

Q. 1 Where is 1,000-year-old Shawala Teja Singh Temple located which was re-opened for devotees for the first time since partition?

Answer: Sialkot, Pakistan

Q. 2 Fifth International Dharma-Dhamma conference was recently held at?

Answer: Rajgir, Bihar

Q. 3 Where will be the 11th biennial arms exhibition 'DefExpo 2020' held in the month of February next year?

Answer: Lucknow.

Explanation: The theme of the event would be, "India: the emerging defence manufacturing hub".

Q. 4 Who has been chosen for Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2019?

Answer: Carnatic vocalist S. Sowmya

Q. 5 7th Economic Census (EC) for the year 2019 which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) commenced from which state?

Answer: Tripura

Q. 6 As per the fourth tiger census (2018) released by PM Modi, India now has how many tigers?

Answer: 2,967 i.e. a growth of 33 per cent from the figures of the previous census (2013).

Explanation: MP has the highest number of tigers at 526, followed by Karnataka at 524. India has 70% of world tigers.

Also, MP's Pench Sanctuary and Kerala's Periyar sanctuary emerged as the best-managed tiger reserves in the country.

Q. 7 Name "India's lightest bullet-proof jacket" which was launched recently at the International Police Expo 2019 in New Delhi?

Answer: Bhabha Kavach

Q. 8 Who is the new PM of Britain?

Answer: Boris Johnson (Conservative Party)

Explanation: He has appointed Indian origin Priti Patel as the Home Secretary of Britain.

Q. 9 How many Gold Medals did **Hima Das (from Assam)** also known as Dhing Express win in the month of July?

Answer: Five

Explanation: **200m Golds** in **Poznan** and **Kutno** Athletics Grand Prix in Poland and **Tabor** Athletics Meet & **Kladno** Athletics Meet at Czech Republic. Fifth Gold was in 400-meter race in **Nove Mesto**, Czech Republic.

India's **Mohammed Anas (from Kerala)** also won Gold Medals in men's category in 400-meter races in Kladno Athletics Meet and Nove Mesto in Czech Republic.

Q. 10 According to Brand Finance annual report, "Brand Finance India 100 2019", which group has become India's most valuable brand in 2019 with the brand value of \$19.6 billion?

Answer: Tata (**Chairman:** Natarajan Chandrasekharan)

Q. 11 After Oppo's exit which will be the official sponsor of the Indian cricket team for a period of three years until 31st March 2022?

Answer: e-learning platform, Byju's

Explanation: Also, Indian brand Amul sponsored Afghanistan Cricket team in the World Cup 2019 held in England and Wales.

Q. 12 Chandrayaan-2 was launched recently from Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh by which launch vehicle?

Answer: Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III (**GSLV Mk III-M1**)

Explanation: Chandrayaan-2 has 3 components- Orbiter, lander (Called Vikram) and Rover (called Pragyan).

Also, Muthaya Vanitha was Project Director and Ritu Karidhal was Mission Director of Chandrayaan-2.

Q. 13 England beat New Zealand in the finals held at Lord's, London UK to win the 12th ICC Cricket World Cup, who won the Man of the Match (MoM) in the finals?

Answer: Ben Stokes (England)

Explanation: Kane Williamson (New Zealand) was the Man of the Match in the tournament. **Golden Bat- Rohit Sharma**

Q. 14 Subir Vithal Gokarn passed away recently, he was a?

Answer: Famous economist and former RBI Deputy Governor

Q. 15 Who has been appointed as chairperson of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)?

Answer: Amita Prasad

Q. 16 Where were largest War Game of the Indian Navy - the Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX 19) recently held?

Answer: Kochi

Explanation: Four-day International Shark Meet was also recently held at Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi.

Q. 17 P Rajagopal passed away in Chennai recently, he was the founder of which popular South Indian food chain?

Answer: Saravana Bhavan

Q. 18 Which sand artist from Puri, Odisha was awarded People's Choice Prize at the Boston International Sand Art Championship 2019?

Answer: Sudarshan Pattnaik

Q. 19 Which Indian bodybuilder has clinched Mr. South Asia title at 12th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship held in Kathmandu?

Answer: Ravinder Kumar Malik

Q. 20 The RBI recently released a vision document titled 'Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision 2019 – 2021, as per the document digital transactions in country is expected to increase to?

Answer: More than four times to 8,707 crores in December 2021.

Explanation: The core theme of the document is: Empowering Exceptional E-payment Experience.

Digital payment systems like UPI and IMPS are most likely to register an average annual growth of more than 100%, and NEFT will grow at 40% over the period of 2019 – 2021.

Q. 21 Filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar's which film has been included into NFAI (National Film Archives of India)?

Answer: Indu Sarkar

Q. 22 Nandan Nilekani has come up with which RBI backed platform which will help individuals and small businesses share their digital financial data with third-parties in a safe and secure manner?

Answer: "Sahamati"- an account aggregator model



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Q. 23 As per the Economic Survey 2018-19, to achieve the objective of becoming a **US \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25**, India needs to sustain a real GDP growth rate of?

Answer: 8%. (India will be a US\$ 3 trillion economy in FY-20)

Explanation: To achieve 8% growth, **"Virtuous Cycle" of savings, investment and exports** catalyzed and supported by a favorable demographic phase is required.

Q. 24 Name the Indian cricketer who became the first ever, female match referee, to be included into the International Cricket Council (ICC)'s International Panel of Match Referees?

Answer: GS Lakshmi

Q. 25 Baidyanath Mishra passed away recently, he was a?

Answer: Economist and educationist

Q. 26 CSC (Common Service Centres) launched a co-branded 'Small Business Money Back Credit Card' for small traders and village level entrepreneurs (VLEs) in partnership with which bank?

Answer: HDFC (**CEO:** Aditya Puri)

Explanation: The bank also recently became the third Indian company after Reliance Industries (Rs. 8.52 trillion) and TCS (Rs. 7.49 trillion) to achieve a market value of Rs. 6 trillion.

Q. 27 As per a Reserve Bank of India directive Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) with assets size of over what amount have to appoint a chief risk officer to improve standards of their risk management?

Answer: Rs 5000 crores

Q. 28 A recent report by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) (**Headquarters:** Kolkata) revealed that about 35 % of India's total Graphite reserves are in which state?

Answer: Arunachal Pradesh (**CM:** Pema Khandu, **Governor:** BD Mishra)

Q. 29 Name the joint military drill conducted by Navy, Air Force and Army to showcase joint operations capability of the armed forces?

Answer: BullStrike

Explanation: The annual Joint Military Exercise 'Hand-in-Hand' between India and China will be held in Shillong, Meghalaya this December.

Q. 30 The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) recently conferred 'Sasakawa Award 2019' for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) on whom?

Answer: Pramod Kumar Mishra

Q. 31 Which bank recently bought a 9.9% stake in India International Exchange (INX), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) for nearly Rs. 31 crores?

Answer: ICICI

Explanation: The bank has also launched a new digital platform called 'InstaBIZ' targeted at MSMEs and self-employed customers, enable them to undertake their business banking transactions digitally and instantly.

Q. 32 As per the Union Budget 2019-20 what amount has been allocated to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Program (MGNREGP)?

Answer: Rs. 60,000 crores

Explanation: Also, the government has allocated Rs. 75,000 crores for Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme in the budget.

Q. 33 Where was triennial International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Congress recently held for the first time in Asia?

Answer: Hyderabad

Q. 34 Which state recently became the first state to tap into masala bond market by listing its masala bond worth of USD 312 million) in London Stock Exchange (LSE)?

Answer: Kerala

Q. 35 Kirpal Singh passed away recently, he was a?

Answer: First chronicler of India's partition and a Sikh historian

Q. 36 Name the campaign launched by Union Environment Ministry to spread awareness about Air pollution?

Answer: Hawa Aane De

Q. 37 Who recently became world's first woman to cross Atlantic Ocean solo in a Light Sports Aircraft (LSA) named Mahi?

Answer: Aarohi Pandit

Explanation: Also, flight lieutenant Bhawana Kanth made history when she became the first women of Indian Air Force to qualify to undertake combat mission on a fighter jet.

Also, Hina Jaiswal created history by becoming the first woman flight engineer of Indian Air Force (IAF).

Q. 38 BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) has launched which app to enable more participation and help mutual fund distributors process transactions faster?

Answer: BSE StAR MF

Q. 39 Which former Indian Supreme Court Justice has been appointed as a judge of Supreme Court of Fiji's non-resident panel?

Answer: Madan B Lokur

Q. 40 Which country recently became the world's first country to measure its success based on the well-being of its citizens?

Answer: New Zealand (**Capital:** Wellington, **Currency:** Dollar)

Q. 41 INS Kolkata and INS Shakti of the Indian Navy participated in International Maritime Defence Exhibition Asia (IMDEX Asia-2019) held at?

Answer: Singapore

Explanation: After IMDEX, the same ships participated in the 26th edition of Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX).

Q. 42 Name the new commercial arm of ISRO which was recently inaugurated in Bengaluru?

Answer: New Space India Limited (NSIL)

Q. 43 How much amount is allocated in the Union Budget 2019 to boost credit in Public Sector Banks (PSBs)?

Answer: Rs. 70,000 crores

Q. 44 Which architectural heritage town has been included in tentative list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites recently?

Answer: Orchha in Madhya Pradesh (**CM:** Kamal Nath, **Governor:** Lalji Tandon).

Explanation: Also, **India's first cow sanctuary "Kamdhenu Gau Abhyaranya"** is **located in Agar Malwa**, Madhya Pradesh (MP).

Q. 45 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme, under which beneficiaries can buy subsidized food grains from any ration shop in the country has to be implemented by?

Answer: June 30, 2020

Q. 46 Which state government recently announced its State Water Policy 2019 thus becoming the first state in the country to have a State Water Policy?

Answer: Meghalaya (**CM:** Conrad Sangma, **Governor:** Tathagata Roy)

Q. 47 Leaders of which geo-political group were invited during the oath-taking ceremony of the PM Modi for the 17th Lok Sabha?

Answer: BIMSTEC (The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) headquartered at Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Also, **BIMSTEC member countries (Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal, and Bhutan)** celebrated the BIMSTEC Day on June 25 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Q. 48 The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has recently approved Rs. 1600 crore expenditure for pre-investment activities for the Dibang Multipurpose Project in?

Answer: Arunachal Pradesh (**CM:** Pema Khandu, **Governor:** BD Mishra)

Q. 49 Which state government and Bombay stock exchange (BSE) have signed a pact to encourage and support state's micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to raise capital?

Answer: Haryana (**CM:** Manohar Lal Khattar, **Governor:** Satyadev Naryan Arya)

Q. 50 Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' recently launched which scheme to train institutions who want to acquire National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) accreditation?

Answer: Paramarsh

Q. 51 The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared which two countries as 'Malaria-Free' countries after no cases of indigenous transmission of disease were recorded?

Answer: Algeria (**Capital:** Algiers, **Currency:** Dinar) and Argentina (**Capital:** Buenos Aires, **Currency:** Peso)

Explanation: Also, World Health Organization (WHO) has for the first time **recognised "burn-out"** in its International Classification of Diseases (ICD). The decision was taken during the 72nd session of World Health Assembly (WHA) held in Geneva. The theme of the session was: "Universal Health Coverage: Leaving no one behind".

Q. 52 Who jointly won the 2019 Dr Lee Jong-Wook Memorial Prize for Public Health at the 72nd World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland?

Answer: Professor Balram Bhargava, Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Q. 53 India's first tree ambulance was recently initiated in which city by Green man of India Dr K Abdul Ghani?

Answer: Chennai

Q. 54 What is the current repo-rate as per second Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Rates for 2019-20?

Answer: 5.75%

Explanation: Reserve Repo Rate: 5.50%

Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate: 6%

Bank Rate: 6%

Q. 55 Who has been appointed as the Deputy Executive Director of United Nations entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women - UN Women?

Answer: Anita Bhatia

Q. 56 Who is the new Chief of Indian Navy?

Answer: Admiral Karambir Singh. He is the 24th Chief of the Naval Staff.

Q. 57 The Mahatma Gandhi IT and Biotechnology Park (MGIT-BP) was recently inaugurated at?

Answer: Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) (**Capital:** Abidjan (**Yamoussoukro** is political capital), **Currency:** Franc)

Q. 58 Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) will provide Line of Credit (LoC) worth what amount to Ghana (USD 150 million) and Mozambique (USD 95 million) for agricultural and railway projects respectively?

Answer: \$245 million

Q. 59 Name the nuclear-powered Arctic icebreaker recently launched by Russia named at Baltic Shipyard in St. Petersburg to tap the commercial potential of Arctic Ocean?

Answer: Ural

Q. 60 The year 2019 has been declared as _____ by UN General Assembly, so as to bring awareness to importance of linguist.

Answer: International Year of Indigenous Languages

Q. 61 Name the tribal woman from Odisha, who became the youngest MP in the country after the recent general election results?

Answer: Chandrani Murmu of Biju Janata Dal (BJD)

Q. 62 What is the interest rate offered in Kisan Vikas Patra for the July-September quarter?

Answer: 7.6% (and the money will now double in 113 months).

Explanation: Sukanya Samridhi Yojana: 8.4%

Public Provident Fund (PPF) and National Savings Certificate (NSC): 7.9%

Q. 63 Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) recently released a five-year vision plan named to transform higher education with the help of more than 50 initiatives, what is the plan?

Answer: Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP)

Q. 64 Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) signed an agreement to form a Joint Venture (JV) for laying the world's longest Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) pipeline from Kandla, Gujarat to?

Answer: Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh (**CM:** Yogi Adityanath, **Governor:** Anandiben Patel)

Explanation: Also, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has become the first Indian company to buy U.S. crude oil by signing USD 1.5 billion deal for 60,000 barrels.

Q. 65 Name the only Indian orangutan who recently died at the age of 41 in Nandankanan Zoological Park in Bhubaneswar, Odisha?

Answer: Binny

Q. 66 Under the recent pension scheme (Pradhan Mantri Karam Yogi Maandhan) for all shopkeepers, retail traders and self-employed persons, a minimum monthly pension of what amount would be given?

Answer: Rs. 3,000

Explanation: All small shopkeepers and self-employed persons as well as the retail traders with GST turnover below Rs. 1.5 crore and age between 18-40 years, can enrol for this **scheme**. The scheme would benefit more than 3 crore small shopkeepers and traders.



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Q. 67 Name the mission announced by the Union Finance Minister in the recent budget to provide "Har Ghar Jal" (piped water supply) to all rural households by 2024?

Answer: Jal Jeevan Mission (New Ministry- "Jal Shakti Mantralaya" will complete the mission). **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat is the Jal Shakti Minister.**

Q. 68 Name the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India who has been elected as external auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO)?

Answer: Rajiv Mehrishi

Q. 69 The 2019 (8th edition) of the Indo-Myanmar coordinated patrol (IMCOR) between the Navies of India and Myanmar was recently held at?

Answer: Port Blair at Andaman and Nicobar

Q. 70 The 2019 Shanghai Cooperation Summit was recently held at?

Answer: Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan (**Currency:** Som)

Explanation: Various side summits of SCO like, Mass Media Forum, Foreign Ministers Summit, Finance Minister's summit were too held in Bishkek.

Q. 71 Name the celebrated chef who passed away recently in New Delhi?

Answer: Jaspal Inder Singh Kalra known as Jiggs Kalra. He was also known as "Czar of Indian Cuisine" and "Tastemaker to the Nation"

Q. 72 Which Indian received the 'UNSDG 10 Most Influential People in Healthcare Award' recently?

Answer: Patanjali Ayurveda's Acharya Balkrishna

Q. 73 Which bank has announced a strategic partnership with "The Art of Living — Sri Sri Tattva"?

Answer: SBI. Under this partnership, YONO users can avail a discount of 15 per cent on the entire range of products offered by Sri Sri Tattva.

Q. 74 As per Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology approximately how many villagers were given Digital Education under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)?

Answer: 2.22 crores

Q. 75 Which village recently became the first village in India to have zero wooden stoves?

Answer: Bancha in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh.

Q. 76 Google India and Tata Trusts recently launched which digital literacy programme for rural women in villages of Punjab and Odisha?

Answer: Internet Saathi. Now the programme is operational in 20 states.

Q. 77 Which Life Insurance company has been conferred with the FICCI Claims Excellence Award for its customer-friendly claims services in the life insurance sector?

Answer: Bharti AXA Life Insurance

Q. 78 Union government, state government of Kerala and World Bank signed a loan agreement of what amount for the Kerala Resilient Programme?

Answer: \$250 million (Rs 1,725 crore)

Q. 79 Manipur recently received a "Museum of Peace" built on the memories of Battle of Imphal, which country gifted this museum?

Answer: Japan

Q. 80 A week-long exercise between the Indian army and the Indian Air Force (IAF) – Kharga Prahar was recently held in?

Answer: Ambala, Punjab

Q. 81 Which Indian movie was honoured with NETPAC (The Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema) Award for Best Asian Film at 23rd Bucheon Fantastic Film Festival (BIFAN) in South Korea?

Answer: Gully Boy (Directed by Zoya Akhtar)

Q. 82 Veteran Actor Anupam Kher has penned his auto-Biography titled?

Answer: Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly

Explanation: Also, co-authored by senior journalist Uday Mahurkar, Yoga guru Baba Ramdev will release his autobiography titled- 'My Life, My Mission'.

Q. 83 Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani inaugurated India's first Dinosaur Museum-cum-Park at?

Answer: Balasinor town of Mahisagar district.

Q. 84 India won the women's FIH Series Finals Hockey Tournament by beating which team in the finals?

Answer: Japan

Q. 85 Jokha Alharthi of which country won the prestigious Man Booker International Prize for her Arabic novel "Celestial Bodies"?

Answer: Oman (**Capital:** Muscat, **Currency:** Rial). She shared the prize with her UK based translator named Marilyn Booth.

Q. 86 Who was honored with the highest civilian award of Mexico termed "Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle) recently?

Answer: Former President Pratibha Patil

Q. 87 Which Indian company has been ranked 106 globally and is the highest-ranked Indian firm on the Fortune Global 500 list?

Answer: Reliance Industries

Explanation: Also, it is the top ranked Indian company in the 'world's 2,000 largest public companies', compiled by Forbes magazine, with global rank of 71.

Q. 88 A two-day Elephanta festival of art and culture was recently held on Elephanta-Gharapuri (island) at?

Answer: Mumbai, the theme for this year was 'Swarang'

Explanation: Also, Third edition of International Sunflower Seed and Oil Conference (ISSOC) 2019 in Maharashtra, Mumbai.

Q. 89 The 16-year old climate activist, Greta Thunberg recently won Amnesty International's 'Ambassador of Conscience' Award 2019 for mobilising public opinion about Global Warming worldwide, she is from which country?

Answer: Sweden (**Capital:** Stockholm, **Currency:** Krone)

Q. 90 The US has decided to roll back export incentives given to India under the GSP, what is the full form of GSP?

Answer: Generalised System of Preferences

Q. 91 The Medical and Health Department of which state was recently conferred with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Tobacco Control Award for 2019 in recognition of its achievements in the field of tobacco control?

Answer: Rajasthan

Q. 92 Which former Supreme Court judge has been appointed as an International Judge of Singapore International Commercial Court ?

Answer: Justice A K Sikri

Explanation: AK Sikri was also recently appointed as the chairperson of the News Broadcasting Standards Authority (NBSA).

Q. 93 Renowned author Amitav Ghosh was felicitated with 54th Jnanpith Award for his outstanding contribution to enrichment of Indian Literature in which language?

Answer: English. His latest novel is Gun Island.

Explanation: Also, popular **journalist Ravish Kumar (NDTV) has won the Ramon Magsaysay** (on the name of seventh Philippines President) **award of 2019.**

Q. 94 According to the Sample Registration System (SRS), India's infant mortality rate declined from 42 in 2012 to what in 2017?

Answer: 33

Explanation: Madhya Pradesh and Assam had the worst IMR of 47 and 44 respectively while Kerala and Tamil Nadu recorded the lowest IMR of 10 and 16 respectively.

Q. 95 Ruma Guha Thakurta passed away recently, she was a singer-actress of which language?

Answer: Bengali

Q. 96 Which Indian IPS officer will be honoured with prestigious UN medal called Dag Hammarskjöld Medal for courage and sacrifice in line of duty?

Answer: Late IPS Jitender Kumar

Q. 97 Which city recently became the world's most southernmost city?

Answer: Puerto Williams, in Chile (**Capital:** Santiago, **Currency:** Peso)

Q. 98 Name the three-year road map to be adopted by RBI for strengthening regulation and supervision among other functions of the central bank?

Answer: Utkarsh 2022

Q. 99 L&T Finance Services Ltd. recently launched which campaign an educational program aimed at financial inclusion of rural women in Villupuram District, Tamilnadu?

Answer: Digital Sakhi



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Q. 100 Who has been appointed as the new MD and CFO of World Bank?

Answer: Anshula Kant

Q. 101 Which Indian artist recently won the biennial Joan Miro Prize named after Spanish painter and sculptor Joan Miró?

Answer: Nalini Malani

Q. 102 FDI inflow declined to _____ in 2018-2019 from \$44.86 billion in the previous year (Rs 288,889 crore) as per Department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) (earlier it was known as DIPP).

Answer: \$44.37 billion (Rs 309,867 crore). FDI in services sector grew by 36.5 per cent to \$9.15 billion in 2018-19.

Explanation: Also, as per World Investment Report released by UNCTAD (**Headquarter:** Geneva) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to India grew by 6 per cent to USD 42 billion in 2018, The report also ranked India among the top 20 host economies for FDI inflows in 2017-18.

Q. 103 Indian Women's Rugby team claimed their first ever international women's 15s victory after beating which team in the Asian Women Rugby Championship Division 1 held in Philippines, Manila?

Answer: Singapore

Q. 104 Om Birla has been unanimously elected as the new Speaker of 17th Lok Sabha, he is a BJP Member of Parliament (MP) from?

Answer: Rajasthan's Kota district

Explanation: Also, Thawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment was recently appointed as Leader of Rajya Sabha (Council of States).

Q. 105 WHO (**Headquarter:** Geneva, Switzerland) recently declared Sri Lanka as free from which disease?

Answer: Measles

Explanation: Also, Sri Lanka's airlines has been named the 'World's Most Punctual Airline' for second consecutive time by global flight tracker, 'Flightstats'.

Q. 106 The Women Sangams (groups) of Deccan Development Society of which state were honoured with Equator Prize 2019 by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for their contribution to ecology and innovations in rainfed millet cultivation?

Answer: Telangana (**CM:** K. Chandrashekar Rao, **Governor:** E. S. L. Narasimhan)

Q. 107 A recent study based on the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) data shows that India has how many health workers per 10,000 people?

Answer: 20.6 health workers

Explanation: Also, as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for 2017-18" by NSSO **Nagaland has the highest unemployment rate** among the states with 21.4%. The overall unemployment rate in India is 6.1%.

Q. 108 Who has been recently appointed as the Managing Director of National Housing Bank (NHB)?

Answer: Sarada Kumar Hota

Q. 109 Which Asset Management Company (AMC) recently became the first Indian fund house to launch WhatsApp transaction platform for mutual fund transactions for new as well as existing investors?

Answer: Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company (AMC)

Q. 110 Name the Bengaluru-based medical doctor who was honoured with the 'Global Asian of the Year 2018-19' award for her services and contributions to the women's healthcare ecosystem?

Answer: Hema Divakar

Explanation: Also, **Health Ministry has launched 'LaQshya'** (Labour room Quality improvement Initiative) **initiative** to improve quality of care in labor room and maternity operation theatres in public health facilities.

Q. 111 Name the India automobile Giant which won the Gold Award in South Africa recently?

Answer: Mahindra and Mahindra

Q. 112 As per recent directions of RBI, if any data related to payment transactions is stored abroad, it should be deleted from their systems and brought back to India not later than one business day or _____ hours from the payment processing, whichever is earlier?

Answer: 24 hours

Q. 113 Who recently won the French Open 2019 and Wimbledon title in the men's and women category?

Answer: French Open

Men's category: Rafael Nadal (Spain) (his 12th French open title) defeated Dominic Thiem (Austria) in the men's singles event.

Women's category: Ashleigh Barty (Australia) won the women's singles title defeating Marketa Vondrousova (Czech Republic).

Wimbledon:

Men's Category: Novak Djokovic from Serbia (**Capital:** Belgrade **Currency:** Dinar) defeated Roger Federer from Switzerland (**Capital:** Bern **Currency:** Franc)

Women's Category: Simona Halep from Romania (**Capital:** Bucharest, **Currency:** Leu) defeated Serena Williams (US)

Q. 114 RBI has recently constituted a six-member task force headed by whom on the development of secondary market for corporate loans?

Answer: T.N. Manoharan

Explanation: Also, RBI has announced that the time-window for using the Real Time Gross Settlement System (RTGS) for customer transactions will be extended from 4:30 pm to 6 pm (i.e. 8 am to 6 pm) on all working days.

Q. 115 Which eminent historian, writer has been elected as international member of American Philosophical Society (APS)?

Answer: Romila Thapar

Q. 116 Mohan Rangachari, popularly known as 'Crazy' Mohan, passed away in Chennai, he was a?

Answer: Tamil playwright and comedy actor

Q. 117 Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of India's first international financial services center-Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (Gift City)?

Answer: Tapan Ray

Explanation: Also, UK- based Standard Chartered Bank has become the first foreign bank to launch operations at International Financial Service Centre (IFSC), Gujarat.

Q. 118 Who has been recently appointed as the next director of RAW (Research and Analysis Wing)?

Answer: Samant Kumar Goel

Explanation: Also, Arvind Kumar have been appointed as the new Director of IB (Intelligence Bureau).

Q. 119 Which country defeated Japan to lift the 2019 Sudirman Cup Badminton?

Answer: China

Q. 120 As per Union Finance Ministry the number of wilful defaulters in nationalised banks has increased by more than 60% to?

Answer: 8,582

Q. 121 Who has been appointed as the new President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for its 74th meeting to be held in New York?

Answer: Nigerian (**Capital:** Abuja, **Currency:** Naira) Professor, Tijjani Mohammad Bande.

Q. 122 What is the disinvestment target in the Union Budget 2019-20?

Answer: Rs 1, 05,000 crores

Explanation: It is to be noted that **Article 112 of the Indian Constitution** envisages the Annual Financial Statement (Budget).

Q. 123 India bagged a total of how many medals at India Open International Boxing tournament in Guwahati?

Answer: 57 medals including 12 Gold, 18 Silver and 27 Bronze.

Explanation: MC Mary Kom, Shiva Thapa, L Sarita Devi and Naman Tanwar won gold in their respective categories.

MC Mary Kom also won the gold medal at 23rd President's Cup held in Indonesia in the 51 Kg category.

Q. 124 Name the Indian writer announced as the 2019 winner of the Nine Dots Prize; a prestigious book prize created to award innovative thinking that addresses contemporary issues around the world?

Answer: Annie Zaidi

Q. 125 Ahmedabad recently signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with which Japanese city?

Answer: Kobe

Q. 126 RBI recently fixed the investment limit at _____ crores for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) under the voluntary retention route (VRR), which allows to park funds in both government securities as well as corporate debt?

Answer: Rs 54,606.55 crores

Q. 127 India has for the first time extended what amount financial support to Niger as a support for organising African Union (AU) summit scheduled to be held in Niamey, country's capital?

Answer: \$15 million

Q. 128 According to the 26th edition of 'The World Population Prospects 2019: Highlights' published by the UN India is going to surpass China as the world's most populous country by?

Answer: 2027

Q. 129 Which Indian Navratna Company has been selected for President's award for utilisation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund in social development?

Answer: National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) (**Headquarter:** Bhubaneswar, Odisha). It was selected for its Aliali Jhia Scheme.

Q. 130 According to a new report "Benchmarking India's Payment Systems", released by RBI the share of e-Money in India's payment systems raise to what percent in 2017 from 0.8 percent in 2012?

Answer: 21.5

Explanation: Also, as per the recent Union Budget, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will now be the regulator of Housing Finance Firms (HFFs) instead of NHB (National Housing Bank).

Q. 131 Second Global Disability Summit was recently held in?

Answer: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Explanation: Also, 12th session of Conference of States Parties to the Convention to Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) 2019 was recently held at the UN headquarters, New York.

Q. 132 Where is Chaukhandi Stupa, an ancient Buddhist site located which has been declared as 'protected area of national importance' by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) recently?

Answer: Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh

Q. 133 India and which country will cooperate in setting up of a national maritime heritage museum at ancient Indian site of Lothal in Gujarat?

Answer: Portugal (**Capital:** Lisbon, Currency: **Euro**)

Q. 134 India's Apurvi Chandela won the women's 10m Air Rifle event and Rahi Sarnobat clinched gold in the women's 25m pistol at this year's third International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/ Pistol stage held at?

Answer: Munich, Germany

Q. 135 Which bank has launched a mobile van facility named "Bank on Wheels" in 14 districts of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and the Vijayawada region of Andhra Pradesh to provide door-step banking facility, especially for senior citizens?

Answer: Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) (**Headquarter:** Chennai)

Explanation: Also, Karnam Sekar has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB).

Q. 136 Name the scheme launched by University Grants Commission (UGC) to boost research culture and innovation in colleges and universities?

Answer: STRIDE (Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy)

Q. 137 The pre-emptive non-military air strike which were conducted by Indian Air Force (IAF) on a terrorist training camp in Balakot, Pakistan in February were code named as?

Answer: Operation Bandar

Q. 138 Which Indian professional squash player, won the national squash title for the record 17th time at the 76th Senior National Squash Championship, 2019 held in Pune in the women's category?

Answer: Joshna Chinappa

Explanation: Mahesh Mangaonkar won the men's title.

Q. 139 India hosted the Intersessional meeting of Kimberley Process (KP) 2019 recently at?

Answer: Mumbai, Maharashtra. The Kimberley Process Certification scheme outlines rules that govern trade in rough diamonds.

Q. 140 RBI recently stated that India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) increased to what percent in FY19?

Answer: \$57.2 billion or 2.1% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Q. 141 Name the Indian athlete who won a gold medal in women's 1500m at Folksam Grand Prix 2019 held in Sweden?

Answer: Asian champion PU Chitra



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Q. 142 Who won the Femina Miss India World 2019 beauty pageant?

Answer: Suman Rao from Rajasthan

Q. 143 Girish Karnad passed away recently in Bengaluru, Karnataka, he was a?

Answer: Playwright, actor and Jnanpeeth awardee

Q. 144 Name the campaign launched by World Health Organization (WHO) urging governments to adopt a tool named "AWaRe" (Access, Watch, and Reserve), to reduce the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), adverse events and costs?

Answer: AdoptAWaRe- "Handle antibiotics with care"

Q. 144 Which country has become first Arab country to be granted full membership of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) (**Headquarters:** Paris, France)?

Answer: Saudi Arabia (**Capital:** Riyadh, **Currency:** Dinar)

Explanation: Also, UAE (**Capital:** Abu Dhabi, **Currency:** Dirham) has launched the new anti-money laundering platform, called (goAML), to gather and analyse intelligence submitted by reporting entities.

Q. 145 On International Yoga Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi performed Yoga asana along with 40,000 participants at?

Answer: Ranchi, Jharkhand

Q. 146 Name Sri Lanka's first ever satellite, designed and developed by two Sri Lankan engineers which was successfully placed into orbit recently?

Answer: Raavana-1

Q. 147 In the 6th Edition of TechGig Code Gladiators 2019 which Indian won the title as 'world's best coder'?

Answer: Sameer Gulati

Q. 148 Name the Indian engineer who won 2019 Commonwealth Secretary-General's Innovation for Sustainable Development Award in London, United Kingdom (UK)?

Answer: Nitesh Kumar Jangir

Q. 149 As per the Union Budget an encyclopaedia would be developed on which among the following Indian personalities?

Answer: Mahatma Gandhi

Q. 150 As per the NITI Aayog's recent index "Healthy States, Progressive India: Report on Rank of States and UTs", which state topped the rankings in the bigger states' category?

Answer: Kerala

Explanation: Mizoram was ranked first in the smaller states category and Chandigarh topped the rankings in the UTs category.

Q. 151 What is the name of the Facebook's cryptocurrency which the social media giant will roll-out in 2020?

Answer: Libra

Q. 152 Union government has entered into agreements with which two countries to broadcast DD (Doordarshan) India channel there and their state channels will be shown on DD Free Dish in India?

Answer: Bangladesh and South Korea (**Capital:** Seoul, **Currency:** Won)

Q. 153 Which city recently became the second Indian city to be listed as a heritage city by UNESCO (**Headquarter:** Paris)?

Answer: Jaipur (first city was Ahmedabad)

Q. 154 Second edition of India International Mega Trade fair (IIMTF) was recently held at?

Answer: Bidhannagar (or Salt Lake) city in Kolkata.

Q. 155 Which journalist has bagged prestigious RedInk Award for Excellence in Indian Journalism 'Journalist of the Year' 2019 for her expose during 2018 on functioning of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and its Aadhaar data cache?

Answer: Rachna Khaira of The Tribune News Service

Q. 156 Which yojana that has been proposed by the Union Government for the fisheries sector?

Answer: Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

Q. 157 Which online mutual fund investment platform has initiated a 'Selfiewala KYC' feature for the first-time mutual fund investors?

Answer: FundzBazar

Q. 158 As per the Union Budget, one woman in every SHG will also be made eligible for a loan up to _____ under the MUDRA scheme?

Answer: Rs 1 lakh

Q. 159 IndusInd Bank recently merged with?

Answer: Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd (BFIL)

Explanation: Also, the bank recently launched a campaign #Just25 to celebrate its 25 years of existence.

Q. 160 What is the color of the cover page of Economic Survey?

Answer: Blue, this year the survey is guided by "Blue Sky thinking" i.e. out of the box thinking.

Q. 161 Name the NGO which won BBC World Service Global Champion Award?

Answer: Bengaluru-based NGO, Akshaya Patra

Q. 162 As per the Union budget, TDS of 2% would be levied on cash withdrawal exceeding what amount in a year from a bank account?

Answer: Rs. 1 Crore

Q. 163 Which bank has signed a bancassurance agreement with Tata AIG General Insurance Company Ltd?

Answer: IDBI

Explanation: United Bank of India has signed a bancassurance deal with private life insurer HDFC Life Insurance Company.

Q. 164 As per the Economic Survey "Dwarf" firms are those having less than 100 workers despite being over _____ old.

Answer: 10 years

Explanation: These dwarf firms account for over 50 percent of all organised firms in manufacturing. Their contribution to employment is only 14 percent and just 8 percent to productivity.

Q. 165 Where was G20 summit 2019 recently held?

Answer: Osaka, Japan. (G20 Summit 2020 would be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia).

Explanation: Also, G20 Ministerial meeting on Trade and Digital Economy was recently held in Tsukuba, Japan and G20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors was held in Fukuoka, Japan.

Q. 166 Which team won FIFA Women's World Cup 2019 title after beating Netherlands in final at Lyon, France?

Answer: United States of America (USA)

Q. 167 In the recent QS World University Ranking 2020 which IIT emerged as India's best institution?

Answer: IIT-Bombay (global ranking 152)

Q. 168 The Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM) has granted GI tag for Kolhapuris Chappals jointly to which two states for making these chappals?

Answer: Karnataka and Maharashtra

Explanation: Himachal Pradesh's 'kala jeera' (black cumin) and 'chulli' (dried apricot) oil have also received Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

Q. 169 Indian Navy launched which operation in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman recently to reassure Indian flagged vessels transiting through the area following the recent maritime incidents in the region?

Answer: Operation Sankalp

Q. 170 What is the fiscal deficit target for the FY-20 (2019-20) as per the recent Union Budget?

Answer: 3.3% (the fiscal deficit target for FY-21 is estimated at 3%.)

Q. 171 According to a recent report "Working on a Warmer Planet – The Impact of Heat Stress on Labour Productivity and Decent Work", by which organisation, India will be the most affected country due to global warming?

Answer: International Labour Organization (ILO) (**Headquarter:** Geneva, Switzerland).

Explanation: The report says India might lost 30 million jobs by 2030 due to Global Warming.

Also, in another report World Employment and Social Outlook Trends 2019, ILO says that unemployment rates in India will fall to 4.9% in 2019 and remains steady in 2020.

Q. 172 Name the exercise launched by Border Security Force (BSF) to fortify Anti-Infiltration Grid along Pakistan border in Punjab and J&K?

Answer: Exercise Sudarshan.

Q. 173 The economic survey has projected that the Indian economy will grow at what percent during current fiscal (FY-20)?

Answer: 7% (the economy grew at 6.8 per cent in FY-19).

Q. 174 Where was first model village built with Indian assistance under the Model Villages Program inaugurated recently?

Answer: Ranidugama in Gampaha in Sri Lanka

Q. 175 India has opened its first specialized hydrotherapy treatment centre for elephants suffering from arthritis, joint pain and foot ailments in?

Answer: Mathura, Uttar Pradesh

Q. 176 The Prime Minister's Awards for outstanding contribution for Promotion and Development of Yoga 2019 were announced by the Ministry of AYUSH recently, who were the winners in national and international category respectively?

Answer: Swami Rajarshi Muni and Antonietta Rozzi of Italy

Q. 177 As per the Budget 2019 companies having annual turnover up to Rs 400 crores ow much tax these companies need to pay now what percent tax?

Answer: 25%

Explanation: Also, as per the union budget a new TV channel would be started exclusively for start-ups.

Q. 178 US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) has selected whom for its 2019 Global Excellence Awards?

Answer: MasterCard CEO and President Ajay Banga and Wipro Chairman Azim Premji.

Q. 179 Which state government has launched a massive campaign called 'Dastak' to eradicate deadly Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) and Japanese Encephalitis?

Answer: Uttar Pradesh (**CM:** Yogi Adityanath, **Governor:** Anandiben Patel)

Q. 180 Which Indian pro boxer became World Boxing Council (WBC) Asia silver Welterweight Champion after winning the title bout held in Pattaya, Thailand?

Answer: Vaibhav Yadav

Q. 181 Name the Indian social worker and pioneer of the women's SHG and founder of Working Women's Forum (WWF) who passed away recently?

Answer: Jaya Arunachalam

Q. 182 International Monetary Fund (IMF) (**Headquarter:** Washington DC) Managing Director Christine Lagarde has been appointed as new head of?

Answer: European Central bank (ECB) (**Headquarter:** Frankfurt, Germany).

Q. 183 Paytm has recently collaborated with which bank to launch its first credit card called 'Paytm First Card'?

Answer: Citibank

Q. 184 Recently Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has operationalized first 'Aadhaar Seva Kendra' (ASKs) in?

Answer: Delhi and Vijayawada

Q. 185 The Indian Air Force and French Air Force have participated in a bilateral air exercise _____ at Mont de Marsan in France.

Answer: Garuda VI

Explanation: Also, Varuna is the name of the bilateral naval exercise held between India and France in Arabian Sea.

Q. 186 Which bank launched the web tool named 'Vasool So-Ft' (Vasool So-Fast) for digitizing the Non-Performing Asset (NPA) recovery process of the bank?

Answer: Karnataka Bank (**Headquarter:** Mangaluru)

Q. 187 Which state topped the NITI Aayog's "Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index" (AMFFRI) for the year 2019?

Answer: Maharashtra

Explanation: As per RBI, Maharashtra also registered the highest number of Automated Teller Machine (ATM) frauds (233) in India for the FY 2018-19.

Q. 188 Reliance Jio has partnered with which social networking platform to launch a digital literacy initiative named "Digital Udaan" to empower first-time internet users with digital literacy and understanding of the Internet in real time?

Answer: Facebook

Explanation: Reliance Jio Digital has also acquired chatbot making start-up firm Haptik for Rs.700 crores.

Q. 189 Which Indian plant has become the first and the only Indian manufacturing plant that has been included in prestigious Lighthouse Network of the World Economic Forum (**Headquarter:** Cologny, Switzerland)?

Answer: Tata Steel Kalinganagar (Odisha)

Q. 190 Who has been recently appointed as the director of Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) (**Headquarter:** Mumbai)?

Answer: B Harideesh Kumar

Q. 191 Where has been world's largest burn and plastic surgery institute opened recently?

Answer: Dhaka, Bangladesh (Sheikh Hasina National Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute)

Q. 192 Name the specially-abled athlete who won three medals for India at 4th World Yoga Festival and Championship 2019, held at Bulgaria, Sofia?

Answer: Toran Yadav

Q.193 Which state government recently announced the "Yuva Swabhiman Yojana" to provide 100 days employment for the unemployed youth from the economically weaker sections of the society?

Answer: Madhya Pradesh (**CM:** Kamal Nath, **Governor:** Lalji Tandon)

Q.194 Which constitutional amendment granted 10% quota in jobs, educational institutions for (EWS) economically weaker sections in general category including Jains, Sikhs, Muslims, etc?

Answer: 103rd

Explanation: For the implementation of the quota, Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution was amended. Also, Gujarat was the first state to implement 10% quota to EWS (Economically Weaker sections).

Q.195 Renukaji Dam Multi-Purpose Project which would be constructed jointly by six states, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh would be built on?

Answer: Giri river (tributary of the Yamuna) at Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh.

Q. 196 Who was sworn in as Brazil's (**Capital:** Brasilia, **Currency:** Real) next President recently?

Answer: Jair Bolsonaro

Q. 197 Name the subsidiary of NABARD which for the first-time released a Rs 700-crore venture capital fund for equity investments to provide support for agriculture, food and rural start-ups?

Answer: Nabventures

Q. 198 Who was recently appointed as the new Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of India?

Answer: Sudhir Bhargava

Q. 199 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. Which country's Prime Minister was the chief guest of the Convention?

Answer: Mauritius (**Capital:** Port Louis, **Currency:** Rupee). Pravin Jugnauth was the chief Guest. Theme of the convention was Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India.

Q. 200 President Ram Nath Kovind recently nominated whom as the Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)?

Answer: Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde

Q. 201 Union Water Resources Minister Nitin Gadkari recently inaugurated 9th International Micro irrigation conference at?

Answer: Aurangabad, Maharashtra. Theme of the conference: Micro Irrigation and Modern Agriculture.

Q. 202 Which city has become the world's most dynamic city in the City Momentum Index released by the property consultant JLL?

Answer: Bengaluru

Q. 203 The first Sheikh Saud International Prize for Materials Research would be awarded to which Indian scientist for his contribution to material research?

Answer: Bharat Ratna scientist C N R Rao

Q. 204 Former banker Meera Sanyal passed away, she was associated with which political party?

Answer: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)

Q. 205 Which team defeated Punjab Royals to claim the fourth edition of the Pro Wrestling League (PWL)?

Answer: Haryana Hammers

Q. 206 Who won the Australian Open 2019 Women's Singles title?

Answer: Naomi Osaka (Japan) defeated Petra Kvitova (Czech Republic) (**Capital:** Prague, **Currency:** Koruna).

Explanation: Men's Singles: Novak Djokovic (Serbia) (**Capital:** Belgrade, **Currency:** Dinar) **defeated Rafael Nadal (Spain) (Capital:** Madrid, **Currency:** Euro)

Q. 207 The first India-Central Asia Dialogue was recently held at?

Answer: Samarkand, Uzbekistan (**Capital:** Tashkent, **Currency:** Som).

Q. 208 Which city has been recognised as 'World Capital of Architecture' for 2020 by UNESCO?

Answer: Rio De Janerio. **Theme:** All the worlds. Just one world.

Q. 209 Which state government recently launched 'One Family One Job' scheme, under which for every family one government job would be allotted?

Answer: Sikkim (**Governor:** Ganga Prasad, **CM:** (Prem Singh Tamang) PS Golay).

Q. 210 Which state government has finished top with 228 medals in the recently held Khelo India Youth Games held in Pune?

Answer: Maharashtra

Explanation: Third edition of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) will be held in Guwahati, Assam in January next year.

Q. 211 Name the famous author of writings like, "Mitro Marajani", "Daar se Bichuchuri", "Surajmukhi Andhere Ke" etc who passed away recently?

Answer: Krishna Sobti

Q. 212 Who has been awarded the International Gandhi Peace Prize for 2018?

Answer: Yohei Sasakawa (from Japan)

Explanation: Winners of other years are: Vivekananda Kendra in Kanyakumari (2015), Akshaya Patra Foundation and Sulabh International (2016) and Ekal Abhiyan Trust (2017).

Q.213 PM Modi inaugurated the 106th session of the Indian Science Congress at?

Answer: Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar

Explanation: Also, 79th Indian History Congress (IHC) was recently held at Barkatullah University, Bhopal Madhya Pradesh

Q. 214 Global Skill Summit 2019 was recently held at?

Answer: Ranchi, Jharkhand. Theme: Skilling Youth, Enabling Youth.



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Q. 215 Who recently became the President of the Global Solar Council (**Headquarter:** Washington DC)?

Answer: Pranav R Mehta

Q. 216 Which Indian women's cricketer was adjudged 'Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award for the Women's Cricketer of the Year 'as well as the 'Women's ODI Player of the Year' by ICC?

Answer: Smriti Mandhana

Q. 217 Which country has declared the ancient Hindu religious site of "Panj Tirath" as a national heritage?

Answer: Pakistan. The site is located in Peshawar.

Q. 218 India recently conducted a bilateral army exercise, IMBEX 2018-19 at Chandimandir with which country recently?

Answer: Myanmar (**Capital:** Naypyidaw, **Currency:** Kyat)

Q. 219 Arunima Sinha became the world's first female amputee to climb Mount Vinson, it is the highest of which continent?

Answer: Antarctica

Q. 220 Which country has become second largest steel producing country according to World Steel Association (**Headquarter:** Belgium, Brussels) report?

Answer: India. It replaced Japan.

Q. 221 Name the word which is chosen as the Hindi word of the Year 2018 by the Oxford dictionaries?

Answer: Nari Shakti

Q. 222 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-14), the 9th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-9) and the 9th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-9) was held recently at?

Answer: Geneva, Switzerland

Explanation: The theme of the meeting was "Clean Planet, Healthy People: Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste"

Q. 223 Who was awarded the University of Pennsylvania's Carnot Prize 2018 for the transformational changes brought by him during his tenure as the Union Minister?

Answer: Piyush Goyal

Q. 224 Who recently took over as the first Chief Justice of the Telangana (CM: KCR Rao, Governor: ESL Narsimhan) High Court with effect from January 1, 2019?

Answer: Justice Thottathil B Radhakrishnan

Q. 225 India's highest peacetime gallantry honour, Ashoka Chakra was awarded to whom posthumously?

Answer: Lance Naik Nazir Wani

Q. 226 IRDAI recently set up a panel headed by whom to identify domestically systematically important insurers (SIIs)?

Answer: Praveen Kutumbe

Q. 227 The CM of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb unveiled the official logo of Tripura Tea. The logo features which iconic landmark?

Answer: Neermahal, the iconic landmark in Rudijala, Tripura (CM: Biplab Kumar Deb, Governor: Ramesh Bais)

Explanation: Also, recently Kharchi Puja was held in Tripura.

Q. 228 RBI has approved Pasargad Bank of which country to open branches in Mumbai for easing trade related transactions?

Answer: Iran (Capital: Tehran, Currency: Dinar)

Q. 229 Which team won their maiden Premier Badminton League (PBL) title recently?

Answer: Bengaluru Raptors (beat Mumbai Rockets).

Q. 230 Who has been appointed as Indian men's football team coach?

Answer: Igor Stimac from Croatia (Capital: Zagreb, Currency: Kuna)

Q. 231 The central banks of which two countries will launch a common digital currency called "Aber"?

Answer: UAE (Capital: Abu Dhabi, Currency: Dirham) and Saudi Arabia (Capital: Riyadh, Currency: Riyal).

Q. 232 Japan Prize Foundation announced whom as the recipient of the 2019 Japan Prize in the field of "Biological Production, Ecology"?

Answer: Dr. Rattan Lal

Q. 233 Government of India signed an agreement with which organisation for India's participation in Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2021?

Answer: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD (**Headquarter:** Paris).

Q. 234 Gruh Finance, the affordable housing finance arm of mortgage lender HDFC, will be merged with which bank?

Answer: Bandhan Bank (**Headquarter:** Kolkata)

Q. 235 The 2019 Bharat Ratna award has been given to former President Pranab Mukherjee, Nanaji Deshmukh and which another person?

Answer: Singer Bhupen Hazarika

Explanation: Nanaji Deshmukh was an educator and a social worker. The first Saraswati Shishu Mandir was established by him at Gorakhpur in 1950. Bhupen Hazarika was a playback singer, lyricist, musician, singer, poet and film-maker from Assam, widely known as Sudhakantha.

Recently also, **Padma Vibhushan was conferred on four personalities namely:** Teejan Bai (Chattisgarh) for art & folk, Ismail Omer Gulleh (from Djibouti) Public Affairs, Anil Kumar Manibhai (Maharashtra) for Industry and Infrastructure and Balwant Moreshwar Purandare (Maharashtra) for acting and theatre.

Q. 236 21-day annual Makaravilakku festival was recently celebrated tribes in the forest of?

Answer: Ponnambalamedu, Kerala

Q. 237 India has signed an MoU with which country for the establishment of the Joint Task Force on Blue Economy?

Answer: Norway (**Capital:** Oslo, **Currency:** Krone). Prime Minister of Norway Erna Solberg was recently three-day state visit to India.

Q. 238 Suman Kumari became the first Hindu woman to be appointed as a civil judge in which country?

Answer: Pakistan. The first judge from the Hindu community was Justice Rana Bhagwandas.

Q. 240 Asia competitiveness institute (ACI) has released the Ease of Doing Business Rankings for Indian states. Which state has topped the rankings?

Answer: Andhra Pradesh (**CM:** Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy, **Governor:** Biswa Bhusan Harichandan) has topped the Ease of Doing Business rankings.

Q. 241 Which organisation has recognised Tata Steel's plant at IJmuiden in the Netherlands as Manufacturing Lighthouse with state-of-the-art production facilities?

Answer: The World Economic Forum (**Headquarter:** Cologne, Switzerland)

Q. 242 The GST Council has increased the exemption limit for Goods and Services Tax (GST) registration to what amount from the current Rs 20 lakh to ease the cost of compliance for small taxpayers or MSME units?

Answer: Rs 40 lakh

Explanation: Also, the threshold limit for the compensation scheme under which small traders and businesses pay a 1 per cent tax based on turnover has been increased to 1.5 crores.

Q. 243 Which former Supreme Court judge has been appointed as a member of Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal (CSAT)?

Answer: KS Radhakrishnan

Q. 244 Which country introduced a new "GAFA tax" of 3% on companies Google, Apple, Facebook and Amazon to ensure the global giants pay a fair share of taxes on their massive businesses?

Answer: France (Capital: Paris, Currency: Euro)

Q. 245 As per Central Statistics Office (CSO) India's per capita income in real terms (at 2011-12 prices) during 2018-19 is likely to attain a level of what amount for the fiscal year 2018-19?

Answer: Rs 91,921

Explanation: Also, Union Agriculture Minister (Narendra Tomar) has stated that the average monthly income per agricultural household from all sources is Rs. 6,426 in the country according to the NSSO Survey of Agricultural Households.

Q. 246 Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh released the list of best performing police stations across the nation, which police station has been ranked first?

Answer: Kalu (Bikaner, Rajasthan)

Explanation: Also, Keonjhar Police, Odisha, in collaboration with India Post has issued postage stamps, each featuring the Ashok Chakra Awardees from Police across the country, under the "My Stamp" scheme.



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Q. 247 Who has been recently appointed as the first ombudsman for the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

Answer: D K Jain

Q. 248 Who was recently appointed by United Nations as the Controller, Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Budget and Finance in the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance (DMSPC)?

Answer: Chandramouli Ramanathan

Q. 249 Which bank has been ranked as the first among public sector banks in the implementation of 'reforms agenda', as per the BCG-IBA's "EASE Reforms for Public Sector Banks" report?

Answer: Punjab National Bank

Q. 250 Which company has announced the launch of its global initiative 'WorldClass' in India for the empowerment of women?

Answer: Deloitte

Q. 251 Who was appointed as the new chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

Answer: Pramod Chandra Modi

Q. 252 Where was the second edition of World Count festival 2019 was held recently?

Answer: Pune

Q. 253 Which state government has launched the second edition of the water conservation scheme Sujalam Sufalam Jal Sanchay Abhiyan?

Answer: Gujarat (**CM:** Vijay Rupani, **Governor:** Acharya Dev Vrat)

Explanation: Also, a water conservation scheme 'Jal Amrutha' was launched by Karnataka CM (current Karnataka CM is B.S. Yediyurappa).

Q. 254 Who has been appointed as the chief of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a tenure of two years?

Answer: Rishi Kumar Shukla

Q. 255 RBI and central bank of which bank recently did the USD 75- billion swap agreement, which would act as a cushion against any sharp swings in the local currency whenever the international financial markets turn volatile?

Answer: Japan

Q. 256 Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, launched which initiative to promote start-ups, women and youth advantage through e-transactions on Government e Marketplace (GeM)?

Answer: SWAYATT

Q. 257 Which state government announced a Universal Old Age Pension scheme, named Mukhya Mantri Vriddha Pension Yojana (MMVPY), the scheme facilitates the amount of Rs. 400 monthly pensions for all in the state above the age of 60 years?

Answer: Bihar (**CM:** Nitish Kumar, **Governor:** Phagu Chauhan)

Explanation: Also, India's first Dolphin Research Center to come up in Patna University.

Q. 258 World Bank, UN Women and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched new social impact bonds exclusively for women, called Women's Livelihood Bonds (WLBs), with an initial corpus of what amount?

Answer: Rs 300 crores

Q. 259 Which state government has announced a new scheme called "Arundhati" to provide gold at free of cost to the brides?

Answer: Assam

Q. 260 A loan agreement of \$40 million was signed between the Union Government, Government of Himachal Pradesh and which international institution for bringing clean and reliable drinking water to the citizens of Greater Shimla area?

Answer: World Bank

Q. 261 To give a fillip to digital lending, SIDBI has started a pilot scheme to extend financial assistance of up to what amount to new-age fintech non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) engaged in financing small businesses and other income-generating activities?

Answer: Rs. 10 crores

Q. 262 The fourth edition of International Spice Conference was recently held in which city?

Answer: Hyderabad. Theme: 'Challenges of Change, Redefining the Value Chain'.

Q. 263 A new RBI policy for overseas borrowings allows all eligible borrowers to raise External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) up to what amount per financial year under the automatic Route?

Answer: \$750 million

Q. 263 Amazon in partnership with which bank has launched 'Amazon Pay Unified Payment Interface (UPI)' to facilitate secure payments and financial transactions on its platform?

Answer: Axis Bank

Q. 264 The Surajkund International Crafts Mela was recently held in Faridabad, Haryana, which was the theme state?

Answer: Maharashtra. Thailand was the partner nation country for the Surajkund International Crafts Mela-2019.

Explanation: Also, Haryana government launched online portal named "Meri Fasal Mera Byora" for farmers to directly avail crop related benefits of state government schemes.

Q. 265 Which insurance company launched a new micro insurance plan 'Micro Bachat' recently?

Answer: Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). The life provides a coverage of up to 2 lakhs.

Q. 266 To help boost liquidity particularly among small and marginal farmers in the farming sectors RBI has announced to increase the limit on collateral-free agriculture loans to what amount from Rs.1 lakh?

Answer: Rs.1.6 lakhs

Q. 267 The annual multinational maritime exercise Cutlass Express was held recently; Indian Navy was represented in the exercise by ship?

Answer: INS Trikand.

Explanation: Also, INS Sagardhwan recently started its two-month long second mission Sagar Maitri recently, under which it will be visiting Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia.

Q. 268 Which Bank's UK chief Shri Sanjiv Chadha has been honoured with the 'Freedom of the City of London' by city of London Corporation?

Answer: State Bank of India

Q. 269 The government has announced new norms under the definition of Start-Ups. As per the new norms, the new investment limit is?

Answer: Rs 25 crores

Explanation: Now an entity shall be considered a start-up up to 10 years from its date of incorporation/registration instead of the previous period of

7 years. Entity would be considered as a start-up up to a turnover of Rs 100 crores as against the earlier limit of Rs 25 crore.

Q. 270 Name the Indian music application that was ranked first among Indian companies and 28th rank globally in the 2019 list of "50 Most Innovative Companies"?

Answer: Jio Saavn

Q. 271 Name the annual military exercise held at Nashik in which Indian army recently showcased its artillery firepower by using ultra-light Howitzers and indigenous Swathi weapon-locating radar?

Answer: "Exercise Topchi"

Explanation: Indian army recently conducted the disaster relief exercise 'Exercise Rahat' in Jaipur, Kota and Alwar in Rajasthan.

Q. 272 Which country's central bank announced the discontinuation of its official currency, U.S. dollar and launched a new currency called RTGS dollars, to resolve a long-term monetary crisis?

Answer: Zimbabwe (**Capital:** Harare)

Q. 273 A first-of-its kind 'Trip Protector' insurance policy was launched by which General Insurance Company for non-life insurance segment in India?

Answer: HDFC ERGO

Q. 274 According to "2018 Global Go to Think Tank Index Report", Observer Research Foundation (ORF) has been marked as India's highest ranked think tank. What is its rank globally?

Answer: 118. Brookings Institution is the highest ranked think tank globally.

Q. 275 World Corporate Social Responsibility Congress (World CSR Congress 2019) which promotes Entrepreneurship, Social Responsibility, Sustainability and Social Development was recently held at?

Answer: Mumbai

Q. 276 This year's multinational military exercise "Cobra" involving United States and Thailand (**Capital:** Bangkok, **Currency:** Baht) was held at?

Answer: Phitsanulok, Thailand

Q. 277 Spotted Cheetahs which are being translocated from Namibia (**Capital:** Windhoek, **Currency:** Rand, Namibian Dollar) would be kept at which sanctuary?

Answer: Nauradehi sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh

Q. 278 According to a survey by Transparency International, which Indian state topped the ranking of the best practices followed by states in budget formulation?

Answer: Assam

Q. 279 Namwar Singh passed away in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, he was a famous?

Answer: Hindi author, known for his satirical approach in Hindi literature.

Q. 280 Which Indian female hockey player was awarded the 2018 Player of the Year award by the Asian Hockey Federation?

Answer: Harmanpreet Singh

Q. 281 Name the app which as per RBI was allegedly being used by fraudsters to access data on mobile devices?

Answer: Any Desk

Q. 282 Which Indian batsman recently became the first Indian to score 8000 runs in First Class T20 cricket?

Answer: Suresh Raina

Q. 283 Which team won the inaugural edition of the Pro Volleyball League (PVL) by defeating Calicut Heroes in Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai?

Answer: Chennai Spartans

Q. 284 National Productivity Council (NPC) celebrated National Productivity week from February 12th to 18th, 2019, what was its theme this year?

Answer: Circular Economy for Productivity & Sustainability

Q. 285 Which city has included Hindi as the third official language to be used in its courts, alongside Arabic and English?

Answer: Abu Dhabi

Q. 286 As per State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019 report prepared jointly by UN, FAO, UNICEF and WHO about how many people suffer from hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition worldwide?

Answer: 820 million



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Q. 287 Multinational maritime exercise 'AMAN-19' was recently held at?

Answer: Pakistan Navy Dockyard, Karachi

Q. 288 Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 13th edition of the annual Global Healthcare Summit (GHS) recently at?

Answer: Hyderabad

Q. 289 Laureus World Sports Awards 2019 were given recently, who won the sportsman of the year award recently?

Answer: Novak Djokovic, (Serbia) Tennis

Explanation: Sportswoman of the Year: Simone Biles (USA) Gymnastics

Team of the Year: France World Cup Team (France) Football

Lifetime Achievement Award: Arsene Wenger, France

Spirit for Sport Award: Lindsey Vonn, (USA)

Sport for Good Award: Yuwa NGO (Jharkhand, India)

Q.290 Seoul Peace Prize Committee conferred 2018 Seoul Peace Prize on which country's Prime Minister?

Answer: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Explanation: Modi was also conferred with Maldives' highest honour- 'Order of the Distinguished Order of Nishan Izzuddeen' in Male, Maldives recently.

Q. 291 Where was International Annual Desert Festival recently held?

Answer: Jaisalmer (Golden City), Rajasthan

Q. 292 Where will India's First District cooling system come up?

Answer: Amravati, Andhra Pradesh

Q. 293 6th edition of Bio Asia 2019 -Asia's largest biotechnology and life-sciences forum was recently conducted at?

Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana

Explanation: The theme of the conference was "Life Sciences 4.0 – Disrupt the Disruption.

Q. 294 Where did PM Modi launch the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme?

Answer: Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh (**CM:** Yogi Adityanath, **Governor:** Anandiben Patel)

Explanation: Union Cabinet also recently has increased the ambit of PM-KISAN to all 14.5 crore farmers farmer families, irrespective of the size of their landholding.

Q. 295 Which state has become the first state to set up price monitoring and research unit (PMRU) to track violation of prices of essential drugs and medical devices?

Answer: Kerala

Q. 296 Where was Bandicoot, a drainage-cleaning robot recently launched?

Answer: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Q. 297 The Union Government has announced which animal as the mascot for the 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the UN Convention on the conservation of migratory species (CMS) to be held in Gujarat next year?

Answer: Great Indian Bustard has been fondly known as "Gibi"

Q. 298 83rd Yonex Sunrise Senior Badminton Nationals were recently held at Guwahati, Assam. Who won the titles in women's and men's category?

Answer: Sania Nehwal and Sourabh Verma respectively

Q. 299 Who was awarded the prestigious Global Future for Nature Award 2019 for her work on marine conservation?

Answer: Dr Divya Karnad

Q. 300 BAFTA awards were recently presented by British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), which film won the best film award?

Answer: Roma

Explanation: Outstanding British Film: The Favourite, **Best Actress:** Olivia Colman (for the Favourite), **Best Actor:** Rami Malek (for Bohemian Rhapsody), **Best Director:** Alfonso Cuaron (for Roma) **British Short Film:** 73 Cows

Q. 301 Which company has launched project 'Sangam' to accelerate Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in India?

Answer: Microsoft

Explanation: Also, Microsoft India, launched a new e-commerce platform 're-weave.in' under project ReWeave to aid handloom weavers in India.

Q. 302 Who was awarded 'Yashwantrao Chavan National Award 2018' for his contribution towards economic development?

Answer: Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan

Q. 303 Who has been appointed as the country's first Lokpal or the anti-corruption ombudsman?

Answer: Former Supreme Court Judge Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose.

Q. 304 RBI has set the average base rate to be charged by Non- Banking Financial Companies (NBFC) and Micro Finance institutions (MFI) at what percent for the first quarter (April to June)?

Answer: 9.21%

Q. 305 Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved which scheme to provide financial support to Integrated Bioethanol Projects using renewable feedstock?

Answer: "Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN (Jaiv Indhan- Vatavaran Anukool fasal awashesh Nivaran) Yojana

Q. 306 The 91st Academy Awards or Oscars ceremony was recently held in Los Angeles, California, which film won the "Best Film" award?

Answer: Green Book

Explanation: Best Actor: Rami Malik, Bohemian Rhapsody

Best Actress: Olivia Coleman, The Favourite

Best Director: Alfonso Cuaron, Roma

Best Foreign Film: Roma

Q. 307 Which Indian historian has recently won prestigious Dan David Prize of Israel for the year 2019 for his work on inter-cultural encounters?

Answer: Sanjay Subrahmanyam

Q. 308 Which team recently won the 2018 Ranji Trophy defeating Saurashtra?

Answer: Vidarbha. Vidarbha also defeated Rest of India (RoI) to win the Irani Cup title as well.

Q. 309 PM Modi recently dedicated to the nation the National War Memorial (NWM) near India Gate in New Delhi. It comprises of four concentric circles, Name them?

Answer: Amar Chakra, Veerta Chakra, Tyag Chakra and Rakshak Chakra. In between these chakras is a central obelisk and an eternal flame.

Q. 310 Name the umpire who officiated the famous tied test match between India and Australia who passed away recently?

Answer: Dara Doti Walla

Q. 311 61st Grammy Awards were recently given in Los Angeles; which song won the "Song of the Year award"?

Answer: This is America

Explanation: **Album of the Year:** Golden Hour. **Best New Artist:** Dua Lipa. **Best Pop Solo Performance:** JOANNE (Where do you think you're goin'?) **Best Pop Duo/Group Performance:** SHALLOW, **Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album:** My Way.

Q. 312 Which Chinese news agency recently unveiled the world's first female AI news anchor Xin Xiaomeng?

Answer: Xinhua

Q. 313 Godavari Mega Aqua Food Park, first aqua mega food park was recently inaugurated at?

Answer: West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh

Q. 314 Who has been named as the chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) (**Headquarter:** Mumbai) for a period of 5 years?

Answer: M.R. Kumar

Q. 315 Recently President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE) at?

Answer: Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Q. 316 Which bank has signed MoU with the Government of India to provide \$250 million support to the National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP)?

Answer: World Bank

Q. 317 Name the American professor and Mathematician who became the first woman to be conferred with Abel Prize also known as Nobel prize of mathematics?

Answer: Karen Uhlenbeck

Explanation: She was recognized for her work in the field of gauge theory and geometric analysis.

Q. 318 International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF)'s inaugural Rifle/Pistol World Cup was held in New Delhi, India recently, which country topped the medals tally with India?

Answer: Hungary. Both India and Hungary won 3 golds each.

Explanation: India also finished top of medals tally at second ISSF World Cup Rifle/ Pistol 2019 edition held in Beijing, China. India won four medals including 3 golds.

Gold Medal Winners of second Pistol/ Rifle World Cup at China:

Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker in Mixed team Pistol event, Anjum Moudgil and Divyansh Singh Panwar in Rifle Mixed Team event and Abhishek Verma in men's 10m Air Pistol event.

Q. 319 Who was honoured with Vyas Samman 2018 (given by K K Birla Foundation) for his collection of poems "Jitne Log Utne Prem"?

Answer: Hindi writer Leeladhar Jagudi

Q. 320 Union Labour Ministry has doubled the income tax exemption to what amount for gratuity?

Answer: Rs. 20 Lakhs

Q. 321 Who recently took oath as the new (13th) Chief Minister of Goa succeeding Manohar Parrikar, who died recently?

Answer: Pramod Sawant

Q. 322 Who has been appointed as the Chief Scientist of the World Health Organisation (WHO) (**Headquarter:** Geneva, Switzerland) recently?

Answer: Soumya Swaminathan. She is also currently the Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Q. 323 The eighth edition of joint military exercise 'Sampriti-2019' was recently held between India and?

Answer: Bangladesh in Tangail, Bangladesh.

Q. 324 Bank of Baroda has signed MoU with six firms to develop which platform to provide solutions for all major agricultural requirements through bank's holistic approach?

Answer: Baroda Kisan

Q. 325 "Mukhyamantri Anchal Amrit Yojana" scheme was launched by which state government under which 100 ml milk will be provided twice a week, free of cost, to 2.5 lakh children?

Answer: Uttarakhand (**CM:** Trivendra Singh Rawat, **Governor:** Baby Rani Maurya).

Q. 326 Government has given a nod to which bank to handle import and export transactions with Iran (**Capital:** Tehran, **Currency:** Rial)?

Answer: IDBI Bank



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Q. 327 Where was India's first garbage café recently opened, under which any person fetching plastic waste to the garbage cafe will be assured of a meal?

Answer: Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh

Q. 328 Who won the Chinese, Bahrain, Canadian, French, Spanish, British and Monaco Grand Prix 2019?

Answer: Lewis Hamilton (drives for Mercedes) of United Kingdom

Explanation: Valtteri Bottas (Finland) drives for Mercedes: **Azerbaijan Grand Prix**

Max Verstappen (Belgium) drives for Red Bull: **Austrian and German Grand Prix**

Q. 329 Which country (**Capital:** Seoul, **Currency:** Won) defeated India to lift the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2019 held at Azlan Shah Stadium in Ipoh, Malaysia?

Answer: South Korea

Q. 330 Aviva Life Insurance announced the launch of which product - a specially designed mentorship program to empower the female workforce?

Answer: Wings

Q. 331 Name the Transgender activist from Mumbai who was appointed as first transgender election ambassador by The Election Commission of India (Chief Election Commissioner is Sunil Arora)?

Answer: Shree Gauri Sawant

Q. 332 Renowned South Asian singer, Shahnaz Rahmatullah popularly known as Shahnaz Begum, passed away recently, she was from which country?

Answer: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Q. 333 Prime Minister's Trophy for the 'Best Integrated Steel Plant in India' was won by?

Answer: Tata Steel

Q. 334 Which state recently launched "Mukhyamantri Parivar Samman Nidhi" scheme?

Answer: Haryana (**CM:** Manohar Lal Khattar, **Governor:** Satyadev Naryan Arya)

Explanation: The scheme is for farmers with areas upto five acres and the families with an income of less than Rs. 15,000 per month.

The scheme would provide a sum of Rs. 6,000 yearly. The scheme provides insurance facilities of- Rs. 2 lakhs on natural death, Rs. 2 lakhs for accidental death, Rs. 2 lakhs for permanent disability and Rs. 1 lakh for partial disability.

Q. 335 Exim Bank (**Headquarter:** Mumbai) signed a loan agreement of USD 83.11 million with which country for financing three solar power projects?

Answer: Congo (**Capital:** Brazzaville, **Currency:** Franc)

Q. 336 Which city will become the world's first city to install wireless, induction-based charging stations for its fleet of electric taxis with an aim to have a zero-emission cab system by the year 2023?

Answer: Oslo (capital city of Norway)

Q. 337 Indian journalist, 'Raghu Karnad' received the prestigious Windham Campbell prize for his debut book, what is the name of the book?

Answer: Farthest Field: An Indian story of Second World War

Q. 338 Which Indian Low-cost carrier recently became the first member of global airlines' grouping International Air Transport Association (IATA) (**Headquarter:** Montreal, Canada)?

Answer: SpiceJet

Q. 339 Who recently joined the 15th Finance Commission as its Member in place of Shaktikanta Das who had resigned as a Member of the Commission after being appointed as Governor of the RBI?

Answer: Ajay Narayan Jha

Q. 340 15th Special Olympics World Summer Games 2019 for athletes with Intellectual disabilities were recently held at?

Answer: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Explanation: The **motto** of the games was "**Meet the Determined**". The next Special Olympic Games are set to take place in Sweden in 2021.

India wins **368 medals** at the Special Olympics World Summer Games **including 85 gold, 154 silver and 129 bronze.**

Q. 341 Which organisation has initiated Young Scientist Programme named "Yuva VIgyani KARYakram" – (Yuvika) for school children with a purpose to enhance their interest in the emerging areas of Space activities?

Answer: ISRO

Q. 342 Name the joint operation carried out by Indian and Myanmar armies to wipe out the insurgent camps planning to hit the Indian workers at the Kaladan Transit project?

Answer: Operation Sunrise

Q. 343 India has recently launched its third IT corridor in which city?

Answer: China, the corridor is in Xuzhou city, China. The earlier two corridors are located at Dalian and Guiyang cities.

Q. 344 Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has acquired majority stake (52.63%) in REC Ltd (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited) by paying what amount?

Answer: Rs. 14,500 crores

Explanation: PFC thus became India's second largest govt-owned Financial Firm after State Bank of India (**SBI**), based on market capitalization.

Q. 345 Tesla has developed its 'largest power storage system in Asia in which country?

Answer: Japan

Q. 346 Name the person who has been appointed as the first female senator of Pakistan from the Hindu Dalit community?

Answer: Krishna Kumari Kohli

Q. 347 Artificial Intelligence and block chain-based software products firm Intain Fintech launched which software to facilitate secure, efficient and trustworthy asset securitization transactions for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in India?

Answer: e-Mulya

Q. 348 Who has been honoured with the Martha Farrell award for Excellence in Women's Empowerment 2019?

Answer: Delhi government school teacher, Manu Gulati

Q. 349 Africa-India Joint Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX-19) between Indian Army and 16 African nations was recently held at?

Answer: Pune, Maharashtra.

Q. 350 The Tech Giant Apple has partnered with Goldman Sachs and Mastercard to launch a new credit card called named?

Answer: Apple Card

Q. 351 SBI has launched which new service called for its customers using which customers can withdraw money from ATMs without using debit cards?

Answer: YONO Cash. YONO stands for You Only Need One.

Q. 352 "Tashigang" at an altitude of 15,256 feet has now become the world's highest polling station in the Buddhist-dominated Lahaul-Spiti district of which state?

Answer: Himachal Pradesh (**CM:** Jai Ram Thakur, **Governor:** Kalraj Mishra)

Explanation: Theme of the session was: "Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable production and consumption".

Q. 353 3rd edition of bilateral joint exercise "Al Nagah" was conducted between the armies of India and which other country?

Answer: Oman (**Capital:** Muscat, **Currency:** Rial)

Q. 354 Who has won the Pritzker Architecture Prize 2019?

Answer: Japanese architect Arata Isozaki

Q. 355 DRDO recently conducted a successful Anti-Satellite (ASAT) missile test "Mission Shakti", with this India became the fourth country in the world to acquire the strategic capability to shoot down enemy satellites, which are the other three countries?

Answer: US, Russia and China

Q. 356 RBI has constituted an 8-member task force headed by whom to examine issues related to offshore rupee markets and recommend policy measures?

Answer: Usha Thorat

Q. 357 Afghanistan (**Capital:** Kabul, **Currency:** Afghani) defeated which team to win their first ever Test Match in Dehradun, Uttarakhand?

Answer: Ireland. Afghanistan also played their first ODI World Cup 2019 held in England and Wales.

Q. 358 Satheesh Reddy who has been chosen by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) as the co-winner of the 2019 Missile Systems Award is the chairman of?

Answer: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) (**Headquarter:** New Delhi). The other co-winner is Rondell J.

Q. 359 Which movie won the best film award in the 64th Filmfare Awards recently?

Answer: Raazi

Explanation:

Best Actor in a Leading Role: Ranbir Kapoor (Sanju)

Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female): Alia Bhatt (Raazi)

Best Director: Meghna Gulzar (Raazi).

Q.360 Which Kenyan Maths and Physics teacher has been conferred with the prestigious Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Prize for 2019?

Answer: Peter Tabichi

Q. 361 Which state cricket team defeated Maharashtra to win Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy at the Holkar Stadium in Indore?

Answer: Karnataka (**CM:** B.S. Yediyurappa, **Governor:** Vajubhai Vala)

Q. 362 Who has been conferred with the prestigious Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award recently?

Answer: Dr. Rajendra Kumar Joshi, he was awarded by the Embassy of India in Switzerland.

Q. 363 As per 2018 global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), India's poverty rate has shown a drastic decrease between 2005-06 and 2015-16. The poverty rate has decreased from 55% to?

Answer: 28%. In the said period 271 million people are moved out of poverty in India.

Explanation: More than half of the India's multidimensional poor are from the four states Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh while Delhi, Kerala and Goa have lowest multidimensional poverty.

Q. 364 President Ram Nath Kovind was recently honoured with which country's highest civilian award the "Grand Order of the King of Tomislav"?

Answer: Croatia's (**Capital:** Zagreb, **Currency:** Kuna)

Q. 365 For which state the World Bank recently launched Rice Knowledge Bank project to magnify knowledge on rice production technologies and techniques?

Answer: Assam

Q. 366 As per the report 'OpenSignal's hottest city for 4G Availability', which Indian city became the number one city in terms of highest 4G availability in India?

Answer: Dhanbad

Explanation: Also, according to a recent report by Pune based antivirus firm Quick-heal, Mumbai is the most vulnerable city to cyberattacks in 2019.

Q. 367 Which bank recently became the first bank to link its interest rate on savings account with balance above Rs. 1 lakh and short-term loans to the repo rate of the Reserve Bank of India?

Answer: State Bank of India (SBI). This shall be effective from 1st May 2019.

Q. 368 According to Election Commission, which state had the highest first-time voters, (around 20.1 lakh) in the recent Lok Sabha elections?

Answer: West Bengal (**CM:** Mamta Banerjee, **Governor:** Jagdeep Dhankar)

Q. 369 "Marayoor jaggery" fromgot Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the central government recently, it is associated with which state?

Answer: Idukki, Kerala

Explanation: Geographical Indication (GI) tag was also granted by the Geographical Indication Registry to **Erode turmeric**.

Also, 'Sirsi Supari' cultivated in Yellapura, Siddapura and Sirsi talukas of Karnataka, has received the Geographic Indication (GI) tag recently.

Q. 370 USD 455 million agreement was signed between which bank and the Government of India for financing the Andhra Pradesh Rural Roads Project?

Answer: Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Explanation: India will also be the first recipient of local currency financing by the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB).

Q. 371 Which Indian site was accorded with the status of 'Wetland of International Importance' in the Ramsar Convention?

Answer: Sundarban Rain forests (Mangrove) in the West Bengal.

Q. 372 IRDAI and National Health Authority (NHA) have formed a 11-member joint working group (JWG)headed by whom to suggest ways for more effective implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)?

Answer: Dinesh Arora

Q. 373 Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a loan agreement of what amount with India's renewable energy producer company Avaada Energy Private Limited (AEPL)?

Answer: USD 50 million

Q. 374 Recently a new railway zone (18th in the country) was announced, it would be called Southern Coast Railway and it will be headquartered in?

Answer: Vishakhapatnam

Q. 375 Where did PM Modi recently inaugurate the new Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology?

Answer: Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh

Q. 376 Loan agreement of what amount was signed between the Central government, Chhattisgarh state government (**CM:** Bhupesh Baghel, **Governor:** Anusuiya Uikey) and the World Bank?

Answer: \$25.2 million

Q. 377 Supreme Court constituted a three-member mediation panel headed by whom for the settlement of Ayodhya's Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case?

Answer: Former Supreme Court (SC) judge **Justice F. M. Kalifullah**. The other members of the panel include Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Sriram Panchu.

Q. 378 Name the Indian Coast Guard Ship which became the first-ever Coast Guard ship to visit Sabang, Indonesia?

Answer: Vijit

Q. 379 For improving drainage infrastructure in Dibrugarh town of Assam, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Government of India signed a loan agreement of what amount?

Answer: USD 26-million

Q. 380 Which Indian English word has been recognized as official English word by the Oxford English Dictionary (OED)?

Answer: 'Chuddies' (underpants or means short trousers or shorts)

Q. 381 Which country won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Women's Championship 2019 for the fifth time in a row by defeating Nepal in Biratnagar, Nepal?

Answer: India

Q. 382 India registered the highest growth of _____ among countries in patent applications with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (**Headquarter:** Geneva, Switzerland) in 2018?

Answer: 27%

Q. 383 Loan agreement of what amount was signed between the World Bank, Union government & representatives of 5 states for the Additional Financing of the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP)?

Answer: \$137 million

Q. 384 World's largest e-waste recycling plant has recently been opened in which city?

Answer: Dubai

Q. 385 Joint training exercise "MITRASHAKTI – VI" was recently conducted between Indian and which country's military?

Answer: Sri Lanka

Q. 386 Name the cyclone which recently hit Mozambique (**Capital:** Maputo, **Currency:** Metical), Zimbabwe (**Capital:** Harare, **Currency:** RTGS Dollar) and Malawi (**Capital:** Lilongwe, **Currency:** Kwacha) and has been declared by United Nations as "one of the deadliest storms on record in the southern hemisphere"?

Answer: Idai

Q. 387 What is the new capital of Kazakhstan which it has renamed to recognize its outgoing President Nursultan Nazarbayev?

Answer: Nursultan

Q. 388 Which bank has been ranked first among public sector banks in the implementation of 'reforms agenda', as per the BCG-IBA's "EASE Reforms for Public Sector Banks" report?

Answer: Punjab National Bank

Q. 389 Google India has unveiled which app which focuses on improving the reading and comprehension skills of students, especially the ones in rural areas?

Answer: Bolo

Q. 390 RBI has categorized IDBI Bank as a Private Sector Bank with effect from January 21, 2019 after Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) acquired what percent of the total paid-up equity share capital of the bank?

Answer: 51 per cent

Q. 391 Which cricketer was re-appointed ICC (International Cricket Council) Cricket Committee Chairman?

Answer: Anil Kumble

Explanation: Alastair Cook (former captain of England cricket team) was officially awarded the knighthood for his services to cricket.

Q. 392 Which Indian port operator has become the first Indian port operator to achieve a new record of handling 200 million tonnes (MT) cargo movement in 2018-19?

Answer: Adani Port and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ)

Q. 393 National Health Authority (NHA), body implementing Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) has signed a MoU with which ride-hailing app to provide free healthcare services?

Answer: Uber

Q. 394 ASSOCHAM (The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India), has conferred 'Non-Life Insurer of the Year Award 2019' to which company?

Answer: Bharti AXA General Insurance

Q. 395 Which city merged as the most polluted region in the world in 2018 as per 2018 World Air Quality Report.?

Answer: Gurugram.

Explanation: New Delhi has been ranked as the most polluted capital city. In the country category Bangladesh has been ranked as the most polluted country.

Q. 396 Where was Boxing World Cup 2019 recently held?

Answer: Cologne, Germany.

Explanation: India finished the Boxing World Cup 2019 with a haul of five medals Meena Kumari Maisnam won the only gold medal for India in the tournament.

Q. 397 According to the Delta ranking report released by NITI Aayog, which district has become the top aspirational district among the 112 aspirational districts of the country?

Answer: Assam's Hailakandi

Explanation: NITI Aayog has also partnered with WhatsApp to support the growth of women entrepreneurship in India.

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Q. 398 Which country has the cheapest mobile data in the world as per the research by price comparison site cable.co.uk?

Answer: India

Q. 399 Which city bagged award for cleanest city for third straight year in Swachh Survekshan 2019 Awards?

Answer: Indore

Explanation: New Delhi Municipal Council area gets cleanest small city award while Uttarakhand's Gauchar was adjudged Best Ganga Town in the survey. Bhopal won the cleanest capital/ UT city award.

Q. 400 Mercer's annual Quality of Living Survey 2019 has ranked which city as the most liveable city of the world?

Answer: Austria's capital city Vienna.

Explanation: Hyderabad and Pune ranked together at 143 in the world are the best city to live in India.

Q. 401 Which Australian was appointed as the Chief Coach of Indian men's hockey team recently?

Answer: Graham Reid

Q. 402 Pradeep Choubey passed away recently; he was a?

Answer: Popular Hindi poet

Q. 403 According to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) survey Singapore, Paris and Hong Kong are the world's most expensive cities. Which city is cheapest city in the world list?

Answer: Caracas, capital of Venezuela

Explanation: Bengaluru, Chennai and New Delhi were ranked at 5th, 7th and 8th position respectively among the cheapest cities.

Q. 404 Renowned Indian artist Haku Shah has passed away recently, he was known for?

Answer: Tribal and Folk art

Q. 405 Rio Paralympics Indian silver medallist Deepa Malik has been honoured which award in recognition of her "inspiring achievements"?

Answer: New Zealand Prime Minister's Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship for 2019

Q. 406 PV Sindhu and Neeraj Chopra have won the Sports person of the Year under Female and Male category respectively in the ESPN Multi-Sport Awards 2018, Neeraj Chopra is associated with sport?

Answer: Athletics (he is a Javelin thrower)

Q. 407 Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management (RNAM) has partnered with which company to provide voice-based financial transactions to the customers, thus becoming the first Indian company to provide the service?

Answer: Google

Explanation: Google has also launched its first African artificial Intelligence (AI) laboratory in Accra, capital city of Ghana, to tackle Africa's challenges.

Q. 408 Who has been appointed as the first ever Chief Justice of the recently constituted Andhra Pradesh High Court at Amaravati?

Answer: Justice Vikram Nath

Q. 409 Which Indian bank has launched the first debit card-based authentication solution on NPCI's e-Mandate API (Application Program Interface) platform thus becoming the first ever Destination Bank to go live with both Net Banking and Debit Card-based e-mandate authentication?

Answer: Kotak Mahindra Bank

Q. 410 Who has been appointed as the president of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the period 2019-20?

Answer: Vikram Kirloskar

Q. 411 Which sports start-up has just become a unicorn i.e. is a billion-dollar start-up?

Answer: Dream 11

Explanation: The term "Unicorn" refers to the tech start-ups with the market valuation of \$1 billion.

Q. 412 Which team bagged the 6th Santosh Trophy Football Tournament title held at Guru Nanak Stadium, Ludhiana, Punjab?

Answer: Services

Q. 413 As per AMFI (Association of Mutual Funds in India) data India's asset management companies have owned assets under management worth what amount?

Answer: Rs. 24.46 trillion

Explanation: HDFC Asset Management Co. with an average AUM of Rs. 3.42 trillion has achieved the top position.

Also, as per the first edition of Forbes World's Best Bank survey, **HDFC Bank has been recognized as number one bank by customers in India.**

Q. 414 Which Indian exchanges have become the first Indian exchanges to sign with MOEX (Moscow Exchange) to allow capital formation platform and connect investor community and companies in both India and Russia?

Answer: Bombay Stock Exchange and INX (India International Exchange)

Q. 415 Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 2019 has named Virat Kohli and which female cricketer as the leading male and female cricketer of the year 2019 respectively?

Answer: Smriti Mandhana

Q. 416 Under "Category II Alternate Investment Fund" (AIF), SEBI for the first time has approved an "airport' specific fund", named what, to raise a capital amounting to Rs. 10,000 crores?

Answer: Taking Off to the Future Airport Fund

Q. 417 Google has launched a new open platform named _____ to run and manage apps from anywhere?

Answer: Anthos

Explanation: Also, Google has launched new subsea cable network "Equiano" to connect African and European continent.

Q. 418 Who is the new president of the World bank?

Answer: Davis Malpass

Q. 419 To boost tea trade, cultural and technical exchanges as well as global promotion of tea, the Asian Tea Alliance (ATA), a union of five tea-growing and consuming countries, was opened where?

Answer: Guizhou, China

Explanation: The members of the alliance are Tea Associations of India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, China and Japan.

Q. 420 According to World Bank's Migration and Development Brief, India retained its position as the world's top recipient of remittances in 2018 with total remittances amounting to?

Answer: 79\$ billion

Q. 421 NASSCOM (National Association of Software and services companies) has appointed whom as its chairman for 2019-20?

Answer: Keshav Murugesh

Q. 422 India finished at what position in the 23rd edition of Asian Athletics Championship held at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar?

Answer: Fourth (7 medals which include 3 gold, 7 silver and 7 bronze)

Explanation: Gold Medal Winners: Tajinder Pal Singh Toor (Shot Put), PU Chitra & Gomathi Mari Muthu (Athletics).

Q. 423 Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of IL&FS (Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services)?

Answer: Chandra Shekhar Rajan

Q. 424 Reserve Bank of India has set the limits for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) to what amount for the first half of the financial year 2019-20?

Answer: Rs. 75000 crores

Explanation: The rate of interest issued on the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) will be Repo Rate while the overdraft will exceed the Repo Rate by flat 2%.

Q. 425 Which telecom major has launched a mobile app, "My Circle" in collaboration with FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) to assist women in case they face any panic situation or problem?

Answer: Bharti Airtel

Q. 426 Which insurance company has announced the 6th day of each month as 'Protection Day', with the objective of raising awareness on financial protection?

Answer: Max Life Insurance Co Ltd

Q. 427 RBI recently issued new Rs 20 denomination banknotes having a base colour of greenish -yellow with size of 63 X 129 mm, which monument's motif is present on the reverse side of the note?

Answer: Ellora caves (located in Aurangabad, Maharashtra)

Q. 428 Union government has recently increased the authorized capital of which state-owned from Rs. 3,000 crores to Rs. 8,000 crores?

Answer: Allahabad Bank (**Headquarters:** Kolkata)

Q. 429 Kandhamal Haldi (turmeric), has received the Geographical Indications (GI) tag from Intellectual Property India, it is grown in which Indian state?

Answer: Odisha

Explanation: Odisha also recently received GI Tag for Rasagola, a popular dessert of Odisha.

Q. 430 "Phayeng", a scheduled caste village of the Chakpa community of which state has been tagged as India's first carbon-positive settlement?

Answer: Manipur (Imphal West district)

Q. 431 RBI has divested its entire stake in National Housing Bank (NHB) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to the central government for what amounts respectively?

Answer: Rs 1,450 crores and Rs 20 crores

Explanation: Now the central government holds a 100% stake in both these financial institutions.

Q. 432 Which Indian sportsperson has been named as the goodwill ambassador of the Indian team for the Street Child Cricket World Cup (SCWC) 2019 to be held in UK?

Answer: Women cricketer Mithali Raj

Q. 433 Which bank has become the first bank to launch 'Green Car Loan' to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles (EVs) in the country?

Answer: State Bank of India

Q. 434 5000 Konyak Naga women set a Guinness World Record for the 'Largest Traditional Konyak Dance' during Aoleang Monyu festival organized in which state?

Answer: Nagaland (**CM:** Neiphiu Rio, **Governor:** RN Ravi)

Explanation: The theme of the Aoleang Monyu festival (Mini Hornbill festival) was 'Empowering women for cultural heritage'.

Q. 435 Which Indian Railway Station has become the first ever railway station in the Indian Railways to get an ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation) certification from the National Green Tribunal (NGT)?

Answer: Guwahati Railway Station

Q. 436 RBI recently extended the ombudsman scheme coverage to non-deposit taking NBFCs (Non-banking Financial Companies) having asset size of _____ or higher?

Answer: Rs.100 crores

Q. 437 India stood at what position in the recent Asian Wrestling Championship 2019 held in Xi'an, China?

Answer: 8th position. India won 16 medals which included 1 gold (Bajrang Poonia).

Q. 438 The Intellectual Property Rights Cell (IPR Cell) of which university has been selected for the National Intellectual Property Award 2019?

Answer: Kerala Agricultural University (KAU)

Explanation: Also, Benny Antony, MD of the Kochi-based Arjuna Natural Ltd, has been conferred with the National Intellectual Property Award for 2019.

Q. 440 Which bank has launched 'Web-assurance' to enable its customers to purchase life insurance in a convenient and hassle-free way?

Answer: Canara Bank (**Headquarter:** Bengaluru)

Q. 441 According to the United Nations Population Fund, India's population grew to ____ at an average annual rate of 1.2% between 2010 and 2019?

Answer: 1.36 billion. China's population stood at 1.42 billion in 2019.

Q. 442 Indian Army achieved a record-breaking feat by constructing which 260-foot longest suspension bridge over the Indus river in the Leh-Ladakh region in just 40 days?

Answer: Maitri

Q. 443 India's first exotic Bird Park 'Essel World Bird Park' was launched by Essel World Leisure Pvt. Ltd at?

Answer: Mumbai

Q. 444 Which PSU bagged the "Global Slag Company of the Year" award at the 14th Global Slag Conference and Exhibition 2019?

Answer: Tata Steel

Q. 445 The 2019 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize has been awarded to which two Reuters reporters for their exceptional courage in reporting on alleged human rights violations in the Myanmar's state of Rakhine?

Answer: Wa Lone and Kyaw SoeOo

Explanation: Also, an image of a little girl crying, titled "Crying Girl on the US Border", won the prestigious World Press Photo of the Year.

Q. 446 Who became the first woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI cricket match recently?

Answer: Australia's Claire Polosak. She officiated the match between Oman and Namibia.

Q. 447 Which Small Finance Bank has been honoured with the prestigious Celent Model Bank 2019 Award in Financial Inclusion category, for 'Redesigning Lending to Reach Small Businesses'?

Answer: Fincare Small Finance Bank (SFB) (**Headquarter:** Bengaluru)

Q. 448 Which Telugu poet K has been honoured with the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018 for his collection of poetry titled 'Pakkaki Ottigilite'?

Answer: K Siva Reddy

Q. 449 A group of researchers from which IIT has developed a microprocessor named 'AJIT'?

Answer: IIT, Bombay

Explanation: Also, **IIT-Kharagpur students** have developed an android-based app called '**CARE4U**' which aims to provide better elderly care practices.

Q. 450 Which Bank has become the first public sector bank to shift to EMV chip and PIN for card transactions across the country's vast ATM network successfully?

Answer: Canara Bank (**Headquarter:** Bengaluru)

Explanation: The bank rolled out new functionality to support EMV (Europay, MasterCard and Visa) card acquiring across its ATM network and Aadhaar Authentication, leveraging ACI's UP Retail Payments solution.

Q. 451 World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have launched a private blockchain and quasi-crypto currency called _____ for better understanding of blockchain technology and the function of crypto assets.

Answer: Learning Coin

Q. 452 Which Indian women's footballer along with Sunil Chhetri won the footballer of the year award at All India Football Federation (AIFF) 2018-19 awards?

Answer: Ashalata Devi (From Manipur)

Q. 453 Which company has become India's first retail company to cross the Rs.1 lakh crore annual revenue milestone recently?

Answer: Reliance Retail

Q. 454 Name the Indian footballer also known as "Pele of Asia" who passed away recently?

Answer: Poongam Kannan

Q. 455 Which insurance company has received ISO 31000:2018 certification by TUV India recently?

Answer: Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Limited.

Q. 456 To honour which Indian Nobel laureate the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) has created his chair in Inequality Studies?

Answer: Amartya Sen

Explanation: He has also been honoured with the prestigious Bodley Medal; highest honour bestowed by the University of Oxford's world-famous Bodleian Libraries.

Q. 457 Which team won the second edition of **Hero Super Cup 2019** after beating Chennaiyin FC in the final at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar?

Answer: FC Goa

Q. 458 The prestigious Master Dinanath Mangeshkar Award 2019 was awarded to which National Award-winning filmmaker?

Answer: Madhur Bhandarkar. Also, popular scriptwriter Salim Khan and yesteryear dancer-actress Helen were awarded.

Q. 459 Who has been awarded the second edition of Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019 for his novel "Solo"?

Answer: British Indian novelist Rana Dasgupta

Q. 460 Astronomers captured the First Image of a Black Hole which was a halo of dust and gas, at the center of which galaxy?

Answer: M87 (Messier 87). The image was captured with Event Horizon Telescope (EHT).

Q. 461 The Ministry of External Affairs has signed an MoU with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Consultancy Service (NABCONS) for setting up India-Africa Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (IAIARD) in which country?

Answer: Malawi (**Capital:** Lilongwe, **Currency:** Kwacha)

Q. 462 Which company recently became the third company after Apple and Amazon to reach a valuation of \$1 trillion for the first time?

Answer: Microsoft

Q. 463 Name the first malaria vaccine which has been tested in Malawi (**Capital:** Lilongwe, **Currency:** Kwacha)?

Answer: RTS,S also known as "Mosquirix". The vaccine has created by British Pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline (GSK).

Q. 464 Which country has released a special commemorative stamp on the theme of Ramayana to mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of its diplomatic ties with India?

Answer: Indonesia

Explanation: India and Indonesia have also set a \$50 billion target for bilateral trade by 2025.

Q. 465 International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (**Headquarter:** Gland, Switzerland) added hump-backed mahseer, also known as 'Tor remadevii' or 'tiger of water' in which critically endangered list?

Answer: Red List

Q. 466 Who has been honored with the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Award by International Human Rights Council?

Answer: Sudhanshu Kumar

Q. 467 Which city became the first city in the world to implement a Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) for 24×7 hours a week, inside which vehicles will have to meet tough emissions standards?

Answer: London

Q. 468 The world's tallest indoor waterfall, 131-foot-tall was recently opened at?

Answer: Singapore's Jewel Changi Airport

Q. 469 PM Modi was conferred with which country's highest state honour "Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle", for exceptional services in promoting bilateral ties?

Answer: Russia

Explanation: Also, UAE (**Capital:** Abu Dhabi, **Currency:** Dirham) honoured PM Narendra Modi with its highest civilian award, the Zayed Medal for boosting the bilateral ties between both of the nations.

Q. 469 Name the world's largest airplane weighing nearly 2,26,800 kilograms with a 385-foot wingspan that took its first ever flight in Mojave, California recently?

Answer: 'Roc'

Q. 470 Dr. Viharidas Gopaldas Patel passed away recently; he was an eminent?

Answer: Economist and father of entrepreneurship movement

Q. 471 Fourth Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress 2019 organised by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) was recently held in?

Answer: New Delhi

Q. 472 Three-day joint military exercise 'Bold Kurukshetra-2019' was recently held in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh between India and?

Answer: Singapore

Q. 473 Which Indian scheme was presented, with the 'Public Water Agency of the Year' award by Global Water Intelligence at the Global Water Summit held in London?

Answer: National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) popularly known as "Namami Gange"

Q. 474 "The Overstory" by Richard Powers and "Fairview" by Jackie Sibblies Drury have won which prize in fiction and drama recently?

Answer: Pulitzer Prize

Q. 475 How many medals did India win in the Asian Boxing Championship 2019 held in Huamark Indoor Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand?

Answer: 13 medals including two golds (Amit Panghal & Pooja Rani).

Q. 476 Name the Chairman and Managing Director of the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) who has been honoured with the Freedom of the City of London for the recognition of her work to promote insurance ties between India and the UK?

Answer: Alice G. Vaidyan



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Q. 477 Name the famous writer of 'Children of a Lesser God' who passed away recently?

Answer: Mark Medoff (He was from US)

Q. 478 Which Indian clinched the 20th Victor Dutch International Badminton title at Wateringen, Netherlands recently?

Answer: Harsheel Dani

Q. 479 Who clinched his fifth US Masters and 15th major title in Golf recently?

Answer: US Golfer Tiger Woods

Q. 480 Who recently became the first independent woman director to the board of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)?

Answer: M Jayshree Vyas

Q. 481 According to the latest rankings released by International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) which Indian women shooter is world number one in women's 10m Air Rifle category?

Answer: Apurvi Chandela

Q. 482 Name the cyclone that hit West Bengal and Odisha with a maximum wind speed of 240-250 kmph recently?

Answer: Fani (pronounced as Foni) means snake was suggested by Bangladesh. Also, a cyclone name Veronica hit the coast of Australia.

Q. 483 Which Indian former cricketer recently became the sixth Indian to be inducted into International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame?

Answer: Sachin Tendulkar

Explanation: Along with Sachin, South African pace legend Allan Donald and Australian woman cricketer Cathryn Fitzpatrick were also inducted.

Q. 484 Asia Cooperation Dialogue's (ACD) 16th Ministerial Meeting was recently held in?

Answer: Doha, Qatar

Explanation: The theme of the dialogue: Partners in Progress

Q. 485 Which institute was ranked the best institute in India in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2019 and Atal Ranking of Institutions for Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2019 ranking for higher educational institutes in India?

Answer: IIT, Madras

Q. 486 Which are the top two countries for investment through FDI in India during 2017-18?

Answer: Mauritius (USD 13.41 billion) and Singapore (USD 9.27 billion)

Explanation: Netherlands became the third largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in (investment of USD 2.67 billion) across all sectors.

Q. 487 Which financial institution launched 5\$ billion Action Plan for Healthy Oceans and Sustainable Blue Economies for the Asia and Pacific region?

Answer: Asian Development Bank (ADB) (**Headquarter:** Manila, Philippines)

Q. 488 Which cricketer has been named as the first non-British president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)?

Answer: Kumar Sangakkara (Former Sri Lanka cricket team captain).

Q. 489 Name the Nepali teenager who danced continuously for 126 hours to set a Guinness World Records on "Longest Dancing Marathon by an Individual"?

Answer: Bandana

Q. 490 Which former ISRO chief has been conferred with France's highest civilian award "Knight of the Legion of Honour" recently?

Answer: AS Kiran Kumar (**Current ISRO Chief:** K Sivan)

Q. 491 Which Indian Navy's frontline missile destroyer, has been decommissioned at the naval dockyard in Visakhapatnam after 36 years of service?

Answer: INS Ranjit

Explanation: INS Kolkata and INS Shakti participated in the International Fleet Review in Qingdao, China as part of 70th anniversary celebrations of PLA (Navy).

Q. 492 Vodafone Idea Ltd, India's largest telecom operator signed a 5-year multi-million-dollar IT outsourcing deal with which IT company?

Answer: IBM (International Business Machines Corporation).

Q. 493 LIC has agreed to offer what amount line of credit by 2024, to fund highway projects under Bharatmala Scheme?

Answer: Rs 1.25 trillion

Q. 494 Name the Indian –origin journalist who has been conferred with V K Krishna Menon Award 2019 posthumously in UK for his contribution as a pioneer of decolonised journalism?

Answer: G D 'Robert' Govender (worked in South Africa)

Q. 495 RBI has directed which two types of banks to enhance the housing loan limits under priority sector lending?

Answer: Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and Small Finance Banks (SFBs)

Explanation: Now like other scheduled commercial banks **RRBs and SFBs can give loans to individuals up to Rs. 35 lakhs in metropolitan centres** (with population of 10 lakh and above) and Rs. 25 lakhs in other centres, provided the overall cost of the dwelling unit in the metropolitan centres and at other centres does not exceed Rs. 45 lakh and Rs. 30 lakhs, respectively.

Q. 496 Ministry of AYUSH (MoA) and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) have signed MoU for planning and development of which project?

Answer: AYUSH GRID Project

Q. 497 Which state government along with WEF's Centre for Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) Network announced the launch of drone-delivery project called 'Medicine from the Sky'?

Answer: Telangana

Q. 498 Which country is the top crude oil supplier for India?

Answer: Iraq

Explanation: India is world's third largest importer of crude oil (7% of total crude oil imports) after China (world's largest importer with 20.2% of total crude oil imports) and US.

Q. 499 Who has been named as the 2019 footballer of the year by the Football Writers' Association (FWA)?

Answer: Raheem Sterling (From England)

Q. 500 Which is the highest ranked Indian institute in the top 50 Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings?

Answer: IISc, Bengaluru (29th position)

Q. 501 Who has been appointed as the new head coach of the Indian Men's Volleyball team by the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI)?

Answer: Serbia's Dragan Mihailovic

Q. 502 As per the new rules (under Section 230 of Companies Act, 1956) by IBBI, promoters and other stakeholder would get how many days after the commencement of insolvency proceedings to re-take control of the company through agreements with creditors?

Answer: 90

Q. 503 Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has banned National Stock Exchange (NSE) from gaining access to the securities market for a period of _____.

Answer: 6 months.

Explanation: SEBI also fined NSE a sum of Rs.1,000 crore. The decision was taken as NSE failed to exercise effective due diligence in managing its co-location facility. The amount is to be deposited in the Investor Protection and Education Fund (IPEF).

Q. 504 World's longest (10 Km) salt cave was recently discovered in which country?

Answer: Israel (**Currency:** Shekel, **Capital:** Jerusalem)

Q. 505 Alemba Yimchunger, a forest guard from Nagaland has been awarded Earth Day Network Star, for his efforts in environment conservation in which wild life sanctuary?

Answer: Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary

Q. 506 India has nominated which festival for UNESCO (**Headquarter:** Paris) 2020 list of cultural institutions?

Answer: Durga Pooja

Q. 507 ISRO recently launched DRDO's satellite EMISAT and 28 other international satellites using which launch vehicle?

Answer: PSLV – C45

Explanation: ISRO also recently opened its first rocket launch viewing facility in Andhra Pradesh.

Q. 508 Who is the new CEO of International Cricket Council (ICC)?

Answer: Manu Sawhney

Explanation: Also, ICC launched CRIIO campaign on the occasion of ICC Men's World Cup in England.

Q. 509 Name the former actress who has been made the industry head of Google India?

Answer: Mayoore Kango

Q. 510 Which country recently became the first country to use 5G network in the world?

Answer: South Korea (**Currency:** Won, **Capital:** Seoul)

Explanation: Also, first district to use 5G is Shanghai, China.

Q. 511 Which Indian company has become the first Indian company to manufacture and deliver 100 warships?

Answer: Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd., GRSE

Q. 512 Which bank recently merged with Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.?

Answer: Lakshmi Vilas Bank (**Headquarter:** Chennai).

Q. 513 Dr. Gyanaditya Shakya, has been honoured with the Presidential Award of Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman 2019 for his works in which language?

Answer: Pali

Q. 514 Google owned company "Wings" recently launched its drone delivery services for the first time in?

Answer: Canberra, Australia.

Q. 515 The first vote in this Lok Sabha election was cast by whom?

Answer: Deputy Inspector General Sudhakar Natarajan

Q. 516 The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has slashed usage fees for small transactions (upto Rs. 1,000) through UPI to what amount?

Answer: 10 paise (earlier it was 25 paise)

Explanation: For UPI transactions more than Rs. 1,000 the fee has been retained at 50 paise).

Q. 517 What is the name of NASA's (National Aeronautics and Space Organization) mission to moon which is to be achieved by 2024?

Answer: Artemis

Q. 518 Apple recently began manufacturing its Iphone-7 model in which city?

Answer: Bengaluru



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Q. 519 Which team won the IPL 2019 title?

Answer: Mumbai Indians (was their 4th IPL title) after defeating Chennai Super Kings

Explanation: David Warner and Imran Tahir won the Orange and Purple cap respectively and Andre Russel won the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award.

Q. 520 India recently opened Chandra Narayan Yadav Memorial Maternity Hospital in which country?

Answer: Nepal

Q. 522 "Utkarsh Bangla" (Skill training of the youth) and "Sabooj Sathi" (cycles for students) schemes of which government have won the distinguished World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) awards of the United Nations (UN)?

Answer: West Bengal (**CM:** Mamta Banerjee, **Governor:** Jagdeep Dhankar)

Explanation: West Bengal government also runs "Yuvashree Arpan scheme" that provides financial assistance to encourage entrepreneurship among youth.

Q. 523 Niti Aayog recently proposed a what amount initiative for the establishment of AIRAWAT, a cloud computing platform along with research institutes?

Answer: 7,500 crores

Q. 524 A 'Centre for Disability Sports' will be set up in which city?

Answer: Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh (**CM:** Kamal Nath, **Governor:** Lalji Tandon)

Q. 525 Which company launched project "Zero" to tackle counterfeit products?

Answer: Amazon

Q. 526 Which state created "Guinness Book of World Record" by implanting 'Modern Artificial Limbs (Legs)' on 260 Divyangjans within eight hours?

Answer: Gujarat (**CM:** Vijay Rupani, **Governor:** Acharya Dev Vrat)

Q. 527 Which batsman recently made a record for hitting 500 ODI sixes?

Answer: Chris Gayle

Explanation: Also, England captain Eoin Morgan hit 17 sixes during his 71-ball 148-run knock against Afghanistan in the ICC World Cup.

Q. 528 Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared FY-20 as which year?

Answer: Construction-Technology

Q. 529 Which sport has been included in the Asian Games 2022 to be held in Hangzhou, China?

Answer: Cricket. Also, Chess would be reinstated in the 2022 games.

Q. 530 Who won the first Atal Bihari Vajpayee Life-Term Achievement Award recently?

Answer: Folk musician Thanga Darlong

Q. 531 KB Malaviya National Oil Museum will be set up in?

Answer: Guwahati, Assam

Q. 532 India's first jewellery park will be built in which city?

Answer: Navi Mumbai

Q. 533 'Pradhan Mantri Shram-Yogi Mandhan' (PM-SYM) has been launched for unorganised sector workers to provide pensionary benefits to at least how many labourers and workers in the unorganised sector?

Answer: 10 crores

Explanation: Under the scheme Rs 3000 per month after 60 years of age with an affordable contribution of only Rs 100/55 per month. The scheme was launched by PM at Gujarat.

Q. 534 The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, has approved construction of Kiru Hydro Electric Project in which Indian state?

Answer: Jammu & Kashmir

Q. 535 The government has approved establishment of two new benches of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), one at Amaravati and the other at?

Answer: Indore

Q. 536 According to the latest report by the World Gold Council (WGC), India, the world's largest consumer of gold, has _____ largest gold reserve?

Answer: 11th (Highest gold reserves are in US)

Q. 537 World's first exclusive women's cricket magazine "CRICZONE" was released recently, which Indian female cricketer featured on the cover?

Answer: Smriti Mandhana

Q. 538 Named the industrialist who was fondly known as the “Evergreen Tea Man of India” in global tea circles and was the founder of Mcleod Russel that became the world’s largest bulk tea producer?

Answer: Brij Mohan Khaitan

Q. 539 The first Orchidarium in India was opened recently at?

Answer: Upper Shillong in Meghalaya

Q. 540 Who recently won the National Women Chess Championship 2019 held in Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu?

Answer: Bhakti Kulkarni

Explanation: Prithu Gupta of Delhi, became India’s 64th Grandmaster (GM).

Q. 541 Where was 21st edition of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships held recently where India won 15 medals including 7 Golds?

Answer: Cuttack, Odisha

Explanation: Harmeet Desai and Ayhika Mukherjee won Gold Medals in the Men’s and Women’s singles category respectively.

Q. 542 Which former International tennis player from Uttar Pradesh wins Miss Deaf World 2019 title at an event held in Mbombela, South Africa?

Answer: Vidisha Balyan

Q. 543 Which country recently became the first Asian country to legalise same-sex marriage?

Answer: Taiwan

Q. 544 Sheila Dikshit (Congress) passed away recently, she was the former three-time CM of which state?

Answer: New Delhi

Explanation: Also, recently **Delhi Government launched a 15-day “Happiness Utsav”** across all its schools, to mark the completion of a year of introduction of its happiness curriculum.

Q. 545 Which Indian sprinter recently became the first Indian woman to have won gold medal in women’s 100m in World Universiade, 30th Summer University Games held in Naples, Italy?

Answer: Dutee Chand

Q. 546 Who was awarded with the annual Gandhi Mandela Peace Medal 2019?

Answer: Thich Nhat Hanh (from Vietnam)

Q. 547 Who has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary in the Ministry of Finance?

Answer: Rajiv Kumar

Explanation: Also, Girraj Prasad Gupta took over as Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of Expenditure.

Q. 548 Which Indian company launched "**Samarth**", an initiative to bring Indian artisans, weavers, and makers of handicrafts to its platform?

Answer: Flipkart (owned by Walmart)

Q. 549 Which state has launched an ambitious project to plant 33 crores saplings in July-August?

Answer: Maharashtra

Q. 550 NASA has chosen which Indian solar physicist from Indian Institute of Astrophysics as a Co-Investigator in its PUNCH mission (a solar mission)?

Answer: Dipankar Banerjee

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