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1. Nathuram Godse's statue unveiled on Gandhi Jayanti in _____

- a) Kanpur b) Jhansi c) Lucknow d) Meerut

Answer d) Meerut. The first ever bust of Nathuram Godse – Mahatma Gandhi's assassin-as installed and unveiled by the members of Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha at their Sharda road office in Meerut on the occasion of Gandhi's birthday .The statue, which had drawn controversy in December 2014, was finally erected as the members of the Hindu outfit also observed Gandhi's birthday as 'Dhikkar Divas'.

2. The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on?

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

Answer b) October 02. The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on October 2, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. This day is referred to in India as Gandhi Jayanti. In January 2004, Iranian Nobel laureate Shirin Ebadi had taken a proposal for an International Day of Non-Violence from a Hindi teacher in Paris teaching international students to the World Social Forum in Bombay.

3. R Subramania Kumar has been appointed as Executive Director of state-owned

- a) Indian Bank b) Allahabad Bank c) Indian Overseas Bank d) Vijaya Bank

Answer c) Indian Overseas Bank. R Subramania Kumar has been appointed as Executive Director of state-owned Indian Overseas Bank, the Finance Ministry. Kumar is currently Executive Director of Indian Bank. "The Central Government appointed R Subramania Kumar, Executive Director, Indian Bank as Executive Director, Indian Overseas Bank with effect from his taking over the charge of the Indian Overseas Bank and up to January 21, 2019 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

4. The St+Art India Festival begin in _____ with an aim to create art in public places across the city and make it accessible to a wider audience

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

Answer b) Bangalore. The St+Art India Festival begin in Bangalore with an aim to create art in public places across the city and make it accessible to a wider audience. Street artists from India and abroad are participating in the month-long festival, which will also feature live music events and workshops. The festival will be held in Hyderabad next month.

5. Search engine giant Google has announced to set up its first Indian data centre in

- a) Mumbai b) Pune c) Kolkata d) Bangalore

Answer a) Mumbai. Search engine giant Google has announced to set up its first Indian data centre in Mumbai by 2017. The centre will help to make the Google Cloud Platform services faster for Indian customers. While Google's rival Microsoft has already set up data centres at three locations in India, Amazon in June opened its first Indian data centre in Mumbai.

6. Which state capital has been conferred with the title of the 'Cleanest Tourist Destination' in India by the Ministry of Tourism?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Punjab c) Sikkim d) Gujarat

Answer c) Sikkim. Sikkim's capital Gangtok has been conferred with the title of the 'Cleanest Tourist Destination' in India by the Ministry of Tourism. The award was presented to the state officials by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the India Sanitation Conference in Delhi on Friday. Further,

Chandigarh and Mysore were felicitated as 'Clean Cities' in the 'million plus population' category.

7. Who is the only Indian to be named TIME's Person of the Year?

- a) Jawaharlal Nehru b) Pranab Mukherjee c) Mahatma Gandhi d) Narendra Modi

Answer c) Mahatma Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi was named TIME Magazine's Person of the Year in 1930, and remains the only Indian to be honoured with the title. Describing him as 'Saint Gandhi', the magazine wrote that Gandhi's "1930 mark on world history will undoubtedly loom largest of all." The magazine later also included him in the list of 25 Political Icons.

8. Who won the Malaysian Grand Prix title 2016?

- a) Daniel Ricciardo b) Nico Rosberg c) Lewis Hamilton d) Sebastian Vettel

Answer a) Daniel Ricciardo. Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo registered his first Formula One victory of the season, winning the Malaysian Grand Prix ahead of teammate Max Verstappen and Mercedes' Nico Rosberg, who finished second and third respectively. Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton had started at pole but crashed out due to an engine failure. Ricciardo is at third place in the overall drivers' standings.

9. Who become the first Indian to complete the Spartathlon, widely described as the "world's toughest race"?

- a) Arun Bharadwaj b) Dhane Singh c) Kieren Dsouza d) Mahesh Dsouza

Answer c) Kieren Dsouza. Bengaluru's Kieren Dsouza has become the first Indian to complete the Spartathlon, widely described as the "world's toughest race". The 23-year old completed the 246.6 km distance in the 2016 edition, in 33 hours, one minute and 38 seconds. The Spartathlon is an annual run between Athens and Sparta in Greece, with a reported success rate of 50%.

10. Who won Wuhan Open title 2016 in women's double category?

- a) Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Lucie Safarova b) Sania Mirza and Barbora Strycova
c) Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis d) Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Martina Hingis

Answer a) Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Lucie Safarova. The Indo-Czech pair of Sania Mirza and Barbora Strycova finished as the runner-up in the Wuhan Open, after a 1-6, 4-6 loss to fifth-seeds Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Lucie Safarova. Since Mirza's split with former partner Martina Hingis, she has won three out of the five doubles tournaments she has participated in.

11. The Nobel Prize in medicine 2016 has been awarded to _____

- a) Noriko Osumi b) Shimon Sakaguchi c) Yoshinori Ohsumi d) Mizushima Noboru

Answer c) Yoshinori Ohsumi. Japanese cell biologist is named 2016 laureate for his discoveries on

how the body's cells detoxify and repair themselves. The Nobel prize in medicine has been awarded to Yoshinori Ohsumi for his discoveries on how the body's cells detoxify and repair themselves. The Japanese cell biologist, 71, will receive the prestigious 8m Swedish kronor (£718,000) award for "mechanisms for autophagy".

12. Kersti Kaljulaid has been elected as first female president of _____

- a) Estonia b) Latvia c) Slovenia d) Romania

Answer a) Estonia. The Estonian parliament has elected the country's first female head of state .Kersti Kaljulaid, 46, a former EU budget auditor, received 81 votes in the election for the five-year

presidential term, well above the two-thirds majority of 68 required. The office is largely symbolic in the Baltic country although it gained weight after outgoing President Toomas Hendrik Ilves carved a role as an outspoken critic of Russia and a campaigner for government digitalization and cyber security.

13. _____ has become the first state in the country to implement the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in Kerosene

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

Answer a) Jharkhand. Jharkhand has become the first state in the country to implement the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in Kerosene in four identified districts- Chatra, Hazaribagh, Khunti and Jantara from October 1. Under the DBTK Scheme, PDS kerosene is being sold at non-subsidised price, and, subsidy, as admissible, is being transferred to consumers directly into their bank accounts. The initiative aims at rationalising subsidy, based on the approach to cut subsidy leakages, but not subsidy per se.

14. World Habitat Day is observed on?

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

Answer c) October 03. The World Habitat Day was on 3 October 2016 observed across the world with the theme Housing at the Centre. The 2016 World Habitat Day campaign aims to raise awareness about the need for affordable housing for all in urban areas, towns and cities. Focus of the theme: Access to adequate housing is a global challenge growing fast with urbanization. Around one quarter of the world's urban population continues to live in slums and informal settlements.

15. World Animal day is observed on?

- a) October 02 b) October 03 c) October 04 d) October 05

Answer c) October 04. World Animal Day is an international day of action for animal rights and welfare celebrated annually on October 4, the feast day of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. The mission of World Animal Day, according to the official World Animal Day website is "To raise the status of animals in order to improve welfare standards around the globe. Building the celebration of World Animal Day unites the animal welfare movement, mobilising it into a global force to make the world a better place for all animals.

16. Which Bank becomes 1st domestic bank to open branch in Myanmar?

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

Answer b) State Bank of India. The State Bank of India announced its entry into Myanmar by opening a branch in the capital city of Yangon, becoming the first domestic lender to do so. The Yangon branch is the 54th foreign branch of the nation's largest lender, chairperson Arundhati Bhattacharya, who opened the office. This branch extends the global presence of SBI in 37 countries through 198 offices.

17. India and _____ have signed three agreements, including two in the area of skill development

- a) Afghanistan b) Singapore c) Malaysia d) Germany

Answer b) Singapore. India and Singapore have signed three agreements, including two in the area of skill development, following delegation-level talks headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Singapore Premier Lee Hsien Loong, who is on visit to Delhi. Onememorandum of understanding

(MoU) was signed between Singapore's Institute of Technical Education (ITE) Education Services (ITEES) and India's National Skill Development Corporation on collaboration in technical and vocational education and training.

18. Who will be the Chief Guest at the Indian Republic Day parade in 2017?

- a) Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan b) Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan
c) Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan d) Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Answer a) Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The Ministry of External Affairs has announced that the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan will be the Chief Guest at the Republic Day parade in 2017. Thanking India for the invitation, Zayed said, "Our strong relations are deeply rooted in history. Our strategic cooperation has increased, driven by our mutual aspirations to develop it."

19. What is the new reverse Repo rate?

- a) 5.75% b) 6.00% c) 6.25% d) 6.50%

Answer a) 5.75%. The Monetary Policy Committee, in its first bi-monthly policy review meeting since its inception, cut the repo rate by 25 basis points to a six-year low of 6.25%. This is also Urjit Patel's first review since becoming the RBI Governor. The reverse repo rate was also reduced to 5.75% while the cash reserve ratio was maintained at 4%. MSF – 6.75 and Bank rate – 6.75.

20. What is the new Marginal Standing Facility and Bank rate?

- a) 6.25% b) 6.50% c) 6.75% d) 7.00%

Answer c) 6.75%. The Monetary Policy Committee, in its first bi-monthly policy review meeting since its inception, cut the repo rate by 25 basis points to a six-year low of 6.25%. This is also Urjit Patel's first review since becoming the RBI Governor. The reverse repo rate was also reduced to 5.75% while the cash reserve ratio was maintained at 4%. MSF – 6.75 and Bank rate – 6.75.

21. Mobile wallet and digital payments startup _____ has entered the short-term consumer loan segment

- a) mRupee b) Mobikwik c) Freecharge d) Paytm

Answer b) Mobikwik. Mobile wallet and digital payments startup MobiKwik has entered the short-term consumer loan segment. The startup claims that a loan request will be approved within 30 minutes and initially a loan of up to ₹50,000 will be available for the users. Founded in 2009 by Upasana Taku and Bipin Preet Singh, MobiKwik has raised \$126.85 million to date.

22. Russian tennis star Maria Sharapova's two-year-doping ban has been reduced to _____

- a) 10 months b) 12 months c) 15 months d) 18 months

Answer c) 15 months. Russian tennis star Maria Sharapova's two-year-doping ban has been reduced to 15 months. The decision by the Court of Arbitration for Sport means she will be able to return to the competition in April, in time for the French Open. Sharapova tested positive for meldonium at the Australian Open in January and received a two year ban from the International Tennis Federation. She appealed the decision in June.

23. Prasar Bharati Corporation CEO _____ has submitted his resignation four months

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ahead of the end of his tenure, which was to draw to a close in February 2017

- a) Surya Prakash b) Sivarama Krishnan c) Ajay Srivastava d) Jawhar Sircar

Answer d) Jawhar Sircar. Prasar Bharati Corporation CEO Jawhar Sircar has submitted his resignation four months ahead of the end of his tenure, which was to draw to a close in February 2017. As per rules of the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990, the CEO has to inform the administrative authority, which is the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, as he holds the office during the pleasure of the President of India.

24. _____ and _____ became the first states to declare their urban areas as Open Defecation Free (ODF) on the second anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission

- a) Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh b) Tamil Nadu and Bihar
c) Rajasthan and Telangana d) Assam and Sikkim

Answer b) Tamil Nadu and Bihar. Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh became the first states to declare their urban areas as Open Defecation Free (ODF) on the second anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission. All 110 cities and towns in Andhra Pradesh were given the ODF tag by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at an event in Tirupati, while Gujarat gave ODF status to each of its 180 cities and towns at a function in Porbandar attended by Union Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation Narendra Singh Tomar and Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.

25. _____ has highest number of people living below poverty line: World Bank

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

Answer d) India. India accounted for the largest number of people living below international poverty line in 2013, the World Bank has said. Around 30% of India's population was living under the international \$1.90 (₹126) a day poverty measure, the report added. It further said that extreme poverty worldwide continued to fall despite "under-performance" of the global economy.

26. Mobile app launched to monitor voter lists in _____ polls

- a) Karnataka b) Uttar Pradesh c) Goa d) Manipur

Answer b) Uttar Pradesh. The Election Commission on launched a mobile application for more transparency and effective monitoring of the ongoing revision of voters' list before the 2017 Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh. The app will provide details regarding addition and deletion of names from the electoral roll. "Soon the ECI would come up with an online grievance redressal information system," officials said.

27. _____ has become the first country in the world to ban disposable plastic cups and plates

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

Answer a) France. France has become the first country in the world to ban disposable plastic cups and plates. The country has passed a law in September 2016 that will go into effect in January 2020. The law will require all disposable tableware to be made from 50% biologically-sourced materials

that can be composted at home. That number will rise to 60% by January of 2025. The measure is an addition to France's Energy Transition for Green Growth Act, a wide-reaching law adopted in 2015 with the aim of mitigating the impact of climate change. In July 2016, France imposed a total ban on the distribution of lightweight plastic bags at supermarket checkouts.

28. US financial services company MasterCard has rolled out 'Identity Check', an app that uses

facial biometrics for payment authentication, in _____

- a) Asia b) Australia c) Africa d) Europe

Answer d) Europe. US financial services company MasterCard has rolled out 'Identity Check', an app that uses facial biometrics for payment authentication, in Europe. The app will be made available to MasterCard users globally in early 2017, according to a report. The app supports both selfies and fingerprint biometrics, offering users a choice of authenticating a mobile payment at the point of purchase.

29. Who became the first Indian to be inducted into IAF Hall of Fame?

- a) Vikram Sarabhai b) K Radhakrishnan c) Udupi Ramachandra Rao d) G Madhavan Nair

Answer c) Udupi Ramachandra Rao. Former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chairman Udupi Ramachandra Rao, popularly known as U. R. Rao, was inducted into the 2016 IAF Hall of Fame on 30 September 2016 by the International Aeronautical Federation (IAF). With this, Rao became the first Indian to be inducted into IAF Hall of Fame.

30. First BRICS U – 17 Football Tournament kicked off in _____

- a) Beijing, China b) Brasilia, Brazil c) Moscow, Russia d) Goa, India

Answer d) Goa, India. India starts their campaign in the inaugural edition of the BRICS U17 football tournament against Russia at the Bambolim Stadium in Goa. The tournament will see Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa fight for the trophy. India will play Russia in the opening match at the GMC Stadium, Bambolim. The Indian colts are led by Nicolai Adam.

31. Yusuf Arakkal who passed away recently was a/an

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

Answer b) Artist. Noted artist Yusuf Arakkal passed away, The Kerala-born, Bengaluru-based artist was an alum of the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishad and also received training from Jaya Varma. His last exhibition ('Faces of Creativity') comprised a series of 135 portraits of personalities from the world of contemporary art that Arakkal worked on for over three years.

32. _____ was conferred the prestigious 2016 Sustainable Development Leadership Award' by President Pranab Mukherjee

- a) Manik Sarkar b) Lal Thanwala c) Naveen Patnaik d) Pawan Chamling

Answer d) Pawan Chamling. Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Chamling was conferred the prestigious 2016 Sustainable Development Leadership Award' by President Pranab Mukherjee during the World Sustainable Development Summit organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) at Vigyan Bhawan. The award was presented to Chamling in recognition of his vision and leadership in environment and sustainable development leading to the establishment of Sikkim.

33. Jammu and Kashmir Bank has appointed _____ as Chairman and CEO of the bank

- a) Dilip Kumar Kaul b) Mustaq Ahmad c) Parvez Ahmed d) Vikrant Kuthiala

Answer c) Parvez Ahmed. Jammu and Kashmir Bank has appointed Parvez Ahmed as Chairman and CEO of the bank. He has been appointed chairman for a period of three years. He replaces Mustaq Ahmad who completed his term on October 5. Ahmad, who joined the bank in 1998, was instrumental in successful management of the bank's PO.

34. Who has been appointed as Chief Financial Officer of Paytm?

- a) Madhur Deora b) Naveen Tewari c) Neeraj Arora d) Ruchi Sanghvi

Answer a) Madhur Deora. Payments platform Paytm, named ex-Citigroup senior executive Madhur Deora as chief financial officer and senior vice president of Paytm. Deora will also be responsible for

building and managing Paytm's newly formed financial services business. Deora has over 17 years of experience in investment banking and most recently served in Citi's investment banking business as managing director.

35. Who is set to become the next UN Secretary-General after the Security Council in the sixth straw poll conducted?

- a) Jorge Sampaio b) Antonio Costa c) Ban Ki Moon d) Antonio Guterres

Answer d) Antonio Guterres. Portugal's former premier Antonio Guterres is set to become the next UN Secretary-General after the Security Council in the sixth straw poll conducted declared him to be the unanimous choice. An indirect Secretary-General election will be held to choose the ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations in October 2016 to replace Ban Ki-moon, whose term concludes 31 December 2016.

36. The Central Board of Secondary Education has decided to discontinue the provision of re-evaluation of answer sheets from _____

- a) 2017 b) 2018 c) 2019 d) 2020

Answer a) 2017. The Central Board of Secondary Education has decided to discontinue the provision of re-evaluation of answer sheets from 2017. However, some system will still be in place for redress of genuine cases. Senior CBSE officials told media persons in New Delhi that since 2014, re-evaluation of answer sheets were done in around 10 subjects for class 12 examinations.

37. New Solar powered Guard Van of Goods Train flagged off in _____

- a) Maharashtra b) Andra Pradesh c) New Delhi d) Tamil Nadu

Answer c) New Delhi. The newly manufactured Guard Van of Goods Train (8 wheeled) has been equipped for the first time with Solar powered Light, Fan, and Mobile Charging Point along with the facility of Zero discharge Bio Toilet. In keeping with the country's commitment to make India a 'Swachh Bharat', the Guard's toilet has also been modified to a zero discharge bio toilet. The train, which features a battery bank for the van, set off from the Safdarjung Railway Station in Delhi.

38. Online retailer _____ launched a real estate sale on its e-commerce platform

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

Answer a) Snapdeal. Online retailer Snapdeal launched a real estate sale on its e-commerce platform. The sale, which will continue till October 21, will offer apartments in Delhi NCR, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Jaipur, ranging from ₹30 lakh to ₹5 crore. In a similar sale last year, Snapdeal claimed selling nearly 150 homes in seven days.

39. India has been ranked _____ among 28 nations in the Biopharmaceutical Competitiveness Survey

- a) 7th b) 15th c) 19th d) 23rd

Answer c) 19th. India has been ranked 19th among 28 nations in the Biopharmaceutical Competitiveness Survey, commissioned by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. Countries were graded on scientific capabilities and infrastructure, clinical research conditions and framework, regulatory system, market access and financing, and effective intellectual property protections. The US topped the list.

40. Indian Railways has announced a special scheme effective October 7, offering rail travel insurance of up to ₹10 lakh for a premium price of only _____ paisa

- a) 1 paisa b) 10 paisa c) 25 paisa d) 50 paisa

Answer a) 1 paisa. Indian Railways has announced a special scheme effective October 7, offering rail travel insurance of up to ₹10 lakh for a premium price of only 1 paisa. The optional insurance scheme was started in September and was originally offered at 92 paise. The scheme has been implemented on a pilot basis by IRCTC in collaboration with private insurance companies.

41. Who won the girls' U-16 title at the World Youth Chess Championships in Russia?

- a) Priyanka Nutakki b) Mishra Anwasha c) Aakanksha Hagawane d) Vantika Agrawal

Answer c) Aakanksha Hagawane. India's Aakanksha Hagawane won the girls' U-16 title at the World Youth Chess Championships in Russia. The 15-year-old, who won gold in the U-16 Commonwealth

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Championships earlier this year, finished with nine points from 11 games, winning eight matches, losing one and drawing two. Aakanksha, a wholesale vegetable seller's daughter, has been trained by a former national player.

42. Who has become the first Indian to sign a contract with a junior professional side in Spain's La Liga?

- a) Ishan Pandita b) Jitendra Singh c) Saurabh Meher d) Abhijit Sarkar

Answer a) Ishan Pandita. Ishan Pandita, an 18-year-old from Bengaluru, has become the first Indian to sign a contract with a junior professional side in Spain's La Liga. Pandita will be joining the U-19 side of CD Leganes, and will play in Spain's top division for U-19 players. He was previously selected for Getafe's junior team, but didn't join as the team got relegated.

43. _____ has been named 2016's 'Top Growing Brand' by brand consultancy

Interbrand

- a) Google b) Apple c) Samsung d) Facebook

Answer d) Facebook. Social networking giant Facebook has been named 2016's 'Top Growing Brand' by brand consultancy Interbrand, with a 48% year-on-year increase in its brand value to \$32.59 billion. E-commerce major Amazon and toy company Lego were ranked second and third respectively. Notably, Facebook was also ranked 15 on Interbrand's 2016 list of 'Best Global Brands'.

44. Union Cabinet approved MoU between India and _____ on water cooperation

- a) North American Union b) African Union c) European Union d) Central Asian Union

Answer c) European Union. The Union Cabinet gave its approval for the signing of MoU between India and European Union in the field of water resources. The MoU envisages strengthening the technological, scientific and management capabilities of India and the European Union in the field of water management on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

45. Palmyra temple destroyed by ISIS recreated in _____

- a) Rome, Italy b) Venice, Italy c) Milan, Italy d) Verona, Italy

Answer a) Rome, Italy. A UNESCO-sponsored exhibition featuring the replicas of ancient works from Iraq and Syria that were destroyed by the Islamic State was launched in Rome. It features a reconstruction of the Temple of Bel at Palmyra, a room of the State Archives of Ebla and the winged bull of Nimrud. The works were reconstructed using robots and 3D printers. The project was overseen by archaeologists and art historians.

46. World Smile day 2016 is observed on?

- a) October 06 b) October 07 c) October 08 d) October 09 **Answer**

b) October 07. World Smile Day is celebrated on the first Friday in the month of October every year. This year celebrated on October 07 2016. The idea of World Smile Day was coined and initiated by Harvey Ball, a commercial artist from Worcester, Massachusetts. Harvey Ball is known to have created the Smiley Face in 1963. The World's first World Smile Day was held in the year 1999 and has been held annually since.

47. The 2016 Kabaddi World Cup kicked off in _____

- a) Hyderabad b) Ahmedabad c) Goa d) Mumbai

Answer b) Ahmedabad. The 2016 Kabaddi World Cup kicked off in Ahmedabad, with India taking on South Korea in the opening game of the tournament. The 12-nation tournament, featuring teams like USA, England, Australia and Iran, will conclude on October 22. This is the third edition of the tournament, with India having won both the earlier titles, besides seven Asiad golds.

48. Who will be conferred with the prestigious 24rd Ekalavya award for the year 2016?

- a) Lalita Babar b) Dutee Chand c) Srabani Nanda d) Renjith Maheshwary

Answer c) Srabani Nanda. Ace sprinter and Olympian Srabani Nanda will be conferred with the prestigious 24rd Ekalavya award for the year 2016. Apart from this, two hockey players Deep Grace

Ekka and Dipsan Tirkey will also be felicitated. Ekalavya Award is awarded by Government of Karnataka for the outstanding performance in Life time Achievement in sports.

49. Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in _____ to provide free LPG connections to BPL households

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

Answer a) Maharashtra. Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in Maharashtra to provide free LPG connections to BPL households. The move will benefit 91 lakh households living below the poverty line in Maharashtra over the next three years. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis who was also present gave away free LPG connections to 10 women from BPL families.

50. Which state festival 'Bathukamma' entered the Guinness Book of World Records as 9,292 women participated in the ceremony?

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

Answer b) Telangana. Telangana state festival 'Bathukamma' entered the Guinness Book of World Records as 9,292 women participated in the ceremony at L.B. Stadium that was also attended by Tennis star Sania Mirza. They achieved this feat despite bad weather and as they danced around bathukamma (flower stack, arranged with different unique seasonal flowers most of them with medicinal values).

51. World post day is observed on?

- a) October 07 b) October 08 c) October 09 d) October 10

Answer c) October 09. World Post Day is celebrated each year on 9 October. The event was declared by the 1969 Universal Postal Congress in Tokyo as a means to mark the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union's (UPU) creation in 1874. The purpose of World Post Day is to bring

awareness to the Post's role in the everyday lives of people and businesses, as well as its contribution to global social and economic development. 2016 Theme: Innovation, Integration and Inclusion.

52. Which country had the highest number of child deaths (under five) at 13 lakh in 2015?

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

Answer a) India. India had the highest number of child deaths (under five) at 13 lakh in 2015 while such deaths have gone down by half in the world between 1990 and 2015, as per the Global Burden of Disease 2015 study. India was followed by Nigeria with over 7 lakh child deaths and Pakistan (3 lakh deaths), stated the study.

53. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated first Model Skill Development Centre "Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra" In _____

- a) Guwahati b) Dhubri c) Jorhat d) Dispur

Answer a) Guwahati . Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated first Model Skill Development Centre "Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra" at Panjabari, Guwahati. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and National Skill Development Corporation. The Centre will give training to the unemployed youths in 13 job roles.

54. Who won the Japanese Grand Prix title 2016?

- a) Sebastian Vettel b) Lewis Hamilton c) Nico Rosberg d) Max Verstappen

Answer c) Nico Rosberg. Mercedes' German Formula One driver Nico Rosberg won the Japanese Grand Prix in Suzuka. Starting on the pole position, Rosberg won his maiden Japanese Grand Prix ahead of Red Bull's Max Verstappen and teammate Lewis Hamilton. With the win, Rosberg now holds a 33 point advantage over teammate Lewis Hamilton in the drivers' championship standings.

55. Indian wrestler _____ won the gold medal for India at the Mayor's Trophy International Invitational Wrestling competition in Pune

- a) Sushil Kumar b) Parveen Rana c) Yogeshwar Dutt d) Bajrang Punia

Answer d) Bajrang Punia. Freestyle wrestler Bajrang Punia gave India the first gold medal of the Pune Mayor's Trophy International Invitational Wrestling competition by beating Mongolia's Batchuluun Batmagnai 6-4 in the Men's 65-kg category final. The competition was held at the Late Rajaram Bhiku Pathare Primary School's Vithoba Maruti Pathare Indoor Stadium.

56. Who won the China Open title 2016 in men's single category?

- a) Roger Federer b) Andy Murray c) Rafael Nadal d) Stan Wawrinka

Answer b) Andy Murray. Top-ranked British tennis player Andy Murray defeated Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov 6-4, 7-6 to win his fifth title of the year at the China Open. With the win, Murray took his season's record to 59-9. Earlier, British number one and newly instated world number 10 Johanna Konta was beaten 6-4, 6-2 by Agnieszka Radwanska in the women's final.

57. _____ have won the Nobel Economics Prize for their work on contract theory

- a) Oliver Hart and Robert J. Shiller b) Angus Deaton and Bengt R. Holmstrom
c) Angus Deaton and Jean Tirole d) Oliver Hart and Bengt R. Holmstrom

Answer d) Oliver Hart and Bengt R. Holmstrom. British-American economists Oliver Hart and Bengt Holmstrom of Finland have won the Nobel Economics Prize for their work on contract theory. The

Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said the pair won for their work on contractual theory, and that their work focussed on contracts like insurance claims, property rights and salaries.

58. The Government of India has prepared operational guidelines for the screening and management of _____ in the country

- a) Malaria b) Cancer c) Jaundice d) Typhoid

Answer b) Cancer. The Government of India has prepared operational guidelines for the screening and management of Cancer in the country. Starting from November, the Union Health Ministry has made mandatory screening of oral, cervix and breast cancer for male and female above the age of 30. In the first phase, the ministry has identified 100 districts in the country which will be participating in the cancer prevention programme. The first project will start in Agartala in November and then the government will take it forward.

59. Which country declared a six-month nationwide state of emergency following months of anti-government protests?

- a) Tunisia b) Ethiopia c) Tanzania d) Libya

Answer b) Ethiopia. The unrest has cast a shadow over Ethiopia, whose state-led industrial drive has created one of Africa's fastest growing economies but whose government also faces criticism at home and abroad over its authoritarian approach to development. Ethiopia declared a state of emergency after more than a year of unrest in its Oromiya and Amhara regions, near the capital Addis Ababa, where protesters say the government has trampled on land and other political rights.

60. The 6th BRICS Science & Technology Senior Official Meeting (SOM) was organized at

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

Answer d) Jaipur. India will host the 8th BRICS Summit, in Goa on 15-16 October 2016 during its Chairmanship of BRICS, which it assumed on 15 February 2016.). The meeting was chaired by the Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan. As the precursor the same, the 4th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial Meeting was convened on 8 October, 2016 at Jaipur to further strengthen the collaboration amongst the BRICS countries in the areas of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI).

61. _____ launched the free Samajwadi Smartphone scheme in the state

- a) Bihar – Nitish Kumar b) Uttar Pradesh – Akhilesh Yadav
c) Maharashtra - Devendra Fadnavis d) Assam – Sarbananda Sonowal

Answer b) Uttar Pradesh – Akhilesh Yadav. Ahead of the 2017 Assembly elections, Uttar Pradesh CM Akhilesh Yadav launched the free Samajwadi Smartphone scheme in the state. Any Uttar Pradesh resident – above 18 years, who has cleared Class X, and is earning less than ₹6 lakh annually, can register for the smartphone. The distribution of the phones will begin next year after the elections.

62. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Austria?

- a) Sheel Kant Sharma b) Abid Hasan c) Renu Pall d) Shilendra Kumar Singh

Answer c) Renu Pall. Former Indian Foreign Service officer Ms. Renu Pall has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Austria. It was announced by Ministry of External Affairs. Austria is a German-speaking country in Central Europe, characterized by mountain villages and baroque architecture.

63. Which State government is considering a proposal to install telephones in all state jails specifically for the use of prisoners?

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

Answer b) Haryana. The Haryana government is considering a proposal to install telephones in all state jails specifically for the use of prisoners. The police department sent the proposal to the state government for approval a couple of months ago. The plan is based on a similar one in Delhi's Tihar Jail. Under the proposed plan one or two special telephones will be installed in all 18 prisons of the state — one for calling family members and the other for lawyers.

64. Indian based _____ to open 1st US branch in 2017

- a) Manipal University b) Lovely Professional University c) Amity University d) VIT University

Answer c) Amity University. One of India's largest colleges, Amity University, is expanding into the US with the purchase of one campus in New York and a proposal to buy two more, drawing opposition from state officials in Massachusetts about the quality of the education. Amity paid \$22 million last month to buy a Long Island branch of St. John's University in New York City, which was selling the campus and shifting to a smaller site on Long Island.

65. International Day of the Girl Child is observed annually on 11 October, the theme of International Day of the Girl Child is _____

- a) "ending child marriage" b) "Girls' Progress = Goals' Progress: What Counts for Girls"
c) "innovating for girl's education" d) "The Power of Adolescent Girl: Vision for 2030"

Answer b) "Girls' Progress = Goals' Progress: What Counts for Girls". International Day of the Girl Child is observed annually on 11 October; it is also called the Day of the Girl. The theme for this year's International Day of the Girl (11 October) is "Girls' Progress = Goals' Progress: What Counts for Girls". The International Day of the Girl Child focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights.

66. Which State has announced the creation of 21 new districts?

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

Answer d) Telangana. Telangana has announced the creation of 21 new districts, taking the total number of districts in the state from 10 to 31. The reorganisation of districts has been taken up for better administration, CM K Chandrasekhar Rao said. The original plan was to create about 17 more districts but the government was forced to add four more.

67. The World Health Organization (WHO) is sending around 10 lakh cholera vaccines to

- a) Bermuda b) Cuba c) Haiti d) Jamaica

Answer c) Haiti. The World Health Organization (WHO) is sending around 10 lakh cholera vaccines to Haiti, following the outbreak of the disease in the hurricane hit Caribbean nation. This comes after 13 people died and over 200 were infected with the deadly water-borne disease, according to officials. Notably, the death toll in Haiti due to Hurricane Matthew has reached over 1,000.

68. **Who became the first Indian woman to register her third straight top-10 European Tour finish, ranking ninth at the Handa Ladies European Masters in Germany?**

- a) Ankita Tiwana b) Smriti Mehra c) Sharmila Nicollet d) Aditi Ashok

Answer d) Aditi Ashok. Aditi Ashok, the 18-year-old from Bangalore and the only Indian female golfer that competed in the Rio Olympics 2016, recorded her third top-10 finish on the Ladies European Tour at the ISPS Handa Ladies European Masters held at the Golf Club Hubblerath, Germany. The Indian golfer shot a final round of three-under 69 and finished tied ninth.

69. **Which country has officially withdrawn its bid to stage the 2024 Olympic Games?**

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

Answer b) Italy. Italy's Olympic Committee has officially withdrawn its bid to stage the 2024 Olympic Games in Rome after the city council voted to oppose the project, the committee Chief said on Tuesday. Rome's Mayor Virginia Raggi had earlier said the city has more pressing ways to spend money and staging the Games would bury the city under huge debt.

70. **Who is the new Prime minister of Morocco?**

- a) Nabil Benabdallah b) Salaheddine Mezouar c) Mustapha El Khalfi d) Abdelilah Benkirane

Answer d) Abdelilah Benkirane. Morocco's King Mohammed VI tasked Abdelilah Benkirane to keep his post as prime minister and form a new government after his Islamist party won last week's

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parliamentary elections. Benkirane's Islamist Justice and Development Party (PJD) took 125 seats out of 395 in Friday's polls, beating its main rival, the Authenticity and Modernity Party (PAM), which had campaigned against the "Islamisation" of Moroccan society.

71. **India ranked ____ out of 118 countries on the International Food Policy Research Institute's (IFPRI) Global Hunger Index (GHI) in 2016**

- a) 97 b) 63 c) 115 d) 87

Answer a) 97. India ranked 97th out of 118 countries on the International Food Policy Research Institute's (IFPRI) Global Hunger Index (GHI) in 2016, behind Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, among others, but ahead of Pakistan and three other Asian countries. It was positioned at 80 out of 104 countries the previous year.

72. **India is the ____ largest foreign holder of the US government securities**

- a) 12th b) 10th c) 8th d) 5th

Answer a) 12th. India is the 12th largest foreign holder of the US government securities with exposure to the tune of \$ 118.9 billion as of March-end. Despite reducing its exposure to \$ 1.245 trillion, China remained the top holder of these securities in March, as per the latest data released by the US Treasury Department. China owned bonds valued at \$ 1.252 trillion in February. China is followed by Japan with securities to the tune of \$ 1.137 trillion.

73. **Which Space agency plans to build on the legacy of British Mars lander Beagle 2 by placing the Schiaparelli module on the Red Planet in October?**

- a) China National Space Administration (CNSA) b) Russian Federal Space Agency (RFSA)
c) European Space Agency (ESA) d) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Answer c) European Space Agency (ESA). ESA (European Space Agency) plans to build on the legacy of British Mars lander Beagle 2 by placing the Schiaparelli module on the Red Planet in October. A new image shows the desert plane on Mars where ESA will land the Schiaparelli module on 19

October this year. This will be the first European landing attempt on the red planet since 2003's ill-fated Beagle 2. Known as Meridiani Planum, this area of Mars is relatively flat which makes it as safe as possible for the landing attempt. Nasa's Opportunity rover landed here in 2004.

74. **Andrzej Wajda who passed away recently, he was awarded an Oscar for _____ in 2000**

- a) Lifetime Achievement b) Best Actor c) Best Director d) Best Music Director

Answer a) Lifetime Achievement. Andrzej Wajda, the acclaimed Polish director whose films reflected his country's turbulent history, has died at the age of 90. He died in hospital of lung failure after being put into a medically induced coma in recent days. Wajda, who was awarded an Oscar for lifetime achievement in 2000, became a filmmaker only after being rejected by the army in 1939.

75. **Which airport has bagged the India Building Congress (IBC) Award 2014-15 for Excellence in Built Environment?**

- a) Goa International Airport b) Chennai International Airport
c) Jaipur International Airport d) Chandigarh International Airport

Answer d) Chandigarh International Airport. The new integrated terminal building of Chandigarh International Airports Limited (CHIAL) has bagged the India Building Congress (IBC) Award 2014-15 for Excellence in Built Environment. CHIAL, a joint venture company that runs the airport, has been conferred with IBC award and trophy for excellence in built environment in infrastructure projects for "New Integrated Terminal Building", Airports Authority of India (AAI).

76. **The United Nations will name the comic book character _____ as its new Honorary Ambassador for the Empowerment of Woman and Girls**

- a) Wonder Woman b) Elena Anaya c) Connie Nielson d) Robin Wright

Answer a) Wonder Woman. The United Nations will name the comic book character Wonder Woman as its new Honorary Ambassador for the Empowerment of Woman and Girls. The UN said that Wonder Woman will be formally designated for the position at a ceremony on Oct. 21 at its New York head quarters. DC Entertainment President Diane Nelson will accept the designation on behalf of the comic book, TV and film character.

77. **Which space agency has developed a high-tech electro active bandage that creates an electric charge to help promote the healing process of wounds?**

- a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) b) European Space Agency (ESA)
c) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) d) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

Answer c) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). US space agency NASA has developed a high-tech electro active bandage that creates an electric charge to help promote the healing process of wounds. Electro active material is so sensitive that a push or even blow on it can create an electric charge. The fibres of the gauze are made of electro active material Poly vinylidene Flouride (PVDF) which are stimulated by the heat of the body and the pressure of cell growth, thus no external power source is required.

78. **Who has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature 2016 "for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition"?**

- a) Herta Muller b) Alice Munro c) Svetlana Alexievich d) Bob Dylan

Answer d) Bob Dylan. American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan has been awarded the Nobel Prize in

Literature 2016 "for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition". Born on May 24, 1941, he is known for writing songs like 'Blowin' in the Wind' and 'The Times They Are a-Changin''. Dylan, 75, has won numerous awards, including twelve Grammys and one Academy Award.

79. **International Day for Disaster Reduction is observed on?**

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

Answer c) October 13. International Day for Disaster Reduction is observed annually on 13 October. This theme - Live to Tell: Raising Awareness, Reducing Mortality. The day encourages every citizen and government to take part in building more disaster resilient communities and nations.

80. **India and _____ will sign an agreement on cooperation and facilitation of investment**

- a) China b) Russia c) Brazil d) South Africa

Answer c) Brazil. India and Brazil will sign an agreement on cooperation and facilitation of investment on the sidelines of the upcoming BRICS Summit in Goa by Brazilian Ambassador to India Tovar da Silva Nunes. The major sectors of focus in Brazil are medical equipment and medicines, aerospace, aeronautics, oil and natural gas, chemicals, fertilizers and processed food.

81. **Government of India appointed Reserve Bank's Executive Director _____ as a Whole-Time Member of markets regulator SEBI**

- a) K. K. Vohra. b) G Mahalingam c) Meena Hemchandra d) Sudarshan Sen

Answer b) G Mahalingam. Government has appointed Reserve Bank's Executive Director G Mahalingam as a Whole-Time Member of markets regulator Sebi. Apart from the Chairman, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) can have three Whole-Time Members (WTMs). Mahalingam's appointment follows the retirement of Prashant Saran as WTM in June this year.

82. **Who has been appointed as the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)?**

- a) Vinay Kumar Bhalla b) Suresh Kumar Bhalla c) Rakesh Kumar Bhalla d) Ajay Kumar Bhalla

Answer d) Ajay Kumar Bhalla. Senior IAS officer Ajay Kumar Bhalla was appointed as the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). Bhalla, a 1984 batch IAS officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre, is presently additional secretary in the commerce ministry. He has been appointed to the post in place of Anup Wadhawan, who has been appointed as additional secretary in the commerce ministry, an order issued by Department of Personnel and Training.

83. **India has the _____ largest population of high net worth individuals (HNWI) in the Asia-Pacific region**

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

Answer c) Fourth. India is home to the fourth-largest population of high net worth individuals (HNIs) in the Asia-Pacific, with total wealth of \$797 billion, says a report. Asia-Pacific (APAC) is a region consisting of the whole of Asia as well as regions bordering the Pacific Ocean, especially the small nations of East Asia. The most commonly quoted figure for membership in the high net worth club is \$1 million in liquid financial assets.

84. **Which pharmaceutical company has received the final approval from the US health regulator for urinary incontinence drug?**

- a) Jubilant Life Sciences b) Aurobindo Pharma c) Cipla d) Dr. Reddy's Laboratories

Answer a) Jubilant Life Sciences. Jubilant Life Sciences has received the final approval from the US health regulator for Darifenacin Extended-Release Tablets, used for the treatment of urinary incontinence condition. The company has “received Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) final approval for Darifenacin Extended-Release Tablets, 7.5 mg and 15 mg, the generic version of Enablex of Allergan Plc, which is used for the treatment of urinary incontinence.

85. **Scientists have discovered a new dwarf planet _____ looping around the sun in the region beyond Pluto**

- a) 2015 UZ224 b) 2014 UZ224 c) 2016 UZ224 d) 2017 UZ224

Answer b) 2014 UZ224. A new face has been added to the solar system’s family portrait, Scientists have discovered a new dwarf planet looping around the sun in the region beyond Pluto. The dwarf planet, called 2014 UZ224, measures about 330 miles (530 kilometers) across and is located about 8.5 billion miles (13.7 billion km) from the sun, on Oct. 11.

86. **Which State government has made it mandatory for all government hospitals to have hair salons on their premises?**

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

Answer b) Karnataka. The Karnataka government has made it mandatory for all government hospitals to have hair salons on their premises. A directive by the state government said, "Create space in the hospital premises for barbers to set up shops and submit a compliance report." The move comes in an effort to ensure personal hygiene and increased confidence levels among patients.

87. **Minister of Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi will inaugurate the Women of India Festival 2016 in _____**

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

Answer c) New Delhi. Minister of Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi will inaugurate the Women of India Festival 2016 at Dilli Haat in New Delhi. The ten day festival will offer the biggest selection of organic products prepared by women. Organised and sponsored by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development, the festival celebrates and promotes women entrepreneurs from across India.

88. **Who is the recipient of prestigious Golden Foot award 2016?**

- a) Gianluigi Buffon b) Francesco Totti c) Andrea Pirlo d) Manuel Neuer

Answer a) Gianluigi Buffon. Juventus’ Gianluigi Buffon is the recipient of this year’s prestigious Golden Foot award. The 38-year-old accepted the award in Monaco and admits that the award isn’t the only piece of silverware he wants to lift this season. The Juventus legend was honoured with the award not only for his contributions on the field but his contributions for football off the field as well.

89. **Who has become the first player to score a double century in day-night Tests?**

- a) Virat Kohli b) Darren Bravo c) Azhar Ali d) Chris Gayle

Answer c) Azhar Ali. Pakistan's Azhar Ali has become the first player to score a double century in day-night Tests, bringing up his 200 during the first Test against West Indies in Dubai. Earlier, Ali's century was the first instance of a hundred in a day-night Test. The ongoing Pakistan-West Indies Test is the second day-night game in Test cricket history.

90. Who will head the Soft Bank Vision Fund that the Japanese investment company has set up with Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund?

- a) Raguram Rajan b) Kalpana Morparia c) Rajeev Misra d) Shikha Sharma

Answer c) Rajeev Misra. India-born Rajeev Misra will head the Soft Bank Vision Fund that the Japanese investment company has set up with Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund. Misra (54), a veteran banker, is the head of strategic finance at SoftBank Group. He joined SoftBank in October 2014, around the same time when Nikesh Arora joined the Japanese investor as a potential successor to its founder Masayoshi Son.

91. Which state government started the 'Farm Tourism scheme, under which registered farm owners can host tourists under holiday packages?

- a) Maharashtra b) Kerala c) Telangana d) Haryana

Answer d) Haryana. Haryana's hinterlands into tourist hot-spots, the state government started the 'Farm Tourism' scheme, under which registered farm owners can host tourists under holiday packages. The state government has started farm tourism to attract people to villages," Haryana Tourism Minister Rambilas Sharma. Holiday packages will be offered to tourists at registered farms near Delhi.

92. China is set to loans worth more than \$24 billion to _____ during President Xi Jinping's state visit on 14 October 2016

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

Answer b) Bangladesh. China is set to loans worth more than \$24 billion to Bangladesh during President Xi Jinping's state visit on 14 October 2016. President Xi's visit, described by Chinese media as a "milestone," will mark the first visit by any Chinese head of state to Bangladesh in three decades.

93. The International Day of Rural Women is observed on?

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

Answer a) October 15. The International Day of Rural Women was observed across the world on 15 October 2016. The theme for the day for the year 2016 is Climate is changing. Food and agriculture must too. As per the United Nations, empowering rural women is a pre-requisite to fulfilling the vision of the Sustainable Development Goals that aim to end poverty and hunger, achieve foodsecurity and empower all women and girls.

94. India and _____ to collaborate for rail projects worth Rs.1 lakh crore

- a) Germany b) Sri Lanka c) UK d) Australia

Answer a) Germany. India would collaborate with Germany on projects for improving rail connectivity of Indian ports. The two countries will work together on projects worth Rs 1 lakh crore being implemented by the Indian Port Rail Corporation Ltd. Gadkari on met with his German counterpart and Infrastructure Minister Alexander Dobrindt and his delegation.

95. India has reportedly nominated _____ as the World Bank managing director and chief operating officer's position

- a) Raghuram Rajan b) Duvvuri Subbarao c) Urjit Patel d) Arundhati Bhattacharya

Answer d) Arundhati Bhattacharya. India has reportedly nominated State Bank of India chairperson Arundhati Bhattacharya as the World Bank managing director and chief operating officer's position, but road to final selection may not be easy. India may need strong backing of US and other category

1 member countries, who have a large voting share. The selection has to be cleared by the World Bank's board of directors, which consist of country representatives.

96. _____ and _____ announced a joint venture to build over 200 Kamov utility helicopters in India

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

Answer b) India and Russia. India and Russia announced a joint venture to build over 200 Kamov utility helicopters in India. This is a part of PM Narendra Modi's drive to build a defence industrial base in India, Indian military officials said. In the joint statement, Modi appreciated Russia's support and said, "Russia's stand on the need to combat terrorism mirrors our own."

97. ICICI Bank appointed _____ as executive director of the bank and head of retail banking

- a) Anup Bagchi b) Rajiv Sabharwal c) B Prasanna d) Shilpa Kumar

Answer a) Anup Bagchi. ICICI Bank appointed its brokerage business head Anup Bagchi as executive director of the bank and head of retail banking, replacing Rajiv Sabharwal. Shilpa Kumar will replace Bagchi as MD and CEO of ICICI Securities. Shilpa will be succeeded by B Prasanna as Group Executive and Head of Markets and Proprietary Trading at ICICI Bank. The board also took on record the resignation of Sabharwal as executive director consequent to his decision to pursue opportunities outside the ICICI group, effective January 31, 2017.

98. The magnificent _____ could finally get some protection with IUCN all set to declare it a critically endangered species.

- a) Western roe deer b) Kashmiri Red Stag c) Capreolinae d) Eurasian elk

Answer b) Kashmiri Red Stag. The magnificent Kashmiri Red Stag or Hangul could finally get some protection with the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) all set to declare it a

'critically endangered' species. Known for its giant antlers bearing 11 to 16 points, Hangul has been hunted over centuries and its habitat destroyed, leading to its population in the wild plunging to a mere 150.

99. The 43rd India International Knit Fair is scheduled between October 19 and 21 at India Knit Fair Complex in _____

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

Answer c) Tamil Nadu. The 43rd India International Knit Fair is scheduled between October 19 and 21 at India Knit Fair Complex, Tirupur, Tamil Nadu, India. Tirupur District Collector S Jayanthi is to inaugurate the event. Exhibitors would showcase Autumn/Winter and Mid-summer collection 2017 at this expo. A Sakthivel, Chairman, India Knit Fair Association, said that the response from overseas buyers and buying agents has been very encouraging.

100. A unique walking rally with an aim to spread the message of 'Unity in Diversity' was held in

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

Answer a) Agra. A unique walking rally with an aim to spread the message of 'Unity in Diversity' was held in the iconic city of Agra. People were seen dancing to the tunes of music during the rally. The

rally of 'Unity in Diversity' under the aegis of Sanskar Bharti was taken out by theatre artists who had come from various states to take part in it.

101. The US Navy has commissioned its largest, most expensive and technologically advanced destroyer, which named as _____

- a) ADMIRAL GORSHKOV CLASS b) SACHSEN CLASS c) SHIVALIK CLASS d) USS Zumwalt

Answer d) USS Zumwalt. The US Navy has commissioned its largest, most expensive and technologically advanced destroyer, The USS Zumwalt. The Zumwalt, costing nearly USD 4.4 billion, is striking in appearance, with sharp angles and weaponry concealed behind flat surfaces, a design that makes it many times more difficult to spot on radar than conventional destroyers.

102. Typhoon _____ smashed into the main Philippine island of Luzon

- a) Songda b) Chaba c) Megi d) Sarika

Answer d) Sarika. Typhoon Sarika smashed into the main Philippine island of Luzon, ripping off roofs, toppling power lines and forcing more than 12,000 people to flee to safer ground. Minor landslides and flooding were also reported a day after the cyclone brushed past a remote island and left one person drowned and three others missing. Minor landslides were also reported as well as floods.

103. Which country launched its longest manned space mission?

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

Answer c) China. China launched its longest manned space mission, sending two astronauts into orbit to spend a month aboard a space laboratory that is part of a broader plan to have a permanent manned space station in service around 2022. Chinese astronauts Jing Haipeng, 50, and Chen Dong, 37, were blasted off into space by Shenzhou-11 (heavenly vessel) spacecraft from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre near the Gobi Desert in northern China. The Shenzhou-11 was put into orbit by a Long March-2F carrier rocket.

104. The World Food Day is observed on?

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

Answer a) October 16. The World Food Day is celebrated annually on October 16 to celebrate the founding of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in 1945. To mark the day, events are celebrated across 150 countries to promote awareness about hunger issues, food security, and nutrition. The theme for this year is "Climate is changing. Food and agriculture must too".

105. Indian shuttler _____ won the Chinese Taipei Masters Grand Prix title 2016

- a) Aditya Joshi b) Chetan Anand c) Sourabh Varma d) Sanave Thomas

Answer c) Sourabh Varma. Indian shuttler Sourabh Varma won the Chinese Taipei Masters Grand Prix title after his opponent Malaysia's Daren Liew retired hurt in the final in Taipei City on Sunday. Liew, ranked 106th worldwide, was trailing 10-12, 10-12, 3-3 to world number 82 Sourabh when he quit the game. This is Sourabh's fifth international title overall and his first Grand Prix win.

106. Which team became the first team to play 900 ODI matches in cricket?

- a) Australia b) Pakistan c) New Zealand d) India

Answer d) India. India's ODI against New Zealand at Dharamshala is the team's 900th, making it the world's first side to achieve the milestone. Out of the 899 ODIs, India has won 454, lost 399, tied seven, while 39 were abandoned. Australia, which has played 888 ODIs, is next on the list of most ODIs, while Pakistan is third with 866.

107. **Indian shuttler Saina Nehwal received an honorary doctorate in literature from**

- a) Anna University b) SRM University c) Bharat University d) Sathyabama University

Answer b) SRM University. Indian shuttler Saina Nehwal received an honorary doctorate in literature from SRM University in Chennai. In her acceptance speech, Saina said, "My father will be very proud of me today because he is a scientist, and he always wanted me to be a doctor." Nehwal is the third sportsperson to be conferred a doctorate by the university.

108. **Human rights activist Irom Sharmila announced the name of her party as _____**

- a) People's Resurgence Justice Alliance b) People's Resurgence Democratic Alliance
c) People's Resurgence Independence Alliance d) Public's Resurgence Justice Alliance

Answer a) People's Resurgence Justice Alliance. Human Rights activist Irom Sharmila announced the name of her party as People's Resurgence Justice Alliance. She launched the party in Imphal. She had expressed her desire to contest Manipur Assembly election next year when she broke her fast in August and had stated that she wanted to be the chief minister to further her demands.

109. **INS _____ India can now carry out nuclear attacks from sea, land and air**

- a) Shishumar b) Kalvari c) Arihant d) Chakra

Answer c) Arihant. India has to launch nuclear weapons from air, land and water, the Arihant, India's first indigenously built naval ship, was reportedly commissioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in August this year, after it was declared ready for operations in February. The ship can carry nuclear tipped ballistic missiles or Ship Submersible Ballistic Nuclears. India's land-based Agni missiles and fighter bombers have been able to launch nuclear missiles for some years now.

110. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first National Tribal Carnival in**

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

Answer d) Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first National Tribal Carnival in Delhi on October 25, which intends to promote a sense of inclusiveness amongst the tribals. Making the announcement, Union Tribal Affairs Minister Shri Jual Oram said the carnival will showcase and promote various facets of tribal culture on a large scale.

111. **Which telecom company has agreed a partnership with Iranian internet firm HiWeb to help modernise its network?**

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

Answer b) Vodafone. Vodafone has agreed a partnership with Iranian internet firm HiWeb to help modernise its network, the companies said on Tuesday, making the British company the latest Western firm to enter Iran after sanctions were lifted. Vodafone, the world's second-largest mobile phone company, said the agreement to help modernise HiWEB's network and IT infrastructure would also benefit its multinational corporate clients when they travel to Iran.

112. **World's tallest Lego structure unveiled in _____**

- a) Saudi Arabia b) Dubai c) Qatar d) USA

Answer b) Dubai. Legoland Dubai claims to have unveiled the tallest lego structure in the world, a 17-metre-high replica of the Burj Khalifa which has been built using 4.39 lakh lego bricks. The Burj Khalifa model, which weighs a tonne, took over 5,000 hours to build. Legoland Dubai, set to open on October 31, showcases 15,000 Lego structures.

113. **Roshan Sori, A 13-year-old boy from _____ has won the prestigious APJ Abdul Kalam Ignite Award**

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

Answer d) Chhattisgarh. A 13-year-old boy from a Maoist violence-affected district of Chhattisgarh has won the prestigious APJ Abdul Kalam Ignite Award for suggesting an idea for software to instantaneously register a vote given through an electronic voting machine with the authorities. Roshan Sori, a Class 6th student of Sukma district, came upon the idea after reading in the newspapers that Maoist rebel soften loot EVMs on the way to counting centres, causing long delays and spiraling costs in the poll process.

114. **Parsi Food Festival being held in _____**

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

Answer a) Noida. The Parsi Food Festival is being held at the 'Made in India' restaurant at the Radisson Blue hotel in Noida between October 14 and 23. The menu for the ten-day festival includes dishes like Kid Gosht and Chapat. A cooking class on Parsi cuisine was also conducted as part of the festival. Made in India TM (MII), an award-winning Indian restaurant is a reflection of culinary time. The restaurant creates a theatrical experience by exaggerating objects which are predominant in India's centuries old history.

115. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated three hydropower projects of 1,752 MW capacities in _____**

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

Answer c) Himachal Pradesh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated three hydropower projects of 1,752 MW capacities in Himachal Pradesh. He dedicated the 520 Megawatt generation capacity third phase of Parbati hydro power project, 412 Megawatt Rampur project and 800 Megawatt Kol Dam power project to the nation. While inaugurating these projects, Modi said they would change the economic horizon of Himachal Pradesh.

116. **_____ has agreed to lease out a second nuclear attack submarine of the Akula class to India this month in a deal worth around \$2 billion**

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

Answer b) Russia. Russia has agreed to lease out a second nuclear attack submarine of the Akula class to India this month in a deal worth around \$2 billion. The lease of the first Akula-class submarine that the Indian Navy calls INS Chakra expires in 2021. The leased deal for the second nuclear submarine was finalised at a summit-level meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

117. The first elephant sanctuary in Latin America has opened in _____

- a) Mexico b) Chile c) Brazil d) Argentina

Answer c) Brazil. Brazil has opened up the first sanctuary in Latin America for elephants previously in captivity, an idyllic retreat that could eventually house as many as 50 of the giant animals. Elephant Sanctuary Brazil, in the central Brazilian state of MatoGrosso, was founded by the US-based non-profit organization Global Sanctuary for Elephants, and it already has its first two residents.

118. Water Jet Fast Attack Craft (WJFAC) INS _____ was commissioned into the Indian Navy

- a) INS Tihayu b) INS Tarasa c) INS Arihant d) INS Chetlat

Answer a) INS Tihayu. Water Jet Fast Attack Craft (WJFAC) INS Tihayu was commissioned into the Indian Navy by Flag-Officer-Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command Vice-Admiral HCS Bisht. The highly manoeuvrable, 315-tonne INS Tihayu is a vessel fitted with three water jet propulsion systems and is loaded with an indigenously-built 30 mm CRN gun.

119. Which bank has blocked about 6.25 lakh debit cards over "suspicious" transactions at third-party ATMs?

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

Answer d) State Bank of India. The country's largest lender, State Bank of India and its subsidiary banks have blocked about 6.25 lakh debit cards over "suspicious" transactions at third-party ATMs, SBI CTO Shivkumar Bhasin has said. The bank has subsequently alerted the customers about the malware and has asked them to re-apply. Debit cards of other banks have also been affected, an official said.

120. An International Conference on Voter Education organised by the Election Commission of India began in _____

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

Answer b) New Delhi. An International Conference on Voter Education organised by the Election Commission of India began in New Delhi. The topic of the Conference is Voter Education for Inclusive, Informed and Ethical Participation. The three day Conference was inaugurated by Chief Election Commissioner Dr Nasim Zaidi. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Zaidi said, India has delivered credible elections each time without interruption for over six decades. He said, election commission rediscovered itself in 2009 when it focused on voter education as a priority.

121. The International Olympic Committee may shift some of the events of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics to _____

- a) Australia b) South Korea c) France d) Germany

Answer b) South Korea. The International Olympic Committee may shift some of the events of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics to South Korea in an attempt to reportedly cut costs involved in hosting the event. The South Korean city of Chungju, one of the venues for the 2014 Asian Games, is being considered for hosting the rowing and canoeing events of the 2020 Olympics.

122. Who has been completed 80 consecutive weeks as the top-ranked women's doubles player?

- a) Mladenovic Kristina b) Martina Hingis c) Serena Williams d) Sania Mirza

Answer d) Sania Mirza. Sania Mirza has completed 80 consecutive weeks as the top-ranked women's doubles player. Sania achieved the world number one rank after winning the WTA Family Circle Cup with partner Martina Hingis in USA, in April 2015. Sania, who is the first Indian woman to

hold the WTA number one rank, now holds the top spot exclusively, after splitting with Hingis.

123. Reeling under acute shortage of doctors, the _____ government has decided to increase their retirement age in the state from 58 to 65 years

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

Answer d) Haryana. Reeling under acute shortage of doctors, the Haryana government has decided to increase their retirement age in the state from 58 to 65 years. The decision was taken after a meeting between Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Health Minister Anil Vij along with officials of the health department. The state government, earlier this year, had sent a proposal to the Centre for enhancing the retirement age of doctors to 62.

124. Bhojpuri and Rajasthani are given the status of official language, as of now, how many languages are recognised under Eighth Schedule of Constitution?

- a) 20 b) 22 c) 24 d) 28

Answer b) 22. Bhojpuri and Rajasthani are given the status of official language by including them in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. A study has been conducted as per the direction of the Central government and on the basis of the report of the official language commission, three languages, including Rajasthani and Bhojpuri, would be included in the Eighth schedule of the Constitution. As of now, 22 languages are recognised under Eighth Schedule of Constitution.

125. _____ to have world's biggest air purifier to fight smog

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

Answer c) China. China will deploy world's largest outdoor air purifier designed by a Dutch engineer in its smog-hit capital Beijing, as the thick heavily-polluted haze returned to haunt the city, driving people indoors. The seven-meter-tall tower, brainchild of Dutch designer Daan Roosegaarde, is undergoing last-minute checks in Beijing's 751 D Park art area.

126. India to initiate a joint venture arrangement with _____ for a multi-billion dollar fertilizer plant located in the North African country

- a) Sudan b) Algeria c) Tunisia d) Egypt

Answer b) Algeria. India to initiate a joint venture arrangement with Algeria for a multi-billion dollar fertilizer plant located in the North African country seemed to have moved to the front burner following a meeting between Algerian Minister for Industry and Mining and the Indian Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers Mansukh L. Mandavia.

127. Which IT Company has acquired US cloud firm Appirio for \$500 million?

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

Answer b) Wipro. IT major Wipro has acquired for \$500 million, Appirio, a US-based services firm with a large offshore presence that helps corporates implement cloud applications such as Salesforce. Appirio is the second biggest acquisition by Wipro, after Infocrossing, which it bought for \$ 600 million in 2007. Appirio was founded by Chris Barbin, Mike O'Brien, Glenn Weistein and Narinder Singh in 2006. The nearly decade old firm had revenues of \$ 200 million in 2015.

128. Maharashtra Governor _____ has signed the state government's ordinance to amend the Maharashtra Cooperative Societies Act, 1960

- a) Vajubhai Vala b) V Shanmuganathan c) Om prakash Kohli d) C Vidyasagar Rao

Answer d) C Vidyasagar Rao. Maharashtra Governor C Vidyasagar Rao has signed the state government's ordinance to amend the Maharashtra Cooperative Societies Act, 1960. The ordinance bars directors of mismanaged cooperative banks from contesting bank elections for two consecutive terms. "As a result...the earlier ordinance, which was extended twice...has been withdrawn," state Cooperation Minister Subhash Deshmukh said.

129. **South African struggle icon Mewa Ramgobin who passed away recently, he was a husband of Mahatma Gandhi's _____**

- a) Daughter b) Niece c) Grand Daughter d) None of these

Answer c) Grand Daughter. South African struggle icon and husband of Mahatma Gandhi's granddaughter Mewa Ramgobin has died at the age of 83 after a prolonged illness. Ramgobin, the former president of the Natal Indian Congress which fought discrimination against Indians in South Africa, breathed his last at a Cape Town hospital.

130. **Which Bank has been conferred with "Special Award for Excellence in MSME lending" for its performance in lending to the MSME sector during the year 2013-14 and 2014-15?**

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

Answer d) State Bank of Patiala. State Bank of Patiala has been conferred "Special Award for Excellence in MSME lending" for its performance in lending to the MSME sector during the year 2013-14 and 2014-15 with a growth of Rs 2597 crore (annualized 23%) and Rs 994 crore (annualized 7.10%) respectively, covering the entire range of services. S A Ramesh Rangan, Managing Director and Devendra Kumar, General Manager, State Bank of Patiala received the award on behalf of the Bank in the National Award Function held at Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana.

131. **The central government will establish at least one Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK, agriculture science centre) in each of the _____ districts in country**

- a) 743 b) 656 c) 551 d) 452

Answer b) 656. The central government will establish at least one Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK, agriculture science centre) in each of the 646 districts in country. Of this, 100 will have special facilities for skill development, while an equal number will be converted into pulses and oilseeds hubs, agriculture minister Radha Mohan Singh.

132. **Which telecom company going to provide on-board Wi-Fi internet facility for passengers in Air India flights?**

- a) Airtel b) Reliance Jio c) Vodafone d) BSNL

Answer d) BSNL. State-run carrier Air India is in talks with telecom operator BSNL to install Wi-Fi facility on its aircraft. In this regard, it also started talks with international onboard Internet providers. Air India is interested in installing Internet on board as it operates the longest flights out of India and the facility is offered by other airlines, Chairman Ashwani Lohani.

133. **35k crore petrochemical complex to be set up in _____**

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Punjab c) Rajasthan d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer d) Andhra Pradesh. Petro-chemical complex would be set up in Andhra Pradesh with an investment of Rs 35,000 crore during this financial year, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan addressing a public meeting at Vangali near after Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIFE).

134. Which Bank is planning to wind up participatory notes (P-notes) operations in India?

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

Answer b) HSBC Bank. HSBC is planning to wind up participatory notes (P-notes) operations in India, as tightening of regulatory framework has made the business unviable. P-notes' attractiveness has been on the wane following tightening of the regulations and the recent double tax avoidance agreement (DTAA) with Mauritius.

135. Which state government has reportedly constituted a 20-member advisory committee to assist the state Disaster Management authority during natural calamities?

- a) Kerala b) Tamil Nadu c) Odisha d) Andra Pradesh

Answer b) Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu government has reportedly constituted a 20-member advisory committee to assist the state Disaster Management authority during natural calamities. The step comes in compliance with Madras HC's directive after the state government was found at fault for releasing excess water from Chembarakkam Reservoir during December last year, allegedly leading to severe floods in surrounding areas.

136. E-commerce marketplace _____ is planning to launch offline stores in small cities recently

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

Answer a) Flipkart. E-commerce marketplace Flipkart is planning to launch offline stores in small cities, where awareness about online shopping is low and users have inconsistent or limited internet access. Flipkart recently partnered with StoreKing, which offers products via its tablets installed at retail outlets in rural areas. Flipkart's rival Amazon launched its offline shopping initiative called Udaan in 2014.

137. Which country will quit the International Criminal Court, becoming the second country ever to leave the war crimes tribunal?

- a) Morocco b) Algeria c) Kenya d) South Africa

Answer d) South Africa. South Africa said it will quit the International Criminal Court, becoming the second country ever to leave the war crimes tribunal. ICC's rulings are inconsistent with domestic laws which give sitting leaders immunity, it claimed. This comes after South Africa ignored an ICC order last year to arrest visiting Sudanese president Omar al-Bashir, who is accused of genocide.

138. Who secured the 2016 WTA year-end world Number 1 women's singles ranking?

- a) Serena Williams b) Angelique Kerber c) Simona Halep d) Venus Williams

Answer b) Angelique Kerber. Germany's Angelique Kerber, who won two of the season's four Grand Slam titles, secured the year-ending world number one ranking. Kerber is the 12th player to achieve the year-end top spot and only the second German woman after Steffi Graf, who achieved the feat a record of eight times. Kerber became the oldest player to make her debut at number one on September 12 at 28 years old.

139. Football's world governing body FIFA recently ratified _____ as a venue for the Under-17 World Cup to be held in India next year

- a) Bangalore b) Ranchi c) Navi Mumbai d) New Delhi

Answer c) Navi Mumbai. Football's world governing body FIFA ratified Navi Mumbai as a venue for the Under-17 World Cup to be held in India next year. FIFA and Local Organising Committee (LOC) has decided the D Y Patil Sports stadium as one of the venues for the first ever FIFA under 17 World Cup in India. Also Kochi became the first Indian city to be officially declared as one of the venues for hosting the U-17 World Cup after it received a green signal from a high-level delegation of football's world body.

140. Which team became the first ODI team to lose 400 matches in cricket?

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

Answer a) India. India became the first ODI team to lose 400 matches, following their six-run loss to New Zealand in Delhi on Thursday. Earlier, India had also become the first team to play 900 ODIs with the Dharamshala ODI against NZ. Out of the 901 ODIs played, India have won 455, lost 400, tied seven, while 39 haven't had a result.

141. Which state government is set to introduce a "Lok Samvad" programme in an effort to get public feedback and suggestions to help improve its different programmes?

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

Answer a) Bihar. Having discontinued "Janata Darbar", the Bihar government is set to introduce a "Lok Samvad" programme in an effort to get public feedback and suggestions to help improve its different programmes. The Bihar Cabinet gave its nod to "Lok Samvad" under the Cabinet Secretariat department. It is set to start from December. The new programme would be held Mondays, preferably on two or three Mondays a month, depending on CM Nitish Kumar's availability in Patna.

142. Which bank has sanctioned Rs 19,702 crore loan to National Water Development Agency (NWDA) for 50 irrigation projects?

- a) World Bank b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
c) BRICS Bank d) State Bank of India

Answer b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) said it has sanctioned Rs 19,702 crore loan to National Water Development Agency (NWDA) for 50 irrigation projects. The loan is sanctioned under long Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF), announced by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley during the Budget 2016-17. This would help create additional irrigation potential of 39.14 lakh hectares under these projects in 11 states, Nabard said in a statement.

143. ICC quadruples funding for 2017 Women's World Cup, Women's World Cup 2017 will held at

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

Answer a) England. Cricket officials have promised to give women cricketers equivalent travel rights to their male counterparts during the Women's World Cup in London next year. The decision is a shift of policy since the World Twenty20 in India earlier this year when ICC paid for all the men's teams to fly business class, while the women's teams flew economy, leaving Australia as the only nation to pay independently for an upgrade.

144. Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik to skip National Wrestling Championship to be held in

- a) Pune, Maharashtra b) Chennai, Tamil Nadu c) Bangalore, Karnataka d) Gonda, Uttar Pradesh

Answer d) Gonda, Uttar Pradesh. Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) issued a press release

informing about the National Wrestling Championship for men and women to be held in Gonda, Uttar Pradesh. On the top of the list, they mentioned Sakshi Malik's name as one of the participants. However, it seems that the Olympic bronze medallist was not consulted for the event.

145. **Government of India signed an agreement for a \$650 million loan from the _____ for the Eastern Freight Corridor**

- a) New Development Bank b) International Monetary Fund
c) SAARC Development Bank d) World Bank

Answer d) World Bank. The government signed an agreement for a \$650 million loan from the World Bank towards the third tranche for construction of the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) designed for faster movement of goods between northern and eastern parts of India. The project will benefit industries of northern and eastern India, which rely on railway network for transportation of material inputs.

146. **Which state to launch India's 1st indigenous olive oil brand?**

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

Answer a) Rajasthan. After eight years of harnessing olive saplings brought from Israel, Rajasthan is all set to launch next month its own brand olive oil, which it claims, will be the country's first indigenously-produced brand. The state will be launching its olive oil under the brand 'Raj Olive Oil' at the Global Rajasthan Agri-tech Meet (GRAM). The saplings were planted in 182 hectares of government farms in seven agri- climatic zones – Bassi, Bakalia, Santhu, Barore, Tinkirudi, Lunkaransar and Bsbasina villages.

147. **Power Grid's board had approved proposals to invest _____ crore in power transmission projects across India**

- a) 1000 b) 1500 c) 2000 d) 5000

Answer a) 1000. Power Grid Corp has said its board had approved proposals to invest Rs.1,184.45 crore in power transmission projects across India. The company's board of directors, in its on Saturday, approved three investment proposals. The board approved the proposal "Augmentation of Transformation Capacity in Southern Region" at an estimated Rs.167.75 crore, with commissioning schedule of 30 months from the date of approval.

148. **The Indian Navy bid farewell to _____, the world's oldest aircraft carrier after it served India for 29 years**

- a) INS Vikrant b) INS Kalvari c) INS Viraat d) INS Chakra

Answer c) INS Viraat. The Indian Navy bid farewell to INS Viraat, the world's oldest aircraft carrier after it served India for 29 years. First commissioned in 1953 in UK's Royal Navy, the ship dubbed 'Grand Old Lady' was acquired by India in 1987. After its decommissioning in November, INS Viraat will reportedly be used for tourism promotion in Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam.

149. **_____ won the third straight Kabaddi World Cup 2016**

- a) India b) Iran c) Argentina d) Pakistan

Answer a) India. India survived a stiff challenge from Iran in the final to win their third straight Kabaddi World Cup title at Ahmedabad's TransStadia Arena. In perhaps the most exciting match of this World Cup, the Indians overturned a first-half deficit with a superb second-half performance to win 38-29.

150. Football's governing body FIFA confirmed _____ as the fourth venue for the 2017 U-17 World Cup, to be held in India

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

Answer b) New Delhi. Football's governing body FIFA confirmed New Delhi as the fourth venue for the 2017 U-17 World Cup, to be held in India. A 13-member FIFA delegation, along with 10 members of the Local Organising Committee, inspected the venue, including two training sites in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex. Previously, Kochi, Navi Mumbai and Goa were confirmed as venues.

151. Two Indian doctor's _____ and _____ have been selected for the prestigious Dr B C Roy Award for excellence in the field of medicines

- a) Sanjay Borude and C S Yadav b) Randeep Guleria and C S Yadav
c) Randeep Guleria and Ramneek Mahajan d) Ashim Desai and Lalit Panchal

Answer b) Randeep Guleria and C S Yadav. Two doctors each from the AIIMS and the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (SGRH) have been selected for the prestigious Dr B C Roy Award for excellence in the field of medicine. Randeep Guleria, Head of Pulmonology, and C S Yadav of department of orthopaedics, from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences have been chosen for the award.

152. _____ became the fifth Indian city to be ratified as a venue for next year's Under-17 football World Cup

- a) Hyderabad b) Goa c) Guwahati d) Nagpur

Answer c) Guwahati. Guwahati became the fifth Indian city to be ratified as a venue for next year's Under-17 football World Cup after a FIFA inspection team gave its thumbs up to the venue's preparedness and facilities. The FIFA delegation along with members of the Local Organising Committee visited the site and had a comprehensive look at the stadium and the training facilities.

153. World Development Information Day is observed on?

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

Answer a) October 24. World Development Information Day is observed across the world on 24 October. The day is annually observed to draw the attention of world public opinion to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.

154. Government of India to launch sea plane service between _____ and _____

- a) Nagpur and Thane b) Mumbai and Amravati c) Pune and Nashik d) Nagpur and Shirdi

Answer d) Nagpur and Shirdi. Road Transport and Highways and Shipping Minister Nitin Gadkari has said a sea plane service will be soon launched from Ambajhari lake to Shirdi via Anand Sagar Lake in Shegaon. The sea plane will fly in the morning and return the same day. The sea plane has been launched to benefit the people in and around Nagpur who visit these two pilgrimsites, Gadkari said at a function.

155. Prime Minister Narendra Modi to lay foundation stone for Urja Ganga project in

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

Answer c) Varanasi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to lay the foundation stone of the highly ambitious gas pipeline project 'Urja Ganga' in his Lok Sabha constituency, Varanasi. The gas pipeline project aims to provide piped cooking gas to residents of Varanasi within two years and, in another year after that, cater to millions of people in states like Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Odisha.

156. US tech giant Microsoft has set up a cyber security engagement centre (CSEC) in

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

Answer b) New Delhi. US tech giant Microsoft has set up a cyber security engagement centre (CSEC)

in the Delhi-NCR region that will help it work with partners in identifying and responding to cyber threats in the country. The India centre, which is the seventh such facility for the company globally, will function as a satellite to Microsoft’s Redmond Digital Crimes Unit (DCU).

157. International United Nations Day is observed on?

- a) October 21 b) October 22 c) October 23 d) October 24

Answer d) October 24. The 24th October, each year is the International United Nations Day. This followed a declaration by the United Nations General Assembly in 1947 which designated 24th of October, The anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations, as United Nations Day, by proclaiming that the day would be instrumental in making people aware and it shall be devoted in making known to the people of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gain their support for its work.

158. Which country researchers develop an algorithm to construct an energy grid that distributes power similar to data flow on the internet?

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

Answer b) China. Researchers at China’s Northeastern University have proposed an algorithm to construct an energy grid that distributes power similar to data flow on the internet. The proposed ‘energy internet’ would use a main power grid combined with decentralised generators, including fuel, wind turbines and solar power, to distribute energy to multiple micro grids within each designated network.

159. Emir Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani who passed away recently, He was the former ruler of

- a) Egypt b) Saudi Arabia c) Qatar d) United Arab Emirates

Answer c) Qatar. Qatar has announced three days of national mourning after the former Emir Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani, who was deposed in a palace coup, died aged 84. During his time as leader from 1972 to 1995, he oversaw the transformation of modern-day Qatar into an energy-rich country — where the phenomenal wealth from gas and oil exports transformed the tiny Gulf state.

160. Anti-war activist Tom Hayden who passed away recently, he was from _____

- a) USA b) Spain c) Poland d) France

Answer a) USA. Famed American anti-war activist Tom Hayden has died aged 76. Hayden died in his home in Santa Monica “after a lengthy illness”. He was a member of the “Chicago seven” charged with conspiracy over anti-Vietnam war protests in 1968 and eventually acquitted. Born in Michigan in 1939, he became an activist during his time at the University of Michigan, where he helped to found Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

161. Which dam was chosen for the World Bank’s Award of Excellence for best utilisation of funds for renovation to enhance the strength of the dam?

- a) Almatti Dam b) Mettur Dam c) Ujjani Dam d) Tehri Dam

Answer a) Almatti Dam. Almatti dam, one of the largest reservoirs in Karnataka, was chosen for the

World Bank's Award of Excellence for best utilisation of funds for renovation to enhance the strength of the dam. The World Bank had granted Rs.72 crore to the Krishna Bhagya Jal Nigam Limited to prevent seepage which could damage the dam.

162. Government of India to invest Rs 1 lakh crore to boost road, inland water transport in

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

Answer b) Assam. Road and inland water communication in Assam is set to improve in the wake of the Centre deciding to invest nearly Rs.1 lakh crore to improve connectivity. Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways and Shipping Nitin Gadkari announced this while discussing several issues related to improvement of transport communication with Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal in New Delhi.

163. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley launched the SMS alert service for _____ recently

- a) Tax Deducted at Source b) Provident Fund
c) Employee's State Insurance Corporation d) E - Filing

Answer a) Tax Deducted at Source. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on launched the SMS alert service for Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) for salaried class and the CBDT will soon offer this facility on a monthly basis. Jaitley said salaried class cannot afford to pay tax twice or indulge in litigations and hence they should be kept updated about their TDS deductions.

164. The first cross-border transaction between banks using multiple block chain applications has taken place in _____

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

Answer d) Australia. The first cross-border transaction between banks using multiple block chain applications has taken place, Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Wells Fargo & Co said, resulting in a shipment of cotton to China from the United States. The blockchain trade, for 88 bales, totalled \$35,000, Commonwealth Bank.

165. Who became Mr. Asia 2016 at the recently concluded 5th Phil-Asia bodybuilding championships in the Philippines?

- a) Ram Niwas b) Jagdish Lad c) G. Balakrishna d) Bobby Singh

Answer c) G. Balakrishna. A no small feat G. Balakrishna became Mr. Asia 2016 at the recently concluded 5th Phil-Asia bodybuilding championships in the Philippines. This 25-year-old could have passed by you as just another water tanker driver, rushing through the choked traffic in Whitefield. In the last week or so, he has become a sensation — “Arnold Schwarzenegger of Whitefield.”

166. How many Indian films have bagged eight major nominations in the 10th edition of Asia Pacific Screen awards this year?

- a) 3 b) 4 c) 5 d) 6

Answer d) 6. Six Indian films have bagged eight major nominations in the 10th edition of Asia Pacific Screen awards this year. Bollywood thriller “Psycho Raman,” directed by Anurag Kashyap and starring Nawazuddin Siddiqui has been nominated in three categories including best actor, achievement in cinematography and achievement in directing.

167. Which state government has decided to observe 2017 as the “Garib Kalyan Varsh”, with a

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host of schemes to be rolled out next year for the poor?

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

Answer c) Haryana. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that the state government has decided to observe 2017 as the “Garib Kalyan Varsh”, with a host of schemes to be rolled out next year for the poor. The state government would come out with a number of schemes for the welfare of the poor sections of the society. He said emphasis would also be laid on generating maximum employment opportunities for the youth.

168. The Union Ministry of Science and Technology has launched two new schemes Biotech-KISAN and Cattle Genomics in order to apply science to _____

- a) Boost rural economy b) Boost rural education
c) Boost rural employment d) Boost rural entrepreneurs

Answer a) Boost rural economy. The government announced the launch of two new programmes — Biotech-KISAN and Cattle Genomics. Union Science and Technology Minister Harsh Vardhan said the intent of the programmes is to form a network to farmers directly with the scientists and experts. The Prime Minister has emphasised that it is important for scientists to work on the problems being faced by our farmers. Biotech-KISAN is a new programme that empowers farmers, especially women farmers.

169. The fourth edition of the India-Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise _____ is being conducted in Sri Lanka

- a) SHAKTHI 2016 b) SURYA KIRAN 2016 c) MITRA SHAKTI 2016 d) YUDDH ABHYAS 2016

Answer c) MITRA SHAKTI 2016. The fourth edition of the India-Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise ‘MITRA SHAKTI 2016’ is being conducted at Sinha Regimental Centre in Ambepussa, Sri Lanka from October 24 to November 6. The main focus of this edition of the joint exercise is to enhance interoperability while carrying out Counter Insurgency (CI)/Counter Terrorism (CT) operations under the United Nations Mandate.

170. India and _____ agreed that aim to strike a deal early next year on the Farzad-B gas field in the Persian Gulf

- a) Saudi Arabia b) Iran c) Iraq d) USA

Answer b) Iran. India and Iran agreed that aim to strike a deal early next year on the Farzad-B gas field in the Persian Gulf, the Indian Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry announced. The Farzad-B natural gas field was discovered four years ago. It is estimated to hold 18.75 trillion cubic feet of gas, according to the latest estimates.

171. Raj Begum who passed away recently was a/an

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

Answer d) Singer. Legendary Kashmiri singer and Padma Shri awardee Raj Begum died. She was 89. Raj Begum breathed her last at her daughter’s residence in Chanapora area of the city, Begum was born of Ghulam Rasool Sheikh of Magarmal Bagh in Srinagar on March 27, 1927.

172. Who has been appointed as President and CEO of Ericsson?

- a) Jan Frykhammar b) Hans Vestberg c) Borje Ekholm d) Steve Ballmer

Answer c) Borje Ekholm. Swedish telecom gear maker Ericsson its board of directors has appointed Borje Ekholm as President and CEO, effective January 16, 2017. Ekholm joins Ericsson from his current position as CEO of Patricia Industries, a division within Investor. His appointment comes

almost three months after the company ousted global CEO Hans Vestberg.

173. **India named _____ as the next High Commissioner to Australia**
 a) PK Sharma b) Om Prakash c) Ravinder Kumar d) Ajay M. Gondane
Answer d) Ajay M. Gondane. India named Ajay M. Gondane as the next High Commissioner to Australia. He is from Indian Foreign Service Batch 1985 and is expected to take up the assignment shortly. Dr Gondane’s appointment was announced days after the current High Commissioner His Excellency Mr. Navdeep Suri was appointed as Indian Ambassador to UAE.
174. _____ **has launched the first ever dental insurance product in the country**
 a) Apollo b) OCARE c) Bajaj d) Reliance
Answer b) OCARE. Mumbai-based independent Insurance Process as a Service (IPAAS) platform, OCARE has launched the first ever dental insurance product in the country. A group insurance product aims to make dental treatments accessible, affordable and achievable for the end-users. With its nationwide effort, OCARE will offer group dental insurance to villages through gram panchayats of the country.
175. _____ **becomes third African country to pull out of the International Criminal Court**
 a) Nigeria b) Tunisia c) Tanzania d) Gambia
Answer d) Gambia. Gambia has announced its withdrawal from the International Criminal Court, accusing the Hague-based tribunal of “persecution and humiliation of people of colour, especially Africans”. Announcement comes after similar decisions earlier this month by South Africa and Burundi to abandon the institution, set up to try the world’s worst crimes.
176. **MMTC ties up with banks to sell Indian Gold Coin, Expand MMTC?**
 a) Mines and Minerals Trading Corporation b) Metals and Minerals Trading Company
 c) Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation d) Metals and Minerals Trading Company
Answer c) Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation. Public sector major MMTC (Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation) has joined hands with HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and Andhra Bank to retail gold coins with a new buyback option. Besides its own outlets across the country, MMTC has tied up with Indian Overseas Bank, Vijaya Bank, Federal Bank and YES Bank to sell gold coins in denominations of 5 gm and 10 gm coin and 20 gm bar.
177. **Which will be the first state to give the benefit of the 7th Central Pay Commission to its employees with effect from January 1, 2016?**
 a) Assam b) West Bengal c) Tamil Nadu d) Haryana
Answer d) Haryana. Haryana will be the first state to give the benefit of the 7th Central Pay Commission to its employees with effect from January 1, 2016, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said. Contractual employees like Anganwadi workers and those engaged under the outsourcing policy would also be benefitted in the same proportion as the other employees, Khattar added.
178. **The Cabinet approved _____ hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) for Central Government employees and pensioners, effective from July 1, 2016**
 a) 1% b) 2% c) 5% d) 7%

Answer b) 2%. The Cabinet approved 2% hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) for Central Government employees and pensioners, effective from July 1, 2016. The move is expected to benefit around 50 lakh government employees and 58 lakh pensioners. Notably, DA is a cost of living adjustment allowance paid to employees and pensioners to neutralise the effect of inflation.

179. Who won the EU’s prestigious Sakharov human rights prize 2016?

- a) Raif Badawi and Lamiya Aji Bashar b) Nadia Murad and Lamiya Aji Bashar
 c) Denis Mukwege and Lamiya Aji Bashar d) Nadia Murad and Raif Badawi

Answer b) Nadia Murad and Lamiya Aji Bashar. Nadia Murad and Lamiya Aji Bashar were won the EU’s prestigious Sakharov human rights prize, Yazidi women who survived sexual enslavement by Islamic State before escaping and becoming “inspirational” advocates for their community in Iraq. The annual Sakharov prize for freedom of thought, established in 1988, is named after the Soviet physicist and outspoken dissident Andrei Sakharov.

180. The World Bank has appointed _____ as its first advisor tasked with promoting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) issues in the bank's development work

- a) Rakesh Bahadur b) Gonzalo Castro c) Clifton Cortez d) Ethiopis Tafara

Answer c) Clifton Cortez. The World Bank has appointed Clifton Cortez as its first advisor tasked with promoting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) issues in the bank's development work. The newly created senior position is part of the bank's commitment to researching and curbing discrimination against LGBTI persons across the 136 countries where it operates.

181. Which documentary film won the first prize in the Documentary Film category at the sixth CAM International Film Festival?

- a) Daughters of Mother India b) India’s Daughter c) Mother India d) Nations Daughter

Answer a) Daughters of Mother India. Indian National Award winning documentary “Daughters of Mother India” won the first prize in the Documentary Film category at the sixth CAM International Film Festival. The fest was organised by Arabic Egyptian Society for Culture, Media and Arts (CMA) in Cairo.

182. Railways launched a new weekly superfast train services between Ballia and Anand Vihar in

- a) Gujarat b) Uttar Pradesh c) Madya Pradesh d) Andra Pradesh

Answer b) Uttar Pradesh. Railways launched a new weekly superfast train services between Ballia and Anand Vihar in Uttar Pradesh for the view of the growing demand of the passengers from the region, ahead of Diwali. Prabhu flagged off the train through video-conferencing in the presence of Minister of State for Railways Manoj Sinha and senior railway officials.

183. National Pharmacy Buyer Day is observed on?

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

Answer c) October 28. National Pharmacy Buyer Day is observed annually on Friday (October 28 2016) of the last full week in October. Pharmacy buyers are the men and women who keep the shelves stocked with the necessary medications, supplies and small durable medical equipment

pharmacies dispense on a daily basis. They shop wholesale markets and are in charge of managing inventory as well as costs for hospital pharmacies and large clinics.

184. Which State became India's second open defecation free state?

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Haryana c) Telangana d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer d) Himachal Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh was declared 'Open Defecation Free' (ODF), the country's second state, after Sikkim to get this status under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Swachh Bharat Mission' to have toilet for every individual household. Among bigger states, however, Himachal Pradesh will be the first state to become ODF.

185. India ranked _____ in a new Global Youth Development Index

- a) 97 b) 111 c) 125 d) 133

Answer d) 133. India has ranked very poorly at 133 in a new Global Youth Development Index compiled by the Commonwealth Secretariat on the countries' prospects for young people in employment, education, health, civic and political spheres. India ranked 133rd in the index covering 183 nations, below neighbouring countries like Nepal (77), Bhutan (69) and Sri Lanka (31) and trailing behind the South Asian average.

186. International Internet Day is observed on?

- a) October 28 b) October 29 c) October 30 d) October 31

Answer b) October 29. International Internet Day is celebrated worldwide, every year on 29th of October. Since the year 2005 the International Internet Day has been famously celebrated to commemorate a momentous day in the history of telecommunications and technology.

187. Which country is set to build the first nature-inspired mall in the world?

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

Answer c) Dubai. Dubai is set to build the first nature-inspired mall in the world, at the cost of \$300 million (around ₹2,000 crore). The Cityland Mall will feature a 2,00,000-square-foot open-air garden, a mini water park and a 300-year-old ancient tree garden. There will also be a 360-degree rooftop garden and a 3,000-seat amphitheatre at the mall.

188. The Government has made the support for Indian languages mandatory in all mobile phones to be sold in the country from _____

- a) March 2017 b) May 2017 c) June 2017 d) July 2017

Answer d) July 2017. The Government has made the support for Indian languages mandatory in all mobile phones to be sold in the country from July 2017. The new standard mandates mobile phone companies to provide message typing facility in English, Hindi and a regional language. Further, text reading support would have to be provided in all Indian languages.

189. India and _____ have signed a revised Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) for the avoidance of double taxation

- a) USA b) Japan c) South Korea d) Germany

Answer c) South Korea. India and South Korea have signed a revised Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income. The Provisions of the new DTAA will have effect in India in respect of income derived in fiscal years beginning on or after 1 April 2017.

190. Who has become the first player to score 10,000 Test runs as opener?

- a) Gautam Gambhir b) Alastair Cook c) David Warner d) Hashim Amla

Answer b) Alastair Cook. England Test captain Alastair Cook has become the first player to score 10,000 Test runs as opener. Cook achieved the feat during the second Test against Bangladesh in Dhaka on Friday, taking his opening tally to 10,002 runs in 229 innings. Before Cook, Sunil Gavaskar held the record for most Test runs as opener, with 9,607 runs in 203 innings.

191. **India's first 'Design Yatra', launched by the Institute of Indian Interior Designer (IIID) conducted in _____**

- a) Mysore, Karnataka b) Pune, Maharashtra c) Kozhikode, Kerala d) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Answer c) Kozhikode, Kerala. Aiming to spread awareness and take designs to the masses, India's first 'Design Yatra', launched by the Institute of Indian Interior Designer (IIID), will be in the Kozhikode city for three days from October 28. Launched on February 20 this year, the yatra will travel to 29 cities across the country by February 2017, covering 15,000 kms in three cars.

192. **Which State government announced to set up 122 alert siren towers under the early warning dissemination system?**

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

Answer d) Odisha. For timely dissemination of cyclone and Tsunami alerts among coastal people, the state government announced to set up 122 alert siren towers under the early warning dissemination system. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced it here while dedicating 100 more multipurpose cyclone and flood shelters in 17 districts through videoconferencing from the state secretariat.

193. **CRISIL has downgraded rating for _____ tier-II bonds from "AA-" to "A+" on significantly higher-than-expected deterioration in asset quality**

- a) Indian Bank b) UCO Bank c) Vijaya Bank d) Bank of Baroda

Answer b) UCO Bank. CRISIL has downgraded rating for UCO Bank's tier-II bonds from "AA-" to "A+" on significantly higher-than-expected deterioration in asset quality, which impacted the bank's profitability for quarter ended June. The bank's asset quality will continue to remain under pressure over the next few quarters, CRISIL. The stretched cash flow of highly leveraged corporates and limited recovery of non-performing assets (NPAs) will continue work as drag on bank's asset quality.

194. **The first case of the mosquito-borne virus (Zika) in the Southeast Asian country reported in**

- a) Indonesia b) Malaysia c) Singapore d) Myanmar

Answer d) Myanmar. The first case of the mosquito-borne virus in the Southeast Asian country, state-owned Myanmar, a pregnant foreign woman in Myanmar's largest city Yangon has been diagnosed with Zika. The World Health Organisation (WHO) warned earlier this month that Zika was likely to spread throughout Asia after being detected in 70 countries, including at least 19 in the Asia Pacific region.

195. **The 47th International Film Festival of India will be held in _____ between November 20 and 28**

- a) Kerala b) Maharashtra c) Karnataka d) Goa

Answer d) Goa. The 47th International Film Festival of India will be held in Goa between November 20 and 28. It will screen 26 feature films, including 'Airlift' and 'Sultan', and 21 non-feature films. Award-winning films on 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' will also be screened during the festival, being held

jointly by the Goa Government, Information and Broadcasting Ministry and Directorate of Film Festivals.

196. Which team won the Asian Champions Trophy hockey title 2016?

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

Answer a) India. India prevailed 3-2 over Pakistan to reclaim the Asian Champions Trophy hockey title. Goals from Rupinder Pal Singh (18th minute), Yousuf Affan (23rd) and Nikkin Thimmaiah (51st) helped India surmount the challenge from Pakistan, which rallied from two goals behind through strikes by Muhammad Aleem Bilal (26th) and Ali Shan (38th) in the title clash of the fourth edition of the tournament.

197. National Unity day (also known as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) is observed on?

- a) October 28 b) October 29 c) October 30 d) October 31

Answer d) October 31. National Unity day (also known as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) is celebrated every year on 31st of October by the people all through India. It is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who really unified the country. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day was introduced by the Government of India in 2014 with the aim of celebrating this event every year on 31st October.

198. _____ completes 50 glorious years of establishment on October 31 2016

- a) The Kolkata high court b) The Delhi high court
c) The Mumbai high court d) The Madya Pradesh high Court

Answer b) The Delhi high court. The Delhi high court which was established on 31 October 1966 turns 50 years. Housing a total of 36 courtrooms and dealing in both civil and criminal proceedings, the Delhi high court has witnessed some of the most challenging cases from the time of its inception. As it completes 50 glorious years of establishment today, the Delhi high court can be seen as one that has constantly striven for efficiency in disposal of cases and in the process embraced technology in its day-to-day working.

199. _____ has been named the best country for adventure tourism according to a new research compiled by global trade network Adventure Travel Trade Association

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

Answer b) Iceland. Iceland has been named the best country for adventure tourism according to a new research compiled by global trade network Adventure Travel Trade Association. Germany, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland completed the top five. Countries were ranked in ten different categories including natural resources, cultural resources, and other physical characteristics.

200. World cities day is observed on?

- a) October 31 b) October 30 c) October 29 d) October 28

Answer a) October 31. The United Nations General Assembly has designated October 31 as 'World Cities Day', to recognise the significance of urban basic services as a foundation for the overall social and economic development. This year's theme 'Inclusive Cities, Shared Development', aims to highlight the "important role of urbanisation as a source of global development and social inclusion."

201. Who won the WTA title 2016?

- a) Karolína Plíšková b) Petra Kvitová c) Dominika Cibulkova d) Angelique Kerber

Answer c) Dominika Cibulkova. WTA Finals debutante Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova defeated current world number one, Germany's Angelique Kerber 6-3, 7-6, to win her maiden year-end WTA Finals title in Singapore. This was the Slovak's fourth title win of her most consistent season and is set to rise to a career-best world number five in the refreshed WTA rankings.

202. Basketball player _____ became the second Indian to be drafted into NBA's Development League

- a) Palpreet Singh Brar b) Vinay Kaushik c) Arvind Arumugam d) Gurvinder Singh Gill

Answer a) Palpreet Singh Brar. Basketball player, Palpreet Singh Brar, became the second Indian to be drafted into NBA's Development League after being picked up by the Long Island Nets. Brar, who plays centre, was the 11th pick in the draft's fourth round. Earlier in 2015, India's Satnam Singh had become the first Indian basketball player to be drafted in the NBA.

203. Government of India to issue a notification body to pay _____ interest on inoperative PF accounts

- a) 5.4% b) 6.5% c) 7.7% d) 8.8%

Answer d) 8.8%. Union Labour Minister Bandaru Dattatreya said the government will soon issue a notification authorising retirement fund body EPFO to pay 8.8% interest to "inoperative" provident fund accounts. Adding that about ₹42,000 crore lies in "inoperative" accounts, Dattatreya said about 9.7 crore workers will benefit from this. The inoperative accounts have not been paid interest since 2011.

204. Who won the Mexican Grand Prix 2016?

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

Answer b) Lewis Hamilton. Lewis Hamilton kept his title hopes alive with a comfortable victory from Mercedes team-mate Nico Rosberg in the Mexican Grand Prix. Hamilton survived a scare at the start, when he ran wide at the first corner after locking a front tyre. In the championship, the result changes little, and Rosberg can win the title by finishing second to Hamilton at the last two races of the season.

205. India will get electricity generated by wind-propelled plants in _____

- a) 5 years b) 13 years c) 10 years d) 7 years

Answer a) 5 years. India will get electricity generated by wind-propelled plants installed in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu in about five years as part of the country's green energy development programmes. A 100-megawatt pilot project will likely be installed in ocean off Gujarat in about three years, he said on the sidelines of the Singapore International Energy. It is to kick start a new power generating sector under the Facilitating Offshore Wind in Industry (FOWIND) programme funded by the European Union.

206. Which State government declared the state as drought-hit recently?

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

Answer c) Kerala. Following a decrease in rainfall during the South-West Monsoon, Kerala government declared the state as drought-hit. The state would approach the Centre for necessary assistance to meet the emergency situation. "According to IMD figures, there has been a sharp decrease in rainfall to the tune of 34% during the South-West monsoon," Revenue Minister E Chandrasekharan said.

207. Bangladesh registered their first-ever Test win over _____ with a 108-run victory

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

Answer c) England. Bangladesh registered their first-ever Test win over England with a 108-run victory in the second Test at Dhaka on Sunday. This was the eighth overall Test victory for the Bangladesh team, who became a Test-playing nation in 2000, and have played 95 matches since.

Zimbabwe and West Indies are the only other teams which Bangladesh have defeated in the format.

208. India has emerged as the world's _____ largest startup base, behind the US and UK, according to a new report by Nasscom

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

Answer c) Third. India has emerged as the third largest startup base and such ventures are poised to grow 2.2 times to reach 10,500 by 2020 despite a perception that the ecosystem in the country has slowed down in the last year. India is in the third position just behind US and UK, and nearly 1,400 new start-ups are expected by end of 2016, up by 8-10 per cent from last year, revealed the "Indian Startup Ecosystem Maturing – 2016" report by Nasscom-ZINNOV.

209. United Nations headquarters lights up for Diwali for the first time, United Nations headquarters located at _____

- a) Washington b) Los Angeles c) New York d) San Francisco

Answer c) New York. The United Nations headquarters in Manhattan, New York celebrated Diwali for the first time since it declared it a non-meeting day in 2014, by beaming Diwali greetings on the facade of its building. The words 'Happy Diwali' were prominently displayed on the building below a diya. Notably, from 2016 onward, Diwali was made an optional holiday for the UN.

210. Which State government has announced an incentive (between ₹500 to ₹1000), for catching or killing monkeys in those areas, where they were declared as vermin?

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

Answer a) Himachal Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh government has announced an incentive (between ₹500 to ₹1000), for catching or killing monkeys in those areas, where they were declared as vermin. While the amount for catching monkeys (by any individual) for sterilisation will be ₹700, it will be ₹1000 for catching 80% of monkeys in one particular herd, the state's forest minister Thakur Singh Bharmouri stated.

211. India and _____ have approved the proposal to double the range of the BrahMos missile

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

Answer a) Russia. India and Russia have approved the proposal to double the range of the BrahMos, world's first supersonic cruise missile at the 16th Russia-India intergovernmental commission on military cooperation meeting. The 2.5 metric ton Brahmos air-to-ground missile will be fired from an IAF (Indian Air Force) Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter aircraft that has undergone modifications to accommodate the new weapon.

212. _____ Government is all set to unveil a new tourism policy soon with a focus on developing infrastructure and promoting hotel industry by providing incentives

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

Answer c) Odisha. Odisha Government is all set to unveil a new tourism policy soon with a focus on developing infrastructure and promoting hotel industry by providing incentives. "The draft is almost completed and the new policy will be declared after it is approved by the cabinet.

213. Shashikala Kakodar who passed away recently, she was the first woman chief minister of

- a) Goa b) Tamil Nadu c) Haryana d) Gujarat

Answer a) Goa . Goa's first woman chief minister Shashikala Kakodar passed away, after a brief illness. She was 81. A prominent leader of the Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party, Kakodar was the daughter of Goa's first chief minister Dayanand Bandodkar.

214. A national academic depository would be established and operationalised within the next three months and would be rolled out throughout the country in _____

- a) 2016-17 b) 2017-18 c) 2018-19 d) 2019-20

Answer b) 2017-18. A national academic depository (NAD) on the lines of a securities depository is set to come up in the next three months to digitally store school learning certificates, degrees and other academic awards of institutions of higher education. The depository would be established and operationalized within the next three months and would be rolled out throughout the country in 2017-18, the Union Cabinet decided.

- 215. The Labour Ministry has decided to fix the minimum wage at _____ per day for unskilled agricultural labour in C-class towns in the central sphere**

- a) 250 b) 350 c) 450 d) 500

Answer b) 350. The Labour Ministry has decided to fix the minimum wage at ₹350 per day for unskilled agricultural labour in C-class towns in the central sphere. "The ministry will notify minimum wages on November 1 to enhance minimum wages," Labour Minister Bandaru Dattatreya said.

Currently, the national floor level minimum wage is ₹160 per day.

- 216. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the World Bank?**

- a) Meglena Kuneva b) Boyko Borissov c) Georgi Parvanov d) Kristalina Georgieva

Answer d) Kristalina Georgieva. Kristalina Georgieva, a former head of EU humanitarian affairs and vice-president of the European Commission, was on Friday appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the World Bank. Georgieva will report to the bank's president, Jim Yong Kim, who has been reappointed for another five-year term. Notably, Georgieva will begin her appointment by January 2017.

to be mixed up with Chocolate Day on July 7th or International Chocolate Day on September 13th. After all they are all tributes to the delicious tender sweetness called chocolate.

- 217. National Ayurveda Day is observed on?**

- a) October 28 b) October 29 c) October 30 d) October 31

Answer b) October 29. According to the Ayush Ministry National Ayurveda Day will be observed on October 28 across the country. The Ministry is also organising a day-long National Seminar on Prevention and Control of Diabetes through Ayurveda on the occasion. A statement from the Ministry also said that it will launch Mission Madhumeha through Ayurveda on the occasion.

- 218. World's largest marine park created in _____**

- a) Antarctica b) Asia c) Europe d) Australia

Answer a) Antarctica. A landmark international agreement to create the world's largest marine park in the Southern Ocean has been brokered in Australia, after five years of compromises and failed negotiations. More than 1.5m sq km of the Ross Sea around Antarctica will be protected under the deal brokered between 24 countries and the European Union.

- 219. National Chocolate Day is observed on?**

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

Answer d) October 28. National Chocolate Day is observed on October 28, 2016. Chocolate has got so many fans all over the world that there are diverse chocolate days. National Chocolate Day is not

- 220. India ranked _____ among world nations most inflicted with terrorism and insurgency related deaths**

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

Answer a) Third. India ranks third among world nations most inflicted with terrorism and insurgency related deaths, after the areas ridden with violence by ISIS and Nigeria's Boko Haram, the Supreme Court. Making this submission, the Chhattisgarh government also claimed in the apex court that more people were being killed in this Naxal-affected state than terror-hit Jammu and Kashmir and the involvement of extreme left-wing activists in the area was adding fuel to the fire.

221. Which state government has set up a fitment committee for implementation of 7th Pay Commission recommendations for its employees and pensioners?

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

Answer c) Odisha . Odisha government said it has set up a fitment committee for implementation of 7th Pay Commission recommendations for its employees and pensioners. The 7th Pay Commission headed by Justice A K Mathur had recommended a 23.55 per cent overall hike in pay, allowances and pensions for central government employees with effect from January 1 this year.

40, the world’s most valuable sports brands. The Swiss superstar has a brand value of \$37 million a year, the amount by which endorsement income exceeds the average endorsement income earned by the Top 10 earning athletes in the same sport during the past year.

222. Who has been named as La Ligaplayer of the season for 2015/16?

- a) Lionel Messi b) Karim Benzema c) Cristiano Ronaldo d) Antoine Griezmann

Answer d) Antoine Griezmann. Atletico Madrid forward Antoine Griezmann has been named La Ligaplayer of the season for 2015/16, ahead of the likes of star duo Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo. Atletico’s Diego Simeone also took the coach of the season award while Barcelona’s Uruguay striker Luis Suarez was named the top non-EU player. Atletico dominated the awards as Jan Oblak was the best goalkeeper, Diego Godin top defender and Frenchman Griezmann also claimed the fans’ award. Real Madrid weren’t left empty-handed, though, as Luka Modric was named best midfielder.

223. Who has been named the top athlete brand in the Forbes Fab 40, the world’s most valuable sports brands?

- a) Rafael Nadal b) MS Dhoni c) Roger Federer d) Lionel Messi

Answer c) Roger Federer. Roger Federer has been named the top athlete brand in the Forbes Fab

224. World Day for Audiovisual Heritage is observed on?

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

Answer b) October 27. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) works with organizations, governments and communities promote the World Day for Audiovisual Heritage on October 27 each year. This year 2016 Theme: “It’s Your Story – Don’t Lose It”

225. 69th Infantry Day by the Indian Army is observed on?

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

Answer a) October 27. October 27 is celebrated as Infantry Day by the Indian Army as it was on this day in 1947 that an infantry company of the 1st Battalion of the Sikh Regiment was airlifted from Delhi to Srinagar to liberate Kashmir from the invading tribal irregulars who were supported by the Pakistan army.

by online jewellery company Blue Stone on the occasion of Diwali. The mechanism behind its usage is quite simple and a frequent ATM user can operate it without any hassle.

226. Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) India joined hands with Intel to launch a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in _____

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

Answer c) Bangalore. Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) India joined hands with Intel to launch a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bangalore that would help demonstrate High Performance Computing (HPC) as a service for customers. The centre will also enable research institutions and academia to test their applications on the latest HPC platform innovations, enabled by Intel technologies, and accelerates HPC adoption in India.

227. _____ and _____ received their first gold ATM's this festive season recently

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

Answer a) New Delhi and Bangalore. A unique automatic telling machine (ATM) has grabbed the attention of people in Bengaluru and New Delhi, as instead of dispensing money, it accepts money from users and dispenses gold coins in exchange. This one of its kind experiment has been initiated

d) KM Agarwal **Answer a) Karnal Singh.** Senior IPS officer Karnal Singh was appointed chief of Enforcement Directorate, the agency entrusted with probing money laundering cases. The appointments committee of cabinet has approved the appointment of Singh as director, Enforcement Directorate (ED) till August 31, 2017. Singh, a 1984 batch IPS officer of Union territories cadre, is holding the additional charge of ED chief since August last year. He is at present special director in the ED

228. **Who has been appointed as the new Vice President of the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union?**

- a) Vimla Mehra b) Supriya Sahu c) Chandrakala d) Meera Borwankar **Answer**

b) Supriya Sahu. Doordarshan DG Supriya Sahu has been appointed as the new Vice President of the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union. The public broadcaster said that it participated in the 53rd annual Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union General Assembly, hosted by the Indonesian public broadcaster RRI, which concluded in Bali, Indonesia on 25th October.

229. **Who has been appointed as Director of Enforcement Directorate?**

- a) Karnal Singh b) DK Gupta c) Rajan S Katoch

230. **Russian base jumper _____ has smashed his own world record by leaping from the side of the sixth tallest mountain in the world using a wing suit**

- a) Valery Rozov b) Sebastian Muller c) Jim Hickey d) Dean Potter

Answer a) Valery Rozov. Russian base jumper Valery Rozov has smashed his own world record by leaping from the side of the sixth tallest mountain in the world using a wing suit. The 51-year-old daredevil soared from a height of 7,700 meters (25,300ft) from Mount Cho Oyu, a towering peak of ice and snow which once forced Mount Everest conquerer Edmund Hillary to admit defeat in 1952.

231. **Carlos Alberto who passed away recently was a/an**

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

Answer b) Sportsmen. Brazilian football great Carlos Alberto has died aged 72 following a heart attack. Alberto had scored one of the greatest goals in FIFA World Cup history while captaining Brazil to glory in the 1970 final against Italy in Mexico. He was a classy defender who played for Fluminense, Santos, Flamengo and the Cosmos and earned the nickname 'The Captain' for his leadership qualities.

Answer d) 87. World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Gender Gap Report 2016 reports that Pakistan ranks 143 out of 144 countries in the gender inequality index, standing way behind Bangladesh and India who rank 72nd and 87th respectively. For the second consecutive year, Pakistan has been ranked the second-worst country in the world for gender inequality.

232. **Which High Court ordered state government to completely ban on the sale of whitener in the state?**

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

Answer b) Uttarakhand. The Uttarakhand High Court ordered state government to completely ban on the sale of whitener in the state following the death of a teenager from sniffing an excess of it. The High Court issued the order by taking suo motu cognisance of the death of the 14-year-old boy due to sniffing excess whitener for a kick. Besides, the high court also ordered that items such as Feviquick, Iodex should not be sold to children below 18 years of age in view of prevalent abuse of these among teenagers.

233. India ranked _____ in World Bank's ease of doing business Index

- a) 85 b) 130 c) 156 d) 133

Answer b) 130. World Bank's ease of doing business index, India has managed to move up by only a single rank in the latest Doing Business Report 2017 by the bank. The country remains at the 130th position globally, it was revealed. This is the same as last year, but qualifies for a single upward movement in rank as India's position in 2016 has been revised to 131 by the World Bank.

234. Jorge Batlle who passed away recently, he was a former president of _____

- a) Poland b) Uruguay c) Argentina d) Portugal

Answer b) Uruguay. Jorge Batlle, a veteran politician who was the fourth member of his Catalan immigrant family to be president of Uruguay, died a day before his 89th birthday. A centrist leader of the right-wing Colorado Party, he sought closer ties and free trade pacts with the United States during his 2000-2005 presidency that was also marked by one of the South American country's worst-ever financial crises.

235. Who became the first American writer to win the Man Booker Prize?

- a) Colson Whitehead b) Deborah Levy c) Graeme Macrae Burnet d) Paul Beatty

Answer d) Paul Beatty. Paul Beatty has become the first American writer to win the Man Booker prize, for a caustic satire on US racial politics that judges said put him up there with Mark Twain and Jonathan Swift. The 54-year-old Los Angeles-born writer won for *The Sellout*, a laugh-out-loud novel whose main character wants to assert his African American identity by, outrageously and transgressively, bringing back slavery and segregation.

236. Which country has announced a simplified group visa policy to encourage tourist groups from Southeast Asian countries, including India and Indonesia, to visit the nation?

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

Answer a) Taiwan. Taiwan has announced a simplified group visa policy to encourage tourist groups from Southeast Asian countries, including India and Indonesia, to visit the nation. The group visa is free of cost for five or more people and is aimed at promoting Taiwan as a destination for exhibitions and conferences. Taiwan is also being promoted as a locale for shooting movies.

237. Which State has the highest life expectancy in India for all ages?

- a) Haryana b) Jammu and Kashmir c) Jharkhand d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer b) Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir has the highest life expectancy in India for all ages, barring life expectancy at birth, as per the latest data released by the Registrar General of India, custodian of census data. Until 2010, Kerala had the highest life expectancy in all ages. However, while Infant Mortality Rate in Kerala is 12, it's 34 in Jammu and Kashmir.

- c) Central Advisory Board of Education d) Central Advisory Board of Examination

Answer c) Central Advisory Board of Education. The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), which is considered the most important educational advisory body of the government, will meet in New Delhi on 25th October 2016, where Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar and education ministers of the states will be present. The CABE meeting is especially important as it comes at a time when the government is working on a New Education Policy.

238. India is at number _____ in the list of 145 generous nations put on the Charities Aid

- a) 87 b) 91 c) 75 d) 106

Answer b) 91. India is becoming more generous with larger number of people stepping up to support others in tough times, according the World Giving Index of global generosity. India has re-entered the list of top 100 most generous countries, by occupying the 91st rank as opposed to the earlier 106th. Myanmar was the most generous country on Earth for the third year running

239. **CABE meeting held in New Delhi, Expand CABE?**

- a) Central Advertisement Board of Education b) Central Advisory Bureau of Examination

240. **Indian government is hosting the first Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) in _____**

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

Answer c) New Delhi. Indian government is hosting the first Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR), scheduled to be held from November 3-5 in New Delhi. Notably, it is the first major agreement of the post-2015 development agenda and is aimed at identifying targets and priority action areas towards reducing disaster risk in the Asian region caused by natural hazards like earthquakes.

241. **Indian actress _____ is set to present an award at MTV Europe Music Awards 2016**

- a) Priyanka Chopra b) Anushka Sharma c) Aishwarya Rai d) Deepika Padukone

Answer d) Deepika Padukone. Indian actress Deepika Padukone is set to present an award at MTV Europe Music Awards 2016 on November 6. The “Bajirao Mastani” star will make her international red carpet debut as she presents an award with singers Beyonce and Justin Bieber a few of the many renowned artistes nominated. The actress posted an image on her Instagram account, announcing the news.

242. **Who won the US Grand Prix title 2016?**

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

Answer d) Lewis Hamilton. Lewis Hamilton kept the Formula One drivers’ championship claiming his first victory in five races by winning the US Grand Prix in Austin, Texas. It was Lewis Hamilton’s 50th Formula One victory. Mercedes team-mate and championship leader Nico Rosberg into second – cutting the gap between them to 26 points with three races remaining.

243. **Who won the ATP Stockholm Open title 2016?**

- a) Andy Murray b) Juan Martin Del Potro c) Leonardo Mayer d) Jack Sock

Answer b) Juan Martin Del Potro. Former World number four Argentina’s Juan Martin Del Potro won the ATP Stockholm Open after defeating American Jack Sock 7-5, 6-1 in the final. This was the Argentine’s first title after 34 months, his last title being at Sydney in 2014. Del Potro returned to action in February 2016 after almost a year’s layoff due to recurring wrist injuries.

244. **Which state government has signed an agreement with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) to promote innovation in financial services?**

- a) Rajasthan b) Tamil Nadu c) Andhra Pradesh d) Gujarat

Answer c) Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh government has signed an agreement with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) to promote innovation in financial services. Under the Agreement will explore joint innovation projects on technologies such as digital payments & block-chain, They will collaborate on development of education programmes. The agreement was signed in the presence of CM N Chandrababu Naidu.

245. **Which state government is planning to launch eco-tourism at Mt Kanchenjunga?**

- a) Sikkim b) Kerala c) Goa d) Nagaland

Answer a) Sikkim. Sikkim government is planning to launch eco-tourism at Mt Kanchenjunga. When launched, this initiative will let adventure lovers, mountaineers and trekkers circumambulate the mountain in a 15-day trek. The trek will start from the Kanchenjunga National Park (KNP) and will bring travellers in closest encounters with the snow-capped peaks, the local temples, the flora, the fauna and the unique biodiversity of the region surrounding this mountain.

became the first woman to complete the Seven Summits, reaching the highest peaks of the seven

continents.

246. **Mehar Mittal who passed away recently was a/an**

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

Answer d) Actor. Veteran Punjabi actor Mehar Mittal, who acquired legendary status with his comic roles, passed away at a hospital in Mount Abu, Rajasthan, on Saturday after prolonged illness. He was to turn 81 on October 24. Mittal has been a well-known face in Punjabi movies for over four decades. He worked in more than 100 movies and ruled the small screen too.

247. **The first woman to climb Mount Everest, Junko Tabei who passed away recently, she was from _____**

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

Answer c) Japan. The first woman to climb Mount Everest, Junko Tabei, has died aged 77. The Japanese climber had been diagnosed with cancer and died at a hospital outside of Tokyo. Tabei reached the summit of the world's highest mountain in 1975, at the age of 35. In 1992, she also

248. **Indian Coast Guard Ships (ICGS) 'Aryaman' and 'Atulya', designed and built by _____, were commissioned**

- a) Mazagon Dock Limited b) Cochin Shipyard Limited
c) Goa Shipyard Limited d) Hindustan Shipyard Limited

Answer b) Cochin Shipyard Limited. Indian Coast Guard Ships (ICGS) 'Aryaman' and 'Atulya', the 18th and 19th in the series of 20 Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), designed and built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, were commissioned. The commissioning was done by Financial Adviser to Defence Services Sunil Kumar Kohli. Additional Director General K Natarajan, Coast Guard Commander (Western Seaboard), was present on the occasion.

249. **Which team won 2016 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup?**

- a) China b) Argentina c) Germany d) North Korea

Answer d) North Korea. North Korea's women's U-17 team has been a powerhouse for nearly a decade and now they are U-17 World Cup champions for the second time. The North Koreans beat Japan in penalty kicks to win the 2016 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, capping an undefeated tournament. This is North Korea's second U-17 Women's World Cup title, despite this being just the fifth time the tournament has been contested.

250. **_____ government formed a three-member committee which will submit a report on solid waste management by November 10**

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

Answer b) Delhi. The Delhi government formed a three-member committee which will submit a report on solid waste management by November 10. The decision to form the committee, which will be headed by Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain, was taken today at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at his official residence. The committee will consider ways to tackle air pollution at the earliest and will start implementing concrete measures as soon as possible. It will submit the report to the Delhi government.

251. **Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A)?**

- a) Azim Premji b) Dilip Shanghvi c) Kumar Mangalam Birla d) Gautam Adani

Answer c) Kumar Mangalam Birla. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has appointed Aditya Birla Group Chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla as the chairman of the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) Board of Governors (BoG) and its Society. Birla, who is also currently the chairman of IIT Delhi's BoG, has reportedly accepted the position for tenure of three years.

Chandigarh, in collaboration with Italian firm Tecnobody. The centre, which can be used for free by Indian athletes, has equipments fitted with 3D cameras, motion sensors, and digital screens. "With this technology, we will not only be at par, but ahead of the West in months to come," said Abhinav.

252. **Tilak Hazarika who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Journalist b) Actor c) Writer d) Both a and c

Answer d) Both a and c. Eminent journalist and writer of Assam Tilak Hazarika passed away in Guwahati. He was 95. Born in 1921 at Nagaon, Hazarika worked in several newspapers. Mr. Hazarika also wrote several books in Assamese. His last rites were conducted at Navagraha crematorium in Guwahati. The Chief Minister, the Assembly Speaker besides others condoled the demise of Tilak Hazarika.

253. **Abhinav Bindra has opened a state-of-the-art athletes' training centre in _____**

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

Answer c) Chandigarh. Abhinav Bindra has opened a state-of-the-art athletes' training centre in

254. **An exhibition on 200-year-old history of Indians showcasing early days of cattle traders, laundry men and brick-makers has been launched in _____**

- a) Malaysia b) USA c) Singapore d) Australia

Answer c) Singapore. An exhibition on 200-year-old history of Indians showcasing early days of cattle traders, laundry men and brick-makers has been launched in Singapore Trade and industry minister S Iswaran yesterday launched the exhibition at the Indian Heritage Centre (IHC) in the "Little India" precinct. The exhibition has over 100 new artefacts including items belonging to the Hindu temples and mosques in Little India as well as old photographs dating back as far as the 1890s.

255. **Which State has registered the highest number of cases of custodial deaths in the country between October 2015 and September 2016?**

- a) Uttarakhand b) Maharashtra c) Odisha d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer d) Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh has registered the highest number of cases of custodial deaths in the country between October 2015 and September 2016, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has said. While 401 deaths took place in judicial custody, 27 took place in police custody, it added. During the same period, 32,498 complaints were registered against the police, NHRC further stated.

256. **_____ to get RS.50 crore Information Technology park**

- a) Mumbai b) Chennai c) Pune d) Indore

Answer d) Indore. In a bid to make the city an infotech hub on the lines of Bengaluru, Madhya Pradesh minister Rajendra Shukla laid the foundation stone for Rs 50-crore IT Park here. The park, spread over 2 lakh square feet, will be built at a cost of Rs 50 crore. The foundation stone was laid on the eve of Global Investors Summit (GIS) in the city. A deadline of 18 months has been set to commission the new IT Park.

257. **Which State Government declared 245 mandals in seven districts of the state as drought affected during the Kharif agricultural season?**

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

Answer c) Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh Government declared 245 mandals in seven districts of the state as drought-affected during the Kharif agricultural season because of deficient rain fall during the southwest monsoon period. As against the normal 556 mm, the state received 533.8 mm of rainfall between June 1 and September 30 this year, marking a deviation of minus four (-4) per cent. In 2015, the deviation in rainfall was -5.4 per cent, according to Disaster Management Commissioner K Dhananjaya Reddy.

- a) Russian Railways b) China Railways c) Indian Railways d) Japan Railways

Answer c) Indian Railways. Indian Railways have won the World Railway Shooting Championship

Cup held on Saint Mandrier, France. This is the first time that Railways have won this competition. Indian Railways team won a total 10 medals – 5 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze to bag the Overall Championship at the 15th USC- International Shooting World Championship.

258. India were ranked _____ which stayed India's best ever FIFA ranking in six years

- a) 125 b) 137 c) 148 d) 156

Answer b) 137. The Indian football team achieved its best FIFA ranking in over six years when the side jumped 11 places to be 137th in the latest list released India, who defeated 114th ranked Puerto Rico in an International Friendly in Mumbai in September, garnered 230 points for the month. In August 2010, India were ranked 137th which stayed India's best ever FIFA Ranking.

259. Which University Press has announced the launch of the Hindi online dictionary, as part of the Oxford Global Languages Programme?

- a) University of Cambridge b) Stanford University c) Harvard University d) Oxford University

Answer d) Oxford University. Oxford University Press has announced the launch of the Hindi online dictionary, as part of the Oxford Global Languages programme. Hindi is the ninth language to become a part of the initiative, which aims to build online dictionaries for 100 world languages. The Hindi website will be supported by a Language Champion, who will help grow awareness about this initiative.

260. Which country has hiked its visa fee by 650% to do business, which could deter foreign investment required for its oil-dependent economy?

- a) United Arab Emirates b) Saudi Arabia c) Qatar d) Kuwait

Answer b) Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia has hiked its visa fee by 650% to do business, which could deter foreign investment required for its oil-dependent economy, diplomats said. A six-month work-visit visa allowing multiple entries will now cost 3,000 riyals (\$800), as against 400 riyals (\$106.6) before. The hike aims to cover Saudi's loss in oil revenue, which slumped 68% over five years.

261. Book titled The Sleepwalker's Dream authored by _____

- a) Vikram Seth b) Salman Rushdie c) Chetan Bhagat d) Dhrubajyoti Borah

Answer d) Dhrubajyoti Borah. Book titled The Sleepwalker's Dream authored by Dhrubajyoti Borah released. The book authored by Borah, President of Asam Sahitya Sabha, narrates the journey of a group of militants towards an elusive freedom and an uncertain future.

262. Which IT company will acquire Butler America Aerospace for \$85 million in cash?

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

Answer c) HCL. IT services major HCL Technologies will acquire Butler America Aerospace for \$85 million in cash, a move aimed at strengthening its position in the aerospace and defence engineering services space. Butler Aerospace provides engineering, design services and aftermarket engineering services to US aerospace and defence customers, providing those services in areas of mechanical and structural design, electrical design, tool design and aftermarket engineering services.

263. Police Commemoration Day in India is observed on?

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

Answer c) October 20. Police Commemoration Day in India is observed on October 21. It honors the memory of Indian police personnel killed by Chinese soldiers in 1959. On October 21, 1959, a group of Indian policemen led by Shri Karam Singh was attacked by the Chinese Army at Hot Springs in North Eastern Ladakh. The Remembrance Day was officially instituted in 1960 & has been observed at the national level since 2012

264. Which state government has set up its first pain clinic to treat patients suffering from various

types of pains?

- a) Jammu and Kashmir b) Haryana c) Maharashtra d) Bihar **Answer**

a) Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir government has set up its first pain clinic to treat patients suffering from various types of pains. The clinic was inaugurated by J&K Legislative Assembly speaker Kavinder Gupta. The clinic was set up at Gandhi Government hospital in Jammu winter capital city and is also first-such clinic in northern India in health service department.

265. **The World Statistics Day is observed on?**

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

Answer a) October 20. The World Statistics Day was observed across the world on 20 October. The theme for this year is "Better Data, Better Lives". This theme emphasizes the critical role of high-quality official statistical information in analysis and informed policy decision-making. Noted British statistician Sir David Cox was awarded inaugural recipient of the International Prize in Statistics.

266. **Who won the BBS's best wildlife photographer award 2016?**

- a) Anup Shah b) Sandesh Khadur c) Nayan Khanolkar d) Kalyan Varma

Answer c) Nayan Khanolkar. City-based photographer and conservationist Nayan Khanolkar has won the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Award in the Urban Wildlife category, in a contest organised by the Natural History Museum, London and BBC Wildlife, regarded as the most prestigious in the world. Mr. Khanolkar's photograph, 'The Alley Cat', was taken in the Aarey Milk Colony, on the fringe of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP).

of International Habitat Assessment, the highest national rating for green buildings conceived by The Energy and Resources Institute. Constructed at a cost of ₹160 crores, it has 18 check-in counters.

267. **Russia announced plans to build a "spiritual and cultural centre" crowned by a golden-domed cathedral in _____**

- a) Tokyo, Japan b) Beijing, China c) Washington, USA d) Paris, France

Answer d) Paris, France. Russia announced plans to build a "spiritual and cultural centre" crowned by a golden-domed cathedral in Paris. The complex worth €100 million (over ₹733 crore) will include a parish centre, an auditorium, a French-Russian primary school and exhibition spaces. Notably, Russian President Vladimir Putin was to attend the inauguration but cancelled after disagreements with France over the Syrian war.

268. **_____ in Gujarat has got India's second eco-friendly airport which is located on the outskirts of the city**

- a) Vadodara b) Surat c) Ahmadabad d) Rajkot

Answer a) Vadodara. Vadodara in Gujarat has got India's second eco-friendly airport which is located on the outskirts of the city. The facilities of the airport have also been rated by Green Ratings

269. **India and _____ agreed to coordinate with each other on border security**

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

Answer d) Myanmar. India and Myanmar agreed to coordinate with each other on border security as Prime Minister Narendra Modi reaffirmed New Delhi's commitment to help develop Myanmar. India shares a 1,600-km border with Myanmar. Security has been an issue with insurgent groups from the northeast taking refuge in Myanmar territory.

270. **Indian and Chinese armies conducted a day-long exercise focused on humanitarian aid and relief in _____**

- a) Chitkul b) Chamoli c) Ladakh d) Nathu La

Answer c) Ladakh. Indian and Chinese armies conducted a day-long exercise focused on humanitarian aid and relief, where a fictitious situation of an earthquake was emulated. The statement called it a part of "ongoing initiative to enhance interaction and cooperation between India and China", and added that it increased "trust and cooperation between the two border

guarding forces along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh”.

271. The National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research (NICPR) has signed a MoU with

- a) All India Institute of Technology and Management (AIITM)
- b) Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISER)
- c) All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)
- d) All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)

Answer c) All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA). The National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research (NICPR) has signed an MoU with All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), an autonomous institute under the Ministry of AYUSH, for collaboration in the areas of cancer prevention, research and care by setting up a Center of Integrative Oncology at NICPR-Noida. This MoU would pave the way to carry forward the ongoing bilateral dialogue and facilitate collaboration with National Cancer Institute, USA.

272. Union Minister for Consumer Affairs Ram Vilas Paswan inaugurated Consumer Mela 2016 in

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

Answer a) New Delhi. Union Minister for Consumer Affairs Ram Vilas Paswan inaugurated Consumer Mela 2016 at Connaught Place in New Delhi. The ‘mela’ has been organised to bring consumers, companies, regulators and Department of Consumer Affairs on one platform for Consumer Awareness and possible grievance redressals and on the spot registration of grievances. ‘Nukkad natak’ on consumer awareness and swachhta and poster making competition by school children will be also organised during the event.

Khattar, approved the state Home Department's proposal. Mountaineer Ram Lal was appointed Sub-Inspector under the same quota.

273. Who has been named the inaugural recipient of the International Prize in Statistics?

- a) Peter McCullagh
- b) David Haussler
- c) Sir David Cox
- d) Bob Waterston

Answer c) Sir David Cox. Prominent British statistician Sir David Cox has been named the inaugural recipient of the International Prize in Statistics. Like the acclaimed Fields Medal, Abel Prize, Turing Award and Nobel Prize, the International Prize in Statistics is considered the highest honour in its field. It will be bestowed every other year to an individual or team for major achievements using statistics to advance science, technology and human welfare.

274. Women wrestler Geeta Phogat was appointed as a Deputy Superintendent of Police in

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Haryana
- c) Bihar
- d) West Bengal

Answer b) Haryana. Women wrestler Geeta Phogat was appointed as a Deputy Superintendent of Police in Haryana Police by the state government. Phogat, a 2010 Commonwealth Games gold medalist, was given the rank under the sports quota after the Cabinet headed by CM Manohar Lal

275. Who won the '2016 Wildlife Photographer of the Year' award for his image 'Entwined Lives'?

- a) Tim Laman
- b) Andy Rouse
- c) Martin Bailey
- d) Jess Findlay

Answer a) Tim Laman. American photographer Tim Laman won the '2016 Wildlife Photographer of the Year' for his image 'Entwined Lives', showing a critically endangered Bornean orangutan making a 30-metre climb. Given for a story told in six images, the award judges photographs' story-telling power along with individual quality. The images will reportedly go on display at London's Natural History Museum from October 21.

276. Who has been appointed as a member of the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Athletes' Commission?

- a) Sania Mirza b) PV Sindhu c) Sakshi Malik d) Saina Nehwal

Answer d) Saina Nehwal. Saina Nehwal has been appointed a member of the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Athletes' Commission. The London Olympic bronze-medallist shuttler who recovering from a knee injury and subsequent surgery, received the letter, drafted on October 14, from IOC president Thomas Bach. Following your candidature for the elections of the IOC Athletes' Commission during the Olympic Games Rio 2016, it is with great pleasure to appoint you in consultation with the Chair, as Member of the Athletes' Commission.

'Recommendations' feature on Facebook will allow friends to suggest places to eat or visit in a city. If the features perform well in the US, Facebook may extend it to other countries.

277. A book on the Indian Test captain 'Driven: The Virat Kohli Story' written by _____

- a) Ramachandra Guha b) Vijay Lokapally c) Sundeep Mishra d) Sujit Mukherjee

Answer b) Vijay Lokapally. Former cricketers Anil Kumble and Virender Sehwag launched a book on India's Test captain Virat Kohli in New Delhi. Written by journalist Vijay Lokapally, the book, 'Driven: The Virat Kohli Story', features anecdotes on the cricketer's rise at the international level. The event was attended by Ravi Shastri, Ajay Jadeja and Kapil Dev, among others.

278. Social media giant Facebook has started allowing its users to order food, book appointments and buy movie or event tickets through Facebook Pages in _____

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

Answer c) USA. Social media giant Facebook has started allowing its users in the US to order food, book appointments and buy movie or event tickets through Facebook Pages. A new

279. Which is the first nation to quit International Criminal Court?

- a) Liberia b) Burundi c) Botswana d) Rwanda

Answer b) Burundi. Burundi is set to become the first nation to withdraw from the International Criminal Court in a move that underlines the depth of the crisis in the country and comes amid widespread antipathy in Africa towards the court. President Pierre Nkurunziza, who critics accuse of human rights abuses, signed a decree that paves the way for his east African nation's departure from the court.

280. Online travel company _____ has acquired rival Indian travel company Ibibo

- a) Yatra b) Cleartrip c) MakeMyTrip d) Travelguru

Answer c) MakeMyTrip. Makemytrip and Ibibo have agreed to merge in a stock transaction, representing the coming together of India's largest travel booking portals and presaging what many believe is an impending consolidation in the country's consumer internet sector. The value of the combined entity, people familiar with the transaction estimated it at about \$1.8-\$2 billion.

281. Mumbai ranked _____ on 2016 Global Power City Index

- a) 10th b) 39th c) 59th d) 87th

Answer b) 39th. London has topped the 2016 Global Power City Index for the fifth consecutive year with Mumbai ranked 39th on the list of the world's leading global cities for business, innovation and culture, according to a report released. The 2016 Global Power City Index (GPCI) report, which released by the Mori Memorial Foundation's Institute for Urban Strategies.

282. The National Green Tribunal slammed _____ government for wasting crores of rupees of public money on Ganga rejuvenation

- a) Uttarakhand b) Bihar c) Jharkhand d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer d) Uttar Pradesh. The National Green Tribunal rapped Uttar Pradesh government for wasting crores of rupees of public money on Ganga rejuvenation and restrained it from spending on

any major project except maintenance work on the stretch from Haridwar to Kanpur. The State of Uttar Pradesh and its authorities will not carry out any major project of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)/Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) except maintenance of pipelines, without specific direction of the NGT.

over 20 per cent for more than a year now. The Geneva-based International Air Transport Association (IATA) in its latest 20-Year Air Passenger Forecast has also projected India to be the third largest aviation market by 2026, replacing the UK.

283. Who was elected as new President of the North Zone of Urology Society of India (NZUSI)?

- a) Mahesh R Desai b) S.P Yadav c) Sanjay Pandey d) Manu Gupta

Answer b) S.P Yadav. Noted Urologist S. P Yadav was elected the new President of the North Zone of Urology Society of India (NZUSI).The announcement was made at the conclusion of a three-day annual conference held under the auspices of the Agra Urology Association from October 16-18. Yadav’s tenure would begin from October 2017 for a period of one year.

284. Who has been appointed as Ambassador to United Arab Emirates?

- a) MK Lokesh b) Sudhir Vyas c) Navdeep Singh Suri d) CM Bhandari

Answer c) Navdeep Singh Suri. Senior diplomat Navdeep Singh Suri was appointed Ambassador to United Arab Emirates, a strategically important nation country which is major supplier of oil to India and is home to around 2.6 million-strong Indians. Suri, a 1983 batch Indian Foreign Service official, is expected to take up the assignment shortly, the External Affairs Ministry said. He is currently serving as Indian High Commissioner in Canberra.

285. Athlete Santhi Soundarajan has been appointed as a state-level coach in a permanent capacity in _____

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

Answer d) Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu-based athlete Santhi Soundarajan, who was stripped of her silver medal after failing a gender test at the Asian Games in 2006, has been appointed as a state-level coach in a permanent capacity. She was working on a contractual basis before this and had to take recourse to working as a daily wage labourer to earn her living. Santhi, who has won medals at several international track and field events, has been appointed as an athletic trainer in a permanent capacity with the state Sports Development Authority. Her salary would be Rs. 30,000 and other benefits.

286. _____ has received a 'Seven Star Luxury Hospitality and Lifestyle Award' in the 'Seven Star Experience Sector'

- a) The Maharajas' Express b) Royal Rajasthan on Wheels
c) The Golden Chariot d) The Deccan Odyssey

Answer a) The Maharajas' Express. The Maharajas' Express has received a 'Seven Star Luxury Hospitality and Lifestyle Award' in the 'Seven Star Experience Sector'. The Maharajas' Express, a luxurious train operated by the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation, was also presented the 'Signum Virtutis' or 'Seal of Excellence'. The 2016 Seven Star Luxury Hospitality and Lifestyle Awards took place in Marbella, Spain.

287. Which state government will introduce a pension scheme for those sports persons who brought laurels to the state or the country?

- a) Assam b) Jharkhand c) Nagaland d) Sikkim

Answer b) Jharkhand. Jharkhand government will introduce a pension scheme for those sports persons who brought laurels to the state or the country, but are still working as daily wagger. Chief

Secretary Rajbala Verma issued the direction today to prepare sport person pension scheme for those players who had brought glory for the state or country but still working as a daily wagger.

288. **Food Security Act to be implemented in Kerala in _____**

- a) 2017 b) 2018 c) 2020 d) 2025

Answer a) 2017. A pilot project to supply ration food articles at the doorstep as part of implementing the Food Security Act would be launched in Kerala on November 1. Initially, the scheme would be launched at Kollam in the next month, a release from the State Food Minister P Thilothaman.

289. _____ **has lifted the 1st BRICS U-17 Football Tournament 2016 held at Goa**

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

Answer c) Brazil. Brazil has lifted the 1st BRICS U-17 Football Tournament 2016 held at Goa after defeating the South Africa in the title clash with 5-1. For the 3rd place between Russia and China, Russia defeated China 2-1. This type of tournament inspired millions of youth of the country and spur India's impetus towards 'Khelo India' and 'Mission 11 Million'.

290. **The annual international "Circle of Light" festival held in _____**

- a) Beijing, China b) Tokyo, Japan c) Moscow, Russia d) New Delhi, India

Answer c) Moscow, Russia. The annual international "Circle of Light" festival in the Russian capital has broken its own record for the largest projected image once again – and measuring more than 2.5 times larger, this year the video animation was even more spectacular. A dazzling 50,458 m² (543,125.39 ft²) image was projected onto the front of the Moscow State University main building, in front of a huge audience of amazed festival-goers. The stunning show was created using high-res video mapping designed by a team of specialist 3D graphic artists.

291. **Who became second most successful ODI captain in cricket?**

- a) Virat Kohli b) Steven Smith c) Ricky Ponting d) MS Dhoni

Answer d) MS Dhoni. India skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni added another feather in his illustrious cap as India won the first ODI against New Zealand by six wickets here at Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) Stadium. With this convincing win against New Zealand, 'Captain Cool' registered 108th ODI win under his captaincy and left Australia's legendary skipper Allan Border (107 wins) behind.

292. **Who won the Shanghai Masters title 2016 in men's single category?**

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

Answer b) Andy Murray. Britain's Andy Murray won the Shanghai Masters, this is the fifth title of 2016, defeating Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut 7-6(7-1), 6-1. World number two Murray won the China Open a week ago, besides winning the men's singles event at the Rio Olympics and Wimbledon earlier this year. He is now 915 points behind top-ranked Novak Djokovic in the ATP rankings.

293. **Which airport has been declared as the best airport among the 54 airports in the country rated by the Airports Authority of India (AAI)?**

- a) Trivandrum International Airport b) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
c) Chandigarh International airport d) Indira Gandhi International Airport

Answer c) Chandigarh International airport. Chandigarh International airport has been declared as the best airport among the 54 airports in the country rated by the Airports Authority of India (AAI). While Chhattisgarh's Raipur airport was placed second, the third position was shared by Mangaluru (Karnataka) and Udaipur (Rajasthan) airports. The performance of the airports was rated on the

basis of overall customer satisfaction.

294. Which country has been declared the safest country in the world according to the 'Global Travel and Terrorism Report' by the World Economic Forum?

- a) Switzerland b) Finland c) Iceland d) Qatar

Answer b) Finland. Finland is the safest country on The Earth, According to Global Travel and Terrorism Report by the World Economic Forum (WEF). India meanwhile comes down at the 11th most unsafe countries in the world. Qatar and the United Arab Emirates follow Finland in the ranking. Their high position is bound to surprise some, given their location in the troubled Middle East. Iceland and Austria complete the top five.

glass, and a selection of personal items revealing information about the history of the village. While the current theme for the display is local history, the group plans to change it every three months.

295. Which company launched 'Circuit', the first zero-emission electric bus made entirely in India?

- a) Bajaj b) Tata Motors c) Ashok Leyland d) Mahindra and Mahindra

Answer c) Ashok Leyland. Hinduja Group flagship Ashok Leyland launched 'Circuit', the first zero-emission electric bus made entirely in India. Created specifically for Indian roads and passenger conditions, the bus costs between ₹1.50 to ₹3.50 crore and can travel up to 120 kilometres on a single charge. The bus has a seating capacity of 65 passengers.

296. The United Nations' (UN) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed on

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

Answer d) October 17. The United Nations' (UN) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed on October 17 each year since 1993. This year theme is "Moving from humiliation and exclusion to participation: Ending poverty in all its forms". 2016 theme of the day highlights how important it is to recognize and address the humiliation and exclusion endured by many people living in poverty.

297. Who has been selected for the Mathrubhumi Literary Award in recognition of his contribution to the field of literature?

- a) Thoppil Bhasi b) C Radhakrishnan c) Sreenath d) PG Viswambaran

Answer b) C Radhakrishnan. Eminent writer C Radhakrishnan has been selected for the Mathrubhumi Literary Award in recognition of his contribution to the field of literature. The award carries a cash prize of Rs two lakh, a citation and a statuette. Radhakrishnan was selected by a panel chaired by novelist M Mukundan with Sethu and Sarah Joseph being the other members of the jury, Mathrubhumi Managing Director M P Veerendra Kumar and Managing Editor P V Chandran said in a statement.

298. ICC has announced that the women's World T20 will be held separately from the men's tournament for the first time on _____

- a) 2018 b) 2020 c) 2022 d) 2024

Answer b) 2020. ICC has announced that the 2020 women's World T20 will be held separately from the men's tournament for the first time. The proposal was put forward by Cricket Australia, hosts for the edition, and accepted at the ICC meeting in Cape Town on Friday. The move is intended to promote the tournament "away from the shadow of the men's game".

299. Valvoline Cummins India has roped cricketer _____ as its brand ambassador of its engine oils and lubricants range

- a) Rohit Sharma b) Ravichandran Ashwin c) MS Dhoni d) Virat Kohli

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Answer d) Virat Kohli. Valvoline Cummins India has roped cricketer Virat Kohli as its brand ambassador of its engine oils and lubricants range. Valvoline Ropes In Virat Kohli. He is an Indian international cricketer and who current captain of the Indian team in Test cricket and vice-captain of Team. Previous month Kohli appointed as the brand ambassador of Punjab National Bank He was appointed as their Brand Ambassador of Celkon Mobiles and also joins Premier Futsal football league as brand ambassador on April 2016.

300. A 688-metre-long escalator, which is believed to be the world's longest sightseeing escalator, recently opened in _____

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

Answer c) China. A 688-metre-long escalator, which is believed to be the world's longest sightseeing escalator, recently opened in China's Hubei province. Located in the Enshi Grand Canyon, it takes visitors on an 18-minute journey with views of waterfalls, caves, villages, rivers, and peaks. The escalator can transport about 7000 people per hour and is expected to carry about 6,00,000 people annually.

301. Whose birthday is celebrated around the globe as the "World Student Day" on 15 October 2016?

- a) Nelson Mandela b) Mahatma Gandhi c) APJ Abdul Kalam d) Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

Answer c) APJ Abdul Kalam. As the 85th Birthday anniversary of Late President "Missile- Man of India" APJ Abdul Kalam is being celebrated around the globe as the "World Student Day". It was year 2010 when United Nations decided to mark the importance of India's former President and great scientist APJ Abdul Kalam and declared his birthday as 'World Students Day'.

302. India and _____ signed an agreement for setting up units 5 and 6 of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KNPP)

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

Answer b) Russia. India and Russia signed an agreement for setting up units 5 and 6 of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KNPP) are at an advanced stage and a general framework agreement could be announced after talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of BRICS Summit in Goa.

303. How many nations agree to phase out super greenhouse gases?

- a) 175 b) 197 c) 189 d) 184

Answer b) 197. In a historic step towards realizing the Paris Agreement on climate change, nearly 200 (197) nations unanimously decided global phase out of super greenhouse gases, replacing them with climate-friendly alternatives. The heat-trapping organic compounds –HFCs (hydro fluoro carbons) are the super greenhouse gases used in refrigeration and air-conditioning world over.

304. _____ has frozen co-operation with the UN's cultural agency, accusing it of denying Judaism's connections to the religion's holiest sites

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

Answer d) Israel. Israel has suspended ties with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), after a draft decision that Israel says ignores Judaism's ties to the religion's holiest site. The draft decision notes the importance of Jerusalem to all three monotheistic religions, Christianity, Judaism and Islam, but makes no mention of why the city is significant to Christians or Jews.

305. Who has become the first Indian to win a gold medal in the World Junior Wushu Championships?

a) Rushikesh Binodbhai Patel b) Jason Yengkhom c) Aron Gurung d) Khushi Manoj Telkar
Answer b) Jason Yengkhom. Manipur's Jason Yengkhom has become the first Indian to win a gold medal in the World Junior Wushu Championships. Yengkhom won in the boys' 52 kg Sanshou event at the 6th edition of the Championships in Bulgaria, beating China's Jun Yang. India's Thoudam Malemnganbi and Roshibina Naorem won a silver and a bronze respectively in their events at the Championships. In the world of Wushu, China ranks no. 1 and Iran no. 2 and are always taken to be unbeaten up until Jason's feat.

306. Nobel Laureate Dario Fo who passed away recently was/a/an

- a) Actor b) Playwright c) Economist d) Both a and b

Answer d) Both a and b. Italian playwright and actor Dario Fo, who won the Nobel prize for literature in 1997, has died at the age of 90. Left-winger Fo, one of the leading figures in 20th century farce and political theatre, was best known for his works "Accidental Death of an Anarchist" and "Can't Pay, Won't Pay".

307. A museum dedicated to Charlie Chaplin has opened in _____

- a) USA b) Switzerland c) China d) Philippines

Answer b) Switzerland. A museum dedicated to Charlie Chaplin has opened in the town of Vevey in Switzerland, offering fans a chance to visit replicas of film sets and explore the Manor where the actor lived. Chaplin's World features a Hollywood-inspired 'Studio' building and a themed restaurant. It is situated at the site where Chaplin spent the last 25 years of his life.

308. Which Public sector bank has signed a principal sponsorship contract with badminton Olympians P V Sindhu and K Srikanth?

- a) Syndicate Bank b) Indian Bank c) Andhra Bank d) Bank of Baroda

Answer d) Bank of Baroda. Public sector bank Bank of Baroda, has signed a principal sponsorship contract with badminton Olympians P V Sindhu and K Srikanth. The three year deal with the two players was agreed in principle before they represented and made India proud on the International stage at the Rio 2016 Olympics. In 2005, the bank had appointed right hand batsman Rahul Dravid as its brand ambassador, though that contract has long since expired.

309. World Standards day is observed on?

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

Answer a) October 14. World Standards day is celebrated every year on October 14. The theme for World Standards Day in 2016 is 'Standards Build Trust'. The aim of World Standards Day is to raise awareness among regulators, industry and consumers as to the importance of standardization to the global economy. Globally, World Standards day for the first time was celebrated on 1970.

310. India's banking system has reported total deposits worth _____ lakh crore for the first time

- a) 50 b) 75 c) 100 d) 200

Answer c) 100. According to the data released by the RBI, India's banking system reported total deposits of Rs 100 lakh crore for the first time ever in September 2016. Indian banks are staring at a deposit erosion of Rs 1.5-2 lakh crore between September and November as Foreign currency non-resident deposits (FCNR) mobilised in 2013 mature around that time. This could result in an acute liquidity shortage and a possible de-growth of balance sheets. At the deposit growth rate now, banks mobilise roughly Rs 2.4 lakh crore of deposits in three months.

311. The Centre has considered a _____ pronged approach to revitalise India's retail and wholesale trade.

- a) Two b) Three c) Four d) Five

Answer b) Three. The Centre has considered a three-pronged approach to revitalise India's retail and wholesale trade. This includes establishing a regulatory body for national internal trade (retail and wholesale), a comprehensive domestic trade policy and a Board for Internal Trade. The strategy is likely to come up for discussions among ministries including finance and commerce & industry as well as the government's policy think-tank NITI Aayog and the apex traders' body — the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) — during meetings slated for this week and the next, according to sources privy to the development.

312. Which bacterial disease claimed 3 lives per minute in 2015: WHO?

- a) Hepatitis b) Leprosy c) Tuberculosis d) Typhoid

Answer c) Tuberculosis. Tuberculosis is killing more people than thought, yet governments are not doing enough to bring the debilitating infectious disease under control, the World Health Organisation has said. The latest WHO figures show TB has been taking a much greater toll in India than previously believed. The disease claims the lives of 1.8 million people worldwide each year, not the 1.5 million it was previously thought.

313. Women's football striker Shahlyla Ahmadzai Baloch who passed away recently, she was from

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

Answer c) Pakistan. Pakistan women's football striker Shahlyla Ahmadzai Baloch passed away in a car accident in Karachi. Born on 12 March 1996, Shahlyla was FIFA's youngest player at the early age of 7. Baloch, 20, was one of the finest strikers for Pakistan women's football team. She represented the country at the South Asian Football Federation Women Football Championship 2014 in Islamabad, which was the last international event that Pakistan women's team competed in. Shahlyla was on the score sheet in Pakistan's 4-1 win over Bhutan.

314. Bhumibol Adulyadej who passed away recently, he was a King of _____

- a) Malaysia b) Singapore c) Dubai d) Thailand

Answer d) Thailand. Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who was the world's longest reigning monarch, died aged 88 on Thursday, the Thai Royal Palace confirmed in a statement. The king had been a unifying figure in the country that had seen more than a dozen military coups since he came to power 70 years ago. The 64-year-old Crown Prince Vajiralongkorn is the heir-apparent.

treatments facilities in the designated primary health centres, community health centres, medical colleges, regional institutes of ophthalmology and selected NGOs all over the country.

315. Which bank has renewed its corporate agency tie-up with United India Insurance Company (UIIC)?

- a) State Bank of India b) Bank of India c) Allahabad Bank d) Bank of Maharashtra

Answer d) Bank of Maharashtra. State-run Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) said it has renewed its corporate agency tie-up with United India Insurance Company (UIIC). Customers can buy the entire gamut of UIIC products at any of the 1,896 branches of the bank across the country, the lender said in a release here. They can buy insurance products related to motor, fire, health, marine, overseas travel policy and personal accident from the bank's branches.

316. India is ranked _____ among countries with the highest growth in their contribution to high-quality scientific research, according to a recent report.

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

Answer b) Second. India is ranked second among countries with the highest growth in their contribution to high-quality scientific research, according to a recent report. Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), ranked 16, is the top Indian institute among the 100 best research institutes across the world. Notably, China topped the rankings with 40 institutes in the top 100 list.

317. Indian Railways will ink a pact with _____ for running high-speed trains in the country
 a) Germany b) USA c) China d) Japan

Answer a) Germany. Indian Railways will ink a pact with Germany for running high-speed trains in the country, reports claimed. The discussions regarding this will be held when German Minister for Transport and Digital Infrastructure Alexander Dobrindt meets Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu during the former's ongoing visit to India. This meeting is a follow-up to Prabhu's visit to Germany in April.

318. Cabinet approved revision of _____ price for supply to public sector oil marketing companies

a) Petrol b) Ethanol c) Diesel d) Kerosene

Answer b) Ethanol. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the mechanism for revision of ethanol price for supply to Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to carry out the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme. Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme was launched by the Government in 2003 which has been extended to the Notified 21 States and 4 Union Territories to promote the use of alternative and environment friendly fuels.

319. The Union Cabinet approved the establishment and operationalization of an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at _____

a) Tamil Nadu b) Maharashtra c) Andhra Pradesh d) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer d) Jammu and Kashmir. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the establishment and operationalization of an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at Jammu in a transit/ temporary campus in the Old Government College of Engineering & Technology from the academic year 2016-17. The project will involve a cost of Rs.61.90 crore in the temporary campus, for the initial four years from 2016 to 2020. The student intake in the Post-Graduate Diploma Programme (PGDP) in Management this year is 54, which will progressively go up to cumulative student strength of 120 in the fourth year.

320. Bangladeshi batsman _____ became the country's first player to register 5,000 runs in One Day International cricket

a) Mushrafe Mortaza b) Tamim Iqbal c) Shakib Al Hasan d) Mushfiqur Rahim

Answer b) Tamim Iqbal. Bangladeshi batsman Tamim Iqbal became the country's first player to register 5,000 runs in One Day International cricket, after reaching the landmark in the third ODI against England on Wednesday. The 27-year-old left-hander is also Bangladesh's leading run-scorer in the other two formats of the sport. Notably, only Ian Bell and Paul Collingwood have managed the feat for England.

321. Which Company plans to lay India's longest gas pipeline from Gujarat coast to Gorakhpur in eastern Uttar Pradesh?

a) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd b) GAIL (India)
 c) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) d) Indian Oil Company Ltd

Answer d) Indian Oil Company Ltd. State-owned Indian Oil plans to lay India's longest gas pipeline from Gujarat coast to Gorakhpur in eastern Uttar Pradesh, to meet the growing demands of cooking gas in the country, IOC has said. The 1,987-kilometre pipeline via Kanpur, Varanasi and Lucknow will

322. _____ and _____ will conduct a second joint anti-missile exercise next year.

a) India and China b) China and USA c) China and Russia d) China and Japan

Answer c) China and Russia. China and Russia will hold their second joint anti-missile drills next year,

Chinese state media said, after South Korea and the United States angered the two countries with plans to deploy a U.S. anti-missile system in South Korea. The Chinese and Russian militaries held their first such exercises in May as Washington and Seoul were in discussions over installing the U.S. Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system to protect against any North Korean threats.

323. Which country's government is planning to bring in a nationwide smoking ban recently?

- a) Singapore b) Thailand c) Malaysia d) Philippines

Answer d) Philippines. Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is set to sign a regulation this month banning smoking in public across Southeast Asia's second-most populous country, rolling out among the toughest anti-tobacco laws in the region. Public health campaigners who have long battled against the country's hefty tobacco lobby welcomed the push to end smoking in public places.

324. Chinese scholar _____ who is at present in jail, was awarded the Martin Ennals human rights award

- a) Kang Youwei b) Gao Lingwen c) Ilham Tohti d) Xiang Lang

Answer c) Ilham Tohti. Chinese scholar Ilham Tohti, who is at present in jail for life or defending China's mostly-Muslim Uighur minority, he received the Martin Ennals Award, the winner of which is selected by a jury of 10 activist groups, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. In 2014, he was sentenced to life in prison for "separatism" over a website he ran that was often critical of China's official ethnic policies.

325. Veteran actor _____ was honoured at the UK Theatre Awards on for his individual contributions to British theatre

- a) Martin Freeman b) Ian McKellen c) Christopher Lee d) Peter Jackson

Answer b) Ian McKellen. Veteran actor Ian McKellen was honoured at the UK Theatre Awards on for his individual contributions to British theatre. The award ceremony took place on October 9 in London. McKellen was honoured with the Outstanding Contribution to British Theatre prize. The 77-year-old actor, best known for his roles in the "X-Men" and "Lord Of The Rings" film franchises, was recognised for "championing diversity and contribution to the British theatre" at the ceremony held at London's Guildhall.

Answer d) Five. A total of five Indian-Americans have been featured on Forbes list of the US' 400 richest people in 2016. These include Symphony Technology founder Romesh Wadhvani, who was ranked highest among the Indian-American's named in the list at 222, followed by Syntel co-founders Bharat and Neerja Desai who were ranked 274. ii. Notably, Microsoft Co-founder Bill Gates topped the list.

326. The world's first Cybathlon Championship for Athletes with Disabilities has taken place in

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

Answer b) Switzerland. The world's first Cybathlon Championship for Athletes with Disabilities organised by the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology ETH Zurich debuted at the SWISS Arena in Kloten, canton Zurich. Popularly known as 'Bionic olympics, it differs from the paralympics as it sees participants compete against each other using the latest assistive technologies in terms of their ability to help users navigate the tasks and challenges of daily life.

327. Which State government launched Duck Boats, which are 'amphibious' vessels that can run on both land and water?

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

Answer b) Goa. Goa CM Laxmikant Parsekar launched Duck Boats, which are 'amphibious' vessels that can run on both land and water. State Tourism Minister Dilip Parulekar said, "the amphibian

vessel ride is the first of its kind in India and Goa has the privilege of offering something new... this season." The Duck Boat tours are set to begin in November.

328. Which telecom company has launched a promotional offer under which prepaid customers get double benefit on four new data Special Tariff Vouchers?

- a) BSNL b) Reliance Jio c) Airtel d) Vodafone

Answer a) BSNL. BSNL has launched a promotional offer under which prepaid customers get double benefit on four new data Special Tariff Vouchers. Under the offer, ₹1,498 gives 18 GB data instead of 9 GB, ₹2,798 gives 36 GB instead of 18 GB, ₹3,998 gives 60 GB instead of 30 GB and ₹4,498 gives 80 GB data instead of 40 GB.

329. Which Bank announced a tie-up with Uber under which its credit cardholders, across six countries, will get a cash-back of up to 25 per cent for hailing cabs from the app?

- a) CITI Bank b) HSBC Bank c) Standard Chartered Bank d) Royal Bank of Scotland

Answer c) Standard Chartered Bank. Foreign lender Standard Chartered Bank announced a tie-up with Uber under which its credit cardholders, across six countries, will get a cash-back of up to 25 per cent for hailing cabs from the app. In India, the cardholders will get a 20 per cent cash-back on all Uber rides, subject to cash—back cap of Rs. 600 per month. Additionally, first-time Uber users will get a discount of ₹ 50 for the first three rides.

330. World Economic Forum to set up a new tech-focused hub centre in _____

- a) San Francisco, USA b) London, UK c) Mumbai, India d) Tokyo, Japan

Answer a) San Francisco, USA. World Economic Forum is establishing a new centre in San Francisco to connect tech companies and policymakers in the heart of the world’s technology industry. The World Economic Forum, which organises the annual Davos meeting of international leaders, has opened an office in San Francisco to focus on policy and regulatory issues surrounding new technologies such as artificial intelligence, drones, digital currencies and the Internet of Things.

331. India’s ace pistol shooter _____ has won the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Champions Trophy

- a) MS Sandhu b) Gagang Narang c) Abhinav Bindra d) Jitu Rai

Answer d) Jitu Rai. India’s ace pistol shooter Jitu Rai has won the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Champions Trophy. Jitu beat Serbia s Damir Mikec, 29.6 to 28.3 in the final, held in the 10m Air Pistol finals format to claim the Euro5000 cash award which comes with the title. The ISSF Rifle ChampionsTrophy was claimed by Russia s Sergey Kamenskiy.

332. _____ appointed ex-NBA player Yao Ming as its first “ambassador to Mars” to promote the country’s plan to send a spacecraft to Mars by the year 2020

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

Answer d) China. China appointed ex-NBA player Yao Ming as its first “ambassador to Mars” to promote the country’s plan to send a spacecraft to Mars by the year 2020. He and 10 other Chinese celebrities will help publicize the space program, encourage interest in science and technology among the Chinese youth as well as promote the country on the international arena.

333. _____ got Africa’s 1st solar-powered airport

- a) Mauritius b) Seychelles c) South Africa d) Morocco

Answer c) South Africa. South Africa’s coast town George has got the continent’s first solar-powered "green" airport. The regional airport has 2,000 solar panels which produce up to 750 kW daily, while the regular requirement is 400 kW. The excess is supplied to the municipal power grid. The airport has lately reduced its carbon emissions by 1,229 tonnes, equivalent to 1,03,934 litres of fuel.

334. Which state government has decided to launch a 'Lalima Abhiyan' on November, to make State anaemia-free?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Madhya Pradesh c) Himachal Pradesh d) Haryana

Answer b) Madhya Pradesh. Aiming to make Madhya Pradesh anaemia-free, the state government has decided to launch a 'Lalima Abhiyan' on November 1, an official statement said. Under the campaign, free iron folic acid tablets will be provided in anganwadis, academic institutions and hospitals. According to figures, 52.5% women in the age group of 15-49 years and 25.5% men suffer from anaemia in India.

Kanchendzonga, located at 28,169 feet. India's highest mountain peak Mount Kanchendzonga and Kanchendzonga National Park, recently declared a world heritage site, will be promoted as eco-tourism destinations for trekking, mountaineering and other adventure activities.

335. World Mental Health Day is observed on?

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

Answer a) October 10. World Mental Health Day is observed on 10 October every year, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health. The theme of this year's World Mental Health Day, covers "psychological first aid" will enable us to contribute to the goal of taking mental health out of the shadows so that people in general feel more confident in tackling the stigma, isolation and discrimination that continues to plague people with mental health conditions, their families and carers.

336. Which state government to promote Kanchendzonga as eco-tourism destination?

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

Answer c) Sikkim. The Sikkim government has formulated plans in association with the Indian Mountaineering Federation (IMF) to start circumambulation tours in the periphery of Mt

337. India won _____ golds, _____ silver at Russian Open badminton

- a) Three, One b) One, Two c) Two, One d) One, Three

Answer c) Two, One. India's 19-year-old shuttler Ruthvika Shivani Gadde won the women's singles title at the Russian Open in Vladivostok. Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy added to India's tally by winning the mixed doubles title at the event. Meanwhile, 17-year-old Siril Verma lost out on the gold medal after a three-set defeat to the top-seeded Malaysian Zulfadli Zulkiffli.

338. Which telecom company has claimed that it has created "a world record" by crossing the 16 million subscriber mark in its first month of operations — September?

- a) Airtel b) Idea c) Reliance Jio d) BSNL

Answer c) Reliance Jio. Reliance Jio has claimed that it has created "a world record" by crossing the 16 million subscriber mark in its first month of operations — September. Jio, a new entrant in the 4G market, has achieved this growth faster than any other telecom operator or start-up in the world, including the likes of Facebook, WhatsApp and Skype, Reliance Jio Infocomm said in a release.

339. Who became the first Indian Test captain to score two double centuries?

- a) Sourav Ganguly b) Virat Kohli c) Mahendra Singh Dhoni d) Rahul Dravid **Answer**

b) Virat Kohli. India's Virat Kohli became the first Indian Test captain to score two double centuries after scoring his first double hundred on home soil on the second day of the third Test against New Zealand on Sunday. Kohli also became the fifth Indian to score two double centuries in a year after Vinod Kambli, Sachin Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag and Rahul Dravid.

340. _____ has been appointed as new brand ambassador of Vizag Steel

- a) Saina Nehwal b) Sakshi Malik c) PV Sindhu d) Deepa Karmakar

Answer c) PV Sindhu. The corporate entity of Vizag Steel, Rashtriya Ispat Nigam, has roped in

badminton ace and Rio silver medallist PV Sindhu as its brand ambassador. The deal will make Vizag Steel Sindhu's major endorsement partner. "An association from a trusted brand certainly helps me concentrate on my game and relieves me of all the off-court concerns," Sindhu said on the association.

341. All villages in the country would get an electricity connection by _____

- a) Match 2017 b) May 2017 c) December 2017 d) December 2020

Answer b) May 2017. All villages in the country would get an electricity connection by May 2017, a year before the government's 1000-day deadline ends, Power Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday. He also affirmed that the states would get soft loans for providing electricity connection to every household. Further, he added that the Centre is discussing ways to restart 22 stalled hydropower projects.

342. Maharashtra chief minister Devendra

Fadnavis inaugurated India's first centre for international arbitration in _____

- a) Nashik b) Pune c) Nagpur d) Mumbai

Answer d) Mumbai. Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated India's first centre for international arbitration in Mumbai. The Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration (MCIA) will initially be located at Express Towers but Fadnavis promised a bigger and exclusive facility at the Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), Mumbai's only business district.

343. Indian Air force day is observed on?

- a) October 08 b) October 09 c) October 10 d) October 11 **Answer**

a) October 08. The 84th anniversary of the Indian Air Force (IAF) was celebrated with traditional pomp and gaiety at the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla near Pune. The IAF is the world's fourth largest air force with a primary responsibility to secure Indian airspace and to conduct aerial warfare during a conflict.

344. Who has been appointed as China's new ambassador to India?

- a) Peng Liyuan b) Luo Zhaohui c) Li Keqiang d) Yang Jeichi

Answer b) Luo Zhaohui. Chinese President Xi Jinping has appointed Luo Zhaohui as China's new ambassador to India, in accordance with a decision from the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, the top legislature. He is familiar with India as he worked as third and later Second Secretary in Chinese Embassy in India from 1989 to 1993.

345. _____ was honoured by being made an Honorary Group Captain of the Indian Air Force at the 83rd Indian Air Force Day celebrations at the Hindon Air Base

- a) Rahul Dravid b) Mahendra Singh Dhoni c) Virender Sehwag d) Sachin Tendulkar

Answer d) Sachin Tendulkar. Indian batting legend Sachin Tendulkar was honoured by being made an Honorary Group Captain of the Indian Air Force at the 83rd Indian Air Force Day celebrations at the Hindon Air Base. The Master Blaster, now retired from international cricket, thus became the first sportsman to be made an Honorary Group Captain in the Indian Air Force.

346. Which Country is hosting the 2016 Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) from November 3 to 5, 2016?

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

Answer c) India. India is hosting the 2016 Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) from November 3 to 5, 2016 in New Delhi. This will be second time India hosting AMCDRR. The conference will be hosted by Union Government in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR).

347. **President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the first edition of World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) in _____**

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

Answer d) New Delhi. President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the first edition of World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The summit was organised by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) with the theme Beyond 2015: People, Planet and Progress.

348. **Reliance Infra sells transmission business to _____**

- a) Tata group b) Aditya Birla group c) Adani group d) Godrej group

Answer c) Adani group. Adani Transmission is now the largest private operator of power transmission networks in the country after buying the transmission assets of Reliance Infrastructure (R-Infra). The Anil Ambani-promoted R-Infra has signed a binding agreement with Adani Transmission to sell its power transmission business and use the proceeds to pare its debt.

349. **Shooter Jitu Rai won a _____ medal in the men's 50-metre air pistol event, at the 2016 ISSF World Cup in Italy**

- a) Gold b) Silver c) Bronze d) None of these

Answer b) Silver. Shooter Jitu Rai won a silver medal in the men's 50-metre air pistol event, at the 2016 ISSF World Cup in Italy. Rai had failed to qualify for the finals of the same event at the Rio Olympics in August. The shooter had won silver at the ISSF World Cup in Azerbaijan in June in 10-metre air pistol.

350. **_____ won the Nobel Peace Prize 2016 for his efforts to bring an end to a fifty-year-long civil war, the longest-running civil conflict in the world**

- a) Tawokkol Karman b) Juan Manuel Santos c) Malala Yousafzai d) Andrés Pastrana Arango

Answer b) Juan Manuel Santos. The president of Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2016 for negotiating a peace treaty with the guerillas in the country to end 52 years of conflict with a leftist rebel group, the longest-running war in the Americas, despite the unsuccessful referendum held over the deal. The decision to give the prize to the Colombian president, Juan Manuel Santos, may revive hopes for the agreement with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, with whom the country has been waging the last major guerrilla struggle in Latin America.

351. **The Union**

Cabinet approved to setting up of India's first medical park in _____

- a) Rahkot, Gujarat b) Patna, Bihar c) Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu d) Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh

Answer c) Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its nod to the PSU under the Health Ministry to sub-lease 330.10 acres of land at Chengalpattu near Chennai to set up the Medipark through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) with shareholding of HLL at 50 per cent. "The Medipark project will be the first manufacturing cluster in the medical technology sector in the country, envisaged to boost local manufacturing of hi-end products at a significantly lower cost, resulting in affordable healthcare delivery, particular in diagnostic services to a large section of people," an official statement said.

352. **Modi's Midas Touch in**

Foreign Policy book is authored by _____

- a) Aravind Adiga b) Kiran Desai c) Vikram Seth d) Surendra Kumar

Answer d) Surendra Kumar. Modi's Midas Touch in Foreign Policy: Surendra Kumar M. Venkaiah Naidu, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, released the book titled Modi's Midas Touch in Foreign Policy. The book is authored by Ambassador Surendra Kumar.

353. _____ has topped the 'Best Global Brands 2016' list prepared by leading brand consultancy Interbrand

- a) Apple b) Facebook c) Google d) Amazon

Answer a) Apple. Tech major Apple has topped the 'Best Global Brands 2016' list prepared by leading brand consultancy Interbrand, with a 5% year-on-year rise in its brand value to \$178 billion. Tech giant Google and beverage corporation Coca-Cola followed at the second and third ranks respectively. Further, social networking giant Facebook and e-commerce major Amazon emerged as the top growing brands.

354. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

- a) RC Mishra b) Gopal Mukherjee c) Nishi Singh d) Sushil Chandra

Answer d) Sushil Chandra. Senior Indian Revenue Service officer Sushil Chandra was appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the apex policy making body for the Income Tax department. He will replace Rani Singh Nair, who retires this month-end. Chandra, a 1980 batch officer of IRS (Income Tax), currently serves as a Member (Investigation) of the CBDT.

355. _____ Election commission of India partners with _____ to register young voters

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

Answer b) Facebook. Social networking site Facebook is partnering with the Election Commission of India in five states going to polls next year to run a voter registration drive aimed at encouraging youth to participate in the democratic exercise. Facebook is collaborating with the Election Commission and the office of Chief electoral officers in poll-bound Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa, Manipur and Uttarakhand for the first time in the country to run a voter registration drive.

356. _____ India's latest communication satellite _____ is successfully launched by a heavy duty rocket of Arianespace from the spaceport of Kourou in French Guiana

- a) GSAT – 16 b) GSAT – 17 c) GSAT – 18 d) GSAT - 19

Answer c) GSAT – 18. India's latest communication satellite GSAT-18 is successfully launched by a heavy duty rocket of Arianespace from the spaceport of Kourou in French Guiana. GSAT-18, built by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), aims at providing telecommunications services for the country by strengthening ISRO's current fleet of 14 operational telecommunication satellite.

357. _____ won the 2016 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the design and synthesis of molecular machines

- a) Jean-Pierre Sauvage, J Fraser Stoddart and Tomas Lindahl
 b) Jean-Pierre Sauvage, Paul L Modrich and Bernard L Feringa
 c) Martin Karplus, J Fraser Stoddart and Bernard L Feringa
 d) Jean-Pierre Sauvage, J Fraser Stoddart and Bernard L Feringa

Answer d) Jean-Pierre Sauvage, J Fraser Stoddart and Bernard L Feringa. Jean-Pierre Sauvage, J Fraser Stoddart and Bernard L Feringa won the 2016 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the design and synthesis of molecular machines. The scientists had contributed to making machines 1000 times smaller than the human hair, including a four-wheel drive nanocar, molecular motors and lifts. The award also includes 8 million Swedish Krona (US\$1.1 million) in prize money.

358. The United Nations released a postage stamp to honour _____, who had performed at the world body 50 years ago

- a) ML Vasanthakumari b) MS Subbulakshmi c) DK Pattammal d) Bombay Jayashri

Answer b) MS Subbulakshmi. The United Nations released a postage stamp to honour late Carnatic musician MS Subbulakshmi, who had performed at the world body 50 years ago. The stamp, valued at \$1.20 (around ₹80), features a photograph of Subbulakshmi and the UN symbol. This year marks the birth centenary of Subbulakshmi, the first musician to be awarded the Bharat Ratna.

- a) Aditya Birla group b) Tata group c) Reliance group d) Adani group

Answer c) Reliance group. Dassault Aviation of France has entered into a partnership with Reliance group to execute offsets for the recently concluded deal for 36 Rafale fighter jets. The joint venture called “Dassault Reliance Aerospace” was jointly announced by Dassault Aviation Chairman & CEO Eric Trappier and Reliance Group Chairman Anil Dhirubhai Ambani.

359. World Teachers day is observed on?

- a) October 05 b) October 04 c) September 05 d) November 05

Answer a) October 05. October 5th is celebrated all over the world as World Teachers’ Day. World Teachers’ Day provides an opportunity to not only celebrate the importance of teachers but also to reflect on the implementation of the UNESCO-ILO Recommendation on the Status of Teachers.

360. Dassault Aviation of France has entered into a partnership with _____ to execute offsets for the recently concluded deal for 36 Rafale fighter jets

361. Who has become one of the brand ambassadors of “Haritha Keralam” project in Kerala recently?

- a) KG Markose b) Hariharan c) KJ Yesudas d) Unni Menon

Answer c) KJ Yesudas. Popular playback singer Dr KJ Yesudas has become one of the brand ambassadors of “Haritha Keralam” project in Kerala. The news was announced by State Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan after meeting the singer at Cliff House in Thiruvananthapuram. “The legendary singer Dr KJ Yesudas has agreed to become one of the brand ambassadors of Haritha Keralam project.

362. Who has been appointed as the CEO of Reliance Nippon Life Insurance?

- a) Mahesh Vohra b) Ashish Vohra c) Manan Vohra d) Anil Vohra

Answer b) Ashish Vohra. Ashish Vohra has been appointed as the head of Reliance Nippon Life Insurance. “The Board of Directors of Reliance Nippon Life Insurance (RNLI), a part of Reliance Capital, has announced the appointment of Ashish Vohra as the new CEO of the company. Before this, Vohra spent eight years with Max Life Insurance, serving as Senior Director and Chief Distribution Officer.

363.

The World Bank has said that India's GDP growth will remain strong at 7.6% in 2016 and _____ in 2017

- a) 7.6 b) 7.7 c) 7.8 d) 7.9

Answer b) 7.7. Describing South Asia as a global growth hotspot, the World Bank has said that India's GDP growth will remain strong at 7.6% in 2016 and 7.7% in 2017. The growth will be supported by expectations of a rebound in agriculture, pay reforms, positive contributions from exports, and a medium-term growth in private investment, the global development bank added.

364.

Film Maker and Elephant researcher Prajna Chowta conferred with knighthood by _____

- a) USA b) Spain c) Japan d) France

Answer d) France. Film-maker and elephant researcher Prajna Chowta has been appointed Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite (Knight in the National Order of Merit), one of the highest civilian recognitions of the French government. The appointment by the President of the French Republic comes "in recognition of a life devoted to caring for wild Asian elephants," says a letter to Ms. Chowta earlier in June. The official ceremony is expected to be held later this year in Bengaluru.

365. **What is the new Repo rate?**

- a) 6.00% b) 6.25% c) 6.50% d) 6.75%

Answer b) 6.25%. The Monetary Policy Committee, in its first bi-monthly policy review meeting since its inception, cut the repo rate by 25 basis points to a six-year low of 6.25%. This is also Urjit Patel's first review since becoming the RBI Governor. The reverse repo rate was also reduced to 5.75% while the cash reserve ratio was maintained at 4%. MSF – 6.75 and Bank rate – 6.75.

366. **The construction of the world's tallest 53-metre high wood building was recently completed in**

- a) Australia b) China c) Spain d) Canada

Answer d) Canada. The construction of the world's tallest 53-metre high wood building was recently completed in Canada. The carbon dioxide stored by the 18-storey wood building will reduce 2,432 metric tonnes of the gas, which is equivalent to taking 500 cars off the road for a year. It took less than 70 days and approximately \$51.5 million to complete the building.

367.

The first

trade fair of the BRICS countries will be held on October 12-14 in _____

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

Answer d) New Delhi. The first trade fair of the BRICS countries will be held on October 12-14 in New Delhi. Along with it the meetings of the BRICS Business Forum and BRICS Business Council would also be held. India is the chair for 2016 of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) group of emerging economies. Their upcoming trade fair will be held at Pragati Maidan exhibition grounds in the national capital. The trade fair will showcase about 20 key sectors.

368.

Russia suspends plutonium disposal

deal with _____

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

Answer c) USA. Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a decree to suspend an agreement with the United States on the disposing of weapons-grade plutonium, a further sign of worsening ties between the former Cold War foes. Mr Putin says the deal will be resumed once sanctions are lifted and Russia is paid compensation for damages. The deal, which was signed in 2000 and went into force under a 2010 agreement, is being suspended due to "the emergence of a threat to strategic stability and as a result of unfriendly actions by the United States of America towards the Russian Federation.

369.

_____ has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Container Corporation of India Ltd (CONCOR)

- a) Narasimma Prasad b) V Kalyana Rama c) Venkatesh Prasad d) S Prasanna Kumar

Answer b) V Kalyana Rama. V Kalyana Rama has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Container Corporation of India Ltd (CONCOR), a navratna PSU under Railways

Ministry. Prior to this, he was serving as Director (Projects & Services), CONCOR since June 2015. Having worked in BHEL, BHPV before joining Indian Railways, Rama has held various challenging assignments in his career with Indian Railways and CONCOR. Container Corporation of India Ltd., is a Navratna Public sector undertaking under the Indian Ministry of Railways.

370. **Roopa Ganguly nominated to Rajya Sabha in _____**

- a) Gujarat b) Uttar Pradesh c) Rajasthan d) West Bengal

Answer d) West Bengal. BJP's Bengal president of Mahila Morch, Roopa Ganguly has been nominated to fill the post in Rajya Sabha vacated by cricketer turned politician Navjot Singh Sidhu, who resigned earlier this year. The 49 year old actor turned Politian climbed the ladder in the party fast and became the state president of Mahila Morcha few months ago. Ganguly, a national award winning actress is known to people more for her role as "Draupadi" in Mahabharat.

371. **The 2016 Nobel Prize in Physics has been awarded to the British trio of**

- a) David J Thouless, F Duncan Haldane and Hiroshi Amano
 b) David J Thouless, Takaaki Kajitha and J Michael Kosterlitz
 c) David J Thouless, F Duncan Haldane and J Michael Kosterlitz
 d) Isamu Akasaki, F Duncan Haldane and J Michael Kosterlitz

Answer c) David J Thouless, F Duncan Haldane and J Michael Kosterlitz. David J Thouless, F Duncan Haldane and J Michael Kosterlitz, all three physicists from the United Kingdom, have won the prestigious Nobel Prize award in Physics. These three scientists are behind the ground breaking theoretical discoveries of topological phase transitions and topological phases of matter.

372. **Who has been named to the 2016 class of the 'Jerger Future Leaders of Audiology' by the American Academy of Audiology?**

- a) Vinayak Mahadev b) Vinaya Manchaiah c) Vinay Kumar d) Vinaya Singh

Answer b) Vinaya Manchaiah. An Indian-American associate professor at Lamar University in Texas has been named to the 2016 class of the 'Jerger Future Leaders of Audiology' by the American Academy of Audiology. Vinaya Manchaiah named future Leader of Audiology. Audiology is a branch of science that studies hearing, balance, and related disorders.

the Korea Open in Incheon. The 28-year-old, whose last Asian title came in 2013, was awarded a cash prize of \$196,000 for the win. Bhullar, an Arjuna awardee, has been a part of India's silver-winning golf team at the 2006 Asian Games in Doha.

373. **Who won the Gold medal in the IFSC Para Climbing Cup organized in the United Kingdom recently?**

- a) Suresh Kumar b) Siva Kumar c) Ramesh Kumar d) Manikandan Kumar

Answer d) Manikandan Kumar. Bengaluru-born para climber Manikandan Kumar won the Gold medal in the IFSC Para Climbing Cup organized in the United Kingdom recently. The Indian para climber also claimed a Silver medal in the IFSC Para Climbing World Cup in Italy and a Bronze medal in the para climbing World Cup in Innsbruck, Austria. Kumar said he was looking forward to the IMST World Cup which is beginning after two weeks. "Quest to win more Gold medals continues and the next stop is IMST World Cup, which will start in 2 weeks' time, till then training continues and good night guys.

374. **Indian golfer _____ won his sixth Asian Tour title, winning the Korea Open in Incheon**

- a) Anirbn Lahiri b) Gaganjeet Bhullar c) Arjun Atwal d) Laxman Singh

Answer b) Gaganjeet Bhullar. Indian golfer Gaganjeet Bhullar won his sixth Asian Tour title, winning 375. **International day of Older Persons is observed on?**

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

Answer a) October 01. Every year 1st October is observed as International day of Older Persons (IDOP). The significance of Day is to raise awareness about issues affecting the elderly and to appreciate the contributions that older people make to society. This year, the theme is "Take a Stand Against Ageism.". The International Day of Older Persons is observed on October 1 each year. On December 14, 1990 the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons as recorded in Resolution 45/106. The holiday was observed for the first time on October 1, 1991.

376. _____ has been named as the 'Cleanest Cultural Heritage Site' in the nation

- a) Great Himalayan National Park b) Rani ki Vav (the Queen's Stepwell)
c) Laxmi Vilas Palace d) Prag Mahal

Answer b) Rani ki Vav (the Queen's Stepwell). Gujarat's 900-year-old Rani ki Vav (the Queen's Stepwell) has been named as the 'Cleanest Cultural Heritage Site' in the nation. The award was presented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Indian Sanitation Conference in Delhi. Further, Surat was named as the cleanest railway station, and Chandigarh's Post Graduate Institute of Medical Research and Education was named the cleanest hospital.

377. Which currency joined the International Monetary Fund's basket of reserve currencies?

- a) Euro b) Rupee c) Dollar d) Yuan

Answer d) Yuan. Chinese currency Yuan joined the International Monetary Fund's basket of reserve currencies. The Yuan joins the US dollar, the euro, the yen, and the British pound in IMF's special drawing rights (SDR) basket, under the move announced in November 2015. This marks the first time a new currency has been added since the euro's launch in 1999.

378. State Bank of India chief Arundhati Bhattacharya's term has been extended till

- a) March 2017 b) June 2017 c) October 2017 d) December 2017

Answer c) October 2017. State Bank of India chief Arundhati Bhattacharya's term has been extended till October 2017, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley announced on Saturday. Bhattacharya's term was to end next week. The Finance Ministry seeks continuity in India's biggest bank's leadership as it merges with associate units. The government reportedly plans to fix SBI chairman's tenure at five years, against three at present.

379. China National Day is observed on?

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

Answer d) October 01. Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the people of China as the country celebrated its 67th National Day on October 01. Highlighting the strategic relationship between the two Asian superpowers, PM Modi said that close cooperation between India and China has the potential to shape a "peaceful and stable future for Asia". "Our relations date back to centuries, encompassing spiritualism, learning, art, trade and respect for each other's civilisation and shared prosperity. He posted his greetings on Weibo, China's microblog. PM Modi had opened his account last year ahead of his China visit and enjoys a huge following on the site.

380. _____ Kendriya Vidyalaya FRI was awarded by PM Narendra Modi as the cleanest school in the country

- a) Badrinath b) Mangalur c) Raipur d) Dehradun

Answer d) Dehradun. Dehradun's Kendriya Vidyalaya FRI was awarded by PM Narendra Modi as the cleanest school in the country. The school encourages waste management and recycling and 60% of its premises has greenery. Moreover, regular discussions on cleanliness are held in the school. The school has won this award amongst all schools under the government sector.

381. Black money worth ___ crore declared under Income Tax Disclosure scheme

- a) 65250 b) 66250 c) 67250 d) 68250

Answer a) 65250. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said that RS 65,250 crore in black or untaxed money has been disclosed under the Centre's Income Declaration Scheme (IDS). The one-time compliance window closed. Under the scheme, launched on June 1, those who evaded taxes were allowed to avoid punishment by paying tax, penalty and cess totalling 45% of the declared income.

382.

CBI has registered a case against RK Dubey for giving Rs 13.5 crore loan to a company fraudulently; He was a former Chairman-cum-Managing Director of _____

- a) Indian Bank b) United Bank of India c) Canara Bank d) Syndicate Bank

Answer c) Canara Bank. CBI has registered a case against former Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Canara Bank R K Dubey for allegedly allowing deviations in sanctioning credit limits to a company during his tenure as Executive Director at Central Bank of India. CBI sources said the complaint was received against Dubey, who retired as CMD of Canara Bank, from Central Bank of India alleging that he conspired with two directors—G K Dhawan and Janak Dhawan— of a transport company J D Transport Pvt. Ltd, Delhi to allow deviations in sanctioning credit facilities to the tune of Rs 13.5 crore.

383.

India's Right to Information (RTI) Act that was passed in 2005 has been ranked _____ best in the world, according to the latest rankings of 111 nations with such laws

- a) 10th b) 5th c) 4th d) 3rd

Answer c) 4th. India's Right to Information (RTI) Act that was passed in 2005 has been ranked 4th best in the world, according to the latest rankings of 111 nations with such laws. The rankings were based on the strength of the legal framework that ensures the efficient implementation of the act. Mexico has topped scored 136 points out of a possible total of 150, followed by Serbia and Slovenia.

384.

Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) registers _____ growth in 2015-16

- a) 17% b) 32% c) 50% d) 66%

Answer b) 32% Riding on a robust performance of all its verticals, the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) achieved a turnover of Rs 1,506 crore in 2015-16 as compared to Rs 1,141 crore in 2014-15, registering a growth of 32 per cent. The Railways PSU's net profit was pegged at Rs 189 crore during FY16 as against Rs 131 crore a year earlier.