

## February 2016

**1. Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has appointed which of the following as its Chief ?**

- A.Rudha Sharma
- B.K V Chowdary
- C. Atulesh Jindal
- D.A K Jain

Answer – **C.Atulesh Jindal**

**Explanation** – Atulesh Jindal the 1978 batch IRS officer is appointed as the Chief of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).He replaces A K Jain.

**2. According to JLL report “City Momentum Index 2016: The Rise of the Innovation-Oriented City”, which of the following city topped in terms of socio-economic growth ?**

- A.Dublin
- B.Silicon Valley
- C.Bengaluru
- D.London

Answer – **C.Bengaluru**

**Explanation** – According to property consultant JLL report named “City Momentum Index 2016: The Rise of the Innovation-Oriented City”, Bengaluru is ranked first in the Asia Pacific region in terms of city’s socio-economic growth and momentum in the commercial real estate space while globally London wins the race.

**3. The National Snooker Championship 2016 men’s title has been clinched by which of the following ?**

- A.Pankaj Advani
- B.Brijesh Damani
- C.Aditya Mehta
- D.MananChandra

Answer – **C.Aditya Mehta**

**Explanation** – The National Snooker Championship Aditya Mehta won 2016 Championship by defeating Manan Chandra by 6-3 in the men’s final round of the National Snooker Championship 2016.

**4. Which of the following University has been conferred with first-ever**

**chancellor's award with a prize money of Rs 5 crore ?**

- A.KurukshetraUniversity
- B.Kerala University
- C.Punjab University
- D.Delhi University

Answer – **B.Kerala University**

**Explanation** – State's oldest University, Kerala University has been conferred with first-ever chancellor's award with a prize money of Rs 5 crore. The prize includes a citation and a gold plated rolling trophy.

**5. What was the theme for World Cancer day 2016 ?**

- A.Together it is possible
- B.Debunk the Myths
- C.We can. I can.
- D.Not beyond us

Answer – **C.We can. I can.**

**Explanation** – To raise awareness of cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection and treatment, February 4 is marked as the World Cancer Day. World Cancer Day Theme 2016-18: We can. I can.

**6. In a bid to strengthen the balance sheet of PSBs, our govt will inject how much worth of capital in the current fiscal ?**

- A.Rs. 1,000 crore
- B.Rs. 6,000 crore
- C.Rs. 5,000 crore
- D.Rs. 4,000 crore

Answer – **C.Rs. 5,000 crore**

**Explanation** – In a bid to strengthen the balance sheet of PSBs, our govt is all set to inject Rs. 5,000 crore of capital in the current fiscal. Funds would be infused after Parliament approves third Supplementary Demand for Grants in the upcoming Budget session.

**7. Which of the following has been appointed as the commander of the NATO forces in Afghanistan ?**

- A.JosephDunford
- B.John Allen
- C.John Campbell
- D.John Nicholson

Answer – **D.John Nicholson**

**Explanation** – Army Lieutenant General John Nicholson has been designated as the commander of the NATO forces in Afghanistan. He will succeed US General John Campbell.

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**8. Sudhir Tailang, who has been recently passed away was related to which of the field ?**

- A.Author
- B.Cartoonist
- C.Director
- D.Musician

Answer – **B.Cartoonist**

**Explanation** – Padma Shri awardee, eminent cartoonist Sudhir Tailang passed away due to brain tumour. He was 55.He was suffering from GBM-4 stage brain tumour and had undergone two surgeries and chemotherapy during the course of his treatment over two years.

**9. Recently PM dedicated National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) to the nation. It is situated in which of the following state ?**

- A.Rajasthan
- B.TamilNadu
- C.Jharkhand
- D.Odisha

Answer – **D.Odisha**

**Explanation** – National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) at Bhubaneswar, Odisha has been dedicated by PM Modi to the nation.

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**10. Which of the following state/UT's institute has become the India's first fully solar-powered educational institute ?**

- A.Rajasthan
- B.Puducherry
- C.Chandigarh
- D.Maharashtra

Answer – **B.Puducherry**

**Explanation** – The Sri Aurobindo International Centre for Education (SAICE) in Puducherry has become India's first educational institute that is fully solar-powered. The institute generates electricity three times its consumption.

**11. Which of the following country's President has declared rural parts of the country as state of disaster ?**

- A.Namibia
- B.Zimbabwe
- C.Sri Lanka
- D.Botswana

Answer – **B.Zimbabwe**

**Explanation** – President of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe has declared rural parts of the country as state of disaster after being hit by draught.

**12. Recently, India has inked a grant agreement with which of the following country for India Aviation Safety Technical Assistance Phase II ?**

- A.Russia
- B.United States
- C.Australia
- D.Spain

Answer – **B.United States**

**Explanation** – India's aviation regulator the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and United States Technical Development Agency (USTDA) have signed the Grant Agreement for India Aviation Safety Technical Assistance Phase II.

**13. International Grown Diamond Association (IGDA) has appointed which of the following as its President ?**

- A.Graner Ray
- B.Farhad Javidi
- C.Jatin Mehta
- D.Vishal Mehta

Answer – **D.Vishal Mehta**

**Explanation** – 34 year old Indian origin Vishal Mehta has been designated as the president of the newly-formed International Grown Diamond Association (IGDA).

**14. South Asian Wrestling Federation (SAWF) has appointed which of the following as its President ?**

- A.Tabiur Rehman
- B.Rajmohammed Ansari
- C.Chawdhury Mohd. Ajgar
- D.Brijbhushan Singh

Answer – **D.Brijbhushan Singh**

**Explanation** – Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brijbhushan Sharan Singh has been appointed as the president of the South Asian Wrestling Federation (SAWF).

**15. According to the report of Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), which of the following Indian state/UT topped the list of overall Internet readiness index ?**

- A.Karnataka
- B.Maharashtra
- C.Delhi
- D.Chandigarh

Answer – **B.Maharashtra**

**Explanation** – In accordance with the report on “Index of Internet Readiness of Indian States”, Maharashtra is leading the list of overall Internet readiness index. The report has been released by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) and Indicus Analytics.

**16. According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN, which of the following country has topped the list of major milk-producing countries in the world ?**

- A.US
- B. India
- C.Brazil
- D.China

Answer – **B.India**

**Explanation** – According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN, India continues to top the list of the major milk-producing countries in the world followed by the USA, China, Pakistan and Brazil.

**17. In accordance with the US Chamber of Commerce’s 4th report on “International IP Index”, India has been ranked at which position ?**

- A.34
- B.35
- C.37
- D.38

Answer – **C.37**

**Explanation** – In accordance with the US Chamber of Commerce’s 4th report on “International IP Index”, India has been ranked at 37th with a score of 7.05 as compared to 7.23 in the previous edition.

**18. National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) inked a Memorandum of Understand (MOU) with which of the following institute to promote entrepreneurship ?**

- A. IST
- B. IIM-A
- C. IIT-D
- D. IICB

Answer – **D. IICB**

**Explanation** – National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) has inked MoU with Indian Institute of Chemical Biology to promote entrepreneurship. CSIR – Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB), Kolkata is engaged in research on diseases and certain biological problems of global interest.

**19. Amar Chitra Katha has launched its first romance novel titled "A Kingdom For His Love". It is authored by which of the following ?**

- A. Vikram Seth
- B. Aravind Adiga
- C. Vani Mahesh
- D. Kiran Desai

Answer – **C. Vani Mahesh**

**Explanation** – Amar Chitra Katha has launched its first romance novel titled "A Kingdom For His Love," the fiction co-authored by Vani Mahesh and Shinie Antony is a retelling of a Sanskrit play 'Swapnavasavadattam.

**20. Which of the following is all set to become the India's first state to have disabled-friendly beach ?**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Gujarat
- C. Kerala
- D. Goa

Answer – **B. Gujarat**

**Explanation** – Tithal beach in Valsad district of Gujarat will become India's first disabled-friendly beach which will have disabled-friendly food courts, washrooms and entertainment area.

**21. Which of the following port will be the first to run operations on solar energy ?**

- A. Mormugao

- B.Tuticorin
- C.Mangalore
- D.Visakhapatnam

Answer – **D.Visakhapatnam**

**Explanation** – Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) or Vizag port will be the first to run operations on solar energy. VPT has recently commissioned 2MW solar power plants with in investment of ₹60 crore and is all set to add another 8 MW capacity in a month.

**22.As per the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) report on most disaster-hit countries of 2015, India has been ranked at which place ?**

- A.4th
- B.3rd
- C.5th
- D.2nd

Answer – **B.3rd**

**Explanation** – In accordance with the report by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), India has been ranked as the third lead in the list of most disaster hit countries of 2015.

**23.Trioka deal has been signed between Canada, US and which of the following to cooperate on climate change ?**

- A.Switzerland
- B.Denmark
- C.Mexico
- D.Italy

Answer – **C.Mexico**

**Explanation** – Canada, the US and Mexico signed a deal on Climate Change and Energy Collaboration. They will also work together to increase policy alignment.

**24.Shubhlabh Services Ltd. is the subsidiary of which of the following company ?**

- A.Honda
- B.Hero
- C.Suzuki
- D.Mahindra

Answer – **D.Mahindra**

**Explanation** – The board of directors of Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd (M&M) approved a proposal to transfer the company's agri-business to its 100 per cent subsidiary, Mahindra Shubhlabh Services Ltd., (MSSL) to bring it under one entity for focused growth.

**25. St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy has been clinched by which of the following ?**

- A. Serena Williams and Martina Hingis
- B. Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis
- C. Vera Dushevina and Barbora Krejckikova
- D. Ana Ivanovic and Maria Sharapova

Answer – **B. Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis**

**Explanation** – Indian tennis star Sania Mirza and her Swiss partner Martina Hingis clinched the St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy by defeating Russian-Czech team of Vera Dushevina and Barbora Krejckikova to extend their winning streak to 40 matches.

**26. 2016 ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup, that was held in Bangladesh has been clinched by which of the following ?**

- A. England
- B. India
- C. South Africa
- D. West Indies

Answer – **D. West Indies**

**Explanation** – The 2016 ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup that was held in Bangladesh has been won by West Indies by defeating India with 5 wickets.

**27. Which of the following has made a maximum wins during 2016 Grammy Awards ?**

- A. Meghan Trainor
- B. Kendrick Lamar
- C. Taylor Swift
- D. Max Martin

Answer – **B. Kendrick Lamar**

**Explanation** – The 2016 Grammy Awards ceremony was held at Staples Center in Los Angeles, California to recognize the best recordings, compositions and artists of the year. Kendrick Lamar has won 11 awards followed by Taylor Swift (7) and Max Martin (6).

**28. India is exploring the possibility of signing an agreement with which of the following nation on information exchange on criminals ?**



- A.Spain
- B.UAE
- C.UK
- D.US

Answer – **C.UK**

**Explanation** – India will explore the possibility of signing an agreement with the United Kingdom on exchanging information about criminals. There are 131 pending requests from New Delhi on extradition of wanted persons under the Extradition Treaty.

**29.Which of the following has clinched the Argentina Open title ?**

- A.David Goffin
- B.Dominic Thiem
- C.Nicolas Almagro
- D.Rafael Nadal

Answer – **B.Dominic Thiem**

**Explanation** – Austria’s Dominic Thiem has clinched the title of Argentina Open by defeating Nicolas Almagro by 7-6(2), 3-6, 7-6(4).

**30.Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has increased the PF interest rate to how much percent ?**

- A.7.9%
- B.8.6%
- C.7.75%
- D.8.8%

Answer – **D.8.8%**

**Explanation** – After receiving the stamp of approval from Union Labour Minister Bandaru Dattatreya Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has marginally mounted the PF interest rate to 8.8% from 7.75% for 2015-16 financial year.

**31.Indian Oil Corporation has made which of the following state’s village as smokeless ?**

- A.Uttarakhand
- B.Himachal Pradesh
- C.Jammu & Kashmir
- D.Rajasthan

Answer – **B.Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation** – Under Union Government’s campaign, the Samej village in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh, has been made smokeless by the Indian Oil Corporation.

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**32. “Japan Desk” has been initiated by which of the following bank to facilitate Japanese corporates looking to invest in India ?**

- A.HDFC
- B.IDBI
- C.ICICI
- D.SBI

Answer – **D.SBI**

**Explanation** – State Bank of India (SBI) launched ‘Japan Desk’ a first of its kind initiative to facilitate Japanese corporates looking to invest here with banking and advisory services.

**33. Which of the following bank has been conferred with “IBA Banking Technology Award” ?**

- A.Allahabad Bank
- B.Union Bank of India
- C.Catholic syrian Bank
- D.Karnataka Bank Ltd

Answer – **D.Karnataka Bank Ltd**

**Explanation** – Karnataka Bank Ltd has bagged ‘IBA Banking Technology Award’ in the category of Best Risk and Fraud Management Initiative Runner Up among the small banks.

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**34. Which of the following Indian fashion designer had been conferred with the Chevalier de la Legion d’Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honor) ?**

- A.Tarun Tahiliani
- B.Manish Arora
- C.Ritu Kumar
- D.Manish Malhotra

Answer – **B.Manish Arora**

**Explanation** – Fashion designer Manish Arora had been conferred with the Chevalier de la Legion d’H

**35. Indian Railways's Khurja junction is situated in which of the following state ?**

- A. Haryana
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Karnataka

Answer – **C. Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation** – Khurja junction, a city famous for pottery in Uttar Pradesh has got a computer-based signalling system, which has been initiated by Indian Railway Project Management Unit (IRPMU) and Construction and Open Line Units of the Railway.

**36. "Playing It My Way" is the autobiography of which of the following ?**

- A. Kapil Dev
- B. VVS Laxman
- C. Sachin Tendulkar
- D. Rahul Dravid

Answer – **C. Sachin Tendulkar**

Explanation – Sachin Tendulkar's autobiography "Playing It My Way" entered the Limca Book of Records for being the best-selling adult hardback across both fiction and non-fiction categories.

**37. The United Nations (UN) World Day of Social Justice observes on which of the following date ?**

- A. February 18
- B. February 22
- C. February 21
- D. February 20

Answer – **D. February 20**

**Explanation** – The United Nations' (UN) World Day of Social Justice is annually observed on February 20 to encourage people to look at how social justice affects poverty eradication.

**38. Which of the following sworn in as the 9th Chief Minister of Arunachal**

**Pradesh ?**

- A.Kamen Ringu
- B.Kalikho Pul
- C.J P Rajkhowa
- D.Omak Apang

**Answer – B.Kalikho Pul**

**Explanation –** Kalikho Pul has been sworn-in as the 9th Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh after Governor JP Rajkhowa used his discretionary powers to appoint him.

**39.Prasar Bharati has signed a MoU with which of the following country in connection with several broadcast related activities ?**

- A.Spain
- B.Australia
- C.Brazil
- D.Canada

**Answer – C.Brazil**

**Explanation –** Prasara Bharati has signed a MoU with Empresa de Brazil Comunicacao (EBC) in connection with several broadcast related activities including exchange of news, programmes and co-production.

**40.Otteri Lake is situated in which of the following Indian city ?**

- A.Maharashtra
- B.Karnataka
- C.Tamil Nadu
- D.Uttar Pradesh

**Answer – C.Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation –** 31 species of birds spotted at Otteri Lake inside Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Vandalur, Tamil Nadu after a day long survey carried out by the Forest Department.

**41.The World Bank has decided to succor which of the following Indian state on energy reforms ?**

- A.Haryana
- B.Kerala
- C.Rajasthan
- D.Gujarat

**Answer – C.Rajasthan**

**Explanation –** The World Bank has decided to lend support to the Rajasthan government on energy reforms and a detailed project has been prepared in this regard.

**42. Which of the following district of Kerala has been declared as the second zero landless district ?**

- A. Cannanore
- B. Kottayam
- C. Kozhikode
- D. Kasaragod

Answer – **D. Kasaragod**

**Explanation** – Kasaragod district of Kerala has been declared as the second zero landless district, after Kannur. 30,900 plots have been identified for zero landless scheme in Kasargod District.

**43. Recently, RBI has extended the currency swap arrangement to SAARC nations till which of the following ?**

- A. March 2017
- B. November 2017
- C. December 2016
- D. June 2017

Answer – **B. November 2017**

**Explanation** – In order to enhance economic cooperation and strengthen financial stability, RBI has extended the currency swap arrangement to SAARC nations till mid November 2017.

**44. country is named as the FinTech capital of the world ?**

- A. Singapore
- B. Germany
- C. Britain
- D. Australia

Answer – **C. Britain**

**Explanation** – An Independent report published by Ernst & Young ranked Britain as the first among FinTech cities of the world after a after detail analysis and opinions from 65 FinTech experts.

**45. India has set up bilateral mechanism for sharing information for tracking movements of satellites with which of the following country ?**

- A. Australia
- B. Canada
- C. United States
- D. Afghanistan

Answer – **C. United States**

**Explanation** – India and United States of America has set up bilateral mechanism for sharing information for tracking movements of satellites, avoiding collisions and identifying potential threats to space and ground assets.

**46. National Science Day observes on which on the following date ?**

- A. February 25
- B. February 26
- C. February 28
- D. February 27

Answer – **C. February 28**

**Explanation** – National Science Day is celebrated in India on 28 February each year to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman on 28 February 1928. This year it was observed with a theme “Make in India, science and technology driven innovations”.

**47. BK Garudachar, who has been recently passed was related to which of the following game ?**

- A. Badminton
- B. Hockey
- C. Tennis
- D. Cricket

Answer – **D. Cricket**

**Explanation** – BK Garudachar, India’s oldest living first-class cricketer, who represented Mysore (as Karnataka was called till 1974), United Province and Bombay died at the age of 99.

**48. Reserve Bank of India has included which of the following bank in the second schedule to the RBI Act ?**

- A. Emirates NBD
- B. Emirates Islamic Bank
- C. National Bank of Abu Dhabi
- D. United Arab Bank

Answer – **C. National Bank of Abu Dhabi**

**Explanation** – The Reserve Bank has included National Bank of Abu Dhabi PJSC (NBAD) in the Second Schedule to the RBI Act. Currently, NBAD has a global presence in 17 countries and overseas territories, spanning five continents.

**49. The Union Government has extended e-Tourist Visa Scheme to how many countries ?**

- A.32
- B.39
- C.35
- D.37

Answer – **D.37**

**50. FIFA has elected which of the following as its new President ?**

- A.Hong Martin
- B.Edwards Mike
- C.Sepp Blatter
- D.Gianni Infantino

Answer – **D.Gianni Infantino**

**Explanation** – UEFA general secretary, Gianni Infantino has been elected as the new president of FIFA. He will replace Sepp Blatter.

Answer – **C.Kerala**

**Explanation** – President Pranab Mukherjee declared Kerala as the first digital state of the country. The state has put all of its work, including public dealing, online.

**51. President Pranab Mukherjee has declared which of the following Indian state as the first digital state of the country ?**

- A.Goa
- B.Karnataka
- C.Kerala
- D.Gujarat

**52. During the 88th Academy Awards, which of the following movie clinched the maximum awards ?**

- A.A Girl In the River
- B.The Revenant
- C.The Hateful Eight
- D.Mad Max: Fury Road

Answer – **D.Mad Max: Fury Road**

**Explanation** – The 88th Academy Awards ceremony was held at Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles. It was presented by Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) in 24 categories. Mad Max: Fury Road made a big win by bagging 6 awards.

**53. Centre has approved the proposal of establishment of Atal Innovation**

**Mission (AIM) in NITI Aayog. What is the initial corpus for AIM ?**

- A.Rs 400 crore
- B.Rs 500 crore
- C.Rs 100 crore
- D.Rs 700 crore

Answer – **B.Rs 500 crore**

**Explanation** – Centre has approved the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and Self Employment and Talent Utilisation (SETU) in NITI Aayog with an initial sum of Rs 500 crore and Rs 1,000 crore, respectively.

**54.In accordance with the Hurun Report 2016, which country has topped the list Hurun Global Rich List 2016 ?**

- A.UK
- B.US
- C. India
- D.China

Answer – **D.China**

**Explanation** – In accordance with the Hurun Report 2016, India introduces 27 new billionaires, thereby sat at 3rd position. It is ranked behind China which stood as chart lead with 568 billionaires.

**55.Book title “Indian Paper Money” has been authored by which of the following ?**

- A.Vikram Seth
- B.Dhirendra Singh
- C.Mohan Joseph
- D.Razack

Answer – **D.Razack**

**Explanation** – Book titled “Indian Paper Money” penned by Shri Razack presented a copy to the Finance Minister Arun Jaitley during the exhibition on “coin and currency of India” in the Great Hall of North Block, New Delhi.

**56.As per the global think-tank, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), which nation is the world’s largest arms importer ?**

- A.Vietnam
- B.India
- C.China
- D.Pakistan



Answer – **B.India**

**Explanation** – India again become the leading nation in respect of world's largest arms importer nation. It accounts for 14% of the global imports in the 2011-2015 timeframe.

**57. Which of the following has been appointed as the new chairman of GST committee ?**

- A. Anil Dave
- B. K M Mani
- C. Amit Mitra
- D. Asim Dasgupta

Answer – **C. Amit Mitra**

**Explanation** – West Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra has been appointed as the Chairman of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers on Goods and Services Tax (GST). He will succeed Kerala Finance Minister K M Mani.

**58. Which of the following state's cricket association has become the first in the country to work towards Swachh Bharat Abhiyan ?**

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Madhya Pradesh

Answer – **B. Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation** – Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) has launched 'Swachh Himachal – Padhai bhi, Safai bhi' campaign in Dharamsala. With this, HPCA became the first cricket association in the country to work towards Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

**59. International Monetary Fund (IMF) has appointed which of the following as its Managing Director ?**

- A. Dominique Strauss
- B. John Lipsky
- C. Raghuram Rajan
- D. Christine Lagarde

Answer – D. Christine Lagarde

**Explanation** – Christine Lagarde, has been re-appointed as its Managing Director for a second five-year term after an uncontested election.

**60. "Anything But Khamosh: The Shatrughan Sinha Biography" has been authored by which of the following ?**

- A. Sunita Narain

- B.Kaberi           Gain  
C.Swapan Dasgupta  
D.Bharathi S Pradhan

**Answer** – D.Bharathi S Pradhan

**Explanation** – Shatrughan Sinha launched his biography "Anything But Khamosh: The Shatrughan Sinha Biography" which has been authored by Bharathi S Pradhan.

**61.In accordance with the Paris headquartered Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), India will grow by what percent in next fiscal ?**

- A.7.5%  
B.7.6%  
C.7.4%  
D.7.8%

**Answer** – C.7.4%

**Explanation** – In accordance with the Paris headquartered Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), India will go on with durable growth at 7.4% in the next financial year in comparison with earlier 7.3% forecasted in November 2015.

**62.The United Nations (UN) and Govt of which country announced the launch of a new multi-partner trust fund in Bogota ?**

- A.Uruguay  
B.Bolivia  
C.Colombia  
D.Argentina

**Answer** – **C.Colombia**

**Explanation** – The United Nations (UN) and the Government of Colombia announced the launch of a new multi-partner trust fund in Bogota to respond to stabilization and peacebuilding needs.

**63.World Press Photo of the Year 2015 award has been conferred upon which of the following ?**

- A.David Guttenfelder  
B.Warren Richardson  
C.Rohan Kelly  
D.Chen Jie

**Answer** – **B.Warren Richardson**

**Explanation** – 10,000 euros World Press Photo of the Year 2015 award has been conferred upon Australian photographer Warren Richardson during the 59th annual World Press Photo Contest. The image was titled as "Hope for a New Life".

**64. Which of the following lyricist had been entered in the Guinness Book of World Records for writing the most inexhaustible number of songs in Bollywood ?**

- A. Ravi Jadhav
- B. Gulzar
- C. Sameer Anjaan
- D. Javed Akhtar

Answer – **C. Sameer Anjaan**

**Explanation** – Lyricist Sameer Anjaan (Shitala Pandey) had been entered in the Guinness Book of World Records for writing the most inexhaustible number of songs in Bollywood.

**65. In a bid to combat Zika Virus, World Health Organization (WHO) has infused how much amount along with fast-tracking vaccines and diagnostics ?**

- A. \$60 million
- B. \$56 million
- C. \$58 million
- D. \$55 million

Answer – **B. \$56 million**

**Explanation** – The World Health Organization (WHO) had infused \$56 million to combat the Zika virus through June, including fast-tracking vaccines and diagnostics.

**66. Which of the following has been awarded with Israel Prize for studies in fields of religion and philosophy ?**

- A. Joel Brereton
- B. David Shulman
- C. Shaul Shaked
- D. Narasingha Chaitanya

Answer – **B. David Shulman**

**Explanation** – Renowned Indologist Professor David Shulman has been awarded the prestigious Israel Prize for his breakthrough studies in fields like religion and philosophy.

**67. Which of the following has clinched the 36th National Chess team Championship that was held at Bhubaneswar ?**

- A. Indian Railways
- B. Life Insurance Corporation
- C. Airport Authority of India
- D. Air-India

Answer – **A. Indian Railways**

**Explanation** – Indian Railways has won The National Chess team Championship for

the first time by defeating Life Insurance Corporation. The 36th Championship was held at Bhubaneswar.

**68. India has participated as the observer plus country in the 35th edition of "Cobra Gold" multilateral exercise. It was hosted by which of the following nation ?**

- A. Malaysia
- B. Singapore
- C. Thailand
- D. Japan

Answer – **C. Thailand**

**Explanation** – On sidelines of Vice-President Hamid Ansari visit to Thailand, India has participated in the 35th edition of "Cobra Gold" multilateral exercise as an observer plus country, being hosted by Thailand.

**69. Which of the following has become the prime minister of Chad ?**

- A. Djimrangar Dadnadj
- B. Albert Pahimi Padacke
- C. Youssouf Saleh Abbas
- D. Kalzeubet Pahimi Deubet

Answer – **B. Albert Pahimi Padacke**

**Explanation** – African nation Chad has appointed as prime minister following the resignation of his predecessor Kalzeubet Pahimi Deubet.

**70. Minister for Heavy Industry & Public Enterprise unveiled the National Capital Goods Policy. Who is the Minister for Heavy Industry & Public Enterprise ?**

- A. Piyush Goyal
- B. Anant Geete
- C. Venkaiah Naidu
- D. Birender Singh

Answer – **B. Anant Geete**

**Explanation** – GOI has unveiled a National Capital Goods Policy to give an impetus to the capital goods sector during "Make in India" week. The policy envisages increasing exports from the current 27% to 40% of production.

**71. As per the Monster Salary Index (MSI) report, which of the following sector is the highest paying sector in India ?**

- A. Media
- B. BFSI
- C. Information Technology
- D. Manufacturing

Answer – **C.Information Technology**

**Explanation** – In accordance with the Monster Salary Index (MSI) report, Information Technology sector in India is the highest paying sector with a median gross hourly salary of Rs 346.42.

**72.Apple is all set to initiate its first technology centre in India at which of the following place ?**

- A.Bengaluru
- B.Hyderabad
- C.Mumbai
- D.Pune

Answer – **B.Hyderabad**

**Explanation** – Apple is all set to initiate its first technology centre in India at Hyderabad, at a cost of \$25 million. spread across 2,50,000 square feet, the centre will help Apple develop maps and make them available in its iPhones and Mac systems.

**73.Which of the following has clinched the title of “Best Actor in a Leading Role” in 2016 BAFTA Awards ?**

- A.John Boyega
- B.Alejandro Inarritu
- C.Leonardo DiCaprio
- D.Mark Rylance

Answer – **C.Leonardo DiCaprio**

**Explanation** – The 69th British Academy Film Awards were held on 14 February 2016 at the Royal Opera House in London. The “Best Actor in a Leading Role” was awarded to Leonardo DiCaprio for The Revenant.

**74.TERI has appointed which of the following as its new chairman ?**

- A.Deepak Parekh
- B.Ajay Mathur
- C.RK Pachauri
- D.Ashok Chawla

Answer – **D.Ashok Chawla**

**Explanation** – TERI board sent its Executive Vice Chairman Dr RK Pachauri on indefinite leave and appointed former finance secretary Ashok Chawla as its new chairman. The council also inducted the new Director General Ajay Mathur as a member of the council.

**75.Which of the following Indian University has completed its 100 years of foundation and proposes to felicitate PM Modi with a degree of Doctor of Law**

?

- A.DU
- B.IIM-A
- C.BNU
- D.IIT-D

Answer – **C.BNU**

**Explanation** – Established in 1916 by freedom fighter Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) has completed its 100 years of foundation on 13th February 2016. It is all set to bestow Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the degree of Doctor of Law (LLD) (honoris causa) during the convocation which is scheduled to be held on February 22.

**76. Biraja Prasad, who has been recently passed away was the Ambassador of India to which of the following nation ?**

- A.Pakistan
- B.Turkmenistan
- C.Afghanistan
- D.Tajikistan

Answer – **D.Tajikistan**

**Explanation** – Biraja Prasad, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Tajikistan passed away. 1998 batch Indian Foreign Service officer of Odisha, was the youngest IFS officer to be appointed as India's Ambassador to any country.

**77. During the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan visit to India, India and UAE have inked how many agreements ?**

- A.7
- B.12
- C.9
- D.8

Answer – **C.9**

**Explanation** – Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan was in India on a three-day visit during which UAE and India inked 9 agreements on areas like security, counter-terrorism, nuclear, space sector and energy sector.

**78. Department of industrial policy and promotion (DIPP) has designated which of the following as its Secretary ?**

- A.M. Mathisekaran
- B.Nagendraa Parakh
- C.Ramesh Abhishek
- D.Amitabh Kant

Answer – **C.Ramesh Abhishek**

**Explanation** – Former Forwards Markets Commission (FMC) chairman Ramesh Abhishek has been appointed secretary in the department of industrial policy and promotion (DIPP). He will be responsible for implementing “Make in India” and “Start up India”. He will succeed Amitabh Kant.

**79. Which of the following golfer has been voted as the Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of Year ?**

- A. Matloob Ahmed
- B. Anirban Lahiri
- C. Kang Kyung
- D. Zaw Moe

Answer – **B. Anirban Lahiri**

**Explanation** – In an online poll, India’s Anirban Lahiri has been voted as the Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of Year. In 2015, the world no. 40 became the first Indian to feature at The Presidents Cup and won the Asian Tour Order of Merit title.

**80. Australia has appointed which of the following as the new Australian High Commissioner to India ?**

- A. Vijay Gokhale
- B. Chris Elstoft
- C. Harinder Sidhu
- D. Patrick Suckling

Answer – **C. Harinder Sidhu**

**Explanation** – Australia has designated Indian-origin Harinder Sidhu as the country’s next High Commissioner to India. He will succeed Patrick Suckling.

**81. National Deworming Day observes on which of the following date ?**

- A. February 12
- B. February 15
- C. February 13
- D. February 10

Answer – **D. February 10**

**Explanation** – The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) Government of India implemented the National Deworming Day in schools and preschools (anganwadis) across India on 10 February 2016.

**82. According to the Central Statistics Office (CSO) growth forecast, Gross domestic product (GDP) of Indian economy will expand to how much % in 2015-16 ?**

- A. 7.3%

B.7.4%

C.7.6%

D.7.5%

Answer – **C.7.6%**

**Explanation** – According to the Central Statistics Office (CSO), Gross domestic product (GDP) will expand by 7.6 percent in 2015-16 compared with 7.2 percent a year earlier.

**83. Which of the following has broke the record of USA’s Ron Cooper by performing 82 pushups in a minute ?**

A.Gaurav Goswami

B.Hanuman Das

C.KJ Joseph

D.Kanishka Sharma

Answer – **C.KJ Joseph**

**Explanation** – KJ Joseph from Kerala has set a new world record for the maximum number of knuckle push-ups in a minute.The previous record was held by USA’s Ron Cooper who performed 79 knuckle pushups in a minute.

**84. Sushil Koirala, who has been recently passed away was the former prime minister of which country ?**

A.Bangladesh

B.Sri Lanka

C.Bhutan

D.Nepal

Answer – **D.Nepal**

**Explanation** – Nepal’s former prime minister and president of the Nepali Congress Sushil Koirala passes away due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). He was 78.

**85. Which of the following has become the first country in the world to ban supermarkets from throwing away unsold food ?**

A.Italy

B.Canada

C.Russia

D.France

Answer – **D.France**

**Explanation** – France has become the first country in the world to ban supermarkets from throwing away or destroying unsold food instead instructed them to donate it to charities and food banks.



**86. Recently, Mahesh Sharma, MoS for Tourism & Culture has launched 24x7 Toll Free Tourist Infoline in how many languages ?**

- A.9
- B.15
- C.12
- D.10

Answer – **C.12**

**Explanation** – Mahesh Sharma, MoS for Tourism & Culture and for Civil Aviation launched the 24x7 Toll Free Tourist Infoline in 12 International Languages on the existing Toll Free Number 1800111363 or on a short code 1363.

Languages – English, Hindi, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

**87. The 9th Indo-Nepal Combined Battalion level Military Training Exercise Surya Kiran has been started off in which of the following state ?**

- A.Karnataka
- B.Rajasthan
- C.Uttarakhand
- D.Himachal Pradesh

Answer – **C.Uttarakhand**

**Explanation** – The 9th Indo-Nepal Combined Battalion level Military Training Exercise Surya Kiran has been started off today at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.

**88. In a bid to make mutual fund (MF) account opening and transactions a paperless, which of the following services solutions provider launched Aadhaar-based eKYC ?**

- A.Fidelity
- B.CAMS
- C.AFLAC
- D.BancFirst

Answer – **B.CAMS**

**Explanation** – Computer Age Management Services (CAMS) has launched Aadhaar-based eKYC (know your customer) using OTP (one-time password) authentication to make mutual fund (MF) account opening and transactions a paperless and presence less process through myCAMS at [www.camsonline.com](http://www.camsonline.com).

**89. Recently urban development ministry has given its stamp of approval to the Heritage development projects of the following states ?**

- A.Tamil Nadu & Telangana
- B.Andhra Pradesh & Punjab
- C.Maharashtra & Telangana

D.Andhra Pradesh & Telangana

Answer – **D.Andhra Pradesh & Telangana**

**Explanation** – In a bid to improve tourist infrastructure in heritage places of Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh and Warangal in Telangana, urban development ministry has given its stamp of approval to the projects worth of Rs. 12 crore.

**90. IIFL Wealth Mumbai International Open Chess tournament title has been clinched by which of the following ?**

A.Shardul Gagare

B.Stany G A

C.Himal Gusain

D.Swapnil Dhopade

Answer – **D.Swapnil Dhopade**

**Explanation** – Rs. 7.5 lakh IIFL Wealth Mumbai International Open Chess tournament title has been clinched by Grandmaster Swapnil S Dhopade of Maharashtra which was held in Mumbai.

**91. International Cricket Council (ICC) has removed some nations from the permanent members of its decision-making executive committee. Which of the following is not included in those nations ?**

A.Australia

B.England

C.NewZealand

D.India

Answer – **C.NewZealand**

**Explanation** – The ICC has removed India, England and Australia as the permanent members of its decision-making executive committee as ICC received widespread criticism suggesting that these countries would take over cricket at the expense of other member nations.

**92. Counter-Terrorism Conference 2016 held at which of the following place ?**

A.Mumbai

B.Delhi

C.Pune

D.Jaipur

Answer – **D.Jaipur**

**Explanation** – President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the Counter-Terrorism Conference 2016 at Jaipur. Counter terrorism is considered to be about tactics, weapons, force levels and intelligence gathering.

**93. Indian Cost Accounts Service (ICoAS) ?**

- A.Ashok Kumar
- B.H. Atheli
- C.Aruna Sethi
- D.Pankaj Gupta

Answer – **C.Aruna Sethi**

**Explanation** – Government has designated Aruna Sethi as the head of Indian Cost Accounts Service (ICoAS), becoming the first lady ICoAS officer to achieve this mark.

**94. Which of the following bank is using its ATM network to sell loans to non- customers ?**

- A.Dena
- B.SBI
- C.HDFC
- D.ICICI

Answer – **C.HDFC**

**Explanation** – HDFC bank is using its ATM network to clutch new customers by extending its branch services through ATMs.It is providing every kind of loans excluding home loans only.

**95. As per the performance management company Nielsen, which of the following country has topped its global confidence index ?**

- A.Indonesia
- B.Vietnam
- C.Thailand
- D.India

Answer – **D.India**

**Explanation** – As per the performance management company Nielsen’s global confidence index, India sat down again as topper with 131 points in respect to job prospects, personal finances and immediate spending intentions in the fourth quarter of 2015.

**96. Which of the following Indian has been appointed to a key position in the World Bank with President Jim Young Kim ?**

- A.Manpreet Vohra
- B.Saroj Kumar Jha
- C.Raghuram Rajan
- D.Vijay Gokhale

Answer – **B.Saroj Kumar Jha**

**Explanation** – An Indian Saroj Kumar Jha has been appointed to a key position in the World Bank with President Jim Young Kim. He is an alumnus of Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.

**97. Recently, which country's government has approved the law that will expand the scope for dual citizenship ?**

- A.Maldives
- B.Bhutan
- C.Sri Lanka
- D.Bangladesh

Answer – **D.Bangladesh**

**Explanation** – Bangladesh government has given its clearance for a new law that will expand the scope for dual citizenship for Bangladeshis in the US and UK

**98. In which of the following city 30th Surajkund International Crafts Mela has been kicked off ?**

- A.Sanchi
- B.Hyderabad
- A.TC.Jaipur
- D.Faridabad

Answer – **D.Faridabad**

**Explanation** – The annual Surajkund International Crafts Mela is inaugurated by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in Faridabad. This year is the 30th edition of the Surajkund International Crafts Mela. The event will continue till 15 February.