



**CURRENT AFFAIRS**

**November 2016**

1. Which two states have jointly topped the ease of doing business ranking?

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

**Answer a) Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.** Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have jointly topped the ease of doing business ranking, while Gujarat has slipped to the third position in the list prepared by the World Bank and the Indian government's department of industrial policy and promotion this year. Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana occupied the fourth, fifth and sixth slots in the index based on the degree of implementation of the government's 340-point Business Reform Action Plan.

2. The head of Twitter India \_\_\_\_\_ has quit the micro blogging portal after spending four years with the company

- a) Robert Kaiden                      b) Adam Bain                      c) Vijaya Gadde                      d) Rishi Jaitly

**Answer d) Rishi Jaitly.** Rishi Jaitly, Twitter's India head who helped popularise the adoption of the micro-blogging website among government departments to respond to citizen queries, has quit the company. Jaitly was the vice-president for Asia Pacific, which includes India, West Asia and North Africa for Twitter. He made the announcement on a twitter storm.

3. India and Palestine signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for setting up a Palestine-India Techno Park in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Ramallah                      b) Jabalia                      c) Gaza                      d) Hebron

**Answer a) Ramallah.** India and Palestine signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for setting up a Palestine-India Techno Park in Ramallah, the External Affairs Ministry said. In a statement here, the ministry said that during the visit of President Pranab Mukherjee to Palestine in October last year, the announcement for setting up of park was made.

4. Indo-Nepal Joint Military Exercise \_\_\_\_\_ commenced at Army Battle School, Saljhandi, Nepal

- a) Indra 2016                      b) Mitra Shakti 2016                      c) Hand In Hand 2016                      d) Surya Kiran-X 2016
- Answer d) Surya Kiran-X 2016.** India and Nepal commenced their 10th joint military exercise here which will be held over two weeks with emphasis on counterterrorism in mountainous terrain. The Indo-Nepal Joint Military Exercise Surya Kiran-X commenced at Army Battle School, Saljhandi in Nepal. The Surya Kiran series of exercises are being conducted annually, alternatively in Nepal and India.

5. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Asia's largest man-made jungle safari in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Chhattisgarh                      b) Nagaland                      c) Odisha                      d) Goa

**Answer a) Chhattisgarh.** PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Asia's largest man-made jungle safari, a nearly 800-acre Nandanvan Zoo and Safari, at Naya Raipur in Chhattisgarh. Modi was seen clicking photographs of a tiger, during his visit to mark Chhattisgarh's 16th foundation day celebrations. He will launch the 'Saur Sujala Yojana,' which aims to provide solar pumps to 51,000 farmers in the state.

6. E-commerce retailer \_\_\_\_\_ may reportedly enter the real estate business and start providing houses in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Pune and Gurugram

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

**Answer d) Amazon.** E-commerce retailer Amazon may reportedly enter the real estate business and start providing houses in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Pune and Gurugram. Without confirming the move, Amazon India Head Amit Agarwal said, "People trust Amazon for everything in their lives... It's like the Roti, Kapda aur Makaan, and when you start trusting someone for that, that's very much it".

**7. The government allowed online applications for affordable homes under the \_\_\_\_\_ from November 3**

a) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Yojana      b) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

c) Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana                      d) Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana

**Answer b) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.** The government allowed online applications for affordable homes under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) from November 3, with an aim to ease the process and boost the number of applications. In MoU signed on Wednesday between Amrit Abhijat, joint secretary, ministry of housing & urban poverty alleviation (HUPA) and Dinesh Tyagi, CEO, Common Services Centre e-Governance Services India Limited, ministry of electronics and information technology, about 60,000 common services centres (CSCs) located in urban areas will enable online submission of applications at Rs 25 per application.

**8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the "Saur Sujala Yojana" in \_\_\_\_\_ that would provide solar powered irrigation pumps to farmers at a subsidized price**

a) Gujarat                      b) Uttar Pradesh                      c) Chhattisgarh                      d) Haryana

**Answer c) Chhattisgarh.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the "Saur Sujala Yojana" in Chhattisgarh that would provide solar powered irrigation pumps to farmers at a subsidized price. Chhattisgarh would be the first state to implement the scheme. Under the scheme, solar powered irrigation pumps of 3HP and 5HP capacity worth Rs 3.5 lakh and Rs 4.5 lakh respectively would be distributed to the farmers by March 31, 2019. The beneficiaries would get the pumps at the subsidised price.

**9. Which two countries consider joint patrols in South China Sea?**

a) Australia and Indonesia      b) Japan and India                      c) India and Australia      d) Russia and South Korea

**Answer a) Australia and Indonesia.** Australia is considering joint military patrols with Indonesia in the contested waters of the South China Sea amid growing concerns in the west that a Chinese diplomatic offensive in Southeast Asia is upending the region's balance of power. Julie Bishop, Australia's foreign minister confirmed that Canberra was exploring options with Jakarta aimed at increasing maritime co-operation, including co-ordinated activities in the South China Sea and the Sulu Sea.

**10. Which IT company signed MoU with University of New South Wales to pursue technology research collaboration?**

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

**Answer b) TCS.** Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), India's largest IT Services provider said that University of New South Wales (UNSW) Australia and TCS have signed a memorandum of understanding to pursue technology research collaboration. The agreement will enable the University and TCS to work together in areas of common interest such as machine learning, virtual reality, robotics, data analytics and cloud computing.

**11. Who is the new Prime Minister of South Korea?**

- a) Choi Kyoung-hwan              b) Lee Wan-koo              c) Kim Byong-joon              d) Roh Hoe-chan

**Answer c) Kim Byong-joon.** South Korean President Park Geun-hye nominated a former policy advisor Kim Byong-joon as the new prime minister. This reportedly is an attempt to restore public confidence following the political scandal over the involvement of Geun-hye's "Puppetmaster" Choi Soon-sil, in the government. This comes after reports indicated that prosecutors will seek an arrest warrant for Soon-sil.

**12. Human Resource Development Ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with\_\_to create more job opportunities for Indian students**

- a) Monsterindia                      b) Shine                      c) Naukri                      d) linkedIn

**Answer d) linkedIn.** Global professional network LinkedIn has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Human Resource Development Ministry to create more job opportunities for Indian students. LinkedIn's 'Placements' product will be adopted by all Indian colleges affiliated with AICTE, the company said. 'Placements' provides direct access to job openings to students regardless of their location or college.

**13. Who is the new Prime Minister of Lebanon?**

- a) Saad al-Hariri                      b) Nabih Berri                      c) Samir Geagea                      d) Gebran Bassil

**Answer a) Saad al-Hariri.** Lebanese President Michel Aoun named Saad al-Hariri, leader of the Future Movement, as the new Prime Minister after al-Hariri secured the endorsement of 110 members of the 127-seat Parliament. This comes after Speaker Nabih Berri, who opposed the recent election of President Aoun, announced that he will support the new government that will be led by al-Hariri.

**14. The International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists was observed globally on**

- a) November 01                      b) November 02                      c) November 03                      d) November 04

**Answer b) November 02.** The International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists was observed globally on 2 November 2016. The Day is celebrated to spread awareness against the violence and crimes done to journalists and media workers and to bring to justice perpetrators of crimes against journalists and media workers, and ensure that victims have access to appropriate remedies.

15. Who has been named as the first Indian ambassador for promoting 2017 Switzerland Tourism's campaign- "Nature wants you back"?

- a) Arjun Kapoor      b) Shahid Kapoor      c) Ranveer Singh      d) Akshay Kumar

**Answer c) Ranveer Singh.** Actor Ranveer Singh has been named the first Indian ambassador for promoting 2017 Switzerland Tourism's campaign- "Nature wants you back". The 31-year-old Indian heartthrob, who was in a long vacation in Switzerland three months back, is excited for the new venture as he says he cannot wait to endorse the country's virtues to everybody. The "Bajirao Mastani" star is now looking forward to visiting Switzerland in winter early next year most likely to enjoy country's local culture.

16. The first titanium project of India being established by Saraf Group in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Odisha      b) Assam      c) Bihar      d) Sikkim

**Answer a) Odisha.** The first titanium project of India being established by Saraf Group in Ganjam district of Odisha started its test production. One of its four furnaces became functional for test run director of Saraf Titanium Industry, A. R. Mehta said this titanium plant, which is first of its kind and the only one in the country would be ready for inauguration in next few months.

17. \_\_\_\_\_ received the RBI nod to operate cross border payments service to India

- a) Visa      b) Earthport Plc      c) Master      d) Maestro

**Answer b) Earthport Plc.** Earthport Plc, the leading payment network for cross-border transactions, has received the Reserve Bank of India's permission to provide outbound cross border payment services to banks in India. The approval is part of both RBI and Indian government's move to facilitate the cross border payments to and from India which is the largest remittance-receiving country in 2015, with an estimated \$69 billion.

18. Which state government is planning to enact a new law to protect the farmers against any crop loss due to spurious seeds?

- a) Andhra Pradesh      b) Gujarat      c) Bihar      d) Telangana

**Answer d) Telangana.** The Telangana government is planning to enact a new law to protect the farmers against any crop loss due to spurious seeds, State Agriculture Secretary C Parthasarathi said on Friday. Further, the menace of spurious seeds has distressed the farmers and they have been seeking redressal from the government, Parthasarathi added.

19. Which state government has been conferred with prestigious award for outstanding work in the field of e-governance?

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

**Answer b) Haryana.** The Haryana government has been conferred with prestigious award for outstanding work in the field of e-governance at the 'State of the States Conclave 2016' organized by private media channel, India Today, in New Delhi today. On behalf of Haryana Chief Minister ManoharLal, his Additional Principal Secretary DrRakesh Gupta received the award from Union Finance Minister ArunJaitley today. Notably Haryana government has taken many initiatives using information technology like e birth registration, e registry of land, e PDS system to provide e- governance to the people.

**20. Who won the WTA title 2016 in women's single category?**

a) Angelique Kerber b) Agnieszka Radwańska c) Dominika Cibulkova d) Petra Kvitová  
**Answer c) Dominika Cibulkova.** Dominika Cibulkova put on a stunning show of unflappable tennis to upset top-ranked Angelique Kerber 6-3, 6-4 to win the WTA Finals title. The seventh-seeded Cibulkova, making her debut at the WTA Finals this week, picked the right match to win against Kerber during the week.

**21. India ranked \_\_\_\_ on global business optimism index**

a) First b) Second c) Third d) Fifth  
**Answer b) Second.** India improved its ranking by one spot in a global index of business optimism, with policy reforms and Goods and Services tax (GST) expected to become a reality soon, says a survey. According to the latest Grant Thornton International Business Report, India was ranked second on the optimism index during the third quarter.

**22. Indian Army launches 'School Chalo' operation in \_\_\_\_\_**

a) East Kashmir b) West Kashmir c) South Kashmir d) North Kashmir  
**Answer c) South Kashmir.** After 'Operation Calm down' in South Kashmir, Army is now focusing on another operation 'School Chalo', under which it identifies areas and provides students with free coaching and make them participate in extra-curricular activities. The army had launched Operation 'Calm Down' in August- September to clear different parts of the Valley of militants and protesters using minimum force.

**23. Which television channel ordered to be taken off air for 24 hours?**

a) NDTV India b) CNN IBN c) Times Now d) India Today  
**Answer a) NDTV India.** An Inter-Ministerial Committee of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry in the first week of November 2016 asked for one-day ban on a leading Hindi News Channel, NDTV India from 12.01 A.M. of 9 November to 12.01 A.M. of 10 November 2016. The channel is facing the possibility of a complete blackout for 24 hours for revealing strategically-sensitive information during its coverage of the anti-terror operations at the Pathankot airbase in January 2016.

**24. National Security Advisors of India and Japan held bilateral consultations in \_\_\_\_\_**

a) Mumbai b) Hyderabad c) Jaipur d) New Delhi  
**Answer d) New Delhi.** National Security Advisors of India and Japan held bilateral consultations in New Delhi. During their discussions, Mr. Shotaro Yachi and Mr Ajit Doval expressed satisfaction at the implementation of important understandings reached during the visit of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to India in December last year.

**25. Pandit Amaradeva who passed away recently was a/an**

a) Singer b) Actor c) Composer d) Both a and c  
**Answer d) Both a and c.** Legendary Sri Lankan singer and composer Pandit Amaradeva, recipient of many international honours, including Padma Shri, for his contribution to music, died after heart attack. He was 88. The musician has been the recipient of several awards, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award (2001), Padma Shri (2002) and Sri Lankan President's Award of Kala Keerthi (1986) and Deshamanya Award (1998).

**26. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon?**

a) Kanwal Sibal      b) Mohamed Yunus      c) Sanjiv Arora      d) Nagendra Nath Jha  
**Answer c) Sanjiv Arora.** Sanjiv Arora, IFS (1984), has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly. Arora joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1984 and has served in various capacities in India's diplomatic missions in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Germany and Czech Republic. He served as Director on secondment to Ministry of Finance during 2003-04.

**27. The book "An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India" has been authored by**

a) Salman Rushdie      b) Shashi Tharoor      c) Vikram Seth      d) Chetan Bhagat  
**Answer b) Shashi Tharoor.** The book "An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India" has been authored by Dr. Shashi Tharoor, the Lok Sabha MP. The book recalls in some detail the misdeeds of the British in looting India and making it suffer an agonizing and violent death. In it, author has rightly points out that British rule in India was effectively and regularly supplemented by famine, forced migration and brutality – the three examples of why British rule over India was despotic and anything but enlightened. The book has released by the Vice President of India M. Hamid Ansari.

**28. \_\_\_\_\_ adopted a controversial cyber security law to counter what Beijing says are growing threats such as hacking and terrorism**

a) India      b) France      c) Japan      d) China  
**Answer d) China.** China adopted a controversial cyber security law to counter what Beijing says are growing threats such as hacking and terrorism, but the law triggered concerns among foreign business and rights groups. The legislation, passed by China's largely rubber-stamp parliament and set to take effect in June 2017, is an "objective need" of China as a major internet power, a parliament official said.

**29. Which company became India's first firm to get Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval for debt recast under Scheme for Sustainable Structuring of Stressed Assets (S4A)?**

a) Hindustan Construction Company b) Larson & Toubro c) Jaypee Group d) Reliance  
**Answer a) Hindustan Construction Company.** The RBI mandated overseeing committee has approved the Scheme for Sustainable Structuring of Stressed Assets (S4A) for Hindustan Construction Company Ltd. The ICICI-led Joint Lenders' Forum had proposed the scheme for the infrastructure major. HCC said it is the first company to secure approval from the committee under the RBI's S4A scheme. Its total funded debt of about Rs.5, 107 crore has been considered under the scheme, which will be divided into two parts.

**30. Who won the Bitburger Open badminton title 2016?**

a) Ajay Jayaram      b) Sameer Verma      c) Shi Yuqi      d) Sourabh Verma  
**Answer c) Shi Yuqi.** Indian badminton player Sourabh Verma lost 19-21, 20-22 to China's Shi Yuqi in the final of the Bitburger Open. World number 16 Yuqi won his second successive title after winning the French Open Super Series last week. Notably, this was Sourabh's fourth consecutive final out of which he finished as runner-up in three.

**31. Who won the Paris Masters title 2016?**

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

**Answer a) Andy Murray.** The new world number one Andy Murray won his first Paris Masters title and 14th overall ATP World Tour Masters 1000 title after he defeated American player John Isner in the final. With this win, Murray also claimed his eighth title of the season. He will officially be confirmed as Britain's first singles world number one.

**32. Who has been appointed as managing director and CEO of BOB Capital Markets?**

- a) Chandra Kumar      b) Pankaj Kumar      c) Ratnesh Kumar      d) Santhosh Kumar

**Answer c) Ratnesh Kumar.** State-run Bank of Baroda has said it has appointed Ratnesh Kumar as managing director and CEO of its investment banking subsidiary, BOB Capital Markets. Kumar has 23 years of experience and has held key leadership roles, last being the managing director, head- cash equities India and CEO of Standard Chartered Securities India.

**33. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will be awarded with Rashtriya Kalidas Samman, established by Madhya Pradesh government for the field of theatre**

- a) Prithviraj Kapoor and B.V. Karanth      b) Suresh Bhardwaj and Kumara Varma

- c) Arvind Gaur and Utpal Dutta      d) Raj Bisaria and Banshi Kaul

**Answer d) Raj Bisaria and Banshi Kaul.** Eminent theatre artist Shri Raj Bisaria of Lucknow and renowned theatre artist Shri Banshi Kaul, active in Bhopal-New Delhi will be awarded with Rashtriya Kalidas Samman, established by Madhya Pradesh government for the field of theatre. Governor Shri Omprakash Kohli will present the awards in the award ceremony to be held on November 10 in Ujjain.

**34. India and \_\_\_\_\_ will work together on different research and development fields**

- a) Japan      b) USA      c) Germany      d) Canada

**Answer d) Canada.** India and Canada will work together on different research and development fields. Announcing this at a joint press meet in New Delhi, Science and Technology minister Harsh Vardhan said, both the countries are working on agriculture research, industrial research and in bio- technology fields. MrVardhan also informed that both the countries are planning to host a technology summit next year. Canadian Minister of Innovation and Science NavdeepBains was also present on the occasion.

**35. Which state government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) to set up four STPI centres in the state?**

- a) Assam      b) Rajasthan      c) Odisha      d) Gujarat

**Answer c) Odisha.** The Odisha government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) to set up four STPI centres in the state. The STPI centres would come up in Angul, Jajpur, Koraput (Jeypore) and Sambalpur. With these four, Odisha will have eight centres of the total 55 in the country.

**36. Which state government passed an order to enhance maternity leave period for**

**women government employees from six to nine months recently?**

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

**Answer c) Tamil Nadu.** The Tamil Nadu government passed an order to enhance maternity leave period for women government employees from six to nine months. This comes two months after Chief Minister Jayalalithaa made the announcement in the state Assembly. The fully paid leave can only be availed by women employees who have "less than two surviving children".

**37. Oil and gas major ONGC organised a two-day tribal cultural heritage meet in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) West Bengal            b) Tripura            c) Haryana            d) Manipur

**Answer b) Tripura.** Oil and gas major ONGC organised a two-day tribal cultural heritage meet in Tripura's capital Agartala, to promote the rich culture prevailing in the villages of the state and spread message of peace among tribal and non-tribal sections. All of the 19 Tripura tribes participated in the meet, organised for the third time by ONGC.

**38. Which state government is planning to launch a pension scheme for the labourers who have crossed the age limit of 60 years?**

- a) Uttar Pradesh            b) Rajasthan            c) Maharashtra            d) Gujarat

**Answer b) Rajasthan.** Rajasthan government is planning to launch a pension scheme for the labourers who have crossed the age limit of 60 years. The proposal has been prepared by the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) and will be presented before the board meeting scheduled next month. As per the proposal, labour department will transfer Rs 400 crore to LIC.

**39. \_\_\_\_\_ High Court ordered all hill stations and glaciers in the state to be declared as eco-sensitive within three months**

- a) Delhi            b) Kolkata            c) Manipur            d) Uttarakhand

**Answer d) Uttarakhand.** Uttarakhand High Court ordered all hill stations and glaciers in the state to be declared as eco-sensitive within three months and put a ban on all construction within 25 km radius of the glaciers. It also directed all municipal boards and nagar panchayats along the Ganges and the Yamuna to set up sewage treatment plants within six months besides asking the government to check water quality every 24 hours.

**40. Which Bank has signed a MoU with the Indian Army on defence salary package?**

- a) State Bank of India    b) Allahabad Bank    c) Punjab National Bank    d) Corporation Bank

**Answer d) Corporation Bank.** Corporation Bank has signed a MoU with the Indian Army on defence salary package. It will be providing free/concessional services to the Army under the MoU. The services include free drafts, free cheque books, free funds, free ATM cards, unlimited transactions on all ATMs. Free personal accident insurance cover of 5 lakh and 10 lakh up to the age of 70 years are the other features.

**41. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 08 September 2016 evening announced that all Rs \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Rs \_\_\_\_\_ currency notes will become illegal tender from the intervening midnight of November 8**

- a) 100 and 500            b) 50 and 100            c) 500 and 1000            d) All of the above

**Answer c) 500 and 1000.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 08 september 2016 evening announced that all Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 currency notes will become illegal tender from the intervening midnight of November 8. This means, from 12:01 am of November 9, none of these notes will be accepted anywhere as legal money. The move is believed to have been taken to curtail black money as well as combat the menace of forged currency notes. You can read in full detail what the prime minister had to say about why the step was taken in the full text of his speech.

**42. Former cricketer \_\_\_\_\_ was announced as the brand ambassador for the 2nd T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind, to be held in January and February 2017**

- a) Sachin Tendulkar      b) Sourav Ganguly      c) Rahul Dravid      d) Virender Sehwag

**Answer c) Rahul Dravid.** Former cricketer Rahul Dravid was announced as the brand ambassador for the 2nd T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind, to be held in January and February 2017. A total of ten teams, including Nepal, South Africa, Sri Lanka and West Indies are participating in the event. Dravid also launched the 'Support Blind Cricket by buying a Cricket Ball' campaign.

**43. Who have won the BNP Paribas Masters title 2016 in men's double category?**

- a) Henri Kontinen and John Peers      b) Raven Klaasen and Rajeev Ram  
c) Feliciano Lopez and Marc Lopez      d) Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut

**Answer a) Henri Kontinen and John Peers.** Henri Kontinen and John Peers have won their first Masters 1000 title together in Paris at the BNP Paribas Masters. Kontinen and Peers made it all the way after beating Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut in the final. Kontinen and Peers, the unseeded duo in Paris, overcame the number one seeds Herbert and Mahut in a three-set battle 6-4 3-6 10-6.

**44. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ became first ever Indian-Americans won U.S. Senator seat**

- a) Raja Krishnamoorthi and Pramila Jayapal      b) Kamala Harris and Raja Krishnamoorthi  
c) Nancy Pelosi and Raja Krishnamoorthi      d) Kamala Harris and Pramila Jayapal

**Answer d) Kamala Harris and Pramila Jayapal.** California's Attorney General Kamala Harris scripted history as she won the S. Senate seat from the state, becoming the first Indian-American to achieve the feat. In a historic day for Indian-Americans, Democratic candidate Raja Krishnamoorthi won the election to the US House of Representatives from Illinois. Pramila Jayapal became the first Indian-American woman to be elected to the US House of Representatives, winning the Washington State Senate seat. India-born Jayapal made a mark with her progressive agenda in the Washington State Senate.

**45. Government of India has decided to open \_\_\_\_\_ in every Parliamentary Constituency to impart skill training to the people and make them employable**

- a) Pradhan Mantri Kalyan Vikas Kendra      b) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Awas Kendra  
c) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Kendra      d) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Kendra

**Answer c) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Kendra.** The Centre has decided to open Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Kendra in every Parliamentary Constituency to impart skill training to the people and

make them employable. Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajiv Pratap Rudy said, through these centres, a standard will be created to enhance the skill level of trainees so that they could earn more money.

**46. Competition Commission of India (CCI) selected to host ICN 2018 Annual Conference in \_\_\_\_\_ in March –April 2018**

- a) Chennai                      b) Mumbai                      c) New Delhi                      d) Bangalore

**Answer c) New Delhi.** Competition Commission of India (CCI) selected to host ICN 2018 Annual Conference in New Delhi in March –April 2018. Recognising the growing stature of Competition Commission of India (CCI) in the world, International Competition Network (ICN) has accepted the proposal and decided that Competition Commission of India would host the 2018 ICN Annual Conference. This will be held at Delhi in March –April 2018.

**47. India's first liquefied natural gas-driven bus was launched in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer d) Kerala.** Scripting a new chapter in the country's transport sector which moves towards clean fuel, India's first liquefied natural gas-driven bus was launched. Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan jointly flagged off the first pilot run of the eco-friendly bus on the sidelines of the fourth meeting of the Group of Ministers, set up by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

**48. The World Science Day for Peace and Development 2016 is observed on?**

- a) November 09                      b) November 10                      c) November 11                      d) November 12

**Answer b) November 10.** The World Science Day for Peace and Development 2016 was observed on 10 November 2016 across the world. The theme for 2016 is Celebrating Science Centres and Science Museums. Each year, World Science Day for Peace and Development offers an opportunity to demonstrate why science is relevant to people's daily lives and to engage them in debates on related issues.

**49. India's \_\_\_\_\_ won the physique title at the recently-concluded National Physique Committee (NPC) Eastern USA in New Jersey, US**

- a) Neeraj Kumar                      b) Suhas Khamkar                      c) Junaid Kaliwala                      d) Ankur Sharma

**Answer c) Junaid Kaliwala.** India's Junaid Kaliwala won the physique title at the recently-concluded National Physique Committee (NPC) Eastern USA in New Jersey, US. The 27-year-old finished ahead of 15 athletes from different nationalities to win the title which takes him closer to turning professional in 2017. Notably, Kaliwala was the only Indian to participate at the Arnold Schwarzenegger Classic in March this year.

**50. \_\_\_\_\_ government will start Deendayal generic medicine stores to sell generic medicines which will remain open 24 hours and sell around 1,000 generic drugs to the poor patients**

- a) Gujarat                      b) Tamil Nadu                      c) Bihar                      d) West Bengal

**Answer a) Gujarat.** Gujarat government will start Deendayal generic medicine stores to sell generic medicines which will remain open 24 hours and sell around 1,000 generic drugs to the poor patients at 40 to 80 per cent lower rates. In the first phase, 52 stores will be opened in cities and towns. In a statement, Minister of State for Health, Shankar Chaudhary said, trained staff will operate these computerised stores.

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**51. National education Day is observed on?**

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

**Answer b) November 11.** As a mark of respect and to commemorate the birth anniversary of freedom fighter Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the National Education Day is celebrated in India on November 11. He served as the first education minister of the independent India and oversaw the establishment of the first IIT, IISc, School of Planning and Architecture, and the University Grants Commission.

**52. Actor Shah Rukh Khan launched his biography 'SRK- 25 Years of a Life' written by**

- a) Ashraf khan      b) Mohamed Khan      c) Samar Khan      d) Amir Khan

**Answer c) Samar Khan.** Actor Shah Rukh Khan launched his biography 'SRK- 25 Years of a Life' by Samar Khan at an event in Mumbai. "25 years in the film industry was a big dream for a boy who came from Delhi all those years ago," said SRK. However, he added that despite 25 years in the industry, he "still feels like a newcomer".

**53. India's \_\_\_\_\_ became the first non-European President of the International hockey federation (FIH) in Dubai**

- a) Anandeshwar Pandey      b) Rajinder Singh      c) Anurag Thakur      d) Narinder Batra

**Answer d) Narinder Batra.** Hockey India president Narinder Batra was elected president of the international hockey federation (FIH) in Dubai. He beat David Brinie of Ireland and Ken Read of Australia in a three-man race. Batra, who became the president of Hockey India in October 2014 after serving as secretary, had criss-crossed the globe to seek votes in the last few weeks.

**54. Which country is set to host the crucial global tobacco control conference for the first time?**

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

**Answer c) India.** India is set to host the crucial global tobacco control conference for the first time, where it will push for incorporating smokeless tobacco as an agenda. The Seventh Session of the Conference of Parties to World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control will begin at Greater Noida.

**55. Government of India to pay \_\_\_\_\_ a year to GST network as service charge**

- a) 100 crore      b) 200 crore      c) 400 crore      d) 500 crore

**Answer d) 500 crore.** Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN), the company which was tasked to set up IT infrastructure for the GST, said that by January it will start training around 60,000 state government officials to equip them to handle GST roll out. The non-profit organisation said that the Centre agreed to pay around Rs 500 crore every year on behalf of the tax payers as service charge.

56. India and \_\_\_\_\_ signed a new bilateral trade agreement to enhance trade between the two countries through trade facilitation by improving procedures

- a) Bangladesh      b) Nepal      c) Bhutan      d) Sri Lanka

**Answer c) Bhutan.** India and Bhutan signed a new bilateral trade agreement to enhance trade between the two countries through trade facilitation by improving procedures. The bilateral agreement aims at cutting down on documentation and adding additional exit and entry points for Bhutan's trade with other countries. The agreement was signed by Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and H.E. Tengye Lyonpo Lekey Dorji, Minister for Economic Affairs, Bhutan.

57. India to preside over 8th edition of COP on Tobacco Control in \_\_\_\_\_ in 2018

- a) Italy      b) Switzerland      c) USA      d) UK

**Answer b) Switzerland.** India will preside the eighth edition of the Conference of Parties (COP) to WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) which will be held in Switzerland's Geneva in 2018. Health Secretary C K Mishra has been chosen as the President of the COP Bureau, for the next two years, after a unanimous decision by the COP7 Plenary session.

58. Which state government has drawn up a scheme to ensure power supply to the agriculture sector for 12 hours a day through feeder-based solar energy?

- a) Maharashtra      b) Tamil Nadu      c) Manipur      d) Assam

**Answer a) Maharashtra.** The Maharashtra government has drawn up a scheme to ensure power supply to the agriculture sector for 12 hours a day through feeder-based solar energy, said CM Devendra Fadnavis on Friday. Under the scheme, farmers can use feeder-based solar pumps instead of individually buying pumps. So far, 10,000 solar agricultural pumps have been set up across the state, Fadnavis added.

59. \_\_\_\_\_ Government's 'Vision 2030 document' has proposed to implement 'e-eye surveillance' project to track the movement of wild animals 24x7

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

**Answer a) Maharashtra.** The Maharashtra government's 'Vision 2030 document' has proposed to implement 'e-eye surveillance' project to track the movement of wild animals 24x7. The policy document also seeks to rehabilitate more villages out of the protected areas to reduce man-animal conflicts. Further, the document proposes to set up a special tiger protection force in tiger reserves in the state.

60. Aiming to reach out to more viewers in the Northeast, public broadcaster Prasar Bharti is planning to launch a new Doordarshan channel which named as \_\_\_\_\_

- a) DD Anupama      b) DD Anuprabha      c) DD Anugraha      d) DD Arunprabha

**Answer d) DD Arunprabha.** Aiming to reach out to more viewers in the Northeast, public broadcaster Prasar Bharti is planning to launch a new Doordarshan channel 'DD Arunprabha' in the region. The channel will focus primarily on the viewers of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim but will have content from other regional states as well. The channel is expected to start from December 25.

**61. Who has been awarded with an honorary Oscar by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences?**

- a) Bruce Lee      b) Jackie Chan      c) Amitabh Bachchan      d) Donnie Yen

**Answer b) Jackie Chan.** Jackie Chan has been awarded an honorary Oscar in recognition of an illustrious career spanning over five decades. Accepting the accolade (12 November) at the annual Governors Awards, the 62-year-old recounted how he first saw the Oscar statuette at Sylvester Stallone's house 23-years-ago, and dreamed that one day he too would be the proud recipient of the coveted golden prize.

**62. An Indian-origin \_\_\_\_\_ has been awarded the prestigious Global Citizen Award for his "innovative and visionary" contribution to the global community**

- a) Imtiaz Sooliman      b) Ashraf Khan      c) Abbas Ahmed      d) Irfan Hussian

**Answer a) Imtiaz Sooliman.** An Indian-origin man in South Africa has been awarded the prestigious Global Citizen Award for his "innovative and visionary" contribution to the global community. Imtiaz Sooliman was honoured at the end of the 10th annual Global Residence and Citizenship Conference in London. The award consists of specially-made commemorative medal, an award certificate signed by the president.

**63. World Diabetes Day is observed on November 14, the theme of 2016 is \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Eyes on Diabetes      b) Healthy Eating  
c) Go Blue for Breakfast      d) Protect our Future: Diabetes Education and Prevention

**Answer a) Eyes on Diabetes.** World Diabetes Day is the primary global awareness campaign focusing on diabetes mellitus and is held on November 14 each year. Led by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), each World Diabetes Day focuses on a theme related to diabetes. Topics covered have included diabetes and human rights, diabetes and lifestyle, diabetes and obesity, diabetes in the disadvantaged and the vulnerable, and diabetes in children and adolescents.

**64. Which country launched high resolution Earth Imaging Satellite?**

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

**Answer b) USA.** A companion to the world's most powerful private Earth-imaging satellite rocketed into space today from the U.S. west coast atop an Atlas 5 to double the amount of high-resolution imagery available on the commercial market and satisfy the demands of customers clamoring for more. The 10-year mission of the World View 4 satellite began at the United Launch Alliance booster powered away from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California after an extended wait to fly.

**65. Who is the new president of Bulgaria?**

- a) Boyko Borissov      b) Ivailo Kalfin      c) Rumen Radev      d) Plamen Oresharski

**Answer c) Rumen Radev.** Former air force commander and pro-Russian candidate Rumen Radev has won the Bulgarian presidential election, winning 59.4% of the votes. Radev is against immigration and has promised during his campaign that he will not allow the Balkan country to become a "migrant ghetto". Radev will assume office on January 22, 2017, for a five-year term.

**66. Children's Day is observed on?**

- a) November 14      b) November 15      c) November 16      d) November 17

**Answer a) November 14.** On 14th November, Children's Day is celebrated every year to mark the birth anniversary of our first Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. Pundit Nehru had a great love for children. He wanted to be among them, talk to them and play with them. The children also loved and respected him and called him CHACHA NEHRU.

**67. Who won the Brazilian Grand prix 2016?**

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

**Answer b) Lewis Hamilton.** Lewis Hamilton produced a masterful performance to win a wet, chaotic, crash-strewn Brazilian Grand Prix and take the title fight to the final race. His ninth win of 2016 came in a race with several high-speed accidents, two stoppages and five safety cars. The victory cut the lead of his Mercedes team-mate Nico Rosberg, who finished second, to 12 points.

**68. Who has been appointed as chairman of Tata Global Beverages?**

- a) Cyrus Mistry      b) Harish Bhat      c) Ishaat Hussain      d) Ratan Tata

**Answer b) Harish Bhat.** Tata Global Beverages replaced Cyrus Mistry with group veteran Harish Bhat as its chairman. This is the second Tata group firm where Mistry has been removed from the post of chairman since he was ousted as the chairman of group holding firm Tata Sons on October 24. On November 10, group's crown jewel Tata Consultancy Services replaced Mistry with another group veteran Ishaat Hussain as interim chairman.

**69. Dudhwa National Park located in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Rajasthan      b) Manipur      c) Punjab      d) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer d) Uttar Pradesh.** The Dudhwa National Park in Uttar Pradesh opened for its new tourist season. The park houses animals including Bengal tigers and one-horned rhinos, birds, and reptiles. Spanning nearly 900 square kilometres, it also features the only Rhino rehabilitation area in the state. The park is in the process of installing CCTV cameras and providing Wi-Fi connectivity to tourists.

**70. Which company launched 'Swift 7', the world's thinnest laptop with a thickness of 9.98 mm in India at a price of ₹99,999?**

- a) Sony      b) Dell      c) Acer      d) Lenovo

**Answer c) Acer.** Taiwanese electronics maker Acer launched 'Swift 7', the world's thinnest laptop with a thickness of 9.98 mm in India at a price of ₹99,999. The laptop weighs 1.1 kg and features a 13.3-inch display with 8 GB memory and 256 GB internal storage. The laptop is thinner than HP's 10.4-millimetre Spectre and Apple's 13.1-millimetre MacBook.

**71. According to an agreement reached between the Bihar government and the Union Civil Aviation Ministry, a second airport will be built in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Hajipur      b) Patna      c) Muzaffarpur      d) Gaya

**Answer b) Patna.** According to an agreement reached between the Bihar government and the Union Civil Aviation Ministry, a second airport, other than the existing Jai Prakash Narayan International Airport, will be built in Patna. The agreement states that the Bihar Defence Airbase, 35 km from the city, will be expanded to facilitate the operation of

commercial flights.

**72. Which state has become the first state to adopt the Fly Ash Utilization Policy?**

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

**Answer a) Maharashtra.** Maharashtra has become the first state to adopt the Fly Ash Utilization Policy. The state cabinet yesterday approved a policy for 100 percent use of fly ash generated from thermal power plants and biogas plants for construction activities. Mr. Fadnavis said that fly ash will be used to make bricks, blocks, tiles, wall panels, cement and other construction materials. He added that this policy will save soil excavation and aid construction of low-cost housing.

**73. Which state became the first state to pass a motion supporting the demonetisation policy introduced by the BJP-led Central Government?**

- a) Chhattisgarh      b) Kerala      c) Uttar Pradesh      d) Gujarat

**Answer a) Chhattisgarh.** Chhattisgarh became the first state to pass a motion supporting the demonetisation policy introduced by the BJP-led Central government, reports said. The motion was introduced in the state assembly by Chhattisgarh CM and BJP leader Raman Singh. He also announced that e-payment devices have been exempted from Value Added Tax (VAT) to encourage digital transactions.

**74. Which country will be hosting the hockey Asian Champions Trophy and Youth Olympic Asian qualifiers in 2018?**

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

**Answer c) India.** International Hockey Federation (FIH) president Narinder Dhruv Batra has announced India will be hosting the hockey Asian Champions Trophy and Youth Olympic Asian qualifiers in 2018. This comes after the country was finalised as the venue for the 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup, to be held in Bhubaneswar. Batra recently became the first Indian to be elected as FIH head.

**75. Which state became the first state to start India's first Cherry Blossom Festival, which is widely celebrated in Japan?**

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

**Answer b) Meghalaya.** Meghalaya became the first state to start India's first Cherry Blossom Festival, which is widely celebrated in Japan. The four-day festival will also provide opportunities to showcase the unique beauty of pink and white cherry blossoms as well as Meghalaya's traditional arts, culture and cuisine to the naturalists and tourists. Chief Minister Mukul Sangma inaugurated India's first Cherry Blossom Festival in this state capital of Meghalaya.

**76. Which bank is set to launch intelligent banking chat bots to make mobile banking services more conversational?**

- a) Axis Bank      b) ICICI Bank      c) Kotak Mahindra Bank      d) Yes Bank

**Answer a) Axis Bank.** Axis Bank, India's third largest private bank, is set to launch intelligent banking chat bots to make mobile banking services more conversational. The bank tied up with Active Intelligence Pte or Active.ai, a Singapore-based fintech platform, to launch the bots which will enable customers to chat through its mobile banking app and messaging

platforms such as Facebook messenger.

**77. India's long endurance Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle (UCAV) which named as \_\_\_\_\_ finally completed its first flight early in Challakere**

- a) Aura – 2      b) Lakshya – 2      c) Rustom – 2      d) Nishant - 2

**Answer c) Rustom - 2.** After a considerable delay, Rustom-2, India's long endurance Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle (UCAV) finally completed its first flight early in Challakere, about 200km from Bengaluru. The UCAV, which is in the medium-altitude, long endurance (MALE) category of vehicles, sources in the Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) which developed the vehicle.

**78. Who is the new CEO of American stock exchange NASDAQ?**

- a) Brad Peterson    b) Nelson Griggs    c) Hans-ole Jochumsen    d) Adena Friedman

**Answer d) Adena Friedman.** American stock exchange NASDAQ said its long-time CEO Robert Greifeld would retire and that Adena Friedman, President and Chief Operating Officer, would become the CEO as of January 1. Friedman, 47, has said she grew up at NASDAQ, where she started as an intern right out of business school and worked for 18 years at the exchange.

**79. Which Airline has been named the best airline in the world for the fourth consecutive year by AirlineRatings.com in its Airline Excellence Awards?**

- a) Qantas      b) Singapore Airlines      c) Air New Zealand      d) Cathay Pacific Airways

**Answer c) Air New Zealand.** Air New Zealand has been named the best airline in the world for the fourth consecutive year by AirlineRatings.com in its Airline Excellence Awards. It was followed by Qantas and Singapore Airlines at the second and third place respectively. Cathay Pacific Airways and the Virgin Group airlines have completed the top five, ranking fourth and fifth respectively.

**80. Which super computer has topped the Top500 list of the world's fastest computers, making it the eighth time in a row?**

- a) Sunway TaihuLight      b) Mira      c) Sequoia      d) Tianhe-2

**Answer a) Sunway TaihuLight.** Sunway TaihuLight' has topped the Top500 list of the world's fastest computers, making it the eighth time in a row that a Chinese supercomputer has emerged as the fastest in the world. The computer is capable of performing 93 thousand trillion operations per second. The second position on the list is also occupied by China with the Tianhe-2.

**81. Who has been ranked 36th in the US magazine Fortune's top 50 business persons list for 2016, and is the only Indian among three persons of Indian origin in the global rankings?**

- a) Anand Mahindra      b) Uday Kotak      c) Aditya Puri      d) Sunil Bharti Mittal

**Answer c) Aditya Puri.** HDFC Bank's Aditya Puri has been ranked 36th in the US magazine Fortune's top 50 business persons list for 2016, and is the only Indian among three persons of Indian origin in the global rankings. Puri, who has led the second largest private sector lender since its inception in 1994, has been ranked 36th in the list, which evaluates corporate leaders' business performance.

82. **Government of India launched revamped toll-free helpline number\_for information on Aadhaar card**

- a) 1946                      b) 1947                      c) 1948                      d) 1950

**Answer b) 1947.** With the growing use of Aadhaar in transactions related to services like Banking, Government Welfare Schemes, etc., the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), launched a revamped version of its Toll-free helpline number: 1947, to help residents get quick access to information about Aadhaar.

83. **Which country celebrated the festival of lights called Loi Krathong, which is celebrated to pay homage to Lord Buddha?**

- a) Japan                      b) China                      c) Myanmar                      d) Thailand

**Answer d) Thailand.** Thailand celebrated the festival of lights called Loi Krathong, which is celebrated to pay homage to Lord Buddha. The main events include releasing sky lanterns and floating krathongs, meaning decorated baskets. This year, restrictions on the festivities were observed as the country mourns the death of King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

84. **Which country is the fastest growing in Asia, at 7.1% on-year July–September?**

- a) Hong Kong                      b) Philippine                      c) Malaysia                      d) India

**Answer b) Philippine.** The Philippine economy is the fastest growing in Asia, at 7.1% on-year July - September—its most robust rate of growth in three years. The figure, announced by the Philippine Statistics Authority, surpassed the 6.7% median growth estimate of 15 economists surveyed by Bloomberg and matched an estimated 1.2% GDP rise against the previous quarter.

85. **The three-day Great Indian Film and Literature Festival will begin at \_\_\_\_\_ on December 2**

- a) Agra                      b) Gurugram                      c) Jaipur                      d) Mumbai

**Answer b) Gurugram.** The three-day Great Indian Film and Literature Festival will begin at DLF CyberHub, Gurugram on December 2. The festival will feature panel discussions on several themes, including filmmaking and advertising, as well as film screenings, book readings, a music concert and a poetry slam. It will be attended by author Ruskin Bond and actor Piyush Mishra, among others.

86. **Who will become the oldest woman in space history after she takes off for the International Space Station (ISS) recently?**

- a) Peggy Whitson                      b) Pamela Melroy                      c) Thomas Pesquet                      d) Valery Korzun

**Answer a) Peggy Whitson.** NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson, at an age of 56 years, will become the oldest woman in space history after she takes off for the International Space Station (ISS). Notably, Whitson, who holds the record for most time spent in space by a woman, is also the first woman to become ISS commander. This will be Whitson's third spaceflight.

87. **Amul to set up centralised milk processing unit in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Haryana                      b) Kerala                      c) Tamil Nadu                      d) West Bengal

**Answer d) West Bengal.** Jairambati (WB) Amul, a brand owned by Kaira District Cooperative Milk Producers Union in Gujarat, will set up its seventh centralised milk processing plant at Sankrail Food Park in Howrah. The food park around 17 acres from West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation to set up our centralised milk processing plant in the country.

88. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural session of the Rail Vikas Shivir in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Gujarat                      b) New Delhi                      c) Uttar Pradesh                      d) Maharashtra

**Answer b) New Delhi.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the inaugural session of the Rail Vikas Shivir at Surajkund near New Delhi. The Indian Railways is organizing the three-day Shivir from 18 November 2016. The aim of the Shivir is to generate numerous innovative ideas across most critical areas of the railway operations for substantial progress of this sector.

89. **Global payments & technology company MasterCard has introduced \_\_\_\_\_, a safe and secure 'quick response' (QR) mobile payments solution in India**

- a) Mastercard QR                      b) Masterpay QR                      c) Masterpass QR                      d) Mastercash QR

**Answer c) Masterpass QR.** Global payments & technology company MasterCard has introduced Masterpass QR, a safe and secure 'quick response' (QR) mobile payments solution in India. Masterpass QR is a digital wallet service, which allows mobile banking users to safely pay for face-to-face purchases using their smartphones. To make purchases, users can scan a QR code displayed on the merchant's device using a mobile app, without cash or cards.

90. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed foreign investors to buy securitised debt, security debt refers?**

- a) Securities such as stock structured by issuers b) Securities such as mortgages structured by issuers

c) Securities such as bonds structured by issuers d) Securities such as shares structured by issuers **Answer b) Securities such as mortgages structured by issuers.** The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has allowed foreign investors to buy securitised debt, which refers to securities such as mortgages structured by issuers, as part of efforts to attract more flows into debt markets. The securitised debt can include any securities issued by special purpose vehicles in which banks or certain financial firms are the originators.

91. **National Highway projects worth ₹6,068 crores, with a total length of 476 km in \_\_\_\_\_ different states**

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

**Answer d) Eight.** National Highway projects worth ₹6,068 crores, with a total length of 476 km in eight different states, were cleared by the Centre's Standing Finance Committee, an official statement released on Thursday read. These projects are in the states of Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, West Bengal,

Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh.

**92. Who is the new Prime Minister of Guinea Bissau?**

a) Baciro Djá b) Domingos Simões Pereira c) Umaro Mokhtar Sissoco Embalo d) Rui Duarte de **Answer c) Umaro Mokhtar Sissoco Embalo.** West African nation Guinea Bissau has named Umaro Mokhtar Sissoco Embalo as its Prime Minister, the fifth candidate to be appointed as the country's leader in a year. This comes after President Jose Mario Vaz dissolved the previous government amid in-fighting in the ruling party. Notably, Guinea Bissau has seen nine coups, including coup attempts, since 1980.

**93. S K Sinha who passed away recently, he was a former governor of \_\_\_\_\_**

a) Assam and Jammu and Kashmir b) Assam and West Bengal  
c) Rajasthan and Bihar d) Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh

**Answer a) Assam and Jammu and Kashmir.** Former Jammu and Kashmir and Assam Governor Lt Gen S K Sinha passed away at a hospital this morning after brief illness at the age of 92. He was first admitted to the base hospital here on November 1 with a fracture in his femur bone and ribs and was later shifted to the R and R hospital after some complications developed.

**94. Sharon Jones who passed away recently was a/an**

a) Actor b) Musician c) Singer d) Politician

**Answer c) Singer.** American singer Sharon Jones, lead singer of soul and funk band 'Sharon Jones & The Dap-Kings', died from pancreatic cancer at the age of 60 in New York on Friday. Jones released her first record when she was 40 years old. She was nominated for her first Grammy in 2014 for the album 'Give the People What They Want'.

**95. Union Textiles Minister \_\_\_\_\_ distributed PAHCHAN identity cards to artisans of five clusters of Gujarat, Jamnagar, Naroda, Surendranagar, Amreli and Kalol**

a) Maneka Gandhi b) Smriti Irani c) Uma Bharathi d) Sushma Swaraj

**Answer b) Smriti Irani.** Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani distributed PAHCHAN identity cards to artisans of five clusters of Gujarat, Jamnagar, Naroda, Surendranagar, Amreli and Kalol. The cards will give national identity to the artisans who will be covered under a national database. The artisans can avail of benefit of any government scheme through these cards.

**96. India and \_\_\_\_\_ have signed a new double tax avoidance pact under which capital gains tax will be levied on sale of shares on investments made after April 1, 2017**

a) Finland b) Iceland c) Croatia d) Cyprus

**Answer d) Cyprus.** India and Cyprus have signed a new double tax avoidance pact under which capital gains tax will be levied on sale of shares on investments made after April 1, 2017, bringing the island nation at par with Mauritius in terms of tax treatment. The latest pact would replace the existing Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), which was in place since June 13, 1994.

**97. Which state government is issuing coupons of ₹5, ₹10 and ₹20 to customers in**

**return for notes like ₹500 or ₹1000 for cashless transactions at farmers' market?**

- a) Telangana      b) West Bengal      c) Tamil Nadu      d) Kerala

**Answer a) Telangana.** Telangana government is issuing coupons of ₹5, ₹10 and ₹20 to customers in return for notes like ₹500 or ₹1000 for cashless transactions at farmers' market. While customers can make purchases with the coupons, farmers can exchange these coupons for cash at the end of the day. The amount of remaining coupons with the customers is credited to their accounts.

**98. World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is observed on?**

- a) November 20      b) November 21      c) November 22      d) November 23

**Answer a) November 20.** Third Sunday of November: World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims was observed globally on 20 November 2016 with the theme Vital post-crash actions: Medical Care, Investigation, Justice!. The Day is observed on every third Sunday of November by an increasing number of countries on every continent around the world. It is observed to remember millions who were killed or injured in road crashes. The Day has also become an important means to reduce road casualties.

**99. Who won the China Open badminton title 2016?**

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

**Answer c) PV Sindhu.** PV Sindhu won the China Open, to register her first tournament win post the Rio Olympics. World number 11 Sindhu defeated ninth-ranked China's Sun Yu 21-11, 17-21, 21-11. This is the third straight year that an Indian woman has made the China Open final, with Saina Nehwal winning the title in 2014 and finishing as runner-up in 2015.

**100. India's longest expressway running \_\_km and connecting Agra and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh is now open for public**

- a) 208      b) 227      c) 286      d) 302

**Answer d) 302.** Agra-Lucknow expressway is India's longest expressway till date, and with its inauguration on November 20, Uttar Pradesh CM Akhilesh Yadav hopes to project to the state that his government's focus is on development. The 302-km long six-lane green field expressway is special on multiple counts – from the record time under which it has been completed, to the fact that it will drastically reduce the travel time between the two UP cities.

**101. Which country became an Associate Member of the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN), the worlds largest nuclear and particle physics laboratory recently?**

- a) Italy      b) India      c) Norway      d) Sweden

**Answer b) India.** India and the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) signed an agreement on making India an associate member state of the research organisation that operates the largest particle physics laboratory in the world. The agreement was signed by Sekhar Basu, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy and CERN Director General Fabiola Gianotti in Mumbai.

102. **World Television Day is observed on?**

- a) November 18            b) November 19            c) November 20            d) November 21

**Answer d) November 21.** The United Nations has designated November 21 as 'World Television Day', recognising that television plays a major role in presenting different issues that affect people. It seeks to celebrate the philosophy of television, a tool which represents a symbol for communication and globalisation in the contemporary world. On November 21-22, 1996 the UN held the first World Television Forum.

103. **Which state government has joined hands with Mumbai based IDFC Bank to enable cashless transactions and to solve the change problem?**

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

**Answer c) Telangana.** Telangana government has joined hands with Mumbai based IDFC Bank to enable cashless transactions and to solve the change problem. IDFC Bank Ltd. is an Indian banking company with headquarters in Mumbai and bank started operations on 1 October 2015.

104. **William Trevor who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Actress            b) Journalist            c) Author            d) Singer

**Answer c) Author.** The Irish author William Trevor, one of the greatest short story writers of the last century, has died at the age of 88. Trevor, the author of more than 15 novels and many more short stories, was shortlisted for the Man Booker prize four times, most recently for The Story of Lucy Gault in 2002, the same year he was awarded an honorary knighthood for his services to literature.

105. **M Balamuralikrishna who passed away recently was a/an**

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

**Answer d) Musician.** Veteran Carnatic musician M Balamuralikrishna passed away in Chennai on November 22 the age of 86. The singer was native of Sankaraguptam, East Godavari District, and was born Murali Krishna. After his first concert at the age of 8, Musunuri Suryanarayana Murty Bhagavatar, a distinguished Harikatha performer, who was in attendance, gave the prefix 'Bala', and hence he became Balamuralikrishna.

106. **Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar commissioned the newest indigenously-built destroyer \_\_\_\_\_ into the force**

- a) INS Mumbai            b) INS Kochi            c) INS Pune            d) INS Chennai

**Answer d) INS Chennai.** Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar commissioned the newest indigenously- built destroyer INS Chennai into the force. This is a historic day for the Indian Navy," Parrikar said, lauding the indigenously designed and constructed, Kolkata-class guided missile destroyer built by Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. (MDL) in Mumbai.

107. **India successfully conducted twin trials of the indigenously developed nuclear-capable \_\_\_\_\_ missile from Chandipur in Odisha**

- a) Prithvi-I            b) Prithvi-II            c) Agni-I            d) Agni-II

**Answer b) Prithvi-II.** India successfully conducted twin trials of the indigenously developed nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile from Chandipur in Odisha. The test was carried out by the specially formed Strategic Forces Command and monitored by the Defence Research and Development Organisation. The surface-to-surface missile has a range of 350 kms and can



implementing National Highways Development Project (NHDP), India's largest-ever highways project.

**113. The 13th World Robot Olympiad will be held in \_\_\_\_\_ for the first time**

- a) USA                      b) India                      c) China                      d) South Africa

**Answer b) India.** The 13th World Robot Olympiad will be held in India for the first time, with over 2,000 students from 54 countries participating to find innovative ways, using robotic technology, to reduce, manage and recycle waste that we daily generate. The World Robotic Olympiad is an event for science, technology and education which brings together young people from across the world.

**114. The upgraded \_\_\_\_\_ twin-seat aircraft has received Initial Operation Clearance (IOC)**

- a) Jaguar DARIN II      b) Jaguar DARIN IV      c) Jaguar DARIN III      d) Jaguar DARIN I

**Answer c) Jaguar DARIN III.** In a significant milestone for the country's military aviation sector, the upgraded Jaguar DARIN III twin-seat aircraft has received Initial Operation Clearance (IOC). Deputy Chief of IAF, Air Marshal R K S Bhadauria, who flew the aircraft at HAL airport here recently, announced the satisfactory completion of IOC.

**115. Which state government has decided to launch a project to provide quality meals at cheap prices to people belonging to the weaker sections of the society?**

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

**Answer b) Rajasthan.** Rajasthan government has decided to launch a project to provide quality meals at cheap prices to people belonging to the weaker sections of the society. Under the 'Annapurna Rasoi Programme', labourers, rickshaw pullers, auto drivers, students and working women among others will be provided breakfast at ₹5 per plate and lunch and dinner at ₹8 per plate.

**116. Who will be the chief guest at the 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention to be held in January?**

- a) Ricardo Costa      b) Pedro Passos Coelho      c) António Guterres      d) Antonio Costa

**Answer d) Antonio Costa.** Antonio Costa, the Indian-origin prime minister of the Republic of Portugal will be the chief guest at the 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention to be held in January. Costa will participate in the inaugural session of the PBD Convention on 7 January and will address the delegates on 8 January, the second day of the three-day event. Costa, 54, is a former mayor of Lisbon. He put together a coalition of left parties that is currently in power in Portugal.

**117. Indian Railways may soon get an advanced system which named as \_\_\_\_\_ to check collisions**

- a) Tri-India                      b) Tri-Netra                      c) Tri-Colour                      d) Tri-Rail

**Answer b) Tri-Netra.** Indian Railways may soon get an advanced system, called "Tri-Netra", on its trains which will help reduce train accidents by keeping a record of the track maintenance and will also provide better visibility during foggy days. Senior railway officers said Tri-Netra system is made up of a high-resolution optical video camera, high-sensitivity infrared video camera and a radar-based terrain mapping system.

118. **MGK Menon who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Department Secretary      b) Physicist      c) Minister of State      d) All of the above

**Answer d) All of the above.** Prof. M G K Menon, an acclaimed physicist, who had played a prominent role in the development of science and technology in the country over the last five decades, died.

Menon, who served as a minister of state for science and technology and education in the V P Singh government, had earlier worked as Secretary in the Departments of Science and Technology and Environment in the Union government.

119. **Dr Viveki Rai who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Actor      b) Politician      c) Writer      d) Journalist

**Answer c) Writer .** Dr Viveki Rai, the renowned Hindi and Bhojpuri litterateur, died on 22 November 2016 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. He was 92. His works mainly depict rural life of India. His first story was published in 1945 in the then-popular newspaper Aaj. He also wrote several articles and columns in magazines and newspapers too.

120. **India has been ranked \_\_\_\_\_ in the 2016 ICT (information and communication technologies) Development Index out of a total of 175 countries**

- a) 138      b) 149      c) 156      d) 163

**Answer a) 138.** India has been ranked 138th in the 2016 ICT Development Index out of a total of 175

countries. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) recently published the 2016 version of the Measuring the Information Society (MIS) report. Africa was named as the worst performing region.

121. **Colombian government, FARC sign revised peace agreement, who is the President of Colombia?**

- a) Álvaro Uribe      b) Andrés Pastrana Arango      c) Óscar Iván Zuluaga      d) Juan Manuel Santos

**Answer d) Juan Manuel Santos.** Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos signed a revised peace agreement with the country's largest rebel movement, making a second attempt within months to end a half century of hostilities. Santos and Rodrigo Londono, leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, signed the 310-page accord at Bogota's historic Colon Theater — nearly two months after the original deal was surprisingly rejected in a referendum.

122. **India's first underwater festival to be held in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) Pune.** The Pune Underwater Festival, considered the first of its kind in India, will be held in Pune on Sunday. The festival will feature an underwater playground, an underwater photo booth and an underwater obstacle course. Visitors will also get a chance to play underwater hockey and water polo. The tickets range from ₹1,750 to ₹4,500.

123. **Which state government will give ₹10,000 in cash to Group-C and D category**

**government employees from part of their salary?**

- a) Haryana      b) Karnataka      c) Tamil Nadu      d) Telangana

**Answer a) Haryana.** Haryana government will give ₹10,000 in cash to Group-C and D category government employees from part of their salary, reports said. This comes amid a cash crunch across the country post note ban, following which over 1,000 Group-C employees of the Home Ministry were given ₹10,000 each in cash as part of their salary, an official said.

**124. How many Indian male shuttlers are ranked inside the top-50 men's world rankings?**

- a) 5      b) 6      c) 7      d) 8

**Answer b) 6.** For the first time, six Indian male shuttlers are ranked inside the top-50 men's world rankings. In the latest Badminton World Federation rankings Kidambi Srikanth (12), Ajay Jayaram (19), HS Prannoy (25), Sai Praneeth (36), Sameer Verma (43) and Sourabh Varma (45), are all simultaneously ranked amongst the top 50 in the world.

**125. Dileep Padgaonkar who passed away recently was a/an**

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

**Answer d) Journalist.** Noted journalist Dileep Padgaonkar, who was a part of the three-member interlocutors group for Jammu and Kashmir in 2008, passed away in Pune after brief illness. 72-year-old Padgaonkar, a former editor of The Times of India, was unwell for past several weeks and died at a hospital in Pune. He also worked with UNESCO in Bangkok and Paris.

**126. Union culture ministry has released a commemorative non-circulation Rs 500 and a Rs 10 coin to mark 500th anniversary of Shri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's visit to \_**

- a) Kedarnath      b) Vrindavan      c) Yamunotri      d) Ayodhya

**Answer b) Vrindavan.** Union culture ministry has released a commemorative non-circulation Rs 500 and a Rs 10 coin circulation coin as part of the yearlong celebrations marking the 500th anniversary of Hindu saint and social reformer Shri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's visit to Vrindavan.

**127. Which state government has issued a notification naming the new Oshiwara station, which is located between Jogeshwari and Goregaon, as Ram Mandir?**

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

**Answer c) Maharashtra.** Maharashtra government has issued a notification naming the new Oshiwara station, which is located between Jogeshwari and Goregaon, as Ram Mandir. As the state is yet to get nod from the railways, the decision may trigger a controversy. Meanwhile, the new station was to be inaugurated on 27 November 2016. The area outside the station is known as Ram Mandir, as there is a temple in the vicinity.

**128. Which country announced a new energy and climate strategy, under which the government will consider banning the use of coal as an energy source by 2030?**

- a) Finland      b) USA      c) Russia      d) Switzerland

**Answer a) Finland.** Finland announced a new energy and climate strategy, under which the government will consider banning the use of coal as an energy source by 2030. The use of coal in Finland has been steadily declining since 2011, with investment increasing in renewable energy sector in 2012. Notably, energy prices in Scandinavian countries have been dropping since 2010.

**129. Which Country has the world's longest written national constitution?**

- a) UK                      b) India                      c) China                      d) Nepal

**Answer b) India.** The English version of the Constitution of India is the world's longest written constitution for any independent country. The original text of the Indian constitution contained 395 articles in 22 parts and eight schedules. It was adopted by the Constituent Assembly, chaired by Dr B R Ambedkar, on November 26, 1949 and came into force on January 26, 1950.

**130. Indian female boxer \_\_\_\_\_ will receive the Legends Award from the International Boxing Association (AIBA) on the occasion of its 70th anniversary**

- a) Pooja Rani                      b) Kavita Goyat                      c) Aruna Msihra                      d) Mary Kom

**Answer d) Mary Kom.** Indian boxer M C Mary Kom is all set to add another honour to her glittering career when she receives the "Legends Award" from the International Boxing Association (AIBA) on its 70th anniversary on December 20. An Olympic bronze-medallist and a five-time world champion, Mary Kom is also a Rajya Sabha MP AIBA is celebrating its 70th Anniversary on December 20 during which it will present the award to MaryKom.

**131. Indian actor \_\_\_\_\_ has won the best performance award by an actor at the 10th Asia Pacific Screen Awards**

- a) Irfan Khan                      b) Manoj Bajpayee                      c) Amitabh Bachchan                      d) Anupam Kher

**Answer b) Manoj Bajpayee.** Indian actor Manoj Bajpayee has won the best performance award by an actor at the 10th Asia Pacific Screen Awards beating Nawazuddin Siddiqui, who was awarded a special mention in the same category. Hosted by Australian actor David Wenham and presenter Anjali Rao, the 2016 Awards marked the 10th year of APSA recognising and promoting cinematic excellence and cultural diversity of the world's fastest growing film region.

**132. Which two countries have emerged as favourite destinations amongst Indian Travellers?**

- a) Australia and New Zealand b) Spain and Japan c) USA and Switzerland d) Australia and China **Answer a) Australia and New Zealand.** Australia and New Zealand have emerged as favourite destinations amongst Indian travellers. Global travel Search Company Sky scanner drew comparisons between travel searches from 2015 and 2016, highlighting the places where Indian travellers will be ushering in 2017.

**133. Online marketplace \_\_\_\_\_ debuts products from leading dairy brand Amul in nine countries**

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

**Answer b) Amazon.** Online marketplace Amazon India products from leading dairy brand Amul will be available in nine countries, starting with the US on 25 November. In May 2015, Amazon India launched its Global Selling program, under which Indian vendors can sell their products in nine countries including the US, the UK, Japan, Canada and France

with a total consumer base of 300 million.

134. **World's largest hotel has 7,351 rooms, 500k sq ft theme park opened in \_\_\_\_\_**  
a) Singapore      b) India      c) Malaysia      d) Japan

**Answer c) Malaysia.** The First World Hotel near Kuala Lumpur holds the Guinness World Record for being the largest hotel in the world, as it has 7,351 rooms. The hotel also has a shopping mall, a 28-lane bowling alley, and a 500,000-square-foot theme park. Further, there is also a movie theatre and a gondola lift system which connects the property to nearby hotels.

135. **Who won the Hong Kong Open Super Series badminton women's title 2016?**  
a) PV Sindhu      b) Saina Nehwal      c) Sung Ji-hyun      d) Tai Tzu-ying

**Answer d) Tai Tzu-ying.** PV Sindhu and Sameer Verma fell at the final hurdle as the Indians lost the Hong Kong Open Super Series final. Sindhu lost to Taiwan's Tai Tzu Ying 15-21, 17-21 while Verma went down fighting against home favourite NG Ka Long 14-21, 21-10, 11-21. Ying, who has two wins over world No.1 Carolina Marin in two weeks, continued her magnificent form and was not bogged down when Sindhu raced away to a 4-1 lead in the second game.

136. **Who won the inaugural Qatar Ladies Open golf title 2016?**  
a) Vani Kapoor      b) Aditi Ashok      c) Sharmila Nicollet      d) Gauri Monga

**Answer b) Aditi Ashok.** Indian teen golfer Aditi Ashok shot a final round of three-under 69 on a weather-hit last day to notch up her second successive victory on the Ladies European Tour at the inaugural Qatar Ladies Open. After claiming her maiden win at the Hero Women's Indian Open, the 18-year-old rookie professional from Bangalore totalled 15-under-par at the Doha Golf Club to grab a three-stroke win over Lydia Hall and Caroline Hedwall.

137. **Who has been appointed as the country's new Director General of Military Operations (DGMO)?**

a) Lt Gen Bipin Rawat      b) Lt Gen Subrata Saha      c) Lt Gen Sanjiv Talwar      d) Lt Gen A K Bhatt  
**Answer d) Lt Gen A K Bhatt.** Lt Gen A K Bhatt has been appointed as the country's new Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) and will be in charge of all army operations including on the LoC which has seen heightened tension. Bhatt, a Gorkha officer, replaces Lt Gen Ranbir Singh, who has been appointed as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Mathura-based Strike 1 Corps — one of the three assault forces of the army — which is mandated to cross into Pakistan in a short notice.

138. **The Union Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister, \_\_\_\_\_ launched e-pashuhaat portal ([www.epashuhaat.gov.in](http://www.epashuhaat.gov.in)) to connect farmers and breeders of bovine animals**

a) Radha Mohan Singh      b) Smriti Irani      c) Ravi Shankar Prasad      d) Ram Vilas Baswan  
**Answer a) Radha Mohan Singh.** The Union Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh launched e-pashuhaat portal ([www.epashuhaat.gov.in](http://www.epashuhaat.gov.in)) on the

occasion of National Milk Day here today. Shri Singh informed that for the first time in the world under the scheme National Mission on Bovine Productivity 'e-pashuhat' portal has been developed for connecting breeders and farmers regarding availability of bovinegermplasm.

139. **India's first bicycle highway inaugurated in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Haryana      b) Madya Pradesh      c) Rajasthan      d) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer d) Uttar Pradesh.** Uttar Pradesh has Asia's first cycle highway. A first-of-its-kind project, the 207-km-long cycle highway runs between Etawah and Agra and was declared open on Saturday. A rally of 90 cyclists from five countries and across India followed the inauguration ceremony at the Lion Safari in Etawah.

140. **MobiKwik has announced the launch of a light mobile wallet app which named as \_\_\_\_\_ it's easy to download and works even on basic Internet connection**

- a) MobiKwik Easy      b) MobiKwik Speed      c) MobiKwik Lite      d) MobiKwik Fast

**Answer c) MobiKwik Lite.** MobiKwik has announced the launch of MobiKwik Lite, a light mobile wallet app that is easy to download and works even on basic Internet connection. MobiKwik Lite is less than 1MB in size and can be downloaded within 30 seconds. The app is available in Hindi and English and users can download the same by giving a missed call to 80971-80971.

141. **Pakistan allowed \_\_\_\_\_ to use strategic Gwadar Port for its exports**

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

**Answer b) Russia.** Pakistan has approved Russia's request to use the strategic Gwadar Port for its exports, signaling a new alignment in bilateral relations after decades' of sour ties during the Cold War era. Following Iran and Turkmenistan, Russia has also decided to use the Gwadar Port for trade to have an access to warm water a top Pakistani official privy to the development was quoted as saying by Geo News.

142. **Afghanistan and Turkmenistan inaugurate Asian International Rail line in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Ashgabat      b) Türkmenbaşy      c) Turkmenabad      d) Balkanabat

**Answer c) Turkmenabad.** Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani and his Turkmenistan counterpart Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow officially inaugurated the Imamnazar (Turkmenistan) and Aqina (Afghanistan) Railway Line between the two countries in Turkmenabad.

143. **Which country has the highest-achieving primary & secondary pupils in international education tests in Maths & Science?**

- a) India      b) France      c) Singapore      d) Thailand

**Answer c) Singapore.** Singapore has the highest-achieving primary & secondary pupils in international education tests in Maths & Science. Primary school pupils in Northern Ireland were ranked sixth at Maths, the highest of any in Europe. The top places in these rankings are dominated by East Asian countries. These international rankings, Trends in International Mathematics & Science Study, are published every 4yrs.

144. The book titled **Conflicts of Interest: My Journey through India's Green Movement** written by \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Nadia Murad      b) Sunita Narain      c) Vandana Shiva      d) Arundhati Roy

**Answer b) Sunita Narain.** The book titled **Conflicts of Interest: My Journey through India's Green Movement** was in news in the last week of November 2016 as it was acquired by Penguin India. The book is Narain's personal account. The book includes an "environmental manifesto" in which she lays out an outline for the direction India must take, if it is to deal with the exigencies of climate change and environmental degradation. In the book, Narain goes on to discuss how corporate lobbies and political interests often scuttle effective resolution of environmental issues.

145. Which country won the **2016 Davis Cup tennis title**?

- a) India              b) France              c) Germany              d) Argentina

**Answer d) Argentina.** Argentina fought back to beat Croatia 3-2 and win the Davis Cup for the first time in a dramatic final in Zagreb. Croatia led 2-1 going into the final day and looked on course for their second title when Marin Cilic led Juan Martin del Potro by two sets to love.

146. \_\_\_\_\_ village in Sabarkantha district of Gujarat has earned the coveted tag of becoming **India's first digital village in India**

- a) Lakhpar              b) Meghpar              c) Akodara              d) Baranda

**Answer c) Akodara.** Akodara village in Sabarkantha district of Gujarat has earned the coveted tag of becoming India's first digital village in India. The village with a total population of 1,191 people and 250 households uses a various cashless system for payments of goods and services. All transactions in the village are carried out through digital modes like SMS, net-banking or debit cards.

147. **Organ Donation Day is observed on?**

- a) November 29      b) November 30      c) November 25      d) November 26

**Answer b) November 30.** Organ Donation Day is observed every year on 30th of November. Due to lack of awareness, there are myths and fears in peoples' mind about organ donation. The aim of this day is to motivate normal human beings to pledge to donate organs after death, and to spread awareness about the importance of organ donation. Anybody can be an organ donor irrespective of their age, caste, religion, community etc.

148. Sachin Tendulkar's autobiography \_\_\_\_\_ has won the **Crossword Book of the Year Award in the autobiography category**

- a) The Test of My Life      b) A Shot at History      c) Playing It My Way      d) At the Close of Play

**Answer c) Playing It My Way.** Sachin Tendulkar's autobiography 'Playing It My Way' has won the Crossword Book of the Year Award in the autobiography category. The book was co-written by cricket historian Boria Majumdar and released in November 2014. Earlier, the book had entered the Limca Book of Records for the 'Bestselling Adult Hardback on Release', logging most orders on the first day of publication.

149. **Fortune's Businessperson of the Year list 2016 topped by \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Satya Nadella      b) Ajay Banga      c) Mark Zuckerberg      d) Aditya Puri

**Answer c) Mark Zuckerberg.** Four leading India-born CEOs including Microsoft's Satya Nadella and Mastercard's Ajay Banga who delivered big in taking their companies ahead have featured in Fortune's Businessperson of the Year list topped by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg. HDFC Bank's Managing Director Aditya Puri on the 36th position and Banga on 40th.

150. **Which short film has won an award at the prestigious UNESCO Salon Youth Video Competition 2016?**

- a) Magical Piano      b) The Flying Machine      c) The Dark House      d) Peter and the Wolf

**Answer a) Magical Piano.** 'Magical Piano', a short film by the Toonz Media Group has won an award at the prestigious UNESCO Salon Youth Video Competition 2016. In an event held in Marrakech, Morocco at the iconic COP 22 Green Zone in the UNESCO Pavilion on November 14, Salon Films Chairman Fred Wang and Armelle Arrou, Chief of Public Relations and Partnerships, UNESCO handed over the award.

151. **Who has been appointed as the Delhi Chief Secretary?**

- a) Arun Kumar Goyal      b) Shubha Kumar      c) KV Chowdary      d) M. M. Kutty

**Answer d) M. M. Kutty.** Senior IAS officer M. M. Kutty was appointed as the Delhi Chief Secretary. He replaced K. K. Sharma, who was transferred to the Union HRD Ministry as OSD. The Central government had sent back Mr. Kutty, a 1985 batch IAS officer, to his parent Union Territories cadre before the completion of the tenure of his Central deputation.

152. **Starting academic session 2017-18, government schools in \_\_\_\_\_ will have a period dedicated to yoga, and it will be a part of their curriculum**

- a) Andhra Pradesh      b) West Bengal      c) Madhya Pradesh      d) Rajasthan

**Answer c) Madhya Pradesh.** Starting academic session 2017-18, government schools in Madhya Pradesh will have a period dedicated to yoga, and it will be a part of their curriculum. The move has been taken by the government to counter the increasing number of student suicides. Notably, student suicides in the state had shot up by 240% between 2005 and 2014.

153. **According to India Hiring Intent survey, \_\_\_\_\_ ranks among the top 3 states in numerical and logical ability, computer literacy and English language, making it India's most preferred hiring destination**

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

**Answer b) Maharashtra.** According to India Hiring Intent survey, Maharashtra ranks among the top 3 states in numerical and logical ability, computer literacy and English language, making it India's most preferred hiring destination. The survey found that Maharashtra is preferred for talent acquisition by banking, power and FMCG firms, among others. It is followed by Delhi and West Bengal with most employable population.

154. **E-commerce operators like Flipkart and Snapdeal will have to deduct TCS while making payments to their suppliers, according to the new model GST law. Expand TCS?**

- a) Tax Collected at Service      b) Tax Collected at Source  
c) Tax Counted at Source      d) Tax Collected at Spot

**Answer b) Tax Collected at Source.** E-commerce operators like Flipkart and Snapdeal will have to deduct TCS (tax collected at source) while making payments to their suppliers, according to the new model GST law, which has done away with the definition of 'aggregator'. The measure, Nangia & Co Director Rajat Mohan said, will not increase the incidence of taxation on consumers as the supplier will get tax credit for the TCS. The model GST law provides for 1 per cent TCS to be deducted by the E-commerce operators.

**155. Which Bank has collaborated with Bajaj Finance to launch a series of co-branded credit cards for the customers in the country?**

- a) Yes Bank      b) Axis Bank      c) ICICI Bank      d) RBL Bank

**Answer d) RBL Bank.** Private sector lender, RBL Bank has entered into a slew of tie ups and partnerships essentially to further boost its offering in the highly competitive banking industry in the country. RBL Bank has collaborated with Bajaj Finance to launch a series of co-branded credit cards for the customers in the country. Credit cards would be offered to the customer by the last quarter of this fiscal.

**156. Which Bank and Bajaj Allianz General Insurance signed a corporate agency agreement for distribution of Bajaj Allianz's general insurance products through its all branches?**

- a) Canara Bank      b) Punjab National Bank      c) Bank of Baroda      d) Bank of India

**Answer a) Canara Bank.** State-owned lender Canara Bank and Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, a private sector general insurer, have signed corporate agency agreement for the distribution of Bajaj Allianz's general insurance products through Canara Bank's extensive network of 5,920 branches across the country. Under this strategic agreement, Bajaj Allianz GI will offer its industry's leading general insurance products to the customers of Canara Bank.

**157. The 51st Annual Conference of Directors-General of Police of States was held at \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) Hyderabad.** Post-Independence, 51st Annual Conference of Directors General / Inspectors General of Police of States and UTs and Heads of Central Police Organisations will be held on November 25-27, 2016 at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Hyderabad.

President's Police Medals and Police Medals will be presented to the officers of the Intelligence Bureau during the conference.

**158. The book 'Death under the Deodars: The Adventures of Miss Ripley-Bean' written by \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Ruskin Bond      b) Vikram Seth      c) Amitav Ghosh      d) Chetan Bhagat

**Answer a) Ruskin Bond.** The much-popular writer, storyteller Ruskin Bond has returned after a long sabbatical with a brand new collection of stories titled 'Death under the Deodars: The Adventures of Miss Ripley-Bean'. The book consisting of 8 fresh thriller stories is set in the popular holiday destination, Mussoorie, in the bygone era of 1960-70. Through the stories, the writer narrates a murder mystery featuring an elderly woman- Miss Ripley-Bean and her friends. It has been published by Penguin India. It is, in fact, a product of numerous thoughts and conversation shared between Ruskin Bond and Udayan Mitra from

Penguin India. Like any other Ruskin Bond book, these stories too are replete with humour and unique characters. The suspense is such that it can hook the attention of both children and adults alike.

**159. Who has been appointed as President of Hockey India?**

- a) Mushtaque Ahmad      b) Tapan Das      c) Rajinder Singh      d) Mariamma Koshy

**Answer d) Mariamma Koshy.** Former Hockey player Mariamma Koshy on 25 November 2016 took charge of Hockey India as its president with immediate effect. Hockey India, during its 41st Hockey India Executive Board meet, announced that Koshy will head the national body. Koshy, 63, succeeds Narinder Dhruv Batra, who in recent past was elected as the first ever non-European chief of the sport's governing body International Hockey Federation (FIH). Earlier in November 2016, Batra made history by becoming the first Indian and fifteenth president of FIH.

**160. Who became the third Indian boxer to bag gold medal at the AIBA Youth World Championships?**

- a) Vijender Singh      b) Manpreet Singh      c) Sachin Singh      d) Harpreet Singh

**Answer c) Sachin Singh.** Sachin Singh became only the third Indian boxer ever to strike gold at Youth World Championships with a stunning unanimous win over Jorge Grinan. Rising boxer Sachin Singh will be given a cash award of Rs. 1 lakh for notching up an impressive victory in the finals of AIBA Youth World Boxing Championship in St. Petersburg, Russia by Boxing Federation of India (BFI) President Ajay Singh.

**161. Haflong, a hill station in \_\_\_\_\_, is hosting a three-day sports and culture festival on December 18-20**

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

**Answer d) Assam.** Assam's picturesque hill station Haf long will host the three-day 'Judima Festival' next month when tourists can indulge in a number of adventure sports like trekking, hiking, angling and satiate their taste buds by gulping one of the best traditional brews of the region. The theme of the festival, to be held on December 18-20, will be centered on preservation, promotion and nurturing of ethnic culture, music, dance, craft and folk-art of Dimasa tribals living in Dima Hasao district of the state.

**162. Which state government has introduced a strict law against placement agencies to rein in those involved in exploiting people on the pretext of giving employment outside the state?**

- a) Maharashtra      b) Bihar      c) Jharkhand      d) Manipur

**Answer c) Jharkhand.** The Jharkhand government has introduced a strict law against placement agencies to rein in those involved in exploiting people on the pretext of giving employment outside the state. The government framed 'Jharkhand Nizi Niyozan Abhikaran and Gharelu Kamgar (viniyam) vidheyak 2016 (Jharkhand private employment agency and domestic employee bill) which was passed by the assembly recently.

**163. The Reserve Bank of India has announced an incremental cash reserve ratio (CRR) of \_\_\_\_ per cent for banks to tackle the surge in deposits following demonetisation of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes**

- a) 25      b) 50      c) 75      d) 100

**Answer d) 100.** In order to absorb the surge in liquidity in banking system following

demonetisation of high value notes, the Reserve Bank introduced an incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) of 100 per cent. CRR is the portion of the deposits which banks are required to park to the RBI. Currently it is at 4 per cent.

164. **National Milk day is observed on?**

- a) November 26      b) November 27      c) November 28      d) November 29

**Answer a) November 26.** India on November 26 celebrated National Milk Day to mark the 95th birthday of Verghese Kurien, Amul Dairy's co-founder. Kurien launched the world's biggest dairy development program 'Operation Flood' in 1970, which eventually made India the world's largest milk producer in 1998. Proposed by Indian Dairy Association, the first National Milk Day was observed in 2014 by Indian dairy sector majors.

165. **The Constitution Day of India is being observed on?**

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

**Answer c) November 26.** The Constitution Day of India is being observed on 26th November to spread awareness of Indian Constitution. On this day in 1949, constitution of India was adopted and came into force on January 26, 1950 marking the beginning of a new era in the history of free India. The Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE) is the nodal Ministry for the celebration of Constitution Day. This year it is second edition of the Constitution Day. On this occasion Prime Minister Narendra has released two books on Constitution 'Making of Constitution' and 'New Version of Constitution of India'.

166. **Fidel Castro who passed away recently, he was a former president of \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Jamaica      b) Cuba      c) Mexico      d) Austria

**Answer b) Cuba.** Cuba's former president Fidel Castro, one of the world's longest-serving and most iconic leaders, has died aged 90. Castro toppled the government in 1959, introducing a Communist revolution. He defied the US for decades, surviving many assassination plots. Fidel Alejandro Castro Ruz was a Cuban politician and revolutionary who governed the Republic of Cuba as Prime Minister from 1959 to 1976 and then as President from 1976 to 2008.

167. **The International Film Festival of India is showing movies for the visually impaired, The festival is conducted jointly by the \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Directorate of Film Festivals and the Government of Goa  
b) Ministry of Information and Technology, Directorate of Film Festivals and the Government of Goa  
c) Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Directorate of Film Festivals and the Government of Goa  
d) Ministry of Tourism, Directorate of Film Festivals and the Government of Goa

**Answer a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Directorate of Film Festivals and the Government of Goa.** The International Film Festival of India is showing movies for the visually impaired, with special audio described technology. Three films that are being screened at the festival in Goa under the Accessible India Campaign are Gandhi, Bhaag Milkha Bhaag and Dhanak. The festival is conducted jointly by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Directorate of Film Festivals and the Government of Goa.

168. **Which bank has to facilitate this transaction at the nearest INOX multiplex using a debit card?**

- a) Indian Bank      b) Syndicate Bank      c) State Bank of India      d) Axis Bank

**Answer c) State Bank of India.** State Bank of India (SBI) has to facilitate this transaction at the nearest INOX multiplex using a debit card. Citizens can simply swipe their debit cards, enter their PIN number and take up to Rs 2,000 in cash per card per day. The facility will be available across 17 properties, and will be made available at the remaining 89 properties over the course of the weekend.

**169. Which Bank has announced the launch of its contactless debit card recently?**

- a) City Union Bank      b) Federal Bank      c) ICICI Bank      d) South Indian Bank

**Answer d) South Indian Bank.** South Indian Bank has announced the launch of its contactless debit card. The Near Field Communication (NFC) technology makes the contactless cards very secure, as the card does not leave the cardholder's possession. Customers can also opt to use their card as a normal CHIP card and transact in a 'contact' mode.

**170. Ivan Mikoyan who passed away recently, he was a aircraft designer of \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer c) Russia.** Ivan Mikoyan, Russian aircraft designer and one of the minds behind the MiG-29 fighter jet, the staple of the Soviet and Russian Air Forces, has died at the age of 89. Mikoyan spent the majority of his career as a leading engineer at the 'MiG' Aircraft Corporation's design bureau, which was founded by his uncle Artyom Mikoyan.

**171. The Centre announced a new committee, headed by \_\_\_\_\_, to form a strategy to expedite the process of transforming India into a cashless economy**

- a) Bibek Debroy      b) Arvind Panagariya      c) Amitabh Kant      d) Pradeep Kumar Sinha

**Answer c) Amitabh Kant.** The Centre announced a new committee, headed by Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant, to form a strategy to expedite the process of transforming India into a cashless economy. The panel is tasked with identifying various bottlenecks affecting access of digital payments. The committee was set up following a directive from the Prime Minister's Office to back up the demonetisation move.

**172. The first-ever International Gita Mahotsav, being organised and celebrated by the \_\_\_\_\_ state government**

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

**Answer d) Haryana.** The first-ever International Gita Mahotsav, being organised and celebrated by the Haryana government in Kurukshetra, will offer people a unique spectacle and also make for a nucleus of global attraction. Talking on this at a press conference at Haryana Bhavan in Delhi, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said the mega event, to be held from December 6-10 this year, would set a world record with the recitation of 'Ashtadash Shloki Gita' by as many as 18,000 students at one go.

**173. Which state government set up a committee to look into the demands of raising the retirement age of its employees to 60 years from the current 58 years?**

- a) Assam      b) Meghalaya      c) Maharashtra      d) Bihar

**Answer c) Maharashtra.** Maharashtra government set up a committee to look into the demands of raising the retirement age of its employees to 60 years from the current 58. Central government employees retire at the age of 60 years, while the figure varies from state to state. Maharashtra has around 15 lakh employees in over 35 government departments across the state.

174. The "Taj Balloon Festival" 2016 held in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) New Delhi      b) Pune      c) Ahmadabad      d) Agra

**Answer d) Agra.** The 'Taj Balloon Festival' 2016, organised by the UP tourism department, will take place on November 25-30 near the Taj Mahal in Agra. The festival will feature about 16 hot air balloons from 12 countries, including India, USA, UK, Canada, Spain, UAE, and Netherlands.

Additionally, 40 lucky draw winners will get a free one-hour aerial ride during the festival.

175. Which bank announced a partnership with Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation (GSRTC) to digitise payment of bus tickets for its customers?

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

**Answer c) YES Bank.** YES Bank, the fifth largest private sector bank, announced a partnership with Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation (GSRTC) to digitise payment of bus tickets for its customers. For this the bank will install over 125 points of sale (PoS) terminals to facilitate booking through credit and debit cards at all GSRTC bus depots.

176. Indian navy's seventh vessel in the series of eight LCU Ships being designed and built by \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Hindustan Shipyard Limited      b) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd  
c) Mazagon Dock Limited      d) Cochin Shipyard Limited

**Answer b) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd.** The seventh ship of LCU MK IV project is launched on 24 November 2016 at an impressive ceremony at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd, Kolkata. The chief guest, Dr Subhash Ramarao Bhamre, Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri along with Vice Admiral DM Deshpande AVSM, VSM, Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition (CWP&A), Chairman & Managing Director GRSE and various other dignitaries were present for the launch ceremony.

177. The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is observed on?

- a) November 23      b) November 24      c) November 25      d) November 26

**Answer c) November 25.** Each year on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is commemorated. A commemoration in essence is an opportunity to reflect on the challenges, prove that progress can be made and celebrate victories. It is also a reminder of the obligations and the responsibility we all must own at both the private and the public level to ensure that every woman, every girl, in all corners of the world lives in a world free of violence and fear.

178. Which city has been named the world's most inspiring city, in a survey by travel company TravelBird?

- a) Washington      b) Beijing      c) Mumbai      d) Miami

**Answer d) Miami.** Miami has been named the world's most inspiring city, in a survey by travel company TravelBird. It has been followed by Bruges and San Francisco. TravelBird ranked a total of 85 cities, placing Jodhpur at 76th and Mumbai at 83rd place. The cities were ranked based on the number of performing arts companies, art schools, galleries and museums present there.

179. More than 50,000 dancers set a new world record on for the largest number of people to simultaneously line dance across different locations in \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer c) China.** More than 50,000 Chinese dancers set a new world record on for the largest number of people to simultaneously line dance across different locations. The mass line dance known as square dancing in China was performed by 50,085 across 14 Chinese cities including Nanjing, Shanghai and Chengdu. The main event was held in Beijing but the huge Guinness World Records attempt covered a total of 12 cities across the country. The previous record was set by 31,697 line dancers across six Chinese cities on May 21, 2016.

180. **Who has been appointed as Director of Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) at Mussoorie, the first woman to be named for the post?**

- a) Padamvir Singh      b) Upma Chowdhary      c) Rajeev Kapoor      d) Binod Kumar

**Answer b) Upma Chowdhary.** Upma Chowdhary, a 1983 batch IAS officer of Himachal cadre, has been appointed Director of Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) at Mussoorie, the first woman to be named for the post. The post has been upgraded to Secretary rank and Chowdhary would be the 23rd director and first woman director of the prestigious academy, imparting training to officers of civil services. She will replace Rajeev Kapoor.

181. **Union cabinet approved the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2016 for introducing it in the Parliament. The Merchant Shipping Bill, 2016 is a revamped version of the \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Merchant Shipping Act, 1963      b) Merchant Shipping Act, 1986  
c) Merchant Shipping Act, 1975      d) Merchant Shipping Act, 1958

**Answer d) Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.** The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2016 for introducing it in the Parliament. The Merchant Shipping Bill, 2016 is a revamped version of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958. The Bill provides for repealing of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 as well as for the repealing of the Coasting Vessels Act, 1838.

182. **Which country will bid to host the 2019 FIFA Under-20 World Cup?**

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

**Answer d) India.** India will bid to host the 2019 FIFA Under-20 World Cup in the coming months as part of its endeavour to develop the game in the country, All India Football Federation President Praful Patel said Patel was confident that winning the bid to host the 2017 Fifa Under-17 World Cup would go a long way to help India gain the opportunity.

183. **K. Subaash who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Movie Director      b) Story Writer      c) Both a and b      d) Actor

**Answer c) Both a and b.** Tamil filmmaker K. Subaash, the story writer of Shah Rukh Khan's biggest grosser 'Chennai Express', passed away at the SRM Hospital in Chennai. "He was suffering from kidney failure and was on dialysis for the last few years.

184. **Which state sports department has renamed the state-level Chief Minister's Trophy for men's and women's football and volleyball after martyred jawan Hangpan Dada?**

- a) Tamil Nadu      b) Jammu and Kashmir      c) Punjab      d) Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer d) Arunachal Pradesh.** Arunachal Pradesh's sports department has renamed the state-level Chief Minister's Trophy for men's and women's football and volleyball after

martyred jawan Hangpan Dada. Dada died in Kupwara on May 27 this year after killing three terrorists. Chief Minister Pema Khandu had proposed renaming the trophy after the martyr, with the decision being ratified.

185. The central bank of \_\_\_\_\_ banned the use and exchange of India's new ₹500 and ₹2,000 notes

- a) Bahrain      b) Nepal      c) Cuba      d) Iraq

**Answer b) Nepal.** The central bank of Nepal banned the use and exchange of India's new ₹500 and

₹2,000 notes. The new notes are "illegal" and cannot be exchanged until the RBI issues a notification under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, the bank said. Notably, Indian currency is widely accepted in Nepal, where people have been facing problems exchanging old notes.

186. The 24th edition of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit held at \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Lima, Peru      b) Santiago, Chile      c) Beijing, China      d) Jakarta, Indonesia

**Answer a) Lima, Peru.** Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, The 24th edition of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit concluded on 20 November 2016 in Lima, Peru. The summit ended with adoption of the 2016 Leaders Declaration. The summit also closed with a joint pledge to work toward a new free trade agreement that would include all 21 members as a path to "sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth." The theme of the 24th APEC Summit was "Quality Growth and Human Development". The architecture of Caral, an ancient city of Peru, served as the inspiration for the official logo of the APEC summit.

187. The fifth edition of International Tourism Mart inaugurated in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Meghalaya      b) Sikkim      c) Bihar      d) Manipur

**Answer d) Manipur.** The 5th International Tourism Mart (ITM) was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Manipur Shri Okram Ibobi Singh in presence of Union Tourism Secretary Shri Vinod Zutshi in Imphal Manipur. The ITM is organized by the Union Ministry of Tourism in association with the North Eastern States and the state of West Bengal.

188. \_\_\_\_\_ became the first payments bank in the country to launch live banking services in Rajasthan

- a) Airtel      b) Tech Mahindra      c) Reliance Industries      d) FINO PayTech

**Answer a) Airtel.** Airtel has launched India's first live payments bank aimed at testing systems and processes ahead of a full-scale pan-Indian launch, Airtel Payments Bank has rolled out a pilot of its banking services in Rajasthan, a company statement said on Wednesday. Airtel Payments Bank is a subsidiary of Bharti Airtel.

189. Which institute has been ranked as the top institution in the country by QS Employability Ranking?

- a) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay      b) Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur  
c) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur      d) Indian Institute of Technology Madras

**Answer b) Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur.** IIT Kharagpur has been ranked as the top institution in the country by QS Employability Ranking, with IIT Bombay also figuring in the list of top 100 universities in the world. The IIT Kharagpur has been ranked in the range

of 71-80, the highest position among Indian institutions, out of 200 universities from across the world.

**190. Indian journalist \_\_\_\_\_ has been conferred with the International Press Freedom Award for her reporting from the Naxal-infested Bastar area**

- a) Anita Pratap    b) Amrita Cheema    c) Chitra Subramaniam    d) Malini Subramaniam

**Answer d) Malini Subramaniam.** Indian journalist Malini Subramaniam has been conferred with the International Press Freedom Award for her reporting from the Naxal-infested Bastar area, one of the four journalists felicitated by the annual award for their commitment to a free press. Jailed Egyptian photographer Abou Zeid, known as Shawkan, was given an award in absentia.

**191. Who has been named as US ambassador to the United Nations?**

- a) Bobby Jindal    b) Sarah Palin    c) Nikki Haley    d) Kelly Ayotte

**Answer c) Nikki Haley.** President-elect Donald Trump named South Carolina's Indian American governor Nikki Haley as the US ambassador to the United Nations, a high profile cabinet-rank position that will make her a leading face of the administration's foreign policy.

**192. The Indian Railways waived the service tax on e-tickets and i-tickets booked via IRCTC's online website from November 23 to \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) November 30    b) December 30    c) December 31    d) March 31

**Answer c) December 31.** The Indian Railways waived the service tax on e-tickets and i-tickets booked via IRCTC's online website from November 23 to December 31 this year. This comes as an attempt to promote cashless economy, reports said. Earlier, PM Modi had said that schemes like Jan Dhan Yojana, Aadhaar, and demonetisation are steps towards becoming a cashless, corruption-free economy.

**193. Mahindra & Mahindra opened its Rs 150 crore spare parts warehouse in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Jaipur    b) Agra    c) Mumbai    d) Delhi

**Answer a) Jaipur.** Mahindra & Mahindra opened its Rs 150 crore spare parts warehouse in Jaipur to cater to customers in north and north western regions of the country for both automotive and tractor spare parts. Spread on 11-acre plot with an additional 5 acres for future expansion, the warehouse aims to significantly reduce the order processing time for North India customers.

**194. The State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) Group has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as Chief Executive for its India operations**

- a) Philip Ah-Chuen    b) Chandradev Appadoo    c) Siby Sebastian    d) Rajakrishna Chellapermal

**Answer c) Siby Sebastian.** The State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) Group has appointed Siby Sebastian as Chief Executive for its India operations. The SBM Group operates four branches in Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and Ramachandrapuram. State Bank of Mauritius, is a bank in Mauritius. It is licensed as a commercial bank by the Bank of Mauritius, the national banking regulator.

**195. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu commissioned a 5 MW solar power plant in \_\_\_\_\_ district**

- a) East Godavari    b) Guntur    c) Visakhapatnam    d) West Godavari

**Answer d) West Godavari.** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu

commissioned a 5 MW solar power plant in Gollagudem village of the West Godavari district. The plant, set up at a cost of ₹37.58 crore, will produce 8.06 million units of power annually. Andhra Pradesh had also commissioned India's first solar park with a capacity of 250 MW in Ananthapuramu district.

**196. Which country launched a 712-km quantum communication line, stated to be the world's longest secure telecommunications network?**

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

**Answer c) China.** China launched a 712-km quantum communication line, stated to be the world's longest secure telecommunications network. Linking Hefei to Shanghai, the line is equipped with ultra-high security systems and is claimed to be hack-proof. It is part of a 2,000-km Beijing-Shanghai communication line, which will be connected to China's quantum satellite for space-to-Earth communication network.

**197. Infosys Science Foundation has announced the coveted Infosys Prize 2016, who won the prize in the Engineering and Computer Science category?**

- a) Anil Bharadwaj                      b) Gagandeep Kang                      c) V Kumaran                      d) Kaivan Munshi

**Answer c) V Kumaran.** Infosys Science Foundation has announced the coveted Infosys Prize 2016 and six achievers, including Professor V Kumaran of the department of chemical engineering at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, have emerged as winners. Kumaran won the prize in the Engineering and Computer Science category for making contributions in the field of cardiovascular and pulmonary health.

**198. Who has been elected as president of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) for 2017?**

- a) Pankaj Patel                      b) Vikram Lal                      c) Dilip Shanghvi                      d) Gautam Adani

**Answer a) Pankaj Patel.** Chairman and managing director of Cadila Healthcare Ltd, Pankaj Patel has been elected president of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) for 2017. Patel will take over from Harshvardhan Neotia, chairman of Ambuja Neotia Group, during the FICCI AGM to be held on 16 and 17 December in New Delhi. Established in 1927, FICCI, an association of business organizations, is regarded as one of the oldest and largest ones in the country.

**199. India has been ranked \_\_\_ on Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2017**

- a) 11<sup>th</sup>                      b) 20<sup>th</sup>                      c) 37<sup>th</sup>                      d) 55<sup>th</sup>

**Answer b) 20th.** India has been ranked 20th on Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2017, which underlined that countries like India are making "great efforts" in the fields of renewables and energy efficiency. The publication was issued by German watch and Climate Action Network Europe. With the historic Paris Agreement having recently entered into force, the latest CCPI confirms a boost for renewable energy and positive developments in energy efficiency.

**200. Who has been conferred with the first World Sanskrit Award?**

- a) Maha Chakri Sirindhorn                      b) Chulabhorn Walailak                      c) Ubolratana Rajakanya                      d) Bajrakitiyabha

**Answer a) Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.** Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Princess of Thailand, on 21 November 2016 was. She was honoured for her exemplary contribution for the promotion of Sanskrit language for the year 2015. On the other hand, American linguist and Indologist Professor George Cardona was also honoured with the award for the year

2016. Princess Sirindhorn and Professor Cardona were bestowed with the award by Vice President Hamid Ansari at a function held in New Delhi. The World Sanskrit Award was instituted by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

**201. Who won the ATP World Tour Tennis title 2016?**

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

**Answer b) Andy Murray.** Britain's Andy Murray clinched the ATP World Tour Finals title, after defeating Serbia's Novak Djokovic 6-3, 6-4 in the final in London on Sunday. With the win, Murray ended the 2016 season as the world number one. It was for the first time in the history of the 46- year-old tournament that the title match decided the year-end World number one.

**202. Who became the first brothers to hold the top ranks in singles and doubles in tennis simultaneously?**

- a) Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan      b) John McEnroe and Pat McEnroe  
c) Marko Djokovic and Novak Djokovic      d) Andy Murray and Jamie Murray

**Answer d) Andy Murray and Jamie Murray.** Andy and Jamie Murray became the first brothers to hold the top ranks in singles and doubles simultaneously. Andy ended as 2016's top-ranked player after his World Tour Finals' title, while Jamie and Bruno Soares ended as the year's top-ranked pair. Jamie was assured the top-rank following the year-end tournament's top-seeded pair Nicholas Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert's round-robin stage exit.

**203. India successfully test-fired its indigenously built nuclear capable Agni-I ballistic missile, which can hit a target \_\_\_\_\_ km away**

- a) 300      b) 500      c) 700      d) 100

**Answer c) 700.** India successfully test-fired its indigenously built nuclear capable Agni-I ballistic missile, which can hit a target 700 km away, as part of a user trial by Army from a test range off Odisha coast. The surface-to-surface missile, powered by solid propellants, was test-fired from a mobile launcher from launch pad-4 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Abdul Kalam Island (Wheeler Island).

**204. European Union has offered its best technical expertise to help \_\_\_\_\_ to combat deteriorating air quality**

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

**Answer a) India.** With Delhi and many other cities grappling with increasing pollution, the European Union has offered its best technical expertise to help India combat deteriorating air quality. Under the initiative, the EU will initially launch a project in three cities in January to help authorities come out with effective measures to reduce pollution. Many top European companies offering clean air solutions will be involved in the project.

**205. NASA successfully launched a weather satellite which named as \_\_\_\_\_ claimed to be the world's most advanced weather satellite, from Florida**

- a) DOES-R      b) GOES-R      c) JOES-R      d) WOES-R

**Answer b) GOES-R.** NASA successfully launched GOES-R, claimed to be the world's most advanced weather satellite, from Florida. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration teamed up with NASA to rocket the spacecraft, which is the first in a series of four high-tech

satellites initiative, valued at \$11 billion. GOES-R is missioned to provide faster and more accurate weather forecasts for the US.

206. **Renowned heart surgeon Denton Cooley, who performed the world's first artificial heart transplant passed away recently, He was from \_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) USA.** Renowned heart surgeon Denton Cooley, who performed the world's first artificial heart transplant in the United States, has passed away at the age of 96 in Houston, Texas. Cooley, who was the founder of Texas Heart Institute, pioneered many techniques still used in cardiovascular surgery.

207. **\_\_\_\_\_ has been awarded with the Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize for his book "Gita Press and the Making of Hindu India"**

- a) Vikram Chandra      b) Sudhir Chaudhary      c) Akshaya Mukul      d) Arun Shorie

**Answer c) Akshaya Mukul.** Senior journalist Akshaya Mukul has been awarded the Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize for his book "Gita Press and the Making of Hindu India". Judges and authors Samanth Subramanian, Mahesh Rao and Janice Pariat said they chose Mukul's book for its "eye-opening and

captivating exploration into a parallel literary culture that can often feel at a great remove from English-speaking metropolitan India.

208. **Who is the first woman captain of the Indian Merchant Navy will receive IMO award for exceptional bravery at sea?**

- a) Nirmala Menon      b) Radhika Menon      c) Laxmi Menon      d) Revathy Menon

**Answer b) Radhika Menon.** Captain Radhika Menon, Master of the oil products tanker Sampurna Swarajya, is to receive the 2016 International Maritime Organization Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea for her role in the dramatic rescue of seven fishermen from a sinking fishing boat in tumultuous seas in the Bay of Bengal in June last year. The International Maritime Organization – is the United Nations specialized agency with responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine pollution by ships.

209. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced plans to provide a house for every Indian to mark 75 years of independence in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) 2019                      b) 2020                      c) 2022                      d) 2030

**Answer c) 2022.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced plans to provide a house for every Indian to mark 75 years of independence in 2022. Addressing the Parivartan rally in Agra, PM Modi claimed that municipalities have become cash-rich after demonetisation. He also paid tribute to those killed in the Patna-Indore Express crash earlier in the day.

210. **Who has been honoured with an international peace prize for his efforts in ensuring world peace?**

- a) Baba Ramdev      b) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar      c) Jaggi Vasudev      d) Ramana Maharshi

**Answer b) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.** Spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar was honoured with an international peace prize for his efforts in ensuring world peace. The 'Dr Nagendra Singh

International Peace Award' was given to him by Home Minister Rajnath Singh. The award has been instituted in the memory of Dr Nagendra Singh, an Indian judge at International Court of Justice, The Hague.

211. **First exhibition of Arab modern art to take place in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Iraq            b) Egypt            c) Jordan            d) Iran

**Answer d) Iran.** Tehran's Museum of Contemporary Art is hosting an exhibition of modern Arab art, displaying about 80 pieces by prominent Arab artists and Iranians. This exhibition will mark the first time a show of Arab art from the modern period will take place in Iran. Titled 'The Sea Suspended', it will display art from the 1940s to the 1990s.

212. **Universal Children's Day is observed on?**

- a) November 19            b) November 20            c) November 21            d) November 22

**Answer b) November 20.** The United Nations has designated November 20 as Universal Children's Day to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide and improving children's welfare. United Nations Universal Children's Day was established in 1954 and is celebrated on November 20th each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

213. **\_\_\_\_\_ launched online exhibition on Iconic Indian Women**

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

**Answer c) Google.** Technology giant Google has through its cultural arm Google Arts & Culture, unveiled a virtual collection of artworks and exhibitions on the life of Indian women in history spanning 2,500 years and from 26 cultural institutions across the country. Women in India: Unheard Stories,' is a collection of over fifty virtual exhibitions with more than 1,800 artworks, photographs and videos, captures the stories of India's unsung heroines ranging from goddesses to leaders, artists and doctors.

214. **The world's first Bollywood Park opened in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Abu Dhabi            b) Sharjah            c) Masdar            d) Dubai

**Answer d) Dubai.** The world's first Bollywood Park has just been opened in Dubai. Visitors were greeted by performers dancing to thumping Bollywood music across the park with some atop a mock-up of a suburban Mumbai railway train and others outside the Rajmahal theatre, which will stage live musicals.

215. **Who has been conferred with the prestigious Mother Teresa International Award by the Mumbai-based NGO Harmony Foundation?**

- a) Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan    b) Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan  
c) Shaikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan        d) Shaikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan

**Answer c) Shaikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.** Shaikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, has been conferred the prestigious Mother Teresa International Award by the Mumbai-based NGO Harmony Foundation. Shaikh

Abdullah is being honoured for his work in establishing institutions that protect youth from being radicalised and indoctrination from terrorist groups and persons looking to propagate violence against innocent people.

216. **Who has been appointed as new Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)?**

- a) Jasti Chelameswar      b) Jagdish Singh Khehar      c) Dipak Misra      d) Madan Lokur

**Answer b) Jagdish Singh Khehar.** Government of India has appointed Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar, as the new Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). He succeeds Justice Anil R. Dave, who retired from the Supreme Court. Chief Justice of India Justice TS Thakur is the patron-in-chief of NALSA. Hon'ble Shri Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar, Judge, Supreme Court of India, as Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority, with effect from 19th November, 2016.

217. **The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as the Managing Director & CEO of Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd for a period of three years**

- a) Suresh N Patel      b) S. Mahalingam      c) Shyam Srinivasan      d) C V R Rajendran

**Answer d) C V R Rajendran.** The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of C V R Rajendran as the Managing Director & CEO of Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd for a period of three years. Rajendran is currently holding the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Mutual Funds in India. Prior to this he has held other key positions like Chairman and Managing Director of Andhra Bank and Executive Director at Bank of Maharashtra.

218. **Which country is set to host the 65th Miss Universe pageant in January?**

- a) Philippines      b) India      c) Germany      d) Sweden

**Answer a) Philippines.** The Philippines is set to host the 65th Miss Universe pageant in January. Miss Universe 2016's coronation night will be held in Manila, while the pre-pageant events will be held in several cities including Cebu and Davao. The Philippines, which became the first Asian country to host the pageant in 1974, is hosting the event for the third time.

219. **Which state is all set to host the 47th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?**

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

**Answer c) Goa.** Goa is all set to host the 47th International Film Festival of India (IFFI). Panaji is abuzz with activities, with the organizers busy in rendering the final touches to the event. Around 200 films from 88 countries will be screened in the festival which will conclude on the 28th of this month. Goa is successfully and regularly hosting IFFI from 2004.

220. **Who has been conferred this year's Sumitra Charat Ram Award for lifetime achievement in the field of Indian classical music?**

- a) Hari Prasad Chourasia      b) Rakesh Chaurasia      c) Shivkumar Sharma      d) Zakir Hussain

**Answer a) Hari Prasad Chourasia.** Noted flautist Pandit Hari Prasad Chourasia has been conferred this year's Sumitra Charat Ram Award for lifetime achievement in the field of Indian classical music. The Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan awardee has also worked as a music director for Indian films, besides collaborating with several international musicians.

221. **Who has been announced as the head coach of IPL side Mumbai Indians, replacing former Australian captain Ricky Ponting?**

- a) Sanath Jayasuriya      b) Kumar Sangakkara      c) Tillakaratne Dilshan      d) Mahela Jayawardene

**Answer d) Mahela Jayawardene.** Former Sri Lankan cricketer Mahela Jayawardene has been announced as the head coach of IPL side Mumbai Indians, replacing former Australian captain Ricky Ponting. The Australian took over the post in 2014 with the team winning the title in 2015 and finishing fifth this year. Jayawardene previously played for Kings XI Punjab and Delhi Daredevils in the IPL.

**222. World Toilet Day is observed on?**

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

**Answer c) November 19.** World Toilet Day is celebrated every year on November 19, and this year's main focus will be toilets and jobs. It will focus on how life and work environments get affected by sanitation. Popular British band Coldplay along with artists like Jay Z, Demi Lovato and Bollywood celebrities like Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan and many more will promote World Toilet Day at Global Citizen Festival in Mumbai. The theme in 2016: Toilets and jobs. This year's theme focuses on how sanitation, or the lack of it, can impact on livelihoods.

**223. Which telecom company has announced completion of the merger of its subsidiary Bangladesh telecom unit with Robi Axiata Limited?**

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

**Answer d) Airtel.** Telecom operator Bharti Airtel has announced completion of the merger of its subsidiary Bangladesh telecom unit with Robi Axiata Limited. Bharti Airtel said it has completed "merger of its subsidiary Airtel Bangladesh Limited with Robi Axiata Limited (RobiAxiata), a unit of Axiata Group Berhad". The merger was completed following the fulfilment of the condition precedents to the agreement and filing of the merger order with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms of Bangladesh Court.

**224. Which of the following countries unveiled their long-term plans to switch from polluting to clean energy sources?**

- a) US, India, Germany and Norway      b) US, China, Germany and Spain  
c) US, Canada, Germany and Mexico      d) US, India, Japan and Mexico

**Answer c) US, Canada, Germany and Mexico.** The US, Canada, Germany and Mexico unveiled their long-term plans to switch from polluting to clean energy sources at the UN climate talks. Germany displayed sector-by-sector scenarios pledging to remove up to 95% of its CO2 emissions, while the three North American countries jointly released their blueprints on Wednesday to drastically reduce carbon emissions by 2050.

**225. Which film won the best film award at the 22nd Kolkata International Film Festival?**

- a) Yesterday Once More      b) My Father's Wings      c) Another Time      d) I am Bonnie

**Answer c) Another Time.** Iranian midwife-turned-film-maker Nahid Hasanzadeh's "Another Time" went on to win the Best Film by a Woman Director with a cash prize of Rs 51 lakh at the 22nd Kolkata International Film Festival. Nahid was born in Mianeh in 1974. She qualified as a midwife from Tehran University in 1998 and went on to study film making at Tehran's Iranian Young Cinema Society.

**226. Who launched the National Student Startup Policy on the opening day of the second Visitor's Conference on November 16, 2016 at Rashtrapati Bhavan?**

- a) Narendra Modi      b) Pranab Mukherjee      c) Arun Jaitley      d) Manohar Parrikar

**Answer b) Pranab Mukherjee.** The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee launched the National Student Startup Policy on the opening day of the second Visitor's Conference on November 16, 2016 at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The National Student Startup Policy, formulated by AICTE, aims to create 100,000 technology based student start-ups and a million employment opportunities within the next 10 years.

**227. Which state government launched a new Scheme named as – “Har Ghar Bijli Yojana”?**  
a) Bihar                      b) Telangana                      c) Odisha                      d) Assam

**Answer a) Bihar.** Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has launched a new Scheme named as – “Har Ghar Bijli Yojana”. This scheme launched by Nitish Kumar is a part of Seven Nischya Scheme in Bihar. Nitish Kumar launched this scheme during a program in Bihar. Under this scheme in Current Financial year Electricity Connections will be provided to 20 million homes.

**228. Which country has surpassed rival Saudi Arabia to become India's top oil supplier in the month of October, according to shipping data?**

a) Iraq                      b) Iran                      c) Nigeria                      d) Venezuela

**Answer b) Iran.** Iran has surpassed rival Saudi Arabia to become India's top oil supplier in the month of October, according to shipping data. India's oil imports from Iran shot up this year after sanctions over its nuclear development programme, which limited exports, were lifted in January. The surge is also due to Iranian price discounts, which attracted purchases from India's programme.

**229. Which two companies won the Asia Corporate Excellence and Sustainability Awards (ACES)?**

a) TATA Consultancy Services and Ashok Leyland    d) Reliance Industries and Vedanta Limited  
b) TATA Consultancy Services and Videocon Industries    c) TATA Consultancy Services and Vedanta Ltd

**Answer c) TATA Consultancy Services and Vedanta Limited.** Two leading Indian companies have been awarded for their leadership in sustainability, corporate social responsibility, eco consciousness and community care at the third annual Asia Corporate Excellence and Sustainability Awards (ACES). TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) was named Industry Champions in the Leadership category. India's Vedanta Limited was named “Top Companies to Work for in Asia.”

**230. Who has been named as CEO of Times Global Partners?**

a) Archana Mishra                      b) Rishi Jaitly                      c) Puneet Kumar                      d) Amit Jaitly

**Answer b) Rishi Jaitly.** Times Internet, the digital arm of The Times of India group, appointed former Twitter Inc.'s India head Rishi Jaitly as the chief executive officer (CEO) of Times Global Partners, a group initiative that supports the launch and expansion of emerging global digital companies in India. Jaitly will replace Puneet Singhvi who was heading Times Global Partners till now as chief operating officer.

**231. Which country withdraws its signature from the treaty governing the International Criminal Court?**

a) South Africa                      b) Russia                      c) Japan                      d) Philippines

**Answer b) Russia.** President Vladimir Putin signed an executive order removing Russia's signature from the International Criminal Court's founding treaty, piling pressure on a court that is already reeling from withdrawals by some African countries. Moscow never ratified

the treaty, which it signed in 2000, meaning it never became a member subject to its jurisdiction. But the symbolic move coincided with the opening day of the general assembly of member states.

**232. Which state government signed a MoU with Microsoft Corporation India for helping the government explore cloud, machine learning and mobile-based solutions?**

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

**Answer c) Telangana.** Telangana government signed an MoU with Microsoft Corporation India for helping the government explore cloud, machine learning and mobile-based solutions to improve citizen services, education, healthcare and agriculture. "Telangana government believes that ICT is the key to building not only a stronger economy but also an efficient and effective governance system," officials said.

**233. The government has made quoting the PAN card mandatory on combined cash deposits exceeding till December 30**

- a) 50000      b) 100000      c) 200000      d) 250000

**Answer d) 250000.** The government has made quoting the PAN card mandatory on combined cash deposits exceeding ₹2.5 lakh till December 30. Until now, the limit for cash deposits without PAN was fixed at ₹50,000 per transaction. The move will help government to stop people who are depositing less than ₹50,000 in multiple batches to escape quoting the PAN card.

**234. The International Conference on Brucellosis 2016 and the 69th meeting of the International Society on Brucellosis was inaugurated in \_\_\_**

- a) Mumbai      b) Pune      c) Bangalore      d) New Delhi

**Answer d) New Delhi.** The Minister of State for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences Shri Y.S. Chowdary, has called for villagers to be trained to handle animal diseases like Brucellosis on a cooperative basis. The three day International Conference on Brucellosis, beginning is being organized by the Department of Biotechnology in collaboration with Indian Council for Agriculture Research.

**235. World Philosophy Day is observed on?**

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

**Answer a) November 17.** World Philosophy Day was proclaimed by UNESCO to be celebrated every 3rd Thursday of November. It was first celebrated on 21 November 2002. By celebrating World Philosophy Day each year, on the third Thursday of November, UNESCO underlines the enduring value of philosophy for the development of human thought, for each culture and for each individual.

**236. Which country may be the first to issue digital currency?**

- a) Japan      b) Switzerland      c) Sweden      d) China

**Answer c) Sweden.** Sweden aims to decide on whether to issue a digital currency called "ekrona" within two years. Cecilia Skingsley, deputy governor of Sweden's central bank Riksbank, told that the bank is considering the move after a dramatic drop in the usage of cash. The amount of notes and coins in circulation has fallen by 40% since 2009, with a rise in online shopping and card payments.

237. **National Press Day is observed on?**

- a) November 15    b) November 16    c) November 17    d) November 18

**Answer b) November 16.** National Press Day is observed on 16th November, is symbolic of a free and responsible press. It was on this day the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog to ensure that the press maintain high standards and is not fettered by any influence or threats.

238. **Who won the 2016 Chess Champions Showdown in St Louis, USA?**

- a) Vladimir Kramnik    b) Levon Aronian    c) Magnus Carlsen    d) Viswanathan Anand

**Answer d) Viswanathan Anand.** Indian chess Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand won the 2016 Champions Showdown in St Louis, USA. The tournament was played across five days, with two classical round robins, two rapid round robins and four blitz round robins, giving each competitor 24 matches in all. Anand won a total of seven matches and drew 16.

239. **Yu Xu woman pilot of a J-10 fighter jet has died in a flying accident; she was the first woman pilot of \_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) China.** China's first woman pilot of a J-10 fighter jet has died in a flying accident. Yu Xu, 30, who was born in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan, was a member of the August 1 aerobatics team of the People's Liberation Army Air Force. Yu was the first of four women who are certified to fly the J-10, a single-engine multi-role jet that entered service in 2004 and is considered the first Chinese domestic fighter to rival Western fighters in its capabilities.

193. **Actress \_\_\_\_\_ will be awarded the Icon of India award at the upcoming 11th Asiavision Movie Awards**

- a) Deepika Padukone    b) Sonam Kapoor    c) Sonakshi Sinha    d) Anushka Sharma
- Answer b) Sonam Kapoor.** Actress Sonam Kapoor will be awarded the Icon of India award at the upcoming 11th Asiavision Movie Awards. She will also receive the Best Actress Award for her performance in the film 'Neerja'. Actress Radhika Apte will be awarded for her performances in the films 'Parched', 'Phobia' and 'Kabali'. The award ceremony will take place on November 18 in UAE.

240. **Africa's first fully functioning cycle-share scheme has been launched in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Morocco    b) Mauritius    c) Tanzania    d) Ethiopia

**Answer a) Morocco.** Africa's first fully functioning cycle-share scheme has been launched in Marrakech, Morocco to curb urban congestion and boost sustainable transport. The idea, initiated by French bike company Smoove, further seeks to revive Marrakech's biking culture. About 300 cycles named 'Medina bikes' after the city's ancient centre, will help transport cyclists between 10 hubs.

241. **Which state government launched a programme to provide free electricity connection to about 50 lakh households above the poverty line?**

- a) Kerala    b) Bihar    c) Sikkim    d) Maharashtra

**Answer b) Bihar.** Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched a programme to provide free

electricity connection to about 50 lakh households above the poverty line. The "Har Ghar Bijli Lagataar" programme, which aims to supply power to every household in the state in the next two years, is a part of the CM's "seven resolves" during the Assembly polls.

**242. The International Day for Tolerance is observed on?**

- a) November 14                      b) November 15                      c) November 16                      d) November 17

**Answer c) November 16.** The International Day for Tolerance is observed on 16 November an annual observance declared by UNESCO in 1995 to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance. Every year various conferences and festivals are organized in the occasion of International Day for Tolerance. Among them, "Universal Tolerance Cartoon Festival" in Drammen, Norway which organized an International Cartoon Festival in 2013

**243. How many countries have become signatories to the framework agreement of the International Solar Alliance?**

- a) 10                      b) 20                      c) 30                      d) 40

**Answer b) 20.** Over 20 countries, including Brazil and France, have become signatories to the framework agreement of the International Solar Alliance — an initiative that is the brainchild of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The framework agreement of International Solar Alliance (ISA) was opened for signatures on the sidelines of CoP22 with Environment Minister Anil Madhav Dave saying that with this legal framework in place, the ISA will be a major international body headquartered in India.

**244. The union government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$500 million loan agreement to build a 9.8-km River Bridge in \_\_**

- a) Haryana                      b) Rajasthan                      c) Gujarat                      d) Bihar

**Answer d) Bihar.** The union government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$500 million loan agreement to build a 9.8-km River Bridge, the country's longest, across the river Ganga which would provide better connectivity between North and South Bihar and also Patna and its surrounding areas. The new Ganga bridge would serve as an alternative to the existing one and be linked to the National Highway network. The project will include building of embankments, viaducts and toll facilities.

**245. The second T20 Cricket World Cup for the Blind will be held across eight different cities in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) England                      b) India                      c) New Zealand                      d) South Africa

**Answer b) India.** The second T20 Cricket World Cup for the Blind will be held across eight different cities in India from January 30, 2017. The tournament will be played among nine teams including Pakistan. The opening match will be between India and the West Indies on January 30 in Delhi with the final scheduled for February 11 in Bengaluru.

**246. Indian golfer \_\_\_\_\_ clinched the \$1 million (6.8 crore) Resorts World Manila Masters in the Philippines**

- a) Jyoti Randhawa                      b) Jeev Milkha Singh                      c) Anirban Lahiri                      d) SSP Chawrasia

**Answer d) SSP Chawrasia.** Indian golfer SSP Chawrasia clinched the \$1 million (6.8 crore) Resorts World Manila Masters in the Philippines, his first ever Asian Tour title outside India. Chawrasia beat Malaysian Nicolas Fung and American Sam Chen on the final day of the tournament. It was the 38-year-old's fourth Asian Tour wins overall.

**247. Which city has been termed as the country's breast cancer capital, with cases at a record high of 40 per lakh of population?**

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

**Answer c) Thiruvananthapuram.** Thiruvananthapuram has been termed as the country's breast cancer capital, with cases at a record high of 40 per lakh of population. Nine lakh women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year and it is the second most common malignancy next to cervical cancer. The revelation was made during the Kerala Chapter of Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA) Conference here last week. It noted that 50 per cent of breast cancer is occurring in the age group of under 50 years.

**248. The 2016 World Internet Conference held at \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer c) China.** The 2016 World Internet Conference kicked off in the eastern Chinese town of Wuzhen. The three-day event is expected to be attended by delegates from more than 120 countries, including 8 top foreign leaders. In the meantime, business leaders from well-established Chinese internet companies such as Baidu, Tencent, and Lenovo, will also be present. Delegates will be discussing the creation of an online community of shared destiny which features innovation. The China-sponsored event is the third one of its kind following two previous conferences in 2014 and 2015.

**249. The book titled 'The Legend of Lakshmi Prasad' written by?**

- a) Preeti Shenoy      b) Meena Kandasamy      c) Anita Nair      d) Twinkle Khanna

**Answer d) Twinkle Khanna.** Actor-turned-author Twinkle Khanna launched her second book titled 'The Legend of Lakshmi Prasad'. Celebrities including her husband Akshay Kumar, mother Dimple Kapadia, Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt and Karan Johar were present at the book-launch event. Twinkle's first book was 'Mrs Funnybones: She's Just Like You and a Lot Like Me', which was published in 2015.

**250. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has for the first time deployed a team of women commandos for anti-Maoist operations in \_\_\_\_**

- a) Chhattisgarh      b) Jharkhand      c) Odisha      d) Maharashtra

**Answer b) Jharkhand.** The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has for the first time deployed a team of women commandos for anti-Maoist operations in Jharkhand. "The women are brave and currently undertaking first-hand experience of anti-Naxal operation in forests outside Ranchi," said a CRPF official. "It was felt that to tackle women Naxals, there should be women commandos," said DIG CRPF.

**251. The Central government has decided that it will present the Union Budget for 2017-18 on \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) February 27      b) February 28      c) March 01      d) February 01

**Answer d) February 01.** The government has decided that it will present the Union Budget for 2017-18 on February 1 and the budget session may begin in January, reports stated. The government had issued the customary budget circular in September. Notably, the Centre earlier approved scrapping of the 92-year old practice of presenting a separate Railway Budget and merged it with the Union Budget.

**252. President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the India International Trade Fair \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Ahmadabad      b) Hyderabad      c) Bangalore      d) New Delhi

**Answer d) New Delhi.** President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the India International Trade Fair in Delhi which will see participation of over 150 companies from 27 countries. This year's edition of the mega trade fair with Digital India theme is being held between November 14 and 27. The inauguration ceremony "digital technologies, e-commerce, e-enabled and mobile services are major components of e-governance and will over the time contribute significantly to GDP growth.

**253. Which bank got approval from RBI to open a representative office of the Bank in Manama, Bahrain and also to open a branch in DIFC, Dubai, and UAE?**

- a) Axis Bank      b) City Union Bank      c) Federal Bank      d) HDFC Bank

**Answer c) Federal Bank.** Kerala based, Federal Bank announced that RBI has given its approval vide letter dated 08 November 2016 to open a representative office of the Bank in Manama, Bahrain and also to open a branch in DIFC, Dubai, UAE. The permission is subject to other approvals from the host regulator, Dubai Financial Services Authority. The proposed branch at Dubai will help the Bank serve its Non-Resident clientele better.

**254. The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum's Week started at \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Lima, Peru      b) Beijing, China      c) Ottawa, Canada      d) Moscow, Russia

**Answer a) Lima, Peru.** The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum's Week started at Lima in Peru on November 14 bringing together leaders of world's largest economies, businessmen and investors. A creation of Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific, which would include all APEC states, is one of the main topics on the agenda of the 2016 APEC Summit that is widely seen as the premier business event drawing together business and economic leaders of 21 Pacific Rim countries.

**255. The Central government will reintroduce compulsory class X board examination for CBSE schools from the 2017-18 academic year, who is the present Union Education Minister?**

- a) Smriti Irani      b) Prakash Javadekar      c) Piyush Goyal      d) Ravi Shankar Prasad

**Answer b) Prakash Javadekar.** The government will reintroduce compulsory class X board examination for CBSE schools from the 2017-18 academic year, Education Minister Prakash Javadekar. State governments will be allowed to reintroduce Class 5 and Class 8 board examinations, a proposal for which will be tabled in the Cabinet and then in the Parliament, headed.

**256. Which country will host the 2018 Invictus Games for wounded military personnel?**

- a) India      b) China      c) South Africa      d) Australia

**Answer d) Australia.** Australia will host the 2018 Invictus Games for wounded military personnel, Britain's Prince Harry announced on November 12. More than 500 serving and former personnel from 17 nations will compete in the multi-sports competition in Sydney. Australia was chosen because it was an iconic city with a proud military heritage and sports-mad fans.

**257. Who is the first Indian golfer to win a Ladies European Tour Event?**

- a) Kishi Sinha      b) Gauri Monga      c) Aditi Ashok      d) Vani Kapoor

**Answer c) Aditi Ashok.** Indian teenager Aditi Ashok capped a brilliant show to clinch the

Indian Open title, becoming the first woman from the country to claim a European Tour event. The 18-year-old shot an even par-72 in the final round to win the title. Carrying a two-stroke overnight lead, Ashok took her total score to three-under 213, one stroke clear of Brittany Lincicome of the US and Spaniard Belen Mozo who finished tied second.

**258. India and \_\_\_\_\_ signed a bilateral civilian nuclear cooperation agreement seen as crucial for energy-starved India to access sensitive technologies to generate clean electricity**

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

**Answer c) Japan.** India and Japan signed a bilateral civilian nuclear cooperation agreement seen as crucial for energy-starved India to access sensitive technologies to generate clean electricity. The pact is a major achievement for India as it is Japan's first civilian nuclear cooperation pact with a country that has not signed the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

**259. Which city topped the World's Best City Brands list, as per Resonance Consultancy's 2017 global Place Equity Index?**

- a) London                      b) Mumbai                      c) Singapore                      d) Paris

**Answer a) London.** London topped the World's Best City Brands list, as per Resonance Consultancy's 2017 global Place Equity Index. Singapore, New York, Paris, and Sydney completed the top five spots in the ranking. The report evaluated global principal cities on various categories like- Place, Product, Programming, People, Prosperity and Promotion. The list was recently released at the World Travel Market in London.

**260. The Reserve Bank of India directed all banks to not levy ATM charges for all financial and non- financial transactions by customers till \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) March 31                      b) January 31                      c) November 30                      d) December 30

**Answer d) December 30.** The Reserve Bank of India directed all banks to not levy ATM charges for all financial and non-financial transactions by customers. The RBI's directive is applicable to ATM usage at all banks irrespective of whichever bank the customer has an account in. The waiver will be applicable from November 10, 2016, to December 30, 2016, subject to review.

**261. Indian men's hockey captain \_\_\_\_\_ has been named as one of the candidates for 2016 Goalkeeper of the Year award**

- a) Manpreet Singh                      b) Sardara Singh                      c) P.R. Sreejesh                      d) Rupinder Pal Singh

**Answer c) P.R. Sreejesh.** Indian men's hockey captain P.R. Sreejesh has been named as one of the candidates for 2016 Goalkeeper of the Year award of the FIH while Harmanpreet Singh made the grade as one of the 2016 Rising Women Star of the Year nominees. The nominees for the 2016 Hockey Stars Awards, the annual prizes recognising the best players, goalkeepers, rising stars, coaches and umpires in a given calendar year were announced during the Hockey Revolution Part 2 Conference of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) which is currently taking place.

**262. \_\_\_\_\_ is set to host the paragliding world cup at Bir Billing area of Kangra district in October**

- a) Punjab                      b) Madhya Pradesh                      c) Maharashtra                      d) Himachal Pradesh

**Answer d) Himachal Pradesh.** Himachal Pradesh is set to host the paragliding world cup at

Bir Billing area of Kangra district in October. This was for the first time that world cup is being organised in India. Nine days event would give boost to the sports and tourism activities in the state and the international participants, pilots and other visitors would also be able to witness the majestic beauty of Kangra valley.

**263. Foundation stone for world's highest skywalk laid in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Telangana                      b) Bihar                      c) Sikkim                      d) Haryana

**Answer c) Sikkim.** Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Chamling recently laid the foundation stone of a ropeway and support facilities for the Bhaleydhunga Skywalk Project at Dhapper in Yangang, which once completed, will be the world's highest skywalk. The Bhaleydhunga Skywalk will be built at a height of 10,300 feet with world class infrastructure and will be the second of its kind in Asia and the first in India.

**264. Who has received the Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award 2016?**

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

**Answer c) Roger Federer.** The 2016 ATP World Tour Awards were announced and Juan Martin Del Potro and Roger Federer were among those who were honoured. Del Potro was named the Comeback Player of the Year and Federer received the Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award. Both awards were decided by a player vote.

**265. Leonard Cohen who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Actor                      b) Singer                      c) Song Writer                      d) Both b and c

**Answer d) Both b and c.** Leonard Cohen, the baritone-voiced Canadian singer-songwriter who seamlessly blended spirituality in hits like "Hallelujah," "Suzanne" and "Bird on a Wire," has died at the age of 82. Cohen, also renowned as a poet, novelist and aspiring Zen monk, blended folk music with a darker, sexual edge that won him fans around the world and among fellow musicians like Bob Dylan and R.E.M.

**266. Which country has decided to eliminate all the traditional subjects from its schools including literature, physics, history, and math by 2020, to become the world's first country to do so?**

- a) India                      b) USA                      c) Finland                      d) Spain

**Answer c) Finland.** Finland has decided to eliminate all the traditional subjects from its schools including literature, physics, history, and math by 2020, to become the world's first country to do so. Finnish students will be taught events and phenomena by the schools instead of the subjects. The new schooling system will be introduced for senior students, beginning at the age of 16.

**267. Who has been named by Fortune magazine as the 'Business Person of the Year' for 2016?**

- a) Larry Page                      b) Mark Zuckerberg                      c) Steve Jobs                      d) Bill Gates

**Answer b) Mark Zuckerberg.** Facebook Co-founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg has been named by Fortune magazine as the 'Business Person of the Year' for 2016. According to Fortune, the 32-year-old's "ability to look into the future, his otherworldly consistency and business discipline" make him an effective businessperson. Zuckerberg is currently the world's fifth richest person, with an estimated net worth of \$50.9 billion.

**268. World Pneumonia Day is observed on?**

- a) November 11                      b) November 12                      c) November 13                      d) November 14

**Answer b) November 12.** World Pneumonia Day is observed across the world on 12 November. The day is annually observed to raise awareness about pneumonia, the world's leading killer of children under the age of five; promote interventions to protect against, prevent and treat pneumonia; and generate action to combat pneumonia. This year theme is, "Keep the Promise, Stop Pneumonia Now". The United Nations (UN) first celebrated the day on November 12, 2009 when over 100 organisations joined to form the Global Coalition against Child Pneumonia.

**269. Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed on?**

- a) November 09                      b) November 10                      c) November 11                      d) November 12

**Answer d) November 12.** Public Service Broadcasting Day which is celebrated every year on November 12, When Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi visited the studio of All India Radio, Delhi for the first and the last time in 1947. He addressed the displaced people who had temporarily settled at Kurukshetra in Haryana after partition. A function has been organised in the premises of All India Radio, Delhi to mark the day.

**270. World Kindness Day is observed on?**

- a) November 13                      b) November 14                      c) November 15                      d) November 16

**Answer a) November 13.** World Kindness Day is an international observance on 13 November. It was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement a coalition of nation's kindness NGOs. It is observed in many countries, including Canada, Japan, Australia, Nigeria and United Arab Emirates. In 2009, Singapore observed the day for the first time. Italy and India also observed the day. In the UK it is fronted by David Jamilly co-founded Kindness Day UK.

**271. The India-China Joint Training Exercise "Hand in Hand 2016" is scheduled to be held in \_\_\_\_\_ from November 15-27**

- a) Hangzhou, China                      b) Jaipur, India                      c) Wuhan, China                      d) Pune, India

**Answer d) Pune, India.** The India-China Joint Training Exercise "Hand in Hand 2016" will be held in Pune from November 15 to 27. The exercise is in continuation of the series of joint exercises between India and China. This will be the sixth joint training exercise between the Indian Army and the People's Liberation Army of China and is held annually, alternately, in India and China.

**272. Union health minister J.P. Nadda launched mobile app which named as \_\_\_\_\_ to help- manage stress**

- a) no more stress    b) no more tension    c) no more work tension    d) no more tension and stress
- Answer b) no more tension.** Union health minister J.P. Nadda launched "no more tension" mobile app to help- manage stress. The app, according to the health minister, will help users manage stress by providing appropriate information, symptoms and its management on stress.

**273. Indian Navy Sailing Vessel Mhadei with an all-women crew was flagged off from Goa, India to \_\_\_\_\_**

a) Cape Town, South Africa b) Beijing, China c) Tokyo, Japan d) Colombo, Sri Lanka  
**Answer a) Cape Town, South Africa.** Indian Navy Sailing Vessel Mhadei with an all-women crew was flagged off from Goa to Cape Town, South Africa by Rear Admiral Monty Khanna, Commandant Naval War College on 09 Nov 16 in a ceremony held at the Boat Pool of INS Mandovi, Goa. The vessel, is scheduled to reach Cape Town on 15 Dec 16. The Boat would then participate in the "Cape to Rio Race" (Cape Town to Rio de Janeiro) which will start from Cape Town on 26 Dec 16.

**274. The regional news Unit of Radio Kashmir Jammu on 10 November 2016 started morning news bulletin in \_\_\_ language**

- a) Kangri b) Gojri c) Banjari d) Dogri

**Answer b) Gojri .** The regional news Unit of Radio Kashmir Jammu on 10 November 2016 started morning news bulletin in Gojri language. The five minutes Gojri news bulletin will be aired at 10:15am daily from the transmitters of Radio Kashmir Jammu. Gojri is one of the most widely spoken languages of the state and over 20 percent chunk of the population in the state consists of Gojri speaking people.

**275. India's women's carrom team won \_\_\_\_\_ at the 7th World Carrom Championship in UK**

- a) Gold b) Silver c) Bronze d) None of these

**Answer a) Gold.** India's women's carrom team defeated Sri Lanka to win the gold at the 7th World Carrom Championship in UK. India's S Apoorwa and Kajol Kumari also won gold in the women's doubles event. Meanwhile, the men's team lost to Sri Lanka to win the silver medal in the competition.

**276. A former child soldier from \_\_\_\_\_ has received one of Australia's highest civic awards, the 2017 New South Wales Australian of the Year**

- a) Somalia b) Sudan c) Kenya d) Liberia

**Answer b) Sudan .** A former child soldier has received one of Australia's highest civic awards, the 2017 New South Wales Australian of the Year. Deng Adut has been recognized for helping to combat discrimination and assisting juvenile offenders. The 33-year-old former refugee is a successful criminal lawyer who helps Sudanese migrants. And he is now a contender for a prestigious national award.

**277. \_\_\_\_\_ has won the prestigious 2016 Golden Peacock Award for Corporate Governance**

- a) SAIL b) GAIL c) BSNL d) ONGC

**Answer a) SAIL.** The prestigious Golden Peacock Award for Corporate Governance for this year has been conferred upon the 'Maharatna' firm, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). Set up by the Institute of Directors, India, the award was received by Ashwini Kumar, CEO of Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) on behalf of SAIL during the 16th London Global Convention on Corporate Governance and Sustainability held in London recently.

**278. India is ranked \_\_\_\_\_ among 205 countries with the largest pictorial warning on tobacco products, according to reports**

- a) Seventh b) Tenth c) Third d) Fifth

**Answer c) Third.** India is ranked third among 205 countries with the largest pictorial warning on tobacco products, according to reports released. India moved to the third rank from its earlier rankings of 123 in 2012 and 136 in 2014 after making 85% pictorial

warning on tobacco packs mandatory. Nepal is ranked first with warnings on 90% of the tobacco packs.

**279. Which State cabinet has approved "Mukhya Mantri Shikshak Samman Yojana," which provides a one-year extension in service and cash incentive to teachers who would give 100% results consistently for five years?**

- a) Himachal Pradesh      b) Madya Pradesh      c) Uttar Pradesh      d) Haryana

**Answer a) Himachal Pradesh.** The Himachal Pradesh Cabinet has approved "Mukhya Mantri Shikshak Samman Yojana," which provides a one-year extension in service and cash incentive to

teachers who would give 100% results consistently for five years. The scheme would be applicable to trained graduate teachers, post-graduate teachers, headmasters, and principals. The scheme is aimed at motivating the teachers.

**280. India's first driving school for the differently-abled, 'Ability on Wheels' was set up in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) Ahmedabad.** India's first driving school for the differently-abled, 'Ability on Wheels' was set up in Ahmedabad, Gujarat by Harish Kumar, who was born without the right limb below the elbow joint. With 150 people enrolled currently, the school teaches the disabled to drive, assists them in obtaining a learner's licence, and even helps them buy modified cars.

**281. The 4th Young Scientists Meet (YSM), organized by the Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Maharashtra      b) Gujarat      c) New Delhi      d) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer c) New Delhi.** The 4th Young Scientists Meet (YSM), organized by the Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), New Delhi along with other Delhi based laboratories of the DRDO, commenced. DRDO provides a platform to its young scientists in the form of YSM to interact, network, discuss and share their scientific ideas that help them unleash their creative and innovative potential.

**282. Union HRD Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the world's largest digital national building initiative \_\_\_\_\_ by handing over a torch to technology students**

- a) Our India Hackathon 2017      b) Smart India Hackathon 2017  
c) Tech India Hackathon 2017      d) Wealth India Hackathon 2017

**Answer b) Smart India Hackathon 2017.** Union HRD Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the world's largest digital national building initiative "Smart India Hackathon 2017" by handing over a torch to technology students. The students will be required to solve during the Hackathon that will take place in early 2017. The Hackathon will have nearly 500 problem statements in all which will be published on innovate.mygov.in.

**283. Which bank became the first bank in India to deploy robots in its branches?**

- a) City Union Bank      b) HDFC Bank      c) Axis Bank      d) ICICI Bank

**Answer a) City Union Bank.** City Union Bank (CUB) plans to deploy robots in its branches,

becoming the first bank in the country to do so. Japan's Soft Bank was the first to use a robot in banking operations. CUB's Managing Director & CEO N Kamakodi said that the 'CUB-Lakshmi' humanoid is a pilot project to be deployed in the bank's T Nagar branch in Chennai.

**284. Which state government has announced that sports schools will be opened in every district of the state to hone and prepare young talents for major sports events?**

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

**Answer b) Punjab.** Punjab Deputy Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badal has announced that sports schools will be opened in every district of the state to hone and prepare young talents for major sports events. Sports schools will be opened in all districts of the state. Presently, two sports schools are operational in Bathinda and Jalandhar.

**285. A three-day international event of 'Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet (GRAM)' for farmers began in \_\_\_\_**

- a) Jaipur                      b) Udaipur                      c) Jodhpur                      d) Bharatpur

**Answer a) Jaipur.** A three-day international event of 'Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet (GRAM)' for farmers will begin in Jaipur on November 9 which will showcase best global practices and technologies suitable for farmers. Rajasthan Governor Kalyan Singh will inaugurate the event, a platform for farmers, investors, manufacturers and the academicians and researchers.

**286. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has announced launch of \_\_\_\_\_ to scale up an ecosystem of entrepreneurship for youngsters**

- a) Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana                      b) Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana  
c) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana                      d) Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana

**Answer b) Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana.** The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has announced launch of Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana to scale up an ecosystem of entrepreneurship for youngsters. The scheme spans over five years (2016-17 to 2020-21) with a project cost of Rs 499.94 crore and will provide entrepreneurship education and training to over 7 lakh students in 5 years through 3,050 institutes.

**287. Who has been named for this year's Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Indian literary space?**

- a) Vikram Seth                      b) Anita Desai                      c) Amitav Ghosh                      d) Kiran Desai

**Answer c) Amitav Ghosh.** Indian-American fiction author Amitav Ghosh has been named for this year's Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of his outstanding

contribution to the Indian literary space. The award will be presented to him at the upcoming four- day Tata Literature Live! annual awards ceremony scheduled for November 20 in Mumbai.

**288. Who won one of the world's top press awards for reporting from some of the most perilous zones in his country's five-year-old war?**

- a) Hadi Abdullah                      b) Al Mahmud                      c) Jalaluddin Umri                      d) Shah Ahmad Shafi

**Answer a) Hadi Abdullah.** Syrian freelance journalist Hadi Abdullah won one of the world's top press awards for reporting from some of the most perilous zones in his country's five-year-old war. Reporters without Borders (RSF) said it was awarding the 29-year-old Syrian

the RSF-TV5 Mondeprize, the second year running that the honour has gone to a Syrian.

**289. Tata Sons has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as the chairman of the TCS Company**

- a) N Chandrasekaran    b) Ratan Tata    c) Ishaat Hussain    d) Rajendra Singh Pawar

**Answer c) Ishaat Hussain.** Tata Consultancy Services has said that Tata Sons has appointed Ishaat Hussain as the chairman of the company. Tata Sons has also issued a special notice to convene an extraordinary general meeting. The company has received a letter dated November 9, 2016 from Tata Sons Limited nominating Mr Ishaat Hussain as the Chairman of the board of directors of the company in place of Cyrus P. Mistry with immediate effect.

**290. Karnataka's chief minister Siddaramaiah asked British Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_ to relax visa rules for Indian technology professionals**

- a) Tony Blair    b) David Cameron    c) Gordon Brown    d) Theresa May

**Answer d) Theresa May.** Karnataka's chief minister Siddaramaiah asked British Prime Minister Theresa May to relax visa rules for Indian technology professionals saying that the UK can actually reduce migration while reaping economic benefits by allowing workers on short-term job visits. He also pointed that Bengaluru-headquartered firms such as Wipro, Infosys, Biocon, Microlabs and Dynamatic Technologies were generating jobs in the UK, contributing to the local economy.

**291. Billionaire-turned-politician Donald Trump was elected as President of the United States**

- a) 50<sup>th</sup>    b) 45<sup>th</sup>    c) 43<sup>rd</sup>    d) 40<sup>th</sup>

**Answer b) 45th.** Billionaire-turned-politician Donald Trump was elected as the 45th President of the United States. The Republican party candidate secured the support of 276 of the 538 members of the electoral college, beating Democratic party rival Hillary Clinton. President-elect Trump will formally take charge of the Oval Office on January 20, 2017, dubbed as the 'Inauguration Day'.

**292. India currently holds the number one world rank in \_\_\_\_\_ sports**

- a) Two    b) Three    c) Four    d) Five

**Answer d) Five.** India currently holds the number one world rank in five sports. While the Indian cricket team is currently ranked first in Tests, the World Cup-winning kabaddi team also holds the top spot. Among the top-ranked individual players are Sania Mirza in tennis women's doubles, Rio Paralympics' gold medalist Mariyappan Thangavelu in high jump, and Siril Verma in junior men's badminton.

**293. \_\_\_\_\_ State government launched cycle scheme for poor students**

- a) Sikkim    b) Goa    c) Jammu and Kashmir    d) Haryana

**Answer c) Jammu and Kashmir.** After the 'Scooty' scheme for girls, Jammu and Kashmir government announced the launch of All Terrain Bike (ATB) programme for meritorious boys of lower economic strata. The state government has, on the initiative of Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, announced the launch of All Terrain Bike (ATB) scheme for meritorious boys on the pattern of Scooty Scheme for the girl students.

**294. Which state government issued a circular relaxing the ban on construction activity around defence lands in state?**

- a) Maharashtra    b) Uttar Pradesh    c) Assam    d) Rajasthan

**Answer a) Maharashtra.** Maharashtra government issued a circular relaxing the ban on construction activity around defence lands in state. "GoM issues a circular in accordance with the guidelines by Dy Dir (Lands), Ministry of Defence, for relaxing construction ban around defence lands. This circular has now reduced the restricted zone to just 10 metres from defence establishments and installations.

**295. World's first hydrogen-powered and zero-emission passenger train was unveiled in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer c) Germany.** World's first hydrogen-powered and zero-emission passenger train was unveiled in September 2016 in Germany. The Coradia iLint, developed by French rail company Alstom, only emits excess steam and condensed water into the atmosphere.

**296. Maharashtra Governor\_\_has amended the National Food Security Act for the Scheduled Areas of the state**

- a) C Vidyasagar Rao                      b) Vajubhai Vala                      c) Ram Naik                      d) Om Prakash Kohli

**Answer a) C Vidyasagar Rao.** Maharashtra Governor C Vidyasagar Rao has amended the National Food Security Act for the Scheduled Areas of the state to improve the nutrition status of children below six years, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. In a notification issued by the Governor, the word 'Take Home Ration' used in the act has now been replaced by the words 'Hot Cooked Meal'.

**297. After PM Modi declared the current ₹500, ₹1,000 notes invalid, he said citizens can surrender these at banks and post offices till \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) November 30                      b) December 30                      c) December 31                      d) March 31

**Answer b) December 30.** After PM Modi declared the current ₹500, ₹1,000 notes invalid, he said citizens can surrender these at banks and post offices till December 30. Those unable to deposit within 50 days can change them till March 31 by declaring it to the RBI with proof. The daily and weekly cash withdrawal limits have been set at ₹10,000 and ₹20,000 respectively.

**298. Girish Nikam who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Actor                      b) Journalist                      c) TV Anchor                      d) Both b and c

**Answer d) Both b and c.** Senior journalist and Rajya Sabha TV anchor Girish Nikam (59) passed away on after a severe heart attack. He started his journalistic career with English Daily Star of Mysore and had later shifted to Indian Express in Bengaluru. Nikam had worked in various media organisations including India Today, Deccan Chronicle, and News Today before joining Rajya Sabha TV.

**299. Which state government launched campaign "Lakshya Bhagirathi" to complete irrigation projects that could not be completed?**

- a) Maharashtra                      b) Chhattisgarh                      c) Punjab                      d) Goa

**Answer b) Chhattisgarh.** Chhattisgarh government has launched a campaign to complete the irrigation projects that could not be completed. Under the campaign called "Lakshya Bhagirathi", the water resources department had identified 108 projects that could not be completed. For the last three decades, the projects were pending for required clearances.

300. Union Environment Ministry constituted four-member team for conservation of Loktak Lake in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Manipur                      b) Sikkim                      c) Meghalaya                      d) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer a) Manipur.** The ministry of environment, forests and climate change is sending a four-member team to Loktak lake in Manipur to suggest steps to be initiated for declaring Loktak Lake a Unesco World Heritage Site. The team will be on a three-day visit to the lake from Monday and hold discussions with the state government, agencies concerned and other stakeholders.

301. India and \_\_\_\_\_ have signed two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) on increasing cooperation in intellectual property rights (IPRs) and ease of doing business

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

**Answer d) UK.** India and the UK have signed two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) on increasing cooperation in intellectual property rights (IPRs) and ease of doing business. Both the MoUs were exchanged in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his British counterpart Theresa May. The MoU on IPR was inked between the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) and the Intellectual Property Office of the United Kingdom (UKIPO).

302. Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) launched by the Union Government started in \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer b) New Delhi.** Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) launched by the Union Government. Under this scheme, free health check-ups to pregnant women at government health centres and hospitals will be provided. Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare J P Nadda announced the scheme in New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also addressed the program back in June 2016 during his monthly radio address Mann Ki Baat.

303. The Indian army has successfully completed its task of laying an irrigation pipeline in the Demchok region of \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Wagah                      b) Lakhpat                      c) Gorakhpur                      d) Ladakh

**Answer d) Ladakh.** The Indian army has successfully completed its task of laying an irrigation pipeline in the Demchok region of Eastern Ladakh. The project was being conducted under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to link the villages in the region with a hot spring. This is the first time since 2014 when the Chinese Army had come deep inside the Indian territory in Demchok in protest against an ongoing irrigation project.

304. Who is set to be the mascot of the "Incredible India" campaign with the Tourism Ministry?

- a) Narendra Modi                      b) Sachin Tendulkar                      c) Amitabh Bachchan                      d) Shahrukh Khan

**Answer a) Narendra Modi.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to be the mascot of the "Incredible India" campaign with the Tourism Ministry finally deciding to do away with plans to rope in any Bollywood stars, including Amitabh Bachchan, for the role which was lying vacant after the ouster of Aamir Khan earlier this year.

305. The Indian wushu team bagged \_\_\_\_\_ medals in the eighth Sanda World Cup held in China's Xi'an from November 4 to 6

- a) One                      b) Three                      c) Four                      d) Five

**Answer d) Five.** The Indian wushu team bagged five medals, including four silver and one bronze, in the eighth Sanda World Cup held in China's Xi'an from November 4 to 6. India was represented by five players at the event, which witnessed participation from 80 of the best Sanda players of 2015's World Wushu Championship.

**306. Who won the Barclay's ATP World Tour Masters men's doubles title 2016?**

- a) Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut    b) Henri Kontinen and John Peers  
c) Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan                      d) Marc López and Feliciano López

**Answer b) Henri Kontinen and John Peers.** Henri Kontinen and John Peers have won the Barclay's ATP World Tour Masters Doubles title at the BNP Paribas Masters in Paris. Kontinen and Peers defeated top-seeded Frenchmen Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut 6-4, 3-6, 10-6 to claim the title.

**307. Jayawantiben Mehta who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Actress                      b) Singer                      c) Politician                      d) Author

**Answer c) Politician.** Former Union Minister and BJP leader Jayawantiben Mehta passed away. Mehta was Minister of State in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee cabinet in 1999. She was the former minister of state for power. She rose in the BJP ranks to become a corporator, an MLA and later a Lok Sabha member, succeeding Murli Deora from the South Mumbai constituency.

**308. Politician Lalatendu Bidyadhar Mohapatra who passed away recently, he was three times elected as MLA from \_\_**

- a) Punjab                      b) Goa                      c) Odisha                      d) Assam

**Answer c) Odisha.** Odisha Congress suffered a major blow after its Congress strongman and three-time MLA Lalatendu Bidyadhar Mohapatra, 52, passed away last night at a hospital in Gurugram following a long bout of liver cirrhosis. A major road accident in 2010 had affected his liver adversely. Mohapatra was under treatment for quite some time and had to be admitted in ICU at Medanta Hospital in Gurugram last night. He had multiple-organ failure and suffered a stroke soon after.

**309. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is reportedly planning an online system to allocate examination centres to students within \_\_\_\_\_ km radius of their schools**

- a) 8 km                      b) 10 km                      c) 12 km                      d) 15 km

**Answer a) 8 km.** The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is reportedly planning an online system to allocate examination centres to students within an 8-km radius of their schools. The Board has asked all schools to provide details about their current infrastructure. "This would enable candidates to locate a centre on GIS maps in their mobile phones," said an official.

**310. Who has been appointed as Executive Director following G Mahalingam's taking voluntary retirement from the central bank?**

- a) Chandan Sinha                      b) M Rajeshwar Rao                      c) K. K. Vohra                      d) Meena Hemchandra

**Answer b) M Rajeshwar Rao.** The Reserve Bank has appointed M Rajeshwar Rao as Executive Director following G Mahalingam's taking voluntary retirement from the central bank. RBI said in a statement that as Executive Director, Rao will look after Department of Statistics and Information Management, Financial markets Operations Department and International Department. Prior to taking over as the Executive Director,

he was the Chief General Manager, Financial Markets Operations Department. He has previously held charge of the Risk Monitoring Department. He has also worked as the Banking Ombudsman, New Delhi.

**311. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the first International Agro bio-diversity Congress in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer a) New Delhi.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the first International Agro bio-diversity Congress in the national capital where 900 delegates from 60 countries will discuss conservation of genetic resources. The conference, to be held on November 6-9, is being organised by the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources and Biodiversity International, a CGIAR Research Centre headquartered in Rome, Italy.

**312. Government of India is hosting the Seventh Session of the Conference of Parties (COP7) to WHO FCTC during 7-12 November, 2016 in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer c) Uttar Pradesh.** Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India is hosting the Seventh Session of the Conference of Parties (COP7) to WHO FCTC during 7-12 November, 2016, at India Exposition Mart Ltd., Greater Noida, District Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. The Conference shall be inaugurated by Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare.

**313. Which state accounted for most tiger deaths in 2016?**

- a) Tamil Nadu                      b) Madhya Pradesh                      c) Himachal Pradesh                      d) Haryana

**Answer b) Madhya Pradesh.** In a shocking revelation, as many as 76 tiger deaths have been reported in the country from January to October this year. According to report, Madhya Pradesh is at the top of the list, accounting for nearly a third of all mortalities. Karnataka, which boasts the highest tiger population among states, is in second spot with 13 deaths. The national mortality figure is the highest since 2010.

**314. Which state government has allocated a budget of ₹12 crore to the Kurukshetra Development Board for the International Gita Mahotsav?**

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

**Answer c) Haryana.** The Haryana government announced that as part of its International Gita Mahotsav, the government is tying up with various organisations to holding aarti simultaneously across different countries. The aarti to be held at Brahm Sarovar in Kurukshetra on December 10 will be telecast live on Youtube. As per state officials, around 18,000 people will participate and chant 18 shlokas of Gita on the occasion.

**315. 'Lost' Chandrabhaga River found in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Rajasthan                      b) Odisha                      c) Bihar                      d) Punjab

**Answer b) Odisha.** India's northwest, scientists at the Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur (IIT- KgP) now claim they have found evidence of another "lost" Indian river Called "Chandrabhaga", this ancient river is believed to have existed at a distance of about two km from the 13th century Sun Temple at Konark, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the eastern state of Odisha.

316. Which state government has offered jobs to eight sports-persons, who have brought laurels to the state through their performance at the national and international level?

- a) Kerala                      b) Uttar Pradesh                      c) West Bengal                      d) Maharashtra

**Answer d) Maharashtra.** Maharashtra government has offered jobs to eight sports-persons, who have brought laurels to the state through their performance at the national and international level. The government is of the view that sports should be encouraged and a committee has been formed under Chief Secretary (Swadheen Kshatriya) to suggest measures for the same.

317.

**6th Indo-Bangladesh joint military exercise**

**conducted at Tangali near Dhaka, Bangladesh**

- a) Lamitye – 2016                      b) Surya Kiran – 2016                      c) Sampriti – 2016                      d) Shakti – 2016

**Answer c) Sampriti – 2016 .** An Indian Army contingent reached Dhaka to participate in the India- Bangladesh joint military exercise ‘Sampriti-2016’. Sixth in the series of joint exercises, this edition would be conducted at Bangabandhu Senanibas (BBS) at Tangail between November 5 and November 18 and would focus on counter terrorism and counter insurgency operations in semi mountainous and jungle terrain.

318.

**Indian player Bastab**

**Tapan Bordoloi bagging five gold medals and one silver at the recently concluded South Asian Aquatic Championship (SAAC) in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer a) Sri Lanka.** A 15-year-old Bastab Tapan Bordoloi from Assam’s Jorhat district made the nation proud by bagging five gold medals and a silver at the recently concluded South Asian Aquatic Championship (SAAC) in Sri-Lanka who made the nation proud by bagging five gold medals and a silver at the recently concluded South Asian Aquatic Championship (SAAC) in Sri-Lanka.

319. **Who won WTA Elite Trophy 2016 in women’s single category?**

- a) Elina Svitolina                      b) S. Zhang                      c) PetraKvitova                      d) R. Vinci

**Answer c) PetraKvitova.** Two-time Wimbledon champion PetraKvitova of the Czech Republic defeated Ukrainian Elina Svitolina in straight sets to take the title at the \$2.2-million WTA Elite

Trophy in Zhuhai. Number three seed Kvitova dispatched the fourth seed 6-4, 6-2 in one hour and ten minutes, a month after she marked a return to form by winning the Wuhan Open.

320.

**Economic think-tank NCAER has**  
**pegged India’s GDP growth at \_\_\_\_\_ for 2016-17**

- a) 7.5%                      b) 7.6%                      c) 7.7%                      d) 7.8%

**Answer b) 7.6%.** Economic think-tank NCAER has pegged India’s GDP growth at 7.6% for 2016-17, following a pick-up in rural demand and “positive signals” on the manufacturing front. NCAER said the anticipated improvement in the agricultural sector and the associated increase in rural demand will give an upward push to economic growth. Notably, the Monetary Policy Committee has also forecasted a 7.6% growth.

**321. India will reportedly sign a deal to purchase 12 amphibious rescue aircraft worth around \$1.5 billion (over ₹10,000 crore) from \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer c) Japan.** India will reportedly sign a deal to purchase 12 amphibious rescue aircraft worth around \$1.5 billion (over ₹10,000 crore) from Japanese manufacturer ShinMaywa Industries. This would be one of Japan's first sales of military equipment since PM Shinzo Abe lifted a 50-year ban on arms exports. The deal is expected to be signed during Abe's India visit this week.

**322. Which state government has signed a MoU with the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) for setting up of four more centres in the State?**

- a) Haryana                      b) Uttar Pradesh                      c) Rajasthan                      d) Odisha

**Answer d) Odisha.** Odisha Government has signed an MoU with the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) for setting up of four more centres in the State. The new centres would come up at Angul, Jajpur, Koraput and Sambalpur. With this, the number of STPI centres will rise to eight in the State which is highest in the country. The STPI centres would act as resource centres for IT and IT enabled services and export of software. Notably, IT exports from the state is reported at 2,900 crore rupees during 2015-16. Around 90 per cent of software exports from Odisha are contributed by STPI.

**323. Which team won the women's Asian Champions Trophy title 2016?**

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

**Answer b) India.** The Indian women's hockey team lifted the Asian Champions Trophy title, after a 2-1 win over China in the final in Singapore on. India's Deep Grace Ekka opened the scoring with a 13th-minute strike, before China's Zhong Mengling equalised in the 44th minute. India claimed the title after Deepika Thakur's rebound strike in the final minute of the match.

**324. India won \_\_\_ medals at the Commonwealth Wrestling Championships in Singapore**

- a) 5                      b) 17                      c) 29                      d) 40

**Answer c) 29.** India won 29 medals, including 13 golds, at the Commonwealth Wrestling Championships in Singapore. Among the gold medalists were Rio Olympian Sandeep Tomar, who won the men's 57 kg freestyle event, Satyawart Kadian in 97 kg and Amit Dhankar in 70 kg. India's female gold winners included Ritu Phogat in 48 kg and Reshma Mane in 63 kg.

**325. Which country has launched a 96-hour visa-free transit facility (VFTF) scheme for Indians?**

- a) Malaysia                      b) Singapore                      c) Russia                      d) Switzerland

**Answer b) Singapore.** Singapore has launched a 96-hour visa-free transit facility for Indians, wherein passport holders with valid onward air tickets can spend four days in the country under the Visa Free Transit Facility (VFTF) scheme. The Indians must have a valid visa or long-term pass to Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom, the United States, Germany or Switzerland.

**326. The first World Tsunami Awareness Day is being observed on?**

- a) November 02                      b) November 03                      c) November 04                      d) November 05

**Answer d) November 05.** The First World Tsunami Awareness Day is being observed (5 November) across the world. The theme for the year is Effective Education and Evacuation Drills. The observance of the day will help to spread awareness among people across the world in matters related to the dangers of the tsunami. It will also stress on the importance

of early warning systems in order to mitigate damage from the often devastating natural hazard.

**327. Which state government has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Civil Aviation under Regional Connectivity Scheme also known as UDAN?**

- a) Assam                      b) Kerala                      c) Odisha                      d) Telangana

**Answer a) Assam.** In Assam, giving a fillip to regional connectivity in the aviation sector, the state government has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Civil Aviation under Regional Connectivity Scheme also known as UDAN. AIR correspondent reports that the MoU was signed by the Chairman of Airports Authority of India Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatro and Commissioner and Secretary, Government of Assam, Ashutosh Agnihotri in presence of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Union Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapati Raju in Guwahati.

**328. Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with \_\_\_\_\_ to strengthen cooperation in the field of corporate job vacancies**

- a) Norway                      b) Spain                      c) Germany                      d) Taiwan

**Answer d) Taiwan.** Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC), a not-for-profit public-private partnership between National Skill Development Corporation and the industry, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Taiwan to strengthen cooperation in the field of corporate job vacancies and recruitment services post skilling in India and internationally.

**329. The Indian Air Force landed its largest military transport aircraft C-17 Globemaster in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Jammu and Kashmir      b) Maharashtra              c) Arunachal Pradesh      d) Andhra Pradesh

**Answer c) Arunachal Pradesh.** The Indian Air Force landed its largest military transport aircraft C-17 Globemaster in Arunachal Pradesh close to the India-China border. "Such airlift capability facilitates speedy transfer of men and material in this rugged terrain, interspersed with valleys and high mountain ranges that inhibit road connectivity," said the IAF.

**330. \_\_\_\_\_ President Pranab Mukherjee approved the \_\_\_\_\_ hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) to central government employees**

- a) 2%                      b) 4%                      c) 7.5%                      d) 10%

**Answer a) 2%.** President Pranab Mukherjee approved the 2% hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) to central government employees, a move that could benefit 50.68 lakh employees and 54.24 lakh pensioners. DA is provided to employees and pensioners to minimise the impact of price rise on their earnings. Earlier this year, DA was hiked 6% to 125% of the basic pay.

**331. \_\_\_\_\_ An Indian-Australian woman \_\_\_\_\_ named Businesswoman of the year in Australia**

- a) Dipali Goenka              b) Vinita Gupta              c) Vandana Luthra              d) Uppma Virdi

**Answer d) Uppma Virdi.** Twenty-six-year-old Uppma Virdi, an Indian hailing from Punjab and settled in Australia received the 'Businesswoman of the Year Award' at the India Australia Business Community Awards held in Sydney. Virdi, a lawyer by profession, is the

founder of the start-up 'Chai Walli', which sells tea blended with different flavours. She also holds 'Art of Chai' workshops in Australia.

**332. Who will get the Golden Globes lifetime achievement award at the annual ceremony in January?**

- a) Julia Roberts      b) Meryl Streep      c) Diane Keaton      d) Glenn Close

**Answer b) Meryl Streep.** Meryl Streep, regarded as the finest actress of her generation, will get the Golden Globes lifetime achievement award at the annual ceremony in January, organizers announced. Streep, a three-time Oscar winner, will be presented with the Cecil B DeMille award in recognition of her 40 years in the industry.

**333. Which state becomes first state to launch cyber police stations in all districts?**

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

**Answer c) Maharashtra.** Maharashtra is converting 42 state-of-the-art cyber-crime labs into cyber police stations, as part of the BJP-led government's strategy to take on cyber criminals. "Maharashtra is the first state in the country which will have a cyber-police station in each district simultaneously," a top Home Department official said. Cyber-crime in Maharashtra has risen by a whopping 142.1 per cent in the last few years.

**334. \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Minister Narendra Modi felicitated Rio Paralympics medal winner \_\_\_\_\_ with a cash award of Rs 4 crore**

- a) Deepa Malik      b) Varun Bhati      c) Devendra Jhajharia      d) Mariyappan Thangavelu
- Answer a) Deepa Malik.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi felicitated Rio Paralympics medal winner Deepa Malik with a cash award of Rs 4 crore. Malik, who hails from Haryana, was the first Indian woman athlete to win a medal at the Paralympics in Rio. She won a silver medal in the women's shot put event with a throw of 4.61m at the Paralympics.

**335. \_\_\_\_\_ E-commerce retailer \_\_\_\_\_, which began piloting its food delivery business in Bengaluru in March this year**

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

**Answer c) Flipkart.** E-commerce retailer Flipkart, which began piloting its food delivery business in Bengaluru in March this year, is scaling up its food delivery arm and planning to enter the vertical on a larger scale. Flipkart in February had shut down its grocery delivery business 'Nearby'. Flipkart's rival Amazon is also reportedly entering the business by investing in a food delivery startup.

**336. Mangat Ram Sharma who passed away recently, he was a former deputy Chief Minister of \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Tamil Nadu      b) Maharashtra      c) Gujarat      d) Jammu and Kashmir

**Answer d) Jammu and Kashmir.** Former Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Mangat Ram Sharma passed away in Jammu after a prolonged illness. He was 85. Mr Sharma was not keeping well for the past few days. He was Deputy Chief Minister in Mufti Mohammad Sayeed led government and later served as Health Minister in 2008 in the dispensation headed by Ghulam Nabi Azad.

**337. A ₹1.5 trillion mega refinery and petrochemical complex proposed by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) will come up in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) Maharashtra.** A ₹1.5 trillion mega refinery and petrochemical complex proposed by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) will come up in Rajapur city of the Ratnagiri district in Maharashtra, senior OMC officials said. The OMCs and the Maharashtra government have been looking for land for the past 10 months, ever since Union Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced the project on December 28, 2015.

**338. Who was unveiled as the brand ambassador of Equitas Small Finance Bank, the first private sector bank from Tamil Nadu post independence?**

- a) Mahendra Singh Dhoni    b) Virat Kohli    c) Murali Vijay    d) Ravichandran Ashwin

**Answer d) Ravichandran Ashwin.** Indian off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin was unveiled as the brand ambassador of Equitas Small Finance Bank, the first private sector bank from Tamil Nadu post independence. Ashwin stated that it was a "proud moment" for him to get associated with the bank. "I love their vision of empowering 5% of Indian households through financial inclusion," he added.

**339.**

**GST council panel has fixed**

**a four-tier GST rate structure at \_\_\_\_\_ slabs**

- a) 5%, 10%, 15%, and 20%                      b) 7%, 14%, 21%, and 28%  
c) 5%, 12%, 18%, and 28%                      d) 5%, 10%, 20%, and 30%

**Answer c) 5%, 12%, 18%, and 28%.** Following the GST Council meet, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said that the panel has fixed a four-tier GST rate structure at 5%, 12%, 18%, and 28% slabs. The peak rate will be applicable for FMCG and consumer durables. Further, there will be zero tax rate on food grains used by common people, Jaitley added.

**340. An HRD Ministry panel setup to give recommendations for a common paper pattern for class \_\_\_\_\_ across all boards has suggested removing multiple-choice questions**

- a) VIII                      b) X                      c) XI                      d) XII

**Answer d) XII.** An HRD Ministry panel setup to give recommendations for a common paper pattern for class XII across all boards has suggested removing multiple-choice questions. The panel also recommended keeping the theory and practical weightage at 70:30, and giving extra 15 minutes to students for reading the question paper. The panel also ruled out considering open book examinations.

**341. Which country unveiled its J-20 stealth fighter during an air show in Zhuhai?**

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

**Answer c) China.** China unveiled its J-20 stealth fighter jets at 'Airshow China', the country's biggest expo of plane makers and buyers. The radar-evading jets which did a 60-second flypast are reportedly seen as "a big step forward in Chinese combat capability". China also put up the AG600, the largest amphibious plane in production, on display.

**342. The Centre has reportedly decided to give a 100% raise to the Members of Parliament, taking their basic pay from ₹50,000 to \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) 75000                      b) 100000                      c) 150000                      d) 200000

**Answer b) 100000.** The Centre has reportedly decided to give a 100% raise to the Members of Parliament, taking their basic pay from ₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh per month. The government would also reportedly be revising their allowances. The recommendation was submitted to the Prime Minister's Office by the Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of MPs,

headed by BJP MP Yogi Adityanath.

343.

**NHPC, India's largest hydropower generation company, announced that it has commissioned its 50 Megawatt (MW) wind power project (WPP) in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer a) Rajasthan.** NHPC, India's largest hydropower generation company, announced that it has commissioned its 50 Megawatt (MW) wind power project (WPP) in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. The project achieved synchronization with the national grid in the month of October. NHPC has signed a power purchase agreement with Inox wind and Rajasthan government to set up 25 turbines of 2 MW for the project.

344.

**TRAI sets \_\_\_\_\_ as minimum broadband speed in India**

- a) 256 kbps                      b) 512 kbps                      c) 1 mbps                      d) 2 mbps

**Answer b) 512 kbps.** India's Telecom regulatory authority, TRAI, has made it compulsory for all the Broadband providers to at least ensure a minimum speed of 512Kbps after users exhaust their initial data quota. The mandate also asks the service providers both fixed and wired to clearly notify the users about the throttled speed instead of masking it with the unlimited internet shenanigans.

345.

**The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed banks to issue \_\_\_\_\_ bonds**

- a) Foreign Bonds                      b) Treasury Bonds                      c) Investment Bonds                      d) Masala Bonds

**Answer d) Masala Bonds.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed banks to issue rupee denominated bonds, or masala bonds, in the overseas market to shore up their capital base as well as for financing infrastructure and affordable housing. To strengthen their capital base, banks can raise perpetual debt instruments, which can be considered for calculating a bank's additional tier 1 capital, or debt capital instrument that can go into calculating a bank's tier-2 capital.

346. **Who won the Erste Bank Open title 2016?**

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

**Answer b) Andy Murray.** Andy Murray has beaten Jo-Wilfried Tsonga to win the Erste Bank Open. Murray overcame the Frenchman with a 6-3, 7-6 victory. He has also recently won the China Open and Shanghai Rolex Masters. The Scot now closes in on world No 1 Novak Djokovic with the victory. Three times a Grand Slam winner and twice Olympic champion, Murray has never been top of the world rankings.

347.

**Indian researcher \_\_\_\_\_ awarded for their innovative green ideas by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research**

- a) Ramesh Chowdhury                      b) Arjun Chowdhury                      c) Shamik Chowdhury                      d) Vikas Chowdhury

**Answer c) Shamik Chowdhury.** Shamik Chowdhury, a 29-year-old PhD student in environmental engineering from the National University of Singapore was among 25 scholars awarded for their innovative green ideas by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. His research focus is: Green synthesis of 2D grapheme nano sheets (thinnest two-dimensional material) and their self-assembly into advanced 3D macrostructures for sustainable urban development.

348.

**The country's first "tea museum" was inaugurated in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Assam                      b) Tamil Nadu                      c) West Bengal                      d) Kerala

**Answer d) Kerala.** The country's first "tea museum" was inaugurated at Munnar in the high ranges of Kerala's Idukki district. The museum gives a glimpse of the tea plantation and its growth over 100 years in this once verdant hilly district of Kerala. The Acting MD of Tata Tea P Signaporia formally inaugurated the museum.

**349. \_\_\_\_\_ and the European Union signed the long-delayed CETA free trade deal at a summit in Brussels**

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

**Answer b) Canada.** The EU and Canada signed a free trade deal that was almost derailed last week by objections from French-speaking Belgians, exposing the difficulties of securing agreement from 28 member states as Britain prepares for Brexit talks. The European commission president, Jean- Claude Juncker, said there was no parallel between the deal struck with Canada and looming Brexit talks.

**350. Which state government has observed November 1 as No Tobacco Day?**

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

**Answer c) Punjab.** Punjab government observed November 1 as 'No Tobacco Day' in an effort to discourage tobacco use in the state. Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal has issued directions to all the deputy commissioners in this regard. The aim of this campaign is to reduce prevalence of tobacco or nicotine use in Punjab in order to reduce prevalence of non-communicable diseases.

**351. Which country has invited India to join in developing next-generation nuclear reactors and to participate in its fast-neutron reactor project?**

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

**Answer d) Russia.** Russia has invited India to join in developing next-generation nuclear reactors and to participate in its fast-neutron reactor project, Russian officials said. Ecological problems linked to reprocessing and deactivation of radioactive waste can be solved by the fast-neutron reactor, they added. The multipurpose fast research reactor project 'MBIR', is coming up in Russia's Dimitrovgrad.

**352. Which state has become the third Open Defecation Free (ODF) state in the country?**

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

**Answer b) Kerala.** Kerala has become the third Open Defecation Free (ODF) state in the country. The announcement was made on the state's foundation day on Tuesday. Earlier, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim had declared themselves Open Defecation Free. Kerala becomes first high density populated state in the country to achieve Open Defecation Free status.

**353. Which Political party will launch 'Jana Chaitanya Yatra' in Andhra Pradesh to highlight the welfare and developmental initiatives of the government?**

- a) United Democratic Party    b) Telangana Rashtra Samithi  
c) Telugu Desam Party                      d) YSR Congress Party

**Answer c) Telugu Desam Party.** The ruling Telugu Desam Party (TDP) will launch 'Jana Chaitanya Yatra' in Andhra Pradesh to highlight the welfare and developmental initiatives of the government. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will also launch the membership

drive of the party in Koppolu village in Prakasam district, with a target to achieve the one-crore mark.

**354. Which state has been ranked first state in the country on reforms in agricultural marketing?**

- a) West Bengal      b) Goa      c) Rajasthan      d) Maharashtra

**Answer d) Maharashtra.** Maharashtra has been ranked first state in the country on reforms in agricultural marketing, followed by Gujarat and Rajasthan, by the NITI Aayog. Its first-ever index on reforms in the farm sector was issued on 31 October 2016. Termed the Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index, it ranks states on three major parameters — reforms in agricultural marketing, land lease and forestry on private land.

**355. Who will take over as chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?**

- a) Ganesh Kumar      b) Sushil Chandra      c) Sakti Kanda das      d) Rani Singh Nair

**Answer b) Sushil Chandra.** Senior Indian Revenue Service officer Sushil Chandra will take over as chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the policy-making body for the Income Tax department. Incumbent Chairperson Rani Singh Nair retired from service after being at the top post for three months, after she took over on August 1. Chandra, a 1980-batch officer of Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax cadre), is at present working in the board as Member (Investigation).

**356. Who will be honoured in the upcoming Dubai International Film Festival with a Lifetime Achievement Award?**

- a) Hema Malini      b) Jaya Bachchan      c) Rekha      d) Sridevi

**Answer c) Rekha.** Indian actor Rekha will be honoured by the upcoming Dubai International Film Festival with a Lifetime Achievement Award. The festival runs from December 7 to 14, and is now arguably the leading cinematic event in the region with both Doha and Abu Dhabi having shut shop some time ago.

**357. The finance ministry released first instalment of special assistance of Rs 1,093.34 crore for repair and permanent restoration of damaged public buildings in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Tamil Nadu      b) Rajasthan      c) Punjab      d) Jammu and Kashmir

**Answer d) Jammu and Kashmir.** The finance ministry released first instalment of special assistance of Rs 1,093.34 crore for repair and permanent restoration of damaged public buildings in Jammu and Kashmir in pursuance of the announcement made by the Prime Minister last November. A total sum of Rs 2,000 crore has been provided for permanent restoration of damaged infrastructure such as schools, colleges, hospitals, bus stations and other critical public infrastructure under Prime Minister Reconstruction Plan for J&K, the finance ministry said in a statement.

**358. IAS officer Suhas LY won the Asian Para-Badminton Championships that was held in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Tokyo, Japan      b) Dhaka, Bangladesh      c) New Delhi, India      d) Beijing, China

**Answer d) Beijing, China.** IAS officer Suhas LY struck gold in the Asian Para-Badminton Championships that was held in Beijing by defeating Indonesian player Harry Susanto in straight sets by 21-4 and 21-11. Suhas, who is posted as the Azamgarh district magistrate, got a wildcard entry to the championships and ensured his seat in the finals by winning six

consecutive matches.

359. \_\_\_\_\_ government launched a drug abuse prevention campaign to raise awareness among students about consequences of drug usage

- a) Chandigarh      b) Puducherry      c) Delhi      d) Lakshadweep

**Answer c) Delhi.** Delhi government launched a drug abuse prevention campaign to raise awareness among students about consequences of drug usage. The campaign will be organised in government schools of Delhi and will host activities like poster making and movie screenings. It will also involve sessions which would impart life skills to help youth cope with adolescent peer pressure.

360. The website Dictionary.com named the word \_\_\_\_\_ as the Word of the Year for 2016

- a) Negrophobia      b) Agoraphobia      c) Ailurophobia      d) Xenophobia

**Answer d) Xenophobia.** The website Dictionary.com named the word 'Xenophobia' as the Word of the Year for 2016. According to Dictionary.com, there was a massive surge in lookups for the word 'Xenophobia' that was larger than any of the peaks seen in 2016. This rise in lookups was connected to attacks on foreign workers and overall rising xenophobia in South Africa. The largest spike in Dictionary.com's data for the word was in the month of June 2016 with a 938 per cent increase in lookups.

361. Anand Yadav who passed away recently, he was an author of \_\_\_\_\_ language

- a) Marathi      b) Bengali      c) Tamil      d) Kannada

**Answer a) Marathi.** Noted Marathi author and Sahitya akademi awardee Anand Yadav died in Pune. He was 80. According to sources close to his family Yadav breathed his last at his residence. His autobiography 'Zombi' had won Sahitya Akadmi award in 1991. During his illustrious career, Yadav had faced a major controversy over his book 'Santsurya Tukaram', wrote on Sant Tukaram, a saint poet from 17th century.

362. Susan Kiefel has been named \_\_\_\_\_ first female High Court chief justice – ending 113 years of men leading the nation's highest court

- a) Malaysia      b) Australia      c) Thailand      d) United Arab Emirates

**Answer b) Australia.** Susan Kiefel has been named Australia's first female High Court chief justice – ending 113 years of men leading the nation's highest court. She will become the Chief Justice of Australia on 30 January 2017. After months of speculation about who would replace retiring chief Robert French, the Turnbull government appointed serving High Court Justice Kiefel to the role.

363. Losar Festival being celebrated in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Himachal Pradesh      b) Goa      c) Andhra Pradesh      d) Jammu and Kashmir

**Answer d) Jammu and Kashmir.** Losar Festival being celebrated in J&K, It is on the 29th day of the 10th month which is the time for the Losar celebrations. The festival starts on the first day of the 11th month officially. Losar celebrations in Jammu and Kashmir, in the Ladakh district can be regarded as the most elaborate and convoluted of the different social and religious events and festivals of Ladakh. There is an interesting story that is at

the root of the Losar celebrations in Ladakh.

**364. India's economy witnessed a marginal acceleration, growing at\_\_in the second quarter of 2016-17.**

- a) 7.3%      b) 7.4%      c) 7.5%      d) 7.6%

**Answer a) 7.3%.** India's economy witnessed a marginal acceleration, growing at 7.3% in the second quarter of 2016-17. It expanded by 7.1% in the first quarter of 2016-17 and at 7.6% in the corresponding quarter last year. The pick-up in growth in the second quarter was led by agriculture which grew at 3.3% in the quarter.

**365. India signed a ₹5,000-crore deal with the\_\_to buy 145 M777 lightweight Howitzer guns for the Army**

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

**Answer d) USA.** India signed a ₹5,000-crore deal with the US to buy 145 M777 lightweight Howitzer guns for the Army. The deal was approved by Defence Ministry in October to strengthen the Army, which has reportedly been facing a crunch in this weaponry segment. While 25 guns will come in ready-to-use condition, the remaining 120 will be assembled in India.

**366. Fifteen-time world champion Pankaj Advani won a\_\_\_\_\_medal at the IBSF World Snooker Championship**

- a) Gold      b) Silver      c) Bronze      d) None of these

**Answer c) Bronze.** Fifteen-time world champion Pankaj Advani suffered a 2-7 loss in the semifinals against Andrew Pagett of Wales to settle for a bronze medal at the IBSF World Snooker Championship. After a hard-fought four-hour quarterfinal that went down to the wire, defending champion Advani had to return to the table for the crucial semi final without much of a break.

**367. Actor Fritz William Weaver who passed away recently, he was from \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer a) USA.** American Actor Fritz William Weaver who is well known for his films like "Fail- Safe" and "The Day of the Dolphin" has passed away in New York, USA. He was 90. Weaver received his Tony in 1970 for his performance as strict Catholic boarding school teacher Jerome Malley in Robert Marasco's long-running thriller "Child's Play". He appeared in the 2013 HBO telefilm "Muhammad Ali's Greatest Fight" and in the features "The Cobbler" (2015) and "The Congressman" (2016).