time for SIM activation as KYC is verified instantly.

239. Which state government launched 'Pink Police Patrol' to tackle crimes against women in the state?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Karnataka c) Kerala d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer c) Kerala. Kerala police has a new addition- The Pink Police. These women officers will move around in pink coloured cars and they will have a special badge on their shoulders. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated a new beat of city police called the Pink Police Patrol, aimed at enhancing women's security.

240. Which state government passed the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill and became the third state to ratify the bill after Assam and Bihar?

- a) Kerala b) Jharkhand c) Bihar d) Telangana

Answer b) Jharkhand. The Jharkhand Assembly passed the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill and became the third state to ratify the bill after Assam and Bihar. the bill was passed unanimously in the state Assembly. "India has a tradition and culture to take taxes. The GST will end the tax discrimination and it will end the British tax system.

241. Noted music composer _____ on 15 August 2016 was honoured by the Tamil Ratna Award by New York based Tamil Sangam

- a) Rajesh Roshan b) A.R. Rehman c) Ilaiyaraaja d) Nadeem Shravan

Answer b) A.R.Rehman. Noted music composer A.R. Rahman on 15 August 2016 was honoured by the Tamil Ratna Award. The award was presented by New York based Tamil Sangam. Rahman was bestowed with the honour after his concert at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) chamber. Rahman was invited at the UNGA to perform a concert to honour M.S. Subbulakshi, the doyen of Carnatic music.

242. Which team becomes number 1 ranked Test team in the world?

- a) Australia b) Pakistan c) India d) Sri Lanka

Answer c) India. India became the top-ranked Test side in the world after Australia slipped to joint third following a 0-3 whitewash at the hands of Sri Lanka today. Pakistan have risen to number two, having drawn their four-Test series against England. India will, however, need to win their last Test against the West Indies to retain their top ranking.

243. Padma Shri awardee Gurdial Singh who passed away recently, He was a writer of _____ language

- a) Kannada b) Tamil c) Telugu d) Punjabi

Answer d) Punjabi. Punjabi writer Gurdial Singh, 83, breathed his last after a prolonged illness at a private hospital in Bathinda . Singh had been on ventilator support since August 13 after he had reportedly fell unconscious at his residence in Jaitu town of Faridkot district.

244. Who has been appointed as the Governor of Manipur?

- a) V Shanmuganathan b) S.C. Jamir c) Najma Heptulla d) Kalyan Singh

Answer c) Najma Heptulla. Former Union Minister Najma Heptulla, who had resigned as Minister of Minority Affairs in July, was appointed as the Governor of Manipur. Heptulla will take charge as the 18th Governor of the state, succeeding V Shanmuganathan who has been holding the post since September 30, 2015. Notably, the 60-seat Manipur Assembly will go to the polls early next year.

245. Which state government announced it will install 3,050 solar water pumps in 2016-17 with 90% subsidy, to encourage farmers to use renewable energy?

- a) Himachal Pradesh b) Gujarat c) Bihar d) Haryana

Answer d) Haryana. Haryana government announced it will install 3,050 solar water pumps in 2016-17 with 90% subsidy, to encourage farmers to use renewable energy. "This will result in solar capacity addition of 14.64 MW," state New and Renewable Energy Minister Banwari Lal said. Calling it the "energy of future", he added that the government is committed to promoting renewable energy.

246. Who has been appointed as Assam's Governor?

- a) Najma Heptulla b) Banwarilal Purohit c) VP Singh Badnore d) Jagdish Mukhi

Answer b) Banwarilal Purohit. With the appointment of Najma Heptulla as the Governor of Manipur on, Assam, Punjab and Andaman-Nicobar Islands also got new governors. While former Nagpur MP Banwarilal Purohit was appointed as Assam's Governor, former Rajya Sabha MP VP Singh Badnore became Punjab's Governor. Further, Delhi-based BJP leader Jagdish Mukhi was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

247. Times Internet partnered with _____ to launch co-branded Debit Card

- a) South Indian Bank b) Axis bank c) HDFC Bank d) ICICI Bank

Answer c) HDFC Bank. Times Internet, the digital arm of the Times of India Group, and private sector lender HDFC Bank entered into a partnership to launch co-branded debit cards. This is the second co-branded card launched by Times Internet with HDFC Bank, after launching a (co-branded) credit card targeted at the entertainment segment in 2013. The Times Points HDFC Bank Debit Card will offer customers the best deals in the online space as well as reward them for engaging with the Times Internet sites.

248. Which State has received the highest IT investments in 2015-16, getting nearly 25% of the total ₹2.2 lakh crore investments in the sector, an Assocham report said?

- a) Kerala b) Tamil Nadu c) Maharashtra d) Karnataka

Answer d) Karnataka. Karnataka has received the highest IT investments in 2015-16, getting nearly 25% of the total ₹2.2 lakh crore investments in the sector, an Assocham report said. IT investments in the state grew from ₹14,337 crore in 2005-06 to ₹53,396 crore in 2015-16, at a CAGR of 14%. Gujarat ranked second with ₹35,300 crore investment in the sector, the report added.

249. Which Country has been ranked the world's top exporter of information and communication technology (ICT) services, as per a report by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)?

- a) India b) China c) USA d) Singapore

Answer a) India. India has been ranked the world's top exporter of information and communication technology (ICT) services, as per a report by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Further, India was ranked 66th on WIPO's 2016 Global Innovation Index (GII) while maintaining its top position among Central and South Asian economies. Switzerland topped the GII, followed by Sweden and the UK respectively.

250. Who became the only athlete in history to win the 100-metres Olympic title thrice?

- a) Justin Gatlin b) Usain Bolt c) Michael Phelps d) Ian Thorpe

Answer b) Usain Bolt. Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt became the only athlete in history to win the 100-metres Olympic title thrice, after he reached the finish line in 9.81 seconds in the final on Monday. US sprinter Justin Gatlin and Canadian Andre de Grasse finished second and third, clocking 9.89s and 9.91s respectively. Bolt's fellow Jamaican sprinter Yohan Blake finished fourth, clocking 9.93s.

251. Who became the first tennis player to retain the Olympic singles gold medal after he won the event at the Rio Olympics?

- a) Roger Federer b) Rafael Nadal c) Novak Djokovic d) Andy Murray

Answer d) Andy Murray. Andy Murray became the first tennis player to retain the Olympic singles gold medal after he won the event at the Rio Olympics on Sunday. He registered a 7-5, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 victory over world number 141 Juan Martín del Potro, who had earlier defeated Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal. Meanwhile, Japan's Kei Nishikori won the bronze medal, defeating Nadal.

252. Indian steeplechase runner Lalita Babar finished _____ with a time of 9:22.74 minutes in the women's 3,000-metre steeplechase event's final at the Rio Olympics

- a) Ninth b) Tenth c) Seventh d) Fourth

Answer b) Tenth. Indian steeplechase runner Lalita Babar finished tenth with a time of 9:22.74 minutes in the women's 3,000-metre steeplechase event's final at the Rio Olympics. Bahrain's Ruth Jebet won the gold medal with a time of 8:59.75 minutes. The 27-year-old runner was the first Indian in 32 years to qualify for the finals of an Olympics athletics event.

253. Which state government announced that state government employees and pensioners will get an additional 6% Dearness Allowance with effect from January 1, 2016?

- a) Haryana b) Odisha c) Himachal Pradesh d) Assam

Answer c) Himachal Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh CM Virbhadra Singh announced that state government employees and pensioners will get an additional 6% Dearness Allowance with effect from January 1, 2016. Speaking at a state-level function on the Independence Day, he added that the additional DA would be paid from October 2016 onwards and will cost ₹330 crore more to the state exchequer annually.

254. Which country launched the world's first quantum satellite, which will help the country to establish hack-proof communications between space and the ground?

- a) India b) China c) Russia d) USA

Answer b) China. China launched the world's first quantum satellite, which will help the country to establish hack-proof communications between space and the ground. The satellite will alert the sender and alter or delete the message when hacking is attempted. If the two-year mission is successful, China will attempt to build a worldwide network that can send uncrackable messages.

255. _____ and SBI Card announced the launch of co-branded credit cards for the customers

- a) Lakshmi Vilas Bank b) City Union Bank c) Kotak Mahindra Bank d) South Indian Bank

Answer d) South Indian Bank. South Indian Bank, leading private sector bank, and SBI Card, one of India's leading Credit Card issuers, announced the launch of co-branded credit cards for the customers of South Indian Bank. Through this alliance South Indian Bank and SBI Card will launch two variants of credit card on VISA platform, namely South Indian Bank Platinum SBI Card and South Indian Bank SimplySAVE SBI Card.

256. Which company has secured an order to set upsolar photovoltaic (SPV) plants, estimated to cost Rs 169 crore?

- a) BHEL b) NTPC c) NHPC d) None of these

Answer a) BHEL. State-owned power equipment maker BHEL said it has secured an order to set up solar photovoltaic (SPV) plants, estimated to cost Rs 169 crore. The EPC order has been placed by West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Corporation Ltd (WBSEDCL). Three SPV plants of 10 MW each are to be set up at Mejia (Bankura), Santaldih (Purulia) and Chharrah (Purulia) in West Bengal.

257. _____ is the first bank to introduce Android based mobile application on USSD platform

- a) Central Bank of India b) Union Bank of India c) State Bank of India d) ICICI Bank

Answer b) Union Bank of India. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the umbrella organisation for all retail payments system in the country is pleased to announce that Union Bank of India has launched USSD based *99#mobile application for their customers. UBI is the first bank to introduce Android based mobile application on USSD platform. The App is available for download on the play store as – Union Bank *99#.

258. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a _____ increase in the pension of freedom fighters

- a) 10% b) 15% c) 20% d) 25%

Answer c) 20%. Addressing the nation on the occasion of India's 70th Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a 20% increase in the pension of freedom fighters. He also announced that the Government of India will bear medical expenses of ₹1 lakh for poor families. Modi said the government has also delivered on the promise of One Rank One Pension (OROP).

259. Which online retailer company recently launched a used books store on its online platform that allows users to choose from over 1, 00,000 books across genres?

- a) Flipkart b) Amazon c) Snapdeal d) Paytm

Answer b) Amazon. Amazon India recently launched a used books store on its online platform, that allows users to choose from over 1,00,000 books across genres such as literature, romance, biography and textbooks. The company is giving 100% purchase protection on the books. Earlier in July, Amazon launched its Prime subscription service in India for same day and two-day deliveries.

260. Na. Muthukumar who passed away recently was a/an

- a) Actor b) Politician c) Lyricist d) Singer

Answer c) Lyricist. Two-time national award-winning lyricist Na. Muthukumar succumbed to jaundice in Chennai. He was 41 and is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter. He first won the award for the song Aananda Yazhai Meetukiral in the film Thangameenkal and the second award was for the song Azhage Azhagu in Saivam.

261. Politician S P Sarguna Pandian who passed away recently, she belongs to which state?

- a) Kerala b) Tamil Nadu c) Andhra Pradesh d) karnataka

Answer b) Tamil Nadu. Former Tamil Nadu social welfare minister and DMK deputy general secretary S P Sarguna Pandian passed away in the early hours of Saturday. She was 75. Sarguna Pandian was elected from R K Nagar constituency twice — in 1989 and 1996 — and was the social welfare minister between 1996 and 2001 when DMK president M Karunanidhi was the chief minister.

262. Which State government will formally start the verification of rhino horns, stored in various treasuries?

- a) Sikkim b) Punjab c) Assam d) Rajasthan

Answer c) Assam. The Assam government will formally start the verification of rhino horns, stored in various treasuries of Assam since 1980. Assam government instituted a committee recently to verify the genuineness of the rhino horns, which were recovered in last three decades since 1980 and stored in different treasuries of the state.

263. Parliament passed Central Agricultural University (Amendment) Bill, 2016. Who is the Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare?

- a) Sanjeev Balyan b) Chaudhary Birender Singh c) Vishnudeo Sai d) Sudarshan Bhagat

Answer d) Sudarshan Bhagat. The Central Agricultural University (Amendment) Bill, 2016 was introduced in Lok Sabha by Mr. Sudarshan Bhagat, Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. The Bill proposes to amend the Central Agricultural University Act, 1992. The Bill amends this definition to include the state of Nagaland.

264. More banks are likely to start a facility E-verifying without net banking, E-verifying without net banking facility was primarily started by _____ and _____

- a) Punjab and Sind Bank and United Bank of India b) Punjab National Bank and United Bank of India
c) Syndicate and Indian Bank d) State Bank of India and Union Bank of India

Answer b) Punjab National Bank and United Bank of India. After Punjab National Bank and United Bank of India, more banks are likely to soon start a facility wherein an account holder can verify his income tax return on e-filing site even without having net banking. Electronic Verification Code (EVC) can be generated by pre-validating the bank account on the e-filing portal of the Income Tax Department.

265. Who won the Australian open women's squash title 2016?

- a) Saina Nehwal b) Deepika Pallikal c) Joshna Chinnapa d) Deepika Kumari

Answer b) Deepika Pallikal. Top seed Pallikal beat eighth seed Mayar Hany of Egypt 10-12, 11-5, 11-6, 11-4 in the 40-minute final for her first title of the year. The Indian, smarting after the loss in the title-round in the the Victorian Open last week, had a minor scare when the Egyptian rival snatched the first game.

266. Who has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the West Africa's Republic of Ghana?

- a) Navtej Sarna b) Birender Singh Yadav c) Sanjiv Kohli d) Nadir Patel

Answer b) Birender Singh Yadav . IFS officer of 1997 batch Birender Singh Yadav currently working as Joint Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the West Africa's Republic of Ghana. IFS officer's serves as Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Consul General, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations and Foreign Secretary are some of the offices.

267. Union Ministers M Venkaiah Naidu and Uma Bharti jointly launched 'Smart Ganga City' programme in ____ cities

- a) 10 b) 15 c) 20 d) 25

Answer a) 10. Union Ministers M Venkaiah Naidu and Uma Bharti jointly launched 'Smart Ganga City' programme in 10 cities located along Ganga to set up Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and improve drainage network there on hybrid annuity mode on public private partnership basis. Union Urban Development Minister Naidu and Water Resources Minister Bharti launched the works through video conferencing and were joined in by District Magistrates/Mayors of cities/towns.

268. IRCTC signs MoU with _____ to get ready-to-eat food straight out of packet

- a) FSSAI b) ISRO c) DRDO d) None of these

Answer c) DRDO. The passengers of Indian railway will now get fresh and warm food on railway stations as Indian Railway as IRCTC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Defence Food Research Laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for Transfer of Technology of Retort Pouch Processed Foods so that ready-to-eat food can be warmed and eaten straight out of the packet.

269. _____ and _____ has signed the Memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Power to join the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana recently

- a) Maharashtra and Rajasthan b) Haryana and Chandigarh
c) Assam and Bihar d) Madhya Pradesh and Puducherry

Answer d) Madhya Pradesh and Puducherry. Madhya Pradesh and the Union Territory of Puducherry has signed the memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Power to join the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana. For operational and financial turnaround of the DISCOMs. With these two MoUs being signed, the total number of states and union territories who are a part of UDAY has risen to 16, the Power Ministry said in a statement.

270. Which Bank announced the availability of Flipkart's mobile site in its mobile banking app?

- a) ICICI Bank b) Kotak Mahindra Bank c) Axis Bank d) HDFC Bank

Answer b) Kotak Mahindra Bank. Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB), announced the availability of Flipkart's mobile site in its mobile banking app, which gives the customer a secure in-app shopping environment. KMB has been expanding the scope of offerings on its mobile banking app, and this move further strengthens its mStore which already allows booking of air tickets, hotels and bus tickets.

271. Former captain and batsman Hanif Mohammad passed away recently, He played for which team?

- a) Pakistan b) Bangladesh c) India d) South Africa

Answer a) Pakistan. Pakistan's legendary former captain and batsman Hanif Mohammad, who held the record for the longest innings in Test cricket, passed away after a prolonged battle with lung cancer. Hanif was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2013 and went to London for surgery and returned home well but his condition deteriorated in time as the cancer spread in his body.

272. Microsoft India lab has announced the appointment of _____ as the new managing director

- a) Vignesh Kumar b) Sriram Rajamani c) Naveen Rajamani d) Udayasankar Rajamani

Answer b) Sriram Rajamani. Microsoft India lab has announced the appointment of Sriram Rajamani as the new managing director. Sriram will spearhead Microsoft India's office in Bangalore to continue focus on research, innovation and collaboration with the scientific community.

273. Rajya Sabha named _____ of its members to the Joint Committee of Parliament that will go into the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016

- a) 5 b) 7 c) 10 d) 12

Answer c) 10. Rajya Sabha named 10 of its members to the Joint Committee of Parliament that will go into the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016. A resolution moved by Minister of State for Home Affairs Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, on behalf of Home Minister Rajnath Singh, for appointment of ten of its members to the Joint Committee of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha was carried by a voice vote.

274. The Reserve Bank will transfer to the central government its surplus profit of Rs _____ crore

- a) 65876 b) 64786 c) 60176 d) 66276

Answer a) 65876. The Reserve Bank will transfer to the central government its surplus profit of Rs 65,876 crore, marginally lower than the amount given last year. "The (RBI Central) Board approved the transfer of surplus of the Reserve Bank for the year 2015-16 amounting to Rs 658.76 billion to the Government of India," the central bank said in a statement. The RBI had paid Rs 65,896 crore to the government for the previous year (2014-15) which came as a boon to the government in covering the deficit. The surplus transferred to the government was Rs 52,679 crore in 2013-14.

275. Which country launched new synthetic aperture radar (SAR) imaging satellite called Gaofen-3?

- a) Russia b) China c) India d) USA

Answer b) China. China launched a new synthetic aperture radar (SAR) imaging satellite called Gaofen-3 from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern Shanxi Province. According to Xinhua, the satellite, which was launched on a Long March 4C, is equipped with a radar payload that can produce high-resolution images of one meter. It will be used for civil applications such as 24-hour environmental monitoring, weather forecasting, disaster monitoring, and water resource assessments.

276. _____ was appointed as Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI).

- a) Prakash Kumar Vohra b) Vinay Kumar Vohra c) Suresh Kumar Khara d) Dinesh Kumar Khara

Answer d) Dinesh Kumar Khara. Dinesh Kumar Khara was appointed as Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI). He is presently working as MD and Chief Executive Officer of SBI Funds Management Pvt Ltd. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Khara for a period of three years, extendable by two years after review of his performance, an order issued by Department of Personnel and Training.

277. Government of India spent over Rs _____ crore on Swachh Bharat in 2015-16

- a) 6500 b) 7500 c) 8500 d) 9500

Answer a) 6500. The government has spent over Rs 6,500 crore to fulfil Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship Swachh Bharat Mission – Gramin. Drinking Water and Sanitation Minister Narendra Singh Tomar told the Lower House of the Parliament that Rs 6,524.52 crore has been utilised for the Swachh Bharat Mission in 2015-16. The government had allocated Rs 6,525 crore for the scheme.

278. _____, which disease claims hundreds of lives every year in eastern India, will be made a notifiable disease

- a) Typhoid b) Encephalitis c) Jaundice d) Malaria

Answer b) Encephalitis. Encephalitis, which claims hundreds of lives every year in eastern India, will be made a notifiable disease, the government announced in the Lok Sabha amid concerns expressed by members over “failure” to check it despite years of efforts. Nadda sought to lay the blame at the doors at the state governments, particularly the Uttar Pradesh government; saying over Rs 50 crore given to it for vector-borne disease control was lying unspent this year.

279. _____ became the first Indian to score multiple hundreds and take multiple five-wicket hauls in a Test series

- a) Virat Kohli b) Anil Kumble c) Ravichandran Ashwin d) Ravindra Jadeja

Answer c) Ravichandran Ashwin. Ravichandran Ashwin became the first Indian to score multiple hundreds and take multiple five-wicket hauls in a Test series, during the third Test against West Indies. The 29-year-old also became the fourth player overall to achieve the feat. Earlier, Ashwin had scored a century in the first Test and taken five-wicket hauls in the first two Tests.

280. World’s first surfing champion, Bernard “Midget” Farrelly passed away recently. He was from _____

- a) Australia b) China c) Argentina d) USA

Answer a) Australia. Bernard “Midget” Farrelly, who won surfing’s first world championship and was a pioneering surfboard designer, has died aged 71. Farrelly became the first Australian to win a major surfing title when he won the Makaha Invitational in Hawaii in 1963.

281. Panchu Arunachalam who passed away recently was a

- a) Writer b) Politician c) Producer d) Both a and c

Answer d) Both a and c. Tamil writer and producer Panchu Arunachalam passed away in Chennai at the age of 75. He worked with actor Rajinikanth in the film 'Aarilirunthu Arubathu Varai' and with Kamal Haasan in films like 'Kalyanaraman', 'Japanil Kalyanaraman' and 'Apoorva Sagodharargal'. Arunachalam also directed films and wrote song lyrics for over 200 films.

282. Cabinet approved the amendments made to the Maternity Benefits Act; the bill aims to raise the maternity leave for women from 12 to _____ weeks

- a) 20 b) 24 c) 25 d) 26

Answer d) 26. The Union Cabinet gave its ex-post facto approval to the amendments made to the Maternity Benefits Act, 1961, by introducing the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016 in

Parliament. The bill aims to raise the maternity leave for women from 12 to 26 weeks. The amendments will affect the 1.8 million-strong female workforce in the organised sector.

283. Government of India has decided to set up a committee to look into all issues including FDI norms pertaining to the fast growing e-commerce industry in the country. The committee will be headed by _____

- a) Bibek Debroy b) Arvind Panagriya c) Amitabh Kant d) Ramesh Chand

Answer c) Amitabh Kant. The government has decided to set up a committee to look into all issues including foreign direct investment norms pertaining to the fast growing e-commerce industry in the country. The committee will be headed by the NITI Aayog CEO. The other members in the panel include officials from commerce and industry ministry and department of electronics and IT among others.

284. Which State Tourism has been awarded the 'Film Tourism Destination of the Year' Award at the India International Travel Mart (IITM) in Chennai?

- a) Goa b) Madhya Pradesh c) Kerala d) Manipur

Answer a) Goa. Goa Tourism has been awarded the 'Film Tourism Destination of the Year' Award at the India International Travel Mart (IITM) in Chennai. State Tourism Minister Dilip Parulekar said, "This award will surely increase the number of film shootings in Goa." More than 100 films have been shot in Goa over the past decade.

285. Cabinet approved MoU between India and _____ for cooperation in the field of Tourism

- a) Bangladesh b) South Africa c) Japan d) Iran

Answer b) South Africa. The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and South Africa for cooperation in the field of Tourism.

286. Who has been appointed as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Bank of Maharashtra?

- a) Ravindra Prabhakar Marathe b) Rakesh Sharma c) Rakesh Sethi d) Arun Sharma

Answer a) Ravindra Prabhakar Marathe. Pawan Kumar Bajaj and Ravindra Prabhakar Marathe were appointed as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of United Bank of India and Bank of Maharashtra respectively. Mr Bajaj is executive director in Indian Overseas Bank. He has been appointed as MD and CEO "based on merit-cum-preference", an order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training said.

287. Cabinet approved Agreement between the India and _____ on Economic Cooperation

- a) Latvia b) Croatia c) Estonia d) Slovenia

Answer b) Croatia. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing and ratification of an Agreement between India and Croatia on Economic Cooperation. India and Croatia had earlier signed an Agreement on trade and economic cooperation in September, 1994 with an aim to promote and develop bilateral trade and economic relations.

288. Who took the top spot in Forbes' 100 richest in Tech List?

- a) Jeff Bezos b) Mark Zuckerberg c) Bill Gates d) Mukesh Ambani

Answer c) Bill Gates. The rich keep getting richer in tech. The combined wealth of the 100 richest tech billionaires — a whopping \$892 billion — surged 6% since last year. Forbes released the stats in its second annual Richest in Tech list. Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates (personal net worth: \$78 billion) took the top spot again, followed by Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos (\$66.2 billion). Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg (\$54 billion) took third place, while Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison (\$51.7 billion) fell two spots to fourth.

289. India's tiger cell will soon take shape at the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) campus in _____

- a) Dehradun b) Mumbai c) Jaipur d) Gangtok

Answer a) Dehradun. The country's first tiger cell will soon take shape at the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) campus in Dehradun. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding the setting up of the cell will be signed between the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and WII.

290. Reserve Bank of India retains GDP growth forecast at _____ for FY17

- a) 7.1% b) 7.3% c) 7.5% d) 7.6%

Answer d) 7.6%. With India touted as a "bright spot" in a gloomy global economy, RBI retained its FY17 GDP growth projection at 7.6 per cent, same as it sees both upside and downside risks. While cutting the policy lending rate by 25 bps to 6.5 per cent, RBI expects a normal monsoon will revive rural demand.

291. Department of Science and Technology (DST) has launched a \$15 million programme called _____ for Indian startups

- a) INDIA b) BHARAT c) NIDHI d) YOJANA

Answer c) NIDHI. Department of Science and Technology (DST) has launched a \$15 million programme called 'NIDHI' for Indian startups. DST plans to support additional 15-20 incubators this year and has plans to provide all kinds of assistance to startups. The programme also aims to provide financial support to 20 student startups each year, which will be selected through a national level competition.

292. _____ became the first Indian to qualify for the apparatus finals of artistic Gymnastics at the Rio 2016 Olympics

- a) Dipa Karmakar b) Deepika Kumari c) Heena Sidhu d) Yelena Produnova

Answer a) Dipa Karmakar. India's Dipa Karmakar created history after she became the first Indian to qualify for the apparatus finals of artistic Gymnastics at the Rio 2016 Olympics. She is became the first Indian gymnast to enter the final on her debut at the quadrennial multi-discipline games when she finished eighth in the qualifying round.

293. With a total of 302 weeks as World No 1 in ATP World Rankings, Tennis player _____ holds the record for most number of weeks at the top spot

- a) Andy Murray b) Roger Federer c) Novak Djokovic d) Rafael Nadal

Answer b) Roger Federer. With a total of 302 weeks as World No 1 in ATP World Rankings, Tennis player Roger Federer holds the record for most number of weeks at the top spot. The 17-time Grand Slam champion, who turns 35 on Monday, held the No 1 ranking for a record 237 consecutive weeks between 2004 and 2008.

294. Which country is the 'most miserable place' in the world: Survey?

- a) Japan b) South Africa c) Venezuela d) India

Answer c) Venezuela. South American nation Venezuela, with a score of 188.2%, has been ranked 'most miserable' in the world by the Misery Index (computed by adding inflation to the unemployment rate), out of 74 economies surveyed by Bloomberg. Declining oil revenues contributed to the economy's 181% inflation, Bloomberg stated. Further, Bosnia and South Africa were named second and third 'most miserable' nations.

295. Which State government increased the house rent allowances (HRA) of government employees by 20%?

- a) Uttar Pradesh b) Maharashtra c) Odisha d) Uttarakhand

Answer a) Uttar Pradesh. The Uttar Pradesh government increased the house rent allowances (HRA) of government employees by 20%. The move will reportedly benefit over 14.5 lakh employees and create an additional annual burden of ₹500 crore on the state exchequer. The state government also made it compulsory for all government departments and institutions to purchase khadi fabric from Gandhi Ashram.

296. _____ is the world's first carbon negative country, meaning that the country's forests absorb more carbon dioxide each year than it produces

- a) Norway b) India c) Bhutan d) Switzerland

Answer c) Bhutan. According to a one-minute video, Bhutan is the world's first carbon negative country, meaning that the country's forests absorb more carbon dioxide each year than it produces. Around 72% of its land is under forest cover due to Bhutan's strong environment protection policies.

Interestingly, Bhutan is also the world's only country to use gross national happiness to measure its growth.

297. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch two new meteorological satellites in September. Who is the chairman of ISRO?

- a) AS Kiran Kumar b) Radhakrishnan c) Mylswamy Annadurai d) Madhavan Nair

Answer a) AS Kiran Kumar. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch two new meteorological satellites next month. Speaking at the valedictory function of a Science Seminar in Dharwad, ISRO Chairman A S Kiran Kumar said the launch would further improve weather forecast in the country. He said weather changes that were observed every half an hour earlier would now improve to every 15 minutes observation. This would provide good quality atmospheric profiles over Indian landmass and adjoining areas.

298. _____ Minister of Communications (Independent Charge) _____ unveiled the Commemorative Postage Stamps on Rio Olympic Games

- a) Jayant Sinha b) Kalraj Mishra c) Manoj Sinha d) Ravi Shankar Prasad

Answer c) Manoj Sinha. Minister of Communications Shri Manoj Sinha unveiled the Commemorative Postage Stamps on Rio Olympic Games and said the unique initiative will motivate the Rio-bound Indian athletes. Issuing stamps on games of wrestling, badminton, shooting and boxing, the Minister said, the Department of Posts had always issued special stamps on important occasions to rekindle the spirit of patriotism and for advancement of National Interest.

299. _____ Food safety regulator FSSAI has sought public opinion for allowing up to _____ vegetable fats, other than cocoa butter, and up to 50% artificial sweetener Isomaltulose in chocolates

- a) 5% b) 10% c) 15% d) 20%

Answer a) 5%. Food safety regulator FSSAI has sought public opinion for allowing up to 5% vegetable fats, other than cocoa butter, and up to 50% artificial sweetener Isomaltulose in chocolates. FSSAI added that these ingredients will be mentioned on labels as per regulations. This could reportedly benefit importers as the import and sale of chocolates containing vegetable fat is not allowed in India.

300. _____ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches Mission Bhagiratha and lays Foundation Stone of key development projects in _____

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Tamil Nadu c) Karnataka d) Telangana

Answer d) Telangana. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, launched Mission Bhagiratha at Komatibanda Village, Gajwel, in Medak District of Telangana. The scheme has been launched by the

State Government with an objective to provide safe drinking water to all. He also dedicated to the nation the 1200 MW Thermal Power Station of Singareni Collieries at Jaipur, in Adilabad district.

301. Which State government has set a target of planting over one crore saplings this year to increase the depleting green cover in the state?

- a) Haryana b) Himachal Pradesh c) Maharashtra d) Gujarat

Answer b) Himachal Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh government has set a target of planting over one crore saplings this year to increase the depleting green cover in the state. Himachal Pradesh was the first state in country to earn carbon credit. Accordingly, a sum of Rs. 1.93 crore has been received from the central government as the first installment, which was distributed to self-help groups.

302. First-ever 'Pizza ATM' opens in _____

- a) USA b) China c) Japan d) UK

Answer a) USA. Pizza lovers in the US can now relish their favourite cheesy delicacy by using the first-ever 'pizza ATM' in the country installed at a university campus. The pizza vending machine on the campus of Xavier University (XU) in Ohio can hold seventy 12-inch pizzas and dispense them fresh and hot in just three minutes. Customers can select what kind of pizza they want using the 24-hour machine's touch screen.

303. Which country launched its first ever mobile telecommunications satellite recently?

- a) Russia b) USA c) China d) India

Answer c) China. China recently launched its first ever mobile telecommunications satellite, the 'Tiantong-01' from Beijing. The satellite will establish a mobile network serving China, the Middle East, Africa and other areas. The ground service will be operated by China Telecom, which is owned by the Chinese government. The country is also preparing for the next round of its manned space mission.

304. Which State Government has launched 'Baristha Bunakar Sahayata Yojana', a pension scheme for weaver community in the state?

- a) Odisha b) Gujarat c) Uttar Pradesh d) West Bengal

Answer a) Odisha. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched 'Baristha Bunakar Sahayata Yojana', a pension scheme for weaver community in the state. He announced the scheme, under which the state government would provide Rs 500 pension to the weavers, on the occasion of National Handloom Day. The beneficiary must have worked at least preceding 20 years in the weaving profession and attained 60 years to avail the benefits under the pension scheme, said Patnaik, adding weavers, who have attained 80 years of age, would get Rs 700 pension per month.

305. Indian

Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and the _____ government have signed a MoU, which seeks to provide improved hospitality and tourism services to their customers

- a) Maharashtra b) Punjab c) Haryana d) Manipur

Answer d) Manipur. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and the Manipur government have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which seeks to provide improved hospitality and tourism services to their customers by making 'joint use of their capabilities and facilities'. The MoU entails upon both the parties to identify areas of cooperation and draw up detailed plans for development of joint tourism products and opening and managing various catering and hospitality outlets, budget hotels and handicrafts shops at railway as well as non-railway locations.

306. _____ Government of India launched the app called _____, which will allow the general public to directly connect to high-level ministers

- a) MyApp b) MyGov c) MyMin d) MyPar

Answer b) MyGov. Minister of Law and IT Ravi Shankar Prasad launched the MyGov app ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first-ever 'townhall' style event in Delhi. Prasad said that the app will allow the general public to directly connect to high-level ministers. The launch marked two years of MyGovIndia, an online citizen engagement website of the Indian government.

307. Which State has started work on the installation of an Early Warning Dissemination System (EWDS) in six coastal districts prone to disasters like floods and cyclones?

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Karnataka c) Maharashtra d) Odisha

Answer d) Odisha. The Odisha government has started work on the installation of an Early Warning Dissemination System (EWDS) in six coastal districts prone to disasters like floods and cyclones. The system, to be implemented at a cost of ₹66 crore, will involve 122 warning towers that will cover 22 calamity sensitive blocks, and blow sirens two hours prior to any calamity.

308. Which state has emerged as the top state in India in terms of growth in industry and service sectors during 2004-05 to 2014-15?

- a) Uttarakhand b) Tamil Nadu c) Uttar Pradesh d) Bihar

Answer a) Uttarakhand. Uttarakhand has emerged as the top state in India in terms of growth in industry and service sectors during 2004-05 to 2014-15, an ASSOCHAM study said. It posted the highest compounded annual growth rate of 16.5% and 12.3% in industry and services respectively. Notably, the state outperformed the nearly 7% national average growth, the study added.

309. The Adani Group had got the extension for setting up 540 Mw power plant in till 2019-20

- a) Maharashtra b) Chhattisgarh c) Punjab d) Meghalaya

Answer b) Chhattisgarh. The Adani Group had got the extension for setting up 540 Mw power plant in Chhattisgarh's Sarguja region till 2019-20. The 4x135 Mw thermal power project would be based on the coal washery rejects and would come up within the Parsa East and Kete Basan coal blocks, which had been originally allotted to Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd (RRVUNL). Adani Mines had been assigned the work of Mining, Development and Operation (MDO) of coal block.

310. Government of India has proposed to set up four new Major Ports in

- a) Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andra Pradesh and Maharashtra
 b) Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Andra Pradesh and Maharashtra
 c) Kerala, West Bengal, Andra Pradesh and Maharashtra
 d) Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andra Pradesh and Maharashtra

Answer a) Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andra Pradesh and Maharashtra. The government has proposed to set up four new Major Ports viz. Enayam in Tamil Nadu, Sagar in West Bengal, Dugarajpatnam in Andhra Pradesh and Vadhawan in Maharashtra. Minister of State for shipping Pon Radhakrishnan informed Lok Sabha. According to the Ministry of Shipping, around 95 per cent of India's trading by volume and 70 per cent by value is done through maritime transport. It is serviced by 13 major ports, 200 notified minor and intermediate ports.

311. The Ministry of Railways has signed an agreement with the _____ government for formation of a joint venture (JV) company

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Tripura c) Chhattisgarh d) Assam

Answer c) Chhattisgarh. The Ministry of Railways has signed an agreement with the Chhattisgarh government for formation of a joint venture (JV) company for focused resource mobilisation, implementation and monitoring of critical rail projects. The agreement was signed in the presence of Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu and Chief Minister Raman Singh. He also announced that the Ministry has planned to harness 1000 MW of solar power through developer mode through land based plants across the country.

312. Which online retailer company launched its own dedicated cargo plane service for deliveries to its Prime Members?

- a) Flipkart b) Snapdeal c) Amazon d) Paytm

Answer c) Amazon. Online retail giant Amazon launched its own dedicated cargo plane service for deliveries to its Prime members. Amazon also debuted its first ever branded air cargo plane 'Amazon

One', a Boeing 767-300. The company said that it will lease 40 such planes in the next two years for its deliveries across the United States.

313. German automaker Volkswagen announced the establishment of its IT delivery and support centre in_ called Volkswagen IT Services India

- a) Pune b) Agra c) Jaipur d) Kochi

Answer a) Pune. German automaker Volkswagen announced the establishment of its IT delivery and support centre in Pune, called Volkswagen IT Services India. A total of €3 million (₹22.5 crore) has been invested in the centre with 300 professionals at present, a company statement read. It will reportedly focus on IT delivery and drive innovation for Volkswagen brands across all geographies.

314. Mahim Bora who passed away recently was a/an

- a) English litterateur b) Tamil litterateur c) Assamese litterateur d) Kannada litterateur

Answer c) Assamese litterateur. Eminent Assamese litterateur Mahim Bora died due to old age problems in a private nursing home here, his family sources said. He was 92. He was admitted to the nursing home on Wednesday after his health condition deteriorated at his home in Nagaon district. Bora was a Padma Shri and SahityaAkademi winner and is survived by a son and two daughters-in-law.

315. Southern India's first Doppler weather radar launched in _____

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Andra Pradesh c) Kerala d) Karnataka

Answer c) Kerala. Southern India's first Doppler weather radar, which can provide advance information about storms, cyclones, and other severe weather conditions, was on Thursday inaugurated at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram. This is India's second C-Band Polarimetric Doppler Weather Radar (C-DWR) as the first was unveiled by PM Narendra Modi in Cherrapunji, Meghalaya, in May 2015.

316. Government of India fixed the retail inflation target of _____ for next 5 years

- a) 4% b) 5% c) 6% d) 7%

Answer a) 4%. Minister of State for Finance Arjun Meghwal, tabled a notification in the parliament informing that the retail inflation target of 4% (+/-2%) till 2021 was in line with the agreement reached with the Reserve Bank of India. The minister said, "Fixation of...target while giving due emphasis to the objective of growth" is an important monetary policy reform.

317. Which State government signed a MoU with Indian Space Research Organisation for setting up Water Resources Information System?

- a) Assam b) Telangana c) Rajasthan d) Kerala

Answer b) Telangana. State Irrigation Department will sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU)

with Indian Space Research Organisation for setting up Telangana Water Resources Information System. The system will keep eye from sky on state's water resources and ISRO will update the system with new satellite imagery of all water bodies every fortnight. According to an official release, the new system will be set up by ISRO's National Remote Sensing Centre.

318. Who has been named as the new Chief Minister of Gujarat?

- a) Nitin Patel b) Anandiben Patel c) Vijay Rupani d) Saurabh Patel

Answer c) Vijay Rupani. BJP state Chief Vijay Rupani has been named the new Chief Minister of Gujarat after a meeting of the BJP legislators at State Party headquarter Shree Kamalam here on Friday. Vijay Rupani will take over as the new chief minister of Gujarat .Nitin Patel will be the deputy chief minister of Gujarat. The oath taking ceremony will take place on Sunday, 7 August, 2016.

319. Government of India has exempted from the purview of compulsorily providing Aadhaar numbers for availing University Grants Commission (UGC) scholarships and fellowships

- a) Gujarat b) Rajasthan c) Kerala d) Assam

Answer d) Assam. The Centre has exempted Assam from the purview of compulsorily providing Aadhaar numbers for availing University Grants Commission (UGC) scholarships and fellowships. This comes after Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal informed Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar about the problems faced by the students of the state in getting UGC scholarships because of the Aadhaar norms.

320. The Reserve Bank of India launched a website called _____ to identify instances of illegal acceptances of deposits, and provide timely information to the public

- a) Sachet b) Sacket c) Sakshi d) Sacjet

Answer a) Sachet. The Reserve Bank of India launched a website 'Sachet' to identify instances of illegal acceptances of deposits, and provide timely information to the public. Through this, people can file complaints and obtain information about entities allowed to accept deposits, a release read. The website would enhance coordination among regulators and state government agencies, it added.

321. _____ became the first Indian woman member of the International Olympic Committee, after getting elected at the 129th IOC Session in Rio

- a) Nita Ambani b) Dipali Goenka c) Chanda Kochhar d) Kiran Shaw

Answer a) Nita Ambani. Reliance Foundation chairman Nita Ambani became the first Indian woman member of the International Olympic Committee, after getting elected at the 129th IOC Session in Rio on Thursday. The 52-year-old is the third Indian member of the IOC after Dorabji Tata and Raja Randhir Singh. According to membership rules, Nita will remain an IOC member till the age of 70.

322. Reserve
Bank imposed penalty on two cooperative banks in _____ under the
Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Punjab c) Rajasthan d) Chhattisgarh

Answer d) Chhattisgarh. Reserve Bank imposed penalty on two cooperative banks in Chhattisgarh under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. "The RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of five lakh each on Zila Sahakari Kendriya Bank Maryadit, Raipur, and Raipur Urban Mercantile Cooperative Bank Limited," a statement from RBI's regional office here said. Zila Sahakari Kendriya Bank Maryadit was penalised for violation of the directives/guidelines of the Central Bank on 'Know Your Customer' norms.

323. Singer__ will be awarded the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award

- a) Anuradha Paudwal b) Shubha Mudgal c) Sunidhi Chauhan d) Devaki Pandit

Answer b) Shubha Mudgal. Singer Shubha Mudgal will be awarded the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award for her outstanding contribution towards the promotion of communal harmony, peace and goodwill. Shubha Mudgal is a well-known Indian singer of Hindustani classical music. The award will be presented to Mudgal at a special ceremony on August 20 at Jawahar Bhawan auditorium. The award carries a citation and cash award of Rs 10 lakh.

324. Parliament approved establishment of
___ new IITs across the country by passing the Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill
2016 in the Rajya Sabha

- a) Four b) Five c) Six d) Seven

Answer c) Six. Parliament approved establishment of six new IITs across the country by passing the Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill 2016 in the Rajya Sabha. IITs will also be started in Palakkad (Kerala), Goa, Dharward (Karnataka), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Jammu and Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh). The Lok Sabha had passed on July 25 the Bill which also seeks to bring the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad, within the ambit of the proposed Act.

325. Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana (PMJAY), the central government will open
_____ Jan Aushadhi Stores (JAS)

- a) 3000 b) 1500 c) 2500 d) 2000

Answer a) 3000. Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana (PMJAY), the central government will open 3,000 Jan Aushadhi Stores (JAS) pan India by the end of this fiscal to make quality drugs available at affordable prices.

326. Which State government has sought a 10-year extension of the North East Industrial Promotion Policy (NEIPP) from the Centre?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Assam c) Rajasthan d) West Bengal

Answer b) Assam. The Assam government has sought a 10-year extension of the North East Industrial Promotion Policy (NEIPP) from the Centre. State Industries Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary said an extension of the NEIPP could make Assam a favourite investment destination. The policy, which is scheduled to expire in 2017, is currently under suspension over allegations that it promoted "uneven" growth.

327. Translator and artist _____ has been awarded the 2016 PEN/Heim Translation Fund Grant

- a) Arpita Singh b) Anamika c) Anita Gopalan d) Nalini Malini

Answer c) Anita Gopalan. Translator and artist Anita Gopalan has been awarded the 2016 PEN/Heim Translation Fund Grant for her English translation of Hindi novel " Simsim " by Geet Chaturvedi. Ms. Gopalan, who is based in Bengaluru, is the second Indian translator to be selected for the grant. PEN America is a renowned literary organisation of the United States.

328. Who has been appointed as chairman of the Administrative Reforms Committee (ARC) in Kerala?

- a) Pinarayi Vijayan b) K.M. Mani c) Oomen Chandy d) V.S. Achuthanandan

Answer d) V.S. Achuthanandan. Former Chief Minister V.S. Achuthanandan, who was in contention for the top political post in Kerala after the May 16 assembly elections, was appointed chairman of the Administrative Reforms Committee (ARC), a post carrying cabinet status. It is the first time that a former Chief Minister has been given the ARC post. Former chief secretaries Neela Gangadharan and CP Nair are other members of the three-member commission.

329. Who has been elected as the new Chair of the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Athletes' Commission?

- a) Hilary Knight b) Jessie Vetter c) Angela Ruggiero d) Meghan Duggan

Answer c) Angela Ruggiero. American ice hockey Olympic champion Angela Ruggiero was elected as the new Chair of the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Athletes' Commission, replacing Claudia Bokel. IOC President Thomas Bach officially appointed Angela Ruggiero during joint meeting between the IOC Athletes' Commission and the IOC Executive Board, following a vote by the members of the Commission.

330. Which Online retailer has launched two new services on its platform called 'Fliptech' and 'Hobby Hub'?

- a) Amazon b) Snapdeal c) Flipkart d) Shopclues

Answer c) Flipkart. Online retailer Flipkart has launched two new services on its platform called 'Fliptech' and 'Hobby Hub'. Fliptech is a curated product guide that contains content about the electronics, fashion, mobiles and home categories to help customers make informed purchases. Further, Hobby Hub helps customers learn more about their hobbies and directs them to make purchases based on their preferences.

331. Which team won the Quidditch World Cup 2016?

- a) India b) Australia c) China d) New Zealand

Answer b) Australia. In a magical turn of events, Australia won the Quidditch World Cup – a sport inspired by the game played by Harry Potter – after defeating the US team in Frankfurt. Adapted from the fantasy sport played in JK Rowling's books, the "muggle" version of quidditch uses elements of rugby, dodgeball and tag. There are seven players on each team, five balls and six goal hoops. Each match begins with the referee shouting "Brooms up!" It ends when the "snitch" has been caught, giving the successful team 30 points. A tiny, flying golden ball in the books, in reality the snitch is a tennis ball attached to a player's shorts.

332. Who will be the flag bearer of the USA contingent at the Rio Olympics opening ceremony on August 5?

- a) Matt Grevers b) Conor Dwyer c) Aaron Peirsol d) Michael Phelps

Answer d) Michael Phelps. Swimmer Michael Phelps will be the flag bearer of the USA contingent at the Rio Olympics opening ceremony on August 5. Phelps, the first American male swimmer to qualify for his fifth Olympics, was chosen by a vote of fellow Team USA members. Phelps is the most decorated Olympian of all time, having won 22 medals, including 18 gold medals

333. Which State has allowed the transgender community to participate in the state-level Independence Day parade on August 15 this year for the first time in India?

- a) Odisha b) Rajasthan c) Punjab d) Kerala

Answer a) Odisha. Odisha has allowed the transgender community to participate in the state-level Independence Day parade on August 15 this year for the first time in India, according to reports. A platoon comprising 30 transgenders has started parade rehearsals, a transgender rights activist said. Further, Odisha has initiated recruitment of transgenders as jail warders, in accordance with Supreme Court directives.

334.

India's first underground museum to open in _____

a) Maharashtra b) Delhi c) Karnataka d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer b) Delhi. The only underground museum in India will open at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi on October 2. A part of the 1.30 lakh square feet museum, which cost ₹80 crore to build, was opened last year. The President's secretary said the museum will display British era paintings, gifts received by the Presidents and daily life at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

335.

The Border Security Force (BSF) has decided to replace its

routine 45-minute daily physical training (PT) drills with _____ at all its units

a) Walking b) Hurdles c) Yoga d) Gymnastics

Answer c) Yoga. The Border Security Force (BSF) has decided to replace its routine 45-minute daily physical training (PT) drills with yoga at all its units. The decision was taken by BSF Director General KK Sharma after 1,900 personnel of the country's largest border guarding force recently completed yoga training under the charge of Yoga guru Ramdev.

336. **Which State has received the first prize in the 'Best State/Union Territory for Comprehensive Development of Tourism' category?**

a) Madhya Pradesh b) Himachal Pradesh c) Kerala d) Rajasthan

Answer a) Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh has received the first prize in the 'Best State/Union Territory for Comprehensive Development of Tourism' category, followed by Gujarat and Karnataka respectively, at the National Tourism Awards for 2014-15. While Gujarat won the award for the 'Best Film Promotion Friendly State', Warangal in Telangana won the award for 'Best Heritage City'.

337. **Who has been elected as the first ever woman Governor of the Japan capital Tokyo?**

a) Tamaya Marukawa b) Satsuki Katayama c) Yuriko Koike d) Seiko Noda

Answer c) Yuriko Koike. Japan's ex-defence minister Yuriko Koike (64) was elected the first ever woman Governor of the capital Tokyo. Koike, a member of PM Shinzo Abe's Liberal Democratic Party, ran as an independent and won by over a million votes. This comes after two Tokyo Governors resigned over financial scandals ahead of the city's preparations to host the 2020 Olympics.

338.

According to data available on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) _____ of the 686 districts in the country have become open defecation free (ODF) till July 27.

- a) 95 b) 17 c) 36 d) 144

Answer b) 17. Drinking Water and Sanitation Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Monday said 17 of the 686 districts in the country have become open defecation free (ODF) till July 27. According to data available on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), 223 blocks, 31,077 gram panchayats and 68,808 villages have declared themselves as open defecation free so far, he added.

339. **Martial artist _____ won the Martial Arts Championships in Sydney, Australia, to become the World Karate Champion**

- a) Vivek Teja b) Narendar Grewal c) Neeraj Mehta d) Akshay Kumar

Answer a) Vivek Teja. Martial artist Vivek Teja won the Martial Arts Championships in Sydney, Australia, to become the World Karate Champion. Teja defeated martial artists from New Zealand and England in the first and second rounds, and beat Australian taekwondo star Matthew Rose in the final to clinch the title. Teja has won over 60 medals at national and international tournaments.

340. **The National Anti-Doping Agency gave a clean chit to wrestler _____ to participate in the Rio Olympics**

- a) Sushil Kumar b) Yogeshwar Dutt c) Narsingh Yadav d) Bajrang Punia

Answer c) Narsingh Yadav. The National Anti-Doping Agency gave a clean chit to wrestler Narsingh Yadav to participate in the Rio Olympics, after clearing him of doping charges. The agency stated that Yadav was a victim of sabotage done by a competitor. The wrestler had earlier been suspended by the agency after failing an out-of-competition dope test.

341. **India off-spinner _____ has surged to the top of the MRF Tyres ICC player rankings for Test bowlers**

- a) Amit Mishra b) Ravichandran Ashwin c) Harbhajan Singh d) Ravindra Jadeja

Answer b) Ravichandran Ashwin. India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has surged to the top of the MRF Tyres ICC player rankings for Test bowlers after a superb outing in the first Test against the West Indies in Antigua which the visiting side won by an innings and 92 runs.

342. **The fifth edition of St Annes Kite Festival held in _____**

- a) England b) China c) India d) Japan

Answer a) England. The fifth edition of St Annes Kite Festival held in England concluded. The summer kite festival is organised as a family event for people to enjoy the beach. The Al-Farsi Kuwait

Flying Team also participated in the event which included attractions such as the world's largest teddy bear kite named Oscar, a giant inflatable octopus, and stunt kites.

343. Government of India evacuate Indians from _____ who have lost their jobs and are starving reportedly due to financial hardship

- a) Yemen b) Turkey c) Saudi Arabia d) Kuwait

Answer c) Saudi Arabia. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj announced that the government will bring back all the Indians in Saudi Arabia who have lost their jobs and are starving reportedly due to financial hardship. "Not one worker of ours will go hungry. This is my assurance to the country through Parliament... We will bring all of them back to India," Swaraj said.

344. Which state will launch a marine plane service in the next tourist season?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Maharashtra c) Jammu and Kashmir d) Goa

Answer d) Goa. Goa Tourism Minister Dilip Parulekar said that the state will launch a marine plane service in the next tourist season. Stating that a detailed audit for the approval of service, Parulekar said that clearance from the captain of ports is awaited. A hot-air balloon service, which will be available from October to April, has been launched, he added.

345. Which country government accepted an UN-proposed peace agreement to end civil war in the country?

- a) Iran b) Israel c) Iraq d) Yemen

Answer d) Yemen. The Yemeni government accepted a UN-proposed peace agreement to end civil war in the country. However, it set a pre-condition that the Houthi rebels and ex-President Ali Abdullah Saleh need to sign the deal by August 7. Notably, the deal abolishes the supreme political council set up jointly by Saleh and the rebels, and nullifies all its decisions.

346. Which state government has proposed several amendments to tighten the liquor prohibition law in State?

- a) Bihar b) Gujarat c) Tamil Nadu d) Maharashtra

Answer a) Bihar. The Bihar government has proposed several amendments to tighten the liquor prohibition law in Bihar. The proposed amendments include making culpable all adults of a family if any member is found drinking or selling liquor, confiscation of property, and imposition of collective penalty on a village or town. The opposition has described the proposals as "draconian and disproportionate to offence".

347. _____ to have world's tallest girder rail bridge

- a) China b) India c) USA d) Russia

Answer b) India. Indian Railways has announced the commencement of the world's tallest girder rail bridge on the Jiribam-Tupul-Imphal railway line in Manipur. The bridge with a height of 141 metres will surpass the existing tallest bridge in Europe which has a height of 139 metres. The country's longest rail tunnel will also be developed along the Manipur railway line.

348. An 86 year old elephant in Kerala is set to enter Guinness Records as the world's oldest living elephant, which named as _____

- a) Ramu b) Dakshayani c) Ramankutty d) Ganeshan

Answer b) Dakshayani. Dakshayani, an 86 year old elephant who is set to enter Guinness Records as the world's oldest living elephant, was honoured in Thiruvananthapuram, the capital of Kerala. According to news agency IANS, the elephant belongs to the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) which controls a large number of temples in the state including the famed Sabarimala temple of Lord Ayyappa. Reports suggest that the TDB has applied to the Guinness Records stating claim to Dakshayani being the world' oldest living elephant

349. Which State government has set up a dedicated Start-up Cell to fuel the implementation of the initiatives under the policy?

- a) Kerala b) Tamil Nadu c) Gujarat d) Karnataka

Answer d) Karnataka. Nine months after announcing its start-up policy, the Karnataka government has set up a dedicated Start-up Cell to fuel the implementation of the initiatives under the policy. The cell provides a springboard to facilitate sanctions of incentives and concessions under the Start-up Policy 2015-2020, for start-ups registered with it.

350. Which State government aims to double the income of farmers by 2022?

- a) Bihar b) Gujarat c) Rajasthan d) West Bengal

Answer c) Rajasthan. In an attempt to double the income of farmers by 2022, the Rajasthan government plans to bring in latest technological innovation and introduce best farming practices by inviting experts to Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet (GRAM) in Jaipur from November 9 to 11.