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**FIGURES TO REMEMBER**

- **REPO RATE (04.10.2019)**: 5.15%
- **REVERSE REPO RATE**: 4.90%
- **MARGINAL STANDING FACILITY RATE**: 5.40%
- **STATUTORY LIQUIDITY RATIO (w.e.f 12-10-2019)**: 18.50%
- **CASH RESERVE RATIO**: 4.00%
- **BANK RATE**: 5.40%
- **BASE RATE(s)** (of various banks): 8.95% to 9.40%

**INDIA’s RANK IN**

- World Talent Ranking: 59th
- TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix: 78th
- Ease of Doing business: 63rd
- IMD World Digital Competitiveness: 44th
- Global Hunger Index: 102nd
- Global Competitiveness Index: 68th
- World Giving Index: 82nd
- Global Happiness Index: 9th
- World Travel & Tourism Index: 34th
- Henley Passport Index: 86th
- Global Innovation Index: 52nd
- End of Childhood Index: 113th
- S.D.G. Gender Index: 95th
- Global Peace Index: 141th
- Start-up Ecosystem Rankings: 17th
- World Press Freedom Index: 140th
- Global Energy Transition Index: 76th
- Inclusive Internet Index: 47th
- UN World Happiness Report: 140th

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

**NOVEMBER**

**S C RULES IN FAVOUR OF RAM MANDIR**

The Supreme Court in a landmark historic judgment on Nov 9, paved the way for the construction of a Ram temple at Ayodhya. The five-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi unanimously decreed the decades-old title dispute in favour of Ram Lalla.

In a 1045-page historic verdict, the top court reversed the Allahabad High Court’s September 30, 2010, verdict that equally divided the disputed 2.77 acres between Ram Lalla, Nirmohi Akhara and Muslims, terming it “legally unsustainable”.

The Bench held that Sunni Central Waqf Board had failed to establish its case of dedication by user and the alternate plea of adverse possession. However, the court also ordered the allotment of alternate land measuring 5 acres to the Muslims for the construction of a mosque and associated activities within the city of Ayodhya.

**S C REJECTS REVIEW PETITIONS ON RAFALE**

The Supreme Court on Nov 14 dismissed the review petitions against its December 14, 2018 verdict in the Rafale deal on grounds that they lacked merit, reconfirming its clean chit given earlier to the Modi government in the fighter jet agreement with French firm Dassault Aviation. The apex court also rejected the contention that there was need to register an FIR in connection with the Rs 58,000 crore deal.

The Rafale fighter jet deal had become a major political issue during the Lok Sabha election campaign earlier this year. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of treason and corruption multiple times. Gandhi famously used the phrase “chowkidar chor hai” (watchman is the thief) during his campaign to accuse Modi of corruption.
S C TAKES NOTE OF ‘PARAALI’ BURNING

Signalling a strong action towards countering nuisance of burning of ‘paraali’ (stubble of paddy left after harvesting), the Supreme Court observed “People in Delhi-NCR are losing “precious years of their lives” and cannot be “left to die” due to the “atrocious” pollution situation which reflects a “shocking state of affairs”. The Court directed neighbouring Punjab, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh to stop stubble burning immediately. It also ordered incentives for small and marginal farmers who shun stubble-burning, directing that support of Rs 100 per quintal be provided within seven days to those who have not burned stubble.

CJI OFFICE IS NOT BEYOND RTI

Pronouncing another landmark historical judgement, the five-judge constitution bench of the Supreme Court held that the Chief Justice of India’s office is a public authority and hence comes under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, emphasizing that “in a constitutional democracy judges can’t be above the law”. “Transparency does not undermine judicial independence. Judicial independence and accountability go hand in hand,” said the judges.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR ARRIVES IN INDIA

German Chancellor Angela Merkel arrived in India for a state visit from October 31 to November 2. She co-chaired the 5th Biennial Indo-German Intergovernmental Consultations (IGC) along with PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi. The 2 countries signed 17 MoUs in areas like migration, Ayurveda and yoga, occupational diseases, maritime technology and start-ups. The two nations also exchanged five joint declarations of intent which included cooperation on strategic projects, partnership for green urban mobility, development of AI and cooperation to prevent marine litter. They also launched Indo-German Partnership for Green Urban Mobility with Germany allocating a sum of one billion dollars for it.

PM ATTENDS 11TH BRICS SUMMIT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a two-day visit to Brazil to attend the 11th BRICS Summit in Brasilia on 13-14 November. The theme of the Summit this year was “Economic Growth for an Innovative Future”. The summit aimed at boosting political and socio-economic coordination focussing on business opportunities, economic complementarities and other areas of cooperation.

BRICS is the acronym for an association of five major emerging national economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The group aims at promoting economic and political cooperation to counter the clout of capitalist countries lead by USA.

BRAZIL PRESIDENT CHIEF GUEST ON JAN 26

Jair Bolsonaro, President of Brazil accepted Prime Minister Modi’s invitation to become the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2020. As per extant practice, one of the heads of the state of friendly country is invited as the chief guest for the Republic Day Parade.

50th INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF INDIA

The Golden Jubilee edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held in Panaji, Goa from Nov 20 to 28. A postal stamp commemorating 50th edition of IFFI was also released on the occasion. Renowned French film actor Isabelle Huppert was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award in the festival. Superstar Rajinikanth was bestowed with the Icon of the Jubilee Award. Russia was the partner country this year.

CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS/ LT. GOVERNORS

The two-day annual Conference of Governors and Lieutenant Governors was held in Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, on Nov 23 and 24. President Ram Nath Kovind delivered the inaugural address of the Conference. This is the 50th such Conference held in Rashtrapati Bhavan and the third Conference presided over by President Kovind.

70 YEARS OF INDO-CHINA RELATIONS

India and China will jointly hold 70 celebratory activities to mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two nations. The year-long activities starting from 2020 will demonstrate historic connect between two civilisations as well as growing bilateral relations. Activities will be held related to martial arts exchange, traditional sports, entrepreneurship, and joint post-earthquake search and rescue exercise.
INDIA JUSTICE REPORT-2019 RELEASED
The India Justice Report released by Tata Trusts says that women are poorly represented structurally related to dispensation of justice. They account for just 7 per cent of the police, 10 percent of prison staff and about 26.5 percent of all judges in the high courts and subordinate courts. The report is the first of its kind to bring together data from different government sources based on four pillars of the justice system: Police, prisons, judiciary and legal aid.

Maharashtra, Kerala and Tamil Nadu are the top three states, respectively, in the effective functioning of the police, prisons, the judiciary and legal aid, the report says, while Uttar Pradesh (18), Bihar (17) and Jharkhand (16) are the bottom three states in the report’s comparative ranking of the capacity of their justice systems.

NGT CAUTIONS ON THE USE OF ROs
The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has given a “last opportunity” to the Union Environment Ministry to issue notifications pertaining to prohibition on the use of RO (reverse osmosis) systems, which result in wastage of almost 80% of water. Moreover, the RO process robs the water of essential minerals by removing them from water. Such water bereft of minerals is not suitable even for watering the plants. It can at best be used in flushing the toilets.

MUMBAI AND HYDERABAD SELECTED IN UCCN
UNESCO has designated Mumbai as a member of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in the field of films and Hyderabad in the field of gastronomy. Already three Indian cities in the UCCN list are - Chennai and Varanasi for music and Jaipur for craft and folk art.

The UCCN recognises 7 categories for inclusion - Crafts and Folk Arts, Design, Films, Gastronomy, Music, Media Arts and Literature. The UCCN was created in 2004 to promote cooperation with and among cities that have identified creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development. The 180 cities from across the world are there in this network.

KOLKATA HOSTS INTR. SCIENCE FESTIVAL
The 5th edition of India International Science Festival was held in Kolkata from November 5-8. It is the largest science festival in the world. This year's focus was on inspiring and motivating youth to learn real science in motion. The theme for this year's festival was ’RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation’.

GLOBAL BIO-INDIA SUMMIT
India, for the first time, hosted the Global Bio-India summit in New Delhi from 21st to 23rd November. It is one of the largest biotechnology stakeholders integration programmes. The meet aimed at attracting investments and showcasing strengths and aspirations of the indigenous talent pool.

COIN RELEASED ON YOGI's ANNIVERSARY
Govt released a special commemorative coin to mark great yoga monk Paramahansa Yogananda’s 125th birth anniversary (1893-1952). He is known as the Father of Yoga in the West. His book, “Autobiography of a Yogi”, translated into more than a dozen languages, remains a best-selling spiritual classic to this day.

BANGLADESH-INDIA FRIENDSHIP DIALOGUE
The 9th edition of Bangladesh-India Friendship Dialogue was held at Cox Bazar in Bangladesh on Nov 1-2. It covered a wide range of issues like trade and investment, connectivity, technology, energy, regional security, extremism, and sustainable development among others. The dialogue aims to draw from learning and experiences in these sectors between the two countries. The Cox Bazar is a beautiful major port city of Bangladesh, famous for its world’s longest beach.

“AARAMBH” COURSE FOR IAS PROBATIONERS
The Centre’s first-ever common foundation course “Aarambh” (beginning) was held at the Statue of Unity Complex in Kevadia, Gujarat for probationers of 2019 batch civil servants (IAS officers). Around 500 newly recruited officers attended the six-day training. World Bank president David Malpass and Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the trainees. The theme this year is “How to achieve the goal of making India a 5 trillion dollar economy”.

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MMR DECLINES BY 6.2% TO 122

India’s maternal mortality rate (MMR) declined by 8 points in one year from 130 per lakh live births in 2014-16 to 122 per lakh live births in 2015-17, registering a 6.2% decline, as per the latest data released by the Registrar General of India. This decline is important as it translates to nearly 2,000 additional pregnant women saved annually.

Eleven states have already achieved the ambitious target of MMR of 100 per lakh live births by 2020 set under the National Health Policy 2017. Assam has the highest MMR of 229 while Kerala was at the lowest level with MMR of 42. India recently launched the ‘Surakshita Matritva Aashwasan’ (SUMAN) programme for moving towards zero preventable maternal and newborn deaths.

**MMR:** It refers to number of deaths of child / mother during pregnancy or within 42 days of child birth per lakh of live births.

GLOBAL EXHIBITION ON SERVICES

The 5th edition of Global Exhibition on Services, GES 2019 was held at Bengaluru, Karnataka, from November 26 to 28. It is an annual event which aims to engage industry and governments across the world and to promote greater exchange of trade in services.

INDIA RANKS VERY LOW IN TALENT RANKING

India slipped six places to the 59th position in the new World Talent Ranking done by IMD, Switzerland for 63 countries. The reason for low ranking is less spending on quality of life and education. Switzerland ranks first, followed by Denmark and Sweden. The ranking is based on performance in three major categories - investment and development, its appeal among people and readiness. Mongolia was ranked at the end of the list of 63 countries.

STAMPS RELEASED IN HONOUR OF GANDHI

France released a commemorative postage stamp on Mahatma Gandhi, honouring his legacy and values, to mark the 150 birth anniversary of the world leader. Some other countries including Palestine, Uzbekistan and Turkey also issued such special stamps.

OCTOBER

DUTCH KING AND QUEEN ARRIVE IN INDIA

The Netherlands King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima arrived in New Delhi on Oct 13 on a five-day visit. Besides New Delhi, they also visited Mumbai, and Kochi in Kerala. The visit aimed at boosting economic and political cooperation between the two countries.

INDIA WELCOMES CHINESE PRESIDENT

Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived in Chennai on October 11 for a two-day visit to India. From there he moved to Mahabalipuram (also known as Mahabalipuram), some 60 kms south of Chennai, to hold the second informal summit with Prime Minister Modi.

BANGLADESH PM VISITS INDIA

Ms. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh arrived in India on Oct 3 for a three-day official visit. She attended the India Economic Summit of the World Economic Forum in Delhi.

PRESIDENT VISITS PHILIPPINE AND JAPAN

President Ram Nath Kovind embarked on a week-long visit to the Philippines and Japan on the 17th October. Mr Kovind held restricted and delegation level talks with President Rodrigo Duterte in the capital town of Manila.

On the second leg of the tour, he visited Japan on the 21st Oct. There he attended the Enthronement Ceremony of the Emperor of Japan, His Majesty Naruhito in capital Tokyo.

V P VISITS COMOROS, SIERRA LEONE

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu embarked on a five-day visit to Comoros and Sierra Leone from Oct 10 to 15. The visit started from Moroni, the capital of Comoros where he met country’s President Azali Assoumani.

On the second leg of his journey, he visited Free Town, capital of Sierra Leone and had a meeting with country’s President Julius Maada Wonie Bio.

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JAIPUR IS THE CLEANEST RAILWAY STATION

Under Swachh Rail, Swacch Bharat cleanliness assessment 2019, carried out by the Ministry of Railways, Jaipur Junction in Rajasthan topped the tally among 720 major stations covered all over the country. Jodhpur, also from Rajasthan, bagged second place.

'FEED OUR FUTURE' CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

The United Nations World Food Program launched the 'Feed Our Future' campaign in association with UFO Movies of Mumbai to create awareness and take steps against hunger and malnutrition in India.

INDIA JUMPS IN “EASE OF DOING BUSINESS”

The World Bank released “Ease of Doing Business” for 2019-20. India’s ranking has improved by 14 places to 63rd place from 77th in 2018-19 rankings. The 190 country rankings are topped by New Zealand, followed by Singapore and Hong Kong at 2nd and 3rd place.

INDIA UP IN DIGITAL COMPETITIVENESS

India was ranked 44th in the IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2019 compiled for 63 countries surveyed by the IMD World Competitiveness Center, Switzerland. The USA was ranked at number one, followed by Singapore at second spot.

INDIA FARES VERY LOW IN HUNGER INDEX

India ranked 102 out of 117 countries in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2019. India ranked below Pakistan (94), Bangladesh (88), Nepal (73) and Sri Lanka (66) among other South Asian countries. The 17 best countries with a score of less than 5, include countries like Belarus, Bulgaria, Cuba, Kuwait, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine.

INDIA SLIPS 10 RANKS IN COMPETITIVENESS

India slipped to 68th rank in the annual Global Competitiveness Index of 140 countries, down by 10 places from its 58th rank in 2018. At the top, Singapore pushed the United States to second position. The Index has been compiled by Geneva-based World Economic Forum.

INDIA LAGS BEHIND IN CHARITY

India ranks 82nd among the 128 countries surveyed by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). The CAF formulated World Giving Index (WGI) after surveying some 1.3 million people worldwide. The WGI placed the USA at the top, followed by Myanmar, New Zealand and Australia.

INDIA HOME TO 535 MILLION LIVESTOCK

As per the 20th Livestock Census -2019 conducted by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, India’s livestock population has increased to over 535 million showing an increase of 4.6 per cent over last census conducted in 2012. India has the largest cattle inventory in the world, accounting for roughly one third of the total, followed by Brazil and China.

50 LAKH CRIMES REPORTED IN 2017

As per the ‘Crime in India 2017’ annual crime report released by the National Crime Records Bureau, 50 lakh cases of cognizable crime were registered across the country during 2017. Of the 3.59 lakh cases of crime reported against women, Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest number - 56,011 cases. Maharashtra and West Bengal appeared on the second and third position with 31,979 and 30,002 number of cases respectively, while Madhya Pradesh registered the highest number of rape cases at 5562.

NEWSPAPER DNA STOPS IT's PRINT EDITION

A popular daily newspaper of western India -the Daily News & Analysis (DNA), decided to stop its print edition from Mumbai and Ahmedabad from Oct 10. A note from the editor said that it was “turning digital” to match changing reader preferences and will launch a mobile application soon. The 14-year-old morninger is owned by Zee media of Subhash Chandra’s Essel Group.
Prime Minister Modi made a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia on 28-29 October. He attended the session of Future Investment summit in Riyadh. He also launched the RuPay card in Saudi Arabia.

To celebrate 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the Nepal Rastra Bank has issued commemorative coins of 2,500, 1,000 and 100 Nepali rupees, in Kathmandu.

Carpet Export Promotion Council organized 38th India Carpet Expo in Varanasi from October 11 to 14.

Indian Railways has announced that it will become a net-zero carbon emitter by 2030. The move is a part of India’s strategy to combat climate change.

Supreme Court has ruled that road traffic offences can be prosecuted under the Motor Vehicles Act as well as the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

INDIANS FORM LARGEST DIASPORA
United Nations latest report says that India is the leading country of origin of international migrants in 2019 with a 17.5 million-strong diaspora from among the total number of migrants, globally estimated at 272 million. Country wise, the USA is home to the largest number of migrants (5.1 crore). The International Migrant Stock 2019 report was released by the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The report was prepared with the help of population censuses, population registers and nationally representative surveys.

INDIA JOINS ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE HUB
India, which is among the countries with the highest bacterial disease burden in the world, has become a part of the Global Antimicrobial Resistance Research and Development Hub. India’s first National Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Hub was inaugurated in Kolkata. The centre would be the hub for research on antibiotic resistance, not only for the country but for the entire South Asia. According to the WHO data, more than 700,000 people die from AMR infections and the number is expected to spike to more than 10 million deaths each year, if proper action is not taken.

INDIAN FILM RANKED 59th IN TOP 100
The film “Gangs of Wasseypur” by Anurag Kashyap became the only Indian film to feature in “The Guardian” list of the 100 Best Films of the 21st century. The film was placed at the 59th position. The two film “Gangs Of Wasseypur” series was released in 2012 and narrated the saga of a coal mafia family in the town of Wasseypur in Dhanbad district of Jharkhand.

DOORDARSHAN COMPLETES 60 YEARS
On September 15, Doordarshan, India’s only general TV channel, celebrated 60 years of its existence. Over the years, Doordarshan has grown into a network operating 34 satellite channels, besides providing free-to-air DTH service. Entertainment shows like Chitrahaar, Mahabharat, Dekh Bhai Dekh, Fauji, Malgudi Days, among others, captured the imagination of the Indian public in the late 80s and early 90s, and still remain etched in people’s minds as pure entertainment that brought people together.
INDIA HOSTS COP14 TO UNCCD

India hosted over 3000 participants from 196 nations for moving towards Sustainable Development for the next two years in the 14th Conference of Parties, COP14, to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) held in Greater Noida, adjoining New Delhi, from Sep 2 to 13. The main objective of the convention is to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in countries experiencing serious drought or desertification. The Conference provides a framework for countries to restore the land and protect human health. It will present sustainable solutions for better land management.

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

The London based Times Higher Education society released the World University Ranking 2020 on September 11. No Indian institute figured in the top 300 rankings. From India, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar, and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru are the best institutes and stand at among the top 301-350 universities of the world. The rankings are topped by the University of Oxford for the fourth time in a row. The California Institute of Technology stands at the second place and the University of Cambridge fell to the third rank this year.

INDIA’s FIRST PRIVATELY RUN TRAIN

In the history Indian Railways, for the first time, a train will not be operated by the Railways, instead, the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), a government of India undertaking, has been asked to run two trains - the Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express will be the first, and the second, the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Tejas Express. To make the travel attractive, the IRCTC will offer free travel insurance worth Rs. 25 lakh, on-board infotainment services, doorstep baggage collection, local food and no tatkal quota and several other facilities and amenities as are available in airlines.

INDO-NEPAL PETRO PIPELINE INAUGURATED

South Asia’s first cross-border petroleum pipeline was inaugurated in Nepal. It runs from Motihari in Bihar to Amlekhgunj in Nepal, covering a length of 69 kms, having a capacity of 2 million metric ton per annum. The pipeline will considerably reduce the transportation cost of petroleum. Nepal is keen to name the pipeline “Ram Janaki Petroleum Pipeline”.

INDIA RANKS 9th IN HAPPINESS

According to a "Global Happiness Survey" by Ipsos, Indian has been ranked 9th on the happiness index among 28 global markets. Australia and Canada have emerged as the happiest nations of the world. Living conditions, physical well-being, personal safety and security, friends, emerged as some of the top determinants of happiness. Ipsos, a Paris based global market research firm.

INDIA RANKED 34th IN TOURISM

As per the World Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index 2019 released by the World Economic Forum (WEF), India has jumped 6 places to claim 34th spot. Over 1.5 crore international tourists arrived in India in the year. Spain topped the ranking index followed by France and Germany. The Index ranked 140 countries on their relative strengths in global tourism and travel.

- A new bus service between Kathmandu and Siliguri in West Bengal has been started. The 44-seater AC deluxe bus will complete 650 km journey in 18 hours.
Film “Gully Boy” by Zoya Akhtar, has been selected as India’s official entry in the International Feature Film category at the 92nd Academy Awards (Oscars).

The 5th International Ramayana Festival organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations was held in New Delhi.

The UNESCO has decided to translate and publish an anthology of the writings of Guru Nanak Dev in world languages to mark his 550th birth anniversary.

The 72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia held in New Delhi. The committee is the highest decision making and governing body of WHO in the region.

A documentary film titled ‘Moti Bagh’, based on the life of an Uttarakhand farmer, has been nominated for Oscars.

India’s first-ever helicopter summit was held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The Indian Air Force talked about role of IAF helicopters in medical evacuation at the national level.

**NEWS FROM STATES**

**NOVEMBER**

**POLITICAL DRAMA ENDS IN MAHARASHTRA**

President’s rule in Maharashtra ended as the three non-BJP parties finally reached an understanding on forming a coalition led by Shiv Sena leader Uddhav Thackeray and he will be the Chief Minister. Leaders of Congress and Nationalist Congress Party will be given the post of Deputy Chief Minister.

**GURU NANAK CHAIR IN BIRMINGHAM, UK**

Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, inaugurated a new Guru Nanak Chair at the University of Birmingham, UK, to mark the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji. The chair (a mini department in the university) will promote research around the teachings of the founder of the Sikh religion.

**PEACE AWARD IN HONOUR OF GURU NANAK**

Punjab State Cabinet has decided to institute Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Award for Promotion of Peace and Interfaith Understanding, in commemoration of the 550th Prakash Purb of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The award would carry a citation and a cash prize of 11 lakh rupees. This coveted award would be given each year and would be adjudicated by a jury to be notified by the State Government.

**THE KARTARPUR CORRIDOR OPERATIONAL**

A new milestone in the history was created when the two warring nations finally joined hands on Nov 4 to open the “Kartarpur Corridor” to pay tributes to Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji on his 550th birth anniversary.

The 4-km-long cross-border corridor got operational as the Prime Minister of Pakistan and India jointly inaugurated the much awaited “Kartarpur Corridor” that opened the doors of one of the holiest Sikh shrine, “Gurudwara Sri Darbar Sahib” in Narowal district of Pakistan, to the Indian devotees. This is the place where Guru Nanak Dev ji breathed his last. Before this, the devotees were dependent on two binoculars installed by the BSF on our side of border at Dera Baba Nanak in district Gurdaspur to have the darshan of the holy shrine, 4 kms away.

**CHHATH PUJA CELEBRATED WITH FERVOUR**

The four-day celebrations of the immensely popular Chhath Puja concluded on Nov 3 with devotees offering prayers to the rising sun in different parts of the country. People in Bihar and adjoining areas of UP and Jharkhand, celebrate this festival with great fervour. Coming towards the end of the harvest season, the sixth day after Diwali, Chhath Puja started as a thanksgiving ritual, to express farmers’ gratitude for a bumper crop. Devotees offer their prayers to and seek blessings from the Sun God and his sister Chhathi Maiyya.
J&K EXCELS IN RURAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Jammu and Kashmir achieved the highest road length in the country so far this year under the Centre's rural roads programme "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)" with the completion of around 11,400 kilometres covering 1,838 habitations.

T N 1st TO HAVE LAW ON CONTRACT FARMING

Tamil Nadu has become the first state in the country to enact a law on contract farming. The Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2019 has been approved by the President. The Act aims to set a policy framework and institutional mechanism on agricultural produce and livestock contract farming.

WINTER GRADE DIESEL FOR LADAKH

India’s first Winter Grade Diesel Sales Center was opened in Ladakh region on November 7. This diesel retains its fluidity even at -33 degree Celsius temperature. Earlier, vehicles used to stop in the Ladakh due to the freezing of diesel at -20 to -30 degree but now they can run on winter-grade diesel. Indian Oil Corporation developed this special diesel at their Panipat refinery by blending five percent biodiesel in normal diesel.

MANIPUR CELEBRATES ‘SANGAI FESTIVAL’

The week long Manipur Sangai Festival 2019 started in various parts of Manipur on Nov 24. Organized by the State Tourism Department, it is the biggest festival held annually to promote tourism. Sangai, the brow-antlered deer, found only in Manipur, is the state animal of Manipur.

KOLKATA INSTALLS DNA TESTING MACHINES

Kolkata installed first of its kind high-end "reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction" (RT-PCR) machines in India for quick detection of diseases like dengue, tuberculosis and swine flu. These machines are to serve as a ‘third umpire’ in situations when medical reports and blood tests reveal contradictory results. They provide an accurate DNA report on blood tests in order to ascertain the exact cause of illness.

TAMIL NADU TOPS IN ROAD ACCIDENTS

The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways released a report based on road accidents occurred in 2018. According to the report, the number of road accidents has increased by 0.46% in the year 2018 as compared to 2017. The death rate during the road accident has also increased by 2.37 per cent during this period. In 2018, Tamil Nadu recorded the most number of road accidents while Uttar Pradesh had the highest number of persons died in road accidents.

PUNJAB HELPLINE FOR UNEMPLOYED

The Punjab government has launched a first of its kind job helpline number 76260-76260 for the unemployed youth of the state under ‘Ghar Ghar Rozgar’ programme. A 110-seat call centre of Punjab Job Helpline has also been created for the data to be prepared.

AIIB TO FUND MUMBAI SUBURBAN RAIL

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has agreed to invest $500 million in three suburban rail infrastructure projects of the Mumbai Urban Transport Project 3 to curb trespass deaths in the Mumbai suburban rail corridor.

WB TO FUND ODISHA IRRIGATION PROJECT

The World Bank approved a $165 million loan for funding Odisha’s Integrated Irrigation Project for Climate Resilient Agriculture. The project will be implemented in rural areas vulnerable to droughts and largely dependent on rainfed agriculture.
ADB LOAN FOR VIJAYANAGARA IRRIGATION

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a $91 million loan to renovate the Vijaya Nagara Irrigation systems in Karnataka. The project aims to prepare river basin management plan for the Krishna river basin to improve the efficiency of irrigation water.

ADB TO FUND CKIC PROJECT IN TAMIL NADU

The Asian Development Bank approved a $451 million (about Rs 3,200 crore) loan to strengthen power connectivity between the southern and northern parts of the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu. The project will help promote economic development by delivering a more reliable and competitive power supply for industry and services in the state, which in turn will spur jobs and improve livelihoods.

‘AVIAN BOTULISM’ KILLS 18,000 BIRDS

The Rajasthan government declared that Avian Botulism bacteria were the reason behind the recent death of more than 18,000 migratory birds at Sambhar Lake. IVRI (Indian Agricultural Research Institute Indian Veterinary Research Institute) of Bareilly also stamped its report on the possibility of Avian Botulism. Botulism bacteria produce a kind of toxic substance that spreads in the body of birds by the consumption of maggots / worms infected with toxins. It causes paralysis or death of the birds.

- Odisha govt signed an MoU with the UNICEF to implement the “drink from tap mission” to provide piped supply of quality drinking water to every household in the state on 24-hour basis.
- The Assam govt announced ‘Arundhati Swarna Yojana’ under which 10 grams of gold will be offered as a gift to every adult bride who has completed at least 10th standard and has registered her marriage
- One of the world’s biggest Islamic Congregation Aalmi Tablighi Ijtima was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from Nov 22 to 25. More than one million people from 54 countries attended the congregation.

- The green tea and white tea of Darjeeling (West Bengal) were granted a geographical indication (GI) tag under Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act 1999.
- West Bengal has banned the production and sale of gutka and pan masala in the state for a year starting from November 7 with a view to control the adverse effects of tobacco use, particularly on minors.
- Ladakh organized the first-ever Ladakh Literature festival from 29 to 31 October to celebrate the uniqueness of the region in the fields of art, culture and literature.

OCTOBER

4 NEW GOVERNORS APPOINTED

President of India approved appointment of two governors and two Lt. Governors as under:

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Kerala/CHD TOP IN SCHOOL EDUCATION

Kerala emerged on top among 20 large states in terms of quality of school education, followed by Rajasthan and Karnataka, while Uttar Pradesh was ranked at the bottom during 2016-17, as per the School Education Quality Index released by the Niti Aayog. Of the seven UTs, Chandigarh came at the top position.

UP LAUNCHES SCHEME FOR GIRLS

U P government launched ‘MukhyMantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana’ to provide a fund worth Rs 15000 to every family where a girl child is born. All girl children born after April 1, 2019 are eligible for the full fund.

HIGHWAY NAMED AFTER GURU NANAK

The 53 km long road starting from Kapurthala connecting Goindwal Sahib and terminating near Tarn Taran in Punjab has been declared as new National Highway, number 703 A A and has been named as “Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Marg”. The decision has been taken to mark the 550th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev on Kartik Purnima on Nov 12.
UP TO PREPARE FOR KHON RAMLILA

Uttar Pradesh government is going to organise the country's first training and performance programme of world famous KHON (खोन) Ramlila, in collaboration with Thai government. **KHON Ramlila of Thailand is a form of masked dance depicting the scenes of Ramlila.**

ANDHRA SAYS NO TO INTERVIEWS

The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to do away with personal interviews for recruitment of staff and limit the process only to written examination. The final selection will be done on the merit basis as per the marks obtained in the written exam alone.

INDIA’s FIRST E-WASTE CLINIC LAUNCHED

The Bhopal Municipal Corporation and the Central Pollution Control Board have joined hands to set up the country’s first e-waste clinic in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh to facilitate proper collection and disposal of various e-waste items.

ADB TO FUND ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN R’THAN

India and Asian Development Bank, ADB signed $190 million loan agreement for funding improvement of road connectivity in Rajasthan. It will cover 754 kilometres of state highways which will benefit about 26 million people in 14 districts of Rajasthan.

- In U P, Grand Diwali celebrations at Ayodhya have set a world record as over 5 lakh 51 thousand earthen lamps (Diyas) were lit altogether on Oct 27.
- Govt. has decided to name India’s longest (9.2 km) Chenani- Nashri tunnel on NH 44, in Jammu and Kashmir, after Bhartiya Jansangh (presently BJP) founder Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.

- Madhya Pradesh hosted the 10th edition of the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav-National Cultural Festival organized by the Union Ministry of Culture from Oct 14 to 21 under the ‘Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat’ campaign.

SEPTEMBER

HP LAUNCHES SERVICE NUMBER 1100

Himachal Pradesh launched the Mukhyamantri Seva Sankalp Helpline number ‘1100’ to provide timely help to the residents of the state. The helpline aims to enable people to resolve their complaints and problems by calling on this helpline.

5 STATES GET NEW GOVERNORS

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SHONDOL DANCE CREATES WORLD RECORD

Shondol dance, which is known as the royal dance of Ladakh, has created history by entering into the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest Ladakhi dance. As many as 408 women attired in traditional dresses and beautiful headgears performed the dance, which broke the previous record of 299 artists in the 2018 festival. The event was held on the concluding day of the Buddhist carnival Naropa festival held near the Hemis Monastery in Ladakh.

J&K TOPS IN AYUSHMAN BHARAT

Jammu and Kashmir has become the first state to distribute the highest number of golden cards under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). More than 11 lakhs of golden cards have been issued under the scheme within 90 days of the launch of the scheme. Around 60% of families are having at least 1 golden card, highest in the country.
INDIA’s HIGHEST SKY CYCLING TRACK

The highest sky cycling track of the country has been built at an altitude of 9,000 feet at Gulaba, a tourist destination at Manali, Himachal Pradesh. This track has been made by Atal Bihari Vajpayee Mountaineering Sports Institute.

INDIA’s TALLEST ATC TOWER

India’s tallest ATC (air traffic control) tower started functioning at Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International Airport. With a height of 102 metres, it will enhance the safety and boost the efficiency of air transport management services.

GUJARAT JOINS HANDS WITH DELAWARE, USA

Gujarat Government and Delaware State of America signed MoU for sister state. Sectors like Biotechnology University, bio sciences, financial services, animal husbandry and dairy, port services have been shortlisted for future cooperation.

MEGA SOLAR POWER PLANT IN LADAKH

The Centre has finalised the site for a 7,500 MW mega solar project at Pang, about 117 km from Leh, Ladakh. The Rs 50,000 crore grid-connected solar photovoltaic project spread across Leh and Kargil districts is the single biggest investment proposal in the region, after it became UT. The renewable energy ministry plans to eventually scale it up to 23,000 MW grid-connected Ultra Mega Solar PV - Photovoltaic project.

‘WALK TO WORK’ LAUNCHED IN MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya state launched the ‘Walk to Work’ campaign in the state as a part of ‘Fit India Movement’ launched in the country by the Prime Minister. The campaign has multiple benefits like cost cutting of fuel including reduction of CO2 emission, reduction in congestion in the cities and the most important “health and fitness” for the citizens.

- UNESCO has tied up with the Rajasthan government to promote music, art and craft forms, and other intangible cultural heritage of the state to spur socio-economic growth of several local artist communities.
- Kerala Tourism has won three prestigious Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold awards in Nur-Sultan (Astan), Kazakhstan.
- Tamil Nadu government launched its exclusive 24x7 education channel ‘Kalvi Tholaikkatchi’ for school students of classes I to XII.
- Tamil Nadu’s Dindigul locks and Kandangi sarees have been granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags.
- Madhya Pradesh government has appointed film star Govinda as brand ambassador to promote the state’s traditions and tourist places.
- Asian Development Bank approved a $ 200 million loan for upgrading rural roads in 34 districts of Maharashtra to improve road safety.

GOVT. INITIATIVES

PORTAL FOR EARLY RELEASE OF SUBSIDY

The Union Government launched the Credit-linked Subsidy Services Awas Portal (CLAP) of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Housing for All (Urban). The portal will help in addressing the grievance of the beneficiaries in a much more comprehensive and organized manner and will help in early release of subsidy to them. The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) aims to address the housing needs of the urban population.

NEW IT INITIATIVES FOR CUSTOM CLEARANCE

Ministry of Finance released two new IT Initiatives named ICEDASH and ATITHI to improve monitoring and pace of customs clearance of imported goods and facilitating arriving international passengers.

ICEDASH is a monitoring dashboard for Ease of Doing Business by facilitating a hassle-free and faster clearance of imported goods at the airports by the Customs.

ATITHI app enables international travelers to file the Customs declaration about the dutiable items in advance.

Both the initiatives have been developed by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of the National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa (Tibetan system of medicine) in Leh, Ladakh. The Institute will be an autonomous National Institute under Ministry of AYUSH with the mandate to undertake interdisciplinary education and research programmes in Sowa-Rigpa in collaboration with premier national and international Institutes and facilitate the integration of different systems of medicine.

‘TAMANNA’ TO HELP CLASS 9/10 STUDENTS
The Central Board of Secondary Education - CBSE and National Council for Educational Research and Training - NCERT launched an online aptitude test called ‘TAMANNA’ - “Try And Measure Aptitude And Natural Abilities”. It provides information about the strengths of students and there is no pass or fail in this test. The test aims to help students of Class 9 and 10 to make a better selection of subjects, eventually helping them in choosing subjects in Class 11 and 12.

WASTELANDS ATLAS-2019 RELEASED
The Department of Land Resources and National Remote Sensing Centre in the Ministry of Rural Development released the 5th edition of Wastelands Atlas-2019. It provides complete geospatial information on wastelands of India that can help in planning various land development programs and schemes. It can provide State and district wise distribution of different categories of wastelands area in the country and will be helpful in addressing the problem of land degradation.

BHARATIYA POshan KRISHI Kosh launched
The Union Government has launched Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh with the aim of reducing malnutrition in India. It is a repository of diverse crops across 128 agro-climatic zones to help enable better nutritional outcomes. The Kosh aims to reduce malnutrition among women and children across the country, through a multi-sectoral results-based framework, including agriculture. It will promote and reinforce healthy dietary practices both at the individual and community level and in tackling malnutrition in a sustainable manner.

‘SAANS’ LAUNCHED TO COUNTER PNEUMONIA
Government launched ‘SAANS’ (Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully) campaign from Gujarat aimed at reducing child mortality due to pneumonia, which accounts for around 15% of deaths of children under the age of five. The government aims to achieve a target of reducing pneumonia deaths among children to less than three per 1000 live births by 2025.

RAILWAY INSTALLS ‘HEALTH ATMs’
The Indian Railways has installed two ‘Health ATMs’ at the Charbagh railway station in Lucknow, UP. The kiosks, promoted by YOLO Health ATM, provide 16 health check-ups for Rs 50-100. The report is delivered instantly to the email or smartphone of the user. The check-ups include various tests like body mass index, blood pressure, body fat, haemoglobin, temperature, pulse rate, blood sugar, etc.

IBM TO LAUNCH SKILLSBUILD PLATFORM
The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has collaborated with the global IT giant IBM to launch SkillsBuild platform to provide two-year advanced diploma in IT, cloud computing and networking to the students of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) & National Skill Training Institutes. This initiative is part of IBM’s global commitment to create a job-ready workforce and to build the next generation of skills needed for new collar careers.

VISA EXEMPTIONS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT
India announced new visa exemptions for foreigners seeking medical treatment in India. Now foreigners seeking medical treatment in India will not have to get their primary visa converted in a medical visa. This will be applicable for foreigners obtaining indoor treatment up to 180 days and seeking admission to a hospital.

"SWACHH – NIRMAL TAT (तट) ABHIYAAN"
To strive to make our beaches clean and create awareness amongst citizens about the importance of coastal ecosystems, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched a mass cleanliness-awareness drive in 50 identified beaches under the “Swachh – Nirmal Tat (तट) Abhiyaan”, from 11th -17th November, 2019. The identified beaches are in 10 coastal States/UTs.
GOVT TO GO IN FOR E-VEHICLES

The government plans to convert all the 5 lakh government vehicles on conventional fuel into e-vehicle in a phased manner as besides their cost-effectiveness, e-vehicles are eco-friendly and save consumption of petrol and diesel.

TRAI FIXES RING TIME AT 30 SECONDS

Telecom regulator TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India) has fixed phone call ring time at 30 seconds on mobiles and 60 seconds for landline phones, in case the call is neither answered nor rejected by the subscriber.

FSSAI LAUNCHES ‘FOOD SAFETY MITRA’

In a bid to improve the ease of doing business, apex food regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on the occasion of the World Food Day (Oct 16) launched Food Safety Mitra scheme to sensitise street food vendors on hygiene aspects and assist businessmen to comply with standards and facilitate licensing and registration.

KARNATAKA TOPS IN INNOVATION

The NITI Aayog released it’s first-ever India Innovation Index to promote competitiveness among the states. Karnataka emerged as the topper among major states, followed by Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra at 2nd and 3rd spot. Among the North-Eastern states, Sikkim and among Union Territories Delhi occupied the top spot.

APP LAUNCHED TO PROMOTE PLANTATION

Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs launched the mobile app ‘mHariyali’ to promote plantation of trees. Through this app, people can upload photos of plantation done by them, which will be directly displayed @ epgc.gov.in.

‘SUMAN’ TO CURB MATERNAL/INFANT MORTALITY

Government launched Surakshit Matrirta Aashwasan, SUMAN, initiative in New Delhi under which pregnant women, mothers up to 6 months after delivery, sick newborns will be able to avail free healthcare benefits.

“YOUTH CO:LAB” LAUNCHED

In the latest initiative to recognize young people as critical drivers of sustainable development, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India joined hands to launch “Youth Co: Lab” which aims at accelerating social entrepreneurship and innovation in young Indians.

LOGO LAUNCHED FOR “TRANS FAT FREE” FOOD

The Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched a special logo to indicate “Trans Fat Free” food items. This marked an important milestone in the movement against Trans-Fats and also promoted the ‘Eat Right India’ movement of FSSAI.

NATIONAL E-ASSESSMENT SCHEME LAUNCHED

With a view to eliminate human interface between income taxpayers and assessing officers, the govt has launched the National e-Assessment Scheme. In the new setup there will now be no physical interface between taxpayers and tax officers.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UP FOR THE KIN OF BC

The govt approved a four-fold increase in the monetary assistance provided to the next of kin of all battle casualties, from existing Rs 2 lakh to 8 lakh. The amount will be provided from the Army Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (ABCWF).

NCERT TO REVISE NATIONAL CURRICULUM

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has decided to review the 14-year-old National Curriculum Framework for the 5th time in accordance with new national education policy.

Tourism Ministry has launched the Audio Guide facility “Audio Odigos” for 12 iconic tourists sites of India. It will offer verified content, with visuals and voice over support.
Govt. has renamed New Delhi-Ludhiana Intercity Express as 'Sarbat Da Bhala Express' as a tribute to Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji’s 550th Parkash Purb.

The first India International Cooperatives Trade Fair was held in New Delhi from Oct 11 to 13 to enhance the role of small farmers and cooperatives in export.

The second Vande Bharat Express started its run on the Delhi-Katra route from 5th October to benefit lakhs of pilgrims who visit Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the eDantseva website and mobile app to support oral health information and knowledge dissemination.

The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal to double the honorariums for ASHA workers to Rs 2000 per month from Rs 1,000 earlier.

National Health Authority signed a Statement of Intent with Google for implementation of Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

Govt launched a new health initiative named ‘UMMID’ (Unique Methods of Management and treatment of Inherited Disorders) to tackle inherited genetic diseases of newborn babies. The initiative will help the future generations in treating and preventing the diseases caused by genetic disorders. Further, National Inherited Diseases Administration (NIDAN) kendras have been established under UMMID scheme to create awareness about normalizing the life of children suffering from genetic disorders.

‘UMMID’ TO FIGHT GENETIC DISEASES

The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign has shown encouraging results in improving sex ratio and awareness generation in the country. The national sex ratio made remarkable 13 points jump from 918 to 931 in last 5 years. The campaign was launched on Jan 22, 2015, initially in 100 districts having most adverse sex ratio. Later, it was extended to cover entire India.

AWARD FOR UNITY AND INTEGRITY

The union government has instituted the highest civilian award in the name of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, for rewarding the outstanding contribution to the unity and integrity of India. The “Sardar Patel Unity Award” seeks to recognize notable and inspiring contributions in promoting the cause of national unity and integrity and to reinforce the value of a strong and united India. No cash reward would be attached to the award and not more than three awards will be given in a year.

‘SHAGUN’ TO IMPROVE SCHOOL EDUCATION

HRD ministry launched one of the world’s largest Integrated Online Junction for School Education ‘Shagun’ in New Delhi. The term Shagun has been coined from two different words- Sha from ‘Shala’ meaning Schools and gun from ‘Gunvatta’ meaning quality.

“BUILD FOR DIGITAL INDIA” LAUNCHED

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has partnered with Google to roll out a programme that will give engineering students a platform to develop market-ready, technology-based solutions that address key social problems. The programme will cover areas like healthcare, agriculture, education, smart cities and infrastructure, women’s safety, smart mobility and transportation, environment, accessibility and disability and digital literacy.

‘FIT INDIA MOVEMENT’ LAUNCHED

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the ‘Fit India Movement’ on the occasion of National Sports Day - August 29. It is a nationwide campaign and it aims to encourage people to inculcate physical activity and sports in their everyday lives.
SEPTEMBER IS THE ‘POSHAN MAAH’

Ministry of Women and Child Development has decided to observe the entire month of September as the Rashtriya Poshan Maah (month). POSHAN (Prime Minister’s Overreaching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment) Abhiyaan is devoted to improve nutritional outcomes for children, adolescents, pregnant women and lactating mothers by leveraging technology and a targeted approach. This year the theme is “Complementary Feeding”.

APP LAUNCHED FOR HIRING FARM MACHINERY

Ministry of Agriculture launched a multilingual mobile app ‘CHC Farm Machinery’ to allow farmers to avail the services of CHCs (Custom Hiring Service Centres) located in a radius of 50 km. Now the farmers can custom hire various latest farm machinery and equipment from the CHCs. The app can be downloaded on any android phone from Google Play Store.

SAILORS TO GET BIOMETRIC IDENTITY

India has become the first country in the world to issue a Biometric Seafarer Identity Document (BSID) to its seafarers. The new document will give a foolproof identification to our seafarers which will facilitate their movement, provide ease of getting jobs and help in identifying them from any location in the world. There are about two lakh sailors from India working in different locations.

COUNTRY’s FIRST POLICE UNIVERSITY

The Union home ministry plans to set up country’s first central police university in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The university will help in improving police personnel training, skills, research and policymaking with regard to policing in India.

NITI AAYOG SEEKS McKinsey SUPPORT

Niti Aayog has selected McKinsey & Company to set up India’s first Digital Capability Centre. It is a unique digital manufacturing learning centre that offers company leaders and their workforces hands-on experience and workshops in next-generation technology to help them advance their operations, design and productivity.

FAMILY PENSION HIRED TO 50%

The government has decided that the government servant, who dies within seven years of joining service, his family will now be eligible for family pension at an enhanced rate of 50 per cent (from earlier 30 percent) of last pay drawn during the last 10 years. The enhanced rates will be effective with effect from 1st of October, 2019.

STEEP HIKE IN TRAFFIC VIOLATION PENALTIES

The government has notified that the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act 2019 will be implemented from September 1. Change in penalties, licences, registration and National Transport Policy are part of the 63 new clauses that will become effective from Sep 01.

INDIA TO FUND RESEARCHERS FROM ASEAN

India formally launched an initiative to fund 1,000 scholars from ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries to pursue PhD at its 23 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). It is a joint initiative of the HRD and the ministry of external affairs. Under the Rs. 300 crore project, students from the 10 ASEAN countries will get funding for the entire cost of study and living expenses for up to 5 years of their PhD programme.
FIRST FUN ZONE AT PLATFORM BY RAILWAYS

With an aim to cut down the monotony of prolonged waiting periods on railway stations and to make it an enjoyable experience, particularly for children, in a first of its kind initiative, a fun zone has been set up by the Railways at the Visakhapatnam railway station in Andhra Pradesh. Setup by the South Coast Railway Zone, it has all the high-tech gaming activities at par with other video game parlours.

‘INSTITUTE OF EMINENCE’ STATUS TO 5

The HRD Ministry has awarded the ‘Institute of Eminence’ status to 5 public institutions. The Ministry took the decision based on the recommendations from the University Grants Commission (UGC). The five institutions are:
IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, Delhi University, Benares Hindu University and University of Hyderabad.
All these institutions will sign an MoU with the HRD Ministry and will lay out its plan to achieve the objective of becoming a world-class institution. Every institute will then be eligible for a government grant of Rs 1,000 crore each.

PROGRAMME LAUNCHED FOR ANIMALS

The National Animal Disease Control Programme was launched from Mathura in Uttar Pradesh. The programme aims at vaccinating over 500 million livestock including cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats and pigs against foot and mouth disease.
The programme also aims at vaccinating 36 million female bovine calves annually in its fight against Brucellosis disease.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SKILLS AT MUMBAI

Government plans to establish Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) at Mumbai to provide skill training in highly-specialised areas to students who want to pursue technical education after completing Class X and XII.
The IIS will be a tertiary care institute in the skills ecosystem and offer best of required courses in emerging and high demand areas such as deep technology, aerospace, among others.

BAN ANNOUNCED ON E-CIGARETTES

Finance Minister announced that the government has decided to put a complete ban on e-cigarettes. This means that import/export, transport, sale, distribution, storage and advertising related to e-cigarettes are banned. E-cigarettes are generally known as battery-operated devices that produce vape by heating nicotine mixed solution, which is the addictive substance in combustible cigarettes.

❖ Government has set up a three-member panel headed by Former Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra to oversee the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories - Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

ECONOMY & INDUSTRY

NOVEMBER

MOODY’S CUT INDIA’s GROWTH RATE TO 5.6%

Global rating agency Moody’s Investors Service, USA cut India’s economic growth forecast for the current year - 2019-20 to 5.6 per cent from 5.8 percent estimated earlier, saying GDP slowdown is lasting longer than previously expected. It expected economic activity to pick up in 2020 and 2021 to 6.6 per cent and 6.7 per cent, respectively, but the pace to remain lower than in the recent past.

MOODY’S LOWER INDIA’s CREDIT RATING

India’s credit rating outlook suffered a setback as it was cut down to negative at ‘Baa2’, second-lowest investment grade, from stable by global rating agency Moody’s Investors Service, USA on concern that the government won’t be able to help stunted economic growth.
Moody’s cited a growing debt burden and the government’s struggle to narrow the budget deficit as the main reason for lowering the rating. Financial stress, especially in rural areas, and low job creation calls into question how effective the nation’s government is in addressing economic sluggishness, stated William Foster, vice president of Moody’s Sovereign Risk Group.
‘MAHRATNA’ STATUS FOR TWO CPSEs
Two Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. have been granted ‘Maharatna’ status by the Government. Maharatna’ status allows state-run firms greater financial autonomy — they can decide on investments of up to 15% of their net worth in a project without government approval. Now there are ten companies in ‘Maharatna’ category. All the CPSEs are regulated by the The Department of Public Enterprises in the Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises. The DPE makes policies and guidelines for the performance evaluation and improvement of the PSUs/CPSEs.

HLAG RECOMMENDS ELEPHANT BOND
The High-Level Advisory Group headed by Surjit Bhalla, a senior economist and former member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, has recommended the central government to launch Elephant Bonds to bring back $500 billion black money. Once invested in bond, the black money will be converted into white money but some part of the amount will go to the government’s account. Elephant Bond is a 25-year sovereign bond (a bond issued by a national government). It is issued to those people who declare their previously undisclosed income and are then bound to invest 50% of that amount in these securities. The fund gathered by the issuance of these bonds is utilized to finance infrastructure projects only.

WORLD’s FIRST CNG TERMINAL IN GUJARAT
Gujarat Government has given approval for setting up of the world’s first CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) terminal at Bhavnagar port, Gujarat. The terminal will be set up jointly by U K based Foresight Group and Mumbai-based Padmanabh Mafatlal Group at a cost of 1,900 crore rupees. Compressed natural gas, in its most basic form, is found underground, usually near oil wells. The natural gas is separated from oil and compressed to 3,600 pounds per square inch to store in CNG vehicles.

GOVT NOD FOR 4 MEDICAL DEVICE PARK
The government of India has given approval for setting up four medical device parks with a view to support Make in India initiative and provide world-class medical implants/devices at an affordable price to the common man. The four parks will be set up in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

INDIA DECIDES NOT TO JOIN RCEP
Apprehending that its market could be flooded with Chinese goods as well as agricultural and dairy products from countries like Australia and New Zealand, India has decided to opt out of the mega free-trade agreement-RCEP - Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. The trade experts feel that India’s decision to not to join RCEP would help protect the interests of domestic industry and farmers against unfair competition. The RCEP is a mega free-trade pact being negotiated among 16 countries. The members include 10-nation bloc ASEAN, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

INDIA TO AMEND DTAC WITH BRAZIL
The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of a protocol that amends the Double Taxation Avoidance Convention (DTAC) signed between India and Brazil. The amendment will enable the elimination of the issue of double taxation in the two countries and will provide tax certainty to investors and businesses in two nations.

HS CODE ISSUED FOR KHADI
The central government has issued an HS Code for Khadi to categorize its products exclusively in exports. The commerce and industries ministry has allocated separate HS code for Khadi to promote its exports. HS Code stands for Harmonized System. It is a six-digit identification code developed by the World Customs Organization to identify and highlight the type of good that is shipped. At present, more than 200 countries are using HS Code system for the collection of international trade statistics.
CONTAINER CARGO SERVICE ON WATERWAY

India’s first container cargo consignment through water way was flagged off from Haldia Dock Complex (National Waterway-1) to Pandu, Guwahati (National Waterway-2). Inland vessel MV Maheshwari carried 53 containers of Petrochemicals, Edible oils, Beverages among others. National Waterway-2 is located between the Bangladesh border near Dhubri and Sadiya in Assam. It is 891 km long stretch which was declared National Waterway-2 in 1988. In India, 111 waterways have been declared as National Waterways as per the National Waterways Act, 2016.

AMAZON LAUNCHES ‘PROJECT ZERO’
Global online retailer Amazon launched “Project Zero” in India to ensure that customers receive authentic goods when shopping on Amazon. “Project Zero” introduces additional proactive mechanisms and powerful tools to identify, block and remove counterfeits.

Amazon employs three powerful tools for this purpose, automated protections, self-service counterfeit removal tool and product serialization. About 7,000 brands in Europe, Japan and the US have already enrolled under this project.

iffco launched nano fertilizers

The world’s largest fertilizer cooperative Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) introduced India’s first nanotechnology-based fertiliser product range by introducing Nano Nitrogen, Nano Zinc, Nano Copper for on-field trials near its Kalol unit in Gujarat. These nanostructured formulations effectively deliver nutrients to the plants.

NEW DELHI HOSTS 39th IIIFT
The 39th India International Trade Fair 2019 held in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from Nov 14 to 27. The theme for this year’s fair is ‘Ease of Doing Business’ - inspired by India’s unique achievement of rising to 63rd rank on the World Bank’s Ease of Doing Business Index from 142nd rank in the year 2014. Afghanistan is the ‘Partner Country’ and South Korea is the ‘Focus Country’ for this year’s fair while Bihar and Jharkhand are the focus states.

IFM LOWERS GROWTH RATE TO 6.1%
The IMF downgraded global growth in 2019 to 3%, the slowest since the global financial crisis. Accordingly, India’s growth projections were also downgraded to 6.1% and 7.0% for 2019 and 2020, respectively, down from projections made in April, 2019 owing to weaker than expected domestic demand and slow down in consumption, investment and exports.

WORLD BANK LOWERS GROWTH RATE TO 6%
In its latest edition of the South Asia Economic Focus, the World Bank said that India’s growth rate is projected to fall to 6 per cent this fiscal (2019-20) as it has been relatively hit hard by the recent global slowdown leading to in dip in its projected growth.

MSP HIRED FOR RABI CROPS

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all mandated Rabi Crops of 2019-20 to be marketed in Rabi Marketing Season 2020-21.

The increase in MSP is in line with the principle of fixing the MSPs at a level of at least 1.5 times of the all India weighted average cost of production.

AIR INDIA FIRST TO USE TAXIBOT
Air India became the first airline in the world on October 15 to use a Taxibot on an A320 aircraft with passengers on board at the terminal 3 at Indira Gandhi International Airport Delhi.

Taxibot is a robot driven aircraft tractor for taxiing an aircraft from parking bay to runway and vice versa with aircraft’s engines shut down, thereby leading to sizeable fuel savings.
**MERGER APPROVED OF BSNL & MTNL**

The Union Cabinet approved the merger of loss-making public sector telecom firms BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) and MTNL (Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited) as part of a revival package.

> 48th edition of the Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair (IHGF) was held at the India Expo Centre & Mart at Greater Noida, near Delhi.

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**SEPTEMBER**

**GDP GROWTH SINKS DOWN TO 5%**

Sharp deceleration in manufacturing output and subdued farm sector activity pulled down India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth to a seven-year low of 5 per cent in the April-June quarter of 2019-20, according to official data released on August 30 by the National Statistical Office - NSO.

**CORPORATE TAX CUT TO BOOST GROWTH**

In a major bonanza for corporate and as part of measures to promote growth and investment, on Sep 20 Finance Minister announced to slash corporate tax rate from 30 percent to 22 percent, without any exemption or incentives, for domestic companies and from 25 percent to just 15 per cent for new domestic manufacturing companies.

Also, such companies shall not be required to pay Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) @ 18 percent. This reduction is estimated to cost Rs. 1,45,000 crore revenue loss to the government.

**Rs. 60,000 CRORE BOOST FOR THE ECONOMY**

Union Finance Minister announced a set of measures to boost the export sector in the form of provision of Rs 50,000 crore for various incentives for exporters mainly from the small and medium segment.

In a relief for around 3.5 lakh dwelling units that have not been completed but whose builders are not in non-performing asset category and not before the NCLT, the government will set up a special vehicle with a contribution of Rs 10,000 crore.

**INDIA AT 10th SPOT FOR GOLD RESERVES**

According to the World Gold Council, India with gold reserves totalling 618.2 tonnes, has surpassed the Netherlands to move into the list of top 10 countries in terms of total gold reserves. USA leads the list with total gold reserves of 8,133.5 tonnes.

**PETRONET TO IMPORT 5 MN TON LNG**

India's largest LNG (Liquefied natural gas) importer Petronet LNG Ltd announced investment of $2.5 billion to acquire nearly 20 per cent equity stake in the Driftwood project of US energy major Tellurian Inc to support the purchase of 5 million tonne of gas per annum from them, for the next 40 years.

**HORTICULTURE TO CROSS 313 MN TON**

The total horticulture production in the country is estimated to be over 313 million tonnes which is 0.69 per cent higher than the production in 2017-18. The production covers fruits, vegetables, spices, flowers and honey, plantations and aromatics and medicinal crops.

**MULTI MODAL TERMINAL AT SAHIBGANJ**

India’s second riverine Multi Modal Terminal was inaugurated at Sahibganj on River Ganga in Jharkhand. The terminal facilitates convergence of road, rail and river waterways. The terminal has been developed under the Jal Marg Vikas Project.

**AIR INDIA TO STOP USE OF PLASTICS**

Air India will completely ban the use of plastic in Alliance Air and Air India Express from 2nd October. Plastic tea cups will be replaced with sturdy paper cups and plastic tumblers will be replaced with paper tumblers. Wherever feasible, wood based alternatives will be used for cutlery.
Honda Cars India launched car leasing services in association with transportation solutions provider Orix to enable customers to enjoy the use of the latest cars without having to purchase it.

National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) plans to set up a 5-gigawatt solar park in Gujarat, which would be the largest in the country.

The World Bank has approved Rs 3,000 crore fund to finance mini and mega food parks across the country, mainly in the Northeastern part of India.

Bharti Airtel launched the Airtel Xstream Fibre that will offer users access to broadband services at a speed of 1 Gbps for Rs. 3,999 a month.

**BANKING & FINANCE**

**NOVEMBER**

**RBI PLANS TO WITHDRAW CHARGES ON NEFT**

Digital payments constituted a high 96% of total non-cash retail payments during the period October 2018 to September 2019. During the same period, the National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) and Unified Payments Interface (UPI) systems handled 252 crore and 874 crore transactions with year on year growth of 20% and 263%, respectively. To further strengthen this growth, RBI plans to mandate banks not to charge savings bank account customers for online transactions in the NEFT system with effect from January 2020.

**RBI AMENDS RULES FOR DIRECTORS’ PAY**

The Reserve Bank has issued revised guidelines for remuneration given to whole-time directors and chief executives of foreign, private, small finance, payments banks and local area banks, mandating the non-cash component of variable pay at not less than 67 per cent. As per new guidelines, if the variable pay is up to 200 per cent of the fixed pay, at least 50 percent of it should be paid in non-cash mode. But if the variable pay is above 200 per cent of the fixed pay, at least 67 percent of it should be paid via non-cash instruments.

**RBI IMPROVES SNRR ACCOUNT**

The RBI expanded the scope of Special Non-Resident Rupee Accounts (SNRR account) by permitting non-residents to open such accounts for rupee-denominated overseas borrowings, trade credit and trade invoicing for popularising cross-border transactions in the domestic currency.

Any person resident outside India, having a business interest in India, can now open a non-interest bearing Special Non-Resident Rupee Account (SNRR account) with a bank for bona fide transactions in rupees.

**BANDHAN BANK EARS MORE THAN 17 PSBS**

The aggregate profit of 17 public-sector banks was lower than the net profit of private-sector lender Bandhan Bank Ltd alone in the quarter ending Sep 30, 2019. While the combined net profit of 17 public-sector banks stood at Rs. 466.4 crore, the Kolkata-based private Bandhan Bank alone reported a profit of Rs. 971.8 crore. The poor show by state-owned banks is primarily due to losses made by a handful of banks that dragged down the profit of the entire group.

**OCTOBER**

**REPO RATE CUT DOWN TO 5.15%**

Announcing its fourth bimonthly monetary policy on Oct 04, the Monetary Policy Committee - MPC of RBI, in a bid to boost the flow of credit and support economic growth, decided to cut the repo rate by 25 basis points, from 5.40% to 5.15%, with immediate effect. It is the lowest level since March 2010.

Consequently, Reverse repo rate has been adjusted to 4.90% and the Marginal Standing Facility along with Bank Rate have been revised at 5.40%.

**NEW VERSION OF BHIM LAUNCHED**

The Ministry of Information Technology launched BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) 2.0 payment mobile app on October 21. The new version includes additional languages, new functionalities and increased transaction limits among other features.

BHIM is already available in 13 languages and now it will be available in three additional languages – Haryanvi, Bhojpuri and Konkani.
MDR CHARGES WAIVED

In a move that may boost digital payments, businesses with an annual turnover of more than Rs.50 crore will have to mandatorily offer electronic mode of payments to their customers from November 1 this year. Besides, no charges or merchant discount rate (MDR) -- charge that payment systems and banks impose on commercial transactions -- will be levied on either customers or merchants. The cost of transactions shall be borne by the RBI and Banks.

RBI GUIDELINES FOR PAYMENT SYSTEMS

RBI has issued guidelines for on-tap authorisation of three payment systems - Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU), White Label ATMs (WLAs) and Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS). The interested entities for BBPOU and WLAs should have a minimum of 100 crore rupees net worth and Rs. 25 cr. for TReDS and it should be maintained at all times.

KERALA TO RUN ITS OWN BANK

RBI has given its final nod to the Kerala Government for the formation of the ‘Kerala Bank’ by amalgamating all the District Co-operative Banks (DCBs) with Kerala State Co-operative Bank. The proposed Kerala Bank will be the largest banking network in the state.

LIMITS RAISED FOR NBFC-MFIs

The RBI has announced to raise loan limit for the borrowers of NBFC-MFIs to Rs. 1.25 lakh from Rs. one lakh earlier. Further, the household income limit to be eligible to borrow from for NBFC-MFIs has been raised to Rs. 1.25 lakh from the current Rs. 1 lakh for rural areas. In urban areas, limit will be increased from Rs. 1.6 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh.

❖ SBI Card announced the launch of ‘SBI Card Pay’, a facility that allows contactless payment using mobile phones at PoS (Point of Sale) terminals.
❖ The State Bank of India opened its office in Melbourne on Sep 30, becoming the first Indian bank to have a branch in the Australian state of Victoria.

SEPTEMBER

NOTEBOOK FAILED TO CURB CASH: RBI

The Annual Report of RBI for 2019 reveals that despite the enormous efforts to shift to digital payments and usher in a digital payment economy, the currency in circulation has jumped by a hefty 17 per cent to Rs 21.10 lakh crore as of March 31, 2019. There was 6.2% jump in the number of pieces to 1,08,759 million.

The demand for the Rs. 500 note, soared the highest and now accounts for over 51 per cent of the value of currency in circulation.

However, there was a sharp fall in the instance of fake currency detections in FY19 to 3.17 lakh pieces down from 7.62 lakh in 2016-17.

10 PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS MERGED

The government announced the merger of ten public sector banks into four banks. After the merger of banks, the country will now have 12 public sector banks instead of 27 some two years ago.

Among the 12 PSUs, 8 will be the national level banks while 4 will be strengthened to operate as regional banks. The merger is to be effective from April 01, 2020.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that government wants a strong financial system to make the country a five trillion economy. She also clarified that no retrenchment will take place and the staff will be redeployed suitably.

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**‘NIRVIK’ LOAN SCHEME LAUNCHED**

Ministry of Commerce & Industry has introduced a new Export Credit Insurance Scheme called NIRVIK - “Niryat Rin Vikas Yojana” in tie up with the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation to enhance loan availability to exporters and to ease the lending process. Under the scheme, up to 90 per cent of the principal amount and interest will be covered through insurance.

**RBI ASKS BANKS TO FOLLOW REPO RATE**

The RBI has made it mandatory for banks to link interest on all their new loan products, be it personal, housing or auto to an external benchmark like the policy repo rate with effect from 1st October 2019. RBI mentioned that transmission of policy rate benefits under the current framework has not been satisfactory.

**ANY BANK CUSTOMER CAN USE IPPB SERVICES**

India Post Payments Bank, IPPB, launched Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS) Services for expanding access to financial services for millions of unbanked and underbanked customers. Now, IPPB has become single largest platform in the country for providing interoperable banking services to customers of any bank by leveraging the last mile unprecedented reach of the Postal network.

**INDIA TO GET INFO ON SWISS ACCOUNTS**

India will start getting details of bank accounts held by its citizens in Switzerland from September, ending the era of Swiss bank secrecy. This is being seen as a major success of the government’s fight against black money ever since 2014. The first automatic exchange of financial account information (AEOI) under Common Reporting Standard (CRS) would start from next month.

**RETURN OF ‘LOAN MELAS’ FOR MSME SECTOR**

Union Finance Minister announced a country-wide loan disbursement initiative from public sector banks (PSBs) with a view to facilitate easy credit availability to the MSME sector. The PSBs will hold public meetings with non-banking-finance companies and retail borrowers in 400 districts.

*The meetings will be held in two phases, both a week long. First meet will be held from Sep 24 to 29 in 200 districts while second meet will be held in remaining 200 districts from Oct 10 to 15. Further, to provide relief to the stressed MSMEs, their sticky loans will not be declared non-performing assets till the end of the current fiscal (March 31, 2020).*

**DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

**NOVEMBER**

**IAF TO RETIRE MiG-27 AIRCRAFT**

The Indian Air Force has decided to retire its old war horse - MiG-27 strike aircraft on December 31 this year, bringing to an end the era of ‘swing-wing’ fighters in the IAF. The phaseout ceremony for the fleet will be held at the Jodhpur air base in Rajasthan where the last remaining MiG-27 outfit, No.29 Squadron, also called Scorpions, is based.

*Nicknamed Bahadur in India, the Russian origin MiG-27 was inducted into the IAF in 1984 and over the years served seven operational squadrons and other combat training and tactics-evaluation establishments.*

**DRDO OPENS IGNITER COMPLEX IN PUNE**

Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) inaugurated its Igniter Complex at the High Energy Materials Research Laboratory in Pune, Maharashtra. The ignition centre provides various facilities like Planetary Mixer, Pelleting Machine, Granulating Machine and Sieve Shaker. The ignition process is the most critical phase in the ignition chain of Rocket motor of Satellite Launch Vehicles (SLVs) and in the launch of various missiles.
ICGS ANNIE BESANT JOINS COAST GUARD
Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE), Kolkata, delivered the Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS Annie Besant, to the Indian Coast Guard. This powerful, fuel-efficient vessel is designed to perform multipurpose operations like patrolling, anti-smuggling, anti-poaching and rescue operations.

GRSE DELIVERS ICGS AMRIT KAUR
Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE), Kolkata delivered the Fast Patrol Vessel 'Amrit Kaur' to the Indian Coast Guard. It is capable of performing a rescue, patrolling, anti-smuggling and anti-poaching operations in the maritime zones of the country.

JOINT NAVAL EXERCISE “SAMUDRA SHAKTI”
India and Indonesia conducted the joint anti-submarine warfare exercise in the Bay of Bengal as part of an ongoing bilateral exercise “Samudra Shakti”. The aim of the exercise is to strengthen bilateral relations, expand maritime co-operation, enhance interoperability and exchange best practices.

Zair-al-Bahr or Roar of the Sea: A bilateral maritime exercise, was held between India and Qatar from November 17 to 21 to promote interoperability between the navies of the two countries.

“Tiger Triumph”: The India-U.S. tri-services amphibious exercise was held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The training is aimed at building the capacity of both the U.S. and Indian participants.

Shakti-2019: Indo-French joint army exercise was held at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan from October 31 to Nov 13. The drill focused on tactical sharing of the best practices and techniques for counter-terrorism operations.

Dustlik-2019: The first-ever India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise was held at Chirchiq Training Area near Tashkent, from Nov 4-13. The exercise focused on sharing experiences on counter-terrorism tactics.

Sindhu Sudarshan: The Indian Army conducted this exercise in the deserts of Rajasthan from November 29 to December 4, 2019. The aim of this exercise is to evaluate the capability of the defence services in an integrated air-land battle.

Lieutenant Shivangi became the first female pilot to join Indian Navy on Dec 2. She will fly fixed-wing Dornier surveillance aircraft.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
FIRST-EVER ‘INDIAN BRAIN ATLAS’

Researchers from the Indian Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad (IIIT-H), Telangana have created the first-ever ‘Indian Brain Atlas’ in collaboration with the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. It will help in early diagnosis of Alzheimer’s and other brain-related ailments. The atlas shows that the Indian brain, on an average, is smaller in height, width and volume as compared to Western and other Eastern populations.

IIT DELHI TO SET UP SPACE TECHNOLOGY CELL
The Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi has tied up with ISRO to set up a space technology cell in the institute campus. This collaboration aims to promote the space technology research in areas such as AI (Artificial Intelligence), nanotechnology, functional textiles, smart manufacturing.
IIT MADRAS DEVELOPS STANDING WHEELCHAIR

Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, in collaboration with Phoenix Medical Systems, launched the country’s first indigenously-designed standing wheelchair, named “Arise”. The device helps the wheelchair-bound move from a sitting to standing position, and vice-versa.

NASA LAUNCHES ELECTRIC AIRCRAFT

NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) of the USA has launched its first all-electric experimental aircraft named the X-57 “Maxwell”. It is NASA’s 1st crewed X-plane (experimental plane) in nearly 2 decades adapted from Italian Tecnam P2006T aircraft. Like an electric car, the X-57 will carry a bank of lithium-ion batteries to power its motors.

SUDAN LAUNCHES ITS FIRST SATELLITE

Sudan’s first-ever satellite, SRSS-1, was launched by China on November 3 from Shanxi Province in north China. The satellite was launched aboard China’s Long March-4B rocket along with other Chinese satellites from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern China. The Sudanese satellite has been mainly designed for civil and military remote sensing over Sudan.

VOYAGER-2 ENTERS INTERSTELLAR MEDIUM

NASA or The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has added another feather in its cap on Nov 5 as its Voyager 2 spacecraft entered the interstellar medium (ISM) in space. It was launched on August 20, 1977.

Voyager-2 has become the second spacecraft, after Voyager-1 which has reached outside the periphery of the solar system. In astronomy, the interstellar medium (ISM) is the matter and radiation that exists in the space between the star systems in a galaxy.

NASA RENAMES ‘ULTIMA THULE’ AS ‘ARROKOTH’

Ultima Thule, the farthest cosmic body ever visited by a spacecraft, has been renamed Arrokoth, or “sky” in the Native American Powhatan language, following a backlash over the previous name’s Nazi connotations. The icy rock, which orbits in the dark and frigid Kuiper Belt about a billion miles beyond Pluto, was surveyed by the NASA spaceship New Horizons in January, 2019.

OCTOBER

DEFENCE MINISTER RECEIVES 1st RAFALE JET

On the occasion of the 87th anniversary of IAF on Oct 8, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh formally received the first of 36 most modern Rafale fighter jets in Mernignac, France, from aerospace firm Dassault Aviation. He performed the ‘Shastra Puja’ of the aircraft. However, the first batch of four aircraft will come to India only by May next year. The IAF has bought 36 Rafale aircrafts for over 61,000 crore rupees.

SIACHEN OPENED TO TOURISTS

To boost tourism in Ladakh, area from Siachen Base Camp to Kumar Post, has been opened for tourism purposes. The Kumar Post is at height of more than 15,000 ft. Tourists will be able to travel from the base camp at Partapur at 11,000 feet to the Kumar Post.

COUNTRY’s HIGHEST BRIDGE OPENED

The Border Road Organization completed the construction of 1400 feet long Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu (Bridge) across Shyok River at an altitude of 14,650 feet in the forward area of Eastern Ladakh region.

❖ ‘Dharma Guardian’: Joint military exercise held between India and Japan in Vairengte, Mizoram from 19th of October to 2nd of November.


❖ Kazind-2019: Joint military exercise held between India and Kazakhstan in Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand from 3-15 October.
**Vajra Prahar**: Joint military exercise held between India and the US forces at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) in Seattle, USA from October 13-28.

**Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)**: Joint exercise of the navies of India and Bangladesh held in Bay of Bengal, off the coast of Visakhapatnam.

**IMNEX-2019**: The India-Myanmar Joint Naval Exercise held off the coast of Visakhapatnam.

**Shinyu Maitri**: Indian Air Force and Japanese Air Self Defence Force held a joint exercise at Panagarh, West Bengal from October 17 to 23.

Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Oman held a joint air warfare exercise named “Ex-Eastern Bridge-V” at Masirah in Oman from 17 to 26 October.

A geo-strategically vital maritime exercise ‘Malabar’, involving India, US and Japan, was held off the Japan coast from Sep 27 to Oct 4.

The Indian Air Force, IAF celebrated its 87th anniversary on Oct 8. The IAF was founded on this day in 1932.

India handed over the second pair of Mi-24V helicopters to Afghanistan, boosting the capability of the Afghan Air force to counter Taliban militants.

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**STAMP IN HONOUR OF MARSHAL ARJAN SINGH**

A commemorative stamp was released in honour of Marshal of the Indian Air Force late Arjan Singh. He served as the Chief of Indian Air Force from August 1964 to July 1969. He remains the only officer of the IAF to be given a Five-Star rank.

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**WORLD’s MOST POWERFUL MISSILE**

China unveiled the Dongfeng-41 (DF-41) intercontinental-range ballistic missile, touted to be the most powerful missile on the planet. It has a strike range of up to 15,000 kilometres, within 30 minutes, more than any other missile on Earth.

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**SATURN HAS HIGHEST NUMBER OF MOONS**

A team of astronomers from USA discovered 20 previously unknown moons of ringed planet Saturn, boosting the tally of known satellites to 82 — three more than Jupiter. The moons were discovered using the Subaru telescope on Mauna Kea, Hawaii.

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**FIRST WOMAN DUO TO CARRY SPACEWALK**

The two US astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir became the first all-woman pair to carry out a spacewalk on Oct 18. The duo worked for 7 hrs 17 minutes to replace a faulty battery charge/discharge unit used for storing solar energy for the International Space Station-ISS.

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**LOUDEST SOUNDING BIRD DISCOVERED**

As per a study published in the USA’s prestigious journal ‘Current Biology’, the male white bellbird is the world’s loudest bird whose shrieks can hit 125.4 decibels, as loud as the hooting siren of an ambulance. It was recorded by biologists in Brazil in the mountains of the northern Amazon.

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**Japan launched an unmanned H-2B rocket to carry cargo vessel Kounotori-8 to deliver 5.3 tonnes of supplies at the International Space Station.**

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**NASA and the International Astronomical Union named a minor planet discovered 13 years ago, after the great Indian classical singer Pandit Jasraj. He is the first Indian artist to receive this honour.**

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**INS KHANDERI JOINS INDIAN NAVY**

India’s second Scorpene-class attack submarine INS Khanderi was commissioned into the Indian Navy on September 28, at Mumbai. The diesel-electric submarine has been manufactured by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai.

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**AEWC NETRA INDUCTED IN AIR FORCE**

The DRDO handed over the second Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEWC) aircraft - ‘Netra’ to the Indian Air Force. It is useful for surveillance, tracking, identification and classification of airborne and sea surface targets and is useful in detecting incoming ballistic missile threats.
NAVY’s BIGGEST DRY DOCK INAUGURATED

The Indian Navy’s biggest dry dock with capacity for accommodating even an aircraft carrier, was inaugurated in Mumbai. Built at a cost of Rs 1,000 crore, it can accommodate India’s aircraft carriers INS Vikramaditya and the under-construction INS Vikrant. Dry docks are mainly used for the repair and maintenance of ships.

"ARRESTED LANDING" DONE BY TEJAS

In a major milestone in the development of a naval version of the Tejas aircraft, the Indian Navy successfully carried out the first ever “arrested landing”—a key performance demonstrating its ability to land on board an aircraft carrier. The test was carried out at the INS Hansa in Goa. The Indian Air Force has already inducted a batch of Tejas aircraft.

ICGS ‘VARAHA’ INDUCTED IN COAST GUARD

The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the offshore patrol vessel (OPV) ‘Varaha’ at the Chennai Port Trust. It also has some of the most advanced sensors and machinery as well as a 33-millimetre (mm) gun. Built indigenously by Larsen and Toubro, the ship will be based at New Mangalore.

FIRST BATCH OF WOMEN SOLDIERS

The Indian Army has announced that the first batch of 100 women soldiers in the Army is likely to be commissioned by March 2021. They will be commissioned into the Corps of Military Police to take up the duties of policing cantonments and other Army establishments.

AH-64E APACHE HELICOPTERS JOIN AIR FORCE

In a major boost to India’s air defence capabilities, the Indian Air Force (IAF) inducted eight AH-64E Apache helicopters at the Pathankot Air Base in Punjab. Apache is the most advanced attack helicopter in the world.

Wing Commander Shalija Dhami became the first female officer in the country to become Flight Commander of a flying unit. She will head a Chetak helicopter unit at Hindon airbase, UP, near Delhi.

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) recreated its 17 Squadron ‘Golden Arrows’ based at the Air Force Station Ambala Cantt, Haryana. It will operate the first squadron of Rafale fighter jets in the near future.
- The DRDO successfully flight tested indigenously developed Man Portable Anti-tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
- A multilateral military exercise TSENTR 2019 was held in Central Russia from September 9-23. Apart from several neighbouring countries of Russia, contingents from India, China and Pakistan took part in the exercise.
- India and Thailand conducted Joint Military Exercise MAITREE-2019 at Foreign Training Node, Umroi (Meghalaya) from 16-29 Sep 2019.
‘SAMUDRAYAAN’ TO STUDY DEEP OCEAN

India’s is planning to explore the deep sea region with the ‘Samudrayaan’ project by 2021-22. The project undertaken by the National Institute of Ocean Technology proposes to send men into the deep sea in a submersible vehicle for conducting ocean studies.

DRONES TO MAP THE COUNTRY

The Survey of India, the country's official mapping agency, has decided to use, for the first time, drones to map the country. The mapping will create high-resolution maps of the land in villages facilitating the digitisation of land titles in villages.

LARGEST FLYING BIRD REMAINS DISCOVERED

Paleontologists have identified a new species, named Cryodrakon Boreas, and declared that it could be one of the largest flying animals that lived some 77 million years ago in what is western Canada today. With a wingspan of over 10 metres, it is believed to have flown over the heads of dinosaurs.

- Indian Institute of Petroleum has set up a plant in Dehradun that can turn plastic waste into diesel. The plant has the capacity to produce 800-litre diesel from one tonne of plastic.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SCO SUMMIT HELD IN TASHKENT

The Heads of government summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was held in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan from November 1-3. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh represented India at the summit. India signed three important agreements with Uzbekistan to enhance cooperation in military ties. The SCO is an international group of 8 countries (China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and India) formed in 2001 for mutual security, political and economic cooperation. It is headed by Secretary-General, currently Vladimir Norov of Uzbekistan. It’s headquarters are in Beijing, China.

THAILAND HOSTS 35th ASEAN SUMMIT

The 35th ASEAN Summit was held in Bangkok, Thailand from Oct 31 to Nov 4. Thailand Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha inaugurated this summit at IMPACT convention complex. Apart from 10 member countries, eight dialogue partner countries also participated in the summit. The theme of the summit for this year was “Advancing Partnership for Sustainability”. Prime Minister Modi represented India at the summit. Later, he attended the East Asia Summit on Nov 4.

ASEAN - Association of Southeast Asian Nations, is a group of ten South East Asian countries that encourages political, economic and social cooperation in the region.

GUYANA POISED TO GROW BY 84%; IMF

According to an estimate by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Guyana’s GDP is expected to explode by growing at 86% in 2020, reaching GDP of $ 4 billion from its present growth rate of 4.4%. This growth expectation is based on recent discovery of vast oil resources in Guyana. The country is projecting $300 million in petroleum revenue in 2020. It is a country of South America with 7.80 lakh population and neighbouring countries are Brazil & Venezuela. The oil sector will represent about 40% of the economy within five years.

WORLD’S FIRST CARBON TRADING EXCHANGE

Singapore-based AirCarbon Pte launched the world’s first blockchain-based carbon trading exchange in Singapore. This will allow airlines and other corporate buyers to buy as well sell tokens backed by carbon offset credits approved by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

AFGHANISTAN WORST VICTIM OF TERRORISM

The latest edition of the Global Terrorism Index, produced by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), nd a 59% increase in deaths to 7,379, alongside 6,514 injuries, making it the country worst affected by terrorism, followed by Iraq and Nigeria at 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. With high incidence of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, India ranked 7th in the Index. The Global Terrorism Index ranks 163 countries according to the impact of terrorism, based on factors such as the number of attacks, fatalities, injuries and the extent of property damage.
PAK ISSUES COIN IN HONOUR OF GURU NANAK

The government of Pakistan released a new coin worth Pakistan Rupees 50 to commemorate the 550th anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak. The coin will be available at the Kartarpur Sahib along with a postal stamp worth Pakistan Rupees 8 to the travelling pilgrims.

TWO NEW COUNTRIES JOIN ISA

Eritrea and Saint Kitts and Nevis have become the newest members of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). The two nations signed the ISA Framework Agreement during its second assembly of ISA held in New Delhi on October 31. With this, the total membership of the ISA has risen to 83. Eritrea is a small northeast African country on the Red Sea coast. Saint Kitts and Nevis is a tiny island nation in the West Indies in south eastern North Atlantic Ocean.

Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy, R K Singh is the current President of ISA. Headquarters of ISA is in Gurugram, Haryana. The main objective of the ISA is to address key challenges to increasing the use of solar energy in the ISA member countries. It aims at lowering the cost of energy, increasing investment in renewable energy, training and sharing of knowledge and technology among the member nations.

ICELAND BEST, CHINA WORST IN NET FREEDOM

The international internet watchdog, the Freedom House of USA released “Freedom on the Net report 2019 titled ‘The Crisis of Social Media’ on November 5. The report covered 65 nations, covering 87 percent of the world’s total internet users. It recorded an overall decline in global internet freedom status between July 2018 and May 2019.

China scoring lowest, 10, was ranked as the world’s worst abuser of internet freedom for the fourth consecutive year. Iceland scoring highest, 95 marks, was recorded as the world’s best protector of internet freedom, as it had no civil or criminal cases registered against users for online expression during the coverage period.

India was given an overall score of 55 and the internet freedom status in the country was reported to be ‘partly free’.

NEW ZEALAND HAS LEAST BRIBERY INCIDENCE

The TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix of USA that measures business bribery risk in 200 countries on the basis of four domains -- transparency, business interaction, civic society oversight and anti-bribery deterrence, including the role of the media, was released recently. According to this year’s data, New Zealand, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland were the top five countries in the descending order, with the lowest bribery risk.

On the down side, Somalia, South Sudan, North Korea, Yemen and Venezuela presented the highest risk of bribe demands, in descending order. India stands on 78th rank, from the top while neighbouring Bhutan enjoys a good 52nd spot.

PAK FIRST TO USE TYPHOID VACCINE

Pakistan became the 1st country in the world to introduce a new Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV) in an effort to combat a drug-resistant strain of the potentially fatal disease in the Sindh province.

The one dose vaccine, approved by the World Health Organisation (WHO) is expected to provide long-lasting immunity power in adults, children and 9-month infants.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY: OXFORD’s WORD OF 2019

Oxford Dictionaries has named “climate emergency” as its 2019 Word of the Year, choosing it from an all-environmental shortlist that also included “climate action,” “climate denial,” “eco-anxiety,” “extinction” and “flight shame. The word has been selected because it shows the increase in usage since 2018.

Climate emergency defines as “a situation in which urgent action is required to reduce or halt climate change and also to avoid the possible irreversible environmental loss resulting from it.

UNICEF TO ACCEPT CRYPTOCURRENCY

United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) has become the first UN organisation to transact in cryptocurrency as it decided to receive and disburse donations in cryptocurrency through the newly launched UNICEF Cryptocurrency Fund. UNICEF will be carrying out transactions on Ether and Bitcoin platforms.
PEOPLE’s REPUBLIC OF CHINA TURNS 70

China celebrated on Oct 01 its 70th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) with a massive military parade, showcasing its most advanced weapons, missiles and fighter aircrafts.

WORLD’s LONGEST NONSTOP FLIGHT

A Qantas flight QF7879 took 19 hours and 16 minutes to fly direct non-stop from New York to Sydney, covering 16,200 km, creating a record for the longest non-stop flight. Quantas is the national airline of Australia.

- UAE announced the establishment of Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence in Abu Dhabi - the first AI University in the world.
- The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit was held on 25-26 October in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan.
- Saudi Arabia decided to allow women in the kingdom to serve in the armed forces.

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GLOBAL PROTESTS AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

Millions of people around the world held a global climate strike on Sep 20, inspired by Swedish student activist Greta Thunberg. Protesters across continents waved placards and chanted slogans in what could be the biggest ever demonstration over global warming caused by humans.

It comes ahead of a UN climate summit on Sep 23 in Manhattan. Ms Thunberg first started skipping school to protest against inaction on climate change in 2018. Her actions have inspired schoolchildren and adults around the world to take up the fight.

FRANCE TO DOWNSIZE PARLIAMENT BY 25%

France has decided to reduce the country’s parliament by 25 per cent as part of an overhaul of the country’s institutions. As a result, the number of seats in the lower house of parliament, the National Assembly, will be reduced to 433 from 577ent. The Senate would go down from 348 to 261 members.

THOMAS COOK ENDS ITS JOURNEY

The world’s oldest travel firm Thomas Cook UK collapsed (declared bankrupt) on Sep 23, stranding hundreds of thousands of holidaymakers around the globe. The tour operator’s failure puts 22,000 jobs at risk worldwide.

One major factor stated behind failure is that now-a-days anybody can easily play the role of travel agent due to easy online access to availability of all the airline seats, availability of hotel beds, various tariffs, car rentals etc. They can put things together themselves, thereby sidelining the travel agents.

EXTRADITION BILL WITHDRAWN IN HK

Hong Kong’s Chief Executive Carrie Lam announced on Sep 4 the scrapping of an extradition bill that triggered months of unrest and threw the Chinese-ruled city into its worst crisis in decades. The protests against the bill in the former British colony began in March but snowballed in June and have since evolved into a push for greater democracy. The bill would have allowed extraditions to mainland China where courts are controlled by the Communist Party.

JAPAN TO START POLICING OF EAST CHINA SEA

Japan has decided to launch a special police unit equipped with submachine guns and helicopters to patrol disputed isles in the East China Sea. The uninhabited islets are at the centre of a festering row between Tokyo and Beijing, considering instances of illegal landings on remote islands by armed groups.
**ABU DHABI HOSTS WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS**
The 24th World Energy Congress was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE from Sep 9 to 12. The Congress brought together international energy stakeholders, including governments, private and state corporations, academia and the media, from around the world.

**USA TO HAVE ‘SPACE FORCE’**
The U.S. President announced the formation of “Space Command” or SpaceCom, a force that will combine skills and assets from all U.S. military branches. It would be a new, sixth branch of the U.S. armed forces. Although there is already an Air Force focused on space warfare, the new command will be developing specialised systems and preparation for "Star Wars"-type showdowns.

**S. ASIA’s TALLEST TV TOWER IN COLOMBO**
South Asia’s tallest tower, standing 350 meter high ‘Lotus Tower’ was thrown open to public in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Costing over $100 million, 80% of which has been funded by China under the controversial Belt and Road Initiative, the tower comprises of a television tower, a hotel, a telecommunications museum, restaurants, auditorium, an observation deck, a shopping mall and a conference centre.

**PLAIN CIGARETTE PACKAGING IN THAILAND**
Thailand became the first Asian nation to unveil plain cigarette packaging to reduce the appeal of smoking and to comply with the WHO guidelines. In 2012, Australia became the first country to require tobacco products to be sold without colourful brand logos to discourage their consumption.

**JAIPUR LITERATURE FESTIVAL IN USA**
The second edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF) was held in Houston, USA from September 13-14 as part of the larger umbrella of the literary event in the US. Hailed as one of the greatest literary shows globally, the JLF after Houston was held in New York from September 17-18 and in Colorado from Sept. 21-22.

**TOKYO RANKED AS SAFEST CITY**
According to a report of the Economist Intelligence Unit, London, the “Safe Cities Index (SCI) 2019” ranked Tokyo at the top spot, while Singapore and Osaka came 2nd and 3rd in the list. The Index ranks 60 countries worldwide and measures the multi-faceted nature of urban safety, with parameters categorised as digital, infrastructure, health and personal security. In India, Mumbai has been ranked 45th while Delhi stood at the 52nd position.

- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines became the 79th country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA), an initiative by India aimed at combating the threats of climate change and global warming.
- Indonesia’s president announced that the country’s capital will move from overcrowded, sinking and polluted Jakarta to a site in sparsely populated East Kalimantan province on Borneo island.

**PERSONS IN NEWS**

**NOVEMBER**

**3 INDIANS IN WORLD’s TOP 10 CEOS**
The Harvard Business Review (HBR), a prestigious journal of Harvard University, USA released a list of the world’s best CEOs for 2019. The list includes three Indians among the top 10 CEOs - Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen (6th), MasterCard CEO Ajay Banga (7th) and Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella (9th).

*The list titled ‘The Best-Performing CEO in the World, 2019’, ranked 100 CEOs based on their performance. The first place in this list has been given to Jensen Huang, CEO of US technology company Nvidia."

**Satya Nadella**: Fortune’s annual Business Person of the Year list is topped by the Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella. The list includes 20 business leaders who have achieved bold goals, find solutions to impossible situations and find creative solutions. Two more Indians, Ajay Banga of MasterCard (8th) and Jayashree Ullal of Arista Networks (18th) are there in the list.
Virat Kohli: Star cricketer has been chosen as Person of the Year 2019 by PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) for his work done to improve the condition of animals in India and abroad.

Nirmal Purja: A Nepali mountaineer has become the fastest mountain climber as he scaled 14 highest peaks, all over 8,000 mts, in just over six months, under 'Project Possible'.

VENICE

Sarah Thomas: American breast cancer survivor became the first person to swim across the English Channel four times in a non-stop 54-hour feat of endurance. She was diagnosed with cancer a year ago.

**APPOINTMENTS**

### NOVEMBER

**Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde:** Appointed as the 47th Chief Justice of India (CJI) w.e.f Nov 18.

**Mahinda Rajapaksa:** Sworn in as Sri Lanka’s new Prime Minister. He is a former President of Sri Lanka.

**Gotabaya Rajapaksa:** Elected as the new President of Sri Lanka.

**Pravind Kumar Jugnauth:** Leader of Mauritius’ ruling Militant Socialist Movement was re-elected as the Prime Minister for a new five year term.

**Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan:** Re-elected as President of the UAE (United Arab Emirates) for a fourth five-year term.

**Alberto Fernandez:** Elected as the President of Argentina in the elections held on October 27. It marks a return of the left to power in South America’s second-largest country.

### OCTOBER

**4 NEW GOVERNORS APPOINTED**

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**S S Mallikarjunan Rao:** Appointed as the MD and CEO of the Punjab National Bank.

**Surjit Bhalla:** Senior economist appointed by the govt as the Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a period of three years.

**Gen Bipin Rawat:** Appointed as the new Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee. The senior most among the three chiefs (of army, navy and air force) holds this position.

**Anup Kumar Singh:** Senior IPS officer of Gujarat cadre has been appointed as Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG).

**Pankaj Kumar:** Appointed as the new CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

**Rajnish Kumar:** SBI chairman has been appointed as the new chairman of Indian Banks’ Association.

### SEPTEMBER

**Narendra Modi:** Indian Prime Minister crossed the mark of 50 million followers on his twitter account, becoming the third most followed world leader after Barack Obama (108.2 million) and Donald Trump (64 million).

**Rajnath Singh:** The Defence Minister on Sep 19 flew in the Tejas fighter aircraft from the HAL airport in Bengaluru, becoming the first defence minister to fly in the indigenously-built light combat aircraft (LCA). He was accompanied by Air Vice Marshal N Tiwari.

**Wing Commander Anjali Singh:** She became India’s first female military diplomat to be posted in any of the Indian missions abroad. A trained MiG-29 fighter aircraft pilot, she joined the Indian Embassy in Russia as the Deputy Air Attaché.

**Rohit Sharma:** Indian Cricket team vice-captain launched “Rohit4Rhinos” campaign, in partnership with WWF India and Animal Planet to build awareness for the need to conserve the Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros or the Indian Rhino.

**Jack Ma:** Founder of Chinese e-commerce giant - Alibaba, stepped down as chairman of the world’s biggest e-commerce company on Sep 10, his 55th birthday. This was as per his succession plan announced a year ago.

**Greta Thunberg:** Teenage climate campaigner school girl from Sweden sailed from Plymouth in the UK to New York on a zero-emissions yacht in order to minimize the carbon footprint of her travel. Later she addressed the participants of the Climate Action Summit in the UN General Assembly.
Christine Lagarde: Former President of IMF appointed as the new President of the European Central Bank.

Joko Widodo: Sworn in as President of Indonesia for his second and final five-year term.

Kais Saied: Elected as the new President of Tunisia after a landslide victory in the Presidential elections.

Antonio Costa: Re-elected as the Prime Minister of Portugal in the recent general elections for the next term of 4 years.

### SEPTEMBER

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Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria will be the next chief of Indian Air force wef Sep 30, 2019 in the rank of Air Chief Marshal.

Pradeep Kumar Sinha: Appointed as the Principal Advisor to Prime Minister. He is a former Cabinet Secretary.

Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra: Appointed as the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister

V K Johri: Senior IPS officer appointed as the new Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF)

Sunil Arora: India’s Chief Election Commissioner elected as the Chairman of Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB) for the term 2019-21.

Kristalina Georgieva: Noted economist from Bulgaria has been selected as the new head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

### AWARDS & HONOURS

Vyasa Samman, 2018: Awarded to well known Hindi writer Leeladhar Jagoori for his poetry collection- “Jitne Log Ume Prem”.

The Vyasa Samman, started in 1991, is given by K K Birla Foundation for an outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years. It carries a cash award four lakh rupees along with a citation and plaque.

**Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2019:** Internationally renowned naturalist, Sir David Attenborough honoured for his tireless efforts towards awakening the humankind to the need to preserve and protect the planet’s biodiversity.

The prize given by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust, New Delhi, carries a cash award of Rs. 2.5 million and a citation.

**Raja Ram Mohan Roy award:** Awarded to Rajasthan Patrika group chairman Gulab Kothari by the Press Council of India, for his outstanding contribution towards journalism.

**BRICS-Young Innovator Prize:** India’s Ravi Prakash won the $25,000 prize for the invention of the small and cheap ‘Milk Chilling Unit’ useful for small and economically weaker farmers.

This prize is given to a young researcher and entrepreneur whose innovation will impact the lives of the people of BRICS countries.

**ABLFF Global Asian Award:** Kumar Mangalam Birla, chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, was conferred this prestigious award as his business footprint and commitment to excellence have engaged international interest and attention.

The Asia Business Leadership Forum (ABLFF) is backed by the UAE government and currently runs in three forms - talks, awards, and publications.

**Italian Golden Sand Art Award:** conferred upon internationally acclaimed sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik, from Odisha at the International Scorrana Sand Nativity Festival held in Scorrana in south east Italy.

**Nawazuddin Siddiqui** has been awarded the prestigious Golden Dragon Award at the Cardiff International Film Festival in Wales, UK for his works in Hindi cinema.

**International Children’s Peace Prize:** Awarded to 16-year-old young environmental activist Greta Thunberg of Sweden for her untiring fight for environmental protection. Thunberg launched a campaign against climate change with school children around the world. Besides Thunberg, Cameroon’s 15-year-old peace activist Divina Maloum has also been awarded this prize. Netherland based children’s rights organization ‘Kids Right’ has been giving this award since 2005.

**The 31st Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration- 2017 and 2018**

Awarded to the pioneer of the Chipko Movement in Uttarakhand, Chandi Prasad Bhatt for his services in promoting and preserving the national integration.

The award constituted by the Indian National Congress consists of a citation and a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh.
Sachin Tendulkar: Former Indian cricketer selected as the most effective Swachata Ambassador.

India's Most Powerful Women in Media: Kallie Puri, Vice-Chairperson of the India Today Group, received this prestigious award in British Parliament.

Saraswati Samman - 2018: Won by famous Telugu poet K Siva Reddy for his collection of poems “Pakkaki Ottigilite”.

Kavitha Gopal has become the first girl student of IIT Madras, in its history of 60 years, to be honoured with the President of India Gold Medal for outstanding academic performance.

The Vayoshreshtha Samman 2019: President conferred the Vayoshreshtha Samman 2019 on eminent senior citizens on Oct 3. The awards have been instituted by the Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry, having status of National Awards, for individuals/institutions involved in rendering distinguished service for the cause of elderly persons. These awards are presented as part of the celebration of the International Day of Older Persons on 1st October.

Changemaker Award 2019: Payal Jangid, 17 year old girl from Rajasthan became the first Indian to receive this award at the Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards 2019 for her continuous dedication towards the abolition of child marriage in her village. The award is given by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USA.

Nobel Prize 2019 in Physiology/Medicine: Awarded jointly to William G. Kaelin Jr, Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe and Gregg L. Semenza “for their discoveries of how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability.”

Nobel Prize 2019 for Physics: Awarded to three scientists, James Peebles, Princeton University, USA; Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz, both from the University of Geneva, Switzerland for their contribution to the understanding of the evolution of the universe and earth’s place in the cosmos.

Nobel Prize 2019 for Chemistry: Scientists John Goodenough, Stanley Whittingham, both from the USA, and Akira Yoshino from Japan, won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in equal share for the development of lithium-ion batteries, an important technology in enabling the world to move away from fossil fuels.

The Nobel Prize in Literature - 2019: Austria’s Peter Handke won the prize “for an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience”. His bibliography contains novels, essays, note books, dramatic works and screenplays.

The Nobel Prize in Literature - 2018: Awarded to the Polish author Olga Tokarczuk “for a narrative imagination that with encyclopedic passion represents the crossing of boundaries as a form of life.” This award was not declared in 2018 due to some internal issues at the Swedish Academy.

Nobel Prize for Economics: Awarded to Abhijit Banerjee and his wife Esther Duflo, both from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA and Michael Kremer, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty.

Nobel Peace Prize-2019: Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali was selected for the prestigious prize for his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation, and in particular for his decisive initiative to resolve the border conflict with neighbouring Eritrea.

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Sakharov Prize: Awarded by the European Parliament to Uighur intellectual Ilham Tohti for his attempts to “foster dialogue” between Chinese people and the Uighur. Tohti has been a fierce critic of China’s treatment of the Uighur people and has been sentenced to life imprisonment in China for “separatism”.

Booker Prize-2019: Prestigious literary prize was awarded jointly to Margaret Atwood for her novel ‘The Testament’ and Bernardine Evaristo for her novel ‘Girl, Woman, Other’.
**Global Goalkeeper Award:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be honoured with a special award by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA for his outstanding work in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The award will be given in the USA.

**Dada Saheb Phalke Award:** Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan has been named for this most prestigious award for his outstanding contribution to the Indian film industry. It consists of a Swarn Kamal and a cash prize of ten lakh rupees.

**The SASTRA Ramanujan Prize-2019:** Awarded to Adam Harper, an Assistant Professor with the University of Warwick, England. The prize is conferred annually on mathematicians from across the world who is less than 32 years of age and working in an area influenced by the genius Srinivasa Ramanujan. The prize carries a citation and an award of $10,000.

**The 20th IIFA (International Indian Film Academy) Awards** ceremony was held on Sep 18 for the first time in India, in Mumbai.

**Best Actor (Male):** Ranveer Singh for Padmaavat

**Best Actor (Female):** Alia Bhatt for Raazi

**Best Film:** Raazi by Meghna Gulzar

**Best Director:** Sriram Raghavan for Andhadhun

**Lifetime Achievement Award:** Legendary actor and comedian Jagdeep Jaffery

**SKOCH Governance Gold Award:** Presented to Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) for its initiative "Portal for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access (PAISA)". DAY-NULM is a flagship mission under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

**Magnificent Performing Arts Award:** Given to popular Bollywood playback singer Sonu Nigam in London.

**1st Gauri Lankesh National Award for Journalism:** Given to senior TV journalist Ravish Kumar

**Eminent Engineers Award:** Vinod Kumar Yadav, Chairman of Railway Board was felicitated with this award on the occasion of the 52nd Engineers’ Day.

**Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award-2019:** Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh was conferred this award in Dhaka. The award has been instituted in the memory of former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

**Breakthrough Prize 2020**

Popularly known as the “Oscars of science”, they are awarded by the US based Breakthrough Prize Foundation, every year, in three fields for disciplines that ask the biggest questions and seek the deepest explanations. Considered as the world’s most generous science prize, each Breakthrough Prize carries an award of $ 3 million.

**Fundamental Physics:** Awarded to 347 Members of the Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration who collectively produced the world’s first image of a black hole.

**Life Sciences (4):** Awarded to Jeffrey M. Friedman, F. Ulrich Hartl and Arthur L. Horwich, David Julius, and Virginia Man-Yee Lee, each for different achievements.

**Mathematics:** Awarded to Alex Eskin, University of Chicago, USA, for revolutionary discoveries in the dynamics and geometry of moduli spaces of Abelian differentials.

**Right Livelihood Award 2019:** Conferred upon Swedish teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg for her activism against climate change. Besides her, three more persons were given the award.

**BOOKS & AUTHORS**

**NOVEMBER**

**BBC selects 100 iconic novels**

The British Broadcasting Corporation - BBC announced a list of ‘100 Novels That Shaped Our World’. A panel of leading writers, curators and critics compiled the list for the network. The list includes the renowned Indian authors like R K Narayan (Swami and Friends), Arundhati Roy (The God of Small Things), Salman Rushdie (The Moor’s Last Sigh), Vikram Seth (A Suitable Boy) and S. Naipaul (A House for Mr Biswas).

**The Far Field** by Madhuri Vijay

**Courts of India: Past to Present 2017**, a book by Roopa Purushothaman (Author)

**The Family Upstairs** by Lisa Jewell

**Me** by Elton John, autobiography of famous singer, lyricist and musician

**OCTOBER**

**Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion’s Life** by Viswanathan Anand, India’s veteran Chess star

**Bridgital Nation: Solving Technology’s People Problem** by N. Chandrasekaran (Chairman, Tata Sons), Roopa Purushothaman (Author)

**150 Years of Celebrating the Mahatma—the South African Legacy**’ by Fakir Hassen

**Reset: Regaining India’s Economic Legacy by Subramanian Swamy,** BJP MP

**The Tech Whisperer** by Jaspreet Bindra, noted digital transformation expert

**Ducks, Newburyport** by Lucy Ellmann

**An Orchestra of Minorities** by Chigozie Obioma

**10 Minutes 38 Seconds in this Strange World** by Elif Shafak

**Quichotte** by Salman Rushdie
SEPTEMBER

**Being Gandhi** by Paro Anand

**Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past** by Vikram Sampath, noted historian

**Loktantra Ke Swar and The Republican Ethic** : Both the books are a compilation of speeches of the President Ram Nath Kovind

**A Short History of Indian Railways** by Rajendra B Aklekar.

**India’s Lost Frontier** by Raghvendra Singh, veteran civil servant

**The Testaments** by Margaret Atwood

**The Institute** by Stephen King

**Here to Stay** by Mark Edwards

**Obama: The Call of History** by Peter Baker

PLACES IN NEWS

NOVEMBER

**Suranga Bawadi (mini pond):** The ‘Ancient Water System of the Deccan Plateau’ in Bijapur, Karnataka, selected in the World Monument Watch List for 2020, by the New York-based non-governmental organisation. It is one of the integral parts of the ancient Karez system of supplying water through subterranean tunnels. Now it is set to get funding for restoration.

**Cyclone ‘Bulbul’:** The tropical storm devastated the coastal districts of West Bengal before hurtling towards Bangladesh. It claimed at least 10 lives and affected at least 2.73 lakh families in different parts of the state.

**Los Angeles:** In the United States, a new wildfire ‘Maria Fire’ in Los Angeles area in California grew to nearly 9,000 acres in first week of November, sending thousands of people fleeing the area. The National Weather Service has warned that so-called Santa Ana winds could wreak havoc in the coming days.

The Santa Ana winds are strong, extremely dry downslope winds that originate inland and affect coastal Southern California and northern Baja California. They originate from cool, dry high-pressure air masses in the Great Basin in South West USA.

OCTOBER

**Typhoon Hagibis:** A severe tropical storm made landfall on eastern face of Tokyo in Japan on October 12 as Japan’s “worst storm in sixty years”. At least 58 people were killed and many are missing.

SEPTEMBER

**Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine:** In a list released by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti to select the best ‘Swachh Iconic Place’ Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine near Katra in Jammu and Kashmir has been adjudged as the “Best Swachh Iconic place” in the country.

**Qutb Minar, Delhi:** UNESCO World Heritage Site, the historic Qutb Minar in the Mehrauli area of Delhi witnessed its 1st ever architectural LED illumination on August 31.

**Typhoon Faxai:** One of the strongest storms to hit Tokyo in the last several years, with winds of up to 210km/h. About 100 bullet trains and 100 flights were cancelled in the region paralysed by the storm.

**Hurricane Dorian** smashed into the Bahamas on Sep 1, the strongest on record to hit the northwestern part of the archipelago, located in southeast of Florida. The islands were smashed with torrential rains and wind gusts up to 350 km per hour.

OBITUARY

NOVEMBER

**T N Seshan:** The former Chief Election Commissioner who transformed the face of electoral process in the country, passed away in Chennai on November 10 at the age of 86. His full name was Tirunellai Narayana Iyer Seshan. He was 10th Chief Election Commissioner of India, from 12 December 1990 to 11 December 1996. He made many changes in the Indian election system, the main being the introduction and strict implementation of the voter ID card.

**Gurudas Dasgupta:** Former Parliamentarian and veteran CPI (Communist Party of India) leader died in Kolkata after a prolonged illness. He was 83. He was a member of Rajya Sabha and also elected in Lok Sabha from Midnapore district of West Bengal.

OCTOBER

**Viju Khote:** Veteran Hindi and Marathi actor, who feebly mouthed the iconic dialogue ‘Sardar, maine aapka namak khaya hai’ as Kaalia to Amjad Khan’s notorious Gabbar in cult classic ‘Sholay’, passed away due to multiple organ failure in Mumbai, at the age of 77.

SEPTEMBER

**Ram Jethmalani:** Veteran lawyer and former Union Law Minister passed away in New Delhi at the age of 96. He fought many important cases and hit national headlines when he decided to represent the killers of former prime ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi.

**Robert Mugabe:** Zimbabwe’s former president died aged 95 in Singapore, where he had often received medical treatment in recent years. He ruled the country as Prime Minister and as President for 37 long years.
**Sports World**

**November**

**Lakshya Sen** won the Scottish Open men’s single Badminton title, defeating Brazilian Ygor Coelho in Glasgow, Scotland. He also won the SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament at Saarbrücken in Germany. He defeated Sen Weng Hong Yang of China.

**Maisnam Meiraba Luwang**, 16 year old boy from Manipur clinched the boys’ singles U-19 title at the Woncheon Yonex Korea Junior Open Badminton International Challenge 2019 in Miryang, Korea.

**Chitharesh Natesan** 33yr old former hockey player turned bodybuilder from Kerala, also known as the ‘Indian Monster’ in bodybuilding circles, became the first Indian to win ‘Mr. Universe (Pro) 2019’ in 90kg category at the 11th World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship in South Korea.

**Thiyam Dayananda Singh** of Manipur also won gold in 100 kg category.

**Manu Bhaker** created history by creating a new world record in the women’s 10m Air Pistol event, securing gold at the 2019 ISSF World Cup at Putian, China. Besides, and Divyansh Panwar clinching gold medals in women’s and men’s 10 metres air rifle competition, respectively.

**Harmeet Desai** won the men’s singles title at International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Indonesia Open 2019 Table Tennis tournament held at Batam, Indonesia.

**Sandeep Chaudhary and Sumit** broke the world records on their way to winning the gold and silver medals, respectively, in the F64 javelin throw event of the World Para Athletics Championships held at Dubai.

**Sundar Singh Gurjar also** won gold in F-46 javelin throw here.

**Deodhar Trophy**: India B lifted the cricket trophy by defeating India C team in the finals played in Ranchi, Jharkhand. It is a national level tournament played in 50 overs one day format between three teams selected by the BCCI. The trophy is named after the famous cricketer Prof D B Deodhar who played for India from 1911 to 1948.

**The 63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship Competitions** were held in New Delhi.

**Hockey teams secure Olympic ticket**
The Indian women as well as men’s hockey teams sealed their place in next year’s Tokyo Olympic Games at the double-leg FIH Qualifiers in Bhubaneswar. Women’s team defeated USA to seal their place while men’s team defeated Russia to secure their seat.

**Shafali Verma**, 15 year-old girl from Rohtak, Haryana became the youngest (15 years, 285 days) Indian cricketer ever to score a half-century in international cricket. Playing her first T20 International against West Indies at St. Lucia (West Indies), she surpassed several illustrious names in the annals of Indian cricket, scoring 73 runs in 49 balls.

She shattered the 30 years old record of Sachin who scored first international half century in 1989 at the age of 16 years, 214 days. Later, in her next match, she again scored 69 runs off 35 balls.

**Virat Kohli** became the first Indian to score a century on the Pink ball, playing Day-Night Test against Bangladesh at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata.

**Smriti Mandhana** became the second Indian player to score the fastest 2,000 runs in ODIs. The left-handed batsman achieved this feat in the third and last ODI against the West Indies at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua. Shikhar Dhawan is the only other Indian who has achieved this feat.

**Deepak Chahar** made a unique record of taking six wickets for seven runs playing against Bangladesh in Nagpur, Maharashtra. He also became the first Indian to achieve a hat trick in T20 format and became the most economical bowler in T20 Internationals.

**Rohit Sharma** became the first Indian male cricketer to play 100 T20 International cricket matches. Internationally, only Shoaib Malik of Pakistan has played more than 100 T20 matches, 111. Rohit achieved this feat playing against Bangladesh at Rajkot, Gujarat. Further, he has also become the batsman with highest total runs in T20 format in the world, amassing 2537 runs so far.

**Laishram Sarita Devi** of Manipur is among the six boxers from 5 continents who were elected as members of AIBA Athletes Commission.

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GYANM GENERAL AWARENESS – JANUARY 2020
Dutee Chand, female star sprinter has been included in the ‘Time 100 Next’ list that includes those who are ready to make future in business, recreation, sports, politics, health and science.

Dutee is the first Indian female athlete to win a gold medal in the 100 meters in the World University Games and won two Silver medals in the 100 meters and 200 meters events at the Jakarta Asian Games.

The International Hockey Federation has announced that India will host the 2023 Men’s Hockey World Cup from 13th to 29th of January, 2023.

INTERNATIONAL

Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greek tennis player won the ATP Finals beating Austria’s Dominic Thiem in London.

Max Verstappen won the Brazilian F-1 Grand Prix for team Red Bull.

Paris Masters 2019: Novak Djokovic of Serbia won the Tennis title by beating Canada’s Denis Shapovalov.

Lewis Hamilton, Mercedes’ driver and 5-time world champion from Britain, clinched his 10th win of the season at the Mexican Grand Prix 2019 in Mexico City.

Elig Kipchoge of Kenya, the first man to run a marathon in less than two hours, and 400m hurdles world champion Dalilah Muhammad of USA won the World Athlete of the Year awards for men and women, respectively, conferred by World Athletics, top governing body of Athletics.

Davis Cup: Rafael Nadal won the title for the sixth time for Spain after beating Denis Shapovalov of Canada in the finals played in Madrid, Spain.

The Davis Cup is the premier international team event in men’s tennis. It is run by the International Tennis Federation and is contested annually between teams from competing countries in a knock-out format.

3rd Rugby World Cup: South Africa’s national team – ‘Springboks’ defeated England’s team to win the Webb Ellis Cup in the finals played at Yokohama, Japan. Duane Vermeulen of South Africa was declared ‘Player of the Match’.

OCTOBER

Priyanshu Rajawat claimed the men’s singles title at the Bahrain International Series Badminton at Isa Town, Bahrain

Lakshya Sen clinched his maiden BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour title by winning the Dutch Open men’s singles at Almere in the Netherlands.

R Praggannandhaa, the 14-year-old Grand Master from Chennai won the coveted gold in the U-18 Open category in the World Youth Chess Championships held in Mumbai.

Sumit Nagal won the men’s singles title of ATP Challenger Tournament at Buenos Aires in Argentina.

Riya Bhatti won the ITF women’s tennis tournament in Lagos, Nigeria.

Para-athlete Anandan Gunasekaran won 2 gold medals at the 7th CISM World Military Games held in Wuhan, China. He won the medal in the disabled men’s 100m and 400m IT1 events.

Kaushal Dharmamer clinched the men’s singles title at the Maldives International Challenge (Badminton) in Male, the capital of the Maldives.

Deepak Punia jumped to world number one position in 86 kilogram category in the latest rankings issued by the International Wrestling Federation.

15 year old Tanishbir Sandhu won the gold in light heavyweight (80kg) category in the Asian junior boxing champion in Fujairah, UAE.

Praveen Kumar became the 1st Indian to win a gold medal at the 15th Wushu World Championships in Shanghai.

Surender Singh of India created three world records at the World Powerlifting Championship in Berlin, Germany. He bagged gold medal in 110 kg category, Classic Raw and the Best Lifter Award in Classic Raw and Single Ply.

Ronaldo Singh bagged a gold medal in the men’s junior Keirin event at the Asian Track Cycling Championships held at Incheon in South Korea.

Raunak Sadhwani, 13 year old boy from Nagpur became India’s 65th GrandMaster in Chess. He crossed the required mark for achieving this feat by earning over 2500 game points.

Maj Abdul Quadir Khan of the Corps of Signals won the Silver medal at the 53rd Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship held at Batam, Indonesia.

N Wilson Singh and Satish Kumar Prajapati won gold medal in 10 metres platform synchronised swimming event at the 10th Asian Age Group Championships in Bengaluru.

59th NATIONAL OPEN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Star sprinter Dutee Chand smashed her own national record, clocking 11.22 seconds, in the women’s 100m semifinals at the 59th National Open Athletics Championships in Ranchi, Jharkhand. Later, she also won gold in finals with timings of 11.25 seconds. She also won gold in 200 m sprint and the award for best athlete. 23 year old Dutee Chand hails from Odisha.

Shot putter Tejinderpal Singh Toor, who also broke his own national record, was named the best athlete in the men’s category.
Manjiri Rani won silver in her debut run at the women’s World boxing championships held at Ulan Ude, Russia. She lost gold to Russia’s Ekaterina Paltceva. Six-time champion M.C. Mary Kom (51kg), Jamuna Boro (54kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (69kg), each finished with bronze medals.

Mary Kom now has total 8 world championship medals, 6 gold and one silver and one bronze, highest ever among both men in women in the world.

Vijay Hazare Trophy: Karnataka won the trophy by beating Tamil Nadu by nine wickets in the finals played at Bengaluru. It is ‘A’ class championship approved by BCCI and is also known as One day Ranji Trophy. It is named after Vijay Hazare, a veteran allrounder from Maharashtra who played cricket for India from 1946 to 1953.

Mumbai teenager Yashasvi Jaiswal created history as he became the youngest cricketer in the world to score a double century in List A One Day cricket.

Vivo Pro Kabaddi League: Bengal Warriors won their first title by defeating Dabang Delhi in the finals played in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Virat Kohli on Oct 11 eclipsed legendary Sachin Tendulkar and Virender Sehwag by amassing a record seventh double hundred, the highest in Indian cricket history.

Rohit Sharma became the first player to score a century in both innings of a debut test match, scoring 176 in first inning and 127 in second inning, playing against South Africa in Visakhapatnam.

Rohit scores his maiden test double
Rohit Sharma, India’s famous ‘hitman’ scored his maiden Test double hundred (212) playing against South Africa in Ranchi, Jharkhand, thereby joining the company of Sachin Tendulkar, Sehwag and Chris Gayle as the only batsmen to score double centuries in both Tests and ODIs.

Further, with a total 19 sixes in the series, Rohit now also holds the record of most sixes in a Test series. With his double ton, Rohit’s Test average in India rose to 99.84 surpassing the 71-year-old record previously held by Sir Don Bradman (98.22) in Australia.

Harmanpreet Kaur, India’s women’s cricket captain, became India’s first cricketer (among both men and women) to play 100 T20 Internationals. She achieved this feat playing against South Africa at Surat, Gujarat.

Mithali first to complete 20 years in cricket
India women’s cricket team captain Mithali Raj became the first female player to last more than 20 years in international cricket. She achieved the feat while leading India to an emphatic eight-wicket win over South Africa in the first ODI at Vadodara on Oct 10.

36 year old Mithali made her ODI debut against Ireland on June 26, 1999. The right-handed batswoman has played 204 ODIs till now, the most by a female cricketer in the world. She also holds the world record for the highest runs in ODIs amassing 6731 runs.

ODI - One Day International.

Ganguly to head BCCI
One of India’s most decorated captains, Sourav Ganguly will take over as the 39th President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), ending the 33-month reign of the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA).

The National Basketball Association (NBA) of USA brought to India the first-ever Floating Basketball Court in the Arabian Sea near Mumbai. The first-ever NBA game in the country was held between Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers on October 4 and 5 on this floating court anchored near Gateway of India in Mumbai. NBA is North America’s men’s major professional basketball league, composed of 30 teams.

INTERNATIONAL

Biles - the most decorated gymnast
Simone Biles, the 22 year old star US gymnast broke the all-time record for most international medals – 25 by any gymnast (male or female) at the world championships by securing her 18th gold by winning the floor exercise competition the World Gymnastics Championship in Stuttgart, Germany, raising her medal tally to 25 that includes 18 gold (4 from Olympics), 3 silver and 4 bronze in various events.

Kipchoge first to run under 2 hr marathon
Eliud Kipchoge of Kenya created history by finishing a marathon in less than two hours time. It is for the first time an athlete has completed a marathon in less than two hours. He completed the 42.195 km race in 1hr 59min 40.2 sec.

Kipchoge already holds the men’s world record for the marathon with a time of 2hr 01min 39sec, which he made in the flat Berlin marathon on 16 September, 2018. Earlier, he won gold in the 2016 Olympics marathon.

Japan’s Naomi Osaka won the China Open Tennis tournament held in Beijing, China.
Novak Đoković clinched the Japan Open tennis title by defeating Australian John Millman.

Lewis Hamilton of Britain won the Russian Grand Prix in Sochi for the team Mercedes.

Valtteri Bottas from Finland won the Japanese Grand Prix for team Mercedes at Suzuka circuit, Japan.

Sultan of Johor Cup: Indian hockey men’s junior team lost to Great Britain in the finals played at Johor Bahru, Malaysia on Oct 19.

Lionel Messi, Barcelona forward player from Argentina was awarded ‘European Golden Shoe’ for being the top goalscorer in league football across Europe.

ICC amends super over rule
The International Cricket Council (ICC) has changed the super over rule for all its major events following the uproar over the outcome of the men’s World Cup final this year when England were declared winners against New Zealand on boundary count basis. As per new rule, if a super over ends in a tie, the super over will be repeated until one team has more runs than the other.

SEPTEMBER

Pankaj Advani clinched a record 22nd world title by winning the IBSF World Billiards Championship in Mandalay, Myanmar.

Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta won the IBSF World Snooker Team title at Mandalay, Myanmar, making it record 23rd world title for Pankaj.

Ronaldo Laitonjam won four gold in the Track Asia Cup cycling championship in New Delhi. Overall, India topped the medals tally, with 10 gold, 8 silver and 7 bronze.

Sourabh Verma clinched the Vietnam Open Super 100 badminton title, defeating China’s Sun Fei Xiang at the Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam.

Kaushal Dharmamer of India clinched the Myanmar International Badminton Series beating Indonesia’s Karono Karono in Yangon, Myanmar.

Lakshya Sen stunned Victor Svendsen of Denmark to clinch men’s singles title at the Belgian International Badminton Challenge in Leuven, Belgium.

V K Vismaya clinched the gold medal in the 400m run at the Josef Seckar Memorial International Athletic Meet - in Brno, Czech Republic.

Koneru Haminip from Andhra Pradesh clinched Fide World Grand Prix (Chess) 2019 title held in Skolkovo, Russia.

Mayank Vaid became the first Indian origin person to complete Enduroman triathlon in a new record time of 50 hours and 24 minutes. 42 year old Mayank is a lawyer by profession and lives in Hong Kong. It is one of the toughest endurance competitions around the world. It starts in London with 140 km of running, followed by 34 km swimming for crossing English Channel to reach France to undertake 290 km cycling to finish the race in Paris.

WORLD WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Indian wrestlers for the first time won five medals in the World Wrestling Championships held in Nur-Sultan, capital of Kazakhstan. Deepak Punia settled for a silver medal while four other - Rahul Aware, Bajrang Punia, Ravi Dahiya and Vinesh Phogat, won the bronze.

WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Amit Panghal (52kg), Asian Games gold medallist, created history at the World Boxing Championships in Ekaterinburg, Russia by winning India’s first ever silver medal in men’s boxing at the international level. He lost gold to Uzbekistan’s reigning Olympic gold medallist Shahobidin Zoirov. Further, for the first time, two Indian boxers finished on the podium at a single edition of the World Championships as Manish Kaushik also won a Bronze medal, placing team India at 6th rank.

ISSF WORLD CUP RIFLE/PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP
India finished at the top of the ISSF Championship in Rio De Janeiro (Brazil) with 5 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals. Manu Bhaker, Saurabh Choudhary, Abhishek Verma, Yashswini, Apurvi Chandela and Deepak Kumar were the top performers at the meet.

India clinched the U-19 Asia Cup title with a thrilling five-run win over Bangladesh in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

India lifted the SAFF Under-15 Football title at Kolkata, West Bengal with a 7-0 win over Nepal.

Manipur defeated Railways team to win the 25th Senior Women’s National Football Championship held in Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh.
Duleep Trophy: India Red beat India Green to lift the trophy in the finals played in Bengaluru.

Virat Kohli surpassed Mahendra Singh Dhoni to become India’s most successful captain in test matches after the team recorded its 28th win under his leadership, against the West Indies.

Deepti Sharma created history on September 24 by becoming the first Indian cricketer to bowl 3 maiden overs in T20Is. She reached the milestone playing against South Africa in Surat, Gujarat.

P T Usha, India’s iconic track queen was awarded the prestigious International International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) Veteran Pin Award.

Jasprit Bumrah created history by becoming the third Indian cricketer to take a hat-trick in Test cricket during India’s second Test against West Indies at Sabina Park.

Rishabh Pant broke MS Dhoni’s wicket-keeping record for India by becoming the fastest Indian wicket-keeper to claim 50 dismissals in Test cricket.

Mithali Raj, former India T20 captain, announced her retirement from T20 internationals. However, she will continue to be India’s ODI captain.

Rani Rampal, India’s ace hockey star will lead the 18-member Indian Women’s team which will take on England in a five-match series.

The 8th edition of Ladakh Marathon (42km race) was held in Leh. It is the highest marathon in the world, held at over 11,000 feet above the mean sea level.

The DDCA (Delhi and Districts Cricket Association) unveiled a new pavilion stand named after Virat Kohli in the recently renamed Feroz Shah Kotla stadium as Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium in New Delhi.

INTERNATIONAL

LOGO OF 2022 FIFA WORLD CUP RELEASED
The official logo of Qatar 2022 FIFA world cup was unveiled in the capital Doha. It is based on 3D symbol of infinity in a vertical position. The design is based on a stylised Arabic white unisex shawl with maroon patterning. The swooping curves of the emblem represent the undulations of desert dunes and the unbroken loop depicts both - the number eight - highlighting the eight stadiums that will host the World Cup matches - and the infinity symbol, which reflects the interconnected nature of the event.

MASCOTS FOR BEIJING WINTER OLYMPICS
A smiling panda and a walking Chinese lantern will be the mascots for the 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics in Beijing, China. The mascot, named Bing Dwen Dwen, a chubby giant panda wearing a suit of ice, will be the mascot for Winter Olympics 2022 while the Chinese lantern Shuey Rhon Rhon was declared as the official mascot for Winter Paralympics 2022.

Sebastian Vettel of team Ferrari won the Singapore Grand Prix F1 championship.

Charles Leclerc (from Monaco) won the Belgian Grand Prix F1 race for team Ferrari in Stavelot, Belgium. He also won the Italian Grand Prix at Monza, Italy.

Rory McIlroy, noted golfer from Ireland was named the PGA Tour Player of the Year for a third time, in London.

US Open Grand Slam Tennis Championship held in New York, USA
Men’s singles: Rafael Nadal of Spain won the title by beating Daniil Medvedev of Russia
Women’s singles: 19-year-old Bianca Andreescu of Canada defeated the six-time champion 38 year old Serena Williams of USA.

China Open Badminton Championship at Shanghai, China
Women’s singles won by thrice world champion Carolina Marin
Men’s singles won by Kento Momota of Japan

FIFA Best Player 2019 Awards
Best Men’s Player Award: Football legend Lionel Messi,(of Argentina) for 6th time
Best Women’s Player Award: Megan Rapinoe of USA, first time

Spain defeated Argentina to win the Basketball World Cup held in Beijing, China

Sri Lanka paceman Lasith Malinga became the highest wicket-taker in T-20 internationals with his 99th scalp in the first match against New Zealand.

“If you can believe it, the mind can achieve it.”
November 5: World Tsunami Awareness Day
The day is celebrated to spread awareness among people across the world in matters related to the dangers of tsunami. The UN General Assembly designated 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day in December 2015. In 2019, the Day promotes target of the “Sendai Seven Campaign,” which focuses on reducing disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services.

November 7: National Cancer Awareness Day
Observed annually in India to spread awareness on cancer, its symptoms and treatment. The day coincides with the birth anniversary of scientist Marie Curie, winner of the 1903 Nobel Prize in Physics and in Chemistry in 1911. Her research in radiation therapy was very helpful in the treatment of tumors and cancer. It may be noted that the World Cancer Day is observed on 4th February.

November 10: World Science Day for Peace and Development
The day highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. The theme for 2019 is “Open science, leaving no one behind.”

November 11: National Education Day
It is celebrated every year to commemorate the birthday of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of India. He established the University Grants Commission (UGC) after India’s independence. He was honoured with the Bharat Ratna in 1992 for his contribution as a freedom fighter and educationist.

November 12: Public Service Broadcasting Day
The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the first and only visit of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi on this day in 1947. He addressed the displaced people, who had temporarily settled at Kurukshetra in Haryana, after partition of India.

November 12: World Pneumonia Day
Observed globally to make people aware of the pneumonia disease, its symptoms, causes, and treatment. It is the world’s leading infectious killer of children under the age of 5, claiming over 800,000 lives annually. Pneumonia is an infectious disease that causes infection in one or both lungs. It can be serious and life-threatening. The theme for the year 2019 is “Healthy lungs for all.”

November 13: World Kindness Day
Celebrated to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us. The theme for this year’s day is empathy, encouraging people across the globe to better understand “the pains of others” and touch their lives “positively”.

November 14 - Children’s Day
The day is celebrated across the country to increase awareness about the rights, care and education of children. It is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru as he was very affectionate with children. It may be noted that World Children’s Day is observed on Nov 20.

November 14: World Diabetes Day
Observed all over the world, supported by the WHO to generate awareness about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes. The day marks the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922. The theme for this year is “Family and Diabetes.”

Diabetes is a metabolic and chronic disease that indicates a higher level of blood glucose and loss of insulin production by the body.

November 16: The National Press Day
The day is celebrated to honour the existence of free and responsible press in India. It was on this day in 1966 that the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog. The Council has been mandated by Parliament to improve the standards of journalism and maintain its freedom.

November 16: International Day for Tolerance
Supported by UNESCO, this day calls for new policies that respect diversity and pluralism on the basis of human rights. It provides an opportunity for people to learn about respecting and recognizing the rights and beliefs of others. It is also a time of reflection and debate on the negative effects of intolerance.
November 18: Naturopathy Day

The Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (Ayush) ministry celebrated the first Naturopathy Day in 2018 with the aim of promoting the drug-less system of medicine to prevent diseases by altering the diet and lifestyle. *Naturopathy is a system of man building in harmony with constructive principles of Nature on physical, mental, moral, and spiritual planes of living.*

November 19: World Toilet Day

The day is about inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis. The 6th Sustainable Development Goal of UNO aims to ensure availability and sustainable management of sanitation and water for all by 2030. All over the world, 4.5 billion people do not have access to a safe toilet and 892 million people still practise open defecation.

Nov. 20: World / Universal Children’s Day

Supported by UNICEF, it is observed around the world to improve child welfare, promote and celebrate children’s rights and promote togetherness and awareness amongst all children on the planet Earth.

November 21: World Television Day

The day is observed to highlight the increasing impact of television on decision-making capabilities of people and also to bring world attention to conflicts and threats to peace and in sharpening the focus on economic and social issues. UNO has acknowledged Television as a major tool in influencing public opinion and world politics.

November 21: World Fisheries Day

Observed across the world by the fisherfolk community to ensure sustainable stocks of fisheries and healthy oceans ecosystems. It demonstrates the importance of maintaining the fisheries of the world along with highlighting the problems like overfishing and mechanization.

Nov. 21 (3rd Thursday): World Philosophy Day

Observed across the world on 3rd Thursday of November to renew the national, sub-regional, regional and international commitment to philosophy and to foster philosophical analysis, research and studies on major contemporary issues, so as to respond more effectively to the challenges that are confronting humanity today.

4th Sunday - 24 Nov: NCC Day

Observed on the fourth Sunday of every November to commemorate the raising of the first unit of National Cadet Corps in 1948 in New Delhi. The NCC aims at developing character, comradeship, discipline, a secular outlook, the spirit of adventure and ideals of selfless service amongst young citizens.

November 25: International Day For The Elimination Of Violence Against Women

The day marks the launch of the 16 days of activism that will conclude on 10 December 2019, International Human Rights Day. The initiative aims to raise public awareness around the issue and promoting both, policymaking and resources dedicated to ending violence against women and girls worldwide. The 2019 theme of the day is “Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands against Rape!”

November 26: National Milk Day

Celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, promoter of India’s most successful dairy enterprise - Amul. Credit goes to him for making India world’s largest milk producer by launching ‘Operation Flood’. He is also known as the ‘Father of the White Revolution’ in India. He was awarded the Padma Shri in the year 1965, the Padma Bhushan in the year 1966 and the Padma Vibhushan in 1999. He passed away on September 9, 2012, at the age of 90. 

*Please note that the World Milk Day is on June 01.*

November 26: The Constitution Day

On this day in 1949, the India’s constitution was adopted by the constituent assembly and it came into force on January 26, 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of India. On this day tributes are paid to Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, considered as the father of Indian constitution. He prepared the world’s lengthiest and bulkiest constitution, comprising of 448 Articles and 12 Schedules. 

*This day is also known as the National Law Day.*
November 27: Indian Organ Donation Day
The day aims to promote organ donation for those who are in need of them and creating awareness for removing the taboo around organ donation. Many people could live to see a new day if only people with healthy organs could go ahead and donate their organs. Please note that the World Organ Donation Day is observed on August 13.

October 01: National Voluntary Blood Donation Day
Observed annually at national level to share the need and importance of the blood in the life of an individual. It aims at motivating people to come forward for voluntary blood donation so that more and more lives can be saved. Please note that “World Blood Donor Day” is observed on June 14.

October 1: International Coffee Day
Observed to recognize and celebrate the efforts of all those people who are associated with coffee business. This day is also celebrated to create awareness about issues of coffee farmers across the globe.

October 1: International Day of Older Persons
Observed every year with UN support to highlight the important contribution that older people make to society and to raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges of ageing in today’s world. The theme for this year’s celebrations is “The Journey to Age Equality”.

October 2: International Day of Non-Violence
Observed every year on the occasion of birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, legendary leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.

October 4-10: World Space Week
The United Nations (Office for Outer Space Affairs) observes this week every year as an international celebration of science and technology and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition. The dates were in recognition of the launch of the first man-made Earth satellite, Sputnik-1 on October 4, 1957. The theme for 2019 is: “The Moon: Gateway to the Stars”.

October 5: World Teachers Day
This day is observed every year with an aim to improve teachers’ situation in the world. It is an occasion when we should understand the values, challenges, roles and duties of a teacher in our daily life. The Theme for this year is “Young Teachers: The Future of the Profession”.

October 7: World Habitat Day
The United Nations designated the first Monday of October every year as World Habitat Day to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. This year’s theme is “Frontier Technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth”.

October 9: World Cotton Day (first)

The World Trade Organisation, WTO hosted the celebrations for the first World Cotton Day in its headquarters in Geneva.

October 9: World Post Day
The day aims to highlight the role played by the postal department in society. The day marks the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union, which started in 1874 in Switzerland.

October 10: World Mental Health Day
Observed across the world with support from WHO- World Health Organisation. The day aims to raise awareness regarding mental health issues and mobilize efforts to support mental health. The theme for 2019 is “suicide prevention”.

October 11: World Marijuana Day

The day celebrates the use and consumption of Cannabis and the legalization of Marijuana.
October 11: International Day of Girl Child
Observed globally to highlight the challenges faced by girls worldwide. The day aims to promote the empowerment of girls and realisation of their human rights. This year’s theme was ‘Girl Force: Unscripted and unstoppable’. It may be noted here that the National Girl Child Day is celebrated in India on January 24 every year, the day on which Indira Gandhi was sworn in as the first woman PM of India in 1966.

October 11 (2nd FRIDAY): THE WORLD EGG DAY
The day aims to help raise awareness of the benefits of eggs and their importance in human nutrition. Eggs are a source of low calorie, high-quality protein besides several vitamins and minerals.

October 12: World Migratory Bird Day
It is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. The theme for 2019 is “Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution”!

October 13: International Day For Disaster Reduction
Observed across the world every year with support from the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction. This year’s focus is on “Reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services”.

October 14: World Standards Day
Also called International Standards Day, it is celebrated globally to raise awareness among regulators, industry and consumers as to the importance of standardization to the global economy. The theme for 2019 is “Video standards create a global stage”.

Oct 15: International Day of Rural Women
The day recognizes the crucial role of women and girls in ensuring the sustainability of rural households and communities, improving rural livelihoods and overall wellbeing. This year’s theme is “Rural Women and Girls Building Climate Resilience”.

October 15: World Students’ Day
Celebrated every year to commemorate the birthday of former president APJ Abdul Kalam. He was dedicated to teaching and identified himself first as a teacher and then as anything else.

October 15: Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas
Supported by the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry, this day is observed to recognise the contribution of women farmers in various aspects of agriculture including sowing, planting, fertilizing, plant protection, harvesting, weeding, and storage.

October 16: World Food Day
Celebrated every year around the world to commemorate the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations on this day in 1945. This day generates awareness globally for those who suffer from hunger and to ensure the need for food security and nutritious diets for all. The theme for WFD 2019 is “Our Actions Are Our Future - Healthy Diets for a #Zero Hunger World”.

October 17: International Poverty Eradication Day
The day is observed across the world to raise awareness about the efforts being made to eradicate poverty in the world community. This year’s theme for the day is - Acting together to empower children, their families and communities to end poverty.

October 20: World Statistics Day
Celebrated every 5 years with UN support to show that good data and statistics are indispensable for informed decision-making by all actors in society. Last Day was observed in 2015 and so next celebration will be in 2020 with the theme “Better Data, Better Lives”.

Please note that “National Statistics Day” is celebrated in India on June 29.

October 24: The United Nations Day
Observed to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the UN Charter on this day in 1945. The day aims to bring attention to the work, role and achievements of the UNO and its family of specialized agencies.

October 31: Rashtriya Ekta Diwas
Observed to celebrate the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Deputy Prime Minister and the Home Minister of India. It is also the martyrdom day of Indira Gandhi.

October 31: World Cities Day
Observed across the world to work together for planned and sustainable urban life in the wake of rapid growth of population and problems. This year, the United Nations has selected the theme “Changing the world: innovations and better life for future generations” to discuss how urbanization can be used to achieve sustainable development.

ALL THE NEWS ITEMS IN THIS MAGAZINE HAVE BEEN SOURCED FROM VARIOUS NEWS PAPERS AND GOVT. PRESS RELEASES.
The Parliament revoked Article 370 and the special status of Kashmir on August 5.

- Now Jammu & Kashmir is no longer a state, instead it is a UT with a legislature while Ladakh is a UT without legislature w.e.f October 31, 2019.

### MAJOR CHANGES

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<td>Now any citizen of the country can settle in J&amp;K.</td>
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- On August 15, Air India became the first Indian airline to fly over the North Pole while connecting New Delhi to San Francisco in south west USA.
- The UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) organised the first-ever World Youth Conference in New Delhi.
- The President of India gave his consent to the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 or the Triple Talaq Bill.
- It makes instant triple talaq or talaq-e-biddat illegal and void and practice of instant triple talaq punishable by a jail term of 3 years.
- The 3rd edition of India’s largest education brainstorming event, the ScooNews Global Educators Fest was held in Udaipur, Rajasthan, August 9-10.

### JULY

- Government of India will provide 10,000 scholarships for heirs of the liberation war fighters of Bangladesh called ‘Muktijodhas’ (freedom fighters).
- The 7th Economic Census started from Tripura on July 29. The census is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, every 5 years.
- The Supreme Court ordered the central government to make a special court in each district having more than 100 cases pending under POCSO Act.
- The United States Senate has passed a legislative provision that gives India status of ally of NATO for increased defence cooperation.
- India signed an agreement with Sri Lanka for upgradation of over 100 year old railway tracks in the northern part of the country.

### JUNE

- Mr. Modi reached the Japanese city of Osaka to attend the G20 Summit on June 28-29.
- Mr. Modi made his first foreign tour in his new tenure to Maldives, June 8-9 and received Maldives’ highest award, the Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzudeen.
- Prime Minister Modi attended the meeting of Council of Heads of States of Shanghai Cooperation Organization -SCO in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan.
India’s first specialised hydrotherapy centre for elephants suffering from arthritis, joint pain and foot ailments was opened in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.

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**NEWS FROM STATES**

### AUGUST

- Gujarat topped the Composite Water Management Index 2.0 released by the NITI Aayog.
- Karnataka topped the SARAL index, which evaluates the Indian states on the basis of their attractiveness for rooftop solar development.
- The National Tribal Festival “Aadi Mahotsav” was held in Leh, Ladakh to showcase traditional art and handicrafts and cultural heritage of the country.
- The ‘abhishekam prasadam’ Panchamirtham of Murugan temple, Palani, Tamil Nadu has been bestowed with the Geographical Indication tag.
- Tamil Nadu’s Pathamadai mats have been granted Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Renowned worldwide for its fine quality that glorifies the Taj Mahal and the Victoria Memorial, Kolkata, marble from Makrana in Rajasthan is now Asia’s first Global Heritage Stone Resource.
- The ‘Odisha Rasagola’ was given GI tag, less than two years after West Bengal won its own GI tag for the similar sweet in Nov. 2017.
- Indian Railways started its second double-decker train “Uday Express” (Utkrisht Double-Decker Air Conditioned Yatri) between Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh.
- India’s first Central Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology is to be set up in Gujarat.

### JULY

- The world famous ‘Pink City’ Jaipur has been inducted by the UNESCO in its World Heritage Site list.
- Telangana has become the first state to implement Central government’s proposal for introducing “one-nation-one-card” project.
- In Rajasthan, Kalu police station in the Bikaner district bagged the first rank among 15,666 police stations across the country.
- Country’s first state-of-the-art Space Systems Park, is to be set up at Knowledge City in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- Maharashtra achieved first rank in the “Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index” (AMFFRI) released by NITI Aayog.
The HRD ministry launched the Integrated Teachers Training Programme, NISHTHA to build and improve the capacities of teachers across the country.

NISHTHA: National Initiative for School Head’s and Teachers’ Holistic Advancement

“Jal Jeevan Mission” launched to provide piped water supply to every house by 2024.

Atal Innovation Mission launched the Atal Community Innovation Centre Programme to encourage innovation at the community level.

The Northeast Frontier Railway zone has started a unique initiative to earmark a special portion of the SLR coach with pink colour with a view to provide better safety and security to women passengers.

Govt has made “Headgear” (wearing a helmet) mandatory for children above 4 years while travelling on a motorcycle/scooter in public place.

‘Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha’ mission launched by the HRD ministry to create awareness about Water Conservation among all school students.

A high powered Committee of Chief Ministers headed by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis formed for ‘Transformation for Indian Agriculture’.

MSP HIRED FOR KHARIF CROPS

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The UGC approved “Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India’s Developing Economy” (STRIDE) to boost research culture in the country.

The Deptt. of Higher Education of HRD Ministry released a 5 year vision plan Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme - EQUIP.

The programme aims to upgrade the overall quality of education to global standards with a focus on promoting research.

The Group of Ministers (GoM) looking after the issues on how to prevent sexual harassment at workplace reconstituted under Home Minister Amit Shah.

The Parliament passed the Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019 to make use of Aadhaar number voluntary.

Now use of Aadhaar as proof of identity for opening bank accounts, getting mobile phone connections, will not be mandatory.

It also provides stiff penalties of fine up to Rs. one crore for unauthorised use of Aadhaar related data.

Government has announced that persons, who do not have PAN card, can now use Aadhaar card in its place.

Government has decided to declare all lanes at the toll plaza on national highways as ‘FASTag lanes’ from December 1, 2019.

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has opened its first ‘Aadhaar Seva Kendra’ in Delhi and Vijayawada.

A working group headed by Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, Niti Aayog formed for the revision of the current series of Wholesale Price Index.

Cabinet has approved the extension of the term of 15th Finance Commission up to 30th November this year.

The Union Cabinet approved the extension of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme to all the farmers in the country.

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana to provide a min pension of Rs 3,000 pm after the age of 60 years. Marginal farmers (18 to 40 years) are eligible.

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All shopkeepers, retail traders and self employed aged 18-40 years with annual GST turnover below Rs 1.5 crore are eligible.

Govt formed a new ‘Jal Shakti’ (water power) Ministry by merging the erstwhile Ministries of Water Resources and Drinking Water and Sanitation.

Jal Shakti Abhiyan launched to ramp up rainwater harvesting and conservation efforts in 255 water-stressed districts from July 1 to Sep 15.
Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964 amended to empower district magistrates in all States/ UTs to set up tribunals to decide whether a person staying illegally in India is a foreigner or not.

The government has developed a National Strategic Plan that aims to end Tuberculosis (TB) by 2025.

**ECONOMY**

**AUGUST**

- Govt has set up a joint venture company “Khanij Bidesh India Limited” - KABIL to ensure supply of 12 critical minerals to Indian domestic market.
- The SEBI announced reward for insider trading informants. The reward amount will be 10% of the money collected, maximum Rs 1 crore.
- E-commerce major Amazon inaugurated its largest campus in the world, in Hyderabad. Spread over three million sq ft, it has 15,000 work points.

**JULY**

- Government has announced the merger of three public sector insurance companies given below:
- National Insurance Company, United India Assurance Company and Oriental India Insurance Company.
- The Kalinganagar plant of Tata Steel in Jaipur district of Odisha has been included in World Economic Forum’s Global Lighthouse Network.
- Hyundai India launched the country’s first all-electric premium crossover – Kona, priced at Rs 25.30 lakh (ex-showroom, India).

**JUNE**

- As per CSO data, country’s per-capita income for 2018-19 is estimated at Rs 1,26,406.
- Kirit Parikh committee formed to review the existing marketing structure of LPG to examine the scope for entry of new players.
- The Ministry of Agriculture has estimated food grains production for the agricultural year 2018-19 at over 283 million tonnes.
- ONGC replaced IOC to regain the crown of being the country’s most profitable public sector company, earning a profit of Rs.26,716 crore in 2017-18.

**BANKING & FINANCE**

**AUGUST**

- The RBI to transfer 1.76 lakh crore rupees as dividend and surplus reserve to the government.
- The amount includes over 1,23,000 crore rupees of surplus for the year 2018-19 and 52,637 crore rupees of excess provisions.
- RBI allowed processing of e-mandate on credit/debit cards, e-wallets for recurring transactions with a cap of Rs 2,000 per transaction.
- RBI has asked banks that ATM transactions failed due to technical reasons or due to non-availability of cash, should not be included in the "free ATM transactions" permitted every month.
- Similarly, use of ATMs for balance enquiry and fund transfers too, should not be part of the free transactions facility given to a customer.
- The RBI has decided to allow round-the-clock fund transfers through NEFT from December this year.

**JULY**

- RBI finalised a three-year roadmap named “Utkarsh 2022” to improve regulation and supervision, and other functions of the central bank.
- The recruitment examination of RRBs will now be conducted in 13 regional languages, in addition to English and Hindi.
- These are: Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu.

**JUNE**

- With a view to boosting digital transactions, RBI has decided to do away with charges levied on RTGS and NEFT transactions.
- RBI has decided to reduce banks’ exposure to a group of connected parties to 25% of its capital base. Exposure to a single party has been capped at 20%.
- RBI has extended timings for customer transactions through RTGS from 4:30 PM to 06 PM, wef June 1, 2019. Now RTGS can be done from 8AM to 6PM.
- The RBI constituted Harsh Vardhan committee to review the existing housing finance securitisation market in India.
- The RBI has allowed banks to offer cheque book facility and other services like ATM card in the Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) Accounts.
RBI has directed banks to ensure that their ATMs are grouted to a wall, pillar, or floor by September-end, to enhance their security.
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DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
AUGUST
• Indigenously built INS LCU L-56, the sixth of the Landing Craft Utility (LCU) MK IV class ships, was commissioned into the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam.
• India has signed a deal worth around Rs 1,500 crore to acquire R-27 air-to-air missiles from Russia.
• Scientists at University of Leeds, UK created the thinnest unsupported gold ever created that is just two atoms thick - 1 million times thinner than a human fingernail.

JULY
• INS Sagardhwani conducted a scientific mission named ‘Marine and Allied Interdisciplinary Training and Research Initiative’ (MAITRI).
• DRDO successfully tested anti tank Nag missiles in Pokhran ranges in Rajasthan.
• Indian Army has placed an order for Israeli anti-tank Spike missiles. This missile is known for its ability to pierce even bunkers, up to four kilometers.
• Israel Aerospace Industries of Israel to supply complementary Naval MRSAM (medium range surface-to-air missile) systems to the Indian Navy.
• The first lot of four Boeing AH-64E Apache attack helicopters arrived in India from USA. They will be stationed at Pathankot Airbase in Punjab.
• The Indian Navy commissioned its new Dornier Aircraft Squadron in Chennai.
• NASA has developed a Deep Space Atomic Clock in their Jet Propulsion Laboratory. It is about 50 times more stable than average GPS satellite clock.
• The Russian space agency, Roscosmos, in a joint effort with Germany, launched a space telescope named Spektro-RG to be parked at L2 Lagrange point.

INTERNATIONAL
AUGUST
• Pakistan placed on the blacklist of the Financial Action Task Force’s (Paris) Asia Pacific Group for non-compliance and non-enforcement of safeguards against terror financing and money laundering.
• Saudi Arabia passed new law to allow Saudi women to obtain passports and travel abroad without approval from a male “guardian”.

JUNE
• Indian Navy signed a contract with Bharat Dynamics Ltd for supply of heavyweight torpedo Varunastra.
• DRDO has developed herbal drug ‘lukoskin’ for treatment of Leucoderma.
• Govt approved setting up of a new “Defence Space Research Agency” headed by a senior defence scientist.
• Ministry of Shipping signed a MoU with IIT Kharagpur for setting up the Centre for Inland and Coastal Maritime Technology at the institute.
• The National Geographic Society has established world’s highest operating weather station near Mount Everest.
• The Balcony weather station is the first one to be installed at an elevation above 8,000 metres.
• Indian Navy launched Operation Sankalp in the Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman to ensure safety of Indian flagged ships passing through the area.
• NASA’s robot named Bumble became the first Astrobot II robot to fly under its own power in space.
• Russia launched the world’s largest and most powerful nuclear icebreaker ship named Ural.
• Facebook has announced a digital currency called ‘Libra’ that will allow its billions of users to make financial transactions across the globe.
The world’s largest burn and plastic surgery institute started functioning in Dhaka, Bangladesh, named Sheikh Hasina National Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute.

UAE has decided to offer to its incoming tourists free mobile phone SIM cards with 20 MB data as a gift without providing any documentation.

Hong Kong has been named the world’s most expensive city for expatriates according to an annual report by consulting firm Mercer.

South Africa has passed a law to impose carbon tax to cut down emissions of greenhouse gases in the country.

According to the Copernicus Climate Change Service, a European climate agency, June 2019 was recorded as the hottest June ever.

Palau, a tiny country in the Micronesia region in the western Pacific Ocean, signed International Solar Alliance Framework to become 76th country to join the International Solar Alliance.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has identified addiction to video games on smartphones and other devices as a “disorder”.

Saudi Arabia has become the first Arab country to be granted full membership of the Paris based Financial Action Task Force.

Russia launched its first tourist train travelling through Arctic region and on to Norway.

As per the ‘100 Top BrandZ Report’ by Kantar, Amazon has become the world’s most valuable brand with a brand value of $315 billion.

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The meeting of Finance Ministers of G20 countries was held in the Japanese city of Fukuoka.

The 14th summit of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) was held in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. OIC is a group of 57 Islamic countries.

The 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) held its annual summit in Bangkok, Thailand on June 23.

**PERSONS IN NEWS**

**AUGUST**

Justice Madan B Lokur: Retired Supreme Court judge has been appointed a judge of the nonresident panel of the Supreme Court of Fiji, a tiny island nation in the South Pacific Ocean.

Akshay Kumar: As per Forbes’ list of highest-paid actors, Bollywood star secured the fourth position with earnings of $65 million (about Rs 450 crore).

Scarlett Johansson: Hollywood star has topped the Forbes’ list of highest-paid female actors in the world.

Taylor Swift: As per the Forbes list of highest paid women in music, the 29 year old American singer has been ranked at the top, with earnings of $ 185 million (over Rs 1,300 crore).

**JULY**

Benjamin Netanyahu: He became Israel’s longest-serving prime minister, leading the country for 4,876 days (over 13 years, four months).

Christine Lagarde: The MD of IMF resigned ahead of a decision on her nomination to become President of the European Central Bank, ECB, at Frankfurt, Germany.

Viral Acharya: RBI’s youngest deputy governor announced his resignation from his post, seven months before the end of his tenure.

Nirmala Sitharaman: A prominent BJP leader, the 60 year old Rajya Sabha MP from Karnataka has been made first full time woman Finance Minister of India.

Chandrani Murmu: A tribal woman from Odisha made history after winning the Lok Sabha seat from Keonjhar in Odisha as the youngest MP at the age of 25 years and 11 months.

Azim Premji: IT Industry icon, Executive Chairman of Wipro announced his resignation with effect from 30th July 2019.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**AUGUST**

B S Yeddyurappa: Sworn in as the 19th chief minister of Karnataka, for the fourth time.

Rajiv Gauba: Appointed as the next Cabinet Secretary
Ajay Kumar Bhalla: Appointed as the new Union Home Secretary.
Rajiv Kumar: Senior IAS officer appointed as the new Union Finance Secretary.

**JULY**

NEW GOVERNORS APPOINTED FOR TEN STATES

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V K Johri: Sr. IPS officer has been appointed as the next Director General of Border Security Force.

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury: The leader of the Congress party in Lok Sabha, was appointed as the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

Dr. Ajay Bhalla: IAS officer of 1984 batch appointed as the new Union Home Secretary

Vivek Kumar: A senior officer of Indian Foreign Service was appointed as private secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Anshula Kant: A former MD of State Bank of India has been appointed as the next MD and CFO of the World Bank. She will report to President, David Malpass.

B Harideesh Kumar: Appointed as the new Director of the IBPS - Institute of Banking Personnel Selection, Mumbai.

Boris Johnson: A leader of Conservative party, elected as the new Prime Minister of Britain.

Kyriakos Mitsotakis: Elected as the new Prime Minister of Greece.

Arvinda Kumar: Appointed as the new head, Director of the Intelligence Bureau, internal intelligence agency of India.

K Natarajan: Appointed as the new Director General of the Indian Coast Guard.

National Security Advisor: Sh. Ajit Doval has been re-appointed as the National Security Advisor

Admiral Karambir Singh Nijjar took charge as the 24th Navy chief on May 31

Sun Weidong: Veteran diplomat from China appointed as its new envoy to India.

Gianni Infantino: 49 year old sports professional re-elected as the President of FIFA, football's global governing body.

**AWARDS & HONOURS**

**AUGUST**

Vir Chakra: Conferred upon Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman who downed an F-16 fighter of Pakistan on Feb. 27 in a straight dogfight in which his MiG-21 was shot down and he was captured by the Pakistani forces, though released later.

The 66th National Film Awards were announced on August 9 by the jury headed by veteran film director Rahul Rawail. The awards are given in 31 categories. The award for most film friendly state was given to Uttarakhand.

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Vidisha Baliyan: Uttar Pradesh girl crowned the Miss Deaf World 2019 title at the international beauty pageant held in Mbombela, South Africa.

Ramon Magsaysay Award-2019: Senior Indian journalist Ravish Kumar was one of the five persons
selected for the prestigious award, regarded as the Asian version of the Nobel Prize.

**Miss England-2019**: Bhasha Mukherjee, an Indian-origin doctor won the title in a pageant held in London.

**Miss World Diversity 2019**: Naaz Joshi, India’s transsexual woman won the crown at a pageant held in Port Louis, Mauritius.

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**JULY**

**NALCO gets President award for CSR**
National Aluminium Company Limited – NALCO has been selected for this award.

**PATA Gold Award**: The "Find the Incredible You" campaign of the Tourism Ministry won the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold Award, 2019.

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**JUNE**

Suman Rao was crowned Femina Miss India 2019 while Shivani Jadhav and Shreya Shanker were crowned Femina Miss Grand India and Miss India United Continents, respectively.

"Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca": Highest civilian award of Mexico was conferred upon former President of India, Pratibha Patil.

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**AUGUST**

**Arun Jaitley**: Former Union minister and top BJP leader passed away after prolonged illness. He was 66. A brilliant strategist and communicator, he was among the best spokespersons in the BJP.

**Khayyam**: Veteran Bollywood composer and music director, best known for his music in classic films such as Kabhi Kabhie and Umrao Jaan, Noorie, Trishul, passed away after a prolonged illness at the age of 92.

**Subir Vithal Gokarn**: Noted economist and former RBI Deputy Governor (2009-12) passed away at the age of 60, after a brief illness.

**Sushma Swaraj**: Former External Affairs Minister and former Chief Minister of Delhi, one of the BJP’s most popular women leaders, passed away in New Delhi after suffering a massive cardiac arrest. She was 67.

**V G Siddhartha**: Founder of the Café Coffee Day chain, was in the news due to his mysterious suicide. He was instrumental in popularising Indian coffee worldwide.

**Vidya Sinha**: Veteran Bollywood actor passed away after a brief lung-cum-heart disease. She was 72. She will be remembered for her roles in Basu Chatterjee’s films "Rajnigandha" and "Choti si Baat".

**J Om Prakash**: Veteran director and maternal grandfather of actor Hritik Roshan, passed away in Mumbai at the age of 93. He produced several box office hits like Ayee Milan Ki Bela, Aaye Din Bahar Ke, Aya Sawan Jhoom Ke, Aap Ki Kasam, and Aandhi.

**Toni Morrison**: The first Afro-American Nobel laureate in literature (1993), passed away in New York. She was the author of several novels, children’s books and essays. Her famous books include The Bluest Eye, Beloved, Paradise and Love.

**Russi Taylor**: The voice of Minnie Mouse since the mid-1980s, died in Glendale, California, USA. She was 75.

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**JULY**

**Jaipal Reddy**: Senior Congress leader and former Union Minister passed away in Hyderabad age of 77. He was 7-time MP and four-term MLA.

**Sheila Dixit**: Three-time Delhi Chief Minister and senior Congress leader passed away in New Delhi, at the age of 81. She was Delhi’s chief minister for 15 years.

**Basant Kumar Birla**: Eminent industrialist and Birla Group patriarch passed away in Mumbai. He was 98.

**Lee Iacocca**: A leader in the American automobile industry, died in California at the age of 94. He is remembered mostly as the businessman who saved the Chrysler Corporation and made it profitable.

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**JUNE**

**Girish Karnad**: The 81-year-old veteran actor and playwright died in Bengaluru after multiple organ failure. He was known for his critically-acclaimed plays like "Yayati", "Hayavadana" and "Tughlaq". He was decorated with Padma Sri, Padma Bhushan and prestigious literary award Jnanpith.

**Dinyar Contractor**: Veteran Parsi comedian and actor died in Mumbai fighting with several age related ailments. He was 79.

**Jaspal Inder Singh Kalra**: Popularly known as Jiggs Kalra, famous restaurateur who was known as the czar of Indian cuisine, died in Mumbai after fighting a long illness. He was 72.
‘Statue of Unity’ and ‘Soho House’ featured in the Time’s list of the 100 greatest places in the world. The 597-ft tall ‘Statue of Unity’ is located in Gujarat and the Soho House is located in Mumbai.

Virasat-e-Khalsa Museum, Anandpur Sahib: The sikh museum in Punjab became the most visited museum in the Indian subcontinent, attracting 20,569 visitors on a single day on March 20.

Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium: Famous cricket stadium in Delhi renamed as Arun Jaitley Stadium in memory of its former president who passed away on August 24.

Connaught Place, New Delhi: The commercial business district (CBD) of Delhi is the 9th most expensive office markets around the globe, according to a report by CBRE.

Muzaffarpur: City in Bihar was in news as over 160 children lost their lives due to outbreak of the Acute Encephalitis Syndrome, locally known as ‘chamki bukhar’.

P V Sindhu scripted history as she became the first Indian to win badminton’s World Championships as she defeated arch-rival former world champion Nozomi Okuhara of Japan in finals played at Basel, Switzerland.

Manasi Joshi, India’s para badminton star won the gold in para badminton category. Joshi lost her left leg in an accident in 2011.

Jerlin Anika, 15 year Tamil Nadu girl won the gold medal in the World Deaf Youth Badminton Championships held in Taipei. She also won two silver and one bronze in other events.

Deepak Punia, the 20 year old wrestler from Haryana, became India’s first junior World Champion in last 18 years, claiming a gold medal at the Junior World Championships at Tallinn, Estonia.

Aishwarya Pissay became the first Indian to claim a world title in motorsports, winning the FIM World Cup in Varpalota in Hungary.

Vinesh Phogat, star Indian grappler bagged gold in women’s 53kg category in Poland Open wrestling tournament in Warsaw. This is her third international gold in past one month.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty created history by becoming the first Indian pair to win a BWF Super 500 badminton tournament, stunning reigning world champions Li Jun Hui and Liu Yu Chen in the final of the Thailand Open in Bangkok.

Indian Sumit Nagal, 22 year old tennis prodigy created a sensation when he defeated the 20 grand slam winner 38 year old Roger Federer in first round match in US Open Grand Slam in New York. However, finally, Roger won the match after four sets.

Virat Kohli became the first ever batsman in the world to score 20,000 international runs in a single decade. He achieved the feat on August 14 playing against the West Indies in Port of Spain.

Durand Cup 2019: In the oldest Football Tournament of Asia, Gokulam Kerala FC defeated Mohun Bagan in the finals played in Kolkata.

Ravi Shastri was re-appointed as the head coach of the Indian men’s cricket team by the Cricket Advisory Committee of BCCI.

Former opener Vikram Rathour has been selected as the new batting coach for the Indian Cricket team.

Legendary Football club East Bengal Club celebrated its 100 years of existence on August 01 in Kolkata.

American gymnast Simone Biles made history with a never-before-seen “triple-double” floor exercise landing. She performed the landing featuring “two flips and three twists” in U.S. Gymnastics Championships held in Kansas City, USA.

Ellyse Perry, the 28 year old Australian woman all-rounder became the first cricketer of either gender in the world to reach the rare milestone of scoring 1000 runs and taking 100 wickets in the T20 format.

The First ICC World Test Championship started on August 1 in Birmingham, UK with the first match being played between Australia and England. Played by top nine teams, the finals will be played in June, 2021.
Hashim Amla, South African batsman announced his retirement from all formats of international cricket.

In a historic move, the International Cricket Council and Commonwealth Games Federation confirmed the inclusion of women’s T20 cricket in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

JULY

Indian sprint runner Hima Das won the women’s 200m gold at the Star Poznan Athletics Grand Prix in Poland, clocking 23.56 seconds. Already a world champion, she is popularly known as ‘Dhing Express’ as she hails from Dhing, Assam.
Later, she won four more gold medals as under:

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National record holder Muhammed Anas won the gold in the men’s 200m race while MP Jabir won the gold in the men’s 400m hurdles at the Kutno Athletics Meet in Poland.

MC Mary Kom claimed the gold medal in the 23rd President’s Cup Boxing Tournament in Labuan Bajo, Indonesia. Simranjit Kaur also won the Gold, in 60 kg category.

Veer Chotrani of India won the Gold at the Asian Junior Squash Championship in Macau, China.

Ravinder Kumar Malik: Indian bodybuilder clinched Mr. South Asia title at 12th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship in Kathmandu.

Shiva Thapa became India’s first gold-medalist at the President’s Cup boxing tournament held in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Dutee Chand, National record holder clinched a gold medal in the World Universiade in 100 m dash event at Napoli in Italy.

Sunil Chhetri, the charismatic footballer was named as the AIFF Men’s Footballer of the Year for a record sixth time.

Virat Kohli became the fastest batsman to reach 20,000 international runs, eclipsing batting greats Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara.

Sharath Kamal, star tennis player, national champion for record nine times, was voted the Sportsperson of the Year in the annual Indian Oil Sports Conclave.

BCCI has appointed Rahul Dravid as Head of Cricket at its National Cricket Academy at Bengaluru.

The third edition of Khelo India Youth Games will be held in Guwahati in January, 2020.

INTERNATIONAL

Kristof Milak, Hungarian teenager shattered Michael Phelps’ 2009 world record of 1:51.51 minutes in the 200 metres butterfly at the World Aquatics Championships in Gwangju, S Korea by clocking a timings of 1:50.73 minutes.

Adam Peaty, the British swimmer became the first person in the world to complete men’s 100 metre breaststroke in under 57 seconds. He finished the race in 56.88 seconds at the World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea.

Egan Bernal became the first person from Colombia to win the challenging Tour de France cycle race in Paris. He retained the overall leader’s yellow jersey. 22-year-old Bernal is also the youngest rider to win the race in 110 years.

ICC WORLD CUP CRICKET

England lifted their maiden trophy beating New Zealand in a nerve-wracking final that was decided after a dramatic Super Over in Lord’s stadium in London.

Kane Williamson, New Zealand’s skipper was adjudged “Player of the Tournament”

Rohit Sharma scored highest – 648 runs and Mitchell Starc of Australia claimed highest wickets – 27.

Tennis Grand Slam Wimbledon concludes in London

Novak Djokovic of Serbia won his fifth title after defeating Swiss player Roger Federer.

Women’s title was won by Simona Halep of Romania by defeating Serena Williams of USA.

Women’s FIFA World Cup: United States secured a record-extending fourth win by beating the Netherlands 2-0 in the finals played at Lyons, France.

The International Cricket Council - ICC has granted the hosting rights for 13th ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 to India. This is for the first time that India will be hosting this event all alone.
1) Which city installed first of its kind high-end “reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction” (RT-PCR) machines in India for quick detection of diseases like dengue, tuberculosis and swine flu?
   a) Mumbai       b) Chennai
   c) Bengaluru    d) Kolkata
   e) Delhi

2) What is the name of the fast petrol vessel recently inducted in the Indian Coast Guard?
   a) Amrit Kaur       b) Amrit Kund
   c) Samudar Putri   d) Neharika
   e) Trikand

3) The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of the National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa in which place?
   a) Kangra       b) Hamirpur
   c) Ladakh       d) Leh
   e) Kargil

4) Who has been sworn in as the New Chief Minister of Maharashtra?
   a) Uddhav Bal Thackeray
   b) Devendra Fadnavis
   c) Ajit Pawar       d) Sharad Pawar
   e) Sanjay Raut

5) Of late, White Label ATMs are being installed in India. What is meant by a white label ATM?
   a) ATMs which are set up by non-banking entities.
   b) ATMs which are white in colour.
   c) ATMs which are set up by group of foreign banks operating in India.
   d) ATMs which are set up by Reverse Bank of India.
   e) ATMs which are installed by group of bankers

6) What does the letter ‘I’ denote in the term DICGC as used in the banking sector?
   a) India
   b) Industrial
   c) Infrastructure
   d) Insurance
   e) Initiative

7) Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana every account holder gets a free accidental insurance cover of Rs. 2 lakh provided the Rupay Card issued in the account has been used at least once in _____ days?
   a) 30 days       b) 90 days
   c) 40 days       d) 60 days
   e) 45 days

8) Headquarters of the Global Organization "International Solar Alliance" are located in which city?
   a) Gurugram       b) Noida
   c) Paris         d) Geneva
   e) Sydney

9) Lieutenant Shivangi became the first female pilot to join Indian Navy on Dec 2. She will fly which aircraft?
   a) Sea Harrier       b) Dornier
   c) Sea King         d) Daqotu
   e) MiG-29

10) Which state announced 'Arundhati Swarna Yojana' under which 10 grams of gold will be offered at time of marriage of poor girls?
    a) Bihar       b) West Bengal
    c) Assam       d) Meghalaya
    e) Tripura

11) Who created history by creating a new world record in the women's 10m Air Pistol event, securing gold at the 2019 ISSF World Cup at Putian, China?
    a) Manu Bhaker       b) Elavenil Valarivan
    c) Rahi Sarnobat     d) Tejaswini Sawant
    e) Heena Sidhu

12) Name the company CEO who has been named at the top of the Fortune's annual Business Person of the Year list 2019.
    a) Satya Nadela       b) Indira Nooyi
    c) Jeff Bezos        d) Bill Gates
    e) Jack Ma

13) Wholesale banking generally caters to the requirements of
    a) Corporates       b) Business houses
    c) Public sector companies
    d) All of the above       e) None of the above

14) Lack of access to financial services is technically known as
a) Financial instability  
b) Financial inclusion  
c) Financial stability  
d) Financial exclusion  
e) Poverty

15) The Paris Agreement, 2015 adopted by nearly 200 nations, is associated with which field? 
a) Terrorism  
b) Climate Change  
c) Global Warming  
d) Nuclear Weapon  
e) None of these

16) Under Standup India scheme, every bank branch is required to sanction at least two loans, with preference to SC/ST persons and women entrepreneurs. What is the maximum permissible amount of such loans? 
a) 50 lakh  
b) 1 cr  
c) 2 cr  
d) 25 lakh  
e) 75 lakh

17) As per a recent government report based on road accidents happened in 2018, in which state incidence of accidents was highest? 
a) Maharashtra  
b) Kerala  
c) Karnataka  
d) Tamil Nadu  
e) Uttar Pradesh

18) ______ became the 1st country in the world to introduce a new Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV) in an effort to combat a drug-resistant strain of the potentially fatal disease. 
a) Sudan  
b) Somaliya  
c) Saudi Arab  
d) Pakistan  
e) Afghanistan

19) The green tea and white tea of which place were granted a geographical indication (GI) tag wef October 2019? 
a) Siliguri  
b) Darjeeling  
c) Dibrugarh  
d) Kangra  
e) Jorhat

20) Government launched ‘SAANS’ (Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully) campaign from which state recently? 
a) Gujarat  
b) Bihar  
c) Madhya Pradesh  
d) Rajasthan  
e) Jharkhand

21) A Non-Performing Asset in banking business means ____  
(a) A fixed asset of bank that is not giving any returns  
(b) A deposit that has not been utilized for past 90 days  
(c) A loan in which interest and/or installments remains unpaid for more than 90 days  
a) only b  
b) only c  
c) only a  
d) only b & c  
e) only a & c

22) Which of the following is not an Indian credit rating agency? 
a) ICRA  
b) CARE  
c) SMERA  
d) CRISIL  
e) FITCH

23) What is the main aim of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003?  
1) To keep a check on the expenditure of the government  
2) To keep a check on the borrowing powers of the government  
3) To keep a check on the fiscal deficit of the government  
a) Only 1  
b) Only 2  
c) Only 1 and 2  
d) Only 1 and 3  
e) All of these

24) Which of the following correctly define the biometric feature approved by the government for issuing Aadhar Card? 
a) 10 finger prints and iris scan  
b) Only ten finger prints  
c) Two thumb prints and iris scan  
d) 10 finger prints and eye scan  
e) Any one of these

25) The government aims to achieve a target of reducing pneumonia deaths among children to less than ____ per 1000 live births by 2025. 
a) Seven  
b) Six  
c) Five  
d) Four  
e) Three

26) India slipped six places to the ____ position in the new World Talent Ranking done by IMD, Switzerland for 63 countries. 
a) 33rd  
b) 37th  
c) 43rd  
d) 59th  
e) 60th

27) A bilateral maritime exercise, Zair-al-Bahr or Roar of the Sea was held between India and ____ from November 17 to 21 to promote interoperability between the navies of the two countries. 
a) Qatar  
b) Jordan  
c) France  
d) U.K.  
e) Japan

28) Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2019 was recently awarded to Sir David Attenborough for his tireless efforts towards awakening the humankind to the need to preserve and protect the planet’s biodiversity. He is from which country? 
a) France  
b) Span  
c) Ireland  
d) Portugal  
e) England
29) When a bank returns a cheque unpaid, it is called?
a) Mutation of cheque  
b) Dishonour of cheque  
c) Cancelling of cheque  
d) Countermanding of cheque  
e) None of these

30) Which of the following is/are a benefit of cheque truncation in India?
1) It speeds up the process of collection of cheques resulting in better service to customers  
2) It reduces the scope for clearing-related frauds  
3) It lowers the cost of collection of cheques  
4) It minimizes loss of instruments in transit  
a) Only 1  
b) Only 2  
c) Only 3 and 4  
d) Only 1 and 2  
e) All of the above

31) From Dec 1, government has made it mandatory to use RFID based Fastag at toll plazas on national highways. What is denoted by letter F in RFID?
a) Fast  
b) Frequency  
c) Fare  
d) Frequent  
e) None of these

32) Which of the following gases form 99 percent of total atmospheric gases?
a) Nitrogen and Hydrogen  
b) Oxygen and Hydrogen  
c) Nitrogen and Oxygen  
d) Oxygen and Carbon dioxide  
e) None of these

33) The Union Government has launched which of the following programme with the aim of reducing malnutrition in India, based on a repository of diverse crops across India?
a) Bharatiya Poshan Kosh  
b) Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh  
c) Bharatiya Krishi Poshan Kosh  
d) Bharatiya Khadya Poshan Kosh  
e) Bharatiya Poshan Vikas Kosh

34) World Toilet day is observed on which date for inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis?
a) November 11  
b) November 13  
c) November 15  
d) November 19  
e) November 23

35) India’s first winter grade diesel sales center was opened in Ladakh region on November 7. Which oil company will supply this diesel?
a) Indian Oil Corporation  
b) Bharat Petroleum  
c) Hindustan Petroleum  
d) Reliance Petroleum  
e) Essar Oil

36) Which Indian has been included in the ‘Time 100 Next’ list that includes those who are ready to make future in business, recreation, sports, politics, health and science?
a) Rohit Sharma  
b) Pankaj Adwani  
c) PV Sindhu  
d) Dutee Chand  
e) Manu Bhaker

37) Which of the following is NOT a source of tax revenue collected by the Government of India?
a) Custom Duty  
b) GST  
c) Corporate Tax  
d) Income Tax  
e) Dividends and Profits

38) Which of the following terms is not covered under general insurance?
a) Marine Insurance  
b) Fire Insurance  
c) Motor Insurance  
d) Health Insurance  
e) Life Insurance

39) Which of the following is the longest river of the world?
a) Nile  
b) Amazon  
c) Brahmputra  
d) Mississippi  
e) Yangtze

40) Where would you have to go if you want to visit Buddh International Circuit, India’s only international standard Formula 1 racing court?
a) Saarnath  
b) Gandhinagar  
c) Noida  
d) Cuttack  
e) None of these

41) The TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix of USA that measures business bribery risk in 200 countries, has named _________ as the country with lowest bribery risk.
a) Switzerland  
b) Norway  
c) New Zealand  
d) Finland  
e) Sweden

42) Which country hosted the 11th BRICS Summit?
a) Brazil  
b) India  
c) China  
d) Russia  
e) South Africa

43) Jair Bolsonaro, accepted Prime Minister Modi’s invitation to become the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2020. He is president of which country?
a) Argentina  
b) Yugoslavia  
c) The Netherlands  
d) Brazil  
e) Peru

44) Which bank was in news recently for earning profit more than aggregate profit of 17 Public Sector Banks in the quarter ending Sep 30, 2019?
a) IDFC First Bank  
b) Bandhan Bank  
c) Au Small Finance Bank  
d) Airtel Payment Bank  
e) IDBI Bank

45) 39th India International Trade Fair 2019 was held in Pragati Maidan, _____ from Nov 14 to 27?
a) Kolkata  
b) Hyderabad  
c) New Delhi  
d) Patna  
e) Mumbai
46) What is the name of the ‘Ancient Water System of the Deccan Plateau’ in Bijapur, Karnataka, selected in the World Monument Watch List for 2020?
   a) Suranga Bawadi
   b) Rani ki Vav
   c) Aggarsen ki Bawadi
   d) Bija Bawadi
   e) Karez ki Vav

47) Global online retailer Amazon launched _____ in India to ensure that customers receive authentic goods when shopping on Amazon?
   a) Project Eight
   b) No Fake - No Take
   c) Project Safety
   d) Project Zero
   e) Customer Hero

48) In terms of number of spectators it can accommodate, which of the following is the largest stadium of India?
   a) Eden Gardens, Kolkata
   b) Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai
   c) Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata
   d) Nehru Stadium, Delhi
   e) None of these

49) Kick off, Corner Kick, Throw in, Offside are the terms associated with which of the following sports?
   a) Football
   b) Hockey
   c) Basket Ball
   d) Base Ball
   e) None of these

50) Where in India approval has been granted for setting up of the world’s first CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) terminal at a port?
   a) Bhavnagar
   b) Kandla
   c) Vizag
   d) Chennai
   e) Kolkata

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9) Name the former Chief Election Commissioner who transformed the face of electoral process in the country by introducing the voter id card?
   a) N T Seshan    b) T N Seshan
   c) T N Sheshadri  d) N T Sheshadri
   e) None of these

10) India and Indonesia conducted the joint anti-submarine warfare exercise on Nov 6-7 in which place?
   a) Bay of Bengal    b) Arabian Sea
   c) Banda Sea        d) Java Sea
   e) Timor Sea

11) Portfolio Management Services (PMS) offered by banks to their customers are subject to regulation by ________
   a) Competition Commission of India (CCI)
   b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
   c) Forward Markets Commission (FMC)
   d) Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India
   e) Reserve Bank of India

12) Commercial Papers are issued by the companies for meeting which kind of financial needs?
   a) Purchase of office Furniture
   b) Purchase of Plant and Machinery
   c) For long term financial assets
   d) Purchase of land and building
   e) For meeting working capital requirements

13) Find the mismatch pair from the following?
   a) Japan - Tokyo     b) Kenya - Nairobi
   c) Afghanistan - Kabul  d) Australia - Sydney
   e) Canada - Ottawa

14) The headquarters of the North Atlantic treaty organization are in which of the following cities?
   a) Brussels, Belgium       b) Geneva, Switzerland
   c) Ottawa, Canada           d) New York, USA
   e) None of these

15) These days we hear a lot about “Paraali Burning” in news paper and TV channels. It refers to what?
   a) Burning of trees for land clearance
   b) Burning of plastic waste
   c) Burning of garbage waste
   d) Burning of paddy stubble
   e) Burning of wheat stubble

16) India has decided to opt out of which mega free - trade agreement recently quoting it will harm interests of its farmers and traders.
   a) RCEP
   b) CREP
   c) RECP
   d) PREC
   e) RCCP

17) The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has recommended for prohibition on the use of RO (reverse osmosis) systems for what main reason?
   a) It is too expensive for common man
   b) It wastes 80% water
   c) It produces poor quality water
   d) RO water corrodes utensils
   e) None of these

18) Which of the following is NOT a banking-related term?
   a) SWIFT
   b) CAMELS
   c) TRIPS
   d) CAR
   e) STRIPS

19) Which of the following best describes fiscal deficit?
   a) Total income less government borrowing
   b) Total expenditure less total revenues
   c) Total payments less capital receipts
   d) Total expenditure minus total taxes
   e) Total receipts minus total payments

20) What is the number of member countries in the multi-lateral group ASEAN - Association of South East Nations?
   a) 9
   b) 10
   c) 11
   d) 12
   e) 13

21) Which of the following is not a organization associated with the UNO?
   a) ILO
   b) AIIB
   c) IAEA
   d) WTO
   e) WHO

22) India’s credit rating outlook suffered a setback as it was cut down to negative at ‘Baa2’, second-lowest investment grade, by which global rating agency?
   a) Fitch Ratings Ltd.
   b) European Rating Agency
   c) Moody’s Investors Service
   d) Standard and Poor’s
   e) None of these

23) India B team lifted the Deodhar trophy by defeating India C team in the finals played in Ranchi, Jharkhand. It is related to which sports?
   a) Cricket
   b) Hockey
   c) Badminton
   d) Football
   e) Tennis

24) The Indian Railways has installed two ‘Health ATMs’ at the Charbagh railway station in which city?
   a) Hyderabad
   b) Lucknow
   c) Aurangabad
   d) Vishakhapatnam
   e) Mughalsarai

25) Which of the following statement regarding money market is true?
   1) It provides investment avenues of short term tenor up to one year
Money market is classified into overnight market, notice money market and term money market. It caters to investors with a long term investment horizon. 

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3) It caters to investors with a long term investment horizon  

a) Only 1 and 2  
b) Only 1 and 3  
c) Only 2 and 3  
d) Only 3  
e) All of these  

26) Who became the first Indian male cricketer recently to play 100 T20 International cricket matches?  
a) Virat Kohali  
b) Rohit Sharma  
c) Shikhar Dawan  
d) M S Dhoni  
e) Suresh Raina  

27) Raja Ram Mohan Roy award is given for outstanding excellence in which field?  
a) Journalism  
b) Social work  
c) Women empowerment  
d) Literature  
e) None of these  

28) Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) inaugurated its Igniter Complex at the High Energy Materials Research Laboratory in which place?  
a) Bengaluru  
b) Pune  
c) Gwalior  
d) Tromby  
e) Tiruchi  

29) Which of the following is NOT one of the Nano fertilizers recently launched by the world’s largest fertilizer cooperative Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)?  
a) Nano Nitrogen,  
b) Nano Zinc,  
c) Nano Copper  
d) Nano Potash  
e) None of these  

30) The term bridge loan refers to  
a) Loan given to a bridge company  
b) Loan given for construction of a bridge  
c) Short-term loan given before main loan  
d) Loan given to bridge the gap in term loan  
e) Loan given to meet shortfall of capital  

31) According to an estimate by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which country’s GDP is expected to explode by growing at 86% in 2020 due to discovery of vast oil resources?  
a) Guyana  
b) Ecuador  
c) New Guiana  
d) Peru  
e) Chili  

32) NASA added another feather in its cap on Nov 5 as its ______ spacecraft entered the interstellar medium (ISM) in space.  
a) Voyager 1  
b) Voyager 2  
c) Explorer 1  
d) Orbiter 2  
e) Hubble  

33) The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has collaborated with which global IT giant to launch SkillsBuild platform to provide two-year advanced diploma in IT, cloud computing and networking to the students of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) & National Skill Training Institutes?  
a) Microsoft  
b) Google  
c) IBM  
d) Infosys  
e) Cisco  

34) Kristalina Georgieva is the head of which of the following global organizations?  
a) International Monetary Fund  
b) World Bank Group  
c) Asian Development Bank  
d) New Development Bank  
e) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank  

35) Which ministry released two new IT Initiatives named ICEDASH and ATITHI to improve monitoring and pace of customs clearance of imported goods and facilitating arriving international passengers?  
a) Ministry of Finance  
b) Ministry of Commerce  
c) Ministry of Trade Promotion  
d) Ministry of Industries  
e) None of these  

36) The High-Level Advisory Group headed by Surjit Bhalla, a senior economist and former member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, has recommended the central government to launch ______ Bonds to bring back $500 billion black money?  
a) Tiger  
b) Elephant  
c) Lion  
d) Rhino  
e) Cheetah  

37) The Indian Air Force has decided to retire its old war horse _____ strike aircraft on December 31 this year, bringing to an end the era of ‘swing-wing’ fighters in the IAF?  
a) MiG-27  
b) MiG-21  
c) MiG-22  
d) MiG-24  
e) MiG-29  

38) The four-day celebrations of the immensely popular Chhath Puja concluded on Nov 3 with devotees offering prayers to which deity?  
a) Rising Sun  
b) Full moon
39) What is the rate of interest paid by the RBI on cash balances maintained with it by scheduled commercial banks under Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)?
   a) 1 per cent less than repo rate
   b) 1 per cent less than reverse repo rate
   c) 1 per cent less than marginal standing facility
   d) 1 per cent less than bank rate
   e) No interest is paid

40) Which country won the 3rd Rugby World Cup held in Yokohama, Japan?
   a) Japan
   b) South Africa
   c) England
   d) USA
   e) Germany

41) A new wildfire ‘Maria Fire’ spread in coastal Area of which country covering nearly 9,000 acres in first week of November, sending thousands of people fleeing the area?
   a) Australia
   b) Canada
   c) USA
   d) New Zealand
   e) Mexico

42) Who has been awarded the prestigious Golden Dragon Award at the Cardiff International Film Festival in Wales, UK for his works in Hindi cinema?
   a) Nawazuddin Siddiqui
   b) Irfan Khan
   c) Ayushman Khurana
   d) Vicky Kaushal
   e) None of these

43) UNESCO has designated two Indian cities as a member of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN), Mumbai in the field of films and the other in the field of gastronomy. Name this city?
   a) Varanasi
   b) Amritsar
   c) Indore
   d) Ahmadabad
   e) Hyderabad

44) The authorized capital of Regional Rural Banks has been raised to _____ from Rs. 5 crore earlier.
   a) Rs 5,000 crore
   b) Rs 500 crore
   c) Rs 2,000 crore
   d) Rs 1,000 crore
   e) Rs 250 crore

45) The Heads of government summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was held in Tashkent, the capital city of _____ from November 1-3.
1. **Network of networks is known as ________**
   A. intranet.  
   B. internet.  
   C. Local Area Network  
   D. WAN.  

2. **A computer networks can provide a powerful ________ among employees.**
   A. communication medium.  
   B. community development.  
   C. relationship development.  
   D. relationship medium.  

3. **When a packet with the code is transmitted, it is received and processed by every machine on the network. This mode of operation is called**
   A. broadcasting.  
   B. multi casting.  
   C. unicasting.  
   D. point-to-point.  

4. **“point-to-point” transmission with one sender and one receiver is sometimes called**
   A. multicasting.  
   B. unicasting.  
   C. personal area network  
   D. LAN.  

5. **The entities comprising the corresponding layers on different machine are called**
   A. protocol.  
   B. peers.  
   C. interface.  
   D. flow control.  

6. **When the packets are small and all the same size, they are often called ________**
   A. packet switched.  
   B. cells.  
   C. circuit switched.  
   D. virtual circuit.  

7. **A collection of interconnected networks is called as ________**
   A. internet.  
   B. intranet.  
   C. topology.  
   D. interface.  

8. **Starting around 1988, the more advanced ________ twisted pairs were introduced.**
   A. category3.  
   B. category5.  
   C. category 8.  
   D. category 10.  

9. **Each ray is said to have a different mode, so a fiber having this property is called ________**
   A. unimode.  
   B. singlemode.  
   C. multimode.  
   D. trimprome.  

10. **The number of oscillations per second of a wave is called its ________**
    A. wavelength.  
    B. frequency.  
    C. spectrum.  
    D. sequence.  

11. **Most governments have set aside some frequency bands called the ________ bands for unlicensed usage.**
    A. IFS  
    B. ISM  
    C. IRS  
    D. IVS  

12. **The downward beams of a satellite can be broad, covering a substantial fraction of the earth's surface or narrow, covering an area only hundreds of kilometers in diameter. This mode of operation is known as a ________**
    A. bent pipe.  
    B. foot print.  
    C. uplink.  
    D. downlink.  

13. **The first geostationary satellite had a single spatial beam that illuminated about 1/3 of the earth's surface called its ________**
    A. bent pipe.  
    B. downlink.  
    C. foot print.  
    D. uplink.  

14. **Each end office has a number of outgoing links to one or more nearby switching centers called ________**
    A. toll connecting trunks.  
    B. toll office.  
    C. local loop.  
    D. end office.  

15. **__________ is the loss of energy as the signal propagates outward.**
    A. Attenuation.  
    B. Distortion.  
    C. Noise.  
    D. Baud.  

16. **Sending packets to a group of stations is known as ________**
    A. broadcasting.  
    B. multicasting.  
    C. unicasting.  
    D. point-to-point.  

17. **Each area has a ________ agent which keeps track of all mobile hosts visiting the area.**
    A. mobile.  
    B. home.  
    C. visitor.  
    D. foreign.  

18. **Ad-hoc networks are also called as ________**
    A. MAN.  
    B. MANET.  
    C. LAN.  
    D. LANET.  

19. **An example for dynamic routing algorithm is ________**
    A. Shortest path.  
    B. Flooding.  
    C. Dijkstra.  
    D. Distance vector.  

20. **ISO stands for ________**
    A. International Standard Organization.  
    B. International Student Organization.  
    C. Integrated Services Organization.  
    D. Integrated standard organization.  

21. **If a computer on the network shares resources for others to use, it is called ________**
    A. server.  
    B. client.  
    C. mainframe.  
    D. microcomputer.  

22. **For large networks ________ topology is used.**
    A. bus.  
    B. ring.  
    C. star.  
    D. irregular.  

23. **X.25 is an example of ________ network.**
A. packet switched.  
B. circuit switched.  
C. frame relay.  
D. ring based.

24. **What is the maximum length of STP?**  
A. 100 ft.  
B. 200 ft.  
C. 100 m.  
D. 200 m.

25. **ISDN is an example of _______ network.**  
A. packet switched.  
B. circuit switched.  
C. frame relay.  
D. ring based.

26. **What is the maximum data capacity of STP?**  
A. 10 Mbps.  
B. 100 Mbps.  
C. 1000 Mbps.  
D. 10000 Mbps.

27. **In ______ topology if the computer cable is broken, networks get down.**  
A. bus.  
B. ring.  
C. star.  
D. irregular.

28. **Terminators are used in _______ topology.**  
A. bus.  
B. ring.  
C. star.  
D. irregular.

29. **_______ layer decides which physical path the data should take.**  
A. Network.  
B. Transport.  
C. Physical.  
D. Data Link.

30. **Print server uses spool which is a ______ that holds data before it is send to the printer.**  
A. queue.  
B. buffer.  
C. node.  
D. ring.

31. **The ______ portion of LAN management software restricts access, records user activities and audit data etc.**  
A. Configuration management.  
B. Security management.  
C. Performance management.  
D. Resource management.

32. **FDDI is a _______ network.**  
A. ring.  
B. star.  
C. mesh.  
D. bus.

33. **A distributed network configuration in which all data/information pass through a central computer is _______ network.**  
A. ring.  
B. star.  
C. mesh.  
D. bus.

34. **The most flexibility in how devices are wired together is provided by _______**  
A. ring.  
B. star.  
C. mesh.  
D. bus.

35. **A central computer surrounded by one or more satellite computers is _______**  
A. ring.  
B. star.  
C. mesh.  
D. bus.

36. **The internet is divided into over 200 top level _______**  
A. domain.  
B. websites.  
C. webpages.  
D. crawlers.

37. **Every domain can have a set of ______ records associated with it.**  
A. DNS.  
B. mail.  
C. resource.  
D. websites.

38. **GIF stands for _______**  
A. Group Interchange Format.  
B. Graphical Interchange Format.  
C. Group Information Format.  
D. Graphical Information Format.

39. **The error introduced by the finite number of bits per sample is called the ______ noise.**  
A. error.  
B. quality.  
C. quantization.  
D. stream.

40. **_______ bursting allows a sender to transmit a concatenated sequence of multiple frames in a single transmission.**  
A. Frame.  
B. Packet.  
C. Quantum.  
D. Stream.

41. **Protocols in which the sender sends one frame and then waits for an acknowledgement before proceeding are called _______**  
A. sliding window.  
B. stop and wait.  
C. frame buffer.  
D. analog.

42. **The data link layer takes the packet it gets from the network layer and encapsulates them into _______**  
A. cells.  
B. frames.  
C. packet.  
D. trailer.

43. **The number of bit positions in which the code words differ is called _______**  
A. code distance.  
B. hamming distance  
C. flow control.  
D. error pulse.

44. **Polynomial code is also known as _______**  
A. ARQ.  
B. PPR.  
C. ARS.  
D. PRP.

45. **Protocols in which the sender waits for a positive acknowledgement before advancing to the next data item are often called _______.**  
A. ARQ.  
B. PPR.  
C. ARS.  
D. PRP.

46. **The commonly used protocol for webpage transfer is _______**  
A. HTML.  
B. HTTP.  
C. WML.  
D. WTTP.

47. **The frames which are intimated for receiving are called _______**  
A. sending window.  
B. receiving window.  
C. sender.  
D. receiver.

48. **The analysis which helps in checking whether the protocol is correct is _______**  
A. reachability.  
B. correctness.  
C. reliability.  
D. redundancy.

49. **The IP address of a system can be known using the DOS command _______**  
A. ipconfir.  
B. ipconfig.  
C. ipconf.  
D. ipnum.

50. **Datagrams using header extension are called _______.**  
A. payload.  
B. trailer.  
C. datagram packets.  
D. jumbograms.

51. **The application layer of a network _______**  
A. establishes, maintains and terminates virtual circuits.  
B. consists of software being run on the computer connected to the network  
C. defines the users port into the network.  
D. allows communication channel to be shared.

52. **Devices on one network can communicate with devices on another network via _______.**
65. The probability that a single bit will be in error on a typical public telephone line using 4800 bps modem is 10 to the power -3. If no error detection mechanism is used, the residual error rate for a communication line using 9-bit frames is approximately equal to

A. 0.003  B. 0.009
C. 0.991  D. 0.999

66. Which layer of OSI model is responsible for creating and recognizing frame boundaries?
A. Physical layer.  B. Data link layer.

67. If digital data rate of 9600 bps is encoded using 8-level phase shift keying (PSK) method, the modulation rate is ______
A. 1200 bands.  B. 3200 bands.

68. Four bits are used for packet sequence numbering in a sliding window protocol. What is the maximum window size?
A. 4  B. 8
C. 15  D. 16

69. A 6 MHZ channel is used by a digital signaling system utilizing 4-level signals. What is the maximum possible transmission rate?
A. 1.5 Mband/sec.  B. 6 Mband/sec.

70. The _______ model shows how the network functions of a computer ought to be organized.
A. CCITT.  B. OSI.
C. ISO.  D. ANSI.

71. The OSI model consists of _______ layers.
A. 3  B. 5
C. 7  D. 8

72. The physical layer is concerned with the transmission of _______ over the physical medium.
A. programs.  B. dialogs.
C. protocols.  D. bits.

73. As a data packet moves from the lower to the upper layers, headers are ______
A. added.  B. subtracted.
C. rearranged.  D. modified.

74. Which layer functions as a liaison between user support layers and network support layers?
A. Physical.  B. Network.
C. Transport.  D. Session.

75. When data is transmitted from device A to device B, the header from A's layer 5 is read by B's ________ layer.
A. physical.  B. network.
C. transport.  D. session.

76. Demodulation is the process of ______
A. sending a file from one computer to another computer.
B. converting digital signals to analog signals.
C. converting analog signals to digital signals.
D. echoing every character that is received.

63. Which of the following is used for modulation and demodulation?
A. Modem.  B. Protocols.
C. Gateway.  D. Multiplexer.

64. A software that allows a personal computer to pretend it as a terminal is ______
A. auto dialing.  B. bulletin board.
C. modem.  D. terminal emulation.

62. The signal to noise ratio for a voice grade line 30.1 dB (decibles) or a power ratio of 1023:1. The maximum achievable data rate on this line whose spectrum ranges from 300 Hz to 4300 Hz is ______
A. 6200 bps.  B. 34000 bps.
C. 9600 bps.  D. 31000 bps.

58. A modem that is attached to the telephone system by jamming the phones, handset into two flexible receptacles in the coupler
A. gateway.
B. time - division multiplexer.
C. acoustic coupler.  D. bridge.

57. How many pairs of stations can simultaneously communicate on Ethernet LAN?
A. 1  B. 2
C. 3  D. Multiple

56. _______ is a ring network.
A. ADI.  B. ADDI.
C. FDI.  D. FDDI.

55. The most flexibility in how devices are _______ together is provided by bus topology.
A. wired.  B. ring.
C. star.  D. switched.

54. A _______ network configuration in which all data/information pass through a central computer is star network.
A. central.  B. ordered.
C. distributed.  D. T - switched.

53. A network that requires human intervention of route signals is called a ______
A. bus network.  B. ring network.
C. star network.  D. T - switched network.

51. What is the capability of a digital signaling system utilizing 8-level signals?
A. 3200 bands.  B. 4800 bands.

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C. converting analog signals to digital signals.
D. echoing every character that is received.

44. A software that allows a personal computer to pretend it as a terminal is ______
A. auto dialing.  B. bulletin board.
C. modem.  D. terminal emulation.

43. Modulation is the process of ______
A. sending a file from one computer to another computer.
B. converts digital signals to analog signals.
C. converting analog signals to digital signals.
D. echoing every character that is received.

42. The _______ model shows how the network functions of a computer ought to be organized.
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C. ISO.  D. ANSI.

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77. Many low-speed channels are interwoven into one high-speed transmission by a

A. time division multiplexer.
B. frequency division multiplexer.
C. code division multiplexer.
D. repeaters.

78. Bulletin board system ___________
A. is a public access message system.
B. converts digital signals to analog signals.
C. is a modem capable of accepting commands.
D. converts analog signals to digital signals.

79. To connect a computer with a device in the same room user will likely to use ___________
A. coaxial cable.
B. ground station.
C. dedicated line.
D. fibre optic cable.

80. The slowest transmission speeds are those of ___________
A. twisted pair.
B. coaxial cable.
C. microwaves.
D. fibre optic cables.

81. Which of the following divides the high speed signal into frequency bands?
A. T switch.
B. Time division multiplexer.
C. Frequency Division Multiplexer.
D. Code Division Multiplexer.

82. Sending a file from users personal computers, primary memory or disk to another computer is called ___________
A. uploading.
B. hang on.
C. logging on.
D. downloading.

83. In OSI network architecture the dialogue control and token management are responsibilities of ___________
A. session layer.
B. network layer.
C. transport layer.
D. data link layer.

84. What is the number of separate protocol layers at the serial interface gateway specified by the X.25 standard?
A. 2
B. 4
C. 6
D. 3

85. The interactive transmission of data within a time sharing system may be best suited to ___________
A. half duplex lines.
B. simplex lines.
C. bifold lines.
D. full duplex lines.

86. How many OSI layers are covered in the X.25 standard?
A. 3
B. 2
C. 7
D. 6

87. The third layer of OSI model is ___________
A. physical layer.
B. data link layer.
C. network layer.
D. transport layer.

88. The X.25 standard specifies a ___________
A. technique for start stop data.
B. technique for dial access.
C. DTE/DCE interface.
D. data bit rate.

89. Which of the following signals is not standard RS-232-C signal?
A. VDR.
B. CTS.
C. RTS.
D. DSR.
103. To deliver a message to the correct application program running on a host, the _______ address must be consulted.
A. port. B. IP. C. physical. D. tunnel.

104. When a host on network A sends a message to a host on network B, which address does the router look at?

105. Which of the following is possible in a taken passing bus network?

106. One important characteristics of the hub architecture of ARC-net is

107. What is the main purpose of a data link content mirror?
A. To detect problems in protocol. B. To determine the type of switching used in a data link. C. To determine the type of transmission used in a data link. D. To determine the flow of data.

108. Which of the following is not a standard synchronous communication protocol?
A. SDLC. B. SLIP. C. SMTP. D. PAS.

109. IPv6 has ______ bit addresses.
A. 32 B. 4 C. 128 D. variable

110. In fiber optics, the signal source is ______ waves.

111. Transmission media are usually categorized as
A. fixed or unfixed. B. determinate or indeterminate. C. guided or unguided. D. metallic or nonmetallic.

112. ______ cable consists of an inner copper core and a second conducting outer sheath.

113. Which of the following is not a guided medium?

114. Which of the following primarily uses guided media?

115. The amount of uncertainty in a system of symbol is called ______
A. bandwidth. B. entropy. C. loss. D. Quantum

116. Coaxial cable has conductors with ______
A. equal resistance. B. the same diameter. C. a common axis. D. above the common axis.

117. A device that converts digital signals into analog signals is __________

118. All of the parts in a computer talk to each other by sending __________

119. If user get both local and remote echoes, every character type will appear on the screen __________
A. once B. twice C. three times D. never

120. What protects the coaxial cable from noise?

121. In an optical fiber the inner core is ______ the cladding.
A. more dense than. B. the same density as. C. less than dense. D. another name for.

122. The inner core of an optical fiber is ______ in composition.
A. glass or plastic. B. bimetallic. C. copper. D. liquid.

123. Radio communication frequencies range from ______
A. 3 KHz to 300 KHz. B. 3 KHz to 300 GHz. C. 300 KHz to 3 GHz. D. 3 KHz to 3000 GHz.

124. The radio communication spectrum is divided into bands based on ______

125. When a beam of light travels through media of two different densities, if the angle of incidence is greater than the critical angle, ______ occurs.

126. In a noisy environment, the best transmission medium would be ______

127. What is the frequency range used for FM radio transmission?
A. Low frequency: 30 KHz to 300 MHz. B. Very Low Frequency: 0 Hz to 30 Hz. C. High frequency: 3 MHz to 30 MHz. D. Very High Frequency: 30 MHz to 300 MHz.

128. End-to-end connectivity is provided from host-to-host in ______
129. Packet switched stream (PSS) was introduced in _______.

130. PSS was introduced in the year _______.

131. The _______ houses the switches in token ring.
   A. NIC. B. 9-pin connector. C. MAU. D. transceiver.

132. 10 Base 2 and 10 Base 5 have different _______.

133. _______ specifies a star topology featuring a central hub and unshielded twisted-pair wire as the medium.

134. How many digits of the DNIC (Data Network Identification Code) identifies a country?
   A. First Three. B. First Four. C. First Five. D. First Two.

135. The most efficient medium for ATM is _______.

136. Which of the following is a wrong example of network layer?

137. When a light beam moves to a less dense medium, the angle of refraction is _______ the angle of incidence.
   A. greater than. B. equal to. C. less than. D. less than equal to.

138. 10 Base 2 uses _______ cable.

139. 10 Base 5 uses the _______ cable.

140. When talking about unguided media, usually it is referred to _______.

141. The CCITT Recommendation X.25 specifies _______ layers of communications.
   A. Application, presentation and session. B. Session, transport and network. C. Physical, data link and network. D. Data link, network and transport.

142. Which of the following digits are known as the area code of the Network user address?
   A. 5-7 B. 1-4 C. 8-12 D. 13-14

143. Which type of switching uses the entire capacity of a dedicated link?

144. In OSI reference model, which of the following layer provides error-free delivery of data?

145. Which of the following layer protocols are responsible for user and the application programme support such as passwords, resource sharing etc?

146. In OSI model, which of the following layer transforms information from machine format into that understandable by user?

147. A decrease in magnitude of current, voltage, a power signal in transmission between points is known as _______.

148. A medium access control technique for multiple access transmission media is _______.

149. The size or magnitude of a voltage or current waveform is _______.

150. A device that links two homogenous packet-broadcast local networks is _______.

151. A form of modulation in which the amplitude of a carrier wave is varied in accordance with some characteristics of the modulating signal, is known as _______.

152. Modulation in which two binary values are represented by two different amplitudes of the carrier frequency is known as _______.

153. The simultaneous transmission of data to a number of stations is known as _______.

154. Which layer of OSI determines the interface of the system with the user?

155. Which of the following condition is used to transmit two packets over a medium at the same time?

156. Which of the following summation operation is performed on the bits to check an error-detecting code?
   A. Codec. B. Coder-decoder.
157. **Frame relay operates in the _________**
   A. application, presentation.
   B. session, transport.
   C. physical, data link.
   D. data link, network.

158. **Repeaters function in the _________ layers**
   A. application, presentation.
   B. session, transport.
   C. physical, data link.
   D. data link, network.

159. **Which of the following is not a connecting device?**
   A. Bridge.
   B. Gateway.
   C. Transceiver.
   D. Hub.

160. **Gateways function in which layer?**
   A. Lower 3.
   B. Upper 4.
   C. All 7.
   D. All but the physical layer.

161. **Which ATM layer has 53 bytes cell as an end product?**
   A. Physical.
   B. ATM.
   C. Application adaptation.
   D. Cell transformation.

162. **Which of the following method is used for dedicated communications packet between two devices through one or more intermediate switching nodes?**
   A. Switch network.
   B. Circuit switching.
   C. Packet switching.
   D. Message switching.

163. **Which of the following technique is used for allocating capacity on a satellite channel using fixed assignment FDM?**
   A. Amplitude modulation.
   B. Frequency division multiple access.
   C. Frequency shift keying.
   D. Frequency modulation.

164. **Which of the following device is used to connect two systems, especially if the systems use different protocols?**
   A. Hub.
   B. Bridge.
   C. Gateway.
   D. Repeater.

165. **A bridge functions in a _________ layer.**
   A. application, presentation.
   B. session, transport.
   C. physical, data link.
   D. data link, network.

166. **Which of the following medium access control technique is used for bus/tree?**
   A. Token ring.
   B. Token bus.
   C. CSMA
   D. MAC.

167. **Which of the following network access standard is used for connecting stations to a packet-switched network?**
   A. X.3
   B. X.21
   C. X.25
   D. X.75

168. **A repeater takes a weakened or corrupted signal and _________ it.**
   A. amplifies.
   B. regenerates.
   C. reroutes.
   D. resamples.

169. **Routers functions in the _________ layers.**
   A. application, presentation and session.
   B. session, transport and network.
   C. physical, data link and network.
   D. data link, network and transport.

170. **Identify the following IP address: 192.5.0.0 _________**
   A. host ip address.
   B. limited broadcast address.
   C. direct broadcast address.
   D. network address.

171. **What is the host IP of a system having the IP address 192.0.0.10?**
   A. 192
   B. 0.10
   C. 0.0.10
   D. 192.0

172. **Which of the following TCP/IP protocol is used for remote terminal connection service?**
   A. TELNET.
   B. RARP.
   C. FTP.
   D. UDP.

173. **The protocol used for transferring files from one system to another is _________**
   A. TELNET.
   B. RARP.
   C. FTP.
   D. UDP.

174. **A band is always equivalent to _________**
   A. a byte.
   B. a bit.
   C. 100 bits.
   D. 1000 bits.

175. **The TCP/IP protocol used for file transfer with minimal capability and minimal overhead _________**
   A. RARP.
   B. FTP.
   C. TFTP.
   D. TELNET.

176. **What destination address can be used to send a packet from a host with IP address 188.1.1.1 to all hosts on the network _________?**
   A. 188.0.0.0.
   B. 255.255.255.255.
   C. 0.0.0.0.
   D. 1.2.3.

177. **A packet sent from a node at 198.123.46.20 to a node at 198.123.46.21 requires a _________ destination address.**
   A. Unicast.
   B. Broadcast.
   C. Multicast.
   D. Synchronous.

178. **Which of the following program is used to copy files to or from another UNIX timesharing system over a single link?**
   A. VMTP.
   B. TFTP.
   C. UUCP.
   D. UART.

179. **Which transmission mode is used for data communication along telephone lines?**
   A. Parallel.
   B. Serial.
   C. Synchronous.
   D. Asynchronous.

180. **Which of the following device copies electrical signals from one Ethernet to another?**
   A. Bridge.
   B. Repeater.
   C. Hub.
   D. Passive hub.

181. **A machine that connects to two or more electronic mail systems and transfers mail messages among them is known as _________**
   A. gateways.
   B. mail gateway.
   C. bridges.
   D. user agent.

182. **What is the usual number of bits transmitted in parallel data transmission used by micro computers?**
   A. 16
   B. 8
   C. 9
   D. 4
183. What are the most commonly used transmission speeds in BPS used in data communication?
   A. 300.  
   B. 2400.  
   C. 1200.  
   D. 9600.  

184. Many large organizations with their offices in different countries of the world connect their computers through telecommunication satellites and telephone lines. Such communication network is called ________
   A. LAN.  
   B. WAN.  
   C. ECONET.  
   D. ETHERNET.  

185. What is the minimum number of wires required for sending data over a serial communications links?
   A. 2  
   B. 1  
   C. 4  
   D. 3  

186. Working of the WAN generally does not involve ________
   A. telephone lines.  
   B. microwaves.  
   C. satellites.  
   D. all of the above.  

187. A private network with 300 computers wants to use a netid reserved by the Internet authorities. What is a good netid choice?
   A. 10.0.0.0.  
   B. 192.68.0.0  
   C. 172.16.0.0.  
   D. 0.0.0.0.  

188. In ________ delivery, both the deliverer of the IP packet and the destination are on the same network.
   A. a connectionless.  
   B. a direct.  
   C. a connection oriented.  
   D. an indirect.  

189. In ________ delivery, packets of a message are logically connected to one another.
   A. a connectionless.  
   B. a direct.  
   C. a connection oriented.  
   D. an indirect.  

190. In ________ delivery, a packet is not connected to any other packet.
   A. a connectionless.  
   B. a direct.  
   C. a connection oriented.  
   D. an indirect.  

191. When a direct delivery is made, both the deliverer and receiver have the same ________
   A. routing table.  
   B. host id.  
   C. IP address.  
   D. netid.  

192. When was Modem invented and in which country?
   A. 1963, USA.  
   B. 1965, Germany.  
   C. 1950, USA.  
   D. 1950, Japan.  

193. Different computers are connected to a LAN by a cable and a/an ________
   A. special wires.  
   B. interface card.  
   C. modem.  
   D. telephone lines.  

194. A modem is connected in between a telephone line and a ________
   A. network.  
   B. computer.  
   C. communication adapter.  
   D. serial port.  

195. The word telematics is a combination of ________
   A. computer.  
   B. telecommunication.  
   C. informatics.  
   D. (b) and (c).  

196. Which of the following data transmission media has the largest terrestrial range without the use of repeaters or other devices?
   A. Hardwiring.  
   B. Satellite.  
   C. Microwave.  
   D. Laser.  

197. An ROP would be attached to a ________
   A. simplex channel.  
   B. duplex channel.  
   C. half duplex channel.  
   D. full duplex channel.  

198. A batch processing terminal would not include a ________
   A. CPU.  
   B. card punch.  
   C. card reader.  
   D. line printer.  

199. A hard copy would be prepared on a ________
   A. line printer.  
   B. typewriter terminal.  
   C. plotter.  
   D. All of the above.  

200. Transmission of computerized data from one location to another is called ________
   A. data flow.  
   B. data transfer.  
   C. data communication.  
   D. data management.  

201. Communication circuits that transmit data in both directions but not at the same time are operating in ________
   A. simplex mode.  
   B. half duplex mode.  
   C. full duplex mode.  
   D. asynchronous mode.  

202. The term remote job entry relates to ________
   A. batch processing.  
   B. real time processing.  
   C. transaction processing.  
   D. distribute processing.  

203. A required characteristic of an online real-time system is
   A. offline batch processing.  
   B. more than one CPU.  
   C. no delay in processing.  
   D. good time slice.  

204. An example of digital, rather than analog communication is ________
   A. DDD.  
   B. WATS.  
   C. DDS.  
   D. DDT.  

205. Which of the following data transmission lines is best suited to interactive processing applications?
   A. Narrowband channels.  
   B. Simplex lines.  
   C. Full duplex channel.  
   D. Mixed band channels.  

206. Data communications monitors available on the software market include ________
   A. ENVIRON/1.  
   B. BPL.  
   C. TOTAL.  
   D. Telnet.  

207. When an indirect delivery is made, the deliverer and the receiver have ________
   A. the same IP address.  
   B. the same netid.  
   C. different IP address.  
   D. different netid.  

208. In ________ routing, the mask and the destination address are both 0.0.0.0 in the routing table.
   A. next-hop.  
   B. host-specific  
   C. network-specific.  
   D. default.  

209. The change in specific rotation due to interconversion of a form into b form or vice versa is known as ________
   A. mutarotation.  
   B. epimerisation.  
   C. isomerisation.  
   D. cyclization.
210. In ______ routing, the routing tables hold the address of just the next hop instead of complete route information.
A. next-hop. B. host-specific.
211. In ______ routing, the destination address is a network address in the routing tables.
A. next-hop. B. host-specific.
212. The ________ flag indicates the availability of a router.
A. up. B. host specific.
C. gateway. D. added by redirection.
213. For a direct delivery, the ________ flag is on.
A. Up. B. host specific.
C. Gateway. D. added by redirection.
214. The process of converting analog signals into digital signals so they can be processed by a receiving computer is referred to as ________
A. synchronizing. B. demodulation.
C. modulation. D. default.
215. Most data communications involving telegraph line use
A. simplex lines. B. dialed service.
C. narrowband channel. D. wideband channel.
216. Which of the following does not allow multiple users or devices to share one communication line?
A. Doubleplexer. B. Concentrator.
C. Multiplexer. D. Controller.
217. After coding a document into a digital signal, it can be sent by telephone, telex or satellite to the receiver where the signal is decoded and an exact copy of the original document is made. What is it called?
A. Telex. B. Electronic mail.
C. Facsimile. D. Word processor.
218. Videotex is a combination of ________
A. computer technology. B. television.
C. computers. D. all of the above.
219. Usually it takes 10 bits to represent one character. How many characters can be transmitted at a speed of 1200 bps?
A. 10 B. 12
C. 20 D. 1200
220. Who invented the modem?
A. Wang Laboratories. B. AT & T.
C. Apple computers. D. Satyam conferencing.
221. Business talks can be efficiently handled by ________
A. Telemeting. B. Telemailing.
222. Which of the following is not used in Local Area Networks (LAN)?
A. Computer. B. Printer.
C. Modem. D. Cable.
223. Communication between computers is almost always ________
A. serial. B. series parallel.
C. parallel. D. direct.
224. The______ flag indicates that the entry of the destination column is a host-specific address.
A. gateway. B. host-specific.
C. modified by redirection. D. added by redirection
225. The IP address is assigned ________
A. randomly. B. alternatively.
C. area wise. D. hierarchically.
226. Most of the internet users are on a class ________ network
A. A B. B
C. C D. D
227. Port number 21 is for ________
A. http. B. email.
C. TELNET. D. FTP.
228. TCP/IP reserve ________ ports for protocols.
A. 21 B. 24
C. 1024 D. 2042
229. IPV4 uses ________ bit value to represent address.
A. 128 B. 64
C. 32 D. 16
230. The ________ flag indicates that a redirection message has added a new entry to the routing table.
A. gateway. B. host-specific.
C. modified by redirection. D. added by redirection.
231. In the domain name cha1.atc.fhda.edu ________ is the most specific label.
A. cha1. B. atc.
C. edu. D. fhda.
232. In the domain name cha1.atc.fhda.edu ________ is the least specific label.
A. cha1. B. atc.
C. edu. D. fhda.
233. Identify the Odd term among the following group.
A. Optical Fiber. B. Twisted Pair.
C. Coaxial Cable. D. Microwaves.
234. An example for analog communication method is ________
A. microwave. B. laser beam.
C. voice grade telephone line. D. all of the above.
235. In ________ resolution the client could directly contact with at most one server.
A. a recursive. B. a cache.
C. an iterative. D. all of the above.
236. Which among the following is not a guided transmission media?
A. Optical Fiber. B. Twisted Pair.
C. Coaxial Cable. D. Microwaves
237. A sub division of main storage created by operational software is referred to as ________
A. compartment. B. time-shared program.
C. divided core. D. partition.
238. An example of a medium-speed, switched communications service is ________
A. Series 1000. B. Dataphone 50.
C. DDD. D. Default.
239. In address-to-name resolution the _______ domain is used.

240. Which of the following is an advantage to using fiber optics data transmission?
   A. Resistance to data theft.
   B. Fast data transmission rate.
   C. Low noise level.
   D. Few transmission errors.

241. In _______ resolution the client is in direct contact more than one server.

242. Hypertext documents are linked through _______.

243. Which of the following is not a programming language?
   A. HHTP.  B. HTML.  C. CGI.  D. Java.

244. Which of the following is not a retrieval method?
   A. Gopher.  B. Archie.  C. HTML.  D. HTTP.

245. Which of the following types of channels moves data relatively slowly?
   A. Voiceband channel.
   B. Wideband channel.
   C. Narrowband channel.
   D. Broadband channel.

246. Which of the following server can host servlets?
   A. Apache server.
   B. IIS.
   C. Windows 2000 Server.
   D. Tomcat Server.

247. A distributed data processing configuration in which all activities must pass through a centrally located computer is called a _______.
   A. hierarchical network.  B. spider network.
   C. ring network.  D. data control network.

248. Network cable lies on _______ layer.
   A. physical.  B. data link
   C. network.  D. transport.

249. Printer server uses a _______ which is a buffer that holds data before it is send to the printer.
   A. queue.  B. spool.
   C. terminal.  D. buffer.

250. _______ are used in bus topology.
   A. Terminators.  B. Star.
   C. Ring.  D. Mesh.

251. In the relational modes, cardinality is termed as:
   (A) Number of tuples.
   (B) Number of attributes.
   (C) Number of tables.
   (D) Number of constraints.

252. Relational calculus is a _______.
   (A) Procedural language.

253. The view of total database content is
   (A) Conceptual view.  (B) Internal view.
   (C) External view.  (D) Physical View.

254. Cartesian product in relational algebra is
   (A) a Unary operator.  (B) a Binary operator.
   (C) a Ternary operator.  (D) not defined.

255. DML is provided for
   (A) Description of logical structure of database.
   (B) Addition of new structures in the database system.
   (C) Manipulation & processing of database.

256. ‘AS’ clause is used in SQL for
   (A) Selection operation.  (B) Rename operation.
   (C) Join operation.  (D) Projection operation.

257. ODBC stands for
   (A) Object Database Connectivity.
   (B) Oral Database Connectivity.
   (C) Oracle Database Connectivity.
   (D) Open Database Connectivity.

258. Architecture of the database can be viewed as
   (A) two levels.  (B) four levels.
   (C) three levels.  (D) one level.

259. In a relational model, relations are termed as
   (A) Tuples.  (B) Attributes.
   (C) Tables.  (D) Rows.

260. The database schema is written in
   (A) HLL  (B) DML
   (C) DDL  (D) DCL

261. In the architecture of a database system external level is the
   (A) physical level.  (B) logical level.
   (C) conceptual level  (D) view level.

262. An entity set that does not have sufficient attributes to form a primary key is a
   (A) strong entity set.  (B) weak entity set.
   (C) simple entity set.  (D) primary entity set.

263. In a Hierarchical model records are organized as
   (A) Graph.  (B) List.
   (C) Links.  (D) Tree.

264. In an E-R diagram attributes are represented by
   (A) rectangle.  (B) square.
   (C) ellipse.  (D) triangle.

265. In case of entity integrity, the primary key may be
   (A) not Null  (B) Null
   (C) both Null & not Null.  (D) any value.

266. In tuple relational calculus P1 ®P2 is equivalent to
   (A) ¬P1 Ú P2  (B) P1 Ú P2
   (C) P1 Ú P2  (D) P1 Ú¬P2

267. The language used in application programs to request data from the DBMS is referred to as the
   (A) DML  (B) DDL
   (C) VDL  (D) SDL
268. A logical schema
   (A) is the entire database.
   (B) is a standard way of organizing information into
   accessible parts.
   (C) describes how data is actually stored on disk.
   (D) both (A) and (C)

269. Related fields in a database are grouped to
form a
   (A) data file.          (B) data record.
   (C) menu.             (D) bank.

270. The database environment has all of the
following components except:
   (A) users.           (B) separate files.
   (C) database.        (D) database administrator.

271. The language which has recently become the
standard for interfacing application
programs with relational database system is
   (A) Oracle.        (B) SQL.
   (C) DBase.        (D) 4GL.

272. The way a particular application views the
data from the database that the application
uses is a
   (A) module.        (B) relational model.
   (C) schema.        (D) sub schema.

273. In an E-R diagram an entity set is represent by
a
   (A) rectangle. (B) ellipse.
   (C) diamond box. (D) circle.

274. A report generator is used to
   (A) update files. (B) print files on paper.
   (C) data entry.   (D) delete files.

275. The property / properties of a database is / are:
   (A) It is an integrated collection of logically related
   records.
   (B) It consolidates separate files into a common pool
   of data records.
   (C) Data stored in a database is independent of the
   application programs using it.
   (D) All of the above.

276. The DBMS language component which can be
embedded in a program is
   (A) The data definition language (DDL).
   (B) The data manipulation language (DML).
   (C) The database administrator (DBA).
   (D) A query language.

277. A relational database developer refers to a
record as
   (A) a criteria. (B) a relation.
   (C) a tuple. (D) an attribute.

278. The relational model feature is that there
   (A) is no need for primary key data.
   (B) is much more data independence than some
   other database models.
   (C) are explicit relationships among records.
   (D) are tables with many dimensions.

279. Conceptual design
   (A) is a documentation technique.
   (B) needs data volume and processing frequencies to
determine the size of the database.
   (C) involves modelling independent of the DBMS.
   (D) is designing the relational model.

280. The method in which records are physically
stored in a specified order according to a key
field in each record is
   (A) hash.        (B) direct.
   (C) sequential. (D) all of the above.

281. A subschema expresses
   (A) the logical view. (B) the physical view.
   (C) the external view. (D) all of the above.

282. Count function in SQL returns the number of
   (A) values.        (B) distinct values.
   (C) groups.        (D) columns.

283. Which one of the following statements is
false?
   (A) The data dictionary is normally maintained by the
   database administrator.
   (B) Data elements in the database can be modified
   by changing the data dictionary.
   (C) The data dictionary contains the name and
   description of each data element.
   (D) The data dictionary is a tool used exclusively by
   the database administrator.

284. An advantage of the database management
approach is
   (A) data is dependent on programs.
   (B) data redundancy increases.
   (C) data is integrated and can be accessed by
   multiple programs.
   (D) none of the above.

285. A DBMS query language is designed to
   (A) support end users who use English-like
   commands.
   (B) support in the development of complex
   applications software.
   (C) specify the structure of a database.
   (D) all of the above.

286. Transaction processing is associated with
everything below except
   (A) producing detail, summary, or exception reports.
   (B) recording a business activity.
   (C) confirming an action or triggering a response.
   (D) maintaining data.

287. It is possible to define a schema completely
using
   (A) VDL and DDL. (B) DDL and DML.
   (C) SDL and DDL. (D) VDL and DML.

288. The method of access which uses key
transformation is known as
   (A) direct. (B) hash.
   (C) random. (D) sequential.

289. Data independence means
   (A) data is defined separately and not included in
   programs.
   (B) programs are not dependent on the physical
   attributes of data.
   (C) programs are not dependent on the logical
   attributes of data.
   (D) both (B) and (C).

289. The statement in SQL which allows to change
the definition of a table is
   (A) Alter. (B) Update.
   (C) Create. (D) select.
291. E-R model uses this symbol to represent weak entity set?
   (A) Dotted rectangle.  (B) Diamond
   (C) Doubly outlined rectangle  (D) None of these

292. SET concept is used in:
   (A) Network Model  (B) Hierarchical Model
   (C) Relational Model  (D) None of these

293. Relational Algebra is:
   (A) Data Definition Language.
   (B) Meta Language
   (C) Procedural query Language
   (D) None of the above

294. Key to represent relationship between tables is called:
   (A) Primary key  (B) Secondary Key
   (C) Foreign Key  (D) None of these

295. ______ produces the relation that has attributes of R1 and R2
   (A) Cartesian product  (B) Difference
   (C) Intersection  (D) Product

296. The file organization that provides very fast access to any arbitrary record of a file is:
   (A) Ordered file  (B) Unordered file
   (C) Hashed file  (D) B-tree

297. DBMS helps achieve:
   (A) Data independence
   (B) Centralized control of data
   (C) Neither (A) nor (B)
   (D) both (A) and (B)

298. Which of the following are the properties of entities?
   (A) Groups  (B) Table
   (C) Attributes  (D) Switchboards

299. In a relation:
   (A) Ordering of rows is immaterial
   (B) No two rows are identical
   (C) (A) and (B) both are true
   (D) None of these.

300. Which of the following is correct:
   (A) a SQL query automatically eliminates duplicates.
   (B) SQL permits attribute names to be repeated in the same relation.
   (C) a SQL query will not work if there are no indexes on the relations
   (D) None of these

301. It is better to use files than a DBMS when there are:
   (A) Stringent real-time requirements.
   (B) Multiple users wish to access the data.
   (C) Complex relationships among data.
   (D) All of the above.

302. The conceptual model is:
   (A) dependent on hardware.
   (B) dependent on software.
   (C) dependent on both hardware and software.
   (D) independent of both hardware and software.

303. What is a relationship called when it is maintained between two entities?
   (A) Unary  (B) Binary
   (C) Ternary  (D) Quaternary

304. Which of the following operation is used if we are interested in only certain columns of a table?
   (A) PROJECTION  (B) SELECTION
   (C) UNION  (D) JOIN

305. Which of the following is a valid SQL type?
   (A) CHARACTER  (B) NUMERIC
   (C) FLOAT  (D) All of the above

306. The RDBMS terminology for a row is:
   (A) tuple.  (B) relation.
   (C) attribute.  (D) degree.

307. Which of the following operations need the participating relations to be union compatible?
   (A) UNION  (B) INTERSECTION
   (C) DIFFERENCE  (D) All of the above

308. The full form of DDL is:
   (A) Dynamic Data Language
   (B) Detailed Data Language
   (C) Data Definition Language
   (D) Data Derivation Language

309. Which of the following is an advantage of SQL?
   (A) Data security  (B) Derived columns
   (C) Hiding of complex queries
   (D) All of the above

310. Which of the following is a legal expression in SQL?
   (A) SELECT NULL FROM EMPLOYEE;
   (B) SELECT NAME FROM EMPLOYEE;
   (C) SELECT NAME FROM EMPLOYEE WHERE SALARY = NULL;
   (D) None of the above.

311. The users who use easy-to-use menu are called:
   (A) Sophisticated end users.  (B) Naïve users.
   (C) Stand-alone users.  (D) Casual end users.

312. Which database level is closest to the users?
   (A) External  (B) Internal
   (C) Physical  (D) Conceptual

313. Which are the two ways in which entities can participate in a relationship?
   (A) Passive and active  (B) Total and partial
   (C) Simple and Complex  (D) All of the above

314. The result of the UNION operation between R1 and R2 is a relation that includes:
   (A) all the tuples of R1
   (B) all the tuples of R2
   (C) all the tuples of R1 and R2
   (D) all the tuples of R1 and R2 which have common columns.

315. Which of the following is a comparison operator in SQL?
   (A) =  (B) LIKE
   (C) BETWEEN  (D) All of the above

316. A set of possible data values is called:
   (A) attribute.  (B) degree
   (C) tuple.  (D) domain

317. Which of the operations constitute a basic set of operations for manipulating relational data?
   (A) Predicate calculus  (B) Relational calculus
   (C) Relational algebra  (D) None of the above
318. Which of the following is another name for weak entity?
   (A) Child  (B) Owner
   (C) Dominant  (D) All of the above

319. Which of the following database object does not physically exist?
   (A) base table  (B) index
   (C) view  (D) none of the above

320. NULL is
   (A) the same as 0 for integer
   (B) the same as blank for character
   (C) the same as 0 for integer and blank for character
   (D) not a value

321. Which of the following is record based logical model?
   (A) Network Model  (B) Object oriented model
   (C) E-R Model  (D) None of these

322. A data dictionary is a special file that contains:
   (A) The name of all fields in all files.
   (B) The width of all fields in all files.
   (C) The data type of all fields in all files.
   (D) All of the above.

323. A file manipulation command that extracts some of the records from a file is called
   (A) SELECT  (B) PROJECT
   (C) JOIN  (D) PRODUCT

324. The physical location of a record is determined by a mathematical formula that transforms a file key into a record location:
   (A) B-Tree File  (B) Hashed File
   (C) Indexed File  (D) Sequential file.

325. Using Relational Algebra the query that finds customers, who have a balance of over 1000 is
   (A) PCustomer_name(s balance >1000(Deposit))
   (B) s Customer_name(Pbalance >1000(Deposit))
   (C) PCustomer_name(s balance >1000(Borrow))
   (D) s Customer_name(Pbalance >1000(Borrow))

326. A primary key is combined with a foreign key creates
   (A) Parent-Child relationship between the tables that connect them.
   (B) Many to many relationship between the tables that connect them.
   (C) Network model between the tables that connect them.
   (D) None of the above.

327. In E-R Diagram derived attribute are represented by
   (A) Ellipse  (B) Dashed ellipse
   (C) Rectangle  (D) Triangle

328. Cross Product is a:
   (A) Unary Operator  (B) Ternary Operator
   (C) Binary Operator  (D) Not an operator

329. An instance of relational schema R (A, B, C) has distinct values of A including NULL values. Which one of the following is true?
   (A) A is a candidate key
   (B) A is not a candidate key
   (C) A is a primary Key  (D) Both (A) and (C)

330. Consider the join of a relation R with relation S. If R has m tuples and S has n tuples, then the maximum size of join is:
   (A) mn  (B) m+n
   (C) (m+n)/2  (D) 2(m+n)

331. The natural join is equal to:
   (A) Cartesian Product
   (B) Combination of Union and Cartesian product
   (C) Combination of selection and Cartesian product
   (D) Combination of projection and Cartesian product

332. Which one of the following is not true for a view:
   (A) View is derived from other tables.
   (B) View is a virtual table.
   (C) A view definition is permanently stored as part of the database.
   (D) View never contains derived columns.

333. A DUAL Table has:
   (A) One row and One column.
   (B) Many columns and one row.
   (C) one column and many rows
   (D) None of the above.

334. In E-R Diagram relationship type is represented by
   (A) Ellipse  (B) Dashed ellipse
   (C) Rectangle  (D) Diamond

335. Hierarchical model is also called
   (A) Tree structure  (B) Plex Structure
   (C) Normalize Structure  (D) Table Structure

336. To delete a particular column in a relation the command used is:
   (A) UPDATE  (B) DROP
   (C) ALTER  (D) DELETE

337. The ______ operator is used to compare a value to a list of literals values that have been specified.
   (A) BETWEEN  (B) ANY
   (C) IN  (D) ALL

338. GUI means
   A grey useful interface
   B ground user interface
   C graph use in India
   D graphical user interface

339. A B-tree of order m has maximum of ________ children
   (A) m  (B) m+1
   (C) m-1  (D) mv2

340. ________ function divides one numeric expression by another and returns the remainder.
   (A) POWER  (B) MOD
   (C) ROUND  (D) REMAINDER

341. A data manipulation command that combines the records from one or more tables is called
   (A) SELECT  (B) PROJECT
   (C) JOIN  (D) PRODUCT

342. In E-R diagram generalization is represented by
   (A) Ellipse  (B) Dashed ellipse
   (C) Rectangle  (D) Triangle
343. ________ is a virtual table that draws its data from the result of an SQL SELECT statement.
   (A) View  (B) Synonym  (C) Sequence  (D) Transaction

344. The method of access which uses key transformation is known as
   (A) Direct  (B) Hash  (C) Random  (D) Sequential

345. A table joined with itself is called
   (A) Join  (B) Self Join  (C) Outer Join  (D) Equi Join

346. ________ data type can store unstructured data
   (A) RAW  (B) CHAR  (C) NUMERIC  (D) VARCHAR

347. Which two files are used during operation of the DBMS
   (A) Query languages and utilities
   (B) DML and query language
   (C) Data dictionary and transaction log
   (D) Data dictionary and query language

348. Translator for low level programming language were termed as
   (A) Assembler  (B) Compiler  (C) Linker  (D) Loader

349. Analysis which determines the meaning of a statement once its grammatical structure becomes known is termed as
   (A) Semantic analysis  (B) Syntax analysis  (C) Regular analysis  (D) General analysis

350. Load address for the first word of the program is called
   (A) Linker address origin  (B) load address origin
   (C) Phase library  (D) absolute library

351. Symbolic names can be associated with
   (A) Information  (B) data or instruction
   (C) operand  (D) mnemonic operation

352. The translator which perform macro expansion is called a
   (A) Macro processor  (B) Macro pre-processor
   (C) Micro pre-processor  (D) assembler

353. Shell is the exclusive feature of
   (A) UNIX  (B) DOS
   (C) System software  (D) Application software

354. A program in execution is called
   (A) Process  (B) Instruction
   (C) Procedure  (D) Function

355. Interval between the time of submission and completion of the job is called
   (A) Waiting time  (B) Turnaround time
   (C) Throughput  (D) Response time

356. A scheduler which selects processes from secondary storage device is called
   (A) Short term scheduler.  (B) Long term scheduler.
   (C) Medium term scheduler.  (D) Process scheduler.

357. The scheduling in which CPU is allocated to the process with least CPU-burst time is called
   (A) Priority Scheduling  (B) Shortest job first Scheduling
   (C) Round Robin Scheduling  (D) Multilevel Queue Scheduling

358. The term ‘page traffic’ describes
   (A) number of pages in memory at a given instant.
   (B) number of papers required to be brought in at a given page request.
   (C) the movement of pages in and out of memory.
   (D) number of pages of executing programs loaded in memory.

359. The “turn-around” time of a user job is the
   (A) time since its submission to the time its results become available.
   (B) time duration for which the CPU is allotted to the job.
   (C) total time taken to execute the job.
   (D) time taken for the job to move from assembly phase to completion phase.

360. Which of the following can be used as a criterion for classification of data structures used in language processing.
   (A) nature of a data structure
   (B) purpose of a data structure
   (C) lifetime of a data structure
   (D) all of the above.

361. Memory utilization factor shall be computed as follows
   (A) memory in use/allocated memory.
   (B) memory in use/total memory connected.
   (C) memory allocated/free existing memory.
   (D) memory committed/total memory available.

362. Program ‘preemption’ is
   (A) forced de allocation of the CPU from a program which is executing on the CPU.
   (B) release of CPU by the program after completing its task.
   (C) forced allotment of CPU by a program to itself.
   (D) a program terminating itself due to detection of an error.

363. An assembler is
   (A) programming language dependent.
   (B) syntax dependant.
   (C) machine dependant.
   (D) data dependant.

364. Which of the following is not a fundamental process state
   (A) ready  (B) terminated
   (C) executing  (D) blocked

365. ‘LRU’ page replacement policy is
   (A) Last Replaced Unit.  (B) Last Restored Unit.
   (C) Least Recently Used.  (D) Least Required Unit.

366. Which of the following is true?
   (A) Block cipher technique is an encryption technique.
   (B) Steam cipher technique is an encryption technique.
   (C) Both (A) and (B).
   (D) Neither of (A) and (B).

367. Which of the following approaches do not require knowledge of the system state?
   (A) deadlock detection.
   (B) deadlock prevention.
   (C) deadlock avoidance.  (D) none of the above.
368. Program generation activity aims at
(A) Automatic generation of program
(B) Organize execution of a program written in PL
(C) Skips generation of program
(D) Speedens generation of program

369. Which amongst the following is not an advantage of Distributed systems?
(A) Reliability
(B) Incremental growth
(C) Resource sharing
(D) None of the above

370. An imperative statement
(A) Reserves areas of memory and associates names with them
(B) Indicates an action to be performed during execution of assembled program
(C) Indicates an action to be performed during optimization
(D) None of the above

371. Which of the following loader is executed when a system is first turned on or restarted
(A) Boot loader
(B) Compile and Go loader
(C) Bootstrap loader
(D) Relating loader

372. Poor response time is usually caused by
(A) Process busy
(B) High I/O rates
(C) High paging rates
(D) Any of the above

373. Throughput of a system is
(A) Number of programs processed by it per unit time
(B) Number of times the program is invoked by the system
(C) Number of requests made to a program by the system
(D) None of the above

374. The blocking factor of a file is
(A) The number of blocks accessible to a file
(B) The number of blocks allocated to a file
(C) The number of logical records in one physical record
(D) None of the above

375. Which of these is a component of a process precedence sequence?
(A) Process name
(B) Sequence operator ‘;’
(C) Concurrency operator ‘,’
(D) All of the above

376. Which amongst the following is valid syntax of the Fork and Join Primitive?
(A) Fork <label>
(B) Fork <label> Join <var> Join <label>
(C) For <var>
(D) Fork <var> Join <var> Join <var>

377. Nested Macro calls are expanded using the
(A) FIFO rule (first in first out)
(B) LILO rule (last in first out)
(C) FILO rule (first in last out)
(D) None of the above

378. A parser which is a variant of top-down parsing without backtracking is
(A) Recursive Descend.
(B) Operator Precedence.
(C) LL(1) parser.
(D) LALR Parser.

379. The expansion of nested macro calls follows
(A) FIFO rule.
(B) LILO rule.
(C) LILO rule.
(D) priority rule.

380. In a two-pass assembler, the task of the Pass II is to
(A) separate the symbol, mnemonic opcode and operand fields.
(B) build the symbol table.
(C) construct intermediate code.
(D) synthesize the target program.

381. A linker program
(A) places the program in the memory for the purpose of execution.
(B) relocates the program to execute from the specific memory area allocated to it.
(C) links the program with other programs needed for its execution.
(D) interfaces the program with the entities generating its input data.

382. Which scheduling policy is most suitable for a time-shared operating system
(A) Shortest-job First.
(B) Elevator.
(C) Round-Robin.
(D) First-Come-First-Serve.

383. A critical section is a program segment
(A) which should run in a certain specified amount of time.
(B) which avoids deadlocks.
(C) where shared resources are accessed.
(D) which must be enclosed by a pair of semaphore operations, P and V.

384. An operating system contains 3 user processes each requiring 2 units of resource R. The minimum number of units of R such that no deadlocks will ever arise is
(A) 4.
(B) 3.
(C) 5.
(D) 6.

385. Locality of reference implies that the page reference being made by a process
(A) will always be to the page used in the previous page reference.
(B) is likely to be the one of the pages used in the last few page references.
(C) will always be to one of the pages existing in memory.
(D) will always lead to a page fault.

386. Which of these is not a part of Synthesis phase
(A) Obtain machine code corresponding to the mnemonic from the Mnemonics table
(B) Obtain address of a memory operand from the symbol table
(C) Perform LC processing
(D) Synthesize a machine instruction or the machine form of a constant

387. The syntax of the assembler directive EQU is
(A) EQU <address space>
(B) <symbol>EQU<address space>
(C) <symbol>EQU
(D) None of the above

388. The following features are needed to implement top down parsing
(A) Source string marker
391. Which of the following is not a key piece of information, stored in single page table entry, assuming pure paging and virtual memory:
(A) Frame number  
(B) A bit indicating whether the page is in physical memory or on the disk  
(C) A reference for the disk block that stores the page  
(D) None of the above

392. A UNIX device driver is:
(A) Structured into two halves called top half and bottom half  
(B) Three equal partitions  
(C) Unstructured  
(D) None of the above

393. The following is not a layer of I/O management module:
(A) PIOC (Physical Input Output Control System)  
(B) LOCS (Logical Input Output Control System)  
(C) FS (File System)  
(D) MCS (Management Control System)

394. Which amongst the following is not a valid page replacement policy?
(A) LRU policy (Least Recently Used)  
(B) FIFO policy (First in first out)  
(C) RU policy (Recurrency used)  
(D) Optimal page replacement policy

395. Consider a program with a linked origin of 5000. Let the memory area allocated to it have the start address of 70000. Which amongst the following will be the value to be loaded in relocation register?
(A) 20000  
(B) 50000  
(C) 70000  
(D) None of the above

396. An assembly language is a:
(A) Low level programming language  
(B) Middle level programming language  
(C) High level programming language  
(D) Internet based programming language

397. TII stands for:
(A) Table of incomplete instructions  
(B) Table of information instructions  
(C) Translation of instructions information  
(D) Translation of information instruction

398. An analysis, which determines the syntactic structure of the source statement, is called:
(A) Semantic analysis  
(B) Process analysis  
(C) Syntax analysis  
(D) Function analysis

399. Action implementing instruction’s meaning are actually carried out by:
(A) Instruction fetch  
(B) Instruction decode  
(C) Instruction execution  
(D) Instruction program

400. The field that contains a segment index or an internal index is called:
(A) Target datum  
(B) Target offset  
(C) Segment field  
(D) Fix dat

401. A program in execution is called:
(A) Process  
(B) Function  
(C) CPU  
(D) Memory

402. Jobs which are admitted to the system for processing is called:
(A) Long-term scheduling  
(B) Short-term scheduling  
(C) Medium-term scheduling  
(D) Queuing

403. A set of techniques that allow to execute a program which is not entirely in memory is called:
(A) Demand paging  
(B) Virtual memory  
(C) Auxiliary memory  
(D) Secondary memory

404. SSTF stands for:
(A) Shortest-Seek-time-first scheduling  
(B) Small - small-time-first  
(C) Simple-seek-time-first  
(D) Small-simple-time-first scheduling

405. Before proceeding with its execution, each process must acquire all the resources it needs is called:
(A) Hold and wait  
(B) No pre-emption  
(C) Circular wait  
(D) Starvation

406. Virtual memory is:
(A) Simple to implement  
(B) Used in all major commercial operating systems  
(C) Less efficient in utilization of memory  
(D) Useful when fast I/O devices are not available

407. Relocation bits used by relocating loader are specified by:
(A) Relocating loader itself  
(B) Assembler or Translator  
(C) Macro processor  
(D) Both (A) and (B)

408. Resolution of externally defined symbols is performed by:
(A) Linker  
(B) Loader  
(C) Compiler  
(D) Editor

409. Relocatable programs:
(A) Cannot be used with fixed partitions  
(B) Can be loaded almost anywhere in memory  
(C) Do not need a linker  
(D) Can be loaded only at one specific location

410. Page stealing:
(A) Is a sign of efficient system  
(B) Is taking page frames other working sets  
(C) Should be the tuning goal  
(D) Is taking larger disk spaces for pages paged out

411. The total time to prepare a disk drive mechanism for a block of data to be read from is:
(A) Latency  
(B) Latency plus transmission time
412. To avoid race condition, the maximum number of processes that may be simultaneously inside the critical section is
(A) zero  (B) one  (C) two  (D) more than two

413. The memory allocation scheme subject to “external” fragmentation is
(A) segmentation  (B) swapping  (C) pure demand paging  (D) multiple fixed contiguous partitions

414. Page fault frequency in an operating system is reduced when the
(A) processes tend to the I/O-bound  (B) size of pages is reduced  (C) processes tend to be CPU-bound  (D) locality of reference is applicable to the process

415. In which of the following page replacement policies Balady’s anomaly occurs?
(A) FIFO  (B) LRU  (C) LFU  (D) NRU

416. Which of the following are language processors?
(A) Assembler  (B) Compiler  (C) Interpreter  (D) All of the above

417. Virtual memory can be implemented with
(A) Segmentation  (B) Paging  (C) None  (D) all of the above

418. Recognition of basic syntactic constructs through reductions, this task is performed by
(A) Lexical analysis  (B) Syntax analysis  (C) Semantic analysis  (D) Structure analysis

419. A grammar for a programming language is a formal description of
(A) Syntax  (B) Semantics  (C) Structure  (D) Code

420. ________ is a technique of temporarily removing inactive programs from the memory of computer system
(A) Swapping  (B) Spooling  (C) Semaphore  (D) Scheduler

421. ________ is a technique of improving the priority of process waiting in Queue for CPU allocation
(A) Starvation  (B) Ageing  (C) Revocation  (D) Relocation

422. ________ is the time required by a sector to reach below read/write head.
(A) Seek Time  (B) Latency Time  (C) Access time  (D) None

423. Which of the following is most general phase structured grammar?
(A) Context - Sensitive  (B) Regular  (C) Context - Free  (D) None of the above

424. File record length
(A) Should always be fixed  (B) Should always be variable  (C) Depends upon the size of file  (D) Should be chosen to match the data characteristics.

425. A public key encryption system
(A) Allows only the correct receiver to decode the data  (B) Allows only one to decode the transmission  (C) Allows only the correct sender to decode the data  (D) Does not encode the data before transmitting it.

426. Software engineering primarily aims on
a) reliable software  b) cost effective software  c) reliable and cost effective software  d) None of the above

427. Information hiding is to hide from user, details that
a) are relevant to him  b) are not relevant to him  c) may be maliciously handled by him  d) are confidential

428. Which of the following software engineering concepts does Ada language support?
(a) Abstraction  b) Generic  c) Information hiding  d) All of these

429. Retesting the entire application after a change has been made is called as?
(a) Full regression testing  b) unite regression  c) Regional regression  d) Retesting

430. Which is not a product metric?
(a) Size  b) Reliability  c) Productivity  d) Functionality

431. UML stands for
a) Uniform Modeling Language  b) Unified Modeling Language  c) Unit Modeling Language  d) Universal Modeling Language

432. Prototyping is used to
a) test the software as an end product  b) expand design details  c) refine and establish requirements gathering  d) None of the above

433. Which one of these are not software maintenance activity?
(a) Error correction  b) Adaptation  c) Implementation of enhancement  d) Establishing scope

434. Regression testing is primarily related to
(a) functional testing  b) data flow testing  c) development testing  d) maintenance testing

435. Boundary value analysis belongs to which testing method?
(a) Black box testing  b) White box testing  c) Both (a) and (b)  d) None of these

436. In measuring the quality of a product, ________ is a specific part of the QA procedure, it is a corrective process, it applied for particular product and deals with the product.
(a) validation  b) Verification  c) Quality assurance  d) Quality control

437. Cyclomatic complexity is developed by
(a) BW Doehm  b) Tj McCabe  c) BW Littlewood  d) Victor Basili

438. A COCOMO model is
(a) Common Cost Model  b) Constructive Cost Model
439. **CASE tool** is  
   a) Computer Aided Software Engineering  
   b) Component Aided Software Engineering  
   c) Constructive Aided Software Engineering  
   d) Computer Analysis Software Engineering  

440. **Build and fix model has**  
   a) 3 phases  
   b) 1 phase  
   c) 2 phases  
   d) 4 phases  

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**ANSWER KEY**

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**GYANM GENERAL AWARENESS – JANUARY 2020**
### NOVEMBER 2019

| 1) | The 5th edition of Global Exhibition on Services, GES 2019 was held at_________ , Karnataka, from November 26 to 28: Bengaluru |
| 2) | The Indian Army conducted exercise named ________in the deserts of Rajasthan from November 29 to December 4: Sindhuv Saradshar |
| 3) | Sangai is a popular cultural state festival of which state? Manipur |
| 4) | Which National Day is observed on November 27to promote organ donation for those who are in need of them and creating awareness for removing the taboo around organ donation? Indian Organ Donation Day |
| 5) | International Day for the elimination of violence against women is celebrated on which date? November 25 |
| 6) | Which date is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, promoter of India’s most successful dairy enterprise - Amul? National Milk Day |
| 7) | National Milk Day is observed on which date? November 26 |
| 8) | Rafael Nadal won the Davis Cup title for the sixth time for which country? Spain |
| 9) | The Union Government launched the Credit-linked Subsidy Services Awas Portal (CLAP) for which scheme? Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Housing for All (Urban) |
| 10) | India celebrates which day to commemorate adoption of the constitution by the constituent assembly in 1949? The Constitution Day, November 26 |
| 11) | Which city installed first of its kind high-end "reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction" (RT-PCR) machines in India for quick detection of diseases like dengue, tuberculosis and swine flu? Kolkata |
| 12) | Fast Patrol Vessel 'Amrit Kaur' was recently inducted in which armed force of India? Indian Coast Guard |
| 13) | The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of the National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa in which place? Leh, Ladakh |
| 14) | The Sowa-Rigpa represents which traditional discipline of medicine? Tibetan system of medicine |
| 15) | Lieutenant Shivangi became the first female pilot to join Indian Navy on Dec 2. She will fly which aircraft? Dornier surveillance aircraft |
| 16) | As per the latest edition of the Global Terrorism Index, ________ is the country worst affected by terrorism: Afghanistan |
| 17) | What is the rank of India as per the latest edition of the Global Terrorism Index? 7th |

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18) In which state recently more than 18,000 migratory birds died at Sambhar Lake? Rajasthan

19) For what reasons bacteria Avian Botulism was in news recently? It was cause of death of migratory birds in Rajasthan

20) Name the former president of Sri Lanka who has been sworn in as Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister: Mahinda Rajapaksa

21) Who has been named as the World Athlete of the Year 2019 by the World Athletics? Eliud Kipchoge

22) Eliud Kipchoge hails from which country? Kenya

23) Kipchoge excels in which sport of Athletics? Marathon

24) Who has been selected as the World Athlete of the Year – women 2019 by the World Athletics? Dalilah Muhammad

25) Dalilah Muhammad hails from which country? USA

26) Dalilah Muhammad excels in which sports of Athletics? 400 m world champion

27) Which Indian player won the Scottish Open men’s single Badminton title? Lakshya Sen

28) Which Indian state achieved the highest road length in the country so far this year under the Centre’s rural roads programme “Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)”? Jammu & Kashmir

29) Chitharesh Natesan 33yr old former hockey player turned bodybuilder from Kerala became first Indian to win which title? ‘Mr. Universe (Pro) 2019

30) One of the world’s biggest Islamic Congregation Aalmi Tablighi Ijtima was held in______, Madhya Pradesh from Nov 22 to 25: Bhopal

31) Oxford Dictionaries has named which world as its 2019 Word of the Year? Climate Emergency

32) Who became the first Indian to score a century on the Pink ball, playing Day-Night Test? Virat Kohli

33) Name the 16-year-old young environmental activist from Sweden who has been awarded International Children’s Peace Prize: Greta Thunberg

34) Which Netherland based children’s rights organization confers the International Children’s Peace Prize? Kids Right

35) India and China will jointly hold a number of celebratory activities to mark the ___ anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two nations: 70th

36) The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held in Panaji, Goa from Nov 20 to 28 was which number in series? 50th
37) Name the renowned French film actor who was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award in the festival: **Isabelle Huppert**

38) Name the Indian movie icon who has been bestowed with the Icon of the Jubilee Award at the IFFI: **Rajinikanth**

39) The two-day annual Conference of Governors and Lieutenant Governors was held in __________, New Delhi, on Nov 23 and 24: **Rashtrapati Bhavan**

40) Which state announced ‘Arundhati Swarna Yojana’ under which 10 grams of gold will be offered as a gift to every adult bride who has completed at least 10th standard and has registered her marriage? **Assam**

41) Who has been chosen as Person of the Year 2019 by PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals)? **Virat Kohli**

42) ______ created history by creating a new world record in the women’s 10m Air Pistol event, securing gold at the 2019 ISS World Cup at Putian, China: **Manu Bhaker**

43) Fortune’s annual Business Person of the Year list is topped by which CEO? **Satya Nadella**

44) Satya Nadella is the CEO of which global company? **Microsoft**

45) As per a govt. report on road accidents occurred in 2018, which state accounted for the highest number of accidents? **Tamil Nadu**

46) In 2018, road accidents claim highest number of lives in which state? **Uttar Pradesh**

47) India announced new visa exemptions for foreigners seeking ______ in India: **Medical Treatment**

48) ______ won the men’s singles title at International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Indonesia Open 2019 Table Tennis tournament: **Harneet Desai**

49) The 63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship Competitions were held in which city? **New Delhi**

50) ______ became the 1st country in the world to introduce a new Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV): **Pakistan**

51) The green tea and white tea of which place were recently granted a geographical indication (GI) tag? **Darjeeling (West Bengal)**

52) Government launched ‘SAANS’ (Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully) campaign aimed at reducing child mortality due to pneumonia, from which state? **Gujarat**

53) Government of India aims to achieve a target of reducing pneumonia deaths among children to less than ______ per 1000 live births by 2025: **Three**

54) Which country topped the World Talent Ranking done by IMD, Switzerland for 63 countries? **Switzerland**

55) What was the rank of India in the World Talent Ranking 2019? **59th**

56) What is the name of bilateral maritime exercise held between India and Qatar from November 17 to 21? **Zair-al-Bahr or Roar of the Sea**

57) Who is the winner of this year’s Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development? **Sir David Attenborough**

58) Attenborough has been conferred Indira Gandhi Prize for which achievement? **for his tireless efforts towards awakening the humankind to the need to preserve and protect the planet’s biodiversity**

59) What is the amount of cash award of Indira Gandhi Prize? **Rs. 25 lakh**

60) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a $ 91 million loan to renovate the Vijayanagara Channel irrigation systems in which state? **Karnataka**

61) The Union Government has launched Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh with what aim? **Reducing malnutrition in India**

62) Which union ministry promotes the celebrations of the Naturopathy Day on November 18: **The Ayush Ministry**

63) Which International Day is associated with 6th Sustainable Development Goal of UNO that aims to ensure availability sanitation and water for all by 2030? **World Toilet Day, November 19**

64) India celebrates Children’s Day on Nov 14 on which date the Universal Children’s Day is celebrated? **November 20**

65) India’s first Winter Grade Diesel Sales Center was opened in ______ region on November 7: **Ladakh**

66) Which oil company has developed India’s first Winter Grade Diesel? **Indian Oil Corporation**

67) Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greek tennis player won which tennis tournament defeating all top seeded players? **ATP Finals, London**

68) Who has been elected as the new President of Sri Lanka? **Gotabaya Rajapaksa**

69) The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has agreed to invest $500 million in three suburban rail infrastructure projects of which metro? **Mumbai**

70) Where are the headquarters of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank? **Beijing, China**

71) What is the name of the official body that functions as a moral watch dog to improve the standards of journalism and maintain its freedom? **Press Council of India**

72) Which national day is celebrated to commemorate the foundation of Press Council of India on November 16, 1966? **The National Press Day**

73) The India-U.S. tri-services amphibious exercise “Tiger Triumph” was held in which place? **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

74) Name the Indian star female sprinter who has been included in the ‘Time 100 Next’ list that includes those who are ready to make future in business, recreation, sports, politics, health and science? **Dutee Chand**

75) Which global rating agency cut India’s economic growth forecast for the current year - 2019-20 to 5.6 per cent from 5.8 percent estimated earlier? **Moody’s Investors Service, USA**

76) The NASA recently re-named cosmic body Ultima Thule as Arrokoth. What is special about this body? **It is the farthest cosmic body ever visited by a spacecraft**

77) The TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix of USA that measures business bribery risk in 200 countries, which country faces the lowest incidence of bribery? **New Zealand**
78) What is the rank of India in the TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix? **78th**

79) India’s Ravi Prakash won the $25,000 BRICS-Young Innovator prize for which achievement? **For the invention of the small and cheap ‘Milk Chilling Unit’ useful for small and economically weaker farmers**

80) Which Indian statesman attended the 11th BRICS Summit in Brasilia on 13-14 November? **Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

81) What was the theme of the 11th BRICS Summit in Brasilia? **Economic Growth for an Innovative Future**

82) President of which country has accepted our invitation to be the Chief Guest at the Republic Day parade of 2020? **Brazil**

83) Who is the President of Brazil? **Jair Bolsonaro**

84) What is the name of the capital of Brazil? **Brasilia**

85) Which private sector bank was in news for earning more profit then the aggregate profit of 17 public-sector banks in the quarter ending Sep 30, 2019? **Bandhan Bank Ltd.**

86) The Supreme Court on Nov 14 dismissed the review petitions against its December 14, 2018 verdict in which case? **The case challenging the Rafale deal**

87) The 39th India International Trade Fair 2019 was held in______, New Delhi from Nov 14 to 27: **Pragati Maidan**

88) ________ was the partner country for this year’s India International Trade Fair: **Afghanistan**

89) ________ was the focus country for this year’s India International Trade Fair: **South Korea**

90) Which two Indian states were named as the focus states for this year’s India International Trade Fair? **Bihar and Jharkhand**

91) If you want to see Suranga Bawadi (mini pond), the ‘Ancient Water System of the Deccan Plateau’, which place you will have to visit? **Bijapur, Karnataka**

92) For what reasons Suranga Bawadi was in news recently? It has been selected in the World Monument Watch List for 2020

93) Swach – Nirmal Tat (श्वच निर्मल तत्त) Abhiyaan has been launched for what purpose? **To create awareness amongst citizens about the importance of coastal ecosystems**

94) Which online retailer company launched “Project Zero” in India to ensure that customers receive authentic goods when shopping on its website? **Amazon**

95) Which international day is observed on November 14 to generate awareness about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes? **World Diabetes Day**

96) What is the theme of this year’s World Pneumonia which is observed every year on November 12? **Healthy lungs for all**

97) The five-judge constitution bench of the Supreme Court recently pronounced its landmark historical judgment on Right to Information Act. What was it? **It held that the Chief Justice of India’s office is a public authority and hence comes under the RTI Act**

98) NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) of the USA has launched its first all-electric experimental ____ named the X-57 “Maxwell”: **Aircraft**

99) Which Indian state gave its approval for setting up of the world’s first CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) terminal at Bhavnagar port: **Gujarat**

100) The government of India has given approval for setting up four medical device parks for manufacturing which items? **World-class medical implants/devices at an affordable price**

101) The International Hockey Federation has announced that ______ will host the 2023 Men’s Hockey World Cup from 13th to 29th of January, 2023: **India**

102) Sundar Singh Gurjar won gold in ______ in World Para Athletics Championships held in Dubai: **Javelin throw**

103) November 12 is observed as the Public Service Broadcasting Day to commemorate the first and only visit of which great leader to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi on this day: **Mahatma Gandhi**

104) RBI plans to mandate banks not to charge savings bank account customers for online transactions in the ____ system with effect from January 2020: **NEFT**

105) ______ made a unique record of taking six wickets for seven runs playing against Bangladesh in Nagpur, Maharashtra: **Deepak Chahar**

106) ______ 15 year-old girl from Rohtak, Haryana became the youngest (15 years, 285 days) Indian cricketer ever to score a half-century in international cricket: **Shafali Verma**

107) Pravind Kumar Jugnauth has been re-elected as the Prime Minister for a new five year term of which country? **Mauritius**

108) The much talked about “Kartarpur Corridor” connects Dera Baba Nanak in district Gurdaspur to holy shrine in _________ Narowal, Pakistan? **Gurudwara Darbar Sahib Kartapur**

109) What is the historical importance of the Gurudwara Sri Darbar Sahib? **This is the place where Guru Nanak Dev Ji breathed his last**

110) The main celebrations of the Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji on his 550th birth anniversary were held in Sultanpur Lodhi. What is its historical importance? **This is the place where Guru ji stayed for many years and attained enlightenment**

111) Cyclone ‘Bulbul’, the tropical storm devastated the coastal districts of which state before hurtling towards Bangladesh? **West Bengal**

112) Kumar Mangalam Birla was honoured with ABLF Global Asian Award. He is the chairman of which industrial house? **Aditya Birla Group**

113) India celebrates National Education Day on November 11, to commemorate the first _______ 15 year old girl from Rohtak, Haryana became the youngest (15 years, 285 days) Indian cricketer ever to score a half-century in international cricket: **Shafali Verma**

114) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was instrumental in the establishment of which apex body associated with higher education? **University Grants Commission**
115) Name the former Chief Election Commissioner who transformed the face of electoral process in the country by introduction and strict implementation of Voter ID Card? **T N Seshan**

116) Sandeep Chaudhary and Sumit broke the world records on their way to winning the gold and silver medals, respectively, in the ______ event of the World Para Athletics Championships held at Dubai: **F64 javelin throw**

117) Reserve Bank has increased the annual household income limits for deciding the eligibility of borrowers of rural areas from Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and microfinance institutions (MFIs) to _____ lakh rupees, from one lakh rupees earlier: **1.25**

118) India’s MMR declined by 8 points in one year from 130 per lakh live births in 2014-16 to 122 per lakh live births in 2015-17. What is MMR? **Maternal Mortality Rate**

119) India recently launched the SUMAN programme for moving towards zero preventable maternal and newborn deaths. Expand the term SUMAN: **Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan**

120) Who is the author of the famous novel ‘Swami and Friends’? **R K Narayan**

121) “A Suitable Boy” is a popular novel written by which author? **Vikram Seth**

122) November 7 is observed as National Cancer Awareness Day. It happens to be the birthday of a great scientist whose research was very helpful in the treatment of tumors and cancer. Can you name her? **Marie Curie**

123) India and Indonesia conducted the joint anti-submarine warfare exercise in the Bay of Bengal. What was its name? **Samudra Shakti**

124) These days we hear a lot about nuisance of Parali burning in print and electronic media. What is Parali? **Stubble of paddy left after harvesting**

125) India has decided to opt out of which mega free-trade agreement recently? **RCEP**

126) What is the full form of RCEP? **Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership**

127) The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has ruled against the usage of RO (reverse osmosis) systems, mainly for what reason? **It results in wastage of almost 80% of water**

128) If we are reading about Deodhar Trophy, we are reading about which sport? **Cricket**

129) Deodhar trophy, a national level tournament, is played in which format of cricket? **50 overs one day**

130) Which team won the Deodhar trophy 2019? **India B**

131) ______ approved a $451 million (about Rs 3,200 crore) loan to strengthen power connectivity between the southern and northern parts of the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu: **ADB – Asian Development Bank**

132) ICGS Annie Besant was recently inducted in the Indian Coast Guard. It is what kind of ship? **Fast Patrol Vessel**

133) In which city Indian Railways has installed two ‘Health ATMs’ at the Charbagh railway station? **Lucknow, UP**

134) The 5th edition of India International Science Festival was held in ______ from November 5-8: **Kolkata**

135) ______ became the first Indian cricketer to play 100 T20 International cricket matches: **Rohit Sharma**

136) Raja Ram Mohan Roy award is conferred for recognizing outstanding contribution in which field? **Journalism**

137) Gulab Kothari, winner of this year’s Raja Ram Mohan Roy award is the head of which publication house? **Rajasthan Patrika group**

138) The central government has issued an HS Code for Khadi for what purpose? **To categorize its products exclusively in exports**

139) What is the full form of HS Code? **Harmonized System**

140) As per the “Freedom on the Net report 2019” ______ is the world’s best protector of internet freedom: **Iceland**

141) Which country allows least freedom of internet as per the “Freedom on the Net report 2019”? **China**

142) DRDO inaugurated its Igniter Complex at the High Energy Materials Research Laboratory in_____. Maharashtra: **Pune**

143) Which country’s first-ever satellite, SRSS-1, was launched by China on November 3 from Shanxi Province in north China: **Sudan**

144) Mainam Meiraba Luwang, 16 year old boy from Manipur clinched the boys’ singles U-19 title at the Woncheon Yonex Korea Junior Open ______ International Challenge 2019 in Miryang, Korea: **Badminton**

145) Italian Golden Sand Art Award was recently conferred upon internationally acclaimed sand artist_______, from Odisha: **Sudarsan Pattnaik**

146) On which date World Tsunami Awareness Day is celebrated to spread awareness among people in matters related to the dangers of tsunami? **November 05**

147) Which organization recently introduced India’s first nanotechnology-based fertiliser product range by introducing Nano Nitrogen, Nano Zinc, Nano Copper? **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)**

148) Which state launched a first of its kind job helpline number 76260-76260 for the unemployed youth of the state under ‘Ghar Ghar Rozgar’ programme? **Punjab**

149) According to an estimate by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which country’s GDP is expected to explode by growing at 86% in 2020? **Guyana**

150) Which development is the factor behind expected 86% growth of GDP in Guyana? **Discovery of vast oil resources**

151) Which spacecraft of NASA entered the interstellar medium (ISM) in space on November 05? **Voyager - 2**

152) The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has collaborated with the global IT giant ______ to launch SkillsBuild platform to provide two-year advanced diploma in IT, cloud computing and networking: **IBM**

153) Ministry of Finance released two new IT initiatives named ICEDASH and ATITHI to improve monitoring and pace of which item? **Customs clearance of imported goods and facilitating arriving international passengers**

154) The High-Level Advisory Group has recommended the central government to launch ____ Bonds to bring back...
India’s first container cargo consignment through water way was flagged off from which place? Haldia Dock Complex, Kolkata

In which sports India’s both, men and women’s team sealed their place in the next year’s Tokyo Olympics? Hockey

The Indian Air Force has decided to retire its old war horse - _____ strike aircraft on December 31 this year: MiG-27

India received MiG-27 fighter aircrafts from which country? Russia

The phaseout ceremony for the last fleet of MiG-27 was held at which airbase? Jodhpur, Rajasthan

3rd Rugby World Cup was hosted by which city in Japan? Yokohama

Which country lifted the 3rd Rugby World Cup: South Africa

What is the popular name of the Rugby World Cup? Webb Ellis Cup

_____ won the SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament at Saarbrücken in Germany: Lakshya Sen

‘Chhath Puja’ is one of the most popular festival of which state? Bihar

In Chhath Puja, devotees offer their prayers to and seek blessings from which God? Sun

In the United States, a new wildfire ‘Maria Fire’ in which area of California grew to nearly 9,000 acres in first week of November, sending thousands of people fleeing the area? Los Angeles

The first-ever India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise named _____ was held near Tashkent, from Nov 4-13: Dustlik-2019

_____ has become the first state in the country to enact a law on contract farming: Tamil Nadu

Researchers from which apex IT institute have created the first-ever ‘Indian Brain Atlas’? Indian Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad (IIIT-H), Telangana

Who has been awarded the prestigious Golden Dragon Award at the Cardiff International Film Festival in Wales, UK: Nawazuddin Siddiqui

Which two Indian cities have been selected as a member of UNESCO Creative Cities Network? Mumbai and Hyderabad

Mumbai and Hyderabad have been selected as a member of UNESCO Creative Cities Network in which fields? Films and Gastronomy, respectively

Which IIT has tied up with ISRO to set up a space technology cell in the institute campus? IIT Delhi

Punjab State has decided to institute Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Award for Promotion of Peace and Interfaith Understanding. What is the amount of cash in this award? 11 lakh

The Heads of government summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was held in which city from November 1-3? Tashkent

$500 billion black money: Elephant

156) Which university in UK has established a New Guru Nanak Chair to mark the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji? University of Birmingham

157) Which state completely banned the production and sale of gutka and pan masala in the state for a year starting from November 7? West Bengal

158) Name the German Chancellor who arrived in India for a state visit from October 31 to November 2: Angela Merkel

159) The 35th ASEAN Summit was held in which place in Thailand from Oct 31 to Nov 4? Bangkok

160) ASEAN is a group of how many countries? 10

161) Vyas Samman is associated with outstanding performance in which field? Hindi Literature

162) Name the renowned Hindi author who was conferred Vyas Samman 2018 recently? Leeladharia Jagoori

163) Sh. Leeladhar Jagoori won the Vyas Samman 2018 for his which work? Poetry collection- “Jitne Log Utne Prem”.

164) Former Parliamentarian and veteran CPI (Communist Party of India) leader, Gurudas Dadgupta was in news recently for what reasons? He breathed his last

165) The CBSE and NCERT launched the only aptitude called TAMANNA. What is its full form? Try And Measure Aptitude And Natural Abilities

166) The TAMANNA programme aims to help students of which class to make a better selection of subjects? 9th and 10th

167) India, for the first time, hosted the Global Bio-India summit in _____ from 21st to 23rd November: New Delhi

168) The World Bank approved a $165 million loan for funding Integrated Irrigation Project for Climate Resilient Agriculture in which state? Odisha

169) Two Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), have been granted ‘Maharatna’ status by the Government. What is their name? Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

170) Govt released a special commemorative coin to mark Paramahansa Yogananda’s 125th birth anniversary(1893-1952). He was a renowned practitioner of which art? Yoga

171) The Centre’s first-ever common foundation course “Aarambh” (beginning) was held at the Statue of Unity Complex in Kevadia, Gujarat for which batch of officers? Probationers of 2019 batch civil servants (IAS officers)

172) The Harvard Business Review (HBR), a prestigious journal of Harvard University, USA released a list of the world’s best CEOs for 2019, as per which Jensen Huang, CEO of US technology company _____ is the best performing CEO? Nvidia

173) Name the Nepali mountaineer who has become the fastest mountain climber as he scaled 14 highest peaks, all over 8,000 mts, in just over six months? Nirmal Purja

174) Shakti – 2019 is the name of the joint Army exercise held at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan between India and which other country? France

175) Who has been appointed as the 47th Chief Justice of India? Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde

176) Tashkent is capital of which country? Uzbekistan

177) Who has been awarded the prestigious Golden Dragon Award at the Cardiff International Film Festival in Wales, UK: Nawazuddin Siddiqui

178) Which country has deci...
197) ____ appointed as the new CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI): **Pankaj Kumar**

198) Where are the headquarters of the Unique Identification Authority of India? **New Delhi**

199) topped the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) India University Rankings 2020: **IIT Bombay**

200) Which day is observed around the world to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the UN Charter on this day in 1945? **The United Nations Day**

201) The United Nations World Food Program launched the 'Feed Our Future' campaign in association with which Indian organization? **UFO Movies of Mumbai**

202) What is the objective of the 'Feed Our Future' campaign? **To create awareness and take steps against hunger and malnutrition in India.**

203) Name the government authority that approves revision of MSP of foodgrains: **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)**

204) The CCEA recently approved hike in MSP of Rabi crops for which marketing season? **2020-21**


206) India’s ranking improved by how many steps in 2019-20 Ease of Doing Business rankings? **14**

207) What was India’s ranking in 2019-20 Ease of Doing Business rankings? **63rd**

208) Which country topped the 2019-20 Ease of Doing Business rankings? **New Zealand**

209) Which state launched 'MukhyaMantriKanya Sumangala Yojana' to provide a fund worth Rs 15000 to every family where a girl child is born? **Uttar Pradesh**

210) With the allotment of 1,000 LPG connections to rural women in the Ujjwala Yojana, the Ujj has become first Kerosene-free district of Gujarat. **Gandhinagar**

211) Sakharov Prize is awarded by the European Parliament for honouring outstanding contribution in which field? **Fight for restoration of human rights**

212) Who is the winner of the 2019 Sakharov Prize? **Uighur intellectual Ilham Tohti from China for his attempts to "foster dialogue" between Chinese people and the Uighur.**

213) ____ became the 1st Indian to win a gold medal at the 15th Wushu World Championships in Shanghai: **Praveen Kumar**

214) Which bird was recently found to be the world’s loudest bird whose shrieks can hit 125.4 decibels? **Male white bellbird of Brazil**

215) Name the Bollywood actress and badminton star who were named the ambassadors for Bharat Ki Laxmi, an initiative by Prime Minister Modi: **Deepika Padukon & PV Sindhu**

216) Girish Chandra Murmu has been appointed as the ____ of Jammu-Kashmir: **Lt. Governor**

217) R K Mathur has been appointed as the Lt. Governor of which union territory? **Ladakh**

218) Who has been appointed as the new Governor of Mizoram? **P.S. Sreedharan Pillai**

219) Satya Pal Malik, till recently Governor of J&K, has been shifted to which other state as Governor? **Goa**

220) In Uttar Pradesh, Grand Diwali celebrations at which place set a world record as over 5 lakh 51 thousand earthen lamps (Diyas) were lit altogether on Oct 27? **Ayodhya**

221) Vijay Hazare Trophy is associated with which sports? **Cricket**

222) Vijay Hazare Trophy is played in which format of cricket? **One day**

223) Which team won the 2019 edition of the Vijay Hazare Trophy? **Karnataka**

224) The United Nations Day is observed on which date? **October 24**

225) Which state has decided to make government jobs out of bounds for people with more than 2 children? **Assam**

226) "Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion’s Life" is the autobiography of which chess champion? **Viswanathan Anand**

227) Who is the author of the book titled "Reset: Regaining India’s Economic Legacy"? **Subramanian Swamy, BJP MP**

228) Who has been appointed as the President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)? **Sourav Ganguly**

229) Government has decided to open the entire area from Siachen base camp to Kumar Post for tourists. It lies in which Himalayan range? **Karakoram**

230) Which company announced the launch of ‘SBI Card Pay’, a facility that allows contactless payment using mobile phones at PoS (Point of Sale) terminals? **SBI Card**

231) The SBI Card Pay will use NFC technology to process the contactless transaction. What is NFC? **Near Field Communication**

232) 18th NAM summit was held in Baku. What is NAM: **Non Aligned Movement**

233) Baku is the capital of which country? **Azerbaijan**

234) World Statistics Day is observed on October 20 at the interval of how many years? **5 Years**

235) Ronaldo Singh bagged a gold medal in the men’s junior Keirin event at which event? **Asian Track Cycling Championships**

236) The India-Myanmar Naval Exercise named ____ was held off the coast of Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh: **IMNEX-2019**

237) Country’s highest bridge constructed at an altitude of 14,650 feet is across which river? **Shyok River**

238) This bridge is located in which part of India? **Eastern Ladakh**

239) What is name of this bridge? **Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu**

240) What is the theme for this year’s International Film Festival of India-IFFI: **The joy of cinema**

241) The 'Crime in India 2017' annual crime report was released by which apex national organization? **National Crime Records Bureau**

242) As per the Crime in India 2017 report, which state recorded the maximum number of cases of crime against women? **Uttar Pradesh**

243) Which state registered the highest number of rape cases at one day? **Uttar Pradesh**

244) Which Ministry launched new version of BHIM2.0 payment app? **Ministry of Information Technology**

245) BHIM has been developed by which organization? **NPCI-National Payment Corporation of India**

246) Rohit Sharma, India’s famous ‘hitman’ scored his maiden Test double hundred (212) playing against South Africa in
247) Rohit’s Test average in India rose to 99.84 surpassing the 71-year-old record or 98.22, previously held by which person? Sir Don Bradman

248) Which international airline created a record for the longest direct non-stop flight flying for 19 hrs 16 minutes? Qantas

249) Qantas is the national airline of which country? Australia

250) The longest non-stop flight was conducted between which two cities? NewYork to Sydney

251) Sultan of Johor Cup is associated with which sport? Hockey

252) Which country hosts the Sultan of Johor Cup? Malaysia

253) ________ defeated India to lift the Sultan of Johor Cup? Britain

254) Joko Widodo was sworn in as President of ___? Indonesia

255) Who has been appointed as the new President of the European Central Bank? Christine Lagarde

256) Where are the headquarters of the European Central Bank? Frankfurt, Germany

257) Name the Indian cricketer who became the first one to play in over 100 T-20 internationals? Harmanpreet Kaur

258) RaunakSadhwani, 13 year old boy from Nagpur was in news recently for which achievement? Hebecame India’s 65th GrandMaster in Chess

259) Who has been appointed as the new chairman of Indian Banks’ Association? Rajnish Kumar, Chairman, SBI

260) Two US astronauts, Christina Koch and Jessica Meir, hogged international news headlines for ___:Becomingthe first all-woman pair to carry out a spacewalk

261) 15 year old Tanishbir Sandhu won the gold in which sports in an Asian Championship? Boxing

262) International Space Station is a joint project of space agencies of how many nations? Five

263) Anup Kumar Singh, senior IPS officer of Gujarat cadre has been appointed as Director-General of which elite commando force? NSG-National Security Guard

264) The NCERT has decided to review the 14-year-old NCF for the 5th time in accordance with new national education policy. What is NCF? National Curriculum Framework

265) With which country’s Air Self Defence Force, Indian Air Force conducted the ‘ShinyuuMaitri exercise’? Japan

266) The ShinyuuMaitri exercise was conducted at which place? Panagarh, West Bengal

267) With which country India conducted a joint military exercise named ‘Dharma Guardian’? Japan

268) Which Indian corporate recently became the first Indian company to cross the total market capitalisation of Rs 9 lakh crore? Reliance Industry Industries Ltd.

269) Which Union Ministry recently conducted the 20th Livestock Census - 2019? Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

270) What is the rank of India in terms of number of life stock population? 1st

271) Which category of animals forms largest part of livestock? Cattle

272) What is the new name of the National Highway number 703 A? Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Marg

273) Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Marg runs from which place to which place? From Kapurthala connecting Goindwal Sahib and terminating near Tarn Taran in Punjab

274) Which state has decided to do away with personal interviews for recruitment of staff and limit the process only to written examination? Andhra Pradesh

275) The NITI Aayog released it’s first-ever India Innovation Index to promote competitiveness among the states. Which state emerged as the topper? Karnataka

276) Government has decided to name India’s longest tunnel Chenani-Nashri after Jansangh (now BJP) founder. What is his name? Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee


278) India recently handed over a second pair of Mi-24V helicopters to which country? Afghanistan

279) India ranks at which place among the 128 countries surveyed by the Charities Aid Foundation? 82nd

280) Which country topped the WorldGiving Index: USA

281) 48th edition of the Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair (IHGF) was held at the India Expo Centre & Mart in which city? Greater Noida, UP

282) Which country announced the establishment of world’s first research based Artificial Intelligence University? UAE

283) Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Oman held a joint air warfare exercise named _____: Ex-Eastern Bridge-V

284) The Ex-Eastern Bridge-V exercise was hosted by which country? Oman

285) In the memory of which Indian leader World Students’ Day is observed on October 15: APJ Abdul Kalam

286) Kais Saied has been elected as the new President of which country? Tunisia

287) Which star footballer was awarded ‘European Golden Shoe’ for being the top goal-scorer in league football across Europe? Lionel Messi

288) Lionel Messi hails from which country? Argentina

289) Indian Railways has announced that it will become a net-zero carbon emitter by which year? 2030

290) India is the biggest emitter of greenhouse gases after which two other countries? USA and China

291) Recently how many heritage landmarks from India were chosen for the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation: Four

292) The world observes International Poverty Eradication Day on which date? October 17

293) Among 117 countries surveyed in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2019, India secured which rank? 102

294) Which airline became the first airline in the world on October 15 to use a Taxibot on an A320 aircraft with passengers on board? Air India

295) RBI has issued guidelines for on-tap authorisation for how many payment systems? Three

296) Name the three payment systems for which RBI allowed...
| 297 | Which state plans to organise the country’s first training and performance programme of world famous KHON (खोन) Ramlila: Uttar Pradesh |
| 298 | The world famous KHON (खोन) Ramlila is associated with which country? Thailand |
| 299 | What is the single unique feature of the KHON Ramlila? It has no dialogues |
| 300 | Which International Day is observed to commemorate the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on October 16, 1945? World Food Day (Head Qrt. Rome) |
| 301 | Name the organization that launched Food Safety Mitra: Food and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) |
| 302 | What is the main objective of the recently launched Food Safety Mitra scheme? Sensitise street food vendors and food businesses on hygiene and regulatory aspects |
| 303 | Who is the President of Philippines? Rodrigo Duterte |
| 304 | Indian President attended the Enthronement Ceremony of the Emperor of Japan. What is the name of the new Emperor? Naruhito |
| 305 | PriyamshuKajawat claimed the men’s singles title at the Bahrain International Series of which sports? Badminton |
| 306 | Valtteri Bottas won the Japanese Grand Prix for team Mercedes. He hails from which country? Finland |
| 307 | 10th edition of the RashtriyaSanskriti Mahotsav-National Cultural Festival was hosted by? Madhya Pradesh |
| 308 | Booker Prize-2019, prestigious literary prize was awarded jointly to which two authors? Margaret Atwood and Bernardine Evaristo |
| 309 | Margaret Atwood won the Booker Prize-2019 for which novel? The Testament |
| 310 | For which novel Bernardine Evaristo won the Booker Prize: Girl, Woman, Other |
| 311 | What is the cash award of the Booker Prize: GBP 50,000 |
| 312 | Who is the first black women to win the prestigious Booker Prize? Bernardine Evaristo |
| 313 | The nation celebrates RashtriyaMahilaKisanDiwas on which date? October 15 |
| 314 | International Day of Rural Women is celebrated across the world on which day of October: 15th |
| 315 | Which day is celebrated globally on October 14 to raise awareness among regulators, industry and consumers as to the importance of standardization: World/International Standards Day |
| 316 | A commemorative stamp was released in honour of the sole Marshal of the Indian Air Force. Give his name? Marshal of IAF Arjan Singh |
| 317 | India and the US forces held a joint military exercise in Seattle, USA. What was its name? Vajra Prahar |
| 318 | What is the name of the award constituted by the Indian National Congress to honour promoters of National Integration: Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration |
| 319 | Name the social worker honoured with 31st Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration: Chandi Prasad Bhatt |
| 320 | Sh. Chandi Prasad Bhatt is known for promoting: Chipko Movement in Uttarakhand to save trees |
| 321 | What is the actual name of the Nobel Prize for Economics? The SverigesRiksbank Prize in Economic Sciences |
| 322 | Out of six Nobel Prizes announced every year, which one was not listed in the will of Alfred Nobel? Economics |
| 323 | Abhijit Banerjee and his wife Esther Duflo, co-winner of Nobel Prize for economics, are associated with which university? Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA |
| 324 | Prime Miniter Narendra Modi has become the world's most-followed leader on which social media with more than 30 million followers? Instagram |
| 325 | “Protect Birds be the Solution to Plastic Pollution” is the theme of which International Day? World Migratory Bird Day |
| 326 | Which Indian won his maiden BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour title by winning the Dutch Open men’s singles at Almere in the Netherlands? Lakshya Sen |
| 327 | Name the 22 year old star US gymnast broke the all-time record for most medals by any gymnast (male or female) at the world championships by securing 25 of them: Simone Biles |
| 328 | R Praggnanandhha, the 14-year-old Grand Master from Chennai won the gold in the U-18 Open category in: World Youth Chess Championships held in Mumbai |
| 329 | Name the great Indian Nun who was canonised as Saint by the Pope Francis: Mariam Thresia |
| 330 | Name the sole woman boxer who won silver in the women’s World boxing championships: Manju Rani |
| 331 | Name the city that hosted the women’s World boxing championships: Ulan Ude, Russia |
| 332 | The king & queen of which European country visited India in October on a five day visit? The Netherlands |
| 333 | What is the popular name of the country The Netherlands? Holland |
| 334 | People of Netherlands are popularly known by which name? Dutch |
| 335 | Name the star Indian athlete who created a new national record in the women’s 100m race: Dutee Chand |
| 336 | Who was declared best female athlete at the 59th National Open Athletics Championships? Dutee Chand |
| 337 | Who was declared best male athlete at the 59th National Open Athletics Championships? Tejinderpal Singh Toor |
| 338 | Tejinderpal Singh Toor created new national record in which event of athletics? Shot Put |
| 339 | Which athlete created world history by finishing a marathon in less than two hours time? Eliud Kipchoge |
| 340 | Eliud Kipchoge hails from which country? Kenya |
| 341 | Which ministry launched the mobile app ‘mHariyali’ to promote plantation of trees: Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs |
| 342 | The second edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) of the navies was conducted between navies of which two countries? Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU), White Label ATMs (WLAs) and Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS)
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<td>Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived in which city on October 11 for a two-day visit to India?</td>
<td>Chennai</td>
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<td>Chinese President held the informal summit with Prime Minister Modi at which heritage city?</td>
<td>Mamallapuram</td>
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<td>What is the name of the China’s currency?</td>
<td>Renminbi</td>
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<td>National Voluntary Blood Donation Day is observed on which date?</td>
<td>October 1</td>
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<td>Which international day aims to help raise awareness of the benefits of eggs and their importance in human nutrition?</td>
<td>The World Egg Day</td>
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<td>UNICEF</td>
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<td>Where are the headquarters of UNICEF?</td>
<td>Geneva, Switzerland</td>
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<td>Which Arabian country has recently allowed recruitment of women in its armed forces?</td>
<td>Saudi Arabia</td>
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<td>Which batsman recently recorded his seventh double hundred, the highest in Indian cricket history?</td>
<td>Virat Kohli</td>
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<td>Which Nobel Prize this year had its 100th delivery?</td>
<td>Peace Prize</td>
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<td>Abiy Ahmed Ali was selected for the prestigious prize for his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation. He is Prime Minister of which country?</td>
<td>Ethiopia</td>
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<td>Who decides the winner of Nobel peace prize?</td>
<td>A five member Nobel committee appointed by the Parliament of Norway</td>
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<td>The government launched SurakshitMatriitaAashwasan, SUMAN with what objective?</td>
<td>To bring down maternal and infant mortality rates</td>
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<td>Who are the targeted beneficiaries of SUMAN?</td>
<td>Pregnant women, mothers up to 6 months after delivery, and all sick newborns</td>
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<td>A team of astronomers from USA discovered 20 previously unknown moons of which planet?</td>
<td>Saturn</td>
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<td>After this discovery, which planet now has largest number of moons-82?</td>
<td>Saturn</td>
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<td>Saturn planet is predominantly composed of which two gasses?</td>
<td>Hydrogen and Helium</td>
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<td>Which Nobel Prize has been announced this year for 2018 also?</td>
<td>Literature</td>
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<td>Who is the winner of the 2018 Nobel Prize in literature?</td>
<td>Olga Tokarczuk, Poland</td>
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<td>The 2019 Nobel prize for literature has been won by which Austrian author?</td>
<td>Peter Handke</td>
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<td>Which authority decides the Nobel Prize in literature?</td>
<td>The Swedish Academy, Stockholm</td>
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<td>The Union Cabinet has approved proposal to double the honorariums for ASHA workers to Rs 2000/pm. Expand the acronym ASHA:</td>
<td>Accredited Social Health Activists</td>
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<td>What is the name of the first ever national digital platform and app launched on oral health information?</td>
<td>Edanteeva</td>
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<td>Which UN agency supports the celebrations of the World Mental Health Day on October 10? WHO - World Health Organisation</td>
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<td>Where are the headquarters of WHO?</td>
<td>Geneva, Switzerland</td>
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<td>Antonio Costa has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of which European country?</td>
<td>Portugal</td>
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<td>Who became the first Indian female cricketer to complete more than 20 years in international cricket?</td>
<td>Mithali Raj</td>
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<td>RBI has given its final nod to which state to form its own bank by merging existing district co-op. banks?</td>
<td>Kerala</td>
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<td>India slipped to which place in Global Competitiveness Index 2019, down 10 places from its rank in 2018?</td>
<td>68th</td>
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<td>Which country topped the Global Competitiveness Index 2019?</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
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<td>Atal Innovation Mission and NITI Aayog joined hands with which UN agency to launch “Youth Co:Lab” programme? United Nations Development Programme</td>
<td>(UNDP)</td>
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<td>What is the objective of the “Youth Co:Lab” programme?</td>
<td>To accelerate social entrepreneurship and innovation in young Indians</td>
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<td>Central Pollution Control Board joined hands with which municipal corporation to set up the country’s first e-waste clinic?</td>
<td>Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)</td>
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<td>Which global IT giant has agreed to promote the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana?</td>
<td>Google</td>
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<td>Japan’s _______ won the China Open Tennis tournament held in Beijing, China:</td>
<td>Naomi Osaka</td>
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<td>Which Indian organization launched a special logo to indicate “Trans Fat Free” food items? The Food Safety &amp; Standards Authority of India</td>
<td>FSSAI</td>
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<td>A joint military exercise named KAZIND-2019 was held between India and which other country?</td>
<td>Kazakhstan</td>
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<td>The KAZIND-2019 exercise was held in which district of Uttarakhand?</td>
<td>Pithoragar</td>
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<td>With which country India conducted the Nomadic Elephant–XIV military exercise?</td>
<td>Mongolia</td>
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<td>The govt launched the National e-Assessment Scheme for what purpose? To eliminate human interface between income taxpayers and assessing officers</td>
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<td>Which popular daily English newspaper of western India stopped its print edition and shifted to digital version? DNA-Daily News Analysis</td>
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<td>What UN agency hosted the first celebrations of the World Cotton Day on October 09? World Trade Organisation (WTO)</td>
<td>(Headquarters-Geneva)</td>
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<td>Scientists John Goodenough, Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for their work in development of?</td>
<td>Lithium ion battery</td>
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<td>Which authority in Sweden decides the winner of Nobel Prize for Physics and Chemistry?</td>
<td>The Royal Swedish Academy</td>
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<td>391) How many scientists shared this year’s Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine? <strong>Three</strong></td>
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<td>392) The Nobel Prize in Physiology 2019 has been awarded for research in which field? <strong>How cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability</strong></td>
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<td>393) The Indian Air Force, IAF celebrated its <strong>78th</strong> anniversary on Oct 8th.</td>
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<td>394) What is the motto of the Indian Air Force? <strong>NabhahSphāhāmDiptām (Touch the sky with glory)</strong></td>
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<td>395) The govt approved a four-fold increase in the monetary assistance provided to the next of kin of all battle casualties, from existing Rs 2 lakh to ____ lakh: 8</td>
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<td>396) The National Basketball Association (NBA) of USA brought to India the first-ever Floating Basketball Court in which place? <strong>In the Arabian Sea near Mumbai</strong></td>
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<td>397) ____ of India created three world records at the World Powerlifting Championship in Berlin, Germany: <strong>Surender Singh</strong></td>
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<td>398) India signed an MoU to set up a coastal surveillance radar system in which country? <strong>Bangladesh</strong></td>
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<td>399) Supreme Court has ruled that road traffic offences can also be prosecuted under ____ , apart from the Motor Vehicles Act: <strong>Indian Penal Code (IPC)</strong></td>
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<td>400) The World Teachers Day is observed on which day of October: <strong>5th</strong></td>
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<td>401) Which ministry launched the Audio Guide facility “Audio Odigos” for 12 sites of India? <strong>Tourism Ministry</strong></td>
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<td>402) The second Vande Bharat Express train started its run on which route from 5th October? <strong>Delhi-Katra route</strong></td>
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<td>403) The first Vande Bharat Express runs between Delhi and which other station: <strong>Varanasi</strong></td>
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<td>404) Govt. has appointed Surjit Bhalla, senior economist as Exec. Director of which international organization? <strong>IMF</strong></td>
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<td>405) Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of the Punjab National Bank: <strong>S Mallikarjun Rao</strong></td>
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<td>406) What is the name of the China’s recently launched intercontinental-range ballistic missile, touted to be the most powerful missile? <strong>Dongfeng-41 (DF-41)</strong></td>
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<td>407) Which is the official body that decides the changes in the key policy rates of RBI? <strong>Monetary Policy Committee</strong></td>
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<td>408) Under Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat cleanliness assessment 2019, carried out by the Ministry of Railways, which railway station topped in cleanliness: <strong>Jaipur</strong></td>
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<td>409) Government has renamed New Delhi-Ludhiana Intercity Express as ____ to commemorate the 550th birthday of Guru Nanak Dev. <strong>Sarbat Da Bhala Express</strong></td>
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<td>410) The phrase “Sarbat Da Bhala” has been taken from which ritual of Sikh religion? <strong>It is the last line of the ‘Ardaas’ (prayer) offered by the Sikhs</strong></td>
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<td>411) The Sarbat Da Bhala Express train will run from which place to which place? <strong>New Delhi to Lohian Khas via holy city Sultanpur Lodhi</strong></td>
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<td>412) Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, October 02, is observed as which International Day across the world: <strong>International Day of Non-Violence</strong></td>
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<td>413) Which day is observed every year with UN support to highlight the important contribution that older people make to society? <strong>October 1: International Day of Older Persons</strong></td>
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<td>414) Ms. Sheikh Hasina, ____ of Bangladesh arrived in India on Oct 3 for a three-day official visit: <strong>Prime Minister</strong></td>
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<td>415) Which neighbouring country of India celebrated on Oct 01 its 70th anniversary of its founding: <strong>China</strong></td>
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<td>416) Who is popularly known as Founding Father of Republic of China? <strong>Mao Zedong - or Chairman Mao</strong></td>
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<td>417) President conferred The VayoshreshthaSamman 2019 on October 03. This award is given to which category of persons? <strong>Eminent Senior Citizens</strong></td>
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<td>418) SaraswatiSamman 2018 has been conferred upon which eminent author? <strong>K Siva Reddy</strong></td>
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<td>419) K Siva Reddy is the famous scholar of which language? <strong>Telugu</strong></td>
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<td>420) Kallie Puri was honoured in British Parliament as “India’s Most Powerful Women in Media”. Who is she? <strong>Vice-Chairperson of the India Today Group</strong></td>
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<td>421) October 01 is celebrated across the world to promote the popularity of which beverage? <strong>Coffee</strong></td>
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<td>422) Which day is celebrated annually to raise awareness about rabies prevention: <strong>World Rabies Day, September 28</strong></td>
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<td>423) Name the great scientist who developed the first Rabies vaccine? <strong>Louis Pasteur</strong></td>
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<td>424) As per the School Education Quality Index released by the Niti Aayog, which state was ranked at No. 1? <strong>Kerala</strong></td>
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<td>426) Which Indian Bank opened its office in Melbourne on Sep 30, becoming the first Indian bank to have a branch in the Australian state of Victoria? <strong>State Bank of India</strong></td>
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<td>427) RBI has announced two contests to promote innovations and ideas in which field? <strong>The payment and settlement systems</strong></td>
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<td>428) These contests will be organised through IDRBT, Hyderabad. Expand IDRBT? <strong>Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology</strong></td>
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<td>429) NASA and the International Astronomical Union named a minor planet after a great Indian classical singer. Who is he? <strong>Pandit Jasraj</strong></td>
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<td>430) Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee: <strong>Gen. Bipin Rawat</strong></td>
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<td>431) Which Indian wrestler was ranked number one in 86 kg category in the latest rankings issued by the International Wrestling Federation? <strong>Deepak Punia</strong></td>
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<td>432) Kaushal Dharmamer is a upcoming star player in which sport? <strong>Badminton</strong></td>
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<td>433) India defeated which country to win the SAFF Under-18 Championship 2019 in Kathmandu: <strong>Bangladesh</strong></td>
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<td>434) India was ranked ____ in the IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2019 for 63 countries: <strong>44th</strong></td>
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<td>435) Which country topped the IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2019: <strong>USA</strong></td>
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<td>Name the winner of this year’s SASTRA Ramanujan Prize: Adam Harper, England</td>
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<td>World Rivers Day is observed on which Sunday of September? 4th</td>
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<td>Which international day promotes preventative measures to reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases (CVDs): World Heart Day, Sept 29</td>
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<td>What is the theme for this year’s World Tourism Day celebrated on September 27: Tourism and Jobs: A Better Future for All</td>
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<td>What is the name of the civilian award to be given for promoting unity and integrity of India? Sardar Patel Unity Award</td>
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<td>Name the noted economist from Bulgaria who has been selected as the new head of the IMF: Kristalina Georgieva</td>
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<td>Which naval force commissioned the offshore patrol vessel (OPV) ‘Varaha’: Indian Coast Guard</td>
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<td>Name the veteran actor honoured with this year’s Dada Saheb Phalke award: Amitabh Bachchan</td>
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<td>What is the amount of cash prize given in the Dada Saheb Phalke award? Rs. 10 lakh</td>
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<td>Who won 2019 FIFA best player women’s award? Megan Rapinoe of USA</td>
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<td>Who won 2019 FIFA best player men’s award? Lionel Messi</td>
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<td>Govt launched a new health initiative named ‘UMMID’ for what purpose? to tackle inherited genetic diseases of newborn babies</td>
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<td>India’s Petronet LNG Ltd announced investment of $2.5 billion to acquire nearly 20 per cent equity stake in the Driftwood project of which country? USA</td>
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<td>The record breaking “Howdy Modi” programme was held at which place in Houston, USA? NRG Stadium</td>
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<td>Name the world’s oldest travel firm that collapsed (declared bankrupt) on Sep 23, stranding hundreds of thousands of holidaymakers around the globe: Thomas Cook UK</td>
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<td>Name the only Indian wrestler who won silver in the World Wrestling Championships held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan: Deepak Punia</td>
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<td>Name the star Indian boxer who created history by winning 1st silver medal in boxing at World Boxing Championship: Amit Panghal</td>
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<td>Which film has been selected as India’s official entry in the International Feature Film category at the 92nd Academy Awards (Oscars)? Gully Boy</td>
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<td>Who is the director of the film Gully Boy? Zoya Akhtar</td>
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<td>Which apex energy giant plans to set up a 5-gigawatt solar park in Gujarat, the largest in the country? National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)</td>
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<td>The International Day of Peace is observed around the world on which date? September 21</td>
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<td>What is the theme of this year’s International Day of Peace? Climate Action for Peace</td>
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<td>The Union home ministry plans to set up country’s first central police university in which city? Greater Noida, UP</td>
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<td>Which International Day is observed on September 18 to highlight promotion and conservation of bamboo industry? World Bamboo Day</td>
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<td>‘LoktantraSwar’ and The Republican Ethic, both the books are a compilation of speeches of which Indian statesman? President Ram Nath Kovind</td>
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<td>The 25th Senior Women’s National Football Championship was held in which city? Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh</td>
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<td>Name the India’s second Scorpene-class attack submarine that was commissioned into the Indian Navy on September 28, at Mumbai. INS Khanderi</td>
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<td>Millions of people around the world observed global climate strike on Sep 20, inspired by Swedish student activist. What is her name? Greta Thunberg</td>
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<td>In a major bonanza for corporates as part of measures to promote growth and investment, on Sep 20 Finance Minister announced to slash corporate tax rate from 30 percent to ______ percent for domestic companies: 22</td>
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<td>Vinod Kumar Yadav, Chairman of Railway Board was honoured with the Eminent Engineers Award on which special occasion? 52nd Engineers’ Day</td>
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<td>Name the American breast cancer survivor who became the first person to swim across the English Channel four times in a non-stop 54-hour feat of endurance? Sarah Thomas</td>
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<td>South Asia’s tallest tower, standing 350 meter high, was thrown open to public in Colombo, Sri Lanka. What is it’s name? ‘Lotus Tower’</td>
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<td>Who will be the next chief of Indian Air force wef Sep 30, 2019 in the rank of Air Chief Marshal? Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhaduria</td>
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<td>Who became India’s first female military diplomat to be posted in any of the Indian missions abroad? Wing Commander Anjali Singh</td>
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<td>Who is the current President of the World Bank? David Malpass</td>
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<td>India formally launched an initiative to fund 1,000 scholars from which group of countries to pursue PhD at its 23 IITs? ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations)</td>
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<td>Which global organization has decided to translate and publish an anthology of the writings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji in world languages to mark his 550th birth anniversary? The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)</td>
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<td>The 20th IIFA awards ceremony was held on Sep 18 for the first time in India, in which city? Mumbai</td>
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<td>Who won the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Best Director award for the film Andhadhun? Sriram Raghavan</td>
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<td>Which film won the IIFA award for the best film? Raazi by Meghna Gulzar</td>
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<td>What is the approved strength of the judges (including Chief Justice) in the Supreme Court? 34</td>
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<td>What is the category of the fighter air craft Tejas? Light Combat Aircraft - LCA</td>
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485) President of _______ KhaltmaaginBattulga arrived in New Delhi on a five day State visit: Mongolia

486) Finance Minister recently announced that the government has decided to put a complete ban on which type of cigarettes? E-cigarettes

487) Country wise, the ____ is home to the largest number of migrants (5.1 crore): USA

488) Which state launched the MukhyamantriSeva Sankalp Helpline number ‘1100’ to provide timely help to the residents of the state? Himachal Pradesh

489) What is the full form of “NIRVIK”, export credit insurance scheme? Niryat Vin Kasik Yojana

490) India’s first National Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Hub was inaugurated in which city? Kolkata

491) A documentary film titled ______, based on the life of a Uttarakhand farmer, has been nominated for Oscars: Moti Bagh

492) Mayank Vaidhas become the first Indian origin person to complete which triathlon in a new record time? Enduroman

493) What are the three physical activities included in the Enduroman triathlon? Running, Swimming and Cycling

494) Which country lifted the Basketball World Cup held in Beijing, China? Spain

495) Name the film that became the only Indian film to feature in “The Guardian” list of the 100 Best Films of the 21st century: Gangs of Wasseypur

496) Who is the director of the film “Gangs of Wasseypur”? Anurag Kashyap

497) Name the country’s official mapping agency that has decided to use, for the first time, drones to map the country? Survey of India

498) DrKalam Smriti International Excellence Award-2019 was recently conferred upon Prime Minister of which country? Bangladesh

499) The World Ozone Day is observed on which day of September? 16 September

500) What is the theme for this year’s World Ozone Day? 32 Years and Healing

501) Name the star Indian cueist who clinched a record 22nd world title by winning the ISBF World Billiards Championship? Pankaj Advani

502) Which apex Indian broadcasting organization celebrated on September 15 it’s 60 years of existence? Doordarshan

503) Union Finance Minister announced a set of measures to boost the _______ sector in the form of provision of Rs 50,000 crore for various incentives: Export

504) India celebrates the Engineer’s Day on which date? September 15

505) The Engineer’s Day is observed to mark the birth anniversary of which acclaimed civil engineer? Bharat Ratna M Visvesvaraya

506) Lakshya Sen who won the Belgian International Challenge in Leuven, Belgium is associated with which sport? Badminton

507) Name the star Indian Badminton player who clinched the Vietnam Open Super 100 badminton title: Saurabh Verma

508) Around the world International Democracy Day is observed on which day? September 15

509) The DRDO handed over the second Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEWC) aircraft to the Indian Air Force. Name the aircraft? Netra

510) According to World University Ranking 2020 released by Times Higher Education society on September 11 ______

511) Government plans to establish Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) at ______ to provide skill training in highly-specialised areas to students: Mumbai

512) Govt. announced that on Gandhi Jayanti, 1,070 special courts will be set up all over the country for dealing with POCO cases. This relates to which type of cases? Sexual offences against women and children

513) On which railway station railways have established their first ever fun zone? Visakhapatnam

514) Name the senior bureaucrat who has been appointed as the Principal Advisor to Prime Minister: Pradeep Kumar Sinha

515) ______ became the first Asian nation to unveil plain cigarette packaging to reduce the appeal of smoking and to comply with the WHO guidelines: Thailand

516) ______ became the first country in 2012 to require tobacco products to be sold without colourful brand logos: Australia

517) In the history of Indian Railways, for the first time, a train will not be operated by the Railways. Name this train: Tejas Express

518) Indian Railways has outsourced running of the Tejas Express to which agency? IRCTC

519) What is the full form of IRCTC? Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation

520) The DDCA (Delhi and Districts Cricket Association) unveiled a new pavilion stand named after which cricketer in the Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium in New Delhi: Virat Kohli

521) The Centre has finalised the site for a 7,500 MW mega solar project at which place in Ladakh region? Pang

522) Nationwide mass campaign against the use of “single use plastics” was launched from Mathura. What is its name? Swachhta hi Seva 2019

523) Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra has been appointed as the ________ to the Prime Minister: Principal Secretary

524) Niti Aayog has selected which global management consultancy to set up India’s first Digital Capability Centre? McKinsey & Company

525) National Animal Disease Control Programme was launched from ______ in Uttar Pradesh: Mathura

526) What was the name of one of the strongest storms to hit Tokyo in the last several years, with winds of up to 210km/h? Typhoon Faxai

527) India’s second riverine Multi Modal Terminal was inaugurated at Sahibganj on River Ganga in which state? Jharkhand

528) India’s first multi modal terminal was opened up in Nov 2018 at which place: Varanasi

529) Bharti Airtel launched which new broadband service that will offer a speed of 1 Gbps for Rs. 3,999 a month? Airtel Xstream Fibre

530) Name the noted golfer from Ireland who was named the PGA Tour Player of the Year for a third time: Rory McIlroy

531) Name the Indian cyclist who won four golds in the Track Asia Cup cycling championship in New Delhi: Ronaldo Laitonjam

532) DRDO successfully flight tested indigenously developed MPATGM in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. Expand the term MPATGM: Man Portable Anti-tank Guided Missile

533) Ministry of Agriculture launched a multilingual mobile app ‘CHC Farm Machinery’ to allow farmers to hire farm
### Indian Prime Minister crossed the mark of 50 million followers on his twitter account, becoming the third most followed world leader. Who is the first ranked leader with 108.2 million followers? **Barack Obama**

### World Suicide Prevention Day observed on September 10 is supported by which UN organization? **WHO-World Health Organization**

### South Asia’s first cross-border petroleum pipeline was inaugurated between which two countries? **India and Nepal**

### Government has set up a three-member panel headed by former Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra for what purpose? To oversee the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories

### The Indian Air Force (IAF) recreated its 17 Squadron ‘Golden Arrows’ based at which Air Force Station? **Ambala Cantt, Haryana**

### The recently formed 17 Squadron ‘Golden Arrows’ is likely to fly which air craft? **Rafale fighter jet**

### Charles Leclerc won the Italian Grand Prix at Monza, Italy. What is this sport? **F1 car racing**

### What is the name of the highest marathon in the world, held at over 11,000 feet above the mean sea level? **Ladakh Marathon**

### Asian Development Bank approved a $200 million loan for upgrading rural roads in 34 districts of which state? **Maharashtra**

### Which payment bank recently launched Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS) Services for expanding access to financial services for millions of unbanked and underbanked customers? **India Post Payments Bank**

### Name the player who won the Men’s single titles of the US Open Grand Slam: **Rafael Nadal**

### Name the 19 year old Canadian girl who won the Women’s single title of the US Open Grand Slam? **Bianca Andreescu**

### Which awards are popularly known as “Oscars of Science”: **Breakthrough prizes**

### The Breakthrough prizes are given in how many fields? **3**

### Name the 3 fields in which Breakthrough Prizes are given? **Fundamental Physics, Life Sciences and Mathematics**

### Each Breakthrough Prize carries an award of what amount? **$3 million**

### As per the World Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index 2019 released by the World Economic Forum (WEF), India has jumped 6 places to claim which spot? **34th**

### Which country was placed at no. 1 spot in the World Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index 2019? **Spain**

### Rohit Sharma, Indian Cricket team vice-captain launched “Rohit4Rhinos” campaign. They are the “state animal” of which state? **Assam**

### Which Indian state signed an MoU for sister state with the Delaware State of America? **Gujarat**

### What was the name of the annual Joint Indo-Lanka maritime fleet exercise that was held off the coast of Visakhapatnam? **SLINEX 2019**

### In an official survey to select the best ‘Swachh Iconic Place’ in the country, which place was adjudged as the “Best Swachh Iconic place”? **Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine near Katra, Jammu**

### The Indian Army has announced that the first batch of 100 women soldiers will be commissioned by March 2021. They will join which corps? **Corps of Military Police**

### Exercise “YudhAbhyas 2019” was held between army units of India and which other country? **USA**

### Exercise “YudhAbhyas 2019” was held at which place? **Washington, USA**

### The RBI has made it mandatory for banks to link interest on all their new loan products to which policy rate of RBI? **Repo Rate**

### The official logo of Qatar 2022 FIFA world cup is based on 3D version of which arithmetical symbol? **Infinity**

### Which city in USA hosted the second edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival on September 13-14? **Houston**

### Name the India’s Chief Election Commissioner who has been elected the Chairman of Association of World Election Bodies? **Sunil Arora**

### The 20th India-Russia Annual Summit was held in which city? **Vladivostok**

### Which Indian Cricketer recently broke MS Dhoni’s wicket-keeping record for India by becoming the fastest Indian wicket-keeper to claim 50 dismissals in Test cricket? **Rishabh Pant**

### From September 1, govt. has imposed steep hike in the traffic violation fines. Which act has been amended for this purpose? **Motor Vehicles Act 2019**

### According to a “Global Happiness Survey” by Ipsos, Indian has been ranked how on the happiness index? **9th**

### As per the “Global Happiness Survey” by Ipsos, which two countries have been ranked as the happiest in the World? **Australia and Canada**

### Virat Kohli surpassed which cricketer to become India’s most successful captain in test matches? **Mahendra Singh Dhoni**

### Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation honored which Indian statesman for his outstanding work in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan? **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

### India’s is planning to explore the deep sea region with which project by 2021? **Samudrayaan’**

### The highest sky cycling track of the country has been built at an altitude of 9,000 feet in which state? **Himachal Pradesh**

### Indian Institute of Petroleum has set up a plant in which can turn plastic waste into diesel? **Dehradun**

### Which state launched its exclusive 24x7 education channel that can turn plastic waste into diesel: **Dehradun**

### HRD ministry launched one of the world’s largest Integrated Online Junction for School Education named in New Delhi: **Shagun**

### Dindigul locks and Kandangi sarees of which state have been granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags? **Tamil Nadu**

### The DeendayalAntyodaya Yojana-NULM won the SKOCH Governance Gold Award 2019. What is the full form of NULM? **National Urban Livelihoods Mission**

### Which state launched the ‘Walk to Work’ campaign in the state as a part of ‘Fit India Movement’ launched in the country by the Prime Minister? **Meghalaya**

### V K Johri, senior IPS officer has been appointed as the new Director General of which para-military force? **Border Security Force (BSF)**

### Which country lifted the SAFF Under-15 Football title at Kolkata, West Bengal with a 7-0 win over Nepal? **India**

### Who has been appointed as the new Governor of Maharashtra? **Bhagat Singh Koshyari**
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591) The total horticulture production in the country, is estimated to be around? **313 million tones**

592) Which Indian airline has announced to completely ban the use of plastic in it’s catering operations? **Air India**

593) The government announced the merger of ten public sector banks into four banks. Now how many public sector banks will be there? **12**

594) Which two banks will now be merged with the Punjab National Bank? **Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank**

595) As per recent announcement by the Finance Minister, which bank will be merged with Canara Bank? **Syndicate Bank**

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600) India recently started a new bus service from Siliguri in West Bengal to which place? **Kathmandu**

601) India has become the first country in the world to issue a Biometric Seafarer Identity Document. What is the common word for Seafarer? **Sailors**

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602) Government launched mobile app “Janaushadhi Sugam” for what purpose? **Toenable people to search Janaushadhi generic medicines stores**

603) As per the Forbes list of highest paid women in music, who has been ranked no. 1 in world: **Taylor Swift, USA**

604) Name the Hollywood star who topped the Forbes’ list of highest-paid female actors in the world: **Scarlett Johansson**

605) Bandhan Bank launched a co-branded credit card in association with: **Standard Chartered Bank**

606) What is the name of the National Sports Awards given for excellence in adventure sports: **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award**

607) Name any two adventure sports categories for which national sports award is given? **Water adventure, Air Adventure**

608) The RBI decided to transfer 1.76 lakh crore rupees as dividend and surplus reserve to the government. The decision is based on recommendations of which committee? **Bimal Jalan Committee**

609) Dense rain forest of which region are often referred to as “Lungs of the Earth”: **Amazon Forests in Brazil**

610) Why Amazon forests are referred to as “Lungs of the Earth”: **They contribute over 20 per cent of world’s oxygen content**

611) The Amazon forests were in news recently for what reasons: **They were stuck by hundreds of wildfires causing wide spread devastation of green cover**

612) The Delhi and District Cricket Association, DDCA has decided to rename the Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium as what? **Arjun Jalitey Stadium**

613) Abdalla Hamdok, a prominent economist has been sworn in as Prime Minister of which African country: **Sudan**

614) Which apex national organization released the Composite Water Management Index 2.0 for 2017-18? **NITI Aayog**

615) Which state has been ranked as No. 1 in the Composite Water Management Index 2.0: **Gujarat**

616) Which International Day is observed on August 21 to raise awareness about the condition of older people: **World Senior Citizens Day**

617) On August 26, which international day is celebrated across the world to promote gender equality: **Women’s Equality Day**

618) What is the name of the oldest Football Tournament of Asia, finals of which was played in Kolkata: **Durand Cup**

619) Komalika Bari became the recurve cadet world champion in which sports? **Archery**

620) P V Sindhu scripted history as she became the first Indian to win badminton’s World Championships. She defeated which player? **Nozomi Okuhara of Japan**

621) Who won the Men’s singles title of the BWF- World Badminton Championship at Basel, Switzerland? **Kento Momota of Japan**

622) Which Indian player won the Bronze in men’s singles at the World Badminton Championships? **B Sai Praneeth**
623) The Indian Army has entered into an arrangement with which real estate firm to take over dwelling units in 13 ‘Ready to Move in’ pan-India projects? **Tata Realty & Housing**

624) The Financial Action Task Force’s Asia Pacific Group recently blacklisted which country for non-compliance and non-enforcement of safeguards against terror financing and money laundering? **Pakistan**

625) Where are the headquarters of the Financial Action Task Force? **Paris**

626) Which apex Indian organization has announced a new mechanism to reward insider trading informants to uncover insider trading cases? **SEBI - Securities and Exchange Board of India**

627) Which country launched an unmanned rocket carrying a life-size humanoid robot named Fedor? **Russia**

628) The humanoid robot Fedor will function at which place? **International Space Station**

629) Which two Indian places have been featured in the Time’s list of the 100 greatest places in the world? ‘Statue of Unity’ in Gujarat and ‘Soho House’ in Mumbai

630) Which state topped the SARAL Index, which evaluates the Indian states on the basis of their attractiveness for rooftop solar development? **Karnataka**

631) What is the expansion of the acronym SARAL? **State Rooftop Solar Attractiveness**

632) As per Forbes’ list of highest-paid actors, which Bollywood star secured the fourth position with earnings of $65 million (about Rs 450 crore)? **Akshay Kumar**

633) Indian Railways started its second double-decker train “Uday Express”. It will run between which two stations: **Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh**

634) What is the full form of UDAY? **Utkrisht Double-decker Air conditioned Yatri**

635) RBI has permitted processing of e-mandate on credit and debit cards and e-wallets for recurring transactions (merchant payments) with a cap of Rs _____ per transaction: **2,000**

636) The RBI has ruled that registration and first transaction of e-mandate will require AFA. What is AFA? **Additional Factor of Authentication**

637) The centre has notified new sets of health warnings for all tobacco products. What it is? **Tobacco causes painful death**

638) Ministry of Railways has directed all its units to enforce ban on which type of plastic material from October 2 this year? **Single use plastics**

639) Give some common examples of single use plastic items? **Disposable items, glasses, bottles, etc.**

640) Which country conferred her highest civilian honour ‘Order of Zayed’ on Sh. Modi? **UAE - United Arab Emirates**

641) King of which country honoured our Prime Minister with ‘The King Hamad Order of the Renaissance’? **Bahrain**

642) The 45th G7 summit was held in ________, France: **Biarritz**

643) Which e-commerce major inaugurated its largest campus in the world, in Hyderabad: **Amazon**

644) The National Sports Awards 2019 were announced by Selection Committee headed by retired judge Justice _____: **Mukundakam Sharma**

645) Which is the highest recognition from the Govt. of India for outstanding achievements in sports: **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna**

646) How many sports person were selected in 2019 for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award? **Two**

647) Name the star wrestler who won the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2019: **Bajrang Punia**

648) Paralympian Deepa Malik has been selected for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award for outstanding achievements in which sports: **Athletics - Shot put**

649) The Govt. of India honours veteran sports coaches with which award: **Dronacharya Award**

650) Which national sports award is given to honour the veteran sports persons for their life time achievement: **Dhyan Chand Award**

651) India celebrates National Sports Day on which date? **August 29 (birthday- Sh. Dhyan Chand)**

652) According to an analysis of a NASA data released by environmental watchdog NGO Greenpeace, India_____ is the world’s largest emitter of anthropogenic Sulphur Dioxide: **India**

653) What is the main source that releases Sulphur Dioxide in the atmosphere? **Coal burning**

654) The HRD ministry launched the Integrated Teachers Training Programme, NISHTHA: To build and improve the capacities of around 42 lakh teachers across India

655) What is the full form of acronym NISHTHA? **National Initiative for School Head's and Teachers' Holistic Advancement**


657) Biographical documentary “100 Years of Chrysostom” was in news recently for what reasons: **It was selected for the Guinness Award in the category of longest documentary, running for 48 hrs and 8 minutes**

658) Biographical documentary “100 Years of Chrysostom” is related to life of which great saint: **Philipose Mar Chrysostom, Kerala**
| 659) | World Humanitarian Day is observed across the world with UN support on which date to pay tribute to workers who risk their lives in humanitarian services: **August 19** |
| 660) | _____ defeated China to win the gold medal at the Under 12 Asian Tennis Team championship held in Kazakhstan: **India** |
| 661) | A one of its kind underground Bunker Museum has been opened at Raj Bhavan of which state: **Maharashtra (Mumbai)** |
| 662) | The Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech announced the launch of “Jal Jeevan Mission” for what purpose: **To provide piped water supply to every house by 2024** |
| 663) | Justice Madan B Lokur, retired Supreme Court judge has been appointed a judge on the nonresident panel of the Supreme Court of which country: **Fiji** |
| 664) | Who has been re-appointed as the head coach of the Indian men's cricket team by the Cricket Advisory Committee of BCCI: **Ravi Shastri** |
| 665) | On August 15, _____ became the first Indian airline to fly over the North Pole connecting New Delhi to San Francisco: **Air India** |
| 666) | RBI has asked banks that transactions failed due to technical reasons at ATMs or due to non-availability of cash, should not be _____: **Included in the "free ATM transactions" permitted every month** |
| 667) | Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech announced that the country will now have a CDS. What is CDS? **Chief of Defence Staff** |
| 668) | The ‘abhishekamprasadamPanchamirtham’ of Murugan temple, Palani has been granted GI-Tag. It is in which state? **Tamil Nadu** |
| 669) | Priyam Chatterjee became the 1st Indian to be awarded the 'Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole' by the government of France for achievement in which field: **Cookery** |
| 670) | Which state won the "best innovation and initiative leadership award" in the World Education Summit-2019 held in New Delhi: **Rajasthan** |
| 671) | Railway Protection Force (RPF) launched a special drive code named "Operation Number Plate" for what purpose: **To identify and verify all vehicles parked in Railway premises** |
| 672) | _____ became the first ever batsman in the world to score 20,000 international runs in a single decade: **Virat Kohli** |
| 673) | International Youth Day is observed on which date: **August 12** |
| 674) | The 2022 Commonwealth Games will be held at which place: **Birmingham, UK** |
| 675) | International Cricket Council and Commonwealth Games Federation have confirmed the inclusion of which cricket event in 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games? **Women’s T-20** |
| 676) | Central government has made "Headgear" (wearing a helmet) mandatory for children above _____ years while travelling on a motorcycle/scooter in public place: **Four** |
| 677) | In one of India’s largest ever foreign direct investment deals to date, which company invested $75 billion in Reliance Petro: **Saudi Aramco** |
| 678) | On August 09, which day is observed around the world to promote interest of indigenous people and tribals? **World Tribal Day** |
| 679) | ‘Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha’ mission has been launched by the _____ ministry to create awareness about Water Conservation among all school students in the country: **HRD** |
| 680) | Which Sikh museum in Punjab became the most visited museum in the Indian subcontinent: **Virasat-e-Khalsa Museum, Anandpur Sahib** |
| 681) | The 66th National Film Awards were announced on August 9 by the jury headed by veteran film director: **Rahul Rawail** |
| 682) | The national award for most film friendly state was given to which state: **Uttarakhand** |
| 683) | Which film won the national award for best feature film? **Hellaro (Gujarati)** |
| 684) | Hindi film "Badhaai Ho" won which top national film award? **Best Popular Film** |
| 685) | Which film won the National award for the best Hindi film: **Andhadhun** |
| 686) | Which global card company launched a next-generation, mobile-first authentication solution, “Identity Check Express”? **MasterCard** |
| 687) | Which Indian transsexual woman won the crown of Miss World Diversity 2019 at a pageant held in Port Louis: **Naaz Joshi** |
| 688) | Which world day is observed on August 06 to focus on creating awareness for anti-war and anti-nuclear discussions and demonstrations: **Hiroshima Day** |
| 689) | National Handloom Day is observed on which date? **August 07** |
| 690) | Which apex body plans to set up a central payment fraud registry, which will monitor digital payment frauds on real-time basis? **Reserve Bank of India** |
| 691) | The RBI has decided to allow round-the-clock fund transfers through which channel from December this year in order to promote digital transactions: **National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)** |
| 692) | The day on which Mahatma Gandhi gave a clarion call to end the British rule and launched the Quit India Movement in 1942 is celebrated as which day on August 8: **August Kranti Diwas** |
693) Tamil Nadu’s Pathamadai mats have been granted Geographical Indication (GI) tag. These mats are used at: **Wedding ceremonies**

694) Who is the only athlete from the country to find a place in the Highest-Paid Female Athletes 2019 list released by Forbes of USA: **P V Sindhu**, 13th

695) Marble from Makrana in Rajasthan is now Asia’s first Global Heritage Stone Resource. Name any famous Indian monument made with this marble? **Taj Mahal**

696) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty created history by becoming the first Indian pair to win a ____ badminton tournament: **BWF Super 500**

697) Government has set up a joint venture company ‘KABIL’ for what purpose? **To ensure supply of 12 critical minerals to Indian domestic market**

698) What is the full expansion of the acronym ‘KABIL’? **KhanijBidesh India Limited**

699) Which Arabian country passed new laws to remove age old restrictions on independent movement of women? **Saudi Arabia**

700) What is the single most important feature of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment (UAPA) Bill, 2019 recently passed by the Parliament? **Powerto designate a person as a terrorist**

701) In a recent report released by the World Bank on the global GDP rankings 2018, India has slipped to the ____ place from fifth place last year: **7th**

702) What is the formal name of the recently passed the Triple Talaq Bill? **Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019**

703) As per the Triple Talaq Bill, the practice of instant ____ talaq is punishable by a jail term of how many years: **Three**

704) Which cricketer crossed a rare mile stone of scoring 1000 runs and taking 100 wickets in the T20 format: **Ms. Ellyse Perry, Australia**

705) Name the senior Indian TV journalist who was one of the five persons selected for the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay award: **Ravish Kumar**

706) Ravish Kumar is popular for anchoring which Hindi TV news programme: **Prime Time on NDTV**

707) Which legendary Football club celebrated its 100 years of existence on August 01 in Kolkata: **East Bengal Club**

708) Which country passed a law to ban burqa or niqab, in public buildings and on transport: **Netherlands**

709) India signed a deal worth around Rs 1,500 crore to acquire which air-to-air hypersonic missiles from Russia: **R-27**

710) Indian Navy recently inducted indigenously built INS LCU L-56. It is which type of ship: **Landing Craft Utility (LCU) MK IV class ships**

711) Vidisha Baliyian, young beauty queen from Uttar Pradesh won which international beauty crown recently? **Miss Deaf World 2019**

712) Jerlin Anika, 15 year Tamil Nadu girl won the gold medal in the World Deaf Youth ____ Championships held in Taipei: **Badminton**

713) UNO supports celebration of July 30 as a special day devoted to raise awareness about the situation of victims of human trafficking. Name this day: **World Day Against Trafficking**

714) After giving GI-Tag to west Bengal for Rasagola in Nov. 2017, which other state has now been given GI-Tag for Rasagola: **Odisha**

715) Which house of Parliament - Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha - has decided to become paperless from the next session: **Lok Sabha**

716) The Department of Posts has decided to convert the India Post Payments Bank into which type of bank: **Small Finance Bank**

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<td>722) Name the 22 years old Colombian who became the youngest sportsman to win Tour de France in its 110 years history: <strong>Egan Bernal</strong></td>
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<td>723) Name the Sr. IPS officer who has been appointed as the next Director General of Border Security Force-BSF? <strong>V K Johri</strong></td>
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| 730) _______ has become the first state to implement Central government’s proposal for introducing “one-nation-one-card”:  
| Telangana                                                                 |                                                                 |
| 731) What is the main purpose of the project “One nation-one-card”? It aims for universal delivery of ration across the country through Aadhaar linked Ration Cards |                                                                 |
| 732) Which African country has passed a law to impose carbon tax to cut down emissions of greenhouse gases in the country:  
| South Africa                                                            |                                                                 |
| 733) In which state a dragon tree species has been discovered for the first time:  
| Assam                                                                   |                                                                 |
| 734) What is the special feature of Dragon tree? It produces a thick sap that turns bright red after coming in contact with air, looking like blood |                                                                 |
| 735) Which Indian company has become the highest-ranking Indian firm on the Fortune Global 500 list that ranks companies on the basis of revenue generated by them:  
| RelianceIndustries                                                      |                                                                 |
| 736) As per the latest Fortune Global 500 list, which company is at the top in terms of amount of revenue generated in a year:  
| Walmart, USA                                                            |                                                                 |
| 737) The Group of Ministers (GoM) formed for looking after the issues on how to prevent sexual harassment at workplace is headed by whom:  
| Home Minister Amit Shah                                                 |                                                                 |
| 738) Name the 47 year old British MP of Indian origin who took charge as Britain’s first Indian-origin Home Secretary:  
| Priti Patel                                                             |                                                                 |
| 739) The country celebrated which anniversary of Kargil victory on July 26:  
| 20th                                                                    |                                                                 |
| 740) What was the name given to the mission to recapture Kargil from Pakistan:  
| Operation Vijay                                                        |                                                                 |
| 741) India has improved its rank in the Global Innovation Index to______, making a significant jump of 5 places from the previous year:  
| 52nd                                                                   |                                                                 |
| 742) Which country topped the Global Innovation Index 2019:  
| Switzerland                                                             |                                                                 |
| 743) In which state the Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary has been declared as a tiger reserve for better conservation of tigers:  
| Madhya Pradesh                                                         |                                                                 |
| 744) Government of India has announced to provide 10,000 scholarships for heirs of the liberation war fighters of which country:  
| Bangladesh                                                              |                                                                 |
| 745) _______ has become the first state in the country to reserve 75% jobs for locals across all categories in private sector:  
| Andhra Pradesh                                                         |                                                                 |
| 746) Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Britain:  
| Boris Johnson                                                           |                                                                 |
| 747) Boris Johnson is a senior leader of which political party:  
| Conservative Party                                                     |                                                                 |
| 748) The book titled “Kargil: Untold stories from the _______” has been written by which author? Rachna Bisht Rawat |                                                                 |
| 749) What is the title of a recent book written by former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar, based on the works of late Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee?  
| A Prime Minister to Remember                                            |                                                                 |
| 750) The government has decided to declare all lanes at the toll plaza on national highways as ‘FASTag lanes’ from which date?  
| December 1, 2019                                                       |                                                                 |
| 751) Which organization in India manages issuance of ‘FASTag’?  
| National Highway Authority of India                                    |                                                                 |
| 752) Country’s first state-of-the-art Space Systems Park is expected to come up at which place:  
| Knowledge City in Thiruvananthapuram                                   |                                                                 |
| 753) Name the British swimmer who became the first person in the world to complete men’s 100 metre breaststroke in under 57 seconds:  
| Adam Peaty                                                              |                                                                 |
| 754) India celebrates National Broadcasting Day on which date:  
| July 23                                                                |                                                                 |
| 755) India’s second moon mission Chandrayaan-2 seeks to explore which part of moon:  
| South Pole                                                             |                                                                 |
| 756) What is the name of the space Lander which is part of the Chandrayaan-2 mission:  
| Vikram                                                                 |                                                                 |
| 757) What is the name of the lunar rover that will be dropped on the moon surface by Vikram:  
| Pragyaan                                                               |                                                                 |
| 758) Which country won both, men and women team event at the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships?  
| India                                                                  |                                                                 |
| 759) _______ won the Women’s singles titles at the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships:  
| Ayhika Mukherjee                                                       |                                                                 |
| 760) Name the paddler who won the men’s singles titles at the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships:  
| Harmeet Desai                                                          |                                                                 |
| 761) What is the popular nick name for Hima Das:  
| Dhing Express                                                         |                                                                 |
| 762) Which ministry signed an MoU with Ministries of Ayush, Defence and Railways to strengthen the efforts towards a TB-Free India by 2025?  
| Health Ministry                                                        |                                                                 |
| 763) India signed an agreement with _______ for upgradation of over 100 year old railway tracks in the northern part of the country:  
| Sri Lanka                                                              |                                                                 |
| 764) The ICC recently suspended which country from its membership?  
| Zimbabwe                                                               |                                                                 |
| 765) Why Zimbabwe Cricket’s membership was cancelled by ICC:  
| For alleged interference of govt in its elections                     |                                                                 |
| 766) Taking serious note of alarming extinction of two Indian birds, Supreme Court constituted a high-powered committee to look into the matter. Name these two birds:  
<p>| Great Indian Bustard and the Lesser Florican                          |                                                                 |
| 767) July 17 is celebrated as the World Day for International Justice. It is a platform for |                                                                 |
| Q 768 | Where are the headquarters of the International Criminal Court? <strong>International Criminal Court</strong> |
| Q 769 | How many countries accept the jurisdiction of the ICC? <strong>122</strong> |
| Q 770 | Indian Navy launched “Sagari-Maitree” mission for what purpose? <strong>For enhancing the research and strengthening relationship with Southeast Asian countries</strong> |
| Q 771 | Name the Indian Navy’s Ship that will undertake the mission Sagari-Maitree? <strong>INS Sagardhwani</strong> |
| Q 772 | Name the legendary Indian Cricketer who was recently inducted into the prestigious International Cricket Council’s Hall of Fame? <strong>Sachin Tendulkar</strong> |
| Q 773 | Which international day is celebrated around the world with UN support on July 18 to honour Nelson Mandela? <strong>International Nelson Mandela Day</strong> |
| Q 774 | Nelson Mandela, a great freedom fighter and apostle of peace, was associated with which country? <strong>South Africa</strong> |
| Q 775 | Name the former Supreme Court judge who has been appointed as an international judge at the Singapore International Commercial Court? <strong>Justice A K Sikri</strong> |
| Q 776 | Indian navy inked a follow-up deal worth $50 million with which country to supply complementary Naval MRSAM systems? <strong>Israel</strong> |
| Q 777 | What is the full form of MRSAM? <strong>Medium Range Surface-to-air Missile</strong> |
| Q 778 | In which country World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Ebola crisis as a public health emergency? <strong>Congo</strong> |
| Q 779 | Ebola fever is caused by which virus? <strong>Ebola</strong> |
| Q 780 | Which film bagged the Best Feature Film and Best Director award at the 9th SAARC Film Festival held in Colombo, Sri Lanka? <strong>Nagarkirtan</strong> |
| Q 781 | Government has announced the merger of three public sector insurance companies. Give their names: <strong>National Insurance, United India Assurance and Oriental India Insurance</strong> |
| Q 782 | The 13th ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 will be hosted by which country? <strong>India</strong> |
| Q 783 | July 15 is observed as World Youth Skills Day. It is supported by which UN organization? <strong>UNESCO</strong> |
| Q 784 | Which country launched a space telescope named Spektr-RG in a joint effort with Germany? <strong>Russia</strong> |
| Q 785 | What is the name of the Russian Space Agency? <strong>Roscosmos</strong> |
| Q 786 | Which state plans to open the country’s first-ever elephant rehabilitation centre? <strong>Kerala</strong> |
| Q 787 | Switzerland won his fifth Wimbledon title defeating Swiss player Roger Federer? <strong>Novak Djokovic</strong> |
| Q 788 | Name the Romanian Tennis star who lifted the Women’s Singles title at the Wimbledon? <strong>Simona Halep</strong> |
| Q 789 | Who was adjudged “Player of the Tournament” for his excellent batting and inspiring leadership in ICC World Cup? <strong>Kane Williamson</strong> |
| Q 790 | Name the batsman and the bowler who claimed highest score in their respective category, in the recently concluded ICC World Cup? <strong>Rohit Sharma(batsman), Mitchell Starc(bowler)</strong> |
| Q 791 | ____ became the first state in India to ensure the conservation of water and have own water policy: <strong>Meghalaya</strong> |
| Q 792 | Which country is the partner in this year’s International Film Festival of India? <strong>Russia</strong> |
| Q 793 | What is the name of the space craft that is the first one to land on an asteroid? <strong>Hayabusa-2</strong> |
| Q 794 | Space agency of which country launched Hayabusa-2? <strong>Japan - JAXA</strong> |
| Q 795 | Name the asteroid on which Japan’s space craft Hayabusa-2 landed: <strong>Ryugu</strong> |
| Q 796 | Who has been appointed as the next MD and CFO of the World Bank? <strong>Anshula Kant</strong> |
| Q 797 | The exercise ‘Garuda-VI’ was held in which country? <strong>France</strong> |
| Q 798 | The world’s largest movable metal structure has been unveiled as the dome covering for the destroyed reactor at Chernobyl nuclear power plant. It is in which country? <strong>Ukraine</strong> |
| Q 799 | Defence Ministry launched which mission to bridge the capacity shortfall and provide a major fillip in the area of innovation in defence industry? <strong>MissionRaksha Gyan Shakti</strong> |
| Q 800 | The Institute of Company Secretaries of India - ICSI has launched UDIN initiative. What is the full form of UDIN? <strong>Unique Document Identification Number</strong> |
| Q 801 | India will host the 14th CoP-14 (Conference of Parties-14) to the UNCCD in Sept. in Greater Noida, UP. What is the full form of UNCCD? <strong>United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification</strong> |
| Q 802 | Karnataka has decided to institute solar award in memory of Late Sh.Visvesvaraya. Who was he? <strong>Legendary engineer and social worker from Mysore, Karnataka and Bharat Ratna awardee</strong> |
| Q 803 | A unique strategy adopted by Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) called ‘Plan Bee’ won the best innovation award. It is related to what? <strong>To keep wild elephants away from train tracks</strong> |
| Q 804 | According to a report by CBRE, a Los Angeles based real estate firm, ____ is the costliest office space in India: <strong>Connaught Place, New Delhi</strong> |
| Q 805 | Hyundai India launched the country’s first all-electric premium crossover. Name it: <strong>Kona</strong> |
| Q 806 | Supported by the UNO, the World Population Day is observed on which date? <strong>July 11</strong> |</p>
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<td>Sunil Chhetri</td>
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<td>Dutee Chand</td>
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<td>Nag</td>
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<td>Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu</td>
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<td>To improve regulation and supervision, and other functions of the RBI</td>
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<td>Greece</td>
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<td>819) As per recent amendments in Aadhaar law, stiff penalties of fine up to Rs. _____ have been provided for un-authorised use of Aadhaar related data:</td>
<td>One Crore</td>
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<td>Aadhaar</td>
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<td>Rohit Sharma</td>
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<td>Wrestling</td>
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<td>USA</td>
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<td>France</td>
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