



## **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

**July 2016**

1. Indian-American \_\_\_\_\_ named as US university Dean

- a) Jamshed Bharucha      b) Kinshuk      c) Nitin Nohria      d) Subra Suresh

**Answer b) Kinshuk.** The University of North Texas College of Information (UNT) has named Dr. Kinshuk, who goes by a single name, and a former alumni of the University of Rajasthan, as its new dean. Kinshuk is formerly the associate dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology at Athabasca University in Alberta, Canada, since 2010.

2. SBI signed MoU with \_\_\_\_\_ to promote start-ups.

- a) IIT Delhi      b) IIT Bombay      c) IIT Madras      d) IIT Kanpur

**Answer b) IIT Bombay.** India's top public sector bank, State Bank of India, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE), (IIT) Bombay's technology business incubator, to promote innovation by startups in the financial sector. As per the MoU, the bank will provide a platform for testing/piloting financial products/applications of FinTech startups that will be identified by both parties.

3. INS Karna commissioned by Navy chief \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Dalbir Singh      b) Robin K Dhowan      c) Sunil Lanba      d) Arup Raha

**Answer c) Sunil Lanba.** The Navy's dedicated base for its Special Operation Forces – MARCOS (Marine Commandos) – INS Karna was commissioned here by Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba. The commissioning ceremony was held at Naval Establishment INS Kalinga near Bheemunipatnam port in Vizag.

4. India and \_\_\_\_\_ signed Rampal power plant construction agreement

- a) USA      b) Bangladesh      c) Australia      d) Tanzania

**Answer b) Bangladesh.** Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company (Pvt) Limited (BIFPCL) signed the agreement for Main Plant EPC (Turnkey) Package with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).

5. Government of India has allocated \_\_\_\_\_ crore for the skill development of 1 crore people over the next four years

- a) 10000      b) 12000      c) 15000      d) 18000

**Answer b) 12000.** The government has allocated ₹12,000 crore for the skill development of 1 crore people over the next four years. Under the 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana', 60 lakh people will be given fresh training, while 40 lakh will be certified for acquiring skills non-formally, IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said. The government will also provide financial support to the trainees.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ got its first virtual 3D Zebra crossing at Rajaji Marg.

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

**Answer b) New Delhi.** New Delhi got its first virtual 3D Zebra crossing at Rajaji Marg. A one-minute

video shows the crossing, which is divided into two parts for opposing sides of traffic and appears to be elevated. Delhi Street Art developed the crossing in partnership with the NDMC, as part of a trial to see how it affects traffic.

**7. William H McNeil who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) World historian                      b) Author                      c) Professor emeritus                      d) All of the above

**Answer d) All of the above.** William H McNeill, an award-winning world historian and author, has died in Torrington, Connecticut, at age 98. His death was confirmed by Steve Koppes, associate news director at the University of Chicago, where McNeill was a professor emeritus.

**8. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director at Oil India Ltd?**

- a) Sonam Bora                      b) Utpal Bora                      c) Suresh Bora                      d) Rajneesh Bora

**Answer b) Utpal Bora.** D Rajkumar has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director at Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd, while Utpal Bora will be the Oil India Ltd. These two appointments were issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

**9. IDFC Bank acquires Grama Vidiyal Microfinance (GVMFL). The Head Quarters of Grama Vidiyal Micro Finance is \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer d) Tamil Nadu.** IDFC Bank has signed a share purchase agreement with Tamil Nadu-headquartered microfinance institution Grama Vidiyal Micro Finance (GVMFL) for acquisition of 100 % equity share capital of GVMFL in an all-cash deal. A deal is estimated at nearly Rs 300 crore.

**10. Which Ministry launched nationwide Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF)?**

- a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
b) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution  
c) Ministry of Women and Child Development  
d) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

**Answer a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.** On the directions of the Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri J P Nadda, Ministry of Health launched nationwide Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF). It will be observed from 11th to 23rd July across the country under which various activities has been planned including visits by ASHA workers to all such households which have children under the age of five.

**11. Which State government signed MoU with Bangkok firm for disaster risk reduction?**

- a) Karnataka                      b) Maharashtra                      c) Bihar                      d) Gujarat

**Answer c) Bihar.** As part of programmes to implement the Roadmap for Disaster Risk Reduction in Bihar (2015-30), the state government signed an MoU with Bangkok-based Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC). Chief minister Nitish Kumar said The move will help reduce disaster risk management in the state. The MoU was signed by the ADPC executive director Jingjai Hanchanlash

and state Disaster Management Department principal secretary Vyasji.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ to become first issuer of 'masala bonds'.

- a) HDFC                      b) SBI                      c) AXIS                      d) ICICI

**Answer a) HDFC.** Mortgage lender HDFC said that it plans to raise up to ₹3,000 crore through synthetic INR notes called 'masala bonds', a first for an Indian company. HDFC added that it has appointed Axis Bank, Credit Suisse, and Nomura as joint bookrunners and lead managers to the issue. 'Masala bonds' are rupee-denominated borrowings by Indian entities in overseas markets.

13. The National Bank for Rural and Agriculture Development (NABARD) foundation day is observed on?

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

**Answer c) July 12.** The National Bank for Rural and Agriculture Development (NABARD), Chhattisgarh Regional Office celebrated the 35th Foundation day of NABARD on 12th July by inviting its stake holders and beneficiaries. On the occasion, the Chief Guest Chandra Shekhar Sahu, Chairman, Chhattisgarh Finance Commission appreciated the motto of NABARD "Gaon Badhe toh Desh Badhe" and said that agriculture sector in Chattisgarh will be developed through interventions of NABARD, a Bank press release informed.

14. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have been named captains of the Indian men and women's hockey teams respectively, ahead of the Rio Olympics.

- a) Harmanpreet Singh and Poonam Rani                      b) PR Sreejesh and Vandana Kataria  
c) PR Sreejesh and Sushila Chanu                              d) Sardar Singh and Sushila Chanu

**Answer c) PR Sreejesh and Sushila Chanu.** PR Sreejesh and Sushila Chanu have been named captains of the Indian men and women's hockey teams respectively, ahead of the Rio Olympics. Sreejesh, who replaces Sardar Singh as captain, led India to its maiden silver medal in the hockey Champions Trophy in June. Meanwhile, defender Chanu replaces longtime skipper Ritu Rani as skipper of the women's team.

15. Costa Rica nominated former United Nations climate chief \_\_\_\_\_ to be the next U.N. Secretary-General

- a) Christiana Figueres              b) Patricia Espinosa              c) Laurence Tubiana              d) Karen Olsen Beck

**Answer a) Christiana Figueres.** Costa Rica nominated former United Nations climate chief Christiana

Figueres to be the next U.N. Secretary-General, making her the 12th candidate to enter the race ahead of the first Security Council secret ballot .

**16. Govt imposes anti-dumping duty on a chemical from 5 countries. They are**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Malaysia and Taiwan**

- a) China, Iran, Indonesia                      b) China, USA, Japan  
c) China, Bangladesh, Iraq                      d) China, Mozambique, Thailand

**Answer a) China, Iran, Indonesia.** Revenue Department has slapped anti-dumping duty of up to USD 168.76 per tonne on import of a chemical used in textile industry from five countries, including China, Iran, Indonesia, Malaysia and Taiwan, to protect domestic manufacturers. The import restrictive tax has been imposed for five years by the Revenue Department on recommendations of the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD).

**17. Which Team won EURO championship 2016 Title?**

- a) Russia                      b) Spain                      c) Portugal                      d) France

**Answer c) Portugal.** Portugal defeated France 1-0 to win their first ever EURO championship. Substitute Eder scored the winner for Portugal in extra time. This was the first ever EURO final to end scoreless at the end of 90 minutes. Notably, Portugal had a tearful Cristiano Ronaldo stretchered off in the first half due to an injury.

**18. \_\_\_\_\_ to be conferred with AAI Lifetime Achievement Award**

- a) Rangaswamy                      b) Kandaswamy                      c) Srinivasan K Swamy                      d) None of these

**Answer c) Srinivasan K Swamy.** The Advertising Club, Madras, has in its diamond jubilee year, conferred the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) to Srinivasan K Swamy, Chairman and Managing Director, RK SWAMY BBDO. This award is the highest honour to be given to an individual in India for outstanding contribution in the advertising industry. Swamy is the sixth recipient of this award in the last 22 years, with RK Swamy being the first recipient of the award in 1994.

**19. Vice- President Hamid Ansari would inaugurate the new building of Uttar Pradesh State Information Commission (UPSIC) in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Lucknow                      b) Allahabad                      c) Kanpur                      d) Varanasi

**Answer a) Lucknow.** Vice- President Hamid Ansari would inaugurate the new building of Uttar Pradesh State Information Commission (UPSIC) in Gomtinagar area of the state capital. The programme was scheduled on July 8 but was postponed to July 11 following the festival of Eid.

**20. Government of India plans to clean 10 iconic places under Swachh Bharat Mission. Who is the Union Minister for Drinking Water and Sanitation?**

- a) Radha Mohan Singh                      b) Uma Bharathi                      c) Ramvilas Paswan                      d) Narendra Singh Tomar

**Answer d) Narendra Singh Tomar.** The Union Minister for Drinking Water and Sanitation Narendra Singh Tomar has stated that government will carry out a drive to clean 10 iconic places in the country as part of a pilot project under the Swachh Bharat mission. Mr. Tomar said his ministry was in the process of selecting 10 iconic places for cleaning under the mission and most would be either tourist or religious spots.

**21. Who is the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Commerce & Industry?**

- a) Nirmala Sitharaman    b) Jitendra Singh    c) Piyush Goel    d) Smriti Irani

**Answer a) Nirmala Sitharaman.** The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Commerce & Industry, Nirmala Sitharaman to lead the delegation of over 110 Indian companies which showcase

India's engineering prowess at the Russian engineering and technology event under the Brand India Engineering campaign.

**22. Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh announced that a National Research Centre for Banana will be set up in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer d) Bihar.** Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh announced that a National Research Centre for Banana will be set up in Bihar. The land for this was allotted when Jitan Ram Manjhi was the Chief Minister, he said. The announcement came while inaugurating 'Horti-Sangam 2016', an event where farmers from over a dozen states put fruits, vegetables, and flowers on display.

**23. Who won the Wimbledon men's singles titles 2016?**

- a) Andy Murray                      b) Roger Federer                      c) Rafael Nadal                      d) Milos Raonic

**Answer a) Andy Murray.** Andy Murray threw his racket into the crowd and punched the air in delight after demolishing Milos Raonic to secure his second Wimbledon title. Britain's Andy Murray became Wimbledon champion for the second time with a superb performance against Canadian sixth seed Milos Raonic 6-4, 7-6, 7-6 on Centre Court in the final. Murray is the first British man to win multiple Wimbledon singles titles since Fred Perry in 1935.

**24. Who won the British Grand Prix title 2016?**

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

**Answer c) Lewis Hamilton.** Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won the British Grand Prix for the third year in a row, beating team-mate Nico Rosberg, who finished second. This was Hamilton's 47th career victory, helping cut Rosberg's overall lead to four points after the tenth race of the season. Red Bull's Dutch Max Verstappen finished third.

**25. Who has been appointed as Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)?**

- a) Prakash Singh                      b) SK Kohli                      c) Ramesh Khan                      d) Sanjay Kumar

**Answer b) SK Kohli.** Senior bureaucrat SK Kohli has been appointed as Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA). The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved Kohli's empanelment for promotion to the post of CGDA. He is an Indian Defence Accounts Service officer.

**26. Bharti Airtel's Consumer Business Director India \_\_\_\_\_ has quit the company and will join Deutsche Telekom.**

- a) Sunil Mittal                      b) Akshay Patel                      c) Srinivasa Gopalan                      d) Anand Kumar

**Answer c) Srinivasa Gopalan.** Bharti Airtel's Consumer Business Director India has quit the company and will join Deutsche Telekom on October 1st as a member of new board member for Europe business. Gopalan studied Business Administration at the renowned St. Stephen's college in New Delhi and later he earned his MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India's leading school.



27. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis expanded his council of ministers, inducting 11 ministers, including 10 new faces. Who is the governor of Maharashtra?

- a) Vajubhai Vala      b) Vidyasagar Rao      c) N N Vohra      d) Acharya Dev Virat

**Answer b) Vidyasagar Rao.** Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis expanded his council of ministers, inducting 11 ministers, including 10 new faces. With this Cabinet expansion, the council of minister now has 39 members, with 42 being the maximum allowed. The BJP's newly inducted

cabinet rank ministers are Pandurang Phundkar, Subhash Deshmukh, Jaikumar Raval and Sambhaji Patil-Nilangekar. The ministers of state from the BJP are Ravindra Chavan and Madan Yerawar. Mahadev Jankar of BJP's ally Rashtriya Samaj Paksha was inducted as cabinet minister. Fadnavis also promoted BJP's minister of state for home Ram Shinde to cabinet rank.

**28. Home Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the second Anti-drug Working Group meeting of Heads of Drug Control Agencies of BRICS countries in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Mumbai                      b) Srinagar                      c) Kolkata                      d) New Delhi

**Answer d) New Delhi.** Home Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the second Anti-drug Working Group meeting of Heads of Drug Control Agencies of BRICS countries in New Delhi. Besides the delegates from the member countries, the Ambassadors of the respective countries shall also be attending the inaugural session. The meeting is being organized by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). The Indian delegation will be headed by Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar, Director General, Narcotics Control Bureau.

29. The newly-elected Left Democratic Front government in Kerala has imposed a 'fat tax' of \_\_\_\_\_ on branded restaurants that sell junk food like burgers, pizzas, and pasta.

- a) 10.50%      b) 14.50%      c) 16%      d) 12.50%

**Answer b) 14.50%.** The newly-elected Left Democratic Front government in Kerala has imposed a 'fat tax' of 14.5% on branded restaurants that sell junk food like burgers, pizzas, and pasta. This is the first such tax in India and is expected to help the government raise ₹10 crore annually. Notably, a similar tax was imposed in Denmark and Hungary to fight obesity.

30. Out of the 78 ministers in the current Council of Ministers, \_\_\_\_\_ are women, according to analysis of the ministers' affidavits.

- a) Seven      b) Ten      c) Nine      d) Fifteen

**Answer c) Nine.** Out of the 78 ministers in the current Council of Ministers, nine are women, according to analysis of the ministers' affidavits. This makes up 12% of the Council. While seven of them took oath in May 2014, one was inducted in November 2014 and another joined in the July 2016 reshuffle.

31. Who will become the first ever woman in the world to receive the Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea from the International Maritime Organisation?

- a) Radhika Menon      b) Priya Menon      c) Ramya Menon      d) Deepa Menon

**Answer a) Radhika Menon.** Captain Radhika Menon will become the first ever woman in the world to receive the Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea from the International Maritime Organisation. Menon, also the first woman captain of the Indian Merchant Navy, will be given the award for saving the lives of seven fishermen in a ceremony to be held in London on November 21.

32. Which Bank has launched an SME Bank which will provide full-fledged digital banking service to small and medium sector enterprises?

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

**Answer d) HDFC Bank.** HDFC Bank is turning aggressive in the SME space that's crying for funds with state-run banks deserting them due to mounting bad loans. The private sector lender has launched an SME Bank which will provide full-fledged digital banking service to small and medium sector enterprises. SMEs will now be able to avail banking facilities such as forward currency outward remittances, import bill under collection, besides viewing credit lines with the bank and outstanding amount.

33. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first state in the country to introduce minimum wages for part time workers.

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

**Answer c) Rajasthan.** Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to introduce minimum wages for part time workers. The Labour Department has issued a notification. As per the notification, it becomes mandatory to pay 50 % of the prescribed a day minimum wage to a person

who works for less than 4 hours in a day. With this notification, part time workers now come under the Minimum Wages Act 1948.

**34. India ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in the world mobile app economy**

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

**Answer d) Fourth.** India is rapidly moving into the mobile app age and is already the fourth-largest mobile app economy. The amount of time Indians spend on apps has also increased dramatically, says mobile-app analytics company App Annie. In total app downloads per year, only China, US, and

Brazil are ahead of India. The annual figure for India is projected to grow by 92% to reach 7.7 billion downloads this year, and further to 20.1 billion by 2020. China's app download is expected to grow at a much slower 29% this year, but the absolute figure will be more than 6 times that of India's at 49 billion.

**35. World Zoonoses day is observed on?**

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

**Answer b) July 6.** Veterinary College and Research Institute (VCRI), Tirunelveli, observed World Zoonoses Day on July 6 to create awareness among students and staff of the spread of zoonotic diseases to human beings.

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36. The Union Cabinet approved a long-term contract by signing an MoU with \_\_\_\_\_ for the import of pulses.

- a) Mozambique      b) China      c) USA      d) Saudi Arabia

**Answer a) Mozambique.** The Union Cabinet approved a long-term contract by signing an MoU with Mozambique for the import of pulses. The MoU is aimed at promoting the production of pulses in the African country, thereby doubling the trade between the two nations by 2020-21. This is expected to stabilise the price of pulses by meeting the current shortfall in supply.

37. Indian tennis player Sania Mirza's autobiography \_\_\_\_\_ has been released by its publishers.

- a) A Shot at History    b) Playing to Win    c) Ace Against Odds    d) Unbreakable: An Autobiography

**Answer c) Ace Against Odds.** Indian tennis player Sania Mirza's autobiography 'Ace Against Odds' has been released by its publishers. The book has been co-authored by Sania's father Imran Mirza, and features anecdotes from her professional and personal life. "If my story can inspire even one youngster to the heights of winning a Grand Slam in the future, I will feel blessed," said Sania.

38. Who becomes India's first 'World Class Gymnast'?

- a) Priti Das      b) Tumpa Debnath      c) Dipa Karmakar      d) Payel Bhattacharjee

**Answer c) Dipa Karmakar.** Indian Gymnast Dipa Karmakar has scripted history by becoming the first Indian to be named as 'World Class Gymnast' by the Federation International de Gymnastique (FIG). she is also the first ever Indian female gymnast to qualify for the Olympic Games.

39. Which Government has launched Rapid Rural Police Response System (RRPRS) to ensure prompt and effective police response in 12,000 villages?

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

**Answer c) Punjab.** A Rapid Rural Police Response System has been launched across Punjab to ensure prompt and effective police response in the state's over 12,000 villages. Punjab Deputy Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badal, who launched the scheme, also flagged off 400 new motorcycles and 220 new Bolero jeeps under the new system. Under the system, police will respond to any crime or law and order situation within 20 minutes of it being reported.

40. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) launched an app called \_\_\_\_\_ that measures mobile's data speed of the users and sends results to the regulatory body.

- a) MyData      b) MySpeed      c) MyNet      d) None of these

**Answer b) MySpeed.** The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) launched an app called 'MySpeed' that measures mobile's data speed of the users and sends results to the regulatory body. Available on Android and iOS platforms, it also sends device's location and other network information to TRAI. It does not share any personal information of its users and sends reports anonymously.

41. Which State Police has launched a 24-hour helpline for people to report incidents of cow smuggling in the state?

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

**Answer d) Haryana.** The Haryana Police has launched a 24-hour helpline for people to report incidents of cow smuggling in the state, where cattle slaughter and beef sale are already banned. The police also said that barricades would be put up to check cow smuggling. This comes after a recent incident wherein two alleged beef smugglers were forced to eat cow dung.

42. The world's largest 'charkha' or spinning wheel was unveiled at Terminal-3 of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Indira Gandhi International Airport      b) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport  
c) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport      d) Chennai International Airport

**Answer a) Indira Gandhi International Airport.** The world's largest 'charkha' or spinning wheel was unveiled at Terminal-3 of Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport by BJP President Amit Shah. The installation of the 27 feet long and 15 feet tall charkha commemorates the centenary year of Mahatma Gandhi's return from South Africa. Around 42 carpenters in Ahmedabad took 55 days to

build the charkha.

**43. Arun Jaitley has been replaced by \_\_\_\_\_ as the Information and Broadcasting Minister.**

- a) Ravi Shankar Prasad                      b) Venkaiah Naidu                      c) Vijay Goel                      d) Jayant Sinha

**Answer b) Venkaiah Naidu.** Following the Union Cabinet expansion and reshuffle, Arun Jaitley has been replaced by Venkaiah Naidu as the Information and Broadcasting Minister. Naidu, who is also the incumbent Union Minister for Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, will give up his Parliamentary Affairs portfolio. However, Arun Jaitley will remain the Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs.

**44. Indian shuttlers \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ won the men's doubles title at the 2016 Canada Open badminton 2016.**

- a) Aditya Joshi and B Sumeeth Reddy                      b) Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy  
c) Manu Attri and Sai Praneeth                      d) Chetan Anand and Sai Praneeth

**Answer b) Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy.** Indian shuttlers Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy won the men's doubles title at the 2016 Canada Open badminton 2016, defeating home favourites Adrian Liu and Toby Ng. The Indian pair won the game 21-8, 21-14, ensuring India's second title at the tournament. Attri and Reddy were the first Indian men's doubles pair to qualify for the Rio Olympics.

**45. FSSAI inks MoU with ASCI to check misleading advertisements. Expand ASCI?**

- a) Administration Standard Council of India                      b) Advertising Service Council of India  
c) Advertising Standard Committee of India                      d) Advertising Standard Council of India

**Answer d) Advertising Standard Council of India.** Regulator FSSAI has joined hands with ASCI in its bid to check misleading advertisements in the food and beverages sector. Advertising Standard Council of India (ASCI) will comprehensively monitor the advertisements across various media. The council has been given a suo motu monitoring mandate by FSSAI to process complaints against misleading advertisements of food and beverages.



**46. Which country builds world's largest radio telescope?**

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

**Answer c) China.** China has hoisted the final piece into position on what will be the world's largest radio telescope, which it will use to explore space and help in the hunt for extraterrestrial life. The Five Hundred Metre Aperture Spherical Telescope, or Fast, is the size of 30 football fields and has been cut out of a mountain in the south-western province of Guizhou.

**47. Which Ministry has granted recognition to Paralympic Committee of India, giving a huge confidence boost to the several para-athletes who have qualified for Rio Paralympics?**

- a) Information and Broadcasting Ministry                      b) Human Resource Development Ministry  
c) Sports Ministry                      d) Transport Ministry

**Answer c) Sports Ministry.** The Sports Ministry has granted recognition to Paralympic Committee of

India, giving a huge confidence boost to the several para-athletes who have qualified for Rio Paralympics. The ministry's move comes less than a month after the International Paralympic Committee announced temporary lifting of suspension imposed on the national body last year so that Indians can take part under the tri-colour in the showpiece event in September.

**48. Who won Austrian Grand prix 2016?**

- a) Nico Rosberg            b) Sebastian Vettel            c) Kimi Raikkonen            d) Lewis Hamilton

**Answer d) Lewis Hamilton.** Lewis Hamilton collided with Mercedes team-mate Nico Rosberg on the last lap before passing him to win a thrilling Austrian Grand Prix. The German turned into a corner late as Hamilton tried to pass around the outside and damaged his front wing, finishing fourth. Rosberg was given a 10-second penalty and two penalty points by stewards for causing a collision. It reduces Hamilton's deficit to Rosberg to 11 points in the title race. Max Verstappen in a Red Bull was second and Kimi Raikkonen of Ferrari was third.

**49. The South Asian Basketball Association (SABA) Zone Qualifying Round of the FIBA Asia Challenge 2016 will be held at \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer c) India.** The South Asian Basketball Association (SABA) Zone Qualifying Round of the FIBA Asia Challenge 2016 will be held from July 6 to 8 at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium. The three-day competition will be played on a round robin league format. Four South Asian teams – defending champions and hosts India, Nepal, Bangladesh and the island nation of Maldives are in the fray.

**50. Kapil Seth who passed recently was a/an**

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

**Answer a) Cricketer.** Former Madhya Pradesh cricketer Kapil Seth has recently passed away. He was 36. According to the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA), the all-rounder was suffering from Hepatitis B. Seth, who represented the state in only one first-class and a List A game in the 2000-01

season, made his sole Ranji Trophy appearance against Vidarbha in November 2000, ESPN cricinfo reported.

51. **Elie Wiesel who passed away recently was a/an**

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

**Answer b) Author.** Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and author who fought for peace, human rights and simple human decency, has died at the age of 87. Wiesel, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, recounted his family being sent to the Nazi concentration camps in his first book, "Night," which was published in France in 1958. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu lauded Wiesel as a "master of words."

52. **Which Bank made its debut on social media banking by launching its platform called "Mingle" through which its customers can transact using Facebook and Twitter?**

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

**Answer a) State Bank of India.** The country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI), launched three digital initiatives and indicated that it may have to prune its branch network once its associates are merged.

SBI made its debut on social media banking by launching its platform called "Mingle" through which its customers can transact using Facebook and Twitter.

53. **Which State Government has decided to ban 'electronic cigarette' recently?**

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

**Answer c) Kerala.** Kerala government has decided to ban 'electronic cigarette' in view of studies claiming that its use can cause various health issues, including cancer and heart ailments. State Health Minister KK Shylaja has directed the additional chief secretary (health) to issue an order banning the production, sale and advertisement of 'electronic cigarette' alias 'e-cigarette'. E-cigarettes are handy devices that emit doses of vaporised nicotine.

54. **Which country has been named as the world's safest vacation spot?**

- a) Spain                      b) Norway                      c) Iceland                      d) Switzerland

**Answer c) Iceland.** Iceland has been named as the world's safest vacation spot. Based on the recently released Global Peace Index (GPI) ranking, the Institute for Economics and Peace charted the world's safest destinations. Iceland also called the Republic of Iceland, is a Nordic island country situated between the North Atlantic and the Arctic Ocean. The country has a population of 332,529 and covers an area of 103,000 km<sup>2</sup>, making it the most sparsely populated country in Europe. Its capital and the largest city is Reykjavik.

55. A Youth Summit for the BRICS countries has begun in Guwahati, The theme of the summit is

- a) 'Youth as bridge for Intra-BRICS Exchanges' c) "Inclusive Growth; Sustainable Development"  
 b) "Partnership – a Powerful Factor of Global Development" d) None of these

**Answer a) 'Youth as bridge for Intra-BRICS Exchanges'.** A Youth Summit for the BRICS countries has begun in Guwahati with the theme 'Youth as bridge for Intra-BRICS Exchanges'. The subjects to be covered are skill development and entrepreneurship, social inclusion, youth volunteerism and youth participation in governance. The programme for the summit also includes thematic debates, cultural events, site-visits and interactive sessions with local youth. The Youth Summit would also be an occasion to introduce India's North-East to BRICS youth.

56. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the world's first country to have a nationwide low-range or LoRa network for enabling Internet of Things (IoT) applications.

- a) Japan                      b) China                      c) Singapore                      d) Holland

**Answer d) Holland.** Holland has become the world's first country to have a nationwide low-range or LoRa network for enabling Internet of Things (IoT) applications. Launched by Dutch telecom company KPN, the network connects IoT devices to transfer data between them without a local Wi-Fi connection. The network took a total of eight months to be spread across the country.

57. RC Dhere who passed away recently was a \_\_\_\_\_ writer

- a) Tamil                      b) Hindi                      c) Marathi                      d) Kannada

**Answer c) Marathi.** Eminent Marathi writer RC Dhere, known for his exhaustive research in folk literature and bhakti tradition of Maharashtra, passed away following prolonged illness at the age of 86. Dhere, a recipient of the Sahitya Academy Award in 1987 for his book 'Sri Vitthal- A Mahasamanvayak (Lord Vitthal- A great coordinator)', carved a niche for himself by tracing the roots of Maharashtra's folk traditions and literature with an extensive research that highlighted the influence of saints on Maharashtrian ethos.

58. Who has been appointed as Foreign Minister of Maldives Recently?

- a) Mohamed Asif                      b) Abdul Rahaman                      c) Mohamed Asim                      d) Mohamed Razaq

**Answer c) Mohamed Asim.** President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom has appointed Dr. Mohamed Asim as the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Asim took the oath of office, at a ceremony held at the President's Office. The oath was administered by Supreme Court Judge Uz. Abdulla Areef.

59. Union Cabinet approves revival of defunct Fertilizer Units in

- a) Gorakhpur, Sirka and Barauni                      b) Gonda, Sirka and Barauni  
 c) Gorakhpur, Sindri and Bagaha                      d) Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni

**Answer d) Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni .**The Cabinet approved the revival of these three closed

fertiliser units, with a capacity of 1.27 million tonnes per annum each at an estimated cost of Rs 18,000 crore to make India self-sufficient in urea output.

60. The World Youth Skills Day is observed globally on \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer a) July 15.** The World Youth Skills Day is observed globally on 15 July every year, This day is being celebrated in order to highlight the fundamental rights of the youth and to raise awareness about the importance of investing in youth skills development. President Pranab Mukherjee has inaugurated the first edition of “India Skills Competition” on the occasion of World Youth Skill Day, held at the Pragati Maidan.

61. Which State government launched the New Economic Development Policy to boost the state's economy and livelihood of the people?

- a) Maharashtra                      b) Rajasthan                      c) Mizoram                      d) Madya Pradesh

**Answer c) Mizoram.** The Mizoram government launched the New Economic Development Policy to boost the state's economy and livelihood of the people. Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla announced that ₹270 crore has been sanctioned for implementing the policy, which will be executed from this financial year. The CM also said that the policy will lead Mizoram from subsistence to market-based economy.

62. World's First 3D Printing Restaurant to Open in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Tokyo                      b) London                      c) Washington                      d) Beijing

**Answer b) London.** Food Ink, which claims to be the world's first 3D printing restaurant, is coming to London between July 25 and July 27. At the cost of £250 (about \$334) each, the pop-up restaurant will serve ten customers each night. People can also try the 3D printers themselves and taste 3D printed snacks during the day.

63. India has ranked \_\_\_\_\_ on business optimism index

- a) 1<sup>st</sup>                      b) 2<sup>nd</sup>                      c) 3<sup>rd</sup>                      d) 5<sup>th</sup>

**Answer c) 3rd.** India has ranked third on the scale of global business optimism for the April-June quarter, after remaining on top globally for the two preceding quarters, according to Grant Thornton's latest International Business Report. Delays in key reforms like GST, non-resolution of tax disputes, and the banking sector's performance are among the reasons that impacted business confidence, the report added.

64. \_\_\_\_\_ became the first state of the country to set up Happiness Department in the state

- a) Madhya Pradesh                      b) Sikkim                      c) Tamil Nadu                      d) Bihar

**Answer a) Madhya Pradesh.** Madhya Pradesh Cabinet gave its nod to set up Happiness Department in the state. The department will work as knowledge resource centre on the subject of happiness. With this approval, Madhya Pradesh became the first state of the country to set up such a Department.

65. Indian National football team occupy \_\_\_\_\_ spot in the latest world football rankings issued by FIFA

- a) 163<sup>rd</sup>                      b) 156<sup>th</sup>                      c) 152<sup>nd</sup>                      d) 160<sup>th</sup>

**Answer c) 152nd.** Riding on their back-to-back wins over Laos last month, India made a big leap of 11 places to occupy 152nd spot in the latest world football rankings issued by FIFA. Iran (39th) remain Asia's number one ranked team, followed by Korea Republic (48th), Uzbekistan (56th), Japan (57th) and Australia (59th). Overall, Argentina remain on top, despite losing to Chile in the Copa America Centenario summit clash. Belgium, Colombia, Germany and Chile retained their places at second, third, fourth and fifth while UEFA Euro 2016 champions Portugal moved up two places to be at sixth.

66. RBI has asked banks to exchange up to \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of soiled currency notes with a maximum value of Rs 5,000 over the counter

- a) 10                      b) 20                      c) 30                      d) 50

**Answer b) 20.** In an effort to improve customer service, the RBI has asked banks to exchange up to



20 pieces of soiled currency notes with a maximum value of Rs 5,000 over the counter, free of charge. However, if the number of notes to be exchanged is more than 20, banks can levy service charge.

67. India's first 'Women's Entrepreneurs Park' to come up in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Karnataka                      b) Uttarakhand                      c) Maharashtra                      d) Bihar

**Answer b) Uttarakhand.** The country's first of its kind industrial park, exclusively for women entrepreneurs, was launched by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat at the Federation House. To attract women to business and encourage them to initiate start-ups in the state. The event was organized by FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO).

68. Vice President Mohammad Hamid Ansari reached Ulaanbaatar to attend 11th Asia Europe Meeting- ASEM-Summit. Ulaanbaatar is the capital of which Country?

- a) China                      b) Magnolia                      c) South Korea                      d) Japan

**Answer b) Magnolia.** Vice President Mohammad Hamid Ansari reached Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. He was received by Head of Presidential Admin, Mongolia at the airport. Vice-President Ansari is leading the India delegation for two-day 11th Asia Europe Meeting- ASEM-Summit. The ASEM summit is a unique platform to bridge the two continents for constructive partnership and exchange through political dialogue, economic collaboration and socio- cultural exchanges.

69. **Who is the new Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh?**

- a) Nabam Tuki                      b) Dorjee Khandu                      c) Pema Khandu                      d) Tarun Gogoi

**Answer c) Pema Khandu.** Congress leader Pema Khandu, son of late Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu, was sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. The 36-year-old leader replaces Nabam Tuki, who stepped down from the post recently. This comes after the Supreme Court annulled the Centre's imposition of President's rule in the state and reinstated the former Tuki-led Congress government.

**70. Which University has signed MoU for collaborative studies with Global Village Foundation (GVF) for collaborative studies?**

- a) Kukulshetra University                                      b) Ashoka University  
c) Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University                      d) Maharshi Dayanand University

**Answer d) Maharshi Dayanand University.** Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) has inked an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with non-profit public organization namely Global Village Foundation (GVF) for collaborative studies and research on social and economic public policies.

**71. The Central Government has approved projects involving an investment of Rs19.50 crore for Mewat and Sirsa districts of \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer a) Haryana.** The Central Government has approved projects involving an investment of Rs19.50 crore for Mewat and Sirsa districts of Haryana, under Muti Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP). Haryana Chief Secretary DS Dhese presided over a meeting in this regard with Deputy Commissioners of six districts and Administrative Secretaries of various departments through video conferencing. These districts included Sirsa, Palwal, Mewat, Yamunanagar, Fatehabad and Kaithal.

**72. Which country successfully test-fired its indigenously designed 155 mm/52 calibre Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS)?**

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

**Answer a) India.** India’s Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test-fired its indigenously designed 155 mm/52 calibre Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) to a range of 40 km at its Proof & Experimental Establishment in Balasore (Odisha)on the country’s east coast. The ATAGS project forms part of the Indian Army’s artillery modernisation programme.

**73. Who won 73rd Senior National Squash Championship men’s title?**

- a) Harinderpal Singh Sandhu    b) Saurav Ghosal    c) Siddharth Suchde    d) Ritwik Bhattacharya

**Answer b) Saurav Ghosal.** Dipika Pallikal Karthik dethroned defending champion Joshna Chinappa to regain the women’s title in the 73rd Senior National Squash Championship and The men’s crown was captured by title holder and top seed Saurav Ghosal, who created history by winning it for the 11th time, defeating fourth seed Harinderpal Singh Sandhu in five hard-fought games.

**74. Who is the new Prime minister of Australia?**

- a) Tony Abbott                      b) Kevin Rudd                      c) Julia Gillard                      d) Malcolm Turnbull

**Answer d) Malcolm Turnbull.** Malcolm Turnbull was sworn in as the prime minister of Australia for 2nd term following a narrow election victory on July 2. Turnbull’s Liberal/National coalition got 76 seats and had potentially one more in the 150-seat House of Representatives.

**75. Government of India and \_\_\_\_\_ signed a US \$ 100 Million Loan for ‘Climate**

**Adaptation in Vennar Subbasin of Cauvery Delta project' in Tamil Nadu**

- a) Asian Development Bank      b) New Development Bank      c) World Bank      d) NABARD Bank

**Answer a) Asian Development Bank.** The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a USD 100 million loan for 'Climate Adaptation in Vennar Subbasin of Cauvery Delta project' in Tamil Nadu. The financing will be used to strengthen embankments of six major irrigation water channels in the Vennar system and rehabilitate 13 irrigation pumping schemes.

**76. Which National Park has been designated as India's first "Mixed" site on the UNESCO World Heritage List?**

- a) Panna National Park      b) Gir Forest National Park  
c) Bandipur National Park      d) Khangchendzonga National Park

**Answer d) Khangchendzonga National Park.** Sikkim's Khangchendzonga National Park has been designated as India's first "Mixed" site on the UNESCO World Heritage List, by fulfilling the criteria under both natural and cultural heritage. Earlier, Chandigarh's Capitol Complex and Nalanda University were also added to the list. With this, India now has 35 sites on the World Heritage List, including seven natural and 27 cultural sites.

**77. Mubarak Begum Shaikh who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Playback Singer      b) Actress      c) Politician      d) Economist

**Answer a) Playback Singer.** Ghazal maestro and playback singer Mubarak Begum Shaikh passed

away at the age of 80 after prolonged illness. She was known for songs including 'Woh Na Aayenge Palat Kar' from the 1955 film 'Devdas' and 'Kabhi Tanhaiyon Mein' from the 1961 film 'Hamari Yaad Aayegi'. She sang for over 110 films in her career of over four decades.

78. The annual 'Ramayana Month' began in \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer d) Kerala.** The annual 'Ramayana Month' began in Kerala with temples and Hindu houses across the state resonating with the chanting of the epic Ramayana. Karkkidakam', the last month in the Malayalam almanac, is observed as the auspicious Ramayana month in the Kerala.

79. Government of India launched Transforming India portal, who is the Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology and Law and Justice?

- a) Ananth Kumar                      b) Ravi Shankar Prasad                      c) Venkaiah Naidu                      d) Prakash Javadekar

**Answer b) Ravi Shankar Prasad.** With the aim of sharing the impact of various governance initiatives with citizens in real-time, the government has launched a website — 'Transforming India' —The website was launched by Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology and Law and Justice, Ravi Shankar Prasad. The website, [www.transformingindia.mygov.in](http://www.transformingindia.mygov.in), will provide information in a user-friendly format enabling citizens to view the content in the form of infographics, e-books, performance dashboard, videos, daily news corner, and engage with the content by comments and sharing the content through social media.

80. Which State government has reconstituted the Police Accountability Commission with Justice Malay Sengupta?

- a) Sikkim                      b) Maharashtra                      c) Madhya Pradesh                      d) Haryana

**Answer a) Sikkim.** The Sikkim government has reconstituted the Police Accountability Commission with Justice Malay Sengupta, a retired Judge of the Sikkim High Court, as its chairperson. The commission will inquire into allegations of misconduct against police personnel, on its own or based on complaints. The Commission reportedly held its first meeting in capital Gangtok recently.

81. Which organisation remained India's most valuable brand in 2015-16 with a valuation of \$13.7 billion, according to Brand Finance?

- a) Airtel                      b) LIC                      c) Tata Group                      d) SBI

**Answer c) Tata Group.** The Tata Group remained India's most valuable brand in 2015-16 with a valuation of \$13.7 billion, according to Brand Finance. LIC and Airtel moved up a place to second and third while SBI moved down to fourth. Royal Enfield is the fastest growing brand with 91% growth in value, and is ranked 49, up from last year's 84.

82. The Turkish Government declared a three-month state of emergency in the country after the recent failed military coup. Who is the president of Turkey?

- a) Abdullah Gul      b) Ahmet Necdet Sezer      c) Binali Yıldırım      d) Recep Tayyip Erdogan

**Answer d) Recep Tayyip Erdogan.** Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan declared a three-month state of emergency in the country after the recent failed military coup. He said the state of emergency is needed "in order to remove swiftly all the elements of the terrorist organisation involved in the coup attempt". Erdogan also vowed that democracy will not be compromised in Turkey.

**83. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes oldest captain to score Test hundred**

- a) Anil Kumble      b) Misbah-ul-haq      c) Sourav Ganguly      d) Ricky Ponting

**Answer b) Misbah-ul-haq.** The one thing constant in the turmoil that is known as Pakistan cricket is Misbah-ul-Haq. Once again he proved how important he is to this fragile Pakistan batting line-up by compiling a masterful century in his first Test innings in England, at the age of 42years and 47days . He received good company from Asad Shafiq who scored 73while putting up 148 for the fifth wicket before falling in the far end of the day.

**84. Who became the first Indian to win the 'Mr World' title at this year's male beauty pageant held in Southport, England?**

- a) Rohit Khandelwal      b) Ankit Arora      c) Puneet Beniwal      d) Prateik Jain

**Answer a) Rohit Khandelwal.** Rohit Khandelwal became the first Indian to win the 'Mr World' title at this year's male beauty pageant held in Southport, England. The 26-year-old actor from Hyderabad won a cash prize of \$50,000 while beating 45 other contestants to win the title. Rohit became eligible for the competition by winning the 'Mr India World' 2015 title.

**85. India ranks \_\_\_\_\_ on Sustainable Development index among 149 nations**

- a) 108      b) 110      c) 126      d) 141

**Answer b) 110.** India is ranked at a low 110 of 149 nations with regard to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, according to a new index topped by Sweden that shows all countries face major challenges in achieving these ambitious goals. The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and the Bertelsmann Stiftung launched a new Sustainable Development Goal Index and Dashboard to provide a report card for tracking Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) progress and ensuring accountability.

**86. Which two countries jointly inaugurated the Petrapole Integrated Check Post (ICP)?**

- a) India and Nepal      b) India and Tunisia      c) India and China      d) India and Bangladesh

**Answer d) India and Bangladesh.** The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina jointly inaugurated the Petrapole Integrated Check Post (ICP) through video-conferencing. Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee also participated from Kolkata in the video-conference.

87. India and \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to enhance cooperation on hydrocarbons, energy

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

**Answer b) USA.** Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and US Secretary for Energy Ernest Moniz have agreed to increase technical and institutional cooperation on hydrocarbons and energy. The agreed to enhance cooperation in “assessment of both onshore and offshore conventional and unconventional hydrocarbon reserves in India, new technologies in development of biofuel and development of petroleum storage”, a petroleum ministry statement said of their meeting in Washington .

88. Which State government has imposed an "unconditional" ban on the sale, and possession of Chinese 'manja' and other non-biodegradable threads used to fly kites recently?

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

**Answer c) Karnataka.** The Karnataka government has imposed an "unconditional" ban on the sale, and possession of Chinese 'manja' and other non-biodegradable threads used to fly kites. The threads, coated with finely crushed glass and other harmful substances, are blamed for causing injuries and claiming lives of birds. Reportedly, 268 birds entangled in Chinese 'manja' in Bengaluru were rescued between 2010-2014.

89. Which company has emerged on top of the latest Fortune Global 500 list?

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

**Answer a) Walmart.** US-based retail giant Walmart has emerged on top of the latest Fortune Global 500 list, which ranks the world’s biggest companies in terms of their revenues. With \$482.13 billion



in revenue, Walmart has bagged the title for the third consecutive year. Further, China's state-owned firms State Grid and China National Petroleum were ranked 2nd and 3rd respectively.

90. Which Bank has signed an agreement with Reliance Jio Money for one-click payment service?

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

**Answer d) Federal Bank.** Federal Bank has signed an agreement with Reliance Jio Money for one-click payment service. Reliance Jio Money is a wallet application that will be launched soon for mobile devices where Federal Bank will enable a direct payment option for its customers.

91. Who has been appointed as Additional Director and the Non-Executive (Part-Time) Chairman of Axis Bank?

- a) Kalraj Mishra                      b) Prakash Sharma                      c) Sanjiv Mishra                      d) Amit Mishra

**Answer c) Sanjiv Mishra.** Mumbai-headquartered, Axis Bank has stated that the Reserve Bank of India has granted approval for appointment of Dr.Sanjiv Misra as Additional Director and the Non-Executive (Part-Time) Chairman of the bank for a period of three years with effect from July 18, 2016, up to July 17, 2019 .Dr. Sanjiv Mishra was earlier the SUUTI (special under staging of UTI) nominee on board as Non-Executive Chairmen till May 11, 2016.

92. Which Bank has initiated a programme to provide solar lights in the non-electrified houses of students in rural areas?

- a) Karnataka Bank                      b) Axis Bank                      c) South Indian Bank                      d) ICICI Bank

**Answer a) Karnataka Bank.** Karnataka Bank Ltd has initiated a programme to provide solar lights in the non-electrified houses of students in rural areas. MS Mahabaleshwara, Chief General Manager of the bank, told Business Line that the bank, in association with the Manipal-based non-governmental organisation Bharatiya Vikas Trust (BVT), has taken up this initiative under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme.

93. The Odisha Government has constituted a one-man judicial commission to suggest a reform in its management is headed by whom?

- a) RM Lodha                      b) Bimal Prasad Das                      c) Prakash Kanth                      d) Manmohan Kumar

**Answer b) Bimal Prasad Das.** With recurrence of unruly affairs at Sri Jagannath Temple in Puri creating serious public outrage, the Odisha Government constituted a one-man judicial commission to suggest reforms in its management. The commission will be headed by retired judge of Orissa High Court Justice Bimal Prasad Das. He would be assisted by former temple administrator Mahimohan Tripathy.

94. To attract foreign investment in the state, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will go on a four-day visit to \_\_\_\_\_ in September

- a) Russia and USA                      b) China and Indonesia                      c) Italy and Germany                      d) Italy and Australia

**Answer c) Italy and Germany.** To attract foreign investment in the state, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will go on a four-day visit to Italy and Germany in September. Two apex chambers of commerce and industry from Germany have invited Banerjee to go with a business delegation, while the Mayor of Rome Virginia Raggi has invited her for a special reception, state finance minister Amit Mitra said.

95. The Union Ministry of Science and Technology, launched a 'Solar Power Tree' in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Maharashtra                      b) New Delhi                      c) Punjab                      d) Sikkim

**Answer b) New Delhi.** The Union Ministry of Science and Technology, launched a 'Solar Power Tree' in Delhi to generate electricity in a limited space. The minister said that the tree takes 4 square feet to generate 5 kW of power compared to 400 square feet of land required conventionally. The tree has a battery backup of 2 hours under full load.

96. **Who is set to become the first female violinist to be honoured with the 'Sangita Kalanidhi' title by the Madras Music Academy?**

- a) M.L. Vasanthakumari    b) Sudha Ragunathan    c) A. Kanyakumari    d) K.S. Janaki

**Answer c) A. Kanyakumari.** A. Kanyakumari is set to become the first female violinist to be honoured with the 'Sangita Kalanidhi' title by the Madras Music Academy. The title, considered a prestigious award in Carnatic music, will be conferred on Kanyakumari on January 1, 2017. "Kanyakumari is a top ranking Carnatic violinist whose experience spans over 50 years," said the Academy's president N Murali.

97. **Which State tourism won two Gold Gongs at the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Awards?**

- a) Tamil Nadu Tourism    b) Haryana Tourism    c) Karnataka Tourism    d) Kerala Tourism

**Answer d) Kerala Tourism.** Kerala Tourism won two Gold Gongs at the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Awards. Kerala Tourism bagged the award in recognition of its trend setting marketing initiatives, which have given a boost to the state's profile as a must-visit destination. The awards were in the categories of Travel Advertisement Broadcast Media and E-Newsletter, which were grabbed by the successful Visit Kerala television commercial campaign and the popular Kerala Tourism E-Newsletter, respectively.

98. **Who has been appointed as head of joint parliamentary committee for Land acquisition bill?**

- a) Prakash Singh    b) Mahesh Gupta    c) Ganesh Singh    d) Kalraj Mishra

**Answer c) Ganesh Singh.** Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan reformed the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) for Land Acquisition Bill and appointed Ganesh Singh, Member of Parliament of BJP from Satna constituency of Madhya Pradesh as its new head.

99. **With a user base of more than 335 million globally, \_\_\_\_\_ is currently world's 3rd largest telecom provider**

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

**Answer c) Airtel.** With a user base of more than 335 million globally, Airtel is currently world's 3rd largest telecom provider. Aimed to serve its 335 million user base in a much better way, Airtel recently launched MyPlan for its postpaid users with the tagline 'Choose Anything. Waste Nothing', allowing users to customise their bills as per their need.

100. Which IT company has topped the 'Top 20 IT-BPO Employers in India' list for 2016 released by the industry's representative body Nasscom?

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

**Answer b) TCS.** Global software major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has topped the 'Top 20 IT-BPO Employers in India' list for 2016 released by the industry's representative body Nasscom.

Infosys and Cognizant have been ranked second and third respectively. The list also includes Wipro, Capgemini, HCL Technologies and Tech Mahindra among other software majors.

101. Government of India published the implementation notification of the 7th Pay Commission, stating that central government employees will get the revised pay from \_\_\_\_\_

- a) January                      b) March                      c) August                      d) October

**Answer c) August .** The Centre published the implementation notification of the 7th Pay Commission, stating that central government employees will get the revised pay from August.

Further, arrears, which are to be paid from January 2016, will be credited to employees within 2016-17. The Commission's recommendations, including increasing minimum pay from ₹7,000 to ₹18,000 per month, were cleared in June.

102. Which country has the highest number of stunted children in the world?

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

**Answer b) India.** India has the highest number of stunted children in the world owing to 'severe'

sanitation crisis due to lack of clean toilets and water, according to a report by international development charity WaterAid. The report said that 48 million, or 40% Indian children under the age of five, suffer from stunted growth. Nigeria and Pakistan rank second and third respectively.

103. A Motorcycle Rally 'Ride 4 Accessibility' is being organized in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Delhi                      b) Kerala                      c) Maharashtra                      d) Puducherry

**Answer a) Delhi.** In continuation to various sensitization campaigns run by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), a Motorcycle Rally 'Ride 4 Accessibility' is being organized in Delhi.

104. Which Bank announced that it has got an in-principle approval from capital markets regulator Sebi to sponsor a mutual fund and to set up an asset management company (AMC) and a trustee company?

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

**Answer a) YES Bank.** Yes Bank announced that it has got an in-principle approval from capital markets regulator Sebi to sponsor a mutual fund and to set up an asset management company (AMC) and a trustee company. The private lender had secured the RBI's approval for the same in October 2015 and plans to commence operations within 12 months.

105. The International Transgender Arts Festival, a performing arts festival for transgenders, is being organised at the National Gallery for Modern Arts in \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer c) Bangalore.** The International Transgender Arts Festival, a performing arts festival for transgenders, is being organised at the National Gallery for Modern Arts in Bengaluru from July 29 to July 31. The festival, which is being referred to as "India's first ever international performing arts festival by artistes from the transgender community", aims to showcase the talent of people from the community.

106. Indian shooter \_\_\_\_\_ won the bronze medal in the 'Champion of Champions' match at the Junior World Cup in Porpetto, Italy

- a) Gagang Narang      b) Manavadiya Rathore      c) Vijay Kumar      d) Jitu Rai

**Answer b) Manavadiya Rathore.** Promising Indian shooter Manavadiya Rathore won the trap bronze medal in the 'Champion of Champions' match at the Junior World Cup in Porpetto, Italy. While Manavadiya, son of Athens Olympics silver medallist Col Rajyavardhan Rathore, won the bronze in trap event, and Anant Naruka has also bagged a bronze in skeet.

107. Who has been appointed as the Director General of the National Museum in New Delhi?

- a) Vandana Srivastav    b) Budha Rashmi Mani    c) Prem Kumar nagta    d) Tejpal Singh

**Answer b) Budha Rashmi Mani.** The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Dr. Budha Rashmi Mani, former Additional Director General, Archaeological Survey of India as the Director General of the National Museum in New Delhi.

108. Which State railway station was ranked the highest in cleanliness in a passenger feedback survey carried out by the Railway Ministry?

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

**Answer c) Punjab.** Punjab's Beas railway station was ranked the highest in cleanliness in a passenger feedback survey carried out by the Railway Ministry. The survey also ranked Bihar's Madhubani railway station the last in cleanliness. The survey, involving 1.3 lakh passengers in 407 railway stations, was conducted as a part of Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu's 'Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat' initiative.

109. Which e-commerce company has partnered with ride-hailing app Uber to let customer's book cabs directly from the app?

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

**Answer c) Snapdeal.** E-commerce marketplace Snapdeal has partnered with ride-hailing app Uber to let customers book cabs directly from the Snapdeal app. Uber India's Head of Business Mahesh Bhalla said, "This partnership with Snapdeal is the first completely native Uber API integration in India and we are excited about this." Snapdeal has also partnered with Cleartrip, Redbus, UrbanClap and Zomato for their services.

110. Arundhati Ghose who passed away recently was a/an

- a) Author    b) Actress    c) Economist    d) Diplomat

**Answer d) Diplomat.** Eminent diplomat Arundhati Ghose, who was India's ambassador to the UN and played a decisive role in India's negotiations on Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), passed away at the age of 76. She was suffering from cancer. During her illustrious career, Ghose had served in a number of positions including in Indian Missions in Austria, the Netherlands, Bangladesh,



South Korea and Egypt. She was also the first Indian Permanent Representative to the United Nations Offices in Geneva.

111. **Who has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer of ITCLTD?**

- a) Deveshwar                      b) Sanjiv Puri                      c) Anand Puri                      d) Yogshwar Puri

**Answer b) Sanjiv Puri.** Kolkata-based diversified conglomerate ITC Ltd has re-designated Executive Director Sanjiv Puri as the Chief Operating Officer of the company with immediate effect. The 53-year old Mr. Puri was brought on ITC's Board in December 2015 in a move that was seen as part of Chairman Y. C. Deveshwar's succession– planning. Mr. Deveshwar is stepping down as Executive Chairman of ITC in February next year, after an over two-decade stint as Chairman. He will continue as Non-Executive Chairman for at least three years thereafter.

112. **A three-day meeting between Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and Border Security Force (BSF) of India started in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Assam                      b) Punjab                      c) Arunachal Pradesh                      d) Tripura

**Answer d) Tripura.** A three-day meeting between Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and Border Security Force (BSF) of India started in Agartala of Tripura to sort out problems at border. meeting, being held at the BSF Frontier Headquarters, will discuss terror, cross-border crimes, smuggling and fencing. BSF's Tripura Frontier Inspector General JB Sangwan is leading the 21-member delegation of the force at the meeting.

113. **\_\_\_\_\_ is set to become the second Indian to perform at the United Nations General Assembly, as part of India's 69th Independence Day celebrations.**

- a) Shankar Mahadevan                      b) Pranab Mukherjee                      c) AR Rahman                      d) Narendra Modi

**Answer c) AR Rahman.** Two-time Oscar-winning composer AR Rahman is set to become the second Indian to perform at the United Nations General Assembly, as part of India's 69th Independence Day celebrations. Rahman will reportedly perform a musical rendition of Rabindranath Tagore's poem 'Where the mind is without fear'. Carnatic singer MS Subbulakshmi was the first Indian to perform at UN in October 1966.

114. **International Tiger Day is observed on?**

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

**Answer c) July 29.** International Tiger Day, also known as Global Tiger Day, is an annual celebration to raise awareness for tiger conservation, held annually on 29 July. We have lost 97% of all wild tigers in a bit over 100 years. Instead of 100,000, as few as 3000 live in the wild today, last year it was 3200. A number of Tiger species have already been extinct. Tigers are most vulnerable to extinction.

115. **\_\_\_\_\_ has signed an agreement with private sector lender Axis Bank as its**

**bancassurance partner wherein the bank will distribute its products to its customers**

a) SBI Life insurance

b) Life Insurance Corporation of India

- c) National Insurance Corporation      d) General Insurance Corporation

**Answer b) Life Insurance Corporation of India.** India's largest insurer Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has signed an agreement with private sector lender Axis Bank as its bancassurance partner wherein the bank will distribute LIC's products to its customers. In the preliminary phase, the bank will distribute LIC's life insurance products across its branches in West Bengal, Bangalore and Haryana – Panchkula. Additionally, the bank will also provide post sales services such as premium collection and renewal of policies.

116. **SWIFT announced that \_\_\_\_\_ are the first Indian banks to sign up for its global payments innovation initiative**

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

**Answer c) ICICI Bank and Axis Bank.** SWIFT announced that ICICI Bank and AXIS Bank are the first Indian banks to sign up for its global payments innovation initiative. Both banks will be joining forces with more than 70 other leading banks globally. The initiative aims to enhance cross-border payments by leveraging SWIFT's proven messaging platform and global reach.

117. **With the help of NASA, \_\_\_\_\_ postal service made history after a stamp was sent to Pluto**

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

**Answer c) USA.** With the help of NASA, US postal service made history after a stamp was sent to Pluto which they placed on New Horizons spacecraft of the American space agency. The stamp travelled a mind-blowing 5,250,843,896 km becoming the stamp to travel longest distance ever in history.

118. **Which State tourism received eight National Tourism awards for 2014-15?**

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

**Answer c) Kerala.** Kerala Tourism received eight National Tourism awards for 2014-15, including six in the marketing category and one each in the Responsible Tourism and Rural Tourism categories. The awards, one of which was the Most Innovative use of Information Technology, were presented by Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan to Kerala Tourism Director UV Jose and Principal Secretary Venu V.

119. **Which country is set to host the 2016 edition of the Kabaddi World Cup in October?**

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

**Answer c) India .** India is set to host the 2016 edition of the Kabaddi World Cup in October. The tournament will feature 12 participating nations including USA, UK, Australia, Pakistan and Bangladesh among others. India will be the defending champions at the tournament, after having

been crowned champions in all the previous editions of the tournament.

**120. Which team won the fourth season of the Pro Kabaddi League in Hyderabad?**

- a) Patna Pirates      b) Jaipur Pink Panthers      c) Telugu Titans      d) Bengaluru Bulls

**Answer a) Patna Pirates.** Defending champions Patna Pirates defeated Jaipur Pink Panthers in the final of the fourth season of the Pro Kabaddi League in Hyderabad. Patna defeated Jaipur 37-29 to win their second PKL title. Patna had ended the league stage as table toppers, with 52 points after winning 10 out of 14 games.

**121. The Central government proposed to organise a 'Make in India' conference in**

- a) Rajasthan      b) Bihar      c) Uttar Pradesh      d) Odisha

**Answer d) Odisha.** The Central government proposes to organise a 'Make in India' conference in Bhubaneswar in December, an official said. The conference would be organized by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, to attract investment to Odisha as well as the country. The Odisha government has requested the ministry to hold the conference in the first week of December.

122. The Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) conferred its Lifetime Achievement

Award on \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Arvind Swamy                      b) Srinivasan K.Swamy                      c) Sasi Patel                      d) Prakash Singh

**Answer b) Srinivasan K.Swamy.** The Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) conferred its Lifetime Achievement Award on famous adman Srinivasan K.Swamy. Mr. Swamy is popularly known as Sundar. He is a veteran in the advertising industry and has almost four decades of rich experience. Swamy is Chairman of R.K. Swamy Hansa, a diversified marketing communications group. He has served as the President of AAAI for three consecutive terms from 2004 to 2007. He is also the Vice Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) and a Board Member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

123. According to SocialCops' analysis of 2011 Census data, \_\_\_\_\_ has the lowest population density among India's states and union territories

- a) Arunachal Pradesh                      b) Sikkim                      c) Tamil Nadu                      d) Kerala

**Answer a) Arunachal Pradesh.** According to SocialCops' analysis of 2011 Census data, Arunachal Pradesh has the lowest population density among India's states and union territories at 17 people per square kilometre. In comparison, Delhi has the highest population density at 11,320, which is 665 times that of Arunachal Pradesh. Further, India's average population density is 382, higher than the global average of 46.

124. Hinduja National Power Corporation Limited (HNPCL) commissioned its 1,040 Mw Power project at \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Pune                      b) Kolkata                      c) Jaipur                      d) Visakhapatnam

**Answer d) Visakhapatnam.** Hinduja National Power Corporation Limited (HNPCL), part of the Hinduja Group, commissioned its 1,040 Mw Power project at Visakhapatnam. The power plant consists of two units of 520 Mw each.

125. 4th edition of the Brahmaputra Valley Film Festival (BVFF) was inaugurated in a grand manner at ITA Machkhowa, \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer b) Assam.** The much anticipated 4th edition of the Brahmaputra Valley Film Festival (BVFF) was inaugurated in a grand manner at ITA Machkhowa, Guwahati, K V Eapen, Additional Chief Secretary, Planning and Development, was the Guest of Honour for the programme this year. Renowned filmmaker Prakash Jha and sound designer Amrit Pritam were also present as Special Guests.

**126. The Indo-Thailand Military Exercise \_\_\_\_\_ concluded at Krabi, Thailand.**

- a) Exercise Maitree              b) Exercise Malabar              c) Exercise Shakti              d) Exercise Yuddh Abhyas

**Answer a) Exercise Maitree.** The Indo-Thailand Military Exercise Maitree concluded at Krabi, Thailand. The exercise had commenced on 15 July 2016 under the aegis of the Royal Thailand Army. The aim of the joint exercise was to train contingents of both the armies on conduct of counter terrorist operations in an urban environment.

**127. PanditLacchuMaharaj who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Actor                      b) Politician                      c) Tabla maestro                      d) Journalist

**Answer c) Tabla maestro.** Tabla maestro PanditLacchuMaharaj passed away in Varanasi. He was 72. His family members said that he was being treated at a private nursing home where he passed away at 1 AM. One of the frontline tabla players in the world, PtLacchuMaharaj's funeral will take place on Friday. Other than his professional performances all over the world, he played the tabla in many Bollywood films.

**128. Who has been named as new Union Labour Secretary?**

- a) Archana                      b) Sathiyavathy                      c) Mahalakshmi                      d) Meera Kumar

**Answer b) Sathiyavathy.** The first woman chief of aviation regulator DGCA M Sathiyavathy was today named as new Union Labour Secretary. Sathiyavathi, a 1982-batch IAS officer of the union territories cadre, was in September last year appointed as the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved her appointment as Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Labour and Employment with immediate effect, an order issued by Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) said.

**129. \_\_\_\_\_ joins hands with Oracle India for Digital Skills**

- a) State bank of India              b) Flipkart                      c) Indian Railways                      d) None of these

**Answer a) State bank of India.** State Bank of India and tech giant Oracle have come together for corporate India's largest volunteering programme to bring 'digital fluency' among underprivileged school students. Under the programme - D-Change - both the organisations will deploy resources, including staff and equipment, to train students in the basics of using information, communication and technology (ICT) tools.

**130. Who has been appointed as new Health Secretary?**

- a) B.P. Sharma                      b) C.K. Mishra                      c) S.K. Singh                      d) V.S. Choudhary

Answer b) **C.K. Mishra.** C.K. Mishra, a 1983 batch IAS officer of the Bihar cadre, has been appointed

the new Health Secretary, an official statement said. Mishra will replace B.P. Sharma, a 1981 batch IAS officer of the Bihar cadre, who has been appointed secretary, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT). N.S. Kang, a 1983 batch IAS officer of the Punjab cadre, associated with the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) as additional secretary, has been made Secretary and Director General of the organisation after up gradation of his post.

131. The first World Stationery Expo began at \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer d) Delhi.** The first World Stationery Expo in New Delhi begins at Pragati Maidan. Between 7,000 to 8,000 stationery products, ranging from school supplies to office equipment, are on sale during the three-day event. Further, the Gift Expo and Office Expo are also being held alongside the World Stationery Expo.

132. The first mangrove museum in the world opened in \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer c) Sri Lanka.** The first mangrove museum in the world opened in Sri Lanka on World Mangrove Day. The launch took place on the first anniversary of a national project aimed at protecting the nation's mangrove forests. Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said mangrove forests are important in the fight against climate change due to mangroves' ability to absorb carbon.

133. Andhra Pradesh CM \_\_\_\_\_ launched 'Mission Harita Andhra Pradesh' to increase the state's green cover to 50% by 2029

- a) Chandrashekar Rao                      b) Chandrababu Naidu                      c) E.L. Narsimhan                      d) Pinari Vijayan

**Answer b) Chandrababu Naidu.** Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu launched 'Mission Harita Andhra Pradesh' to increase the state's green cover to 50% by 2029. Andhra currently has 23% green cover (forest area) and another 3% non-forest, besides 13 lakh hectares of degraded forest. While the mission belonged to late CM Rajasekhara Reddy, Naidu gave it a new slogan 'Vanam-Manam' (forest and we).

134. The Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation (KSSIDC) to hold udyog mela in \_\_\_\_

- a) Bangalore                      b) Mangalore                      c) Hubli                      d) Bellary

**Answer a) Bangalore.** The Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation (KSSIDC) in partnership with Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) is organising a udyog mela in Bengaluru on July 31.

135. Tomorrowland is the largest annual electronic music festival held in the world, took place in \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer b) China.** Tomorrowland is the largest annual electronic music festival held in the world,



taking place in Belgium. It used to be organized as a joint venture by the original founders together with ID&T. The festival takes place in the town of Boom, 16 kilometers south of Antwerp, 32 kilometers north of Brussels, and has been organized since 2005. In March 20, 2013, ID&T Belgium

and SFX Entertainment announced that it would begin organizing an American spin-off of Tomorrowland, known as TomorrowWorld.

**136. Mahasweta Devi who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Writer                      b) Social activist                      c) Both a and b                      d) Politician

**Answer c) Both a and b.** Writer and activist Mahasweta Devi passed away in Kolkata at an age of 90, following a cardiac arrest and multi-organ failure. She is survived by her daughter-in-law and grandchild. Mahasweta Devi had received Padma Shri (1986), Jnanpith Award (1996), Ramon Magsaysay Award (1997) and Padma Vibhushan (2006). Her notable works include Hajar Churashir Maa and Breast Stories among others.

**137. Who has been appointed as deputy lokayukta of Uttar Pradesh?**

- a) Mahesh Yadav    b) Ram Naresh Yadav    c) Shambhu Singh Yadav    d) Lallu Prasad Yadav

**Answer c) Shambhu Singh Yadav.** Uttar Pradesh Governor Ram Naik has given his approval for appointment of retired Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer Shambhu Singh Yadav, a close bureaucrat to the Mulayam Singh Yadav family, as the Up- Lokayukta ( deputy Lokayukta) of the state.

**138. Which automobile manufacturer company is the world's largest automobile manufacturer as per data available for the first half of 2016?**

- a) Volkswagen AG                      b) Bajaj                      c) Tata                      d) Nissan

**Answer a) Volkswagen AG.** German automaker Volkswagen AG is the world's largest automobile manufacturer as per data available for the first half of 2016. Volkswagen sold 5.11 million units, around 80,000 units ahead of Japan's Toyota, and 360,000 units ahead of USA's General Motors, the second and third-largest automobile manufacturers. Volkswagen had been involved in an emissions test tampering scandal last year.

**139. Who won the Swiss Open Gstaad title in men's category?**

- a) Forbio Fognini                      b) Feliciano Lopez                      c) Fernando Verdasco                      d) Rafael Nadal

**Answer b) Feliciano Lopez .** Spanish tennis player Feliciano Lopez won the Swiss Open Gstaad after beating the Dutch Robin Haase in the final 6-4, 7-5 in 77 minutes. Lopez finally managed to win the tournament after he lost it a decade ago, while this is the Spaniard's first title on clay and his fifth overall. In 2006, Lopez lost the final of the Swiss Open against the Frenchman Richard Gasquet.

**140. The RBI has imposed a total of \_\_\_\_\_ as penalty on 13 banks, including HDFC Bank and Bank of Baroda, for "violation of regulatory directions/instructions/guidelines**

- a) 12 crore                      b) 20 crore                      c) 25 crore                      d) 27 crore

**Answer d) 27 crore.** The RBI has imposed a total of ₹27 crore as penalty on 13 banks, including HDFC Bank and Bank of Baroda, for "violation of regulatory directions/instructions/guidelines, among other things, on KYC (Know Your Customer) norms". Eight other banks, including SBI and ICICI Bank, have been asked to "ensure strict compliance with KYC requirements and FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act) provisions".

141. Government of India approved the setting up of a new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Bathinda in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Maharashtra                      b) Punjab                      c) Kerala                      d) Jammu and Kashmir

**Answer b) Punjab.** The Cabinet approved the setting up of a new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Bathinda in Punjab. To be established under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, it will provide super speciality healthcare and create a large pool of doctors. Presently, there are seven functioning AIIMS, while three others, including Bathinda, have been approved.

142. Government of India approved Rs 1601 crore for Himayat programme in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Haryana                      b) Rajasthan                      c) Jammu and Kashmir                      d) Maharashtra

**Answer c) Jammu and Kashmir.** Centre has approved Rs 1601 crore for Jammu and Kashmir under skill development initiative Himayat to train 1.24 lakh local youths in vocational courses, Rural Development Minister Abdul Haq Khan said. Himayat is a training-cum-placement programme for unemployed youth in Jammu and Kashmir. Youth will be provided short-term training for at least 3 months, in a range of skills for which there is good market demand.

143. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation, (IRCTC) website can avail a travel accident cover of \_\_\_\_\_ at a premium of one rupee

- a) 1 lakh                      b) 3 lakh                      c) 5 lakh                      d) 10 lakh

**Answer d) 10 lakh.** Railway passengers from next month, booking tickets through the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation, (IRCTC) website can avail a travel accident cover of Rs. 10 lakh at a premium of one rupee. IRCTC Chairman-cum-Managing Director A.K. Manocha said that the insurance cover is besides the compensation given by the railways in case of accidents to valid ticket holders.

144. \_\_\_\_\_ is set to become the first Sri Lankan to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame

- a) Sanath Jayasuriya    b) Kumar Sangakkara    c) Mahela Jayawardane    d) Muttiah Muralitharan

**Answer d) Muttiah Muralitharan.** Muttiah Muralitharan is set to become the first Sri Lankan to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame. Murali, the leading wicket-taker in both Tests and ODIs, is one of only two players with over 1,000 wickets in international cricket. England's George Lohmann and Australia's Arthur Morris will be inducted posthumously alongside former Australia Women's captain Karen Rolton.

145. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared \_\_\_\_\_ free of measles

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

**Answer c) Brazil.** The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared Brazil free of measles, after no case of the disease was registered in the last year. In the coming months, the WHO will issue a certification for the eradication of measles to Brazil. The eradication of measles is the conclusion of work spanning several years. Brazil saw no domestic cases of measles from 1985 to 2000, although it

broke out in 2013 in the northeastern states of Pernambuco and Ceara.

**146. Who has been appointed as CEO of online fashion retailer Jabong recently?**

- a) Sanjeev Mohanty      b) Ananth Narayanan      c) Ashok Kumar      d) Binny Bansal

**Answer b) Ananth Narayanan.** Flipkart-owned Myntra's CEO Ananth Narayanan will also take over as the CEO of online fashion retailer Jabong, which the company acquired for \$70 million. Jabong's outgoing CEO Sanjeev Mohanty has said that he will help in the transition process till mid-September. Mohanty in a letter to Jabong employees said the deal is the "birthing of a giant".

**147. Javelin thrower \_\_\_\_\_ becomes 1st Indian to set world record in junior athletics Championship**

- a) Neeraj Chopra      b) Vikas Gowda      c) Ashok Gowda      d) Mahesh Chopra

**Answer a) Neeraj Chopra.** Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra created history by becoming the first Indian athlete to become a world champion when he won a gold medal at the IAAF World under-20 athletics championship in Bydgoszcz, Poland. Chopra created a new U-20 world record by throwing the javelin a distance of 86.48m. The 18-year-old from Khandra village in Haryana's Panipat district broke the old mark of 84.69 metres held by Latvian Zigismunds Sirmajs by nearly two metres.

**148. A life-size statue of former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was unveiled at \_\_\_\_\_ on his first death anniversary**

- a) Mumbai, Maharashtra      b) Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu      c) Kochi, Kerala      d) Dwarka, Delhi

**Answer b) Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.** A life-size statue of former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was unveiled at Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, on his first death anniversary. The bronze statue was inaugurated by Union Ministers Venkaiah Naidu and Manohar Parrikar. After unveiling the statue, Naidu said, "Dr Kalam will live forever in our minds and hearts. His thoughts continue to be with us all the time."

**149. Which airport has become the first in India to implement check in via tablet?**

- a) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport      b) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport  
c) Chennai International Airport      d) Indira Gandhi International Airport

**Answer d) Indira Gandhi International Airport.** The Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi has become the first in India to implement Arinc vMuse technology, facilitating ground staff to utilise a tablet-based application allowing passengers to check-in from anywhere in the airport. In addition to the passenger processing solution, the airport has implemented Arinc SelfServ Kiosks and Arinc VeriPax Passenger Reconciliation System.

**150. Which State launched the first ever water metro project in the country?**

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

**Answer b) Kerala.** Kerala Government has launched Kochi Water Metro project, the first ever Water Metro project in the country. It was launched by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at Kochi, Kerala.

**151. Nepal's Prime Minister, \_\_\_\_\_ has resigned from his post**

- a) Sushil Koirala      b) Pushpa Kamal Dahal      c) Madhav Kumar      d) Khadga Prasad Oli

**Answer d) Khadga Prasad Oli.** Nepal's Prime Minister, Khadga Prasad Oli, has resigned from his post just minutes before facing a no confidence vote he was expected to lose. A change in government is nothing new in Nepal, with Oli the eighth prime minister in the past 10 years.

152. \_\_\_\_\_ State government launched e-complaint project, which enables citizens to file a police complaint from home.

- a) Delhi      b) Assam      c) Maharashtra      d) Sikkim

**Answer c) Maharashtra.** Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis flagged off a pilot e-complaint project by the Pune Police which enables citizens to file a police complaint from home. Mr. Fadnavis launched the project by filing an e-complaint with a police station in Nagpur and the concerned police station acknowledged the same within minutes. He launched the project while presiding over the 14th Maharashtra State Police Duty Meet 2016 held at SRPF Grounds in Ramtekdi, Pune.

**153. Batting legend Sachin Tendulkar has now made his presence felt in the digital gaming arena through his official game \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Sachin Saga                      b) Sachin Cricket                      c) Sachin Game                      d) Sachin Bat

**Answer a) Sachin Saga.** Batting legend Sachin Tendulkar has now made his presence felt in the digital gaming arena through his official game, 'Sachin Saga', Rajan Navani, vice-chairman and managing director of JetSynthesys Private Limited, announced.

**154. \_\_\_\_\_ have been honoured with the West Bengal's "Mahanayak Samman" awards**

- a) Soumitra Chatterjee and Bappi Lahiri                      b) Rirupamo Ghosh and A.R. Rahman  
c) Goutam Ghose and Bappi Lahiri                      d) Nana Patekar and Bappi Lahiri

**Answer c) Goutam Ghose and Bappi Lahiri.** Filmmaker Goutam Ghose and composer-singer Bappi Lahiri was conferred the West Bengal's "Mahanayak Samman" awards. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee conferred the Mahanayak Samman for best director on Ghose, known for helming National Award winning films like "Sankhachil" and "Abar Aranye".

**155. Human rights activist Irom Chanu Sharmila (44) has announced to end her 16-year-long fast, which state she belongs to?**

- a) Maharashtra                      b) Manipur                      c) Madhya Pradesh                      d) Meghalaya

**Answer b) Manipur.** Human rights activist Irom Chanu Sharmila (44) has announced to end her 16-year-long fast on August 9, stating she would contest 2017 Manipur elections. Known as 'Iron Lady', Sharmila said she no longer believes her fast will bring an end to the Army's special powers under AFSPA in Manipur. Sharmila reportedly also told a court of her plans to marry.

**156. According to SocialCops' analysis of data \_\_\_\_\_ of India's govt sites don't follow government guidelines**

- a) 53%                      b) 76%                      c) 81%                      d) 97%

**Answer d) 97%.** According to SocialCops' analysis of data from the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DAR&PG), 926 of India's 957 (97%) government websites don't follow GIGW guidelines. GIGW, which stands for Guidelines of Indian Government Websites, was issued by DAR&PG in 2009. The 115 guidelines cover basic identification and content rules, quality controls, development guidelines and more.

**157. According to the latest tourism statistics by the government, \_\_\_\_\_ is the fastest growing tourist destination in India**

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

**Answer a) Jharkhand.** According to the latest tourism statistics by the government, Jharkhand is the fastest growing tourist destination in India. The state recorded a 40% increase in tourism from 2012

to 2014, with Ranchi being the most popular destination among tourists. As per the statistics, Tamil Nadu emerged as the top destination for foreign tourists.

158. \_\_\_\_\_ announced the acquisition of fashion e-commerce platform Jabong through its unit Myntra for an undisclosed amount

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

**Answer d) Flipkart** . Flipkart announced the acquisition of fashion e-commerce platform Jabong through its unit Myntra for an undisclosed amount. Jabong, which went live in 2012, has been looking for a buyer following reports of its investors being unwilling to infuse fresh capital. "Welcome @JabongIndia to the @Flipkart family. We'll create history together", Flipkart Co-founder Sachin Bansal tweeted.

159. The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of ₹5 crore on \_\_\_\_\_ in the alleged ₹6,000 crore forex related irregularities

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

**Answer d) Bank of Baroda.** The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of ₹5 crore on Bank of Baroda in the alleged ₹6,000 crore forex related irregularities that were observed in October last year. The RBI had carried out an investigation and noted weaknesses and failures in the bank's internal control mechanisms including transaction monitoring, and assigning of Unique Customer Identification Code.

160. K K Paul has unveiled the plaque of a statue of Tamil poet and philosopher Thiruvalluvar for installation in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Haridwar, Uttarakhand                      b) Dehradun, Uttarakhand  
c) Nainital, Uttarakhand                      d) Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand

**Answer a) Haridwar, Uttarakhand.** Uttarakhand Governor K K Paul has unveiled here the plaque of a statue of Tamil poet and philosopher Thiruvalluvar for installation in Haridwar. The programme was held at the Raj Bhawan here on the first day of Tamil new year. The statue is being installed on the efforts of BJP RajyaSabha MP Tarun Vijay who has contributed Rs 20 lakh from his local area development fund.

161. Which company has announced the acquisition of Yahoo's core internet business for \$4.83 billion in cash?

- a) Reliance                      b) Amazon                      c) Verizon                      d) Google

**Answer c) Verizon.** American telecommunications company, Verizon announced the acquisition of Yahoo's core internet business for \$4.83 billion in cash. Yahoo said it will change its name and become a publicly traded investment company. The deal does not include Yahoo's stake in Alibaba Group and Yahoo Japan, cumulatively valued at around \$40 billion.

162. \_\_\_\_\_ and Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) have signed a MoU on promotion of rail ticketing activities



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

**Answer a) State Bank of India.** The country's largest public sector bank, State Bank of India (SBI) and Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to hammer out a detailed plan for promotion of rail ticketing activities, including internet ticketing and unreserved ticketing system. Under the MoU, the signatories "will jointly explore areas of cooperation and draw up a detailed plan for promotion of rail ticketing activities.

**163. Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed on?**

- a) July 25      b) July 26      c) July 27      d) July 28

**Answer b) July 26.** Kargil Vijay Diwas, named after the success of Operation Vijay. On this day, 26 July 1999, India successfully took command of the high outposts which had been lost to Pakistani intruders. This year the army is celebrating the 17th Kargil Vijay Diwas to commemorate the victory in the war against Pakistan. The week-long celebrations that culminate on Vijay Diwas 26 July, had begun on 21 July.

**164. Who won Hungarian Grand Prix 2016?**

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

**Answer b) Lewis Hamilton.** F1 driver Lewis Hamilton won the Hungarian Grand Prix to top the drivers' championship table for the first time this season. Hamilton overtook Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg, who started at pole, in the race's first lap to maintain the lead. This is Hamilton's fifth win at the Hungaroring circuit, making him the most successful driver at the track.

165. **Syed Haider Raza who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Economist                      b) Journalist                      c) Artist                      d) Politician

**Answer c) Artist.** Modern Indian artist Syed Haider Raza passed away aged 94 on Saturday following prolonged illness. An internationally acclaimed painter, he was honoured with the Padma Shri in 1981 and was elected a Fellow of the Lalit Kala Academy in 1983. He had been conferred with France's highest civilian honour, the Commandeur de la Legion d'Honneur (Legion of Honour), in 2015.

166. **According to government data as of March 2016, Which State had the maximum number of urban internet subscribers in India?**

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

**Answer a) Tamil Nadu.** According to government data as of March 2016, Tamil Nadu had the maximum number of urban internet subscribers in India, accounting for over 21 million of a total 231 million urban subscribers in the country. Meanwhile, Maharashtra and Delhi had 19.7 million and 19.6 million subscribers respectively, followed by Karnataka with 17 million.

167. **Which country has unveiled AG600, the world's largest aircraft which can land on both water and land?**

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

**Answer c) China.** China has unveiled AG600, the world's largest aircraft which can land on both water and land, according to Chinese state-run media. The aircraft, about the size of a Boeing 737, is meant for fighting forest fires and performing marine rescue missions. It can collect 12 tonnes of water in 20 seconds, and has a maximum flight range of 4,500 km.

168. **Railway minister Suresh Prabhu inaugurated India's first 'green train corridor' – a 114-km stretch between Rameswaram and Manamadurai in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer c) Tamil Nadu.** Railway minister Suresh Prabhu inaugurated India's first 'green train corridor' – a 114-km stretch between Rameswaram and Manamadurai in Tamil Nadu. A green corridor or zero toilet discharge section envisages that all trains on that route will have bio-toilets, thereby eliminating open discharge of waste on the tracks. Railways has provided 40,750 bio-toilets in trains, as of June-end.

169. **Indian Arabic calligrapher \_\_\_\_\_ has won the second prize at the Cairo International Festival for Arabic Calligraphy in Egypt**

- a) Abbas Ahmed                      b) Muqtar Ahmed                      c) Siddiq Ahmed                      d) Yusuf Ahmed

**Answer b) Muqtar Ahmed.** Indian Arabic calligrapher Muqtar Ahmed has won the second prize at the Cairo International Festival for Arabic Calligraphy in Egypt. Though Ahmed has been settled in Bengaluru for two decades, his calligraphic pieces are displayed in mosques and exhibitions around the world. A total of 115 calligraphers took part in the contest, which was won by Khalid Mohammad from Egypt.

170. Which State government will open 'MeeSeva' centres in all Panchayats to provide public services to citizens in a transparent manner?

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

**Answer b) Andhra Pradesh.** Andhra Pradesh government will open 'MeeSeva' centres in all Panchayats to provide public services to citizens in a transparent manner, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has said. The initiative incorporates the vision of the National eGov Plan – "Public Services Closer to Home". The objective is to provide smart, citizen-centric, ethical, efficient and effective technology facilitated governance.

171. The Indian men's junior cycling team secured \_\_\_\_\_rank in the Union Cycliste Internationale world rankings

- a) Third            b) Seventh            c) Fifth            d) First

**Answer d) First .** The Indian men's junior cycling team has topped the Union Cycliste Internationale world rankings, which is a first for India in the sport across any age category. The team, which was ranked 149th in 2013, jumped 10 places from the ratings released three months ago. However, the team failed to qualify for the Rio Olympics, which begins from August 5.

172. \_\_\_\_\_ hosts 'Made in Afghanistan' conference to boost bilateral trade

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

**Answer d) New Delhi.** A conference titled 'Made in Afghanistan' was recently held in Delhi to promote Afghan products and boost trade relations between both nations. Made in Afghanistan: Harnessing the Economic Potential'was the theme of two-day long event held to strengthen India-Afghan relations in terms of trade, commerce and investment opportunities.

173. India and \_\_\_\_\_signed a social security agreement, which benefit thousands of professionals and skilled workers working in the two countries

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

**Answer a) Japan.** India and Japan signed a social security agreement expected to come into force on 1 October ,2016 and benefit thousands of Indian and Japanese professionals and skilled workers working in the two countries.

174. CCTV was provided at 344 railway stations over Indian Railways. Expand CCTV?

- a) Circle Circuit Television Cameras            b) Central Circuit Television Cameras  
c) Close Circuit Television Cameras            d) Clear Circuit Television Cameras

**Answer c) Close Circuit Television Cameras.** Close Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV) were provided at 344 railway stations over Indian Railways. Railways have further planned to install Video Surveillance System (VSS) at 1000 stations under Nirbhaya Fund.

175. **Startup India States Conference to be held in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer a) New Delhi.** The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) is organizing a day-long conference on Startup India in New Delhi with an aim To improve ease of doing business, Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said a start-up would now need only a certificate of recognition from the government to avail IPR-related benefits. Earlier ,a budding entrepreneur had to go through an elaborate process of approaching an inter-ministerial board to procure the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) benefits.

176. **Which insurance company enters into bancassurance tie-up with SVC Bank to provide range of non-life insurance offerings to the customers of the bank?**

- a) ICICI Lombard General Insurance      b) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance  
c) Reliance General Insurance      d) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company

**Answer d) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company.** HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company and Shamrao Vithal Co-operative (SVC) Bank announced their bancassurance agency partnership to provide range of non-life insurance offerings to the customers of the bank. The partnership combines HDFC ERGO's experience in introducing innovative non-life insurance products with SVC Bank's customer base across various states.

177. **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved to set up a 1,980 MW thermal power project in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) Uttar Pradesh.** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) granted its approval to set up a 1,980 MW thermal power project at Ghatampur in Uttar Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs 17,237.80 crore including interest during construction component of Rs 3,202.42 crore.

178. **IRCTC joins hands with \_\_\_\_\_ to promote rail ticketing**

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

**Answer b) State Bank of India.** Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has joined hands with the State Bank of India to chalk out a detailed plan for promotion of rail ticketing activities, including internet ticketing and unreserved ticketing system. The MoU was signed by IRCTC CMD A K Manocha and Arundhati Bhattacharya, CMD, SBI. The MoU also envisages for undertaking activities which can provide value to customers and bring about synergy in working of both the organisations.

179. **\_\_\_\_\_ became the first Indian captain to score a double century outside India**

- a) Mahendra Singh Dhoni      b) Saurav Ganguly      c) Virat Kohli      d) Kapil Dev

**Answer c) Virat Kohli.** Virat Kohli became the first Indian captain to score a double century outside India when he reached 200 against West Indies. The record for the highest score by an Indian skipper outside India was earlier held by Mohammad Azharuddin, who had scored 192 against New Zealand in Auckland.

180. Rajasthan Chief Minister \_\_\_\_\_ launched mMitra, a mobile voice message service

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

**Answer b) Vasundhara Raje.** Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje launched mMitra, a mobile voice message service that delivers weekly messages to families about pregnancy, family planning, nutrition, childbirth, and maternal and child care. As per reports, the service will initially operate in 195 villages in Khanpur block of Jhalawar district on a pilot basis, with a scale-up across the district soon.

181. With nearly 2.3 million employees in 68 countries, \_\_\_\_\_ is the biggest private employer in the world.

- a) Google      b) Amazon      c) Walmart      d) Microsoft

**Answer c) Walmart.** With nearly 2.3 million employees in 68 countries, Walmart is the biggest private employer in the world. The second largest company in terms of number of employees is McDonald's. Notably, Walmart has bagged the top spot in recently released Fortune Global 500 List for the third consecutive time.

182. Government of India forms committee to prepare 'Draft Ganga Act', the committee will be headed by \_\_\_\_\_

- a) RM Lodha      b) Kurian Joseph      c) Mukul Mudgal      d) Girdhar Malviya

**Answer d) Girdhar Malviya.** The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation has constituted a committee to prepare the draft Ganga Act which will be headed by Justice (Retd) Girdhar Malviya. According to an official statement, the tenure of the panel would be

for a period of three months which may be extended by another three months, if required. The panel has been asked to prepare a Draft Act on Ganga ensuring wholesomeness of the river.

**183. Tata STRIVE, an initiative of Tata Community Initiatives Trust launched its first skill development centre in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer a) Hyderabad.** Tata STRIVE, an initiative of Tata Community Initiatives Trust launched its first skill development centre in Hyderabad. Spread over 17,000 square feet, this state-of-the-art centre will skill youth in Telangana in the BPO, banking, financial services, insurance and retail industries. Tata STRIVE is present in 13 Indian states across 70 centres through partner centres as well as Tata STRIVE Skill Development Centres in Mumbai, Hyderabad, Mohali, Pune and Aligarh.

**184. Mohammed Shahid who passed away recently was a/an**

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

**Answer c) Sportsmen.** Mohammed Shahid, who was a part of the 1980 Moscow Olympics gold-winning Indian hockey team, passed away at the age of 56 in Gurgaon . He was suffering from liver and kidney ailments for weeks and had slipped into coma on Tuesday night. Shahid, who was considered among India's best hockey players, had received the Arjuna Award in 1981.

**185. Which television network has acquired exclusive television and digital rights or the International Champions Cup 2016 for the Indian Sub-continent?**

- a) Star Sports            b) Ten Sports            c) Sony Pictures            d) Doordarshan

**Answer c) Sony Pictures.** Sony Pictures Networks India (SPN) has acquired exclusive television and digital rights or the International Champions Cup 2016 for the Indian sub-continent. The International Champions Cup 2016 is the first tournament of the 2016-17 football season and will kick-off the 2016-17 club season across the world.

**186. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup, which will be held in England and Wales?**

- a) Shaun Pollock            b) Steve Elworthy            c) Jacques Kallis            d) Sachin Tendulkar

**Answer b) Steve Elworthy.** Steve Elworthy, an England Cricket Board official and ex-South African player, has been appointed the Managing Director of the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup, which will be held in England and Wales. He will also oversee the Champions Trophy and the Women's World Cup

in 2017. Elworthy has been Tournament Director of the 2013 Champions Trophy, besides other events.

**187. The Centre has created a new Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology by bifurcating the erstwhile Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Information and Broadcasting                      b) Statistics & Programme Implementation  
c) Communications and Information Technology                      d) Science and Technology

**Answer c) Communications and Information Technology.** The Centre has created a new Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology by bifurcating the erstwhile Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. The newly formed Electronics and IT Ministry will deal with matters related to Aadhaar, promotion of internet, IT-enabled services, bridging the digital divide, and National Informatics Centre (NIC), among others.

**188. The Book titled The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable authored by \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Vikram Seth                      b) Anita Desai                      c) Jhumpa Lahiri                      d) Amitav Ghosh

**Answer d) Amitav Ghosh.** The Book titled The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable authored by Indian novelist Amitav Ghosh was released. The book addresses the challenges of representing the complexity of climate change in literature and the responsibility of writers to document the extreme reality humans are now facing. He examines the inability at the level of literature, history and politics to grasp the scale and violence of climate change.

**189. According to 2016 Global Retirement Index (GRI), \_\_\_\_\_ is the worst place for retirement**

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

**Answer a) India.** India has ranked lowest among the 43 nations listed in the Natixis Global Asset Management's 2016 Global Retirement Index (GRI), making it the worst country to retire. India had the worst Health and Life Quality Index, according to the index. In last year's GRI, India ranked 88 among the 150 countries. Meanwhile, Norway was named the best country for retirement.

**190. Which Country has imposed a ban on academic scholars from travelling abroad as a part of the wide-ranging purge of state institutions following the failed military coup?**

- a) North Korea                      b) USA                      c) Turkey                      d) Libya

**Answer c) Turkey.** The Turkish government has imposed a ban on academic scholars from travelling abroad as a part of the wide-ranging purge of state institutions following the failed military coup. A government official said this was a temporary measure and added that certain individuals at universities were believed to be in contact with some coup-plotters in the military.

**191. Which country has banned highway testing of self-driving cars until the rules governing the testing of autonomous cars go into effect?**

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

**Answer c) China.** China has banned highway testing of self-driving cars until the rules governing the testing of autonomous cars go into effect. According to a new report by Bloomberg, the country's auto industry regulator is already working with police to create these rules. This comes after Germany announced that it is drafting legislation that would place "black boxes" in self-driving vehicles.

**192. Which Bank has signed a MoU with Canada-based Brookfield Asset Management Inc to form a joint venture for stressed assets in the country?**

- a) State Bank of India    b) Reserve Bank of India    c) NABARD Bank    d) ICICI Bank

**Answer a) State Bank of India.** State Bank of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Canada-based Brookfield Asset Management Inc to form a joint venture which will independently evaluate and invest in various stressed assets in the country. Brookfield will commit about ₹7,000 crore to the venture, while SBI will contribute up to 5% of its total investments, a joint statement read.

**193. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned the third unit of the 4x40 MW hydro power unit in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Assam                      b) Rajasthan                      c) West Bengal                      d) Telangana

**Answer c) West Bengal.** Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned the third unit of the 4x40 MW Teesta Low Dam Hydro Electric Project (HEP) Stage-IV in West Bengal. A run-of-the-river greenfield project located in Darjeeling district of West Bengal, Teesta HEP is being set up by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC), on the River Teesta.

**194. Leading Ayurvedic FMCG firm Dabur has tied up with \_\_\_\_\_ to promote sustainable cultivation of high-altitude medicinal plants in Ladakh**

- a) ISRO                      b) FSSAI                      c) WHO                      d) DRDO

**Answer d) DRDO.** Leading Ayurvedic FMCG firm Dabur has tied up with DRDO to promote sustainable cultivation of high-altitude medicinal plants in Ladakh. Dabur India has signed a pact with DRDO's unit Defense Institute of High Altitude Research (DIHAR), Leh, under which both organisations will educate farmers and help enhance livelihood opportunities in the cold desert area.

**195. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched a live interactive programme, titled 'TalkToAK', who is the governor of Delhi?**

- a) Najeeb Jung                      b) Kiran Bedi                      c) Vijay Kumar                      d) A.K. Singh

**Answer a) Najeeb Jung.** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched a live interactive programme, titled 'TalkToAK', aimed at directly engaging with the Delhi people, where people from across the country can ask him questions over the phone, by sending text messages and through social media.

**196. World's first hospital-train \_\_\_\_\_ completes 25 years of service**

- a) Red Cross express                      b) Great White hospital express  
c) Lifeline express                      d) None of these



**Answer c) Lifeline express.** Lifeline Express, touted to be the world's first hospital-train, started in 1991 to provide medical aid and relief to far-flung and inaccessible areas, completed 25 years (on 18july ) of its operation. The train, a flagship project of Impact India Foundation and the Indian

Railways, has travelled the length and breadth of the country, the Foundation's Trustee and Chairman Ramesh Sarin said .

197. **How many Seven Indian companies figure in the latest Fortune 500 list?**

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

**Answer b) Seven.** Seven Indian companies figure in the latest Fortune 500 list, released of the world's biggest companies in terms of revenue. Among Indian companies, state-run Indian Oil Corp (IOC) is ranked highest at 161st with revenues of \$54.7 billion, although the other public sector firm Oil and Natural Gas Corp has moved out of the rankings for 2016.

198. **RBI has set up an Inter-regulatory Working Group on Fin Tech and Digital Banking. The group will be headed by \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) R Gandhi                      b) Urjit Patel                      c) Sudarshan Sen                      d) Subir Gokarn

**Answer c) Sudarshan Sen.** The Reserve Bank of India has set up an inter regulatory Working Group (WG) to study the entire gamut of regulatory issues relating to Fin Tech and Digital Banking in India. The Working Group has been set up in view of the growing significance of Fin Tech innovations and their interactions with the financial sector as well as the financial sector entities. The inter-regulatory Working Group will be headed by RBI's Executive Director Sudarshan Sen and consist of 12 members. It will submit its report within six months from date of its first meeting.

199. **With 35 sites in UNESCO's World Heritage list, India has the \_\_\_\_\_ highest number of culturally and historically important places in the world.**

- a) Second                      b) Fifth                      c) Sixth                      d) Seventh

**Answer c) Sixth.** With 35 sites in UNESCO's World Heritage list, India has the sixth highest number of culturally and historically important places in the world. This comes after UNESCO recently added three Indian sites, including the Nalanda University, to the list. The countries ahead of India on the chart are — Italy (51), China (50), Spain (45), France (42) and Germany (41).

200. **India's first paperless court was inaugurated at the \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Madras High Court      b) Hyderabad High Court      c) Mumbai High Court      d) Delhi High Court

**Answer b) Hyderabad High Court.** India's first paperless court was inaugurated at the Hyderabad High Court by Justice Madan B Lokur, who heads the Supreme Court's e-Committee. The paperless court, which began functioning on Monday, uses digitised case records to allow "better access to justice for public". Justice Lokur said the paperless system will be also be set up at the Supreme Court.

201. **\_\_\_\_\_ and US-based Bell Helicopter agreed to jointly develop the helicopter market in India**

- a) Indian Rotorcraft                      b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited  
c) Mahindra Aerospace                      d) Tata Advanced Systems Ltd

**Answer d) Tata Advanced Systems Ltd.** Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) and US-based Bell Helicopter agreed to jointly develop the helicopter market in India, including potential production and assembly, training, maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), research and development (R&D) and technology sharing.

**202. Government of India has set a target of creating food grain storage facilities storehouse with a combined capacity of hundred lakh tonnes by \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) 2019                      b) 2020                      c) 2025                      d) 2030

**Answer a) 2019.** The Centre has set a target of creating food grain storage facilities storehouse with a combined capacity of hundred lakh tonnes by 2019. Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, C R Chaudhary said that there is no dearth of storage capacity for the foodgrains produced in the country. Government is increasing the storage facilities to avoid any damage to food grains. Mr Chaudhary said, his Ministry is also focussing on renovating the old storage facilities in the country.

**203. Who has been appointed the chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI)?**

- a) Suresh Kumar              b) Guruprasad Mohapatra              c) Manish Agarwal              d) TK Singh

**Answer b) Guruprasad Mohapatra.** An Odisha-born bureaucrat Guruprasad Mohapatra has been appointed the chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI). The 1986 batch Gujarat cadre officer served as commissioner of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation for over three years and was appointed Joint secretary in Union Ministry of Commerce after Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister. After about two years of his tenure as Joint secretary, he was appointed the chairman of AAI.

**204. Government of India has released \_\_\_\_\_ so far this year to States under MGNREGA to clear the last year's liabilities**

- a) 10000 crore                      b) 33000 crore                      c) 28000 crore                      d) 18000 crore

**Answer c) 28000 crore.** The Centre has released 28,000 crore so far this year to States under MGNREGA to clear the last year's liabilities and for running the programme in the ongoing year, For ensuring timely payment of wages, the central government has started National Electronic Fund Management System (NeFMS) in 11 states.

**205. Who won 73rd Senior National Squash Championship women's title?**

- a) Joshna Chinnapa              b) Jwala Gutta                      c) Dipika Pallikal                      d) P.V. Sindhu

**Answer c) Dipika Pallikal.** Dipika Pallikal Karthik dethroned defending champion Joshna Chinappa to regain the women's title in the 73rd Senior National Squash Championship and The men's crown was

captured by title holder and top seed Saurav Ghosal, who created history by winning it for the 11th time, defeating fourth seed Harinderpal Singh Sandhu in five hard-fought games.

**206. Who has been appointed as Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the World Bank?**

- a) Shaolin Yang                      b) Ragu Ram Rajan                      c) Paul Romer                      d) Kaushik Basu

**Answer c) Paul Romer.** World Bank President Jim Yong Kim announced that American economist Paul Romer will succeed Kaushik Basu as Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the World Bank. Romer's appointment will be effective from September this year.

**207. \_\_\_\_\_ will be India's first insurance sector has filed for an initial public offering of shares**

- a) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance                      b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance  
c) HDFC Standard Life Insurance                      d) SBI Life Insurance

**Answer b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance.** ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has filed for an initial public offering of shares, a draft prospectus released, which will be India's first insurance sector IPO. It could reportedly raise around ₹5,000 crore, the biggest local IPO in six years. India's ICICI Bank, holding nearly 68% of the insurer, will sell up to 181.34 million shares.

**208. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has ordered an immediate ban on all diesel vehicles plying for over 10 years in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer d) Delhi.** The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has ordered an immediate ban on all diesel vehicles plying for over 10 years in Delhi. NGT has directed the RTO to de-register all such diesel vehicles. Notably, the Supreme Court had in December last year banned the registration of new diesel vehicles with engine capacity above 2000 cc in the national capital.

**209. Which country declared a Zika health emergency in 11 states across the northern half of their country?**

- a) Chile                      b) Colombia                      c) Peru                      d) Brazil

**Answer c) Peru.** Peruvian officials declared a Zika health emergency in 11 states across the northern half of their country after confirming that 102 people have been infected with the virus. The emergency was announced in the official gazette El Peruano, which said the health ministry and local authorities were working to prevent the spread of the disease, which is principally transmitted by mosquitos.

210. Nelson Mandela International Day is observed on?

- a) July 17                      b) July 18                      c) July 19                      d) July 16

**Answer b) July 18.** Nelson Mandela International Day is an annual international day in honour of Nelson Mandela, celebrated each year on 18 July, Mandela's birthday. The day was officially declared by the United Nations in November 2009, with the first UN Mandela Day held on 18 July 2010. However, other groups began celebrating Mandela Day on 18 July 2009.

211. Which State government has set a target to construct toilets across all villages of the state by March 2019?

- a) Rajasthan                      b) Mizoram                      c) West Bengal                      d) Karnataka

**Answer c) West Bengal.** The West Bengal government has set a target to construct toilets across all villages of the state by March 2019 to enable open defecation free (ODF) rural Bengal. By March 2019, we plan to have toilets across all rural homes in the state," Dibyendu Sarkar, commissioner in the state's panchayat and rural development department told.

212. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) on blackmoney has recommended ban on cash transactions of above \_\_\_\_\_

- a) 5 Lakh                      b) 3 Lakh                      c) 10 Lakh                      d) 15 Lakh

**Answer b) 3 Lakh.** The Special Investigation Team (SIT) on blackmoney has recommended ban on cash transactions of above Rs 3 lakh and restricting cash holding with individuals to not more than Rs 15 lakh to curb illegal wealth in the economy. The SIT headed by Justice M B Shah (retd), submitted its fifth report to the Supreme Court on methods to curb black money in the economy.

213. Which Ministry has launched an e-marketplace for online purchase of goods and services by all government ministries and departments?

- a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry                      b) Ministry of Communications and Railways  
c) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change                      d) Ministry of Labour and Employment

**Answer a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry.** The Commerce Ministry has launched an e-marketplace for online purchase of goods and services by all government ministries and departments. The move is aimed at making government procurement absolutely transparent, Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said. The prices of goods and services will be on the portal and the departments can decide 'how many units they want', she added.

214. Which country's bullet trains cross in world first?

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

**Answer c) China.** This achievement in the high-speed rail has added another feat in China's long list. The two trains "Golden Phoenix" and "Dolphin Blue" pass each other on the railway line between Zhengzhou in central China's Henan Province and Xuzhou in east China's Jiangsu Province at a striking speed of 420 km per hour in opposite direction setting a world record.

215. Indian-origin UK MP \_\_\_\_\_ has been appointed as the International Development Secretary in PM Theresa May's cabinet reshuffle

- a) Mancherjee Bhownagree                      b) Marsha Singh                      c) Priti Patel                      d) Claude Moraes

**Answer c) Priti Patel.** Indian-origin UK MP Priti Patel has been appointed as the International Development Secretary in PM Theresa May's cabinet reshuffle. Following the appointment, Patel

vowed to work for deepening international partnerships and creating jobs in the developing world. "We will continue to tackle the great challenges of our time – poverty, disease and the causes of mass migration," she said.

**216. Which Ministry has launched an online portal 'India Skills Online', and four other initiatives under the 'Skill India' campaign?**

- a) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports                      b) Ministry of Labour and Employment  
c) Ministry of Culture                      d) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

**Answer d) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.** The Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Ministry has launched an online portal 'India Skills Online', and four other initiatives under the 'Skill India' campaign. The website will provide free courses to aspirants registered for skill training schemes. It will also offer courses on soft skills, languages, digital literacy, orientation to regional cultures and entrepreneurship modules.

**217. International Criminal Justice or International Justice Day is observed on?**

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

**Answer d) July 17.** World Day for International Justice also referred to as Day of International Criminal Justice or International Justice Day is celebrated throughout the world on July 17 as part of an effort to recognize the emerging system of international criminal justice. July 17 was chosen because it is the anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute, the treaty that created the International Criminal Court. On 1 June 2010, at the Review Conference of the Rome Statute held in Kampala (Uganda), the Assembly of State Parties decided to celebrate 17 July as the Day of International Criminal Justice.

**218. \_\_\_\_\_ lakh LPG connections have been released to women of BPL families under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY).**

- a) 14.13                      b) 10.15                      c) 12.56                      d) 17.02

**Answer a) 14.13.** To ensure smokeless kitchens across rural India, 14.13 lakh LPG connections have been released to women of BPL families under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY). The scheme is currently under operation in 487 districts of 17 states.

**219. Which State launched online incubator for student start-ups recently?**

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

**Answer d) Kerala.** Till now Bangalore was the silicon valley of India, where people who set up their startups and work towards achieving their goal. But lately, another city from Kerala has been catching up in this respect., the Startup Village in Kochi has launched a digital incubator for students startups – Start In College, making it the first of its kind in the entire world.

**220. Joe Antic who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Sports person                      b) Actor                      c) Economist                      d) Politician

**Answer a) Sports person.** Joseph Antic, a silver medallist in men's hockey for India at the Rome Olympics, passed away quietly into history, hours after the Rio Olympics national men's and women's hockey squads were unveiled in New Delhi.

**221. The United Nations World Health Organization (WHO) declares \_\_\_\_\_ as Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus free country**

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

**Answer c) India.** The United Nations World Health Organization (WHO) announced the elimination of yaws, and maternal and neonatal tetanus, to India and hailed its public health achievements as examples to other countries. In this regard, WHO presented certificates to the Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J P Nadda.

**222. India's Grand Master \_\_\_\_\_ won Fide Women's Grand Prix trophy in China**

- a) Humpy Koneru                      b) Tania Sachdev                      c) Padmini Rout                      d) Harika Dronavalli

**Answer d) Harika Dronavalli.** India's Grand Master Harika Dronavalli held on to her nerves to capture the Fide Women's Grand Prix trophy in Chendu in China. Harika, playing with white against Russia's Olga Girya, won her maiden career GP title. Harika finished on 7 points in the round robin tournament featuring the world's top 12 players to be crowned the champion.

**223. Indian professional boxer \_\_\_\_\_ won Asia Pacific Super middleweight title**

- a) Mohamed Ali Qamar                      b) Vijendar Singh                      c) Akhil Kumar                      d) Jitender Kumar

**Answer b) Vijendar Singh.** Indian professional boxer Vijender Singh became the WBO Asia Pacific Super Middleweight champion after defeating Australia's Kerry Hope in New Delhi by unanimous decision. Playing in his first professional bout in India, Vijender maintained his unbeaten record in professional boxing with a seventh consecutive victory. With the win, Vijender will break into WBO's top 15 world rankings.

**224. The Indian Railways has launched a special train for car freight called \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Auto Express                      b) Maharajas Express                      c) Gatimaan Express                      d) Shatabdi Express

**Answer a) Auto Express.** The Indian Railways has launched a special train for car freight called 'Auto Express'. Currently available from Gurgaon to Nidvanda, the train can run at 100 kmph, reducing travel time to 57 hours from the current 70 hours. With the new train, the vehicles transported between the two regions will increase from the current 2,000 to 6,000 units per month.

**225. A book titled Who Moved My Interest Rate? Authored by \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) C Rangarajan                      b) Duvvuri Subbarao                      c) Bimal Jalan                      d) Manmohan Singh

**Answer b) Duvvuri Subbarao.** A book titled Who Moved My Interest Rate? Authored by Duvvuri Subbarao, the former Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), will be released. The book gives an account of the dilemmas Subbarao confronted while leading the Reserve Bank through the extraordinary economic and political challenges India and world faced from 2008 to 2013.

**226. UNESCO declared the \_\_\_\_\_ University in Bihar a World Heritage Site**

- a) Patna University                      b) Magadh University                      c) Jai Prakash University                      d) Nalanda University

**Answer d) Nalanda University.** UNESCO declared the Nalanda University in Bihar a World Heritage Site. The university houses the remains of a monastic institution dating from the 3rd century BC to the 13th century AD. Considered the oldest university in the Indian subcontinent, it imparted knowledge for about 800 years. Sites in Iran, China and Micronesia were also added to the list.

**227. A book titled Courage & Commitment: An Autobiography by \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Margaret Alva                      b) Anuja Chauhan                      c) Shivraj Patil                      d) Kalyan Singh

**Answer a) Margaret Alva.** A book titled Courage & Commitment: An Autobiography by Margaret Alva., Via this book, Alva narrates her forty-year career under four Prime Ministers, namely Indira



Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, PV NarasimhaRao and Manmohan Singh. It also tells about her transition from politician to Governor. In the book, the Alva narrates her trials and triumphs and controversies that rocked her career as a politician leading to expulsion from Congress Party in 1979.

**228. Government of India extended the deadline for payment of tax and penalty under the black money disclosure scheme to \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) December 31 2016                      b) June 30 2017                      c) March 31 2017                      d) September 31 2017

**Answer d) September 31 2017.** The government extended the deadline for payment of tax and penalty under the black money disclosure scheme to September 30, 2017. It allowed declarants to make the payment in three instalments and set deadlines for payment of the instalments. The government extended the previous deadline of November 30 this year following requests from various stakeholders.

**229. \_\_\_\_\_ and French firm Safran Helicopter Engines to set up support centre for armed forces' helicopters**

- a) Mahindra Aerostructures                      b) BrahMos Aerospace Private Ltd  
c) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd                      d) Boeing International Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.

**Answer c) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.** Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) and French firm Safran Helicopter Engines have agreed to establish a support centre in India for national and international rotorcraft customers. The centre will provide maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services for Safran TM333 and HAL Shakti engines that power HAL-built helicopters.

**230. Which base depot ship of Indian Navy at New Delhi celebrates Platinum Jubilee?**

- a) INS Chakra                      b) INS India                      c) INS Viraat                      d) INS Kochi

**Answer b) INS India.** INS India, the base depot ship at New Delhi, celebrated its 75th anniversary on 13th July. Established as HMIS India in 1941 it was rechristened as INS India on 26 Jan 1950. The Base Depot ship (stone ship in naval parlance) has the privilege of being the Flagship of the Chief of the Naval Staff.

**231. Government has allowed companies located in special economic zones (SEZs) to import \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Solid Metal waste                      b) Solid Plastic Waste                      c) Solid Iron waste                      d) Solid Steel Waste

**Answer b) Solid Plastic Waste.** Government has allowed companies located in special economic zones (SEZs) to import solid plastic waste. The Environment Ministry has permitted the import by amending the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

**232. Union government set up a high-level committee headed by \_\_\_\_\_ to consider a "reasonable increase" in minimum support price (MSP)**

- a) UK Sinha                      b) RM Lodha                      c) Arvind Subramanian                      d) Arvind Panagariya

**Answer c) Arvind Subramanian.** To address the issue of escalating prices of pulses, the Union government set up a high-level committee headed by Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian to consider a "reasonable increase" in minimum support price (MSP) for pulses and bonus for farmers. The committee will submit its report in two weeks.

**233. Government of India approved a project of Rs 7,290.62 crore for the 1,020 MW**



Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project (HEP) in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Bangladesh      b) Bhutan      c) Tanzania      d) Nepal

**Answer b) Bhutan.** The Union cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval

for revised cost estimates of Rs 7,290.62 crore for the 1,020 MW Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project (HEP) in Bhutan. The total cost escalation for the project, at this stage, is Rs 3,512.82 crore.

**234. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned 250 MW unit power plant in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer c) Gujarat.** State-owned power equipment maker Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned 250 MW unit based on eco-friendly Circulating Fluidized Bed Combustion (CFBC) technology, using low quality coal (lignite) as the primary fuel. The 250 MW lignite based thermal unit has been commissioned at Bhavnagar Energy Company Limited (BECL)'s 2x250 MW thermal power project, located at Padva village in Bhavnagar District of Gujarat

**235. \_\_\_\_\_ was named the world's best airline at the prestigious Skytrax World Airline Awards 2016.**

- a) Air Arabia                      b) Emirates                      c) Etihad                      d) Flydubai

**Answer b) Emirates.** Emirates was named the world's best airline at the prestigious Skytrax World Airline Awards 2016. The Dubai carrier also won the world's best inflight entertainment award for a record 12th consecutive year, and best airline in the Middle East.

**236. \_\_\_\_\_ is the 1st Indian company to receive a contract from European aviation major Airbus Helicopters Airbus Helicopters as Tier I supplier.**

- a) Mahindra Aerostructures                      b) BrahMos Aerospace Private Ltd  
c) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd                      d) Boeing International Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.

**Answer a) Mahindra Aerostructures.** Mahindra Aerostructures, a subsidiary of Mahindra & Mahindra is the 1st Indian company to receive a contract from European aviation major Airbus Helicopters Airbus Helicopters as Tier I supplier.

**237. Which team won 2016 women's champions trophy title of hockey?**

- a) Japan                      b) Australia                      c) Argentina                      d) USA

**Answer c) Argentina.** The Argentina women's team has claimed a record seventh Champions Trophy title with a 2-1 win over reigning World and Olympic champions, the Netherlands, in the final at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre. In the bronze medal game, USA battled to a shootout victory over Australia, giving the team a first Champions Trophy medal since winning bronze at the 1995 event in Mar del Plata, Argentina.

238. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first Indian to qualify for the women's 400-metre race at the Rio Olympics.

- a) Jisna Mathew                      b) Nirmala Sheoran                      c) Manjeet Kaur                      d) Chitra K Soman

**Answer b) Nirmala Sheoran.** Nirmala Sheoran has become the first Indian to qualify for the women's 400-metre race at the Rio Olympics by clocking a time of 51:48 seconds at the 56th National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships on Friday. She also broke her previous personal best of 52.35 seconds. With this qualification, the Indian contingent for Rio Olympics now features 104 participants.

239. HRD Minister Smriti Irani launched a teacher education portal, \_\_\_\_\_, which aims at bringing quality teachers to Indian schools.

- a) Vikashak                      b) Bharatshak                      c) Prashishak                      d) Edushak

**Answer c) Prashishak.** HRD Minister Smriti Irani launched a teacher education portal, 'Prashikshak', which aims at bringing quality teachers to Indian schools. The portal has now been launched for district-level teacher training institutes only and will be extended to the block-level in future. Further, the portal will help both the Centre and states to monitor these institutes on a real-time basis.

240. The indigenously developed supersonic aircraft \_\_\_\_\_ is world's smallest lightweight, multi-role single-engine tactical fighter aircraft.

- a) Cheetah                      b) Dornier                      c) Boeing                      d) Tejas

**Answer d) Tejas.** The indigenously developed supersonic aircraft Tejas is world's smallest lightweight, multi-role single-engine tactical fighter aircraft. The aircraft has a wing span of 8.20 metres and a take-off weight of 9,800 kg. The aircraft's structure is composed of 42% carbon fibre composites, 43% aluminium alloy, and the remainder titanium alloy.

241. National Doctors day is observed on?

- a) June 30                      b) July 1                      c) July 2                      d) July 3

**Answer b) July 1.** 1 July is observed as Doctor's Day in India to honour the legendary physician and the second Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy. He was born on 1 July, 1882 and died on the same date in 1962, aged 80 years. Dr Roy was honoured with the country's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna on 4 February, 1961.

242. The Indian Air Force has inducted the first squadron of the indigenously made Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) \_\_\_\_\_ into its fleet.

- a) Dornier                      b) Tejas                      c) Boeing                      d) Cheetah

**Answer b) Tejas.** The Indian Air Force has inducted the first squadron of the indigenously made Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas into its fleet. An induction ceremony to induct two Tejas aircrafts was held at the Aircraft Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE) in Bengaluru. The crew members of the first squadron of Tejas, a multi-role supersonic single-engine aircraft designed and developed by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) in collaboration with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

243. India's first integrated defence communication network was launched in \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer b) New Delhi.** India's first integrated defence communication network was launched in New Delhi enabling the army, air force, navy and the Special Forces Command to share situational

awareness for a faster decision-making process. The Defence Communication Network (DCN), a

strategic, highly secure and scalable system, has a pan-India reach — from Ladakh to the North East to island territories.

**244. The World Bank Group has committed to provide \_\_\_\_\_ support to Indian solar energy projects.**

- a) \$1 Billion                      b) \$3 Billion                      c) \$5 Billion                      d) \$8 Billion

**Answer a) \$1 Billion.** The World Bank Group signed an agreement with the International Solar Alliance (ISA), consisting of 121 countries, led by India. It has committed to provide \$1 billion support to Indian solar energy projects. The World Bank-supported projects includesolar rooftop technology, infrastructure for solar parks, bringing innovative solar and hybrid technologies to market and transmission lines for solar-rich states.

**245. Michel Rocard who passed away recently was a former prime minister of \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) France                      b) South Africa                      c) Russia                      d) Japan

**Answer a) France.** Former French Socialist Prime Minister Michel Rocard, hailed a "visionary statesman", died Saturday aged 85 his son Francis told AFP. Rocard served as prime minister for three years from mid-1988 under Francois Mitterrand, the two-term Socialist president who led the country from 1981 to 1995. Mitterrand appointed Rocard to succeed future centre right president Jacques Chirac after a period of unprecedented left-right "cohabitation".

**246. Four Indian-Americans honoured with this year’s prestigious “Great Immigrants: The Pride of America” award, Find who among the following is not one of them?**

- a) Sunder Pichai                      b) Vikram Malhotra                      c) Hari Sreenivasan                      d) Amartya Sen

**Answer d) Amartya Sen.** Four Indian-Americans, including Google CEO Sunder Pichai, are among 42 US nationals to be honoured with this year’s prestigious “Great Immigrants: The Pride of America” award for their inspiring professional accomplishments. The other three Indian-Americans are Hari Sreenivasan, anchor and senior correspondent, PBS NewsHour, Vikram Malhotra Chairman of the Americas, McKinsey & Company and Bharati Mukherjee National, Book Critics Circle Award-winning author.

**247. to officially sponsor Indian contingent at Rio Olympics 2016**

- a) Dabur                      b) Amul                      c) Britannia                      d) DLF

**Answer b) Amul.** India’s largest food products marketing organization Amul has announced its sponsorship of the Indian contingent at the biggest multi-sport event at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Being an avid supporter of various sporting events, Amul had earlier sponsored the Indian contingent at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

**248. \_\_\_\_\_ will be hosting the world’s first Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) ‘Super Fight League’ from August 26 to October 1.**

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

**Answer a) India.** India will be hosting the world’s first Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) ‘Super Fight League’ from August 26 to October 1. The franchise-based league will feature eight teams –Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Mumbai, Haryana, Bangalore, Punjab, Pune and Goa. The league will be a platform for Indian MMA players like Anup Kumar, CJ Singh, Amit Roy, Dhruv Chaudhary to showcase their skills. Each team will constitute nine Indian fighters and three international ones.

249. India and \_\_\_\_\_ have agreed to revise their tax treaty under which capital gains tax will be levied on sale of shares on investments made after April 1, 2017.

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

**Answer b) Cyprus.** India and Cyprus have agreed to revise their tax treaty under which capital gains tax will be levied on sale of shares on investments made after April 1, 2017, thus bringing the island nation at par with Mauritius in terms of tax treatment on investments. The new Cyprus Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), which has been agreed upon by both the countries, would provide for source-based taxation of capital gains on transfer of shares.

250. The International Co-operative Day or International Day of Co-operatives is observed on?

- a) June 2                      b) June 1                      c) June 3                      d) June 4

**Answer a) June 2.** The International Co-operative Day / International Day of Co-operatives is celebrated on the first Saturday of July every year. To be celebrated on the 2nd of July 2016, this year's theme is 'Co-operatives: The power to act for a sustainable future'. Its aim is to increase awareness on co-operatives and promote the movement's successes and ideals of international solidarity, economic efficiency, equality, and world peace.

251. High speed offshore patrol vessel INS \_\_\_\_\_ launched by Indian Navy

- a) Sukanya                      b) Saryu                      c) Tarasa                      d) Samar

**Answer c) Tarasa.** The last ship in the series of four Water Jet Fast Attack Crafts (WJFAC) being built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) for the Indian Navy was launched. Christened INS Tarasa, after an island in the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago, the ship was launched by Aruna Korde, wife of Vice Admiral Jaywant Korde, the navy's Controller of Logistics.

252. World's largest international maritime exercise named RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific) 2016 began in Pacific Ocean at Hawaii, \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer b) USA.** The multinational exercise Rim of the Pacific Southern California 2016 has kicked off, occurring in and around Southern California through Aug. 4. RIMPAC SOCAL, helmed for the first time by Naval Surface Mine Warfare Development Center (SMWDC), allows U.S. and partner nation participants to train together with sea and shore based commands.

253. Noel Neill who passed away recently was a/an

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

**Answer a) Actress.** Noel Neill, the first actress to play Superman's love interest, passed away at the age of 95. Neill was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1920, the daughter of Minneapolis Star Tribune news editor David Neill and the New York vaudeville performer LaVere Neill. As a teenager, she became a highly sought-after photographic model and her pin-up was reportedly second only to Betty Grable's in terms of popularity among American servicemen during World War II.

254. State Bank of India (SBI) and the \_\_\_\_\_ have inked agreements for a \$625 million (around Rs 4,200 crore) for solar power.

- a) ADB Bank                      b) World Bank                      c) New Development Bank                      d) None of these

**Answer b) World Bank.** State Bank of India (SBI) and the World Bank have inked agreements for a \$625 million (around Rs 4,200 crore) facility to support grid-connected rooftop solar programme

(GRPV) in the country. This will help SBI in financing GRPV projects at competitive rates.

255. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes the first port in the country to implement logistics data tagging of containers.

- a) Kandla Port      b) Paradip Port      c) Jawaharlal Nehru Port      d) Kamarajar Port

**Answer c) Jawaharlal Nehru Port.** Jawaharlal Nehru Port becomes the first port in the country to implement logistics data tagging of containers. Jawaharlal Nehru Port implemented the logistics data bank tagging of containers, first of its kind facility, which will help importers/exporters track their

goods in transit through logistics data bank service. An RFID (Radio Frequency Identification Tag) tag would be attached to each container which would be tracked through RFID readers installed at different locations.

**256. Who won Canada Open 2016 badminton title?**

- a) Aditya Joshi      b) Chetan Anand      c) Sanave Thomas      d) Sai Praneeth

**Answer d) Sai Praneeth.** Sai Praneeth defeated Lee Hyun Il of Korea to clinch the Canada Open 2016 title at Calgary. The Indian shuttler outclassed Hyun in straight games (21-12, 21-10). Praneeth, 23, was dominating his opponent right from the word go. In the first game, Praneeth took an early lead and was comfortably placed at 11-3 during the break. He continued keeping the pressure on his opponent and won the first game 21-12.

**257. Who was appointed as Human Resource Development Minister, replacing Smriti Irani from the post after the Union Cabinet reshuffle?**

- a) Arun Jaitley      b) Ananth Kumar      c) Prakash Javadekar      d) Venkaiah Naidu

**Answer c) Prakash Javadekar.** Prakash Javadekar was appointed the Human Resource Development Minister, replacing Smriti Irani from the post after the Union Cabinet reshuffle. Irani, who took oath as the HRD Minister after the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, has now been shifted to the Ministry of Textiles. Javadekar had been serving as the Minister of State for Environment since May 2014.

**258. \_\_\_\_\_ has been made the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs following the Cabinet reshuffle.**

- a) Ananth Kumar      b) Sadananda Gowda      c) Smriti Irani      d) Prakash Javadekar

**Answer a) Ananth Kumar.** Ananth Kumar has been made the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs following the Cabinet reshuffle. He will replace Venkaiah Naidu, who has been given the charge of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry. Ananth Kumar, who is a six-term BJP MP from Bengaluru South, will also continue as the Cabinet Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers.

**259. Which State government announced a 100-day plan for the development of agriculture, urban infrastructure, and veterinary sectors in the state?**

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

**Answer b) Assam.** The Assam government announced a 100-day plan for the development of agriculture, urban infrastructure, and veterinary sectors in the state. The plan includes issuing soil health cards to farmers, building cold storages, setting up e-tendering of seed distribution, and



urban infrastructure development. The government also plans to commercialise four of the 22 poultry farms across Assam.

**260. The Supreme Court has ruled that \_\_\_\_\_ reservation for promotions shall be provided to the differently-abled in all posts under the Government of India.**

- a) 7%                      b) 10%                      c) 3%                      d) 5%

**Answer c) 3%.** The Supreme Court has ruled that 3% reservation for promotions shall be provided to the differently-abled in all posts under the Government of India. This comes after the Centre ordered the confining of such reservation to only Group C and Group D posts. Ruling to provide reservation without any classification, the court declared the Centre's order as "illegal and inconsistent".

**261. According to data by the Tourism Ministry, \_\_\_\_\_ was the top tourist destination in India for the second consecutive year in 2015.**

- a) Tamil Nadu                      b) Jammu and Kashmir                      c) Kerala                      d) Rajasthan

**Answer a) Tamil Nadu.** According to data by the Tourism Ministry, Tamil Nadu was the top tourist destination in India for the second consecutive year in 2015, with 333.5 million domestic and 4.68 million foreign tourist arrivals. Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh were other top destinations for domestic tourists, while foreign visitors preferred Maharashtra, UP, and Delhi after Tamil Nadu.

**262. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh has inaugurated country's first commercial dispute resolution centre and commercial court in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Raipur                      b) Raigarh                      c) Jashpur                      d) Bilaspur

**Answer a) Raipur.** Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh has inaugurated country's first commercial dispute resolution centre and commercial court in the state capital. The commercial court is located in Naya Raipur area of the city. The court also consists of arbitration centre and a mediation centre.

**263. The US space agency has successfully put a new probe in orbit around \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Saturn                      b) Earth                      c) Moon                      d) Jupiter

**Answer d) Jupiter.** The US space agency has successfully put a new probe in orbit around Jupiter. The Juno satellite, which left Earth five years ago, had to fire a rocket engine to slow its approach to

the planet and get caught by its gravity. A sequence of tones transmitted from the spacecraft confirmed the braking manoeuvre had gone as planned. Receipt of the radio messages prompted wild cheering at Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

**264. Noted scientist \_\_\_\_\_ has assumed the office of Director, ISRO Inertial Systems Unit (IISU), Department of Space.**

- a) Anil Bhardwaj      b) Radhakrishnan      c) Abhas Mitra      d) MV Dhekane

**Answer d) MV Dhekane.** Noted scientist MV Dhekane has assumed the office of Director, ISRO Inertial Systems Unit (IISU), Department of Space. Dhekane, who is the seventh director of IISU, took charge on July 1. A B-Tech graduate in electrical engineering and M-tech (Systems and Control) from Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, he had joined Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre in 1983.

**265. RBI has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as an Executive Director in place of NS Vishwanathan, who has been elevated as Deputy Governor at the central bank.**

- a) HR Khan      b) Sudharshan sen      c) Urjit Patel      d) R Gandhi

**Answer b) Sudharshan sen.** RBI has appointed Sudarshan Sen as an Executive Director in place of NS Vishwanathan, who has been elevated as Deputy Governor at the central bank. Sen will look after Department of Banking Regulation, Department of Co-operative Bank Regulation and Department of Non-Banking Regulation. Sen is a career central banker and has a long association with bank supervision and regulation. Earlier, he was in charge of the Department of Banking Regulation.

**266. Indian para-swimmer \_\_\_\_\_ has won eight medals including 3 gold medals, at the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports (IWAS) U-23 World Games in Prague, Czech Republic.**

- a) Niranjan Mukundan      b) Prakash Sajan      c) Sandeep Sejwal      d) Rehan Poncha

**Answer a) Niranjan Mukundan.** Bengaluru para-swimmer Niranjan Mukundan has won eight medals including 3 gold medals, at the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports (IWAS) U-23 World Games in Prague, Czech Republic. Mukundan has won gold medals in the 200m freestyle, 50m butterfly and 50m breaststroke, silver in the 100m fly and 50m freestyle, and bronze in the 100m freestyle, 100m breaststroke and 100m backstroke events.

**267. \_\_\_\_\_ Under the Centre's 'Ujala Scheme', the \_\_\_\_\_ government will distribute 15 lakh free LED bulbs to 4.89 lakh consumers between July 8 and 17**

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

**Answer b) Goa.** Under the Centre's 'Ujala Scheme', the Goa government will distribute 15 lakh free LED bulbs to 4.89 lakh consumers between July 8 and 17. "[W]ith this scheme, the state will save ₹6 crore due to reduction of electricity consumption," Goa Power Minister Milind Naik said. The state government has earmarked ₹11 crore for the procurement of the bulbs, Naik added.

**268. Security giant Avast Antivirus announced having acquired Czech-based antivirus software maker \_\_\_\_\_ in an all-cash deal worth around \$1.3 billion.**

- a) Norton      b) Kaspersky      c) McAfee      d) AVG

**Answer d) AVG.** Security giant Avast Antivirus announced having acquired Czech-based antivirus software maker AVG in an all-cash deal worth around \$1.3 billion. The transaction has been unanimously approved by Avast's Management and Supervisory Board. Reports suggest that it isn't

yet clear if Avast will fold AVG's services into its own brand or continue to sell them under the existing banner.

**269. \_\_\_\_\_ plans to give Bangladesh a \$9 billion low-interest loan to build six rail projects**

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

**Answer a) China.** China plans to give Bangladesh a \$9 billion low-interest loan to build six rail projects, a state-run Chinese newspaper reported. The rail projects will connect the capital, Dhaka, to domestic industrial areas and the Indian border. "Cheap financing from China...is irresistible for Bangladesh. However, India may feel uncomfortable with the increased economic interaction", it added.

**270. \_\_\_\_\_ was sworn in as the new Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports**

- a) Aanath Kumar              b) Prakash Javedekar              c) Vijay Goyal              d) Ravi Shankar Prasad

**Answer c) Vijay Goyal.** As a part of PM Narendra Modi's cabinet reshuffle, former Delhi BJP President Vijay Goel was sworn in as the new Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports. Goel will replace Sarbananda Sonowal, the new Chief Minister of Assam. "Our goal is now to give our athletes the correct environment and exposure to win us medals in Rio", said Goel.

**271. \_\_\_\_\_ Govt launches projects across 7 states under Namami Gange Mission**

- a) 195                      b) 156                      c) 231                      d) 301

**Answer c) 231.** Two years after the launch of the Namami Gange Mission—India's plan to clean up the Ganga river—the central government will launch over 200 projects worth Rs.2000 crore under the programme. The 231 projects to be launched involve modernization and redevelopment of ghats and crematoriums, development of sewage infrastructure and treatment, afforestation, tree plantation (medicinal plants), pilot drain project, interceptor drain project, trash skimmers and conservation of biodiversity. A Rs.196-crore online pollution monitoring system will also be launched.

**272. World Chocolate day is observed on?**

- a) July 3                      b) July 5                      c) July 6                      d) July 7

**Answer d) July 7.** World Chocolate Day, sometimes referred to as International Chocolate Day, is an observance that occurs globally every year on July 7. Celebration of the day includes the consumption of chocolate. It has been stated that 7 July 2016 marks 466 years since chocolate was introduced to Europe.

**273. \_\_\_\_\_ India secured \_\_\_\_\_ rank on readiness for digitised economy**

- a) 91                      b) 136                      c) 118                      d) 105

**Answer a) 91.** India has slipped two places to 91st position on a global list of countries in terms of their readiness for transition to a digitized economy and society, while Singapore remains on top. The annual Networked Readiness Index (NRI) released by Geneva-based World Economic Forum (WEF). The 2016 Networked Readiness Index (NRI) is topped by Singapore while Finland has also retained its 2nd Others in the top-ten are Sweden (3rd), Norway (4th), United States (5th), Netherlands (6th), Switzerland (7th), UK (8th), Luxembourg (9th) and Japan (10th).

**274. \_\_\_\_\_ E-commerce major \_\_\_\_\_ has opened six new fulfillment centres across five cities, as it prepares for a spike in demand in the upcoming festival season.**

- a) Flipkart                      b) Amazon India                      c) Snapdeal                      d) paytm

**Answer b) Amazon India.** E-commerce major Amazon India has opened six new fulfillment centres across five cities, as it prepares for a spike in demand in the upcoming festival season. Amazon's fulfillment centres are essentially large warehouses, where sellers can send their products, which are packed, despatched and delivered to the customer by the company under its Fulfilled By Amazon service. The new centres are in Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Jaipur and Mumbai.

**275. Who won Wimbledon women's singles title 2016?**

- a) Serena Williams                      b) Angelique Kerber                      c) Venus Williams                      d) Maria Sharapova

**Answer a) Serena Williams.** Defending champion Serena Williams beat Germany's Angelique Kerber in straight sets to win her 22nd Grand Slam, equalling Steffi Graf's record for most Grand Slam title

wins in the Open Era. Serena defeated Kerber 7-5, 6-3, to win her 7th Wimbledon women's singles title. This was Serena's first victory in a Grand Slam final in last four attempts.

**276. Om Prakash Sonik who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Actor                      b) Music director                      c) Journalist                      d) Politician

**Answer b) Music director.** Veteran music director Om Prakash Sonik, popularly known as Omi passed away due to brief illness, in a private hospital in Mumbai. He was 77 years old. In the early 1950s, Master Sonik got a break to direct music for films like Mamta, Mehfil and Ishwar Bhakti, but their music failed to catch the ears of the listeners. Omi was the other half of Bollywood's well-known blind music director Master Sonik. They both formed Sonik-Omi team which provided music to about 125 Hindi movies between 1950 and 1980s.

**277. The 4th edition of Woodpecker Environment and Wildlife Film Festival 2016 began at historic Gaiety Theatre in \_**

- a) Bilaspur                      b) Kangra                      c) Shimla                      d) Kinnaur

**Answer c) Shimla.** With the aim to highlighting the environmental concerns, a three-day Woodpecker Environment and Wildlife Film Festival would begin at historic Gaiety Theatre here from July 7. As many as 45 films, including several national Award winning films and five films from Himachal Pradesh would be screened at the festival. The focus of the festival would be on critical environment and wildlife conservation issues like climate change, forest conservation, biodiversity and man-animal conflict and success stories would also be showcased in it.

**278. India has set up an apparel training centre in \_\_\_\_\_ to support textiles industry of the West African country.**

- a) Liberia                      b) Nigeria                      c) Guinea                      d) Gambia

**Answer b) Nigeria.** India has set up an apparel training centre in Nigeria to support textiles industry of the West African country. This is a first of its kind centre in Nigeria set up in partnership with their government, the Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement. The centre has been established in Kaduna, Nigeria under the Cotton Technical Assistance Programme for Africa which is being implemented by the Indian Department of Commerce. It was inaugurated on June 22.

**279. Business leaders from India and South Africa signed \_\_\_\_\_ MoUs at a CEO forum on the sidelines of PM Narendra Modi's visit to the African country.**

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

**Answer a) Eight.** Business leaders from India and South Africa signed eight MoUs at a CEO forum on the sidelines of PM Narendra Modi's visit to the African country. The MoUs were signed in sectors including mining, railways, defence and education. The biggest of the MoUs was signed between a South African port and Cipla, involving investment worth around \$90 million.

**280. Which State government issued directions that 100 kilometres of roads be constructed every month in the state?**

- a) Madya Pradesh                      b) Chhattisgarh                      c) Kerala                      d) Tamil Nadu

**Answer b) Chhattisgarh.** Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh issued directions that 100

kilometres of roads be constructed every month in the state. Singh added that 1,446 kilometres of

road will be constructed by March 2018 at an estimated cost of ₹9,268 crore. He also set a deadline to finish construction of roads in Left Wing Extremism-affected regions of the state.

**281. How many Indian hotels in World's 100 Best Hotels list?**

- a) 5            b) 4            c) 10            d) 12

**Answer a) 5.** Five Indian hotels have made it to the 'Travel + Leisure' magazine's 100 Best Hotels list, with The Oberoi Udaivilas in Udaipur ranked 22nd. In a survey conducted by the magazine, The Oberoi Vanyavilas (Ranthambhore) was ranked 28th, while The Oberoi Rajvilas (Jaipur) was 59th. The list also included The Leela Palace New Delhi and the Taj Lake Palace (Udaipur).

**282. Which State government announced a pension scheme, starting this year, for transgenders above 60 years of age?**

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

**Answer b) Kerala.** The Left Democratic Front government in Kerala announced a pension scheme, starting this year, for transgenders above 60 years of age. It also announced special education aid for transgender students. Only last year, Kerala became the first state in India to announce a Transgender Welfare Board that aims to end stigma towards the sexual minority group.

**283. NASSCOM unveils India's first Centre of Excellence on Internet of Things in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer c) Bengaluru.** The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) unveiled India's first Centre of Excellence focused on Internet of Things (CoE- IoT) at its Startup Warehouse in Bengaluru. The center was inaugurated by Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister for Law, Government of India. The centre was launched in a bid to encourage start-ups to come up with tech solutions centred on Internet of Things (IoT).

**284. To promote India among travellers, the ministry of external affairs is holding the country's first SAARC Tourism Summit in \_\_\_\_\_, Maharashtra**

- a) Amravati            b) Pune            c) Nagpur            d) Aurangabad

**Answer d) Aurangabad.** To promote India among travellers, the ministry of external affairs is holding the country's first SAARC Tourism Summit in Aurangabad, which is also considered the tourism capital of Maharashtra, in the second week of October. The government hopes that the summit will also bolster 'Make in India' and 'Make in Maharashtra' and may bring more FDI.

**285. India and Mozambique have signed three agreements in the area of \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Drug trafficking, Pulse Trading and Double taxation  
b) Data trafficking, Pulse Trading and Double taxation  
c) Drug trafficking, Pulse Trading and Youth affairs and sports  
d) Drug trafficking, online Trading and Double taxation

**Answer c) Drug trafficking, Pulse Trading and Youth affairs and sports.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi signed a second MoU with South African country Mozambique. India and Mozambique have signed three agreements in the area of drug trafficking (1st), pulse trading (2nd) and youth affairs & sports (3rd). Indian prime minister said: "Our agreement on prevention of drug trafficking is a

testimony to our shared determination to combat this menace and these networks.”

**286. Which State government has taken up a project to set up three biotechnology hubs across the state to bring in more biotechnology innovations to the State?**

- a) Kerala                      b) Assam                      c) Punjab                      d) West Bengal

**Answer d) West Bengal.** The West Bengal Government has taken up a project to set up three biotechnology hubs across the state to bring in more biotechnology innovations to the State. The three proposed biotechnology hubs will come in Bardhaman, Kalimpong and Medinipur districts; they will help in the co-ordination of various departments with the Biotechnology Department in a better way.

**287. \_\_\_\_\_ Government to Launch II Phase of Haritha Haram programme**

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

**Answer a) Telangana.** The second phase of two-week long Haritha Haram programme of Telangana government has launched. Haritha Haram programme of Telangana government aimed to plant 46 crore plants to improve green belt. The State Government planned to plant a record 46 crore saplings, including 25 lakh in Hyderabad, during the season. Another record that was targeted was plantation over 163 kms of highway by over a lakh of people on the first day.

**288. \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Executive Officer at Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd \_\_\_\_\_ will step down by the end of this calendar year.**

- a) Kal Sundaram                      b) Naresh Sundaram                      c) Mohan Kumar                      d) Prasath Sundaram

**Answer a) Kal Sundaram.** Kal Sundaram, Chief Executive Officer at Taro Pharmaceutical Industries



Ltd, the Israeli subsidiary of Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd, will step down by the end of this calendar year. Sundaram will return to India to take up an executive position at Sun Pharma after the completion of his assignment at Taro at the end of 2016.

**289. IDFC Mutual Fund has appointed \_\_\_\_\_, a senior executive from Standard Chartered Bank, as its chief executive officer.**

- a) Sunil Kapoor      b) Vishal Kapoor      c) Ajay Kapoor      d) Sanjay Kapoor

**Answer b) Vishal Kapoor.** IDFC Mutual Fund has appointed Vishal Kapoor, a senior executive from Standard Chartered Bank, as its chief executive officer. Mr. Kapoor will take charge of his new position from September this year. Vishal will be responsible for driving accelerated growth of IDFC AMC, heading a seasoned senior management team including Kaplan Parekh, Anoop Bhaskar and Suyash Choudhary.

**290. Edhi Foundation Chairman, philanthropist, social activist, ascetic and humanitarian Abdul Sattar Edhi who passed away recently, He was from \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) India      b) Pakistan      c) Bangladesh      d) Saudi Arabia

**Answer b) Pakistan.** Edhi Foundation Chairman, Pakistani philanthropist, social activist, ascetic and humanitarian Abdul Sattar Edhi passed away at the age of 92 in Karachi due to kidney failure. He was the founder and head of the Edhi Foundation in Pakistan and known as Angel of Mercy, Pakistan's 'Father Teresa' and was considered country's most respected figure.

**291. South African writer \_\_\_\_\_ has won the 17th edition of prestigious Caine Prize 2016 for his short story "Memories We Lost".**

- a) Breyten Breytenbach      b) Damon Galgut      c) Njabulo Ndebele      d) Lidudumalingani Mqomboti

**Answer d) Lidudumalingani Mqomboti.** South African writer, filmmaker and photographer Lidudumalingani Mqomboti has won the 17th edition of prestigious Caine Prize 2016 for his short story "Memories We Lost". With this, Lidudumalingani was awarded 10000 Euros and a month at Georgetown University in the US as a writer-in-residence. He will also be invited to speak at the Library of Congress and receive invitations to take part in Cape Town's Open Book Festival, Nairobi's Storymoja and Nigeria's Ake Festival.

**292. Who won Wimbledon women's doubles title 2016?**

- a) Tímea Babos and Yaroslava Shvedova      b) Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis  
c) Serena Williams and Venus Williams      d) Caroline Garcia and France Kristina Mladenovic

**Answer c) Serena Williams and Venus Williams.** Serena Williams and Venus Williams won their six Wimbledon doubles title after defeating Tímea Babos of Hungary and Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan 6-3, 6-4. The American pair is now 14-0 in Grand Slam finals. This is the fourth time Serena has won both singles and doubles titles in a single year, while Venus has done it twice herself.

293. **British Paralympian \_\_\_\_\_ won the first-ever Wimbledon wheelchair men's singles title 2016.**

- a) Stéphane Houdet      b) Nicolas Peifer      c) Stefan Olsson      d) Gordon Reid

**Answer d) Gordon Reid.** British Paralympian Gordon Reid won the first-ever Wimbledon wheelchair men's singles title, after defeating Sweden's Paralympic champion Stefan Olsson 6-1, 6-4. Reid also won the wheelchair men's doubles title, alongside compatriot Alfie Hewett. Wheelchair tennis has featured in Wimbledon since 2001, but 2016 is the first edition to feature men's and women's singles.

294. **India and \_\_\_\_\_ signed five bilateral agreements during PM Narendra Modi's visit to the African country.**

- a) Tanzania      b) Libya      c) Zambia      d) Tunisia

**Answer a) Tanzania.** India and Tanzania signed five bilateral agreements during PM Narendra Modi's visit to the African country. These include the extension of a \$92 million line of credit by India for the rehabilitation of the water supply system in Tanzania's Zanzibar region. The four other agreements include MoUs on water resource management and visa waiver for diplomatic passport holders.

295. **The 27th summit biannual summit of NATO 2016 was held in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Beijing, China      b) Warsaw, Poland      c) Tokyo, Japan      d) New Delhi, India

**Answer b) Warsaw, Poland.** The 2-day long NATO Summit concluded on 9 July 2016 in Warsaw, Poland. It was the 27th summit biannual summit of NATO since its inception in 1949. The summit was attended by Heads of State and Heads of Government of NATO members including the USA President Barack Obama, Polish president Andrzej Duda and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg. Besides, the summit also saw the presence of Heads of Government of non-member States and organizations of NATO including Afghanistan.

296. **Which state government plans to plant 5 crore saplings across the state to set a Guinness World Record?**

- a) Madhya Pradesh      b) Uttar Pradesh      c) Andhra Pradesh      d) Rajasthan

**Answer b) Uttar Pradesh.** Samajwadi Party president Mulayam Singh Yadav, Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav and his parliamentarian wife Dimple Yadav will take active part in the mega plantation drive, under which the state government plans to plant 5 crore saplings across the state to set a Guinness World Record. The initiative gives boost to the UP government's 'Clean UP, Green UP' Mission.

297. **\_\_\_\_\_ inks pact with IITs for Centre for Propulsion Technology**

- a) ISRO      b) AAI      c) DRDO      d) NIDM

**Answer c) DRDO.** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with IIT-Bombay and Madras to establish a bi-nodal 'Centre of Propulsion Technology' (CoPT) at the two institutions. The Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed among DG DRDO S Christopher, IIT Bombay Director Prof Devang Khakhar and IIT Madras Director Prof B Ramamurthi.

298. **Who has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd?**

- a) Ajay Gupta      b) Sanjay Gupta      c) Prakash Gupta      d) Mahesh Gupta

**Answer b) Sanjay Gupta.** Sanjay Gupta, who had been officiating as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. (KRCL), has been appointed as the CMD of the corporation. He is the youngest ever CMD of KRCL. Prior to his elevation, he was working as Director (Operating and Commercial) of KRCL.

299. SIDBI partners \_\_\_\_\_ for loan guarantee under World Bank scheme

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

**Answer c) Yes Bank.** A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between SIDBI and YES BANK under the partial risk sharing facility (PRSF) for financing energy efficiency projects programme sponsored by the World Bank. As per the terms of the agreement, Sidbi will guarantee 75% of loans of up to Rs 15 crore extended to the energy efficiency projects.

300. Sprinter \_\_\_\_\_ qualified for the Rio Olympics in the men's 200-metre sprint, at the Indian Grand Prix in Bengaluru

- a) Anil Kumar      b) Dharambir Singh      c) Prakash Singh      d) Sriram Singh

**Answer b) Dharambir Singh.** Sprinter Dharambir Singh qualified for the Rio Olympics in the men's 200-metre sprint, at the Indian Grand Prix in Bengaluru. Singh clocked 20.45 seconds for a podium finish at the 4th Indian Grand Prix, where the Rio Olympic qualification mark was 20.50 seconds. More than 30 Indian athletes have qualified for the Rio Olympics in athletics.

301. India's \_\_\_\_\_ qualified for the Rio Olympics in the men's 800-metre sprint, at the Indian Grand Prix in Bengaluru

- a) Beant Singh      b) Kisan Narshi Tadvi      c) Tintu Luka      d) Jinson Johnson

**Answer d) Jinson Johnson.** India's Jinson Johnson qualified for the Rio Olympics in the men's 800-metre sprint, at the Indian Grand Prix in Bengaluru. Johnson clocked 1:45.98 seconds, with the qualification mark for Rio being 1:46:00 seconds. July 11 is the last day for qualifications, with over 100 sportspersons already qualified from India, making it the country's largest contingent at the event.

302. The Centre and the Bihar government have signed a \_\_\_\_\_ credit agreement with the World Bank under the state's rural development project 'JEEViKA-II'.

- a) \$ 500 million      b) \$ 290 million      c) \$ 350 million      d) \$ 100 million

**Answer b) \$ 290 million.** The Centre and the Bihar government have signed a \$290 million credit agreement with the World Bank under the state's rural development project 'JEEViKA-II'. The new project would cover 300 new blocks in 32 districts. Bihar Transformative Development Project, also known as Jeevika II, will mobilise rural population into self-help groups (SHG) and higher level federations and help them gain access to markets, public services and a range of financial services from formal financial institutions, the World Bank said.

303. World Population day is observed on?

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

**Answer d) July 11.** World Population Day is being observed on 11 July. The theme this year is Investing In Teenage Girls. This day is observed every year to focus attention on the urgency and

importance of population issue. China is the world's most populous country with around 1.4 billion inhabitants, but India is set to overtake China by 2022.

**304. Reserve Bank of India permits foreign investors to buy \_\_\_\_\_ shares**

- a) Bank of Baroda    b) Punjab and Sind Bank    c) Union Bank of India    d) Punjab National Bank

**Answer d) Punjab National Bank.** The RBI removed the 7 year old restriction on fresh purchase of state-owned Punjab National Bank's shares by foreign investors. Punjab National Bank (PNB) shares gained over 8 per cent .after the Reserve Bank of India removed the public sector bank from the caution list and allowed foreign investors to buy its shares. The scrip later closed 8.21 per cent up at Rs 127.25.

**305. The Hemis festival will be held between July 14 and July 15 at the Hemis Monastery in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Srinagar    b) Ladakh    c) Udampur    d) Bandipora

**Answer b) Ladakh.** The Hemis festival will be held between July 14 and July 15 at the Hemis Monastery in Ladakh. This is an extremely well-known festival. Hemis festival 2016 or Hemis Monastery is a Tibetan Buddhist monastery of the Drukpa Lineage, located in Hemis, Ladakh Situated 45 km from Leh, the monastery was re-established in 1672 by the Ladakhi king Sengge Namgyal.

**306. Indian triple jumper \_\_\_\_ qualified for the Rio Olympics, at the 4th Indian Grand Prix in Bengaluru**

- a) Saha Singh    b) Renjith Maheshwary    c) Arpinder Singh    d) Vikas Gowda

**Answer b) Renjith Maheshwary.** Indian triple jumper Renjith Maheshwary qualified for the Rio Olympics, at the 4th Indian Grand Prix in Bengaluru with a jump of 17.3 metres. Maheshwary beat the Olympic qualification mark of 16.85 metres and also broke the 17.17 metres national record. Maheshwary has competed in the Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Olympics, and Rio will be his third.

**307. Who has been rewarded with a Gourmand World Cookbook Award for 2015-16?**

- a) Hari Chandana    b) Preeti Tamilarasan    c) Nimi Sunilkumar    d) Jeyashri Suresh

**Answer c) Nimi Sunilkumar.** Nimi Sunilkumar, cookbook author and food blogger, has presented this repository of snacks to the world, and been rewarded with a Gourmand World Cookbook Award for 2015-16. Her book 4 o'clock Temptations of Kerala has been chosen for the award in the 'Best Indian Cuisine Cookbook' section. The book emerged a winner, competing with entries on Indian cuisine from around the world. The award was presented in Yantai, China.

**308. India's first smart grid project to be set up at Gurgaon in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) Haryana.** The Union government has set in motion the process of rewarding performing states under Uday, the flagship programme in power sector. It would extend support to the country's first smart grid project to be set up at Gurgaon in Haryana, which has been a performing state under the debt restructuring programme for state-owned power distribution companies.

**309. Which team won the 2016 EurAsia men's Junior Hockey Cup?**

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

**Answer a) India.** The Indian men's junior hockey team beat Russian club Dynamo Stroitel 3-2 in Yekaterinburg, Russia, to win the 2016 EurAsia Hockey Cup. Goals from Gurjant Singh, Varun Kumar, and Parvinder Singh helped India win the tournament. The Indian team had earlier defeated the Russian club 3-1 on Saturday in the tournament opener.

**310. According to data released by the government, India's industrial output expanded \_\_\_\_\_ in May as against a contraction of (-)0.8% in April**

- a) 1.0%                      b) 1.5%                      c) 1.2%                      d) 1.8%

**Answer c) 1.2%.** According to data released by the government, India's industrial output expanded 1.2% in May as against a contraction of (-)0.8% in April. The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for electricity output surged by 4.7%, the index for mining output was up by 1.3%, and that for manufacturing output grew by 0.7% for the month under review.

**311. Union Tourism Ministry is planning to extend its electronic visa (e-visa) service to \_\_\_\_\_ more countries including Italy, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.**

- a) 15                      b) 27                      c) 33                      d) 36

**Answer d) 36.** Union Tourism Ministry is planning to extend its electronic visa (e-visa) service to 36 more countries including Italy, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. As per reports, the proposal has been forwarded to the Home Ministry for approval. If the proposal gets accepted, citizens of 186 countries will be able to get an online visa to travel to India.

**312. Airtel has entered into an agreement with \_\_\_\_\_ to acquire rights to use 4G spectrum in 8 telecom circles**

- a) Vodafone                      b) Reliance                      c) Tata Docomo                      d) Airtel

**Answer d) Airtel.** Airtel has entered into an agreement with Airtel to acquire rights to use 4G spectrum of Airtel in 8 telecom circles these circles are Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, West

Bengal, Assam, the North-East, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. The spectrum trading deal between Bharti Airtel and Aircel was cleared by the telecom minister.

313.

**India's first spa for transgender launched in \_**

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

**Answer b) Tamil Nadu.** A spa, likely to be India's first to offer its services to the transgender community, was launched on Monday in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Inaugurated by Formula One Driver Narain Karthikeyan and Tamil actor Sethuraman, the unisex salon also offers special luxury rooms for transgenders. Notably, Tamil Nadu was the first Indian state to get a transgender police officer in 2015.

314.

**China Navy Conducts Combat Drills in the \_**

- a) North China Sea              b) South China Sea              c) West China Sea              d) East China Sea

**Answer b) South China Sea.** China's navy has conducted a routine combat drill in waters off the Hainan and Xisha Islands. The Nanhai Fleet, as well as forces from the Beihai and Donghai fleets, have taken part in the annual exercise in the South China Sea. The drills come on the heels of the announcement by the United States and South Korea to deploy a THAAD missile defense system in South Korea.

315. **Malala Day is observed on?**

- a) July 12                      b) July 08                      c) July 10                      d) July 11

**Answer a) July 12.** Pakistani teen activist Malala Yousafzai, who became a target of Taliban in October 2012 and defied death after a serious gunshot injury, turned 19-year-old, In recognition of her bravery and in honour of her heroic stand to ensure education for all, the United Nations in 2013 declared that July 12 will be annually observed as "Malala Day" worldwide.

316. **Which State police has launched 4 mobile apps for timely intervention into emergency situations?**

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

**Answer c) Maharashtra.** In order to strengthen public security system, Maharashtra police has launched 4 mobile apps for timely intervention into emergency situations. The four applications PratisaadAsk, Police Mitra, Vahanchoritakrar and Railway helpline app were launched by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis a fortnight ago in Nagpur, a statement from Maharashtra Police said.

**317. Who has sworn in as the acting Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, in the Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan in Itanagar?**

- a) Tathagata Roy      b) Jyoti Prasad Rajkhowa      c) Ram Nath Govind      d) Nirbhay Sharma

**Answer a) Tathagata Roy.** Tripura Governor Tathagata Roy has sworn in as the acting Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, in the Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan in Itanagar. With this he becomes 18th Governor to be sworn in as Governor of this Himalayan State. He has been given the additional charge of Governor of Arunachal Pradesh. With this, Mr. Roy will discharge the function of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh during the absence on leave of Jyoti Prasad Rajkhowa.

**318. Sushila Karki has become the 1st woman Chief Justice of \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) Nepal.** After making history with the appointment of the first female head of state and speaker in the country, Nepal has made another landmark achievement in gender equality by appointing the first female chief justice of the Supreme Court. Sushila Karki has become the 1st woman Chief Justice of Nepal after taking oath of office and secrecy at a special programme organised at the Presidential Residence, Sheetal Niwas. Nepalese President Bidya Devi Bhandari conducted the oath of office and secrecy ceremony.

**319. President confers the 51st Jnanpith Award on \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Kedarnath Singh      b) Prathiba Ray      c) Raghuveer Chaudhari      d) Ravuri Bharadhwaja

**Answer c) Raghuveer Chaudhari.** The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee conferred the 51st Jnanpith Award on renowned writer, Dr. Raghuveer Chaudhari at a function held at Parliament Library Building, New Delhi. Dr. Chaudhari represents the fluid brilliance that characterizes India's



pluralistic literary genius. It is indeed an example of his brilliant fluidity that an author, who strove to master Hindi academically, expressed himself in Gujarati in his literary pursuit.

**320. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director at Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd?**

- a) Praveen Kumar      b) Vignesh Kumar      c) Ramkumar      d) Rajkumar

**Answer d) Rajkumar.** D Rajkumar has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director at Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd, while Utpal Bora will be the Oil India Ltd. These two appointments were issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

**321. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)?**

- a) Basu Kumar      b) Sunita Kaushik      c) Vineet Joshi      d) Rakesh Kumar Chaturvedi

**Answer d) Rakesh Kumar Chaturvedi.** Rakesh Kumar Chaturvedi, a 1987 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh, was appointed as the new Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). Chaturvedi has been appointed for a period of five years, according to the official order. Notably, the CBSE has been without a regular full-time chairman since December 2014.

**322. The book titled Ringside WithVijender authored by \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Rudraneil Sengupta      b) Yograj Thani      c) Pawan Arora      d) Suryaprakash Chaturvedi

**Answer a) Rudraneil Sengupta.** The book titled Ringside WithVijender authored by Rudraneil Sengupta released. The book, published by Juggernaut Books, throws light on the Beijing Olympics bronze medallist boxer Vijender Singh's life post his transition to the world of pro boxing.

**323. Which State Government has classified dengue as a 'notified disease' which will allow officials to enter residential premises to check for breeding of larvae?**

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

**Answer a) Maharashtra.** The Maharashtra government has classified dengue as a 'notified disease' which will allow officials to enter residential premises to check for breeding of larvae, state Public

Health Minister Deepak Sawant said. The state government will distribute 1.10 lakh mosquito nets and has provided clinical management training to nearly 2,800 health workers to deal with the disease, Sawant added.

**324. Spanish-made train has become the fastest train in India after clocking a speed of 180 km/hour and covering 84 km in 38 minutes during a trial run**

- a) Maharaja                      b) Gatimaan                      c) Talgo                      d) None of these

**Answer c) Talgo.** Spanish-made Talgo train has become the fastest train in India after clocking a speed of 180 km/hour and covering 84 km in 38 minutes during a trial run on the Mathura-Palwal route. It has broken the record of Gatimaan Express at 160 km/hour. Talgo comprises nine lightweight coaches and aims to connect Delhi and Mumbai within 12 hours.

**325. Who is the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?**

- a) Theresa May                      b) Michael Gove                      c) Boris Johnson                      d) Andrea Leadsom

**Answer a) Theresa May.** New Conservative Party leader Theresa May was sworn in as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, becoming the second woman to occupy the post after Margaret Thatcher. May, who was Home Secretary for six years, takes over from David Cameron. Her government is tasked with negotiating the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union.

**326. Who took charge as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh at Arunachal Bhavan in New Delhi?**

- a) Tathagata Roy                      b) Nitish Kumar                      c) Nabam Tuki                      d) Pinarayi Vijayan

**Answer c) Nabam Tuki.** Congress leader Nabam Tuki took charge as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh at Arunachal Bhavan in New Delhi. The CM's office in Arunachal Pradesh was also informed about the development via e-mail. Earlier on Wednesday, the apex court had reinstated the Tuki-led government in the state and quashed the Governor's order to impose President's Rule.

**327. Ministry of External Affairs launches operation \_\_\_\_\_ to evacuate Indian nationals from war torn South Sudan.**

- a) Sea Waves                      b) Megh Rahat                      c) Surya Hope                      d) Sankat Mochan

**Answer d) Sankat Mochan.** Ministry of External Affairs launches operation "sankat mochan" to

evacuate Indian nationals from war torn South Sudan. General VK Singh heading operation as two C-17 military transport aircrafts to South Sudan's capital city Juba to evacuate over 300 Indians stranded there.

**328. Who has taken over as chairman-cum-managing director of the Jute Corporation of India Ltd?**

- a) K.V.R. Murthy                      b) A.S.M. Ganesh                      c) B.J.R. Prakash                      d) K.P.N. Kumar

**Answer a) K.V.R.Murthy.** K.V.R. Murthy has taken over as chairman-cum-managing director of the Jute Corporation of India Ltd, Murthy was earlier associated with Eastern Railways in the capacity of Chief Commercial Manager. PTI BSM DKB JM MKJ. His appointment is for a period of 5 years or till the date of his superannuation, whichever is earlier.

**329. Bollywood stars \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are the two Indians to have made it to the 'World's 100 Highest-Paid Celebrities**

- a) Shah Rukh Khan and Abhishek Bachchan                      b) Amir Khan and Akshay Kumar  
c) Salman Khan and Akshay Kumar                      d) Shah Rukh Khan and Akshay Kumar

**Answer d) Shah Rukh Khan and Akshay Kumar.** Bollywood stars Shah Rukh Khan and Akshay Kumar are the two Indians to have made it to the 'World's 100 Highest-Paid Celebrities' list, released by Forbes. The annual Celebrity 100 ranking includes global talent from across entertainment, media and sports, with over one-third of the celebrities from outside the US.

**330. Who has been appointed as the CEO of National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID)?**

- a) Naveen patnaik                      b) Arvind Patnaik                      c) Ashok Patnaik                      d) Suresh Patnaik

**Answer c) Ashok Patnaik.** Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Ashok Patnaik, who is also the son-in-law of former prime minister Manmohan Singh, was appointed as the CEO of National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID), an ambitious intelligence gathering mechanism conceived in the wake of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.