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Policy Rates of Reserve Bank of India

Bank Rate	: 5.40%
Repo Rate	: 5.15%
Reverse Repo Rate (RRR)	: 4.90%
CRR (Cash Reserve Ratio)	: 4%
SLR (Statutory Liquidity Ratio)	: 18.25%
Base Rate	: 8.45% - 9.40%
Saving Deposit rate	: 3.25% - 3.50%
Term Deposit Rate for >1 Year	: 6.20% - 6.40%
Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)	: 5.40%
Marginal Cost of Fund Based Lending Rate	: 7.50%-7.95%

Index	Position of India	Top Ranked Country
Human Development Index -2019	130	Topped by Norway followed by Switzerland
Ease of Doing Business Index 2019	63 th	The list is topped by New Zealand followed by Singapore, Hong Kong.
Foreign Direct Investment confidence index	11 th	The list is topped by USA followed by Germany
Global Competitiveness Index 2019	68 th	The list is topped by Singapore.
Global Talent Index 2020	72 th	The list is topped by Switzerland, followed by Singapore + USA
Global Human Capital index 2018	115	The list is topped by Norway, followed by Finland
Global Hunger Index 2019	102 th	Developed by International food policy and research institute (IFPRI)
Global Innovation Index 2019	52	The list is topped by Switzerland, followed by Sweden
Global Peace Index (GPI) 2019	141	The list is topped by Iceland, followed by Newzland
Global Slavery Index 2018	53 th	The list is topped by North Korea, followed by Eritrea and Burundi
Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2020	72 th	The list is topped by Switzerland, followed by Singapore and USA
Intellectual Property Index 2019	36 th	The list is topped by USA, followed by UK and Sweden.
Logistics Performance Index 2019	35 th	The list is topped by Germany, followed by Luxembourg and Sweden.
Sustainable Development Goal Index 2019	95 th	The list is topped by Denmark, followed by Finland
Economic Freedom Index 2019	129	The list is topped by Hong Kong, followed by Singapore.
World Happiness Index 2019	140	The list is topped by Norway followed by Denmark,
World Press Freedom Index 2019	140	The list is topped by Norway, followed by Sweden
Global Travel and Tourism Index-2019	34	The list topped by Spain followed by France
Global Corruption perception index-2020	80	The list is topped by New Zealand and Denmark
Global Democracy Index 2020	51 st	The list is topped by Norway, followed by Iceland, Sweden & New Zealand
Inclusive Internet Index 2019	47 th	The list is topped by Sweden, followed by Singapore & the US.

FDI Limits

List of Limits in Various Sectors (In%)

1. Petroleum Refining by PSU	49%	7. Civil Aviation	100%
2. Pharmaceutical Sector	100%	8. Private security agencies	74%
3. Medical Devices	100%	9. Private Sector Banking	74%
4. White Label ATM Operation	100%	10. Public Sector Banking	20%
5. Cable Networks	100%	11. Insurance and sub-activities	49%
6. Print Media	26%		

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Optimists vs. Pessimists- Everyone is familiar with the “glass half full” or “glass half empty” analogy. It elucidates how an optimist and a pessimist will interpret the same situation in two different ways. The split between optimists and pessimists is pretty much night and day. Optimists generally approach life with a positive outlook, while pessimists tend to expect the worst. Optimists go into new situations with high expectations, while pessimists keep low expectations to prepare for negative outcomes. To be fair, pessimists aren't ALL doom and gloom. Positivity may be the key to good health. Optimists tend to adjust better to health threats and conditions than pessimists do. Pessimists, on the other hand, may create more distress for themselves by distorting, denying and avoiding situations. Optimists are often touted as the best way to be and are usually shown to be well adjusted and happy. They tend to look on the more favorable sides of life and events expecting the most favorable termination. Their outlook hinges on idealism and often overlooks the basic nature of people. Because of their upbeat mindset, they are often the most likely to be gullible and naive. They are the kind of people politicians like because they can be easily persuaded. However, a pessimist is often viewed as a negative person, but in reality this isn't the case. Most people confuse pessimism with fatalism which is the root of this misconception. By definition a pessimistic person is usually a skeptic or doubter, someone who needs proof before they jump on board. Whenever they hear something new, they are the first to scrutinize it before they will accept it. Can be frustrating to some (especially optimists), but often they are the ones that facilitate the level of quality and change. Investigators and scientific people often represent this group. To be an optimist control your Reactions and Responses. There are three basic differences in the reactions of optimists and pessimists. The first difference is that the optimist sees a setback as temporary, while the pessimist sees it as permanent. The optimist sees an unfortunate event, such as an order that falls through or a sales call that fails, as a temporary event, something that is limited in time and that has no real impact on the future. The pessimist, on the other hand, sees negative events as permanent, as part of life and destiny. Now, to be a positive person put these three differences in your life and keep yourself reminding them to become a possibilist.

ALL THE BEST

INDIA CELEBRATED 71st REPUBLIC DAY

Thousands of Indians converged on a ceremonial boulevard in the capital amid tight security to celebrate the Republic Day on Sunday, which marks the 1950 anniversary of the country's democratic constitution.



During the celebrations, schoolchildren, folk dancers, and police and military battalions marched through New Delhi's parade route, followed by a military hardware display.

Beyond the show of military power, the parade also included ornate floats highlighting India's cultural diversity as men, women and children in colorful dresses performed traditional dances, drawing applause from the spectators.

The 90-minute event, broadcast live, was watched by millions of Indians on their television sets across the country.

Brazilian President Jair Messias Bolsonaro was the chief guest for this year's celebrations.

He was accorded the ceremonial Guard of Honor by President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Rashtrapati Bhawan, the sprawling presidential palace.



Bolsonaro joined the two Indian leaders as the military parade marched through a central avenue near the Presidential Palace.



At the parade, Bolsonaro watched keenly as mechanized columns of Indian tanks, rocket launchers, locally made nuclear-capable missile systems and other hardware rolled down the parade route and air force jets sped by overhead.

Apart from attending the Republic Day celebrations, Bolsonaro's visit was also aimed at

strengthening trade and investment ties across a range of fields between the two countries.

On Saturday, PM Modi and Bolsonaro reached an agreement to promote investment in each other's country.

Before the parade, Modi paid homage to fallen soldiers at the newly built National War Memorial in New Delhi as the national capital was put under tight security cover.



Smaller parades were also held in the state capitals. Police said five grenades were lobbed in the eastern Assam state by separatist militants who have routinely boycotted the Republic Day celebrations. No one was injured, police said.

Sunday's blasts also come at a time when Assam has been witnessing continuous protests against the new citizenship law that have spread to many Indian states.



The law approved in December provides a fast-track to naturalization for persecuted religious minorities from some neighboring Islamic countries, but excludes Muslims.

Nationwide protests have brought tens of thousands of people from different faiths and backgrounds together, in part because the law is seen by critics as part of a larger threat to the secular fabric of Indian society.

GLOBAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN 2020

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR), climate crisis, eventuality of an influenza epidemic and spread of infectious diseases such as malaria, HIV and tuberculosis have topped the list of top global health challenges for 2020 released by the World Health Organization (WHO). This is the second straight year that these challenges have topped the WHO's list.

Rather than talk about just diseases as 'threats', the list also takes into account infrastructure, social media, new tech and human resources in health.



A new entrant to the list of 13 potential threats is the lack of access. About a third of the world's people lack access to medicines, vaccines, diagnostic tools and other essential health products, the report says.

"Medicines and other health products are the second-largest expenditure for most health systems (after health workers) and the largest component of private health expenditure in low- and middle-income countries,".

Delivering healthcare in conflict-ridden areas has remained one of the biggest challenges just not for the WHO but the global health fraternity. The WHO recorded 978 attacks on healthcare personnel in 11 countries last year, with 193 deaths of health workers.



This has been more pronounced in the recent outbreak of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), which started in August 2018 (killing 2,000 people) as well as the measles outbreak since January 2019 (killing 6,000 people). According to this report, as many as 390 attacks have taken place in the DRC from August 2018.

The shortage of healthcare workers has been flagged as a major concern. "Chronic under-investment in the education and employment of health workers, coupled with a failure to ensure decent pay, has led to health worker shortages all over the world," the report says.

It notes that the world will need 18 million additional health workers by 2030, primarily in low- and middle-income countries, including nine million nurses and midwives.

Protecting people from unhealthy food diets also finds a mention as threat for 2020.

Another challenge that has been highlighted in the report is situation of adolescents around the globe. More than a million adolescents aged 10-19 years die every year due to road injury, HIV, suicide, lower respiratory infections, and interpersonal violence.





Emerging technologies such as genome editing, synthetic biology and artificial intelligence for preventing, diagnosing and treating diseases might be a 'tightrope walk', according to the report.

An interesting trend the report sees emerging is the rise in misinformation related to health in social media, which has directly or indirectly decreased the trust of people in health institutions, and their messages. It cites the example of the 'anti-vaccination movement' and says the movement became largely popular due to social media.

Add to this, the spread of vector-borne diseases like dengue, malaria, zika, chikungunya, and yellow fever thanks to the expansion of mosquito populations to newer areas due to climate change, and the situation becomes grievous.

Measles, an infectious disease, killed 0.14 million people and caused outbreaks even in those countries where it was declared eliminated.

Significantly, non-communicable diseases are not mentioned as a top threat individually, for 2020 as it was done for 2019.

INDIAN CYBER CRIME COORDINATION CENTRE (I4C)

Union Home Minister inaugurated the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C). The I4C is a seven-pronged system, which includes a cybercrime reporting portal, analysis of threats, capacity building, research and innovation, creating an ecosystem for cybercrime management and a joint cybercrime investigation platform for law enforcement agencies.

The project was approved in October 2018 at an estimated cost of ₹415.86 crore by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).



On August 30 2019, the MHA had unveiled its National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal. So far, more than 700 police districts and more than 3,900 police stations have been connected with this portal, the MHA said.

The portal can boost the capacity of the law enforcement agencies to investigate cases and will improve the success rate of prosecutions.



The portal enables filing of all cybercrimes with specific focus on crimes against women, children, particularly child pornography, child sex abuse material, online content pertaining to rapes/gang rapes.

The portal will improve coordination amongst the law enforcement agencies of different states, districts and police stations for dealing with cyber crimes in a coordinated and effective manner.

The Home Ministry is committed to provide and create an eco system for dealing with cyber crimes in a comprehensive and coordinated manner

In future, this portal will feature a chatbot that will offer automated interactive assistance to the public for guidance on cybercrime prevention and how to report incidents on the portal.



UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

Established in 1994, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is the sole legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management.

The Convention addresses specifically the arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas, known as the drylands, where some of the most vulnerable ecosystems and peoples can be found. The UNCCD is particularly committed to a bottom-up approach, encouraging the participation of local people in combating desertification and land degradation.



The new UNCCD 2018-2030 Strategic Framework is the most comprehensive global commitment to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) in order to restore the productivity of vast expanses of degraded land, improve the livelihoods of more than 1.3 billion people, and reduce the impacts of drought on vulnerable populations to build.

The UNCCD secretariat facilitates cooperation between developed and developing countries, particularly around knowledge and technology transfer for sustainable land management. The UNCCD collaborates closely with the other

two Rio Conventions; the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) with an integrated approach and the best possible use of natural resources.

Conference of Parties (COP)-

The COP was established by the Convention as the supreme decision-making body. It comprises ratifying governments and regional economic integration organizations, such as the European Union.

Till now COP had held thirteen sessions and 14th session will be held in India. It has been meeting biennially since 2001.



NATIONAL NEWS**THAAWARCHAND GEHLOT RELEASES BRAILLE EDITION OF BOOK “EXAM WARRIORS” WRITTEN BY PRIME MINISTER-**

- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot released the Braille Edition of the book “Exam Warriors” authored by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- The Braille Edition of the book has been published in Hindi and English.
- It has been prepared in the Braille Press of Rajasthan Netraheen Kalyan Sangh.

Braille Alphabetic writing system-

- ❖ It is a tactile writing system used by people who are visually impaired.

Creator- Louis Braille**GOVT HAS APPROVED PROJECTS WORTH RS 7000 CR UNDER NIRBHAYA FUND-**

- Under the NIRBHAYA Fund, projects of Rs 7,000 crore, including setting up of 1,023 fast-track courts, have been approved by the government.
- This was told by Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani.

Nirbhaya fund-

- ❖ In a tribute to the 23-year-old Delhi gangrape victim, Congress-led government had announced setting up ‘Nirbhaya Fund’ of Rs 1,000 crore for safety and empowerment of women in the Budget presented in February 2013.

- ❖ The Nirbhaya fund is administered by the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) in the Ministry of Finance (MoF).

10,000 CAMERAS TO BE USED IN GUJARAT LION CENSUS, 2020-

- The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) is to conduct Asiatic Lion Census in May 2020. The Institute will use 10,000 cameras to conduct the census.
- In 2015, the WII counted 523 lions in Gujarat. It is expected that the numbers have risen phenomenally and the population must have crossed 1,000.
- The census is to adopt the technology of National Tiger Conservation Authority. The entire census area is to be divided in to 3-km grid.
- Officers will collect hair, nails, teeth, etc. The collection process is to be carried out using scientific methods laid out by NTCA.

PM MODI TO LAUNCH ATALBHUJALYOJANA-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch Atal Bhujal Yojana in New Delhi.
- The Central Government scheme will promote Panchayat led ground water management and behavioural changes with primary focus on demand side management.
- Union Cabinet approved the 6,000 crore rupees scheme at a meeting.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar stated that, the scheme will be implemented over a period of 5

years in identified areas in Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

HEALTH MINISTER HARSH VARDHAN INAUGURATED 2ND EDITION OF EAT RIGHT MELA IN NEW DELHI-



- Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has inaugurated the 4 days long, the second edition of the 'Eat Right Mela' along with 11th National Street food festival at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.
- The event was organized by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in collaboration with the National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) to encourage people for having healthier diets to reduce disease burden in the country.
- The theme of the mela is "Healthier Diets".

KERALA BECOMES FIRST STATE TO PASS ANTI-CAA RESOLUTION-

- Kerala became the first state to pass a resolution against the Citizenship Amendment Act amid widespread protests across the country.
- Chief Ministers of several non-BJP ruled states including Bengal, Punjab, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Delhi, had previously voiced their opposition to the law.
- However, Kerala is now the first state to go down the legislature route to register its opposition.

ENTIRE NAGALAND DECLARED 'DISTURBED', AFSPA EXTENDED FOR SIX MORE MONTHS-

- The Centre declared the whole of Nagaland as a "disturbed" area under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, for a further period of six months.
- A gazette notification said the Centre was of the opinion that the area comprising whole of Nagaland is in such a disturbed

condition that the use of armed forces in aid of civil power is necessary.



Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act-

- ❖ It is an act of the Parliament of India that grant special powers to the Indian Armed Forces.
- ❖ The power to maintain public order in "disturbed areas".
- ❖ According to The Disturbed Areas (Special Courts) Act, 1976 once declared 'disturbed', the area has to maintain status quo for a minimum of 3 months.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT GEARS UP TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON NON-ESSENTIAL IMPORTS FROM CHINA-

- India is set to finalize stricter quality standards for 371 items by March.
- This move primarily aims at curbing imports of non-essential items such as toys, plastic goods, sports items and furniture, especially from China.
- The proposed rules, to be framed by ministries in coordination with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), will also ensure stricter inspection of imports.
 - ❖ Trade deficit with China- India's trade deficit with China stands at \$53.6 billion.
 - ❖ Trade deficit- The amount by which the cost of a country's imports exceeds the value of its exports.

DELHI GETS ITS FIRST SMOG TOWER TO TACKLE AIR POLLUTION-

- Considered one of the most polluted cities in the world, Delhi got its first smog tower, which is used to purify air.
- The smog tower, which is 20-ft



tall, has been installed in south Delhi's Lajpat Nagar market.

- The air purifier was inaugurated by cricketer-turned-politician Gautam Gambhir.
- The tower can remove up to 80% of the particulate matter (PM 2.5 and PM10) from the atmosphere.

2,636 EV CHARGING STATIONS SANCTIONED UNDER FAME PHASE 2 FOR 62 CITIES-

- Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises has sanctioned 2636 charging stations in 62 cities across 24 states/UTs under the phase II of FAME India (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India) scheme.
- This is done to provide a further push to clean mobility in Road Transport Sector.
- The aim of the move is to make sure at least one Electric Vehicle charging station is available in a grid of 4 km × 4km area in the selected cities.

INDIA AND PAKISTAN EXCHANGED LIST OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS-



- India and Pakistan exchanged for the 28th consecutive year a list of their nuclear installations under a bilateral agreement that prohibits them from attacking each other's atomic facilities.
- The two countries also exchanged details of civilian prisoners and fishermen lodged in each other's jails.
- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said India handed over to Pakistan a lists of 249 Pakistani civilian prisoners and 98 fishermen in its custody.
- Pakistan gave India lists of 54 civilian prisoners and 483 fishermen in its custody.

Ministry of External Affairs-

Also known as the Foreign Ministry is the government agency responsible for the conduct of foreign relations of India.

Headquarters- New Delhi

Founded- 2 September 1946

Officeholders- V. Muraleedharan (Minister of State), Subrahmanyam Jaishankar (Minister)

2019 FOREST SURVEY OF INDIA REPORT: ONE-FIFTH (21.40%) OF INDIA'S FORESTS PRONE TO FIRES-



- The report stated that about 21.40% of forest cover in India is prone to fires, with forests in the north-eastern region and central India being the most vulnerable.
- Extremely fire-prone areas account for 3.89% of total forest cover, very highly fire-prone areas account for 6.01% and highly fire-prone areas for 11.50%.
- From November 2018 to June 2019, there were total 29,547 alerts based on MODIS.
- Mizoram recorded the highest number of fire alerts (2,795).

Forest Survey of India-

- ❖ It is a premier national organization under the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests responsible for assessment and monitoring of the forest resources of the country regularly.

INDIA TO CROSS 100-GW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY MARK IN 2020-

- On December 27, 2019 the union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy (MoP, NRE) Shri Raj Kumar Singh has announced that India is likely to cross its 100 GigaWatt (GW) energy capacity mark in 2020.
- However the govt also needed to promote storage to ensure 24x7 clean energy supply as coal fired thermal power still remains as the basic use in the country.
- By November 2019 end around 86 GW of installed renewable energy generation capacity was made. The energy generation includes the field of solar, wind, small hydro, biomass, waste to energy and others.

LPG BOTTLING PLANT INAUGURATED IN ODISHA-



- The LPG bottling plant at Balangir, Odisha was recently dedicated to the nation by Odisha Governor Ganeshi Lal.
- The plant has been built in a record time of 19 months at a cost of Rs 103 crores.
- The foundation stone of the plant was laid on May 21, 2018, by the then Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Skill Development, Dharmendra Pradhan.

EC DECLARED DELHI ELECTIONS 2020 DATES: POLLING ON FEBRUARY 8, RESULTS TO BE DECLARED ON FEBRUARY 11-

- The Delhi Assembly Elections 2020 will be conducted in a single phase on February 8, 2020.
- The counting of votes will take place on February 11.
- The five-year term of the 6th legislative assembly of Delhi is scheduled to expire on February 22, 2020.
- The Model Code of Conduct shall be implemented in Delhi with immediate effect.
- The Delhi legislative assembly has a total of 70 seats

Election Commission of India-

Autonomous constitutional authority responsible for administering election processes in India at national, state and district level.

Formed- 25 January 1950

PRESIDENT RAM NATH KOVIND LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF 1ST SUPER SPECIALTY HOSPITAL OF LAKSHADWEEP IN KAVARATTI-

- President who is on two days visit to the union territory assured special focus for the development of Lakshadweep.



- President received guard of honour from a joint group of 160 different forces.

Lakshadweep-

Capital- Kavaratti

No. of districts- 1

Formation- 1 November 1956

INDIA CONTINUES TO BE TOP SOURCING MARKET FOR SRI LANKAN TOURISM ACCOUNTING 19% OF THE TOURIST SHARE-

- The latest data released by Sri Lankan tourism revealed that 3,55,002 Indian tourists visited Sri Lanka last year against total arrival of around 1.91 million.
- Over 48 thousand Indians visited Sri Lanka during last month of December alone including over thousand by sea route.
- India, United Kingdom, China, Germany and Australia were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets last year.

Sri Lanka-

- ❖ Officially the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, is an island country in South Asia, located in the Indian Ocean to the southwest of the Bay of Bengal and to the southeast of the Arabian Sea.

Capitals- Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

Currency- Sri Lankan rupee

President- Gotabaya Rajapaksa

Prime Minister- Mahinda Rajapaksa

HM AMIT SHAH LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF DIRECTORATE GENERAL BUILDING OF CRPF IN NEW DELHI-



- Union Minister of Home Affairs, Shri. Amitabh Anilchandra Shah has laid the Foundation stone of the Directorate General Building of CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) built with a cost of Rs 280 crore in New Delhi.

- He also launched a new logo with a “Garuda”, sword and shield, for security branch of CRPF that will give a new identity to them, who provides security to common man and VIP’s (very important person).
- The insignia bears the motto of the force – “Always, Aware, Alert”.

MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY RELEASED ITS YEAR END REVIEW REPORT OF ENERGY SECTOR IN THE COUNTRY-

- Under KUSUM initiative, around 17 lakh solar powered agricultural pumps were installed.
- Phase II of Grid Connected Roof top Solar Programme was launched. Under the programme, 40,000 MW of Roof Top solar power target was set.
- Under the Wind-Solar hybrid policy, 1440 MW of capacity was installed.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy-

- ❖ The ministry is currently headed by R. K. Singh, a Minister of State.
- ❖ The current secretary of the ministry is Anand Kumar.
- ❖ The ministry was established as the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources in 1992.

UTTAR PRADESH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TO BUILD A 121-ACRE ZOO NAMED AFTER ASHFAQULLAH KHAN-

- The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved a proposal to set aside Rs.234 crore for a zoological garden spread across 121 acres in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- The zoo will be named after the freedom fighter and revolutionary Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan.
- Ashfaqulla Khan (1900 – 1927) was a freedom fighter in the Indian independence movement. He was born in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

Uttar Pradesh-

Governor- Anandiben Patel

Capital- Lucknow

Chief minister- Yogi Adityanath

Population- 20.42 crores (2012)

WORLD’S HIGHEST RAIL BRIDGE CHENAB BRIDGE BY INDIAN RAILWAYS TO CONNECT KASHMIR TO REST OF INDIA BY 2021-

- The Rail line is expected to be 35 metres taller than the Eiffel Tower, it was most challenging project in the post-independent history of Indian Railways.

- The massive arch-shaped structure, being constructed in hostile terrain, which will consume over 5,462 tonnes of steel and will be 359 metres above the river bed.



Indian Railways-

- ❖ India's national railway system operated by the Ministry of Railways.
- ❖ It manages the fourth largest railway network in the world by size, with a route length of 67,368-kilometre as of March 2017.

Founded- 16 April 1853

CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT COMES INTO EFFECT, HOME MINISTRY ISSUES NOTIFICATION-

- Despite weeks of protests by thousands of citizens and students across India, the Centre issued a gazette notification announcing that the provisions of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) came into effect on January 10.
- The CAA, which has led to widespread protests in the country, grants citizenship to individuals who are Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Christian, Jain, or Parsi.
- Who entered India from Pakistan, Bangladesh, or Afghanistan by the cut-off date of December 31, 2014.

WINGS INDIA 2020 TO BE HELD IN HYDERABAD FROM MARCH 12-15-

- Wings India 2020, an international exhibition and conference on civil aviation sector, will be held at Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad, Telangana from March 12-15, 2020.



- The theme of the event is “Flying for all”.
- The biennial event will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi in presence of Minister for Civil Aviation and Minister of State for Civil Aviation.

Event's Organisers-

1. Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA),
2. Federation Of Indian Chambers Of Commerce And Industry (FICCI),
3. Airports Authority of India (AAI)

About Ministry of Civil Aviation:

Founded- October 21, 2016

Ministry of Civil Aviation- Hardeep Singh Puri

Ministry of State for Civil Aviation- Suresh Prabhu

Director General of Directorate General of Civil Aviation- Arun Kumar

HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH DEDICATES NATIONAL CYBER CRIME REPORTING PORTAL TO NATION-

- The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) is a citizen-centric initiative that will enable citizens to report cybercrimes online.
- This state-of-the-art Centre is located in New Delhi.
- The scheme to set up I4C was approved in October 2018 at an estimated cost of Rs 415.86 crore to deal with all types of cybercrimes in a comprehensive and coordinated manner.
- ❖ The address of the portal is www.cybercrime.gov.in.

INDIA'S OIL DEMAND GROWTH TO OVERTAKE CHINA BY MID-2020S, SAYS INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY-

- According to the report, 'India 2020 Energy Policy Review' released by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in collaboration with NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog.
- India will overtake China by mid-2020 in terms of crude oil demand growth.
- The report noted that India's strategic crude oil reserves (40 million barrels) are equal to its 10-day imports & this is not enough for difficult days.
- So, India's crude oil demand will rise from 4.4 million barrels per day in 2017 to 6 million barrels per day in 2024.



INDIA DECLARES ONE-DAY MOURNING FOR OMAN SULTAN'S DEATH ON 13TH JANUARY-

- The government has declared one-day state mourning in view of the demise of the Sultan of Oman, the home ministry announced.

- Oman Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said passed away on January 10 at the age of 79.
- "The national flag will be flown at half mast throughout India on the day of mourning and there will be no official entertainment on that day.

Qaboos bin Said al Said-

- ❖ He was born on November 18, 1940 in Salalah, Oman.
- ❖ Longest serving leader in the Middle East and Arab world.
- ❖ He received Nishan-e-Pakistan in 2001, Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding in 2004 and Royal Victorian Chain in 2010

WORLD'S TALLEST STATUE 'STATUE OF UNITY' INCLUDED IN '8 WONDERS OF SCO' LIST-

- The 182-meter tall Statue of Unity in Gujarat has been included in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's '8 Wonders of SCO' list.
- This was announced by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.
- The Statue was inaugurated on the 143rd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel.
- It is the world's tallest statue, since its inauguration.



Shanghai Cooperation Organisation-

It is a Eurasian political, economic, and security alliance, the creation of which was announced on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai, China.

KERALA GOVT CHALLENGES CITIZENSHIP ACT IN SUPREME COURT-

- Kerala became the first state to move the Supreme Court challenging the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, which was notified on 10 January.
- The plea was filed under Article 131 of the Constitution on disputes between the Centre and states.
- Kerala's Government said the Act violates the right to equality under Article 14 of the Constitution of India, right to life under Article 21, and freedom to practise religion under Article 25.
- The petition was filed by advocate G. Prakash, the standing counsel for the Kerala government.

Article 131 of the Constitution-

- ❖ According to this Article the Supreme Court has "original" jurisdiction in disputes between States or the Centre and State(s).

- ❖ The Article allows the court to directly take cognisance of such a dispute.

SUPER SENIOR CITIZENS (OVER 80 YEARS OF AGE) AND PWDS CAN VOTE THROUGH POSTAL BALLOT IN DELHI ASSEMBLY ELECTION-

- Till now, voting through the postal ballot was available to armed forces and those assigned in poll duties.
- For the first time, Delhi Metro, Northern Railway Employees and media persons covering polling can also use postal ballot facility to cast their votes.
- A postal ballot is a facility for those absentee voters, including those who are unable to vote due to some immobility can vote.



Election Commission of India-

Formed- 25 January 1950

Objectives- Constitutional Autonomous Body conducts the elections to the offices of the

- ❖ President
- ❖ Vice-President of India
- ❖ Parliament
- ❖ State Legislative assemblies
- ❖ Legislative councils

FIRST EVER SUMMIT ON FOOD PROCESSING HELD IN LADAKH-

- On January 16, 2020, the Department of Industries and Commerce, functioning under Ministry of Food Processing Industries organized food processing summit in Ladakh.
- The other stakeholders of the summit include Invest India and National Investment Promotion and Facilitation agency.

Ladakh-

- ❖ Ladakh became a Union Territory on 31st October 2019.
- ❖ The Union Territory of Ladakh comprises two districts namely Leh and Kargil.

COMMERCE MINISTER PIYUSH GOYAL TO LEAD INDIAN DELEGATION TO 50TH WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM 2020 IN DAVOS-

- The four day WEF event will begin on January 21, 2020 and will see participation of over 50 heads of State from 117 participating countries.

- On the sidelines of the World Economic Forum 2020, Goyal will be holding bilateral meetings with the Ministers of Switzerland, Russia, Singapore, Australia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and Korea.

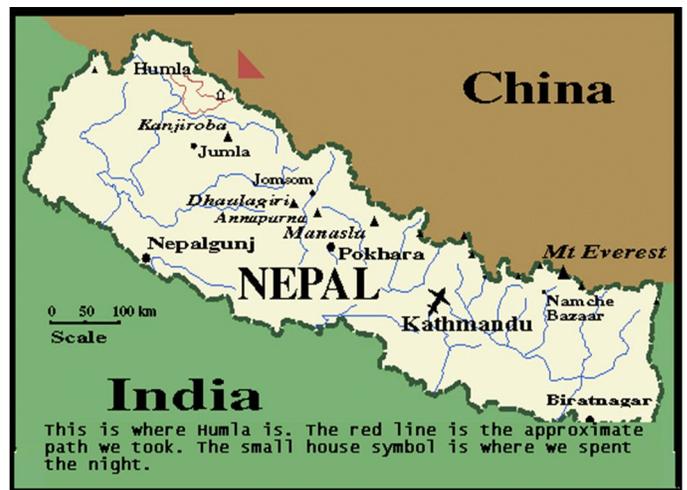


- The theme of World Economic Forum (WEF) 2020 is 'Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World'.

World Economic Forum-

- ❖ The World Economic Forum (WEF), based in Cologny-Geneva, Switzerland, is an NGO, founded in 1971.
- ❖ The WEF's mission is cited as "committed to improving the state of the world by engaging business, political, academic, and other leaders of society to shape global, regional, and industry agendas".

PM NARENDRA MODI, NEPAL PM KP SHARMA OLI JOINTLY INAUGURATED JOGBANI-BIRATNAGAR CHECK POST-



- Both leaders jointly inaugurate the second Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Jogbani-Biratnagar, built with Indian assistance to facilitate trade and people's movement.
- This ICP built with Indian assistance is spread over 260 acres and the project worth is Rs. 140 crores.
- This is the second ICP on the Nepal border. The first was built at the Raxaul-Birgunj border in 2018.

Nepal-

Capital- Kathmandu

Currency- Nepalese rupee

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

2ND SESSION OF 2+2 MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN INDIA & US HELD IN WASHINGTON DC-

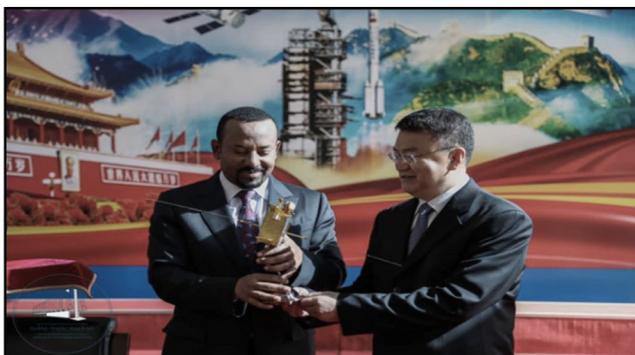


- The second India-US 2+2 dialogue was held at the Foggy Bottom headquarters of the State Department Washington DC.
- During the dialogue, the two countries discussed a wide range of bilateral, regional and global issues.
- US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo along with Defense Secretary Mark Esper hosted their Indian counterparts External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

GENEVA HOSTED FIRST GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM-

- The first ever Global Refugee Forum was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 17-18 December 2019.
- It was being jointly hosted by United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) along with Government of Switzerland.
- The 1st Global Refugee Forum will focus on 6 areas such as arrangements for burden and responsibility-sharing, education, jobs and livelihoods, energy and infrastructure, solutions, and protection capacity.

ETHIOPIA LAUNCHES FIRST SATELLITE NAMED ETRSS-1 FROM CHINA-



- The Ethiopian Remote Sensing Satellite-1 or ETRSS-1, was sent into space by a Chinese Long March 4B carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in North China.
- ETRSS-1 is Africa's 41st satellite in space and the third East African satellite.
- Ethiopia is now the 11th African nation to launch a satellite into space by joining the ranks of Algeria, Angola, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa and Sudan.

Ethiopia-

Capital- Addis Ababa

Currency- Ethiopian birr

Prime minister- Abiy Ahmed

National Space Agency of China-China National Space Administration

DONALD TRUMP OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES US SPACE FORCE WITH SIGNING CEREMONY IN FLORIDA-



- President Donald Trump has celebrated the official launch of the US' new Space Force the first new military service in more than 70 years.
- It is part of the newly signed 2020 National Defense Authorization Act which authorises \$1.4 trillion (Rs 1.4 lac crores) of government spending, including the Pentagon's budget.

USA space force-

- ❖ The space force will be the 6th official force of the US military, which Trump has described as "separate but equal".
- ❖ Other forces include the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

ITALY APPROVES 3% DIGITAL TAX ON LARGE TECH COMPANIES FROM NEXT YEAR-

- Italy has recently decided to implement a new tax on technology giants that will put a three per cent digital tax on companies like Google and Amazon.
- According to global figures, technology companies make over \$831 million in global revenue and approximately \$6 million from transactions and operation in Italy alone.
- This recent move comes after France had passed a similar tax earlier this year.

Italy-

Capital- Rome

Currency- Euro

IRAN'S TOP MILITARY LEADER QASSEM SOLEIMANI KILLED IN US AIR RAID AT BAGHDAD AIRPORT-



- A U.S. airstrike killed Iranian Quds Force commander Qassem Soleimani in Baghdad, the Pentagon said
- Defense Secretary Mark T. Esper said the General had close links to a network of armed groups backed by Iran across the Middle East.

Iran-

Officially the Islamic Republic of Iran, is a country in Western Asia

President- Hassan Rouhani

Capital- Tehran

Currency- Iranian rial

IRAQI PARLIAMENT PASSES RESOLUTION TO END PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS INCLUDING 5,000 US SOLDIERS-

- In a major setback for the United States (US), the Parliament of Iraq has passed a resolution pressing on all foreign military forces operating from the nation to leave.

- The Parliament of Iraq's resolution has asked the Government to work towards ending the presence of all foreign troops which includes over 5,000 soldiers of the US deployed in the nation.
- The resolution comes as many in Iraq are concerned that the US attack on Soleimani on its soil could engulf the nation into a war between the two big powers.

Iraq-

President- Barham Salih

Capital- Baghdad

Currency- Iraqi dinar

Prime Minister- Adil Abdul-Mahdi

UKRAINIAN BOEING PLANE CRASHES IN IRAN, ALL 176 PEOPLE ONBOARD DEAD-



- A Kiev-bound Ukraine International Airlines Boeing 737 plane crashed after takeoff from Tehran on Wednesday, killing all 176 people on board.
- The victims include 82 Iranians, 63 Canadians, 11 Ukrainians, 10 Swedes, four Afghans, three Germans and three British nationals, according to Ukraine's Foreign Minister.

Ukraine-

President- Volodymyr Zelensky

Capital- Kyiv

IRAN ADMITS IT 'UNINTENTIONALLY' SHOT DOWN UKRAINIAN PLANE-

- Iran has announced that its military "unintentionally" shot down a Ukrainian jetliner, killing all 176 on board.

- The statement by Iran blames "human error" for the incident, adding that the military mistook Flight 752 for a "hostile target".
- The military said it was at its "highest level of readiness" amid the heightened tensions with the United States.

Iran-

- ❖ Iran, also called Persia, and officially the Islamic Republic of Iran, is a country in Western Asia.

Capital- Tehran

Currency- Iranian rial

President- Hassan Rouhani

TAIWAN'S PRO-GROWTH POLICY TO CONTINUE AFTER TSAI ING-WEN ELECTION WIN AS SUPPLY CHAINS SHIFT IN US-CHINA TRADE WAR-



- Ms Tsai secured just over 57% of the ballot of a record 8.2m votes.
- She was well ahead of her rival Han Kuo-yu.
- Ms Tsai opposes closer ties with China, with Mr Han suggesting they would bring economic benefits.

China-Taiwan Relation-

- ❖ China has claimed sovereignty over Taiwan since the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949.
- ❖ For practical purposes, Taiwan is an independent state - it has its own elected government, constitution and military.
- ❖ But China refuses to have diplomatic relations with any country that recognises Taiwan as a sovereign nation.

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT RESIGNS AFTER PUTIN CALLS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS-

- The Prime Minister of Russia Dmitry Medvedev has resigned from his post on January 15, 2020, along with his cabinet.

- He submitted his resignation to the President of Russia Vladimir Putin.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin suggested Mikhail Mishustin's name as the new Prime Minister of the country.
- According to the reports, the purpose of these constitutional amendments is to create a post so that even after the end of the President's term, Putin can continue to hold an important post in Russia.

Russia-

Officially the Russian Federation, is a transcontinental country in Eastern Europe and North Asia.

Capital- Moscow

Currency- Russian ruble

SIKHS TO BE COUNTED AS SEPARATE ETHNIC GROUP IN US CENSUS FOR FIRST TIME-



- Sikhs in the US will for the first time be counted as a separate ethnic group in 2020 census, the United Sikhs, a non-profit organisation said, calling it a "milestone".
- The organisation has pushed for separate coding for Sikhs living in the US for over two decades so that issues like bullying, intimidation and hate crimes can be addressed.

United States-

Country of 50 states

President- Donald Trump

Capital- Washington, D.C.

ACCORDING TO THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO), THE YEAR 2019 WAS THE SECOND-HOTTEST YEAR SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1880-

- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has declared the 2010-19 decade to have been India's hottest since records

began in 1901, with the average temperature 0.36 degrees Celsius higher than the 30-year 1981-2010 average.

- 2019 was India's seventh hottest year on record.
- United States government agencies has said that the decade 2010 - 2019 was the hottest on record.

World Meteorological Organization-

- ❖ The World Meteorological Organization is an intergovernmental organization with a membership of 193 Member States and Territories.

Headquarters location- Geneva, Switzerland

Founded- 23 March 1950

THE WORLD FUTURE ENERGY SUMMIT CONCLUDED IN ABU DHABI (UNITED ARAB EMIRATES)-

- The theme for this year's summit was "Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment."
- It is held annually at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre under the patronage of Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces.
- The 2020 edition included exhibition and forum programmes across five main pillars: energy, solar, water, waste and smart cities.

United Arab Emirates-

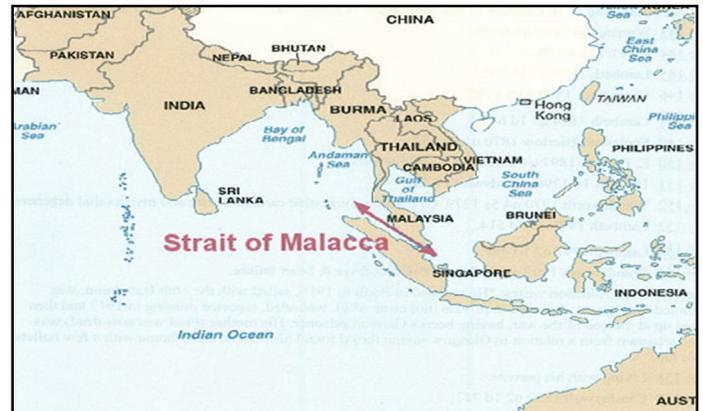
Capital- Abu Dhabi

Currency- United Arab Emirates dirham

President- Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

CHINA, MYANMAR INK 33 DEALS TO ACCELERATE BRI AS XI, SUU KYI MEET DESPITE ROHINGYA BACKLASH-

- The agreements were signed to strengthen the collaboration in infrastructure sector that includes rail connectivity, roads and power interconnection projects.
- However, the controversial Myitsone dam project that is backed by China was not discussed.



- The project allows China to have easy access to Indian Ocean. This is because this route bypasses Strait of Malacca through which China imports most of its oil requirements.

UNITED NATIONS WORLD TOURISM ORGANISATION (UNWTO) HAS RELEASED A REPORT TITLED 'WORLD TOURISM BAROMETER'-

- As per the report the international tourist arrivals in 2019 increased by over 4% (3.8% exact value) in 2019 and reached 1.5 billion.
- Which is 54 million more than 2018, based on the data collected from reports around the world.
- The middle east region (+8%) led growth in arrivals, followed by Asia and Pacific region (+5%).
- Europe had a growth of 4% in international tourist arrivals and had 743 million visitors.



World Tourism Organisation(WTO)-

WTO is responsible for promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.

Headquarters- Madrid, Spain.

Formation- 1 November 1974.

Secretary General- Zurab Pololikashvili.

FINANCIAL AND BANKING NEWS

GOVT PROPOSES TO INVEST 50 LAKH CRORE RUPEES FOR MODERNISATION OF RAILWAYS-

- Railway Minister Piyush Goyal told that Union Railways is looking for a 50 lakh crore rupees investment over the next 12 years.
- Mr. Goyal, who also holds the charge of Commerce Ministry said, Government is making huge efforts to give support to bankers to lend boldly and freely to the NBFC sector and the real estate sector.



Indian Railways-

- ❖ India's national railway system operated by the Ministry of Railways.
- ❖ It manages the fourth largest railway network in the world by size, with a route length of 67,368-kilometre and total track length of 121,407-kilometre as of March 2017

Founded- 16 April 1853, India

NPCI OFFERS RECHARGE OPTION FOR FASTAG THROUGH BHIM UPI-

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) stated that customers can recharge NETC FASTags through BHIM UPI.
- Any BHIM UPI-enabled mobile app would now give vehicle owners the opportunity to recharge their FASTags on the go and avoid queues at toll plazas.
- The National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) is a programme designed to meet the electronic tolling needs of the Indian market.

THE ECO: EIGHT WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES RENAMED COMMON CURRENCY-



- Eight West African countries have announced a new common currency "Eco" to end French dominance from the region.
- These Eight countries are - Mali, Niger, Senegal, Benin, Togo, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, and Ivory Coast.
- These countries have decided to abolish the existence of the French colonial period, and they will use a new currency "Eco" in their country instead of the currently prevalent currency 'CFA franc'.
- This new currency will come into circulation in 2020.

Six Most Popular Currencies in the World-

1. The U.S. Dollar
2. The Euro
3. The Japanese Yen
4. The Great British Pound
5. The Canadian Dollar
6. The Swiss Franc

BSNL GETS 770 CR FROM BHARAT BROADBAND NIGAM TO CLEAR BHARATNET VENDOR DUES-

- Bharat Broadband Nigam Limited will set up an optical fiber network under the BharatNet Project paid around 770 crores in advance to BSNL to help the telecom firm clear dues of vendors involved in the project.
- The debt-ridden state-run telecom firm had requested BBNL to pay 1,033 crores earlier this month to clear the dues of vendors engaged in the BharatNet project.
- Bharat Broadband Nigam Limited (BBNL) allocated around 70 percent of rural broadband network roll-out work to BSNL.

GST COLLECTION RISES TO RS 1.03 LAKH CRORE IN DECEMBER FOR SECOND TIME IN A ROW-

- For a second time in a row, the GST revenue collection remained above the Rs 1 lakh crore mark with December mop-up at Rs 1.03 lakh crore indicating a pick-up in consumption.
- GST collection in November stood at Rs 1,03,492 crore.
- Before that it was in July when the mop-up crossed the Rs 1 lakh crore mark at Rs 1.02 lakh crore. The GST collection stood at Rs 94,726 crore in December 2018.

KERALA IS HOME TO ALL 3 INDIAN CITIES IN TOP 10 FASTEST-GROWING IN THE WORLD-

- Three Indian cities have been listed as the world's fastest-growing urban areas, a survey by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) revealed.
- Malappuram city of Kerala was ranked 1st in the list, while Kerala's Kozhikode and Kollam cities were ranked in the 4th and 10th place respectively.
- Malappuram was followed by Can Tho region in Vietnam at 2nd spot and Suqian in China in the 3rd spot.



US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP SIGNS PHASE ONE TRADE DEAL WITH CHINA AFTER MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS-

- United States and China have signed a 'Phase-1' trade deal that holds the promise of defusing tensions between the two economic powerhouses after 18 months of barbs and sanctions.
- US President Donald Trump and China's chief negotiator Liu He on Wednesday (15 January) inked an agreement that will relax sanctions on China.
- China, in turn, will increase purchases of mainly US farm products.
- Even after the deal is signed, US tariffs on \$360 billion in Chinese imports will stay in place.

WORLD BANK APPROVES \$88 MILLION PROJECT TO HELP MODERNIZE WATERWAYS IN ASSAM-

- The Government of India, Government of Assam and the World Bank signed a loan agreement of \$88 million to help modernize Assam's passenger ferry sector that runs on its rivers including the mighty Brahmaputra.
- A majority of Assam's more than 350 ferry routes cross the Brahmaputra or serve its islands, providing a crucial means of transport to thousands of commuters.
- The Assam Inland Water Transport Project (AIWTP), will help Assam improve the passenger ferry infrastructure and its services and strengthen the capacity of the institutions running the inland water transport.



World Bank-

Headquarters- Washington, D.C., United States

Membership- 189 countries (IBRD); 173 countries (IDA)

Founded- 1944

HDFC BANK CROSSES \$100 BILLION IN MARKET CAP-

- HDFC Bank Ltd crossed the \$100 billion market capitalisation, becoming only the third firm in the country to achieve this milestone.
- The lender is now in the league of Reliance Industries Ltd, which has a market cap of \$140.74 billion, and Tata Consultancy Services that has a market cap of \$114.60 billion.
- With this, HDFC Bank now ranks 110th in the world's most valued companies.
- According to Bloomberg data, currently, there are 109 companies in the list which have market cap of over \$100 billion.



IMF CALLS FOR 'URGENT' ACTION BY INDIA AMID SLOWDOWN-

- India's government must take steps quickly to reverse the economic slowdown of an economy that has been one of the engines of global growth, the International Monetary Fund said.
- Declining consumption and investment, and falling tax revenue, have combined with other factors to put the brakes on one of the fastest growing economies in the world, the IMF said in its annual review.

International Monetary Fund-

Headquarters- Washington, D.C., United States

Managing Director- Kristalina Georgieva

Chief Economist- Gita Gopinath

Membership- 189 countries

RBI LAUNCHES 'MANI' APP TO ASSIST VISUALLY CHALLENGED TO IDENTIFY CURRENCY NOTES-

- The Reserve Bank of India has launched 'MANI' mobile app to help the visually challenged identify the denomination of currency notes.
- The application was launched by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and other officials on January 1, 2020.
- The RBI mobile app will enable the visually disabled to identify the denomination of a currency note using the application. The MANI app will work offline as well after it is installed.



Reserve Bank of India-

- ❖ India's central bank, which controls the issue and supply of the Indian rupee.
- ❖ RBI is the regulator of entire Banking in India.
- ❖ RBI plays an important part in the Development Strategy of the Government of India.

**Headquarters-** Mumbai**Founder-** British Raj**Founded-** 1 April 1935, Kolkata**Governor-** Shaktikanta Das**OIL PRICES SPIKE AFTER US DRONE STRIKE KILLS IRANIAN GENERAL-**

- Oil prices jumped to the highest level in more than three months after the United States killed a top Iranian military commander in Iraq.
- An air strike at Baghdad airport killed Major-General Qassem Soleimani, architect of Iran's spreading military influence in the Middle East.
- Brent crude ended the session up 3.6% or \$2.35 at \$68.60 a barrel, off the session peak of \$69.50, the highest level since the mid-September attack on Saudi oil facilities.

FROM FEB 1, BUSINESSES WILL BE FINED ₹5,000/DAY IF THEY DO NOT OFFER DIGITAL PAYMENT FACILITY-

- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has notified a Budget announcement which said that business establishments with annual turnover of more than ₹50 crore.
- Shall offer low-cost digital modes of payment (such as BHIM UPI, UPI QR Code, Aadhaar Pay, Debit Cards, NEFT, RTGS etc.) to their customers, and also no charge or Merchant Discount Rates (MDR) shall be imposed on customers and merchants.

WORLD BANK PEGS INDIA'S GROWTH FOR FY20 AT 5%-

- The World Bank cut India's growth for financial year 2020 to 5% from 6% estimated earlier, a day after the country's statistics office pegged growth in the current financial year at 5%, the lowest in 11 years.
- The multilateral lender expects the country's growth to recover only slightly to 5.8% in the next fiscal year.

- The bank's Global Economic Prospects report released cited a lingering weakness in credit from non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) as the main cause for the downgrade.

World Bank-

International financial institution that provides loans and grants to the governments of developing countries for the purpose of pursuing capital projects.

Headquarters- Washington, D.C., United States**Membership-** 189 countries (IBRD); 173 countries (IDA)**Founded-** 1944**SALE OF ELECTORAL BONDS AT AUTHORISED BRANCHES OF STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)-**

- As per provisions of the Scheme, Electoral Bonds may be purchased by a person who is a citizen of India or incorporated or established in India.
- A person being an individual can buy Electoral Bonds, either singly or jointly with other individuals.
- Only the Political Parties registered under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951) and which secured not less than one per cent of the votes polled in the last General Election to the House of the People or the Legislative Assembly of the State, shall be eligible to receive the Electoral Bonds.

THE WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION'S (WTO) DISPUTE SETTLEMENT BODY HAS SET UP A PANEL TO EXAMINE THE US COMPLAINT AGAINST INDIA-

- On January 10, 2020 the dispute settlement body of the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) has set up a panel to examine complaints of United States (US) against India.
- The complaint is for hiking customs duties of 28 American goods in July 2019.
- US alleged New Delhi's move of increasing the custom duties and alleged that the decision was inconsistent with 2 global trade norms of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) 1994 agreement.

**World Trade Organisation-****Headquarters-** Geneva, Switzerland.**Founded-** 1 January 1995.**Director General (DG)-** Roberto Carvalho de Azevêdo.**INDIA AIMING AT USD 250 BILLION MARITIME ECONOMY BY 2024-**

- India is looking at a USD 250 billion maritime economy by 2024, which the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has the responsibility to safeguard, Defence Secretary



- Ajay Kumar said.
- India's exclusive economic zone in the seas along its 7,500-kilometre coastline comprises over 2 million square kilometres.
- "With a target of becoming a USD 5 trillion economy by 2024, we are looking at over USD 250 billion coming from the maritime zone.

MOU SIGNED BETWEEN RAILWAYS AND SBI FOR DOOR STEP BANKING-

- The South Central Railway (SCR) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Bank of India (SBI) for doorstep banking.
- The move will ensure direct pick up of earnings from 585 railway stations under the SCR limits.
- The deal was signed between SCR's chief commercial manager (freight services) BS Christopher, financial advisor and chief accounts officer (traffic) J Meghanath and SBI's deputy general manager (digital and transaction Banking unit), Hyderabad Circle, Surendra Nayak.

RBI RELEASES "NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION" REPORT-

- The Reserve Bank of India has released a report "National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI): 2019-2024".
- The National Strategy for Financial Inclusion for the period 2019-2024 has been formulated by RBI under the aegis of Financial Inclusion Advisory Committee (FIAC).
- The report has been ratified by the Financial Stability Development Council (FSDC).



Reserve Bank of India-

RBI 25th Governor- Shaktikant Das

Headquarters- Mumbai

Founded- 1 April 1935, Kolkata.

\$5 TRILLION ECONOMY TARGET NEEDS DOUBLING OF BANKING CREDIT: SBI CHAIRMAN-

- State Bank of India (SBI) chairman Rajnish Kumar said banking credit would need to be doubled from the current level if India were to achieve its ambitious target of becoming a \$5 trillion economy by 2024.
- "At present, the Indian banking credit outstanding is around Rs 99 trillion and for India to become a \$5 trillion economy, it needs to be at least doubled over the next 5 years," Kumar said here.

WEALTH OF INDIA'S RICHEST 1% MORE THAN 4-TIMES OF TOTAL FOR 70% POOREST: OXFAM REPORT-



- India's richest 1 per cent hold more than four-times the wealth held by 953 million people who make up for the bottom 70 per cent of the country's population.
- Releasing the study 'Time to Care, rights group Oxfam also said the world's 2,153 billionaires have more wealth than the 4.6 billion people who make up 60 per cent of the planet's population.
- The no. of billionaires has doubled in over a decade despite decline in their combined wealth. Worldwide men own 50% more wealth than all the women.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

NSF REPORT 2019: INDIA RANKS WORLD'S 3RD LARGEST PRODUCER OF SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES; CHINA TOPS-

- With over 1.35 lakh scientific papers published, India has become the world's third largest publisher of science and engineering articles, according to a US government agency data.
- As per the statistics compiled by the US National Science Foundation (NSF), the number of scientific papers published worldwide increased from 17,55,850 in 2008 to 25,55,959 in 2018.
- India now accounts for 5.31% of the total world publications in science and engineering.
- The list was topped by China.



AFGHANISTAN HAS BECOME THE FIRST COUNTRY TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE INDIAN PHARMACOPOEIA (IP)-

- The Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) is an officially recognized book of standards as per the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules 1945.
- The IP specifies the standards of drugs manufactured and marketed in India in terms of their identity, purity and strength.
- In order to ensure the quality of medicinal products, the legal and scientific standards are provided by Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) in the form of Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP).

Afghanistan-

Capital- Kabul

Currency- Afghan afghani

President- Ashraf Ghani

DRDO SUCCESSFULLY FLIGHT TESTED 2 PINAKA MISSILES IN SALVO MODE; QR-SAM ALSO TEST-FIRED FROM ODISHA COAST-

- The Pinaka rocket system can destroy 900 square metres at a 20-80 km range by firing a salvo of 12 rockets within 48 seconds.
- India has been conducting a series of tests of its missile system since



November.

- The tests hold significance as the country's army chief recently warned of an escalation on the border with Pakistan.

Defence Research and Development Organisation-

- ❖ Agency of the Government of India, charged with the military's research and development.

Headquarters location- New Delhi

Founded- 1958

NTPC TO INVEST 50,000 CRORES FOR 10 GW SOLAR CAPACITY-

- NTPC planning to add 10 GW of solar energy generation capacity by 2022.
- NTPC installed renewable energy capacity of 920 MW, which constitutes mainly solar energy.
- It formulated a long-term plan to become a 130 GW company by 2032 with 30% non-fossil fuel or renewable energy capacity.
- The company will tender 2,300 MW of solar energy capacity by the end of this fiscal.

NTPC Limited-

1. It is an Indian Public Sector Undertaking, engaged in the business of generation of electricity and allied activities.
2. It is a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956 and is promoted by the Government of India.

Founded- 1975

Headquarters- New Delhi, India

CHINA SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES LARGEST CARRIER ROCKET-



- China successfully launched the largest carrier rocket of the country, Long March-5 from Wenchang Space Launch Center in south China's Hainan Province.

- Long March-5 Rocket The rocket known as CZ-5 blasted off with more than 1,000 tonnes of thrust at 8.45 pm, Xinhua reported.
- The Chinese space authorities declared the mission a complete success just over half an hour after the lift-off when the Shijian-20 satellite it carried entered its designated orbit.

PM MODI INAUGURATES 107TH EDITION OF INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS IN BENGALURU-



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 107th session of the Indian Science Congress in Bengaluru on January 3, 2020.
- PM Modi was on a two-day visit to the state of Karnataka.
- PM also launched five Young Scientists Laboratories of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

Indian Science Congress-

- ❖ Indian Science Congress is organised by the Indian Science Congress Association every year in the first week of January.
- ❖ The Indian Science Congress Association was started in the year 1914 in Kolkata and has a membership of more than 30,000 scientists.

ISRO HAS INKED A PACT WITH INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ASTROPHYSICS IN ESTABLISHING OPTICAL TELESCOPE FACILITIES UNDER PROJECT 'NETRA' FOR TRACKING SPACE OBJECTS-

- Under the Rs 400-crore NETRA' project, an early warning system is being set up in space to detect debris and other hazards that could pose a danger to Indian space assets like satellites and experimental platforms.
- A memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Isro and IIA for space cooperation in space situational awareness and astrophysics was signed.

- The MOU was signed by Isro scientific secretary R Umamaheswaran and IIA director Annapurni Subramaniam at the Isro headquarters in Bengaluru on January 2.

ISRO'S ASTRONAUT TRAINING HUB TO BE ESTABLISHED IN CHALLAKERE, KARNATAKA-

- Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) proposed 2,700 crores of infrastructure plans to construct its first Human Space Flight Infrastructure Centre (HSFIC) on January 06, 2020.



- This astronaut hub will be established Challakere, Chitradurga district of Karnataka.
- It is expected that this center will start functioning in the next three years.
 - ❖ India's 1st Manned mission to space- Gaganyaan

Mission Gaganyaan-

- Gaganyaan is an Indian crewed orbital spacecraft intended to be the formative spacecraft of the Indian Human Spaceflight Programme.
- The spacecraft is being designed to carry three people, and a planned upgraded version will be equipped with rendezvous and docking capability.
 - ❖ **Launch Dates-** December 2020 (uncrewed); December 2021 (crewed)

BUREAU OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY (BEE) NOTIFIES NEW ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR AIR CONDITIONERS-

- The new standards states that 24 degree C default setting has been made mandatory from Jan 1, 2020 for all room air conditioners covered under the ambit of BEE star-labelling program vide this notification.
- Additionally, the Indian Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (ISEER) as per the new standards will range from (3.30 - 5.00) for split and (2.70 – 3.50) for window air conditioners, which will be applicable from 1st January 2021 onwards.

Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)-

- ❖ BEE is a statutory body under the Ministry of Power, Government of India.
- ❖ It assists in developing policies and strategies with the primary objective of reducing the energy intensity of the Indian economy.

NAVAL VERSION OF TEJAS LCA LANDS ON INS VIKRAMADITYA FOR FIRST TIME-

- In a major landmark for indigenous Indian aviation, the naval version of the Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA) landed for the first time on an aircraft carrier, INS Vikramaditya.
- This takes India into a select group of nations — the US, UK, Russia, France, and China — that have developed aircraft capable of landing and taking off from the severely constrained confines of an aircraft carrier deck.

Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas-

- ❖ Indian single-engine, delta wing, multirole light fighter designed by the Aeronautical Development Agency and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- ❖ Developed for the Indian Air Force and Indian Navy.
- ❖ It came from the Light Combat Aircraft programme, which began in the 1980s to replace India's ageing MiG-21 fighters.

ISRO'S GSAT-30, A COMMUNICATION SATELLITE, LAUNCHED ABOARD ARIANE ROCKET FROM SOUTH AMERICA-

- Blasting off from a French territory in South America, India's 'high power' communication satellite GSAT-30 was successfully launched onboard Ariane 5 rocket.
- The communication satellite, aimed at providing high-quality television, telecommunications and broadcasting services, went off from the Ariane Launch Complex in Kourou.



- Ariane Launch Complex in Kourou is a French territory located in northeastern coast of South America.
- The European space consortium Arianespace's Ariane 5 vehicle injected GSAT-30 into the orbit.

GAGANYAAN ASTRONAUTS TO BE TRAINED FOR 11 MONTHS IN RUSSIA, WILL BEGIN IN THIRD WEEK OF JAN-

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is preparing to send humans to space, for the first time, on the Gaganyaan mission.
- They have joined hands with the Russian space agency to give them the necessary training to deal with the harsh environments of space.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh announced that the training for Gaganyaan space astronauts will start their training from the third week of January 2020.

Gaganyaan Mission-

- ❖ It is India's first manned space mission.
- ❖ Under it, India is planning to send three humans (Gaganyatris) into space i.e. in low earth orbit (LEO) by 2022 i.e. by 75th Independence Day for period of five to seven days.
- ❖ The mission was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his 72nd Independence Day Speech.

SPORTS

LAWN BOWLS & CYCLING TO BE INCLUDED IN 3RD KHELO INDIA GAMES FOR THE 1ST TIME-

- Chief Executive Officer of "Khelo India Games" has announced that "Lawn bowls" and "cycling" will be included in the 3rd edition of Khelo India Games.
- The two games will be included in the event for the first time.
- The 3rd edition of the tournament will be held in Guwahati, Assam in January 2020.
- Athletes from all over the country will be coming to Guwahati for the Khelo India Youth Games.



Khelo India Youth Games-

- ❖ These are the national level multidisciplinary grassroots games in India held for two categories, namely under-17 years school students and under-21 college students.

First event- 2018

Last event- 2019

INDIAN ALL-ROUNDER IRFAN PATHAN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM ALL FORMS OF CRICKET-

- Irfan Pathan, who made his international debut in 2003, played professional cricket for 16 years.
- Despite not featuring in an international fixture since 2012, Irfan was playing domestic cricket until February 2019.
- Irfan Pathan played 29 Tests, 120 ODIs and 24 T20Is for India he also picked 100 wickets in Tests, 173 in ODIs and 28 in T20Is.
- Irfan is still the only bowler to take a hat-trick on the 1st over of a Test match.



WEIGHTLIFTER SARBJEET KAUR BANNED FOR FOUR YEARS FOR DOPING VIOLATION BY NADA-

- Sarbjeet Kaur has been banned for four years from the sport by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) for involving in doping violation.

- Sarbjeet won the 71kg event at the Women's National Weightlifting Championships 2019 held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- Earlier in December 2017 Commonwealth Championships silver medallist weightlifter, Seema was also slapped with a four-year ban for doping.

National Anti-Doping Agency-

- ❖ It is the national organisation responsible for promoting, coordinating, and monitoring the doping control program in sports in all its forms in India.

Founded- 24 November 2005

Chairman- Minister of Sports (India)

Purpose- Anti-doping in sports

Headquarters- New Delhi, India

INDIA FINISH 2019 AS NUMBER ONE SHOOTING NATION IN WORLD: ISSF-



- India finished the year as the top shooting nation in the world, leapfrogging Olympic heavyweights China and the USA.
- In terms of overall medals, the tally stood at 21 gold, six silver and three bronze as India topped all the Rifle-Pistol World Cups and Finals.
- While India leads the standings with 30 medals overall, China is second with 11 gold, 15 silver and 18 bronze.

International Shooting Federation-

It is the governing body of the Olympic Shooting events in rifle, pistol and shotgun disciplines, and of several non-Olympic Shooting sport events.

Headquarters- Munich, Germany

President- Vladimir Lisin

Founded- 1907

16TH EDITION OF ICC AWARDS 2019 ANNOUNCED ; ROHIT SHARMA NAMED ODI CRICKET OF THE YEAR-

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the list of ICC award winners for the year 2019 to recognise and honor the best international cricket players of the previous 12 months.



- Indian opener Rohit Gurunath Sharma became ODI (One Day International) Cricketer of the Year for the first time. At the same time, Virat Kohli bagged Spirit of Cricket award.

International Cricket Council-

Is the global governing body of cricket. It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from Australia, England and South Africa.

Chairperson- Shashank Manohar

Headquarters- Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded- 15 June 1909

3RD EDITION OF KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES 2020 CONCLUDED IN GUWAHATI, ASSAM-



- The 3rd edition of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2020 was held at Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium in Guwahati, Assam.
- Vijay the Tiger and Jaya the Black buck were the mascots of the tournament.
- Maharashtra clinched Khelo India Youth Games 2020 champions trophy with a collection of 256 medals (78 gold, 77 silver and 101 bronze).
- Organized by Ministry for Youth Affairs and Sports & conducted in partnership with the School Games Federation of India (SGFI), Indian Olympic Association (IOA), and Assam State government.

WORLD ARCHERY CONDITIONALLY LIFTS SUSPENSION ON INDIA-



- World Archery has conditionally lifted the suspension of the Archery Association of India following elections in New Delhi on 18 January.
- Indian archers are allowed to compete in World Archery events as of 23 January 2020.
- The Archery Association of India had been suspended since 5 August 2019, with Indian athletes only allowed to compete under a neutral flag at events that directly affected their qualification chances for the Olympics.

World Archery Federation-

- ❖ It is the governing body of the sport of archery. It is based in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- ❖ It is composed of 156 national federations and other archery associations, and is recognised by the International Olympic Committee.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

THE LIBERATION DAY OF GOA IS CELEBRATED ON 19 DECEMBER EVERY YEAR-

- The occasion marks the day Indian armed forces freed Goa in 1961 following 450 years of Portuguese rule.



- According to the Indian Navy website, on December 19, the Indian Armed Forces, liberated the state from the Portuguese and the deposed Governor General of Portugal in India.

Operation Vijay (Liberation of Goa)-

- ❖ Operation Vijay was launched by Indian Armed forces to freed Goa from the control of Portuguese.
- ❖ It is said that in the battle, around 22 Indians and 30 Portuguese soldiers died.
- ❖ On 30 May 1987, Goa got the statehood status and became one of the richest and top per capita income states of India.

NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY IS OBSERVED EVERY YEAR ON DECEMBER 22-

- Born on this day in the year 1887, Srinivasa Ramanujan is a name to reckon among pioneers in Mathematics.
- In 2012 former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had declared his birthday (December 22) as National Mathematics Day.
- Legendary mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan made extraordinary contributions to mathematical analysis, number theory, infinite series & continued fractions.

GOOD GOVERNANCE DAY IN INDIA IS OBSERVED ON 25 DECEMBER TO COMMEMORATE THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE-

- His Samadhi namely 'SadiavAtal' was dedicated to the nation and reflects his personality as a poet, humanist, statesman, and a great leader.



- He died at the age of 93 on 16 August, 2018.
- The Good Governance Day was established in 2014 to pay tribute to the former PM AtalBihari Vajpayee to raise awareness about the accountability in governance among the people of India.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION DESIGNATED 2020 AS INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE NURSE AND MIDWIFE-

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated 2020 as the "Year of the Nurse and Midwife", in honour of the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale.
- The year 2020 is significant for WHO in the context of nursing and midwifery strengthening for Universal Health Coverage.
- WHO is leading the development of the first-ever State of the World's Nursing report which will be launched in 2020, prior to the 73rd World Health Assembly.

World Health Organization-

- ❖ It is a specialized agency of the United Nations that is concerned with international public health.
- ❖ It was established on 7 April 1948, and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ❖ The WHO is a member of the United Nations Development Group

WORLD BRAILLE DAY 2020 WAS OBSERVED ON JANUARY 4-

- World Braille Day is annually celebrated on January 4, the birthday of Braille inventor, Louis Braille.
- The day recognizes the contributions of Louis Braille in helping blind and visually impaired people to read and write.
- The aim is to spread awareness among society about the plight and cause of people with visual abilities.



Louis Braille-

- ❖ He was born on 4th January 1809 in the town of Coupvray in Northern France.
- ❖ He lost his eyes just at the age of 3.
- ❖ This led to the invention of language with 6 dots- Braille script.

PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS IS CELEBRATED EVERY YEAR ON JANUARY 09-

- The purpose of celebrating Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is to recognize the overseas Indians who have contributed to the development of India.
- This day was first celebrated in 2003.

- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated on January 09 because Mahatma Gandhi returned India from South Africa on January 09, 1915.
- On this day, the government puts a focus on reconnecting overseas Indians with their roots so that they can contribute significantly to the development of the country.

WORLD HINDI DAY IS CELEBRATED EVERY YEAR ON JANUARY 10-

- The objective is to create a suitable environment for the promotion of Hindi worldwide and to present Hindi as the prevalent language of the world.
- The first World Hindi Conference was held in Nagpur on January 10, 1975, where 122 delegates from 30 countries participated in the program.
- Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh announced to celebrate World Hindi Day on January 10 every year in 2006.
- Hindi is the fifth most spoken language among the total languages spoken in the world.



CENSUS INDIA-2021 TO BEGIN ON 1ST APRIL; TO BE CONDUCTED THROUGH MOBILE APP-

- Census India-2021 will begin on 1st of April this year and will end on 30th of September.
- Census India-2021 will be conducted through a mobile phone application, moving away from the traditional pen and paper.
- Enumerators of the census will seek the information of mobile number of the head of the family.
- Also information related to toilets, TV, Internet, vehicles owned, source of drinking water besides asking other questions during the house listing phase of the exercise.

NATIONAL YOUTH DAY IS OBSERVED EVERY YEAR ON JANUARY 12, PM MARKS 157TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SWAMI VIVEKANANDA AT BELUR MATH-

- PM Modi visited Belur Math, the headquarters of Ramakrishna Mission in Howrah district of West Bengal to mark the 157th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
- The Theme of National Youth Day 2020 is "Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building".
- Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary is also observed as the National Youth Day.

Swami Vivekananda-

- ❖ He was a key figure in the introduction of the Indian philosophies of Vedanta and Yoga to the Western world.



- ❖ He was a major force in the revival of Hinduism in India, and contributed to the concept of nationalism in colonial India.

Born- 12 January 1863, Kolkata

Died- 4 July 1902, Belur

Full name- Narendra Nath Datta

INDIAN ARMY DAY IS OBSERVED EVERY YEAR ON 15TH JANUARY-

- India is celebrating 72nd Army Day on January 15, 2020.
- This day is celebrated every year on this day because Field Marshal KM Cariappa took command of the Indian Army from General Francis Butcher on the same day in 1949.
- India's first Chief of Defense Staff Bipin Rawat will also participate in the parade along with the heads of the three forces which happens every year in New-Delhi.

Motto- "Service Before Self"

Founded- 1 April 1895, India

Headquarters- New Delhi

Commander-in-Chief- President Ram Nath Kovind

INDIA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT CELEBRATED 145TH FOUNDATION DAY ON 15 JANUARY-

- It was established in 1875. The day is celebrated by Ministry of Earth Science under which IMD (Indian Meteorological Department) functions.
- Indian Meteorological Department was established in 1875 with its headquarters at Calcutta. But Later it was shifted to Shimla in 1905, to Pune in 1928 and then to Delhi in 1944.



India Meteorological Department-

- ❖ It is the principal agency responsible for meteorological observations, weather forecasting and seismology.
- ❖ IMD is headquartered in Delhi and operates hundreds of observation stations across India and Antarctica.
- ❖ Its Regional offices are in Mumbai, Kolkata, Nagpur and Pune.

23RD NATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL 2020 HELD IN LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH-

- On the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, 23rd National Youth Festival 2020 started with a grand inauguration ceremony in Lucknow.
- In his video message to the youth gathered here from different parts of country Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed youth of country to try only to purchase local products By 2020 which will help our countrymen.
- The theme of the 2020 NYF was “Fit Youth, Fit India”.

ON JANUARY 19, 2020, THE NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAY (NID) WAS OBSERVED ALL OVER INDIA AS A PART OF PULSE POLIO PROGRAMME-

- This year’s aim is to maintain the 'NO POLIO' status, a nationwide programme to administer polio drops to children below 5 years was organized throughout the country.
- President Ram Nath Kovind launched the Pulse Polio Programme for this year by administering Polio drops to children below the age of five at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The National Immunization Day are one of the four strategies that are recommended by the WHO to eradicate polio completely.

THE NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE (NDRF) CELEBRATED ITS 15TH RAISING DAY ON 19TH JANUARY-



- National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), a specialized multi-skilled, humanitarian force of the country, came into existence on January 19th, 2006.
- It has been playing a vital role in Disaster Management and Community awareness for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the country.
- NDRF has saved more than One lakh lives in its 3100 operations and rescued/evacuated over 6.7 lakh people during disasters.

National Disaster Response Force-

Minister responsible- Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs

Motto- Saving Lives & Beyond

Founded- 2006

NATIONAL GIRLS' CHILD DAY IS OBSERVED EVERY YEAR ON 24TH JANUARY-



- This day is celebrated every year on January 24 across the country.
- Its objective is to provide maximum support and facilities to the girls of the country in every respect.
- Apart from this, another objective of National Girl Child Day is to raise awareness about discrimination against girls.
- It was initiated in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Government of India. In 2019, its theme was “Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow”.

APPOINTMENT AND RESIGNATION

CUBA NAMES MANUEL MARRERO CRUZ AS FIRST PRIME MINISTER SINCE 1976-

- Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel has appointed the country's first prime minister in more than 40 years - the tourism minister, Manuel Marrero Cruz.
- The post of prime minister was scrapped in 1976 by the then revolutionary leader Fidel Castro.
- It was reinstated under the rules of a new constitution for the communist-run island passed earlier this year.



Cuba-

Capital- Havana

Currency- Cuban Peso

Fidel Castro-

He was a Cuban communist revolutionary and politician who governed the Republic of Cuba as Prime Minister from 1959 to 1976 and then as President from 1976 to 2008.

GEN BIPIN RAWAT NAMED AS COUNTRY'S FIRST CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF-

- Indian Army General Bipin Rawat named as the country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).
- Chief of Defence Staff will be a 4-star General, the principal military advisor to the defence minister, and will head the new Department of Military Affairs.
- Chief of Defence Staff ensures the jointness in training, logistics, and procurement of the three services.
- General Rawat is the first officer to hold the post of the Chief of Defence Staff.

H K JOSHI TAKES CHARGE AS CMD OF SHIPPING CORPORATION OF INDIA-

- Shipping Corporation of India appointed as H.K. Joshi, Chairperson & Managing Director (CMD).
- The company holds the additional charge of the post of Director (Finance) of the company for three months with effect from 19 December 2019.



- Shipping Corporation of India Shipping Corporation of India is a Government of India Public Sector Enterprise with its headquarters in Mumbai.

GOVT APPOINTS AIIMS' PROF SURESH CHANDRA SHARMA AS FIRST CHIEF OF NMC-

- The chief of Delhi AIIMS' ENT head-neck surgery department, Professor Suresh Chandra Sharma, was appointed the chairman of National Medical Commission.
- National Medical Commission is the new medical education regulator to replace scam-tainted Medical Council of India, according to a Personnel Ministry order.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Sharma for a period of three years or till the age of 70 years.



AP MAHESHWARI APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE-

- AP Maheshwari, a 1984 batch IPS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, is at present Special Secretary (Internal Security) in the Union Home Ministry.
- He has been appointed to the post up to February 28, 2021, i.e. the date of his superannuation, according to a Personnel Ministry order.
- The post of DG CRPF was lying vacant after RR Bhatnagar retired on December 31.



Central Reserve Police Force-

- ❖ India's largest Central Armed Police Force.
- ❖ It functions under the authority of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ❖ The CRPF's primary role lies in assisting the State/Union Territories in police operations to maintain law and order and counter insurgency.

Headquarters- New Delhi

GOVERNMENT APPOINTS MICHAEL PATRA AS THE 4TH RBI DEPUTY GOVERNOR-

- The appointment of Patra, who is currently an executive director at the central bank, comes nearly six months after former deputy governor Viral Acharya's premature resignation.



- Patra will serve as the deputy governor for three years from the time of his appointment.

About RBI-**Head Quarters-** Mumbai**Founded-** 1st April 1935, Kolkata**Governor-** Shaktikanta Das**Deputy Governors-** N S Vishwanathan, B P Kanungo and M K Jain**SAYYID HAITHAM BIN TARIQ AL SAID TOOK OVER AS SULTAN OF OMAN-**

- He succeeded Sultan Qaboos bin Said who passed away recently.
- The Sultan is the prime decision-maker in Oman and also holds the portfolio of Prime Minister, supreme commander of the armed forces, minister of foreign affairs, minister of finance and minister of defence.
- Sultan Qaboos bin Said was a charismatic and visionary leader who transformed Oman into a modern and prosperous nation.
- He was ruling Oman since 1970.

**Oman-**Officially the Sultanate of Oman, is an Arab country on the southeastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula in Western Asia.**Capital-** Muscat**Currency-** Omani rial**RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT APPROVES MIKHAIL MISHUSTIN AS NEW PRIME MINISTER-**

- The Russian lawmakers have approved Russian President Vladimir Putin's proposed candidate Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustin, the head of the Federal Tax Service, as the next prime minister of the country.
- He replaced Dmitri Anatolyevich Medvedev who resigned from his post.

Russia-**Capital-** Moscow.**Currency-** Russian ruble.**SENIOR ADVOCATE HARISH SALVE APPOINTED QUEEN'S COUNSEL FOR COURTS OF ENGLAND & WALES-**

- Noted lawyer Harish Salve has been appointed as Queen's Counsel (QC) for the courts of England and Wales, 'Bar and Bench'.
- The title of QC is awarded to those who have demonstrated particular skill and expertise in the conduct of advocacy.
- Salve and other appointees will be formally appointed as QC on March 16, where the Lord Chancellor will preside over the appointment ceremony at Westminster Hall.

**CHALLA SREENIVASULU SETTY APPOINTED MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SBI-**

- The government appointed Challa Sreenivasulu Setty as the managing director of the State Bank of India for a period of three years, according to an official order.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Department of the Financial Services for the appointment of Setty.
- Currently he is serving as the deputy managing director of the SBI.

State Bank of India-

- ❖ It is a government corporation statutory body headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❖ SBI is ranked as 236th in the Fortune Global 500 list of the world's biggest corporations of 2019.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

SAHITYA AKADEMI ANNOUNCES ANNUAL SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARDS IN 23 LANGUAGES-

- In Hindi, Nand Kishore has been awarded for his Poetry 'Chheelate Hue Apne Ko' and in English Shashi Tharoor has been awarded for his Non-Fiction 'An Era of Darkness'.
- Seven books of poetry, four of novel, six of short stories, three of essays and one each of non-fiction, autobiography and biography have won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2019.



Sahitya Akademi-

- ❖ Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters, is an organisation dedicated to the promotion of literature in the languages of India.

Headquarters - New Delhi

President- Chandrashekhara Kambara

Founder- Government of India

Founded- 12 March 1954, India

ROHTANG TUNNEL NAMED AFTER ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE-

- On the eve of the birth anniversary (25TH Dec) of former Prime Minister late AtalBihari Vajpayee.
- The Central government announced to name the Rohtang tunnel, a road link between Kullu and landlocked Lahaul Valley in Himachal Pradesh, after Vajpayee.
- The Union Cabinet approved two schemes in his honour: one to improve groundwater management in villages and the other to rename the tunnel being built under the Rohtang Pass after him.
- The tunnel, being constructed from Manali to Leh, would be renamed as the 'Atal Tunnel'.

INDIAN PEACEKEEPERS IN SOUTH SUDAN RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS UN MEDAL-



- About 850 Indian peacekeepers serving in South Sudan have been awarded the prestigious UN medal for their service and contribution to building peace in the strife-torn nation and supporting the local communities.
- India is among the largest troop contributing countries to UN peacekeeping operations.
- Currently, 2,342 Indian troops and 25 police personnel are deployed with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).

South Sudan-

- ❖ It gained independence from the Republic of the Sudan in 2011, making it the most recent sovereign state with widespread recognition.

Capital- Juba

VIRAT KOHLI, AKSHAY KUMAR, SALMAN KHAN TOP FORBES INDIA'S 2019 CELEBRITY 100 LIST-

- Virat Kohli has secured the first position in this list beating Salman Khan.
- At the same time, Akshay Kumar has moved up to number two on this list.
- From Bollywood Amitabh Bachchan at number four, Shah Rukh Khan at number six and Ranveer Singh at number seven.
- Alia Bhatt and Deepika Padukone are also named in Forbes' Top 10 list.

Forbes-American business magazine.

Editor-in-chief- Steve Forbes

First issue- September 15, 1917; 102 years ago

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BECOMES HIGHEST-PAID YOUTUBER, EARNS 26 MILLION DOLLARS IN YEAR-



- Eight-year-old Ryan Kaji earned \$26 million in 2019 on his YouTube channel, making him the highest-paid creator on the platform, according to a list published by Forbes magazine.

- Kaji, whose real name is Ryan Guan, was already the video platform's highest earner in 2018, with \$22 million, according to Forbes.
- His channel "Ryan's World," launched in 2015 by Ryan's parents, is only three years old but already has 22.9 million subscribers.

YouTube-

Founded- 14 Feb 2005

CEO- Susan Wojcicki

ASHLEIGH BARTY & RAFAEL NADAL NAMED 2019 ITF WORLD CHAMPIONS AWARDS-

- International Tennis Federation (ITF) honoured eleven players in annual awards including Singles, Doubles, Wheelchair and Juniors.
- The ITF has announced that Rafael Nadal of Spain and Ashleigh Barty of Australia have been named 2019 ITF World Champions in Singles.

International Tennis Federation-

It is the governing body of world tennis, wheelchair tennis, and beach tennis.

Headquarters- London, United Kingdom

President- David Haggerty

Membership- 211 national associations

Formation- 1 March 1913; 106 years ago

66TH NATIONAL FILM AWARDS: AMITABH BACHCHAN TO GET 50TH DADA SAHEB PHALKE AWARD-



- The winners of the 66th National Film Award 2019 to be awarded by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu at Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi.
- Amitabh Bachchan to be honored with Dada Saheb Phalke Award.
- Ayushmann Khurrana for film 'Andhadhun' and Vicky Kaushal for 'Uri: The Surgical Strike' to be honored as Best Actors.

- South Actress KirtiSuresh for 'Mahanati' for Best Actress and Surekha Sikri to be awarded for 'Best Supporting Actress Award for 'Badhaai Ho' film.'

National Film Awards-

- ❖ It is the most prominent film award ceremonies in India.
- ❖ Established in 1954, it has been administered, along with the International Film Festival of India and the Indian Panorama, by the Indian government's Directorate of Film Festivals since 1973.

INDIAN CAPTAIN VIRAT KOHLI NAMED IN THE CRICKETERS OF THE DECADE LIST ALONG SIDE FOUR OTHERS BY THE WISDEN CRICKETERS ALMANAC-

- South African duo of Dale Steyn and AB de Villiers, Australia's Steve Smith and women's all-rounder Ellyse Perry added in the list.
- Kohli scored 5,775 more international runs than anyone else in the last 10 years, has arguably been the best batsman over the last decade.

14 SCIENTISTS CONFERRED WITH SWARNA JAYANTI FELLOWSHIPS FOR 2018-19-

- The Union Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India (GoI), have awarded Swarna Jayanti Fellowships for 2018-19 to 14 Scientists.
- These scientists were associated with innovative research projects and capable of impacting research and development (R&D) work in their respective fields.
- The fellows, will get a monthly fellowship of Rs 25,000 and an annual research grant of Rs 5 lakh, for the next five years, in addition to their salary.

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION RANKINGS: INDIA'S MANAV THAKKAR BECOMES WORLD NO.1 IN U-21 CATEGORY-



- Young Indian paddler Manav Thakkar has jumped nine places to become the world no.1 in the Under-21 men's singles category.
- Thakkar is the first Indian to be ranked No.1 in the world in the U-21 category.
- He had reached the No.1 rank in the U-18 category two years ago, then becoming the first Indian to be ranked No.1 in the world in any age group in table tennis.

MAJOR ANOOP MISHRA AWARDED "ARMY DESIGN BUREAU EXCELLENCE AWARD" FOR DEVELOPING BULLETPROOF JACKET 'SARVATRA KAWACH'

- Major Anoop Mishra received the "Army Design Bureau Excellence Award" by Indian Army Chief General Bipin Rawat for indigenously developing the bullet-proof jacket named 'Sarvatra Kawach'.
- The award was presented during the Army Technology Seminar (ARTECH) that held in New Delhi with the theme 'Technologies for Non – Contact Warfare'

RANI RAMPAL, CAPTAIN OF THE INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM, HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE WORLD GAMES ATHLETE OF THE YEAR 2019 AWARD-



- The 25 athletes nominated for this award from 25 sports have been recommended by their international federations.
- The FIH has recommended Rani's name for the award for her outstanding performance and her ability to lead by example.

World Games Athlete of the Year award-

It is an initiative of IWGA (International World Games Association) that recognizes and honours an athlete or a team

for their outstanding performance or for their social commitment or particularly, fair behavior.

BCCI ANNUAL AWARDS 2018-19 ANNOUNCED: JASPRIT BUMRAH RECEIVES POLLY UMRIGAR AWARD-

- Jasprit Bumrah bagged the Polly Umrigar Award, the highest award of Indian Cricket, on January 12, 2020.
- He received this award for the best international cricketer (2018-19) at the BCCI Annual Awards event.
- Poonam Yadav was given the Best International Cricketer (Female) Award at the same function.

Board of Control for Cricket in India-

- ❖ It is the national governing body for cricket in India.
- ❖ The board was formed in December 1928 as a society, registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act.

Headquarters- Mumbai

Secretary- Jay Shah

Presidents- C.K. Khanna, Sourav Ganguly

RATAN TATA, GAUTAM ADANI AMONG INDIA'S TOP 10 MOST GOOGLED BUSINESS TYCOONS-



- Tata Sons chairman Ratan Tata emerged as India's most searched business tycoon on Google in 2019.
- Google released a Year in Search 2019 report shows what was trending on the world's largest search engine during the year in India.

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

PARLIAMENT PASSES BILL TO MERGE UTS DAMAN AND DIU, DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI-



- The Parliament passed a bill which seeks to merge two Union Territories Daman and Diu, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli into one unit.
- The Rajya Sabha passed the Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (Merger of Union Territories) Bill, 2019 through voice vote.
- Lok Sabha had passed this bill on November 27.
- The merged Union Territory will be named Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

Parliament of India-

- ❖ It is the supreme legislative body of the Republic of India.
- ❖ It is a bicameral legislature composed of the President of India and the two houses: the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha.

Lok Sabha next election- May 2024

GOVERNMENT ROLLS OUT NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PIPELINE (NIP) ₹102-LAKH CRORE BLUEPRINT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT-

- It aims to ensure timely implementation of these projects — spread across 18 States and Union Territories — over the next five years.
- The government expects that with more and more States/UTs submitting their proposals, another ₹3-lakh crore will be added to the total expenditure in the next few days.
- During the fiscals 2020 to 2025, sectors such as Energy (24%), Roads (19%), Urban (16%), and Railways (13%)

amount to around 70% of the projected capital expenditure in infrastructure in India

GOVERNMENT CREATED DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS, TO BE HEADED BY CDS-



- The government has created a Department of Military Affairs in the Defence Ministry and it will be headed by newly-appointed Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat.
- General Rawat, who completed a three-year tenure as Army Chief, was named as the country's first CDS.
- The new department will have under it works relating to the three forces -- Army, Navy and Air Force -- and procurement exclusive to the services.

Chief of Defence Staff-

- ❖ It is the professional service chief, head of the Indian Armed Forces and the senior-most uniformed military adviser to the Government of India.
- ❖ General Bipin Rawat took over as the first CDS on 1st January 2020.
- ❖ He will serve a full three-year term till December 2022.

GOVERNMENT APPROVES OVER RS 5000 CRORE FUND FOR NORTH EAST NATURAL GAS GRID PROJECT-

- The Government has approved 'Viability Gap Funding' worth Rs 5559 crores to set up a natural gas pipeline grid in the North East.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gave its approval to the project on January 8, 2020.
- The Natural Gas Pipeline Grid will be developed in the eight states of the north east including Sikkim and the seven

sisters- Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.

- The Natural Gas Pipeline Grid project is a significant step towards achieving the central government's Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 for the North-East.

Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas-

- ❖ This ministry is responsible for the exploration, production, refining, distribution, marketing, import, export, and conservation of petroleum, natural gas, petroleum products, and liquefied natural gas in India.

Minister Responsible- Dharmendra Pradhan

1023 FAST TRACK COURTS TO BE SET UP FOR SAFETY OF WOMEN MISSION TO BE SET UP IN 24 STATES UNDER THE NIRBHAYA FUND-

- On January 09, 2020 24 states and union territories (UTs) have joined together to set up a total of 1,023 'fast-track special courts' (FTSCs) to dispose of over 1.60 lakh cases of rape of children below the age of 12 years.
- This has been done to bring out fast and time bound completion of trial of these cases for which Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018 was enacted.
- Total financial implication of the project is over Rs. 767.25 crore from which centre government will support Rs 474 crore for one year.



DHARMENDRA PRADHAN UNVEILS MISSION PURVODAYA TO DEVELOP EASTERN REGION INTO A INTEGRATED STEEL HUB-

- Union Steel Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has said, the eastern belt has the potential to add over 75 percent of the country's incremental steel capacity envisioned by the National Steel Policy.
- He said, it is expected that out of the 300 Million Tonne capacity by 2030-31, over 200 Million Tonne can come from this region alone.

Mission Purvodaya-

- ❖ The programme is aimed at accelerated development of eastern India through establishment of integrated steel hub.

DRONE REGISTRATION TO BE COMPULSORY BY JANUARY 31 TO AVOID LEGAL ACTION: DGCA-



- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has asked all the people possessing and flying drones to register their gadgets by January 31, 2020.
- Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) said in a public notice that if they violate the rules then appropriate action will be taken against them under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Aircraft Act.
- Ministry of Civil Aviation has issued this notice soon after a missile attack place through a drone on Iran.

Directorate General of Civil Aviation-

- ❖ It is the Indian governmental regulatory body for civil aviation under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- ❖ This directorate investigates aviation accidents and incidents.

Headquarters- New Delhi

Parent agency- Ministry of Civil Aviation

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST HAS RELAXED COASTAL REGULATION ZONE (CRZ) RULES FOR 'BLUE FLAG' BEACHES-

- CRZ rules restrict construction near beaches.
- Relaxation in the rules will allow States to construct infrastructure and enable the beaches to receive 'Blue Flag' certification.
- The Blue Flag certification requires beaches to create infrastructures like portable toilet blocks, greywater treatment plants, a solar power plant, seating facilities, CCTV surveillance, etc.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change-

Founded- 1985

Headquarters- New Delhi

Officeholders- Babul Supriyo (Minister of State), Prakash Javadekar (Minister)

FUEL CONSERVATION MEGA CAMPAIGN OF PCRA SAKSHAM 2020 LAUNCHED-



- The Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) operating under Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas launched the fuel conservation campaign.
- PCRA has been conducting Saksham campaigns in different parts of the country.

This year, the campaign will create awareness about the following-

- ❖ PCRA has developed energy efficient burners for gas stoves.
- ❖ It will provide messages on “Pollution ka Solution”.

PCRA-

- ❖ PCRA is engaged in promotion of energy efficient programmes in different sectors of the country.
- ❖ It sponsors R&D activities to develop fuel efficient equipment.

GOVERNMENT APPROVES UP TO 100 PER CENT FDI IN BHARTI AIRTEL-

- The telecom department has approved raising the foreign direct investment (FDI) limit in Bharti Airtel to 100% from an earlier 49%, a provision that can help the telco draw more overseas funds.



- “Bharti Airtel has received the approval from the Department of Telecommunications, for increasing the limit of foreign investment up to 100% of the paid-up capital.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has also given the approval to Bharti Airtel for allowing foreign investors to hold up to 74 per cent stake in the company.

Department of Telecommunications-

- ❖ The Department of Telecommunications, abbreviated to DoT, is a department of the [Ministry of Communications] of the executive branch of the [Government of India].

Headquarters location- New Delhi

Minister responsible- Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre, Minister of State (independent charge) for Communications

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RANKING

INDIA SLIPPED 11 PLACES TO NUMBER 108TH THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN FIFA RANKINGS IN A YEAR; BELGIUM TOPS-

- The Indian men’s football team remained static at 108th spot in the year-ending FIFA rankings issued.
- India, however, lost 11 places throughout the year.
- With 1187 total points, India is placed at 19th spot among Asian countries headed by Japan (28th).
- India was placed at 97th in the December FIFA rankings of last year.



FIFA-

Motto	<i>For the Game. For the World.</i>
Founded	21 May 1904; 115 years ago
Founded at	Paris, France

ANDHRA PRADESH TOPS IN ORGANISING 'FIT INDIA SCHOOL WEEK'-

- Andhra Pradesh has topped the charts in organising the Fit India week as 13,839 schools took part in the state.
- Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh took the second and third place with 1,967 and 1,504 schools respectively.
- More than 21,000 schools have received Fit India flag.

Fit India Movement-

- ❖ Fit India Movement is a nation-wide movement in India to encourage people to remain healthy and fit by including physical activities and sports in their daily lives.
- ❖ It was launched by Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi on 29 August 2019 (National Sports Day).

INDIA IN 7TH POSITION ON WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY LIST FOR VIOLATIONS-

- The report stated that the French Anti-Doping Agency had the highest number with 164 AAF followed by USA with 136.
- Only China (84) and Italy (75)



had more cases of doping in 2017 than India with 71.

- In the same list for 2016, released last year, India had occupied the same spot with 73 positive tests from 2831 samples collected.

World Anti-Doping Agency-

It is a foundation initiated by the International Olympic Committee based in Canada to promote, coordinate and monitor the fight against drugs in sports.

Headquarters- Montreal, Canada

Purpose- Anti-doping in sport

Founded- 10 November 1999

NITI AAYOG RELEASED 2ND SDG INDIA INDEX 2019 IN NEW DELHI; KERALA TOPPED THE INDEX-



- On December 31, 2019 NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog has released the 2nd edition of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index and dashboard for the year 2019 in New Delhi.
- Kerala topped the index with a score of 70.
- The index gives a brief analysis on the progress made by states and union territories (UTs) towards achieving the 2030 SDG targets.

AT 67,385, INDIA RECORDS HIGHEST NUMBER OF BABIES BORN GLOBALLY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY: UNICEF-

- Out of estimated 392,078 babies born around the world, 67,385 were born in India on Jan 1
- India was followed by China (46,299), Nigeria (26,039), Pakistan (16,787), Indonesia (13,020) and US (10,452)
- Indian babies accounted for 17 per cent of the estimated 3,92,078 babies

UNICEF-

United Nations Children's Fund is a United Nations agency responsible for providing humanitarian and developmental aid to children around the world.

Headquarters- New York, United States

Head- Henrietta H. Fore

Founded- 11 December 1946, New York, United States

SWACHH SURVEKSHAN LEAGUE 2020: INDORE CLEANEST CITY IN FIRST TWO QUARTERS-

- Indore ranked first in the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 results of Swachh Survekshan League 2020 (SS League 2020) among the cities where population is more than 10 lakh.
- The second and third spot was taken by Bhopal and Surat in Q1 while Rajkot and Navi Mumbai came at number two and three respectively in Q2 in the same population category.
- Indore has retained the title of the cleanest city in the last three years.



Swachh Survekshan-

Swachh Survekshan is a ranking exercise taken up by the Government of India to assess rural and urban areas for their levels of cleanliness and active implementation of Swachhata mission.

QANTAS AIRWAYS IS THE WORLD'S SAFEST AIRLINE-



- The world's safest and most punctual airlines are in the Asia Pacific region.
- Qantas Airways Ltd was named safest airline in the world on a top-20 list published by AirlineRatings.com.
- It was followed by Air New Zealand Ltd and Taiwan's Eva Airways Corp.

Top 5 Indian Air Lines in terms of Passengers-

1. Indigo
2. Spicejet
3. Air India
4. Go Air
5. Air Asia

INDIA RANKS 34TH IN TRAVEL & TOURISM COMPETITIVENESS INDEX-

- India has moved up six places to rank 34th on world travel and tourism competitiveness index.
- India is driven by rich natural and cultural resources and strong price competitiveness, a WEF report said.
- India's ranking improved from 40th to 34th, the greatest improvement over 2017 among the top 25 per cent of all countries ranked in the report.
- "India, which accounts for the majority of South Asia's T&T (travel and tourism) GDP, remains the sub-region's most competitive T&T economy, moving up six places to rank 34th globally.

Top 5 Most Visited States of India by Foreign Tourists-

1. Tamil Nadu
2. Maharashtra
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. Delhi
5. Rajasthan

HENLEY INDEX: JAPAN TOPS 2020 LIST OF WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL PASSPORTS-

- The Henley Passport Index, which periodically measures the world's most travel-friendly passports, has released its first report of the new decade.
- Japan is now top of the leaderboard, offering visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to an incredible 191 destinations around the world.
- Asia dominates the top of the list, with Singapore in second place (with a score of 190) and South Korea tying with Germany in third place (with a score of 189).
- The Indian passport is closer to the bottom, ranked 84th in the world.
- The Indian passport ranked higher in both 2019 (82nd) and 2018 (81st).



DEFENCE NEWS

INDIAN NAVY CONDUCTS ANTI-HIJACKING EXERCISE OFF KOCHI COAST-



- The Indian Navy conducted Exercise Apharan, a large scale Anti Hijacking Exercise off the Port of Kochi on 18 December 2019.
- The Exercise was conducted under the aegis of the Commander-in-Chief, Coastal Defence, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, Kerala.
- The exercise code-named Apharan saw participation of multiple agencies, including more than 12 ships and helicopters of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and Cochin Port Trust.

Indian Navy-

Headquarters- New Delhi

Founded- 5 September 1612

Commands- 04

INDIA'S FIRST FOUR-STAR POST GETS APPROVAL FROM CABINET-

- The creation of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) post has finally been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS).
- The post of Chief of Defence Staff is a four-star post.
- Narendra Modi announced the creation of a new post of CDS in his Independence Day speech on August 15, 2019.
- The CDS will head all three forces – Indian Army, Indian Navy and India Air Force.

AIR FORCE CHIEF FORMALLY INDUCTS DORNIER AIRCRAFT INTO 41 OTTERS SQUADRON-

- Indian Air Force Chief RKS Bhaduria has formally inducted the light utility aircraft Dornier into the No. 41 "Otters" Squadron.
- The aircraft was inducted during a ceremony at the Palam Air Force Station.
- The IAF in 2015 had signed a contract to purchase 14 Dornier aircraft, which are flight inspection system planes, for Rs 1,090 crore from state-run Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited-

- ❖ Indian state-owned aerospace and defence company headquartered in Bangalore, India.
- ❖ It is governed under the management of the Indian Ministry of Defence.

Headquarters- Bengaluru

INDIA'S 1ST INDIGENOUS AIRCRAFT CARRIER VIKRANT TO BE COMMISSIONED BY EARLY 2021-



- The manufacturing of the country's first indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant is currently under phase three which involves setting to work of machinery and other equipment.
- It is likely to be commissioned by early 2021.
- The nearly 40,000-tonne carrier is being built at the Cochin Shipyard (CSL) in Kochi.
- Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh on December 3 had said that Vikrant will be fully operational by 2022 and it will have a fleet of MiG-29K aircraft.

About Indian Navy-

Chief of the Naval Staff- General Admiral Karambir Singh.

Founded- 5th September 1612.

Navy Day- December 4.

INDIAN NAVY CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN PRESENCE IN GULF REGION UNDER OP SANKALP AMID TENSIONS-

- Amid the deteriorating security situation in the Middle East, the Indian Navy said it continues to maintain its presence in the Gulf region as part of its 'Operation Sankalp.'
- Operation Sankalp was initiated earlier 2019 to ensure security of sea-borne trade and the safety of Indian Flag Merchant Vessels transiting through the region.
- The Navy said that the operation is being progressed in close coordination with all stakeholders including
 - ❖ Ministry of Defence
 - ❖ Ministry of External Affairs
 - ❖ Ministry of Shipping
 - ❖ Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
 - ❖ DG Shipping

INDIA DEPLOYS INS VIKRAMADITYA IN ARABIAN SEA AMID CHINA-PAK NAVAL DRILL-

- Pakistan and China launched a major drill in the North Arabian Sea with an aim to increase inter-operability and strategic cooperation between their two navies named Sea Guardians.
- Top officials of the Indian Naval headquarters were on board the aircraft carrier when it was deployed in the strategic mission.

INS Vikramaditya-

- ❖ Baku (Soviet Name) entered service in 1987, and was renamed Admiral Gorshkov in 1991, but was deactivated in 1996 because she was too expensive to operate on a post-Cold War budget.
- ❖ The carrier was purchased by India on 20 January 2004 after years of negotiations at a final price of \$2.35 billion.
- ❖ On 14 June 2014, the Prime Minister of India formally inducted INS Vikramaditya into the Indian Navy and dedicated her to the nation.

INDIA ERECTING NEW NON-CUT 'STEEL FENCE' ALONG PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH BORDERS-

- The motive is to plug vulnerable and infiltration-prone patches along its sensitive border with Pakistan and Bangladesh.
- A 'pilot project' of this new fence is also being tested at a 7-km stretch in Assam's Silchar along India's border with Bangladesh and is being analysed by the BSF.

Total length of Pakistan-India border- 3,323 Km

Total length of India-Bangladesh border- 4,156 Km

INDIA TO ACQUIRE 200 FIGHTER JETS FOR AIR FORCE: DEFENCE SECRETARY AJAY KUMAR-

- The contract for HAL-manufactured 83 LCA Tejas Mark 1 A advanced fighter jets are in the final stages, he said.
- Apart from these, Expression of Interest (EOI) has been floated for another 110 aircraft, based on which Request for Proposal (RFP) will be floated.
- The Air Force has Sukhoi 30 MKIs, Mirage 2000s, Mig 29s and the ageing Jaguars and Mig 21 Bisons in its inventory of fighter jets at present.

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited-

- ❖ Indian state-owned aerospace and defence company headquartered in Bangalore, India.
- ❖ It is governed under the management of the Indian Ministry of Defence.

Headquarters- Bengaluru

DEFENCE MINISTER RAJNATH SINGH DEDICATES 51ST K9 VAJRA-T GUNS TO NATION-

- This gun is self-propelled Howitzer gun made by L&T's Armoured System Complex at Hazira in Gujarat.
- The gun weighs 50 tonnes and can fire 47-kilogram bombs at targets up to a distance of 43 kilometres.



- This future-ready combat vehicles meet the requirement of 21st-century warfare including deep fire support to the longer firing range.

JAPANESE, INDIAN COAST GUARDS HOLD EXERCISE OFF CHENNAI COAST-

- Indo-Japan joint-exercise Sahyog-Kaijin began on 16 January 2020 at the Chennai port.
- This is the 19th edition of the exercise that is being conducted between the two Coast Guards.
- The exercise is aimed at further strengthening bilateral ties and mutual understanding between the two coast guards.
- It also aims to enhance interoperability in communication, search and rescue procedures and sharing of best practices.

Japan-

- ❖ Japan is an island country located in East Asia.
- ❖ It is bordered by the Sea of Japan to the west and the Pacific Ocean to the east.

Capital- Tokyo

Currency- Japanese yen

DELIVERY OF ALL S-400 AIR DEFENCE SYSTEMS TO INDIA WILL BE COMPLETED BY 2025: RUSSIAN DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION-



- Russian Deputy Chief of Mission Roman Babushkin said that the production of five units of S-400 air defence missile system have commenced and will be delivered to India by 2025.
- The contract worth \$5.43 billion was signed during the visit of The Russian President Vladimir Putin to India last year.
- The US under Trump administration have opposed the S-400 deal with Russia and have threatened to impose sanctions under CAATSA.

Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA)-

- ❖ The CAATSA, is a United States federal law that imposed sanctions on Iran, North Korea, and Russia.
- ❖ The bill was passed on July 27, 2017, 98–2 in the Senate.

INDIAN AIR FORCE INDUCTS FIRST SQUADRON OF SUKHOI-30 MKI AIRCRAFT CARRYING BRAHMOS MISSILES-



- The Indian Air Force inducted its first squadron of Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft which are capable of carrying BrahMos supersonic cruise missile.
- The induction ceremony of the 222 'Tigersharks' fighter squadron was held at Thanjavur airbase.
- As per a report, the new squadron inducted by IAF is armed with the 2.5-ton air-launched BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile which is capable of striking targets at a distance of over 300 KM with pinpoint precision.

BrahMos-

- ❖ It is a medium-range ramjet supersonic cruise missile that can be launched from submarine, ships, aircraft, or land.
- ❖ It is the fastest supersonic cruise missile in the world.

Manufacturer- BrahMos Aerospace Limited

Place of origin- India / Russia

LATEST CURRENT AFFIARS (MCQ's)

1. **Who launched the One Trillion Trees Initiative?**
 - (a) WEF
 - (b) UN
 - (c) US
 - (d) UNEP
2. **The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind presented the 14th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in _____ Awards in New Delhi.**
 - (a) Poetry
 - (b) Singing
 - (c) Acting
 - (d) Journalism
3. **The ICJ has ordered which nation to take urgent steps to protect Rohingya Muslims?**
 - (a) Bangladesh
 - (b) India
 - (c) China
 - (d) Myanmar
4. **Name the city which has become the most polluted city of India according to a Greenpeace India Report released recently.**
 - (a) Jharia, Jharkhand
 - (b) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
 - (c) Lunglei, Mizoram
 - (d) Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh
5. **Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary is celebrated every year on which day?**
 - (a) 23rd January
 - (b) 22nd January
 - (c) 21st January
 - (d) 20th January
6. **Which country will train the Indian flight surgeons for the ambitious human space mission Ga-ganyaan to be launched by 2022?**
 - (a) South Korea
 - (b) Japan
 - (c) Russia
 - (d) France
7. **Challa Sreenivasulu Setty has become the Managing Director of which bank?**
 - (a) SBI
 - (b) BOI
 - (c) BOB
 - (d) PNB
8. **Which among the following awards is related with sports?**
 - (a) Arjuna award
 - (b) Dronacharya award
 - (c) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award
 - (d) All of the above
9. **The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is headquartered at _____**
 - (a) London, United Kingdom
 - (b) Geneva, Switzerland
 - (c) New York, United States
 - (d) Paris, France
10. **Asmara is the capital of which country?**
 - (a) Eritrea
 - (b) Ghana
 - (c) Israel
 - (d) Malta
11. **Which country has elected Katerina Sakellaropoulou as its first woman President?**
 - (a) Ethiopia
 - (b) Greece
 - (c) Italy
 - (d) Ireland
12. **The Integrated Check-Post (ICP) in _____ has been inaugurated at India-Nepal border.**
 - (a) Hetauda
 - (b) Butwal
 - (c) Dharan
 - (d) Biratnagar
13. **Which city is hosting the 50th World Economic Forum event?**
 - (a) Davos

- (b) Vienna
(c) Shanghai
(d) Madrid
- 14. What is the name of the human robot that has been developed by ISRO to send to space?**
(a) Vyommitra
(b) Vayusana
(c) Pragma
(d) Suryavanshi
- 15. Which Indian city recently secured first position in JLL City Momentum Index 2020?**
(a) Delhi
(b) Mumbai
(c) Kolkata
(d) Hyderabad
- 16. Which of the following countries was recently declared as Reciprocating Territory by India?**
(a) UAE
(b) South Africa
(c) Jordan
(d) Bangladesh
- 17. Which global institution recently released World Investment Trends Monitor-2019 report?**
(a) UN
(b) WEF
(c) World Bank
(d) UNCTAD
- 18. Mohiniattam is one of the classical dance forms of India with its origin from which state?**
(a) Kerala
(b) Odisha
(c) Tamil Nadu
(d) Andhra Pradesh
- 19. Which among the following countries is not a member of the Group of Seven (G7) nations?**
(a) Italy
(b) United States
(c) Japan
(d) China
- 20. The International Boxing Association (AIBA) has its headquarter at _____**
(a) London, United Kingdom
(b) Paris, France
(c) Lausanne, Switzerland
(d) Rome, Italy
- 21. Who has been elected as the new President of Archery Association of India?**
(a) Arjun Munda
(b) Kiren Rijiju
(c) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
(d) Vijay Goel
- 22. The Government of India has inked a Loan Agreement with which International Financial Organisation, to modernize Assam's Passenger Ferry Sector?**
(a) World Bank
(b) Australia and New Zealand Bank
(c) Asian Infrastructure Investment bank
(d) Asian Development Bank
- 23. Which of the following country topped the Global Social Mobility Index 2020 released by World Economic Forum?**
(a) Denmark
(b) Sweden
(c) Austria
(d) Switzerland
- 24. Andhra Pradesh government has proposed to make which among the following cities as its Ju-dicial capital?**
(a) Amaravati
(b) Vijayawada
(c) Kurnool
(d) Visakhapatnam
- 25. Who among the following headed the group of Minister's report on a legal framework to prevent sexual harassment?**
(a) Rajnath Singh
(b) Nirmala Sithraman
(c) Smriti Irani
(d) Amit Shah
- 26. Which nation threatened to quit the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons deal?**

- (a) Israel
- (b) Russia
- (c) US
- (d) Iran

27. Who will be the Chief Guest at India's 71st Republic Day?

- (a) Jair Bolsonaro
- (b) Donald Trump
- (c) Vladimir Putin
- (d) Boris Johnson

28. The Bhimbetka rock shelters are an archaeological site based in which state?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Odisha

29. Rohtang Pass is located in which state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Jammu & Kashmir
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

30. Ghumura is a folk dance performed by the natives of which Indian state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

31. Which film won the Best Film Award at the 26th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards?

- (a) Parasite
- (b) Bombshell
- (c) The Irishman
- (d) Once Upon a Time...in Hollywood

32. Which state has introduced a draft bill that proposes the creation of three state capitals?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

33. India successfully test-first which nuclear capable missile on January 19?

- (a) Wajra-VI
- (b) Astra-8
- (c) K-4
- (d) SN-19

34. The deadly Coronavirus spread widely in which nation in January 2020?

- (a) Japan
- (b) China
- (c) South Korea
- (d) India

35. Government allocates, Rs.2379 crore for construction of Z-Morh tunnel, it is build in which UT/State?

- (a) Ladakh
- (b) Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Assam

36. Name the largest airborne exercise conducted by Indian Army in the northeastern theatre recently.

- (a) Ajeya Warrior
- (b) Winged Raider
- (c) Shatrujeet
- (d) Himalayan Warrior

37. Where did scientists discovered the stardust, the oldest solid material ever found on Earth (5 to 7 billion years ago) that trapped inside a meteorite?

- (a) Russia
- (b) France
- (c) Australia
- (d) United States

38. Bengaluru is situated on the banks of which river?

- (a) Krishna
- (b) Kaveri
- (c) Tungabhadra
- (d) Vrishabhavathi

39. Kunbi dance is a tribal folk dance of which state?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Assam
- (d) Jammu & Kashmir

40. Exercise Garuda is held between India and which country?
(a) France
(b) Germany
(c) Vietnam
(d) Nepal
41. Which Indian advocate was recently appointed as the Queen's Counsel?
(a) Fali S Nariman
(b) KK Venugopal
(c) Soli Sorabjee
(d) Harish Salve
42. Kerala has invoked which article to challenge CAA in the Supreme Court?
(a) Article 32
(b) Article 131
(c) Article 352
(d) Article 371
43. Which Tribal refugee community will now be given permission to settle in Tripura following the signing of a historic agreement on January 16, 2020?
(a) Jayantia
(b) Bru-Reang
(c) Rengma-Bodo
(d) Deori-Garo
44. What is the ranking of Indian Passport in Henley Passport Index 2020?
(a) 40
(b) 52
(c) 66
(d) 84
45. India and World Bank have signed a USD 88m loan agreement to improve inland water transport services of which among the following states?
(a) Meghalaya
(b) Bihar
(c) Assam
(d) Tripura
46. The South Central Zone of the Indian Railways has signed an MoU with the _____ to provide doorstep banking services.
(a) Punjab National Bank
(b) Allahabad Bank
(c) Canara Bank
(d) State Bank of India
47. The Union Health Ministry has issued a travel advisory to passengers travelling to which nation over the spread of Coronavirus?
(a) Taiwan
(b) South Korea
(c) China
(d) Japan
48. The World Chess Federation (FIDE) is based in which country?
(a) Munich, Germany
(b) Budapest, Hungary
(c) Lausanne, Switzerland
(d) Athens, Greece
49. The Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) is released annually by _____
(a) International Labour Organization
(b) World Bank
(c) Transparency International
(d) Asian Development Bank
50. In which year next census of India be done?
(a) 2020
(b) 2021
(c) 2022
(d) 2023
51. Which country's Prime Minister has resigned along with his cabinet soon after President's call for constitutional amendments?
(a) France
(b) Russia
(c) Germany
(d) Italy
52. What is the name of PCRA's recently launched campaign for fuel conservation?
(a) Saksham
(b) Pragati
(c) Akshay
(d) Vishesh

53. Which communication satellite of ISRO was launched on January 17?
(a) GSAT 30
(b) INSAT 5
(c) GSAT 15
(d) Cartosat 3B
54. Who is the first Indian women officer to lead an all-men contingent during the Army Day parade on January 14, 2020?
(a) Captain Swati Pandey
(b) Captain Kritika Gosain
(c) Captain Sanjana Chaudhary
(d) Captain Tanya Shergill
55. Yashaswini scheme for women entrepreneurship was launched in which state?
(a) Karnataka
(b) Maharashtra
(c) Goa
(d) Kerala
56. Name the Union Territory which hosted the first-ever Food Processing Summit which aims to attract investors to the region.
(a) Chennai
(b) Ladakh
(c) Chandigarh
(d) Lakshadweep
57. The United States has signed the first phase of a trade deal with which nation?
(a) China
(b) India
(c) Pakistan
(d) Japan
58. According to 2011 Census, What is the Literacy rate of India?
(a) 72.04
(b) 74.04
(c) 72.05
(d) 70.04
59. “Dhali & Jatra” Dance Forms are associated with Which State?
(a) Kerala
(b) Assam
(c) Bihar
(d) West Bengal
60. Which Year _____ will mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi?
(a) 2022
(b) 2021
(c) 2020
(d) 2019
61. Which company has recently announced to invest \$ 1 billion to digitise Small and Medium Businesses in India?
(a) Google
(b) IBM
(c) Microsoft
(d) Amazon
62. When is the Army Day celebrated across India, every year?
(a) 12th January
(b) 13th January
(c) 14th January
(d) 15th January
63. The theme for the 10th edition of National Voters’ Day celebrated by India is?
(a) Inclusive and qualitative participation
(b) Assessable Elections
(c) No Voter to be left behind
(d) Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy
64. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has mandated all drone users to register their gadgets by which date?
(a) March 31st
(b) February 1st
(c) February 2nd
(d) January 31st
65. What is the name of the new Trojan virus focusing on retail applications and has affected over 14% of Indian users recently?
(a) Dropper Malware
(b) Trojan Virtual
(c) Trojan Shopper
(d) Shopper Malware

66. Which organization released the 'National Strategy for Financial Inclusion' report?
(a) Securities and Exchange Board of India
(b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
(c) Reserve Bank of India
(d) Insurance regulatory and development authority
67. The District administration of which state has won the Swachhata Darpan Award for adopting innovative methods in plastic waste management?
(a) Telangana
(b) Kerala
(c) Odisha
(d) Gujarat
68. Kuchipudi is an Indian classical dance form of which state?
(a) Odisha
(b) Kerala
(c) Uttar Pradesh
(d) Andhra Pradesh
69. Santiago is the capital of which country?
(a) Romania
(b) Chile
(c) Macedonia
(d) Honduras
70. Unit Trust of India (UTI) has its headquarter in which city?
(a) New Delhi
(b) Mumbai
(c) Hyderabad
(d) Lucknow
71. Which cricketer won the Polly Umrigar Award?
(a) Virat Kohli
(b) Smriti Mandhana
(c) Jasprit Bumrah
(d) Rohit Sharma
72. Who has been appointed as the 4th RBI Deputy Governor?
(a) Michael Debabrata Patra
(b) Abhijit Banerjee
(c) Kaushik Basu
(d) Jagdish Bhagwati
73. Which court annulled Pervez Musharraf's death penalty, calling the special tribunal's ruling as unconstitutional?
(a) Islamabad HC
(b) Sindh HC
(c) Lahore HC
(d) Peshawar HC
74. What is the new name of Kolkata Port Trust?
(a) Atal Port Trust
(b) Patel Port Trust
(c) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port
(d) Veer Savarkar Port
75. What is the name of the Cyber Crime Prevention Unit launched in Gandhinagar, Gujarat?
(a) Cyber GYAAN
(b) Cyber BACHAV
(c) Cyber SURAKSHA
(d) Cyber AASHVAST
76. The Indian Government first declared to celebrate the birthday of Swami Vivekananda as National Youth Day in _____.
(a) 1984
(b) 1992
(c) 1994
(d) 1998
77. Who inaugurated the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)?
(a) Amit Shah
(b) Prahlad Singh Patel
(c) Kiren Rijiju
(d) Pralhad Joshi
78. Sana'a is the Capital of city of which country ?
(a) Yemen
(b) Qatar
(c) Oman
(d) Nepal
79. What is the Height of Kangchenjunga Mountain ?
(a) 7428 m
(b) 8425 m
(c) 7816 m
(d) 8586 m

80. "The Thoda Dance" is the Dance form of which state ?
(a) Himachal Pradesh
(b) Sikkim
(c) Assam
(d) Jharkhand
81. How many countries are participating in the World Future Energy Summit and CLIX held at Abu Dhabi?
(a) 172
(b) 173
(c) 170
(d) 169
82. Which company will manufacture the Tejas Mark 1A aircraft for Indian Air Force?
(a) Dassault Aviation company
(b) Piper Aircraft Inc
(c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
(d) Bell Helicopter Co. Ltd
83. Which country topped the list of the biggest geopolitical risk in 2020 released by Eurasia Group?
(a) India
(b) US
(c) Iran
(d) China
84. Purvodaya to be launched by GoI to accelerate Eastern India Development will be __ hub.
(a) Bauxite
(b) Coal
(c) Copper
(d) Steel
85. What is the name of the new Sultan of Oman?
(a) Qaboos bin Said Al Saeed
(b) Al-Julanda bin Mas'ood
(c) Abdullah Al Ghurai
(d) Haitham Bin Tariq Al
86. India is currently erecting a new non-cut steel fence along its sensitive border with _____.
(a) Pakistan
(b) Bangladesh
(c) Nepal
(d) A&B
87. India is planning to double crude oil imports from _____.
(a) US
(b) Iran
(c) UAE
(d) Saudi Arabia
88. What is the currency of Croatia?
(a) Franc
(b) Lev
(c) Peso
(d) Kuna
89. Dibrugarh in Assam is situated along the banks of which river?
(a) Barak
(b) Lohit
(c) Manas
(d) Brahmaputra
90. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has its headquarter at _____.
(a) Paris, France
(b) Rome, Italy
(c) London, UK
(d) Vienna, Austria
91. India's first Human Space Flight Infrastructure Centre will be established in which state?
(a) Gujarat
(b) Maharashtra
(c) Jharkhand
(d) Karnataka
92. Which country is the top supplier of oil to India?
(a) Saudi Arabia
(b) UAE
(c) Iraq
(d) Kuwait
93. Which state has launched 'Amma Vodi' scheme to provide financial assistance to BPL mothers for the education of their children?
(a) Tamil Nadu
(b) Telangana
(c) Andhra Pradesh
(d) Madhya Pradesh

94. What is the theme of the National Youth Day 2020?

- (a) Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building
- (b) Sankalp Se Siddhiwrong Image
- (c) Youth for Digital India
- (d) Indian Youth for Development, Skill, and Harmony

95. Which Indian telecommunications company has launched its Wi-Fi calling service for voice and video?

- (a) Reliance Jio
- (b) Airtel
- (c) Vodafone
- (d) Mtnl

96. National Youth Day commemorates the birth anniversary of _____.

- (a) Bhagat Singh
- (b) Guru Gobind Singh
- (c) Swami Vivekananda
- (d) Guru Arjan

97. The constitution bench formed to hear pleas seeking review of Supreme Court's landmark Sabarimala verdict will comprise how many judges?

- (a) Seven

- (b) Eight
- (c) Nine
- (d) Six

98. United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) has its head office at _____

- (a) Paris, France
- (b) Vienna, Austria
- (c) Geneva, Switzerland
- (d) New York, United States

99. Paradip Port is in which state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Goa

100. Nashik city in Maharashtra is based along the banks of which river?

- (a) Krishna
- (b) Godavari
- (c) Mahanadi
- (d) Yamuna

ANSWER KEY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
a	d	d	a	a	d	a	d	c	a	b	d	a	a	d	a	d	a	d	c
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
a	a	a	c	d	d	a	b	d	b	a	d	c	b	b	b	c	d	a	a
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
d	b	b	d	c	d	c	b	c	b	b	a	a	d	c	b	a	b	d	d
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
d	d	d	d	d	c	c	d	b	b	c	a	c	c	d	a	a	a	d	a
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
c	c	b	d	d	d	a	d	d	d	d	c	c	a	a	c	c	b	c	b

SSC-CGL PRE PRACTICE TEST

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-3): In each of the following questions, select the related letter/word/number from the given alternatives.

1. Milk : Water :: Ghee : ?
 (1) Mustard oil (2) Vanaspati
 (3) Hydrogenation (4) Cream

Directions (1-4) : In each of the following questions, select the related letter/word/number from the given alternatives.

1. HAND : JBPE :: PALM : ?
 (a) RBNM (b) RBMN
 (c) QBNN (d) RBNN
2. 5 : 35 :: ?
 (a) 9 : 45 (b) 11 : 55
 (c) 6 : 66 (d) 7 : 77
3. Tadpole : ? :: Caterpillar : Butterfly
 (a) Frog (b) Spider
 (c) Owl (d) Wasp
4. Elated : Despondent :: Enlightened : ?
 (a) Ignorant (b) Miserable
 (c) Tolerant (d) Aware

Directions (5-8) : Find the odd word/letters/number pair/number from the given alternatives.

5. (a) 17, 163, 9 (b) 19, 76, 4
 (c) 14, 112, 8 (d) 23, 161, 7
6. (a) 65, 13 (b) 130, 26
 (c) 75, 16 (d) 35, 7
7. (a) Pond (b) River
 (c) Sea (d) Lake
8. (a) Helmet (b) Hamlet
 (c) Cap (d) Wig
9. Number of letters skipped in between adjacent letters in the series increases by one. Which of the following series observes the rule given above
 (a) EGJMPS (b) BDGKPV
 (c) CEHKOU (d) ADGKNR

Directions (10) : Arrange the following words as per order in the dictionary

10. 1. Negative 2. Negotiable
 3. Negligence 4. Negotiate
 5. Negligent
 (a) 1, 3, 5, 4, 2 (b) 1, 5, 3, 2, 4
 (c) 1, 3, 5, 2, 4 (d) 1, 3, 4, 5, 2

Direction (11) : Which one set of letters when sequentially placed at the gaps in the given letter series shall complete it?

11. cc_a_cabccb_cca_c_ba
 (a) bcabc (b) bacbc
 (c) abcab (d) cbaba

Direction (12) : In the following questions, a series is given with one terms missing. Choose the correct alternative from the given ones that will complete the series:

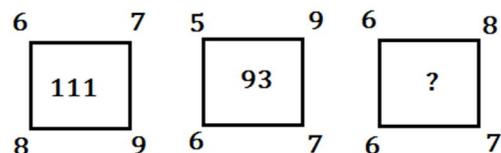
12. 36, 34, 30, 28, 24, ?
 (a) 22 (b) 23
 (c) 26 (d) 20
13. AYD, BVF, DRH, ?, KGL
 (a) GMJ (b) GLJ
 (c) HLK (d) FMI
14. If BALLOON is coded as 05-04-15-15-18-18-17, then LAGOON is coded as
 (a) 15-04-10-18-18-17 (b) 15-07-03-18-18-17
 (c) 12-01-10-18-18-17 (d) 12-01-07-18-18-17
15. The boy in the photograph is the only son of the only son of Suresh's mother. How is Suresh related to that boy.
 (a) Uncle (b) Cousin
 (c) Father (d) Brother
16. From the given alternative words, select the word which can be formed using the letters of the given word.

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- (a) JOURNEY (b) TOURIST
 (c) RATION (d) NATION

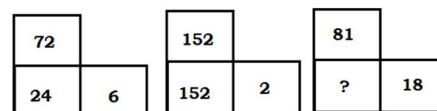
Directions (17) : Select the missing number from the given responses.

17.



- (a) 98 (b) 92
 (c) 87 (d) 152

18.



- (a) 32 (b) 81
 (c) 9 (d) 28

19. A and B are sitting face-to-face in a tea shop at about 7 a.m. Due to sun rays falling on his face, B shifts his place and sits next to A. Which direction are both facing now?
 (a) West (b) North
 (c) South (d) East
20. If '-' stands for multiplication, '+' stands for division, '÷' stands for addition, 'x' stands for subtraction, then which of the following equations is correct
 (a) $30 \div 6 + 20 = 36$ (b) $40 + 8 - 7 = 35$
 (c) $15 \div 9 - 2 = 39$ (d) $24 + 8 \times 7 = 49$

Direction (21) : Two or three statements are given followed by four conclusions I, II, III and IV. You have to consider the statement to be true, even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. You have to decide which of the given conclusions, if any, follow from the given statement.

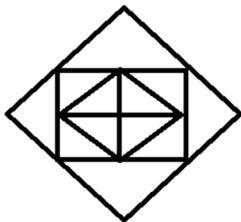
21. Statements :

1. All C's are D's 2. All D's are E's

Conclusions :

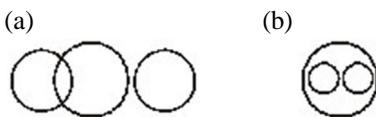
- I. All C's are E's II. All E's are C's
 III. Some D's are C's IV. Some D's are not C's

- (a) Only conclusion III and IV follow
 (b) Only conclusion I and III follow
 (c) All conclusion follow
 (d) Only conclusion I and IV follow
22. All the adjacent faces of a cube are red, green and white in colour. If they are cut into 64 small cubes, then how many small cubes are there whose 3 faces are coloured
 (a) 16 (b) 8
 (c) 24 (d) 4
23. Count the number of triangles in the given figure.



- (a) 9 (b) 8
 (c) 12 (d) 16

24. Which figure best represents the relationship between Religion, Mosque, Temple



- (c) (d)



25. In the following question, a word is represented by only one set of numbers as given in any one of the alternatives. The sets of numbers given in the alternatives are represented by two classes of alphabets as in the two matrices given below. The columns and rows of Matrix I and numbered from 0 to 4 and that of Matrix II and numbered from 5 to 9. A letter from these matrices can be represented first by its row and next by its column, e.g. 'S' can be represented by 03, 76, etc. and 'P' can be represented by 00, 78 etc. Similarly, you have to identify the set for the word given in each question. 'DRIFT'

MATRIX - I					MATRIX - II						
	0	1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
0	P	I	D	S	T	5	F	P	R	S	D
1	U	N	R	Q	M	6	N	L	M	T	I
2	D	A	E	F	G	7	A	S	N	P	R
3	B	W	V	L	N	8	D	G	Z	W	O
4	C	H	J	K	I	9	N	C	K	E	S

- (a) 20, 57, 69, 23, 68 (b) 20, 12, 69, 32, 40
 (c) 85, 75, 96, 32, 40 (d) 58, 57, 96, 23, 40

GENERAL STUDIES

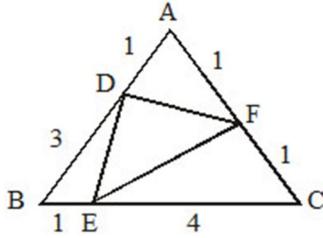
26. Which of the following Harappan towns is divided into three parts
 (a) Kalibanga (b) Lothal
 (c) Chanhudaro (d) Dholavira
27. The Grand Old Man of Indian politics was ____
 (a) Bipin Chandra Pal
 (b) Dadabhai Naoroji
 (c) Surendra Nath Bannerjee
 (d) Ras Behari Bose
28. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) recognized which Indian airport as the world's first fully solar energy-powered airport?
 (a) Indira Gandhi International Airport
 (b) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport
 (c) Cochin International Airport Ltd
 (d) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport
29. The World Elephant Day is observed on which day
 (a) August 11th (b) August 13th
 (c) August 14th (d) August 12th
30. Talc contain which of the following
 (a) zinc, calcium and oxygen
 (b) calcium, oxygen and tin

- (c) magnesium, silicon and oxygen
(d) zinc, tin and sulphur
31. Which of the following Mahatma Gandhi series of currency notes issued by the RBI has a drawing of the "Parliament House" depicted on it
(a) Rs. 500 (b) Rs. 100
(c) Rs. 50 (d) Rs. 10
32. BCD is :
(a) Binary Coded Decimal (b) Bit Coded Decimal
(c) Binary Coded Digit (d) Bit Coded Digit
33. A vitamin requires cobalt for its activity. The vitamin is:
(a) Vitamin B₁₂ (b) Vitamin D
(c) Vitamin B₂ (d) Vitamin A
34. What is the rank of India in "Soft Power 30" Index?
(a) 18th (b) 28th
(c) 6th (d) None of these
35. Which one of the following is also called the 'Power Plant' of the cell
(a) Lysosome (b) Ribosome
(c) Mitochondria (d) Golgibody
36. The book "Aluminium : The Future Metal" has been authored by whom?
(a) Tapan Kumar Chand (b) Nanabhoy Palkivala
(c) Kartar Lalvani
(d) Hussain Zaidi
37. In a rechargeable cell what kind of energy is stored within the cell
(a) Electrical energy (b) Potential energy
(c) Chemical energy (d) Kinetic energy
38. What is composition of nitrolim in a chemical fertilizer
(a) Nitrogen and Limestone
(b) Calcium carbide and Nitrogen
(c) Calcium carbide and Carbon
(d) None of the above
39. Which of the following is the most common motif of the Indus Valley Civilisation Seals?
(a) Unicorn (b) Bull
(c) Fox (d) Elephant
40. Rourkela Steel Plant was set up with the collaboration of which of the following country
(a) Russia (b) Britain
(c) Japan (d) Germany
41. Plasma membrane in eukaryotic cells is made up of:
(a) Phospho - Protein
(b) Phospholipo - Protein
(c) Lipo protein (d) Phospholipid
42. Which among the following river is an example of superimposed drainage system in India
(a) Ravi (b) Narmada
(c) Ganga (d) Chambal
43. NASSCOM has launched Centre of Excellence for Data Science and AI in :-
(a) Hyderabad (b) Noida
(c) Bangluru (d) Chennai
44. The branch of agriculture which deals the feeding, shelter, health and breeding of the domestic animals is called:
(a) Dairy science (b) Veterinary science
(c) Poultry (d) Animal husbandary
45. What is the reason for white cement to be white
(a) It does not contain carbon
(b) It does not contain silicon
(c) It does not contain iron
(d) It does not contain calcium
46. Which of the following is considered the mainstay of growing population of India
(a) Public sector (b) Business
(c) Agriculture (d) Manufacturing
47. Which of the following states is the only diamond producing state in India
(a) Gujarat (b) Karnataka
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Chhattisgarh
48. Which article of the Constitution abolishes "Untouchability"?
(a) Article 14 (b) Article 15
(c) Article 16 (d) Article 17
49. Which of the following alloy is used in making magnet?
(a) Magnalium (b) Elnico
(c) Stainless steel (d) Duralumin
50. Which of the following are financial committees of Parliament in India?
I. Public Accounts Committee
II. Estimates Committee
III. Committee on Public Undertakings
(a) I and III (b) I and II
(c) II and III (d) I, II and III

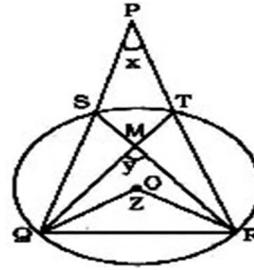
QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

51. If $2x = \sqrt{5} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$ then find the value of $\frac{\sqrt{x^2-1}}{x+\sqrt{x^2-1}}$
(a) $\frac{2}{5}$ (b) $\frac{3}{5}$
(c) $\frac{1}{5}$ (d) 0

52. In $\triangle ABC$ points D, E, F divides the sides as shown in figure. Find $\frac{\text{ar}(\triangle DEF)}{\text{ar}(\triangle ABC)}$



- (a) $\frac{13}{40}$ (b) $\frac{19}{40}$
 (c) $\frac{2}{5}$ (d) None of these
53. If $\frac{\sec\theta + \tan\theta}{\sec\theta - \tan\theta} = 2\frac{51}{79}$ then the value of $\sin\theta$ is
 (a) $\frac{91}{144}$ (b) $\frac{39}{72}$
 (c) $\frac{65}{144}$ (d) $\frac{35}{72}$
54. The angles of elevation of the top of a tower from two points situated at distances 36 m and 64 m from its base and in the same straight line with it are complementary. What is the height of the tower?
 (a) 50 m (b) 48 m
 (c) 25 m (d) 24 m
55. The areas of a square and a rectangle are equal. The length of the rectangle is greater than the length of any side of the square by 5 cm and the breadth is less by 3 cm. Find the perimeter of the rectangle.
 (a) 17 cm (b) 26 cm
 (c) 30 cm (d) 34 cm
56. From a point in the interior of an equilateral triangle, the perpendicular distance of the sides are $\sqrt{3}$ cm, $2\sqrt{3}$ cm and $5\sqrt{3}$ cm. The perimeter (in cm) of the triangle is
 (a) 64 cm (b) 32 cm
 (c) 48 cm (d) 24 cm
57. If V_1 , V_2 and V_3 be the volumes of a right circular cone, a sphere and a right circular cylinder having the same radius and same height then
 (a) $V_1 = \frac{V_2}{4} = \frac{V_3}{3}$ (b) $\frac{V_1}{2} = \frac{V_2}{3} = V_3$
 (c) $\frac{V_1}{3} = \frac{V_2}{2} = V_3$ (d) $\frac{V_1}{3} = V_2 = \frac{V_3}{2}$
58. Quadrilateral ABCD is circumscribed about a circle. If the lengths of AB, BC, CD are 7 cm, 8.5 cm and 9.2 cm respectively, then the length (in cm) of DA is :
 (a) 16.2 (b) 7.7
 (c) 10.2 (d) 7.2
59. In the given figure, O is the centre of the circle. Then $\angle x + \angle y$ is equal to :



- (a) $2\angle Z$ (b) $\frac{\angle Z}{2}$
 (c) $\angle Z$ (d) None of these
60. There is some profit when an article is sold for Rs. 720. However, when the same article is sold for Rs. 420, there is some loss. If the quantum of loss is two times the quantum of profit, find the cost price of the article.
 (a) Rs. 620 (b) Rs. 700
 (c) Rs. 520 (d) None of these
61. A pond has a rare breed of lotus that triples in number every minute. If $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the pond is full of lotus in 30 min, what is the total time taken for the whole pond to be full?
 (a) 1 min (b) 31 min
 (c) 90 min (d) 60 min
62. If $\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{2}{x+2} + \frac{3}{x+3} \dots \dots \frac{1007}{x+1007} = 1249$. find $\frac{x}{x+1} + \frac{x}{x+2} \dots \dots \frac{x}{x+1007}$
 (a) -242 (b) 242
 (c) 241 (d) 244
63. Difference between three years compound interest and simple interest is Rs. 57. While rate of interest is $16\frac{2}{3}\%$ P.a. Find the principal amount
 (a) Rs. 620 (b) Rs. 720
 (c) Rs. 758 (d) Rs. 648
64. If the numerator of a fraction is increased by 20% and the denominator is decreased by 5%, the value of the new fraction becomes $\frac{5}{2}$. The original fraction is:
 (a) $\frac{24}{19}$ (b) $\frac{3}{18}$
 (c) $\frac{95}{48}$ (d) $\frac{48}{95}$
65. A container of 80 litres was full of milk. 8 litres milk drawn off and replaced by waters. This process is repeated two times more. Find the quantity of milk in the mixture now?
 (a) 48 (b) 58.32
 (c) 32.58 (d) 60
66. In a school, the number of boys and girls are in Ratio 5:3 some new boys and girls took admission in the school in the ratio 5:7. Now, the total number of students in the

school are 1200 and the ratio of total number of boys and girls becomes 7:5. Find the number of students initially.

- (a) 900 (b) 960
(c) 920 (d) 1000

67. A and B can do a given piece of work in 8 days, B and C can do the same work in 12 days and A, B, C complete it in 6 days. Number of days required to finish the work by A and C is

- (a) 24 days (b) 8 days
(c) 16 days (d) 12 days

68. There is sufficient food for 200 men for 24 weeks. After one week 8 more men joins and each person food is reduces from 900 gm to 750 gm. Then in how many days remaining food will be finished?

- (a) 11 (b) 20
(c) 24 (d) None of these

Directions (69-73) : Read the following table and answer the questions below it:

Banks	Rupees (In crores)			
	1995	1996	1997	1998
A	18	23	45	30
B	27	33	18	41
C	29	29	22	17
D	13	19	28	32
Total	87	104	113	120

69. In which year the disbursement of loans by all the banks combined together was nearest to the average disbursement of loans over the years ?

- (a) 1995 (b) 1996
(c) 1997 (d) 1998

70. What was the percentage increase in disbursement of loans of all banks together from 1997 to 1998 ?

- (a) 6% (b) $6\frac{22}{113}\%$
(c) $6\frac{11}{113}\%$ (d) $7\frac{11}{113}\%$

71. In which year was the total disbursement of loans of banks A and B exactly equal to the total disbursement of loans of banks C and D ?

- (a) 1995 (b) 1996
(c) 1998 (d) None of these

72. In which of the following banks there was as continued increase in loan disbursement throughout the years?

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

73. In which bank was the loan disbursement more than 30% of the disbursement of all banks combined together in 1998?

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

74. A man in a train notices that he can count 21 telephone posts in one minute. If they are known to be 50 m apart, at what speed is the train travelling?

- (a) 55 km/h (b) 57 km/h
(c) 60 km/h (d) 63 km/h

75. Rajdhani Express has a capacity of 500 seats of which 10% is in the Executive class, rest being chaircar. During one journey the train was booked to 85% of its capacity. If Executive class was booked to 96% of its capacity, how many chaircar seats were empty during that journey?

- (a) 70 (b) 75
(c) 73 (d) 71

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Directions (76-78) : In the following three questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

76. The place of origin of something

- (a) provenance (b) inception
(c) genesis (d) produce

77. To argue about, or say you disapprove of, something that is not important

- (a) concurrence (b) quibble
(c) quiddity (d) equivocation

78. An arrangement to meet someone secretly

- (a) rendering (b) rendition
(c) rendezvous (d) renegade

Directions (79-81) : In the following three questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

79. To take to one's heels.

- (a) To walk slowly (b) To run away
(c) To march forward (d) To hop and jump

80. To pull strings.

- (a) To tease
(b) To play with ropes
(c) to exert hidden influence
(d) To play music

81. The pros and cons.

- (a) Good and evil (b) First and last
(c) Fair and foul (d) For and against

Directions (82): Pick out the nearest correct meaning or synonym of the words given below:

82. FOREGO

- (a) renounce (b) disown
(c) leave (d) accumulate

Directions (83-87): You have a passage with five questions following. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Earth is the only planet so far known with the suitable environment for sustaining life. Land, water, air, plants and animals are the major components of the global environment. Population, food and energy are the three fundamental problems facing mankind. Unemployment, inflation, crowding, dwindling resources and pollution are all due to the factors like increasing population, high standard of living, deforestation, etc.

Man has been tempering with the Ecosphere for a very long time and is forced to recognize that environmental resources are scarce. Environmental problems are really social problems. They begin with people as cause and end with people as victims. Unplanned use of resources has resulted in the depletion of fossils, fuels, pollution of air and water, deforestation which has resulted in ecological imbalance and draining away of national wealth through heavy expenditure on oil and power generation.

83. Increasing population causes –

- (a) unemployment and crowding
(b) inflation and pollution
(c) dwindling resources
(d) unemployment, inflation, crowding, dwindling, resources and pollution

84. National wealth is drained away by spending heavily on –

- (a) Power generation
(b) Fuels
(c) water and power generation
(d) oil and power generation

85. The three major components of the global environment are–

- (a) food, energy and population
(b) high standard of living, crowding and inflation
(c) land, water and air
(d) plants, animals and mankind

86. Depletion of fossils and fuels, pollution of air and water and deforestation will never occur in case of –

- (a) improper use of resources
(b) planned use of resources
(c) unplanned use of resources
(d) over use of resources

87. We face the three fundamental problems that are –

- (a) inflation, deforestation and unemployment
(b) population, deforestation and energy
(c) population, inflation and food
(d) population, food and energy

Directions (88): In the following one question, four words are given in each question, out of which only one word is correctly or wrongly spelt. Find the correctly or wrongly spelt word.

- 88.** (a) Garulous (b) Garrulous
(c) Garullous (d) Garrullous

Directions (89-91): In the following three questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

89. The father the throne for his son.

- (a) relished (b) revived
(c) relinquished (d) reverted

90. We offer to all who ask

- (a) council (b) counsel
(c) counsellor (d) councillor

91. We are highly disappointed the exam results.

- (a) from (b) in
(c) with (d) about

Directions (92): Choose the most suitable antonym of the given word.

92. OVERT

- (a) open (b) complete
(c) hidden (d) culvert

Directions (93-97) : In the following five questions, a sentence/a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed choose “No improvement” option.

93. The pioneer spacecraft went beyond Pluto.

- (a) made its way past (b) went across
(c) went after (d) No improvement

94. Motor cars carry people from one place to another.

- (a) from place to place (b) about the place
(c) for travel (d) No improvement

95. You cannot avoid to speak to someone when you both live in the same house.

- (a) speaking to someone when you both live in the same house.
(b) speaking someone when you both live in the same house.
(c) speaking with someone when we both live in the same house.

- (d) No improvement
96. **A buffalo cannot defend a buffalo against lion.**
 (a) A buffalo cannot defend another buffalo against a lion.
 (b) Buffalo cannot defend buffalo against lions.
 (c) Buffalo cannot defend a buffalo against lion.
 (d) No improvement
97. **The place at which the two roads meet,** you will find a small log cabin.
 (a) where the two roads meet
 (b) At the place where the two roads meet
 (c) The place where the two roads meet
 (d) No improvement

Directions (98-100): In the following questions, read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The

error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, then mark no error (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any).

98. I will always remember where I was in that day.
 (a) I will always (b) remember where I
 (c) No error (d) was in that day.
99. The rate of unemployment dropped down significantly.
 (a) No error
 (b) The rate of
 (c) unemployment
 (d) dropped down significantly.
100. We should send all our employers on a training course.
 (a) We should send (b) No error
 (c) all our employers (d) on a training course.

Answer Keys-SSC-CGL Pre

(General Intelligence)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
d	d	a	a	a	c	b	b	b	c	a	a	a	a	c	c	b	c	a	b
21	22	23	24	25															
b	b	d	b	a															

(General Studies)

26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
d	b	c	d	c	c	a	a	d	c	a	c	b	a	d	d	d	c	d	c
46	47	48	49	50															
c	c	d	b	d															

(Quantitative Aptitude)

51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
a	a	c	b	d	c	a	b	c	a	b	a	d	c	b	b	b	d	b	b
71	72	73	74	75															
d	d	b	c	c															

(English Language)

76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95
a	b	c	b	c	d	a	d	d	c	b	d	b	c	b	c	c	a	a	a
96	97	98	99	100															
a	a	d	d	c															

SOLUTIONS

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

- (d)

H	A	N	D
+2	+1	+2	+1
↓	↓	↓	↓
J	B	P	E
- (d)

5	:	35	::	7	:	77
⤴				⤴		
x7 (next Prime no. to 5)				x11 (next Prime no. to 7)		
- (a) Tadpole is transformed into frog and caterpillar is transformed into butterfly.
- (a) Elated is the opposite of despondent and enlightened is the opposite of Ignorant.
- (a)

17	$\xrightarrow{\times 9}$	163	19	$\xrightarrow{\times 4}$	76
14	$\xrightarrow{\times 8}$	112	23	$\xrightarrow{\times 7}$	161
- (c)

65	13	130	26
$\xrightarrow{\times 5}$		$\xrightarrow{\times 5}$	
75	16	35	7
$\xrightarrow{\times 5}$		$\xrightarrow{\times 5}$	
- (b) All except river contain stagnant water.
- (b) Except hamlet, rest are put on head.
- (b)

B	D	G	K	P	V
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
+2	+3	+4	+5	+6	
↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	
+1	+1	+1	+1		

- (c) $1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4$
- (a) c c b a / c c a b / c c b a / c c a b / c c b a
- (a)

36	34	30	28	24	22
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
-2	-4	-2	-4	-2	
- (a)

B	A	L	L
O	O	N	
05	04	15	15
18	18	17	
L	A	G	O
O	N		
15	04	10	18
18	17		
- (c) Suresh is the father of that Boy.
- (c) RATION
- (b) $(6 \times 8) + (7 \times 9) = 48 + 63 = 111$
 $(5 \times 6) + (9 \times 7) = 30 + 63 = 93$
 $(6 \times 6) + (8 \times 7) = 36 + 56 = 92$
- (c) $24 \times 6 = 144 = 72$
 $152 \times 2 = 304 = 152$
 $9 \times 18 = 162 = 81$
 $? = 9$
- (a)

Initial Position	
Sun	East
A ↓ A's Face	South
North	B ↑ B's Face
West	
Current Position	
Sun	East
A [B]	South
North	↓ A & B's Face
West	

So, it is clear that both A & B are now facing towards west.

- (b) After interchanging the signs, we have $40 \div 8 \times 7 = 5 \times 7 = 35$
- (b)

E	
D	1√
C	2 X
	3√
	4 X

Only (I) and (III) follows
- (b) There are 8 corners. So, required number of cubes will always be 8.
- (d)
- (b)
- (a)

GENERAL STUDIES

- (d) The Dholavira is the largest Indus Valley Site in independent India. It is located on Khadir Beyt, an island in the Great Rann of Kutch in Gujarat. It has been excavated by R S Bisht team of ASI. It had three citadels. Each of these three citadels of Dholavira was improved than Harappa and Mohen-jodaro and had an inner closure as well.
- (b) Dadabhai Naoroji is known as mentor of both Gopal Krishna Gokhale and Mahatma Gandhi. His magnum opus "Poverty and Unbritish Rule in India" propounded the "drain theory". He was the first Indian to become a member of the House of Commons on the Liberal Party ticket. He became the president of INC thrice, in 1886, 1893 and 1906.
- (c)

29. (d) The World Elephant Day is observed every year on August 12th to create awareness of the urgent plight of African and Asian elephants, and to share knowledge and positive solutions for the better care and management of captive and wild elephants.
30. (c) The chemical formula for Nitrolim talc is $(Mg_2(Si_2O_5)_2 \cdot Mg(OH)_2)$
31. (c)
32. (a) BCD is a binary coded notation in which each of the decimal digits is expressed as a 8-bit binary numeral. For example in binary coded decimal notation 12 is 0001 0010 as opposite to 1100 in pure binary.
33. (a)
34. (d) Soft power is the ability to shape the preferences of others through appeal and attraction. The current ranked world's greatest "soft" Power is the United Kingdom. India is not in the top 30 list in the 'Soft Power 30'.
35. (c)
36. (a)
37. (c)
38. (b) Calcium Carbide when reacts with Nitrogen at high temperature, gives Nitrolim. It is a mixture of calcium cyanamide and carbon.
- $$CaC_2 + N_2 \xrightarrow{100^\circ C} CaCN_2 + C$$
39. (a) The unicorn is the most common motif on Indus seals and appears to represent a mythical animal that Greek and Roman sources trace back to the Indian subcontinent.
40. (d) Rourkela steel plant is the first Integrated Steel Plant in the public

sector in India. It was setup with German collaboration.

41. (d)
42. (d) Chambal river is an example of superimposed drainage. A superimposed river does not adjust with the structure of its place of origin. First of all the river valley is built on upper part and then the river develops and expands such structure in the lower part.
43. (c)
44. (d)
45. (c) White cement does not contain iron, hence it is white (as iron reacts with H_2O of atmosphere and forms FeS , which is black in colour).
46. (c) Agriculture continues to play the primary role in the country's development and is still the mainstay to our large growing population for its sustained food security.
47. (c) Madhya Pradesh is the only Diamond producing state and is leading producer of copper concentrate, pyrophyllite and diaspora, State hosts country's 68% diaspora, 41% molybdenum ore, 46% pyrophyllite, 32% diamond, 29% copper ore, 17% rock phosphate, 16% each of manganese ore and fireclay and 11% ochre resources.

48. (d)
49. (b)
50. (d)

MATH SOLUTION

51. (a) $x^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left[5 + \frac{1}{5} + 2 \right]$
 $x^2 - 1 = \frac{1}{4} \left[5 + \frac{1}{5} + 2 \right] - 1$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[5 + \frac{1}{5} - 2 \right]$$

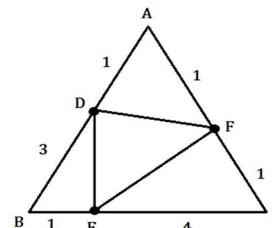
$$= \frac{\left(\sqrt{5} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right)^2}{2^2}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{5} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right)$$

Now $\frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{5} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right)}{\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{5} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{5} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right)}$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} \left(\sqrt{5} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{10} = \frac{2}{5}$$

52. (a)



As areas of $\triangle ADE = \frac{1}{2} \times AD \times AF \times \sin A$

So $\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ADF}{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times AD \times AF \times \sin A}{\frac{1}{2} \times AB \times AC \times \sin A} =$

$$\frac{1 \times 1}{4 \times 2} = \frac{1}{8}$$

Similarly $\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle BDE}{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC} = \frac{3 \times 1}{4 \times 5} = \frac{3}{20}$

and $\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle CEF}{\text{Area of } \triangle CAB} = \frac{4 \times 1}{5 \times 2} = \frac{4}{10}$

So $\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle DEF}{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC} = 1 - \frac{1}{8} - \frac{3}{20} - \frac{4}{10} =$
 $\frac{40 - 5 - 6 - 16}{40} = \frac{13}{40}$

53. (c) Given, $\frac{\sec\theta + \tan\theta}{\sec\theta - \tan\theta} = 2 \frac{51}{79}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sec\theta + \tan\theta}{\sec\theta - \tan\theta} = \frac{209}{79}$$

[by componendo - dividendo]

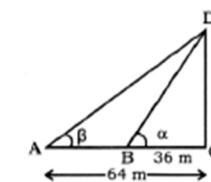
$$\frac{\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \quad \frac{a+b}{a-b} = \frac{c+d}{c-d}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sec\theta}{\tan\theta} = \frac{288}{130}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{\cos\theta}}{\frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}} = \frac{288}{130} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sin\theta} = \frac{288}{130}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{65}{144}$$

54. (b) Let $CD = h$ be height of the tower.



In $\triangle BCD$, $\tan\alpha = \frac{h}{36}$

$\triangle ACD,$

$$\tan \beta = \frac{h}{64}$$

But $\alpha + \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\alpha + \beta) = \tan \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta} = \frac{1}{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha \tan \beta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h}{36} \times \frac{h}{64} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow h^2 = 36 \times 64 \Rightarrow h = 6 \times 8$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 48$$

55. (d) (a - 3)

a (a + 5)

According to question,

$$a^2 = (a - 3)(a + 5)$$

$$a^2 = a^2 + 5a - 3a - 15$$

$$2a = 15$$

$$a = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$\text{Length} = a + 5 = \frac{15}{2} + 5 = \frac{25}{2}$$

$$\text{breadth} = a - 3 = \frac{15}{2} - 3$$

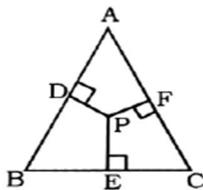
$$= \frac{15 - 6}{2} = \frac{9}{2}$$

perimeter of the rectangle

$$= 2(1 + b)$$

$$= 2\left(\frac{25}{2} + \frac{9}{2}\right) = 34 \text{ cm}$$

56. (c)



Let P be the point inside the equilateral $\triangle ABC$

$$PD = \sqrt{3}, PE = 2\sqrt{3}, PF = 5\sqrt{3}$$

$$AB = BC = AC = x$$

$$\text{ar}(\triangle ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \times x \times \sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{2} \times x \times 2\sqrt{3} +$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times x \times 5\sqrt{3}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} x^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times x \times \sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{2} \times x \times 2\sqrt{3} +$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times x \times 5\sqrt{3}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} x^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times x \times 8\sqrt{3}$$

$$x = 16$$

\therefore perimeter of triangle

$$= 3x = 3 \times 16 = 48 \text{ cm}$$

57. (a) Volume of cone V_1

$$= \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{3} r^3 (\because h = r)$$

= Volume of sphere, V_2

$$= \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

= Volume of cylinder V_3

$$= \pi r^2 h = \pi r^3$$

$$\therefore V_1 : V_2 : V_3 = \frac{1}{3} : \frac{4}{3} : 1$$

$$= 1 : 4 : 3$$

$$V_1 = \frac{V_2}{4} = \frac{V_3}{3}$$

58. (b) $AB + CD = BC + DA$ (Property

$$\Rightarrow 7 + 9.2 = x + 8.5$$

$$\Rightarrow 16.2 = x + 8.5$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 7.7$$

59. (c) $\angle QSR = \angle QTR = \frac{Z}{2}$

$$\therefore \angle PSR = \angle PTQ = 180^\circ - \frac{Z}{2}$$

Also, $\angle QMR = \angle SMT = y$

\therefore In quadrilateral PSMT

$$180^\circ - \frac{Z}{2} + 180^\circ - \frac{Z}{2} + x + y = 360^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y = Z$$

60. (a) Let us assume that CP = Rs. x

$$2(720 - x) = x - 420$$

$$1440 - 2x = x - 420$$

$$3x = 1860$$

$$x = 620$$

61. (b) Since in 30 min pond is $\frac{1}{3}$ full, in next 1 minute it will triple, i.e., the pond will be full. Hence, option (b) is the answer.

62. (a) $\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{2}{x+2} + \frac{3}{x+3} \dots \frac{1007}{x+1007} = 1249$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x+1} - 1 + \frac{2}{x+2} - 1 + \frac{3}{x+3} -$$

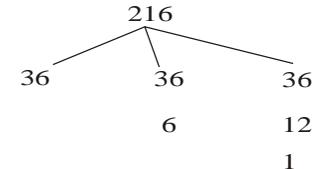
$$1 \dots \frac{x}{x+1007} - 1 = 1249 - 1007$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{x+1} + \frac{x}{x+2} \dots \frac{x}{x+1007} = -242$$

$$= -242$$

63. (d) $16\frac{2}{3}\% = \frac{1}{6}$

Let the principal = 216 unit



Difference = 6 + 12 + 1 = 19 units

Now 19 units = 57 Rs

1 unit = 3 Rs

216 units = 648 Rs.

64. (c) Let the fraction = $\frac{x}{y}$

According to the question, $\frac{x \times 120}{y \times 95} = \frac{5}{2}$

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{5 \times 95}{2 \times 120} = \frac{95}{48}$$

65. (b) $80 \times \frac{9}{10} \times \frac{9}{10} \times \frac{9}{10} = 58.32$

66. (b) Let the No. of boys and girls = 5x and 3x and the no. of boy and girls who took admission = 5y and 7y

Now

$$5x + 3x + 5y + 7y = 1200$$

$$8x + 12y = 1200 \dots\dots(i)$$

and

$$\frac{5x + 5y}{3x + 7y} = \frac{7}{5}$$

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{6}{1} \Rightarrow x = 6y$$

Putting the value of x in.....(ii)

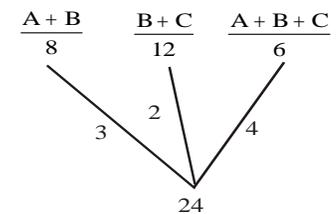
$$8 \times 6y + 12y = 1200$$

$$y = 20$$

$$x = 120$$

Initially the No. of the students = $8 \times 120 = 960$

67. (b)



Work done by A in one day = 4 - 2 = 2 units

Work done by C in one day = 4 - 3 = 1 unit

Total work done by C in one day = 4 - 2 = 1 unit

Total work done by (A+ C) in one day=
2+1= 3 units

Time taken by (A+C) $\frac{24}{3} = 8$ days

68. (d) $200 \times 23 \times 900 = x \times 208 \times 750$
 $x = 26.53$ weeks.
69. (b) average loan = $\frac{87+104+113+120}{4} = \frac{424}{4}$
 $\Rightarrow 106$ crore
Required year is 1996 where loan disbursed is Rs. 104 crore
70. (b) percentage increase
 $= \frac{120-113}{113} \times 100$
 $= \frac{700}{113} = 6 \frac{22}{113} \%$
71. (d) (A + B) (C + D)
1995 – 45 42
1996 – 56 48
1997 – 63 50
1998 – 71 49
None of above.
72. (d) Clearly, bank D has continued increase in loan disbursement.
73. (b) Year 1998 \rightarrow 30% of 120
Rs. 36 crore
B has Rs. 41 crore disbursement of loans.
74. (c) Speed of train = $\frac{21 \times 50}{60} \times \frac{18}{5} =$
 $\frac{20 \times 50}{60} \times \frac{18}{5} = 60$ km/h
 $= 60$ km/hr
75. (c) Total no. of seats (Ex. class) = $500 \times \frac{10}{100} = 50$
Total no. of seats (chair car) = $500 - 50 = 450$
Total no. of booked seats = $500 \times \frac{85}{100} = 425$
Total no. of booked seats in Ex. class = $50 \times \frac{96}{100} = 48$
Total no. of empty seats = $450 - (425 - 48) = 73$

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

76. (a)
Provenance - the place of origin of something
Inception - the beginning of an organization or official activity
Genesis - the origin of something, when it is begun or starts to exist
77. (b)
Concurrence - the situation in which people, things, or events concur
Quibble - to argue about, or say you disapprove of, something that is not important
Quiddity - the basic nature or quality of something, that makes it different from other things
Equivocation - to speak in a way that is intentionally not clear and confusing to other people, especially to hide the truth
78. (c)
Rendering - the way that something is performed, written, drawn, etc.
Rendition - a particular way of performing a song, piece of music, or poem
Rendezvous - a place where a particular group of people often go or meet, by arrangement or habit
Renegade - a person who has changed their feelings of support and duty from one political, religious, national, etc. group to a new one
79. (b)
80. (c)
81. (d)
82. (a) Forego - precede in place or time
Renounce - to say formally or publicly that you no longer own, support, believe in, or have a connection with something
Disown - to make it known that you no longer have any connection with someone that you were closely connected with
Accumulate - to collect a large number of things over a long period of time
83. (d)
84. (d)
85. (c)
86. (b)
87. (d)
88. (b) Garrulous - having the habit of talking a lot, especially about things that are not important
89. (c) 90. (b) 91. (c)
92. (c) Overt - done or shown publicly or in an obvious way and not secret
Culvert - a pipe for waste water that crosses under roads, railways, etc.
93. (a) 94. (a) 95. (a)
96. (a) 97. (a)
98. (d) To talk about when something happened or will happen, don't say 'in/at this/that day, say on this/that day.
99. (d) Drop means "move to a lower level" is not usually followed by the adverb "down" don't say "drop down", say "drop".
100. (c) To talk about someone who is paid to work for someone else, don't say "employer", say "employee".

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE BYTES

1	National Youth Day (Yuva Diwas) is celebrated in India on	12th January.
2	Indian Army Day is observed every year on	January 15
3	Indian Lawyer Harish Salve was recently appointed as	Queen's Counsel
4	Which Union Minister presented the National Highway Excellence Awards 2019	Nitin Gadkari
5	Noted writer Vasdev Mohi was honoured with	29th Saraswati Samman
6	Two Indian banks has decided to end their operations in Sri Lanka	Axis Bank and ICICI Bank.
7	According to the National Statistics Office release, India's GDP growth during fiscal 2019-20 is expected at	5%.
8	Payment and fintech company PayU have decided to acquire a controlling stake in digital credit platform PaySense in a deal valued at	USD 185 million.
9	Who has been appointed as the deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a three-year term	Michael Patra.
10	The King of Oman passed away due to years-long struggle with an illness	Sultan Qaboos bin Said.
11	Armed Forces Veterans Day is celebrated every year on	14th January.
12	Who won the Taiwan presidential election	Tsai Ing-wen.
13	Who has been appointed the Director of the National Book Trust (NBT)	Lt Col Yuvraj Malik
14	Indian Navy has launched an expedition, to promote the maritime heritage of India in the Naval Dockyard	Mumbai.Maharashtra.
15	South Korean automobile manufacturer has entered into a partnership with US ride-hailing giant Uber to produce electric air taxis	Hyundai Motor Company
16	Amit Shah has inaugurated the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) and dedicated National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal	www.cybercrime.gov.in.
17	The Ministry of Steel will launch a world-class steel hub	Purvodaya.
18	Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray will inaugurate 'Advantage Maharashtra Expo 2020' in	Aurangabad.
19	The Union Cabinet has approved a proposal to provide Rs 5,559 crore viability gap funding for building a 1,656 km gas grid in the	Northeast region.
20	India's first indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant likely to be commissioned by	2021.
21	Narendra Modi has announced to rename the Kolkata Port Trust after	Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.
22	'Wings India 2020' to be held at Begumpet Airport Hyderabad in	March 2020.
23	The World Future Energy Summit 2020 held in	Abu Dhabi.
24	Who has been included in 8 wonders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)	The Statue of Unity.
25	The Henley Passport Index 2020 was released by	Henley & Partners.
26	Who will host the International naval exercise 'MILAN' in March 2020	Vishakhapatnam
27	The 27th edition of South Asian Trade and Travel Exchange Expo (SATTE) 2020 was held at India Expo Mart	Greater Noida – Delhi NCR.
28	Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has launched a portal to strengthen public participation in governance	Himachal MyGov portal.
29	The Gujarat govt. has announced to set up Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center (VSCIC) in	Gandhinagar.
30	The fourth 'Buxa Bird Festival' has begun in Buxa National Park in	Alipurduar, West Bengal
31	The famous chariot festival of the Suchindram Thanumalayan Temple is being held	Tamil Nadu

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32	Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the country's first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit	AASHVAST
33	Iranian Parliament has approved a triple-urgency bill that designates the US army and the Pentagon as a	Terrorist entity.
34	The first phase of the world's second-largest Muslim congregation after Haj began on the outskirts of	Dhaka.
35	Status of Institution of National Importance to a cluster of Ayurvedic institutions at the Gujarat Ayurved University campus in	Jamnagar.
36	India-born author has bagged a coveted UK children's book award for her debut novel	Jasbinder Bilan
37	Indian pacer will receive the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)'s Polly Umrigar Award	Jasprit Bumrah.
38	Weightlifter has been slapped with a four-year ban for doping by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)	Sarbjeet Kaur.
39	3rd Khelo India Youth Games started in	Guwahati.
40	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched an app for visually challenged to Identify currency Denomination	MANI.
41	India may overtake Germany to become the fourth-largest economy by	2026.
42	Public sector lender has signed an MoU with the Women Entrepreneurs Welfare Association (WEWA), Tamil Nadu	Indian Bank
43	CSC e-Governance Services India Limited has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) for sale of	FASTags.
44	Who has introduced One Time Password (OTP)-based ATM cash withdrawals	State Bank of India.
45	Irani Gen killed in US airstrike on Baghdad airport	Qassem Soleimani.
46	The World Braille Day is observed across the world every year on	4th January.
47	Who has been re-appointed as Railway Board Chairman for a period of one year	VK Yadav.
48	Who appointed as the new chancellor of Queen's University Belfast in Ireland	Hillary Clinton.
49	Who has been appointed as the Chairperson and Managing Director of Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)	Harjeet Kaur Joshi.
50	Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 107th edition of Indian Science Congress in	Bengaluru
51	HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal has inaugurated the 28th edition of annual New Delhi World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan in	New Delhi.
52	Indian Railways launches integrated helpline number for passengers	139.
53	Twenty-two tableau proposals (16-states and 6 Central Ministries) have been short-listed for participation in this year's	Republic Day parade.
54	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the National Traders Convention in	New Delhi.
55	India extends USD 75 mn line of credit for solar parks in	Cuba
56	Indian e-commerce company has signed an agreement with MoHUA to support DAY-NULM	Flipkart.
57	The Andhra Pradesh government is planning to introduce door-delivery of sand from	2nd January 2020.
58	The state Government has passed a resolution to roll back the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)	Kerala.
59	UP State Road Transport Corporation (UPSRTC) has launched a dedicated women	Damini.

	helpline	
60	Entire Nagaland declared 'disturbed area 'for six more months under	AFSPA.
61	'Cyber Safe Women 'initiative launched by the state Government	Maharashtra.
62	Sate Govt. has become the 1st state to shortlist migrants for citizenship	Uttar Pradesh.
63	ISRO to set up Human Space Flight Centre in	Challakere, Karnataka.
64	Who has decided to observe 2020 as the "Year of Mobility" for the welfare of the troops	Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
65	Who has been awarded the Global Bihar Excellence Award 2019	Piyush Jaiswal
66	Indian Army to sign MoU for AK-203 assault rifles with	Russia.
67	Naval Exercise 'Naseem-Al-Bahr' was conducted in	Goa.
68	5. Five-day-long festival of 'Lai Haraoba 'has begun in	Agartala, Tripura.
69	Games will be included in the 3rd edition of the 'Khelo India youth games'	lawn bowls and cycling
70	The 5th Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) National Ice Hockey Championship -2020 held in	Leh, Ladakh.
71	Former India skipper was picked as captain of ESPN Cricinfo's ODI and Twenty20 teams of the decade	Mahendra Singh Dhoni.
72	India's all-rounder retires from all forms of cricket	Irfan Pathan
73	Who has signed an MoU with the Gujarat government to facilitate the flow of credit to the MSME sector	Bank of Baroda.
74	Who partnered with Kotak Mahindra Bank to enable EMIs on Kotak debit cards	Pine Labs
75	In order to the digital transaction in India, who has introduced a new semi-closed Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI)	Reserve Bank (RBI).
76	Who has released a postage stamp to commemorate distinguished service and glorious contribution of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in protecting the nation	Nirmala Sitharaman.
77	Vishweshtha Theertha Swami of Pejawar mutt passed away in the coastal town of Udupi in	Karnataka.
78	Prime Minister Narendra Modi named Rohtang passageway in Himachal Pradesh as	Atal Tunnel.
79	India's first long-distance Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) bus fitted with CNG cylinders at a function in	New Delhi.
80	Indian Railways has unveiled 'Him Darshan Express 'comprising all-new Vistadome coaches from	Kalka railway station to Shimla.
81	Noted Economist and Political Analyst has released a book titled Politics of Opportunism	S Gurumurthy
82	The 40-day harshest winter period in Kashmir has begun with the upper reaches of the valley	Chillai-Kalan
83	Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express depicting Odisha's Art and culture flagged off by	Dharmendra Pradhan.
84	The country's first university for the transgender community will be opened in Uttar Pradesh's	Kushinagar district.
85	76th Anniversary of First Flag Hoisting by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at	Port Blair.
86	Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced to observe the year 2020 as	Susashan Sankalp Varsh.
87	Five-day event 'Mandu Festival '(1 st edition) kicked-off at	Mandu (Madhya Pradesh)
88	Who has declared an emergency to contain the environmental impact of a fuel spill	Ecuador.

	in the Galapagos Islands	
89	The eight West African countries have agreed to change the name of their common currency from 'CFA franc 'to	Eco.
90	China, Russia, and Iran hold trilateral naval exercises in the	Gulf of Oman.
91	China has successfully launched the largest carrier rocket of the country	'Long March-5'.
92	Former Miss World has been voted the Sexiest Vegetarian Personality by American animal rights organization PETA	Manushi Chhillar.
93	International Tennis Federation's (ITF) World Champions for 2019	Ashleigh Barty and Rafael Nadal.
94	Who will host the African Super Cup for the next three years	Doha.
95	Indian skipper is one of the five players named in the Wisden Cricketers of the Decade	Virat Kohli.
96	Who has won the Bengaluru Open Golf Championship on December 26, 2019, and lifts PGTI title	Abhinav Lohan.
97	Who has announced that 2020 will be his last year as a professional tennis player	Leander Paes.
98	The 31st International Kite Festival was inaugurated at	Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad.
99	'Census India-2021 'will begin on	1st of April 2020.
100	Who has released SDG India Index and Dashboard 2019	NITI Aayog
101	Who has signed an MoU with the Gujarat government to facilitate the flow of credit to the MSME sector	Bank of Baroda
102	Who partnered with Kotak Mahindra Bank to enable EMIs on Kotak debit cards	Pine Labs
103	In order to the digital transaction in India, who has introduced a new semi-closed Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI)	Reserve Bank (RBI)
104	Pakistan received USD 452.4 million as a second tranche of the USD 6 billion loans from the	International Monetary Fund (IMF)
105	IT giant has partnered with industry body NASSCOM to start a training platform on emerging technologies	Wipro
106	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. as the UTLBC (Union Territory Lead Bank Convenor) for the newly carved out	Jammu and Kashmir (Union Territory)
107	Renowned Hindustani Classical vocalist passed away	Vidushi Savita Devi
108	The brilliant storyteller of China passed away	Da Chen
109	Vishwasha Theertha Swami of Pejawar mutt passed away in the coastal town of Udupi in	Karnataka
110	The National Mathematics Day is being observed every year on	22nd December
111	Good Governance Day is being observed in India annually on	25th December
112	Who was named the first prime minister of Cuba in more than 40 years	Manuel Marrero Cruz
113	Who has taken over as the President of the industry chamber FICCI for 2019-20	Dr. Sangita Reddy
114	Boeing CEO has stepped down as the company is facing tough period following two fatal crashes	Dennis Muilenburg
115	Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader took oath as the 11th Chief Minister of the state	Hemant Soren
116	The Govt. of India has constructed Girls' Hostel for Nepal Armed Police Force School	Kirtipur
117	The Vice President of India Shri M Venkaiah Naidu has released the book Turbulence and Triumph	The Modi
118	India and Iran chaired the 19th Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) in	Tehran
119	India successfully test-fired its Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM)	Odisha coast

	system from a base off	
120	The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted a two-day regional level pollution response exercise at sea off Vadinar in Gulf of Kutch	Swachhh Samundra NW-201
121	Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has launched Yojana in an event held in New Delhi	Atal Bhujal Yojana
122	Prime Minister Narendra Modi named Rohtang passageway in Himachal Pradesh as	Atal Tunnel
123	India's first long-distance Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) bus fitted with CNG cylinders at a function in	New Delhi
124	Indian Railways has unveiled 'Him Darshan Express' comprising all-new Vistadome coaches from	Kalka railway station to Shimla
125	The Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched the five documents developed by	University Grants Commission
126	The Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched the second edition of the 'Eat Right Mela' in	New Delhi
127	The book titled "Dreams of a Billion: India and the Olympic Games" is written by	Boria Majumdar & Nalin Mehta
128	India's ophthalmologist has conferred with American Academy of Ophthalmology's (AAO) highest award Life Achievement	Dr Santosh G Honavar
129	The 40-day harshest winter period in Kashmir has begun with the upper reaches of the valley	Chillai-Kalan
130	Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the first Janta Clinic in	Malviya Nagar, Jaipur
131	Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched a scheme for handloom weavers	YSR Nethanna Nestham
132	Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express depicting Odisha's Art and culture flagged off by	Dharmendra Pradhan
133	The country's first university for the transgender community will be opened in Uttar Pradesh's	Kushinagar district
134	Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has inaugurated the National Tribal Dance Festival in	Raipur, Chhattisgarh
135	Union Territory (UT) is celebrating Losar Festival	Ladakh
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142	Former Miss World has been voted the Sexiest Vegetarian Personality by American animal rights organization PETA	Manushi Chhillar
143	Major Anoop Mishra has received the Army Design Bureau (ADB) Excellence Award by Army Chief General Bipin Rawat for Developing bulletproof jacket	Sarvatra
144	Who has won the 2019 Miss Teen International	Aayushi Dholakia
145	Former India captain has been named as the recipient of the prestigious CK Nayudu Lifetime Award for the year 2019	Krishnamachari Srikanth

146	Who has been named as “the most famous teenager in the world” by the United Nations (UN) in its ‘decade in review’ report	Malala Yousafzai
147	International Tennis Federation's (ITF) World Champions for 2019	Ashleigh Barty and Rafael Nadal
148	India's shuttler has won the Men's singles Bangladesh Junior International Badminton Series 2019 in Dhaka	Maisnam Meiraba Luwang
149	Who will host the African Super Cup for the next three years	Doha
150	Former Indian captain MS Dhoni has been named captain of Cricket	Australia's (CA) ODI team of the decade
151	Indian weightlifter clinched a bronze medal in the women's 64kg weight category at the Qatar International Cup in Doha	Rakhi Halder
152	Indian skipper is one of the five players named in the Wisden Cricketers of the Decade	Virat Kohli
153	76th Anniversary of First Flag Hoisting by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at	Port Blair
154	Climate activist Greta Thunberg wins	Sweden's 'alternative Nobel Prize'
155	_____ wins SASTRA Ramanujan prize for 2019	Adam Harper
156	India's sprint legend _____ honoured with Vetran Pin by IAAF in recognition of her contribution to sport	PT Usha
157	_____ to be honoured with Dada Saheb Phalke award	Amitabh Bachchan
158	Vadodara house-wife crowned Mrs India 2019	Pooja Desai
159	Visa appoints PV Sindhu as brand ambassador for	two years
160	NASA successfully launches 17-year-old Indian student's satellite	RamanSat 2
161	An active mountain skier _____ of Slovenia passes away	Davo Karnica
162	'Professor Ayushman' comic book released by	Ayush Ministry
163	_____ observed as Antyodaya Diwas	25th September
164	World Pharmacist Day Is Celebrated On	September 25
165	_____ to be Maharashtra poll goodwill ambassador	Madhuri Dixit
166	IMF names Kristalina Georgieva as new head she replaced	Christine Lagarde
167	Mukesh Ambani Tops List Of Richest Indians By China's Hurun For _____	8th Straight Year
168	Pankaj Advani-Aditya Mehta duo clinch World Team Snooker Title in	Mandalay (Myanmar)
169	SBI launches digital banking app Yono in	UK
170	India-US tri-services 'Exercise Tiger Triumph' scheduled for November in	Visakhapatnam and Kakinada
171	RBI imposes restrictions on PMC Bank; withdrawal restricted to	Rs 1,000 per account.
172	Infosys Ranked Third In Forbes 'Best Regarded' Companies List other on the list	1st Place – Visa, 2nd Place – Ferrari
173	_____ has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guinea Bissau	Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas.
174	Rawat beats Pakistan's Asif to bag World 6 Reds title, Kamani wins silver in women's event in	Myanmar
175	New book titled "India in the Persianate Age: 1000-1765" by professor and author	Richard M Eaton
176	Himanta Biswa Sarma Launched Housing & Education Loan Schemes in	Assam
177	PM Narendra Modi receives Global Goalkeeper Award for	Swachh Bharat Mission
178	'Girl Power: Indian Women Who Broke The Rules' by Neha J Hiranandani on 50 indian women role models released, Published by	Scholastic India
179	Govt launches 'UMMID' initiative to tackle inherited genetic diseases of	Newborn Babies
180	NRIs can now apply for Aadhaar on arrival without	182-day wait
181	_____ says next Census in 2021 will be done digitally, proposes multipurpose ID card for NPR rollout	Amit Shah

182	SBI links all floating rate loans to repo from	Oct 1
183	Lionel Messi and Megan Rapinoe named	Fifa footballers of the year
184	World Wrestling Championships India's bags	5 medals
185	Sonu Nigam bags Magnificent Performing Arts Award at 21st Century Icon Award in	UK
186	First Gauri Lankesh Memorial Award given to senior TV journalist	Ravish Kumar
187	Nilesh Shah elected as	AMFI chairman
188	International Day Of Sign Languages (IDSL) Observed On	September 23, 2019
189	Ayushman Bharat scheme completes one year of its launch Inauguration Date	23rd September 2018
190	Former India opener and Kanga veteran Madhav Apte dies at	86
191	New scheme introduced by Tamil Nadu's Centre government for fishermen	'Assistance for Deep Sea Fishing'
192	India can have a single multipurpose id card	Amit Shah
193	Anushka Sharma is the youngest, only Bollywood actor on	Fortune India's list of most powerful women
194	Which state's first all-women employee Post Office inaugurated	Bihar.
195	Delhi CM launches 'champions campaign 'against	dengue
196	RBI approves reappointment of Shyam Srinivasan as	Federal Bank CEO
197	Daughters 'Day 2019 is celebrated globally to promote equality, raise awareness about crimes against girl child	22 September.
198	Govt institutes Sardar Patel National Unity Award for contribution to	unity, integrity of India
199	Banks to Pay Rs 100 Penalty Per Day For Not Addressing Transaction Failures	RBI
200	Mukhya Mantri Seva Sankalp Helpline '1100 'launched in	Himachal Pradesh
201	Saudi Arabia wins membership in	IAEA Board of Governors
202	_____ chosen as first recipient of newly instated international photography award	Raghu Rai
203	India's first central police university to come up in	Greater Noida
204	Meghalaya School Beats Bangladesh School to Win	Subroto Cup U-17 Category
205	Secunderabad railway station gets	CII-IGBC platinum rating Related
206	Indian army conducts massive exercise near China border in	Eastern Ladakh
207	_____ wins two awards at Indian International Film Festival of Boston for Vikas Khanna's The Last Color	Neena Gupta
208	IDBI Bank appoints Samuel Joseph as Deputy Managing Director he Replaced	KP Nair
209	Newly Discovered Giant Salamander Species Is 'World's Biggest Amphibian	Andriassligoi
210	Former Tunisian president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali dies, aged 83 in	Saudi Arabia
211	Vice President releases book by journalist-parliamentarian Veerendra Kumar	Himalayan Odyssey
212	Alison Rose to become first female RBS chief executive he replaced	Ross McEwan
213	International Day of Peace is being celebrated on September 21 the theme	Climate Action for Peace
214	Bajrang Punia, Ravi Dahiya seal Olympics berths by reaching semis at	World Wrestling Championships
215	India Slip to ___ in Latest FIFA Ranking, Belgium Maintain Top Spot	104th Spot
216	India Post expands speed post service to six new foreign countries	Asia, Europe and South America
217	Documentary film on Uttarakhand farmer nominated for Oscars 2020	Moti Bagh
218	Super 30 Founder Anand Kumar Honoured With Prestigious Award In	The US- The Education Excellence Award 2019
219	SC gets four new judges taking total strength to highest-ever of 34 on	18th September 2019
220	Fossil of 62-Million-Year-Old Ancient Seabird Discovered from	New Zealand
221	Vinesh Phogat wins maiden Wrestling World Championships medal in	Kazakhstan

222	Telangana government declares 2020 as	Artificial Intelligence year
223	Air Marshal RKS Bhaduria appointed as new Indian Air Force chief he replaced	BS Dhanoa
224	Union Minister Pralhad Joshi confers the	National Geoscience Awards
225	Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana crosses one crore beneficiaries Total Amount	Rs. 4,000 crores
226	INS Khanderi submarine to be commissioned on	September 28
227	Rajnath Singh gives the nod for writing the history of India's borders on	17th September 2019
228	Coal Ministry enters into allotment agreement with	WBPDC
229	Entrepreneur and author Kapil Pathare honoured with Doctorate in Business from	Ballsbridge University
230	Greater Noida to house country's	first central police varsity
231	Sri Lanka unveils South Asia's tallest tower in	Colombo
232	Ramkumar Ramamoorthy appointed CMD of	Cognizant India
233	Beijing unveils new 'ice 'panda mascot to promote 2022 Winter Games named	Bing Dwen Dwen
234	Cancer survivor is first person to swim the Channel four times non-stop named	Sarah Thomas
235	Veteran Malayalam Actor Sathar Passes Away at	67
236	State will set up a Swachh Bharat World University at Wardha	Maharashtra
237	Rajnath Singh flies in Tejas fighter jet, becomes ____ defence minister to fly in light combat aircraft	First
238	Allahabad Bank Board Approves Merger With	Indian Bank
239	Govt proposes ban on e-cigarettes, up to 3-year jail	Rs 5 lakh fine for offenders
240	Vinesh Phogat Is The First Indian Wrestler To Qualify For	2020 Tokyo Olympics
241	Wipro Infrastructure and ____ sign MoU	BEML
242	Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina receives	Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award
243	____ chosen as first recipient of newly instated international photography award	Raghu Rai
244	Anjali Singh has become India's first female has joined the Indian Embassy in Russia as	Deputy Air Attache.
245	Air-to-air missile ____ test-fired from Sukhoi-30 MKI	Astra
246	Indian Air Force receives Spice-2000 'building blaster 'buster bombs from	Israel
247	Karolina Pliskova beats Petra Martic to win 15th WTA singles title of career in	China
248	Traditional Neermahal Jal Utsav concludes in	Tripura
249	____ district of J&K organized the first women-only marathon against drug addiction	Udhampur
250	Congress veteran BJ Khatal Patil passes away at 100 on	16th September 2019
251	____ and Fridays for Future wins Amnesty's highest human rights award	Greta Thunberg
252	ADB president ____ resigns	Takehiko Nakao
253	ISRO inks MoUs with DRDO sign for	Gaganyaan project
254	RBL Bank and which company jointly launched the Samsung Pay for RBL Bank's Mastercard credit card customers	Samsung India
255	Which Indian bank declared to be the first bank in the country to deploy industrial robotic arms to count currency notes	ICICI Bank
256	Cabinet has approved recapitalization of which bank with a one-time infusion of funds by both Government and LIC	IDBI Bank
257	ECL Finance Ltd, a subsidiary of Edelweiss Financial Services, and Central Bank of India has signed an agreement for priority sector lending to	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) customers.
258	Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) signed Memorandum of	State Bank of India

	Agreement (MoA) with which bank for direct transfer of benefits electronically into bank accounts of all stakeholders	
259	The Cabinet has approved a capital infusion of Rs 4,557 crore into	IDBI Bank.
260	Which Indian IT company has won a 7-year contract worth \$300 million from ICICI Bank	Wipro
261	Which Indian Organisation is to implement the idea to develop a mobile application with an aim to help the visually impaired people to identify currency notes	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
262	Punjab National Bank, a government-run put up for sale nearly a dozen Non Performing Assets (NPA) to recover dues of over	Rs 1,234 crore
263	SBI announced its which cut on its marginal cost of funds based lending rate by 10 basis points (bps) across all tenors	fifth-rate cut
264	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) backed which committee has recommended that Telangana's innovative model for start-ups should be assessed for possible replication in other states	UK Sinha committee
265	India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) rolled out	Aadhaar enabled payment system (AePS) services.
266	The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI Bank) and which Credit Cards Services (LIC CSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of LIC, will launch a co-branded credit card	Life Insurance Corporation of India
267	The World Bank will provide what amount of assistance to finance mini and mega food parks across India	Rs 3,000 crore
268	In order to bring more transparency & address customer-centric issue, the Code for Responsible Lending (CRL) for the microcredit industry was jointly launched by	Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN)
269	Finance Minister of India Smt Nirmala Sitharaman notified that what percent Deducted at Source (TDS) on cash payments above Rs 1 crore made through Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) will be exempted and it is set to be effective from October 1, 2019	2% Tax
270	Which bank has extended the use of the Bharat Bill Payment System(BBPS) for all recurring(repetitive) payments such as school fees, insurance premiums and municipal taxes, Equated Monthly Installments (EMI) on a voluntary basis except for prepaid recharges to extend the scope and coverage of BBPS	Reserve Bank of India(RBI)
271	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Santosh Kumar Gangwar notified that over this number members of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) will get 8.65% interest on deposits, which will be credited to the accounts, for 2018-19 after the approval from the Ministry of Finance	6 crore
272	Which Payments Bank, a public limited company with its headquarters in New Delhi has launched "Bharosa" savings account services with the aim of deepening the financial inclusion in India	Airtel Payments Bank
273	Which Indian firm the world's leader in digital payments technology and BillDesk, an Indian online payment gateway company have partnered for the launch of SI(standing instructions)	Hub which is a smooth and secure way to make recurring payments using cards with a one-time enrollment- Visa Inc,
274	ZestMoney has partnered with which organisation, a fintech firm that provides payment technology to online merchants to offer cardless EMI (equated monthly installment) payment option to consumers	PayU

275	The country's central Bank, Reserve Bank Of India(RBI) has directed which organisations to stop sharing the pattern of consumer's credit information held by credit information companies (CICs) with analytics firms , IT (Information Technology) companies, institutional agents and unregulated parties	banks and non-banking finance companies (NBFCs)
276	According to the Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy 2018-19 released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the aggregate savings deposits in the Indian private and public sector banks (PSBs) reached as on March 31, 2019	Rs 39.72 lakh crore
277	An Indian global telecommunications services company, Bharti Airtel has tied up with organisation to offer prepaid plan for its users along with insurance protection plan	Bharti AXA Life Insurance
278	Paisalo Digital (Formerly known as S.E Investments Limited) has signed its second co-origination of loan agreement with major public sector bank in India, with the aim to necessitate the joint contribution of credit flow by BoM and Paisalo Digital	Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)
279	The country's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has come out with a new order for operators regarding the failed transaction of customers	Banks and payment system
280	Following the recommendations of an expert committee headed by, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised the guidelines on concurrent audit system	Y.H.Malegam
281	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) increased the loan sanction limit for small exporters as priority sector lending (PSL) by banks to what amount per borrower from Rs 25 crore in order to boost credit to the export sector	Rs 40 crore
282	In order to improve the risk management & ensure sufficient liquidity, the regulator for the securities market in India, which organisation has tightened the rules for mutual funds, in which it make it mandatory for liquid schemes to hold at least 20 % in liquid assets such as cash and cash equivalents like treasury bills and repo on government securities	SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India)
283	Which bank has signed a bancassurance agreement with Max Bupa to provide Max Bupa's suite of health insurance products to its customers	Indian Bank
284	Which state-owned bank has launched its Agri digital platform Baroda Kisan	Bank of Baroda
285	Private sector lender ICICI Bank is planning to open how many branches in the forthcoming financial year	450 branches
286	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barred the Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative Bank Ltd (PMC Bank), Mumbai to carry out the majority of its routine business for	6 months
287	SBI Life Insurance has signed a corporate agency agreement with city-based Repco Home Finance Ltd to offer the company's range of products to	RHFL customers
288	HDFC Bank in partnership with which organisation has launched a co-branded fuel card for users from non-metro cities and towns which will be available on both RuPay and Visa platforms	Indian Oil
289	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) increased the withdrawal limit for Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC) depositors to	Rs.10,000
290	The Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge), inaugurated the exhibition of India Tourism Mart (ITM) 2019 in	New Delhi
291	World University of Design (WUD) hosted	Global Goals Jam 3.0.
292	Which bank topped the WPP-Kantar BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands ranking for the sixth time in a row	HDFC Bank
293	Which railways has installed a polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottle crushing machine in Mumbai Rajdhani Express for the first time ever	The Western Railway

294	Central Board of Direct Tax (CBDT) has set up the	National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) in Delhi.
295	The union government launched what to provide advance information about steel imports to various stakeholders including producers and importers to have effective policy interventions	steel import monitoring system (SIMS)
296	Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri Sadananda Gowda inaugurated the Annual Health Conference Pharma Med HD 2019 transforming the perception of Indian HealthCare Industry	New Delhi
297	India Post expanded speed post service to six new foreign destinations in	Asia, Europe and South America
298	Under Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India has taken an initiative to develop	National Water Museum
299	Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched several initiatives of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in	New Delhi
300	IBM aims to train how many from ITIs across India	10,000 faculty members
301	The Delhi Cabinet chaired by the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has approved the state government's proposal to pay the CBSE examination fees for class	10 and 12 students of its schools.
302	The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has unveiled a Management Information System (MIS) for stakeholders of	Accessible India Campaign (AIC).
303	Which division of the Central Railway recovered Rs 7.88 crore fine from passengers travelling without tickets in last five months	The Pune
304	Department of Telecom has approved multiple projects worth over	Rs 8,500 crore.
305	Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) has partnered with, a mobility platform, to extend the welfare to its drivers	Ola
306	Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mongolian President H.E. Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga jointly unveiled a statue of	Lord Buddha and his two disciples.
307	Nasscom's Data Security Council of India (DSCI) collaborated with the electronics and IT ministry (MeitY) and Google India to launch a nationwide awareness campaign	Digital Payment Abhiyan'.
308	Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) at the United Nations Secretary-General (UNSG) Climate Action Summit which is being held in	New York.
309	The government launched a multilingual app-based service CHC Farm Machinery for	Custom Hiring Centres (CHCs)
310	Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally declare India as Open Defecation Free -ODF on 2nd October during a function to be held in	Ahmedabad
311	Dr Harsh Vardhan said that India is committed to eradicate TB before	2025
312	The Centre has instituted the highest civilian award for contribution to the unity and integrity of India, in the name of	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
313	Centre launched the new Tuberculosis (TB) Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign on	25 September
314	The President of India Ramnath Kovind unveiled the first	Indigenous High-Temperature Fuel Cell System
315	Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, GoI launched the 10 Year Rural Sanitation Strategy	(2019-2029)
316	Which station in West Bengal became the 5000th railway station in the country to	Midnapore

	be Wi-Fi enabled	
317	India handed over a new school building costing Rs. 2.41 crores to which country that would boost the learning environment of students from the marginalized sections in the Himalayan nation	Nepal government
318	Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Delhi-Meerut Expressway phase-3, built at a cost of	Rs 1,058 crores
319	The deadline to link permanent account number (PAN) with Aadhaar has been extended by three months till	31st of December
320	Union Health Minister Shri Harsh Vardhan launched mass media campaign POSHAN Maah (nutrition campaign) 2019 to promote the —eat right India movement (launched 10th July 2018) to improve public health and combat	negative nutritional trends
321	In a bid to strengthen the Indian Air Force (IAF), the central government has approved the procurement of 6 squadrons of indigenous Akash Air Defense missile for the Air Force at a cost of	Rs 5,000 crore.
322	Women and Child Development and Textiles Minister notified that the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) increased by 13 points nationally since the implementation of the Beti Bachao- Beti Padhao (BBBP) programme from 918 in 2014-15 to 931 in 2018-19	Smriti Irani
323	The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the National Youth Summit 2019 held in	New Delhi.
324	A two-day long Western Air Command, Commanders 'Conference 2019 was held in New Delhi.	Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa was the chief guest of the Conference
325	According to the Sample Registration Survey (SRS) for 2013-17 released by the Registrar General of India, the overall life expectancy at birth in India improved to	69 years from 68.7 years in 2012-16.
326	The Government of India (GoI) announced humanitarian assistance of \$1 million as immediate disaster relief to help people in The Bahamas affected by Hurricane (tropical cyclone)	Dorian which has caused large scale destruction.
327	The union minister for environment, forest and climate change Shri Prakash Javadekar (also Information & Broadcasting minister) flagged off a bus named	Jaldootl in Pune, Maharashtra which showcases the importance of water conservation.
328	Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Information and Broadcasting and Environment, Forest and Climate Change has inaugurated the renovated Jayakar bungalow (a famous heritage building of Pune) at National Film Archive of India (NFAI) in Pune, Maharashtra. The bungalow has been renovated with an outlay of	3 crore rupees.
329	Marcin Przydacz, the deputy foreign minister of Poland unveiled a memorial pillar in Valivade in Kolhapur district of Maharashtra in memory of the 5000 polish refugee families that settled in Valivade during World War II (WWII)	80 years ago.
330	India will conduct a two-week special training programme (STP) for 32-member delegation (70% of delegates are women officials) of Maldivian Civil Servants at the Mussoorie (Uttarakhand) and New Delhi	from 16 – 28 September 2019.
331	The group of ministers of Good and Service Tax Network (GSTN) headed by Sushil Kumar Modi (Bihar deputy chief minister) notified that all the new dealers will have to mandatorily make Aadhaar verification or physical verification from	January 1, 2020.
332	Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched which campaign to fight dengue and urged citizens to become champions 'and encourage 10 friends to check their homes for mosquito larvae	Champions Campaign
333	Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said a statue of former Union Finance Minister	Patna.

	Arun Jaitley would be installed in	
334	The West Bengal State Assembly passed West Bengal	(Prevention of Lynching) Bill, 2019.
335	The Uttarakhand government has determined to set up a Special Tiger Force for	Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve.
336	Which state government has announced a ban on wearing jeans and T-shirts within the state secretariat	Bihar government
337	The Odisha police started a separate cell to deal with all cases of crime against	Women
338	Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday inaugurated the Garvi Gujarat Bhavan in New Delhi. The new building situated at Akbar Road in the national capital has been built at a cost of around 131 crore rupees by the	Gujarat Government
339	The much-awaited day, Nuakahi, for the people of western Odisha districts came today with much	pomp and gaiety
340	Haryana Government has announced a waiver on interest and penalty on crop loans	4,750 crore rupees
341	Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced that a police academy of international standards will be set up very soon in	Lucknow
342	Which state government launched a new health insurance scheme called Ayushman Bharat-Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojna (AB-MGRSBY) by integrating the Bhamashah Health Insurance Scheme(BSBY) of the State Government and Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna Scheme(AB-PMJAY) of the Central Government	Rajasthan state government
343	Jammu and Kashmir government is planning to supply piped water to each and every household in the state by	2022
344	Team which defeated Chelsea in the finals to win the UEFA Super Cup held in Istanbul	Liverpool
345	The Inter-State Council is mandated to investigate and advise on disputes between states. Who is the chairman of the Inter-State Council	Prime Minister
346	Name the Indian wrestler who won the gold medal at the Junior World Championships held in Talinn, Estonia and hence become the 1st Indian in 18 years to win the title	Deepak Punia
347	Director of National Institute of Health and Family Welfare by the appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister	Harshad Pandurang Thakur
348	National Tribal Festival “Aadi Mahotsav” has begun in with the theme “A celebration of the spirit of Tribal Craft, Culture and Commerce”	Leh-Ladakh
349	Name the Australian player who has become the 1st Concussion Substitute player in the history of International cricket	Marnus Labuschagne
350	Name the place where the 5th meeting of India-Nepal Joint Commission will be hosted	Kathmandu
351	President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated underground Bunker Museum in which visitors can “time travel” to the 19th century, at Raj Bhavan, in	Mumbai
352	Theme for World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2019 (Jun 17)	Let’s Grow the Future Together
353	IAF's code name for Balakot airstrike	Operation Bandar
354	According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) World Investment Report 2019, India received foreign direct investments (FDI) in 2018 worth	USD 42 billion
355	Newly established two highest weather stations in the world at	Mount Everest
356	Country that has failed to complete 25 of the 27 requirements demanded by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to curb terror funding	Pakistan

357	The International Arbitration Center (IAC) will be set up in	New Delhi
358	Miss India 2019	Suman Rao
359	Second player to play highest number of ODI matches for India	Mahendra Singh Dhoni (341) (first Sachin Tendulkar)
360	State government that has decided to set up the first 'Skill University'	Assam (Darang District)
361	Two female scientists to head India's Chandrayaan-2 mission, named	Ritu Karidhal (as mission director) and Muthayya Vanitha (as project director)
362	Lower assembly of Parliament of India	Lok Sabha
363	World sickle cell day	June 19
364	As per Fitch's Global Economic Outlook 2019, India's growth forecast for FY 19-20	6.6%
365	Scientists from Louisiana State University have predicted that this spring's record rainfall would produce one of the largest-ever "dead zones" in	Gulf of Mexico
366	Facebook's new cryptocurrency	Libra
367	New speaker of 17th Lok Sabha	Om Birla
368	Batsman who score fastest 11,000 runs	Virat Kohli (230 matches)
369	State government that is planning to introduce a Quick Response (QR) code based common mobility card enabling citizens to travel across multiple modes across the state	Telangana
370	According to the World Organization of Animal Health (OIE), out of the five new human diseases appearing every year, three originate in	Animals
371	As per Indian Constitution, maximum number of Lok Sabha members	552
372	Theme for International Day of Yoga 2019 (21 June)	Yoga for Heart
373	As per Knight Frank's report, Capital investment in commercial real estate by Indian investors in overseas markets between the first quarter of 2018 and first quarter of 2019 soared by	92% to \$700 million (around Rs. 4,893 crore)
374	To restore degraded forest landscapes in these five states over the next 42 months, India has launched a pilot project in	Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland and Karnataka.
375	India and Myanmar have launched joint operations along the border targeting camps of insurgent groups operating in North East under	Operation Sunrise
376	India's first regional rapid transit system (RRTS) will be integrated with other modes of local transport systems in	Delhi.
377	An Indian-origin person who considered as the pioneer of the Islamic movement in South Africa, died on June 19	Shawkat Ali Thokan
378	Winner of the singles at the WTA Nottingham Open 2019 Women's Grasscourt Tennis Championship	Caroline Garcia (France).
379	Maharashtra government's new scheme, which will create 10 lakh jobs in the next five years	Chief Minister's Employment Generation Programme for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
380	A tool launched by World Health Organization (WHO) for safer use of antibiotics to curb resistance	AWaRe
381	First Lok Sabha	April 17, 1952
382	World Humanist Day	June 21

383	Country that will overtake China to become the world's most populous country in just eight years, as per the UN report titled "The World Population Prospects 2019: Highlights"	India.
384	Which rating agency has terminated the employment of its Managing Director and group Chief Executive Officer Naresh Takkar over allegations of misconduct at the credit rating agency	ICRA Ltd
385	. Name the Indian shooter who has won the gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol event of the World Cup at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Abhishek Verma
386	Cabinet of which state has cleared the "vertical property rules" to create a database of all flats, buildings and commercial complexes to prevent property-related frauds in the state	Maharashtra
387	Which airline has announced the ban on the usage of single-use plastic aboard its flights from October 2, 2019	Air India
388	The 2 well-known products from _____, "Dindigul Lock" and "Kandangi Saree" have been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry	Tamil Nadu
389	Union Cabinet has allowed 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) via automatic route in _____ Mining and contract manufacturing	Coal
390	Name the movement launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of National Sports Day	Fit India Movement
391	India Meteorological Department (IMD) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the _____ to hand over Cyclone Detection Radar (CDR) building to the forces for meteorological purposes	Indian Navy
392	Who has been recently appointed as India's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates by the Ministry of External Affairs	Pavan Kapoor
393	On which day United Nations observes International Day Against Nuclear Tests every year to increase awareness and education about the effects of nuclear weapon test explosions	29 August
394	Public sector Bank, Canara Bank has launched India's first OTP facility for ATM withdrawals. The bank will activate OTP facility for cash withdrawals of _____ or more in a day	Rs 10,000
395	Name the Naval war hero and Kirti Chakra awardee who passed away recently	Commander Noel Kelman
396	Name the mobile app which was launched to help para-athletes to look up accessible places in Tokyo during their visit to the city for the 2020 Paralympics Games. Answer	IndTokyo
397	Name the Indian documentary film which has won the award in the 'Under 30 minute' category, at the 14th edition of the 'We Care Film Festival on Disability Issues'.	I'm Jeeja
398	Indian Bank has opened MSME CPC in Chennai. It will give a boost to the bank's MSME portfolio. CPC stands for	Centralised Processing Centre
399	Name the healthcare company which has been ordered to pay \$572 million for Opioid addiction crisis in US.	Johnson & Johnson
400	An Indo-Israel joint venture's "Astra Rafael Communication System" was recently inaugurated in _____	Hyderabad
401	Delhi's Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium to be renamed as _____ stadium	Arun Jaitley
402	Which company has launched a program under which it will train 5000 government	Microsoft India

	employees over the next year on AI (artificial intelligence) and cloud computing skills	
403	Which team has defeated Mohun Bagan by 2-1 in the finals to win the 129th Durand Cup	Gokulam Kerala FC
404	Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the RuPay card in _____, making it the first country in the Middle East to launch the Indian indigenous system of electronic payment	The UAE
405	Name the India's first woman Director General of Police (DGP) who passed away recently.	Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya
406	The 4th edition of India's largest confluence of digital technology, the Internet of Things (IoT) India Congress 2019 was held in _____	Bengaluru
407	Name the first artificial intelligence chip recently launched by Intel, specially designed for large computing centres	Springhill
408	The Reserve Bank of India has approved the transfer of record _____ crore dividend and surplus reserves to the government	Rs 1.76 lakh
409	The Central Vigilance Commission has constituted a 4- member Advisory Board for Banking Frauds. Who is the present Commissioner of Central Vigilance Commission	Sharad Kumar
410	Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan launched heritage postal stamp of Bandra station in Mumbai, Maharashtra on the completion of 150 years of the railway station. Who is the chief minister of Maharashtra	Devendra Fadnavis
411	The National Centre for Avian Ecotoxicology was inaugurated at Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural Sciences (SACON) located in _____	Tamil Nadu
412	45th G7 Summit will be held in _____, France	Biarritz
413	Which bank has launched a co-branded credit card in association with Standard Chartered bank	Bandhan Bank
414	Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched redevelopment project of the 200-year-old Sri Krishna temple in _____, Bahrain	Manama
415	FSSAI's National Food Laboratory (NFL) has been inaugurated in _____ on the occasion of 13th anniversary of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006	Ghaziabad
416	Who will be conferred with the 'Eminent Engineer Award for the Year 2019' on the occasion of 'Engineers Day'	Prabhakar Singh
417	The 597-ft tall 'Statue of Unity' in Gujarat and Mumbai's Soho House have been featured by the _____ magazine in its second annual list of the 2019	Time Magazine
418	NASA announced that it has named rock on Mars in honour of the iconic English band, _____	The Rolling Stones
419	_____ launched the world's first floating nuclear reactor. The vessel weighs 21,000 tons and has two reactors with a capacity of 35 megawatts each	Russia
420	_____ and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) India have partnered with the Forest Directorate, the government of West Bengal and local communities to preserve Sundarbans	Discovery India
421	Who has been appointed as the new Union Home Secretary by Appointments Committee of the cabinet headed by Prime Minister	Ajay Kumar Bhalla
422	Name the bollywood actor who has made it to the 4th position on the Forbes magazine's World's HighestPaid Actors of 2019	Akshay Kumar
423	Name the life-size humanoid robot recently launched by Russia into space. The	Fedor

	robot stands 1.80 metres tall and weighs 160 kg	
424	Name the former Indian cricketer who has been appointed as team India's new batting coach	Vikram Rathour
425	On which day United Nations observes "International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition" every year to inscribe the tragedy of the slave trade in the memory of all peoples	23 August
426	United Nations observes International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism every year. Who is the Secretary General of the United Nations	Antonio Guterres
427	Who is the Chief Executive Officer of Amazon	Jeff Bezos
428	The Reserve Bank of India has permitted processing of e-mandate on credit and debit cards for recurring transactions (merchant payments). The maximum limit for such a transaction will be _____	Rs 2,000
429	Name the training programme which was launched recently to improve Learning Outcomes at the Elementary level across the country and motivate the teachers to encourage and foster critical thinking in students	NISHTHA
430	On which day United Nations observes "International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief" every year	22 August
431	Who has been appointed as the Cabinet Secretary by Appointments Committee of the Cabinet?	Rajiv Gauba
432	On which day United Nations observes International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism every year	21 August
433	Name an initiative under which a group of armed forces veterans train sports enthusiasts in survival training and self-defence. It was recently launched in Delhi	Blue Freedom
434	Name an academic programme recently launched by Maharashtra's Tribal Development Department in association with the Pace Educational Trust for young tribal students aspiring to be doctors and engineers	Super 50
435	On which day World Photography Day is being celebrated to make people communicate their feelings and express themselves through the art of photography	19 August
436	Name the Indian-American teen who has won the South Asian Spelling Bee competition 2019 and a cash prize of \$3,000	Navneeth Murali
437	Name the former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh who passed away recently. He served as the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh from August 2004 to November 2005	Babulal Gaur
438	Which company has announced a strategic partnership with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to conduct advanced applied research in autonomous systems, robotics and 5G	Wipro Ltd.
439	Name the Indian para swimmer who has become the first Asian swimmer to cross the Catalina Channel of America	Satendra Singh Lohia
440	Name the present Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan whose tenure has been extended for 3 years by the Pakistan's Prime Minister Office	General Qamar Javed Bajwa
441	The Union Home Ministry has fixed the retirement age of all Central Armed Police Force personnel at _____	60 years
442	In which state, India's first Central Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology will be set up to facilitate the chemical industry with research and innovations	Gujarat

443	Which state government has notified Nicotine as “Class A poison” to strengthen enforcement of the ban on production and sale of electronic cigarettes	Karnataka
444	Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India has launched a new term insurance plan called	Jeevan Amar
445	The State Bank of India (SBI) has reduced its lending rates to	15 basis points
446	Who has launched new cyber insurance scheme for the customers, to safeguard their online bank account or of ATM fraud	SBI General Insurance
447	Global payment and technology company launched an Identity Check Express solution	Mastercard
448	Traders body Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has launched an initiative	Digi Vyapari-Safal Vyapari
449	According to National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), Aadhaar enabled Payment System (AePS) has crossed the milestone transactions during July 2019	Over 220 million (22 crores)
450	Senior advocate and former Additional Solicitor General passed away	Amarendra Sharan
451	The 77th anniversary of the August Kranti Din, was observed all across the country on	8th August 2019
452	World Biofuel Day is observed every year on	10th August
453	Who has been appointed as Chairman and managing director (MD) of the State-owned Power Grid Corporation of India	Kandikuppa Sreekant
454	Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ has launched a drive to create awareness about Water Conservation among all school Children in the country	Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha
455	The e-version of Rozgar Samachar has been launched recently by	Shri Prakash Javadekar
456	Under the second phase of FAME India scheme, The Union Government has sanctioned electric buses in 64 cities for intracity and intercity operations	5595
457	Home Minister Amit Shah has released a book titled	Listening, Learning & Leading.
458	The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has increased the fees (from Rs 50 to Rs 1,200) of Class 10th and 12th board examinations for	SC and ST students
459	Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Dynamic Facade Lighting of the	Parliament House Estate
460	The Indian Army has launched a mission in Jammu to ensure necessities and essential services are available in the region	Mission Reach Out
461	Jammu and Kashmir government will host a three-day Global Investors Summit 2019 in	Srinagar.
462	India has contributed one million US Dollars to the United Nations Special Purpose Trust Fund for	the Resident Coordinator System
463	An expedition team of mountaineers were flagged off by Union Minister of State for Defense Shripad Yesso Naik to	Mount Elbrus, Russia
464	Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has launched the Jharkhand government’s	Mukhya Mantri Krishi Ashirwad Yojana
465	Thousands of students and members of several social organizations unfurled a 15-km long national flag by forming a human chain in	Raipur, Chhattisgarh
466	Karnataka Government has launched an initiative to empower student start-ups	E-Step
467	West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has inaugurated the world’s first museum in Kolkata on	Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu
468	American carrier rocket Falcon 9 lifts off successfully the Israeli communication satellite into the orbit	AMOS-17

469	India and Bangladesh have agreed to set up a Joint Technical committee for optimum utilization of	Ganges water
470	Who has created the world's thinnest gold measuring just two atoms thick or million times thinner than a fingernail	University of Leeds Scientists
471	Indian Railways has cancelled train after Pakistan suspended operations on its side	Samjhauta Express
472	India and Russia to boost ties to achieve USD 30 billion bilateral trade by	2025
473	A team of researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G) has developed a portable device to detect bacteria without	Microbiological assays
474	President Ram Nath Kovind conferred country's highest civilian award Bharat Ratna	Pranab Mukherjee, Bhupen Hazarika & Nanaji Deshmukh
475	The policy think tank of the government of India has launched the Fourth Edition of Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards	NITI Aayog
476	Indian Air Force's (IAF) Wing Commander has been honoured with Vir Chakra	Abhinandan Varthaman
477	The first Indian chef has been awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mrite Agricoleto	Priyam Chatterjee
478	Who have been selected for the upcoming women's world boxing championships to be held in Russia	M C Mary Kom & Lovlina Borgohain
479	As per Forbes list of the highest-paid female athletes 2019, Who has topped in the annual list for a 4th the consecutive year	Serena Williams
480	Indian junior shuttlers have won six medals (gold-3, silver-1 and bronze-2) at the Bulgarian Junior International Championships in	Pazardzhik, Bulgaria
481	Who clinched the Men's Singles title in the Hyderabad Open Badminton title	Sourabh Verma
482	India's top wrestler has won the gold medal at Tbilisi Grand Prix in Georgia	Bajrang Punia
483	Who has become the first Indian to claim a world title in motorsports in women's category	Aishwarya Pissay
484	Who has become the second highest run getter for Indian in ODI	Virat Kohli
485	Spanish professional tennis player has won the Men's single Rogers Open	Rafael Nadal
486	The Postal Department has decided to convert the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) into	Small finance bank (SFB)
487	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty ranging between one to two crore rupees on	Seven public sector banks
488	Who has become the 1st Indian bank to link up with China's National Advance Payment System	SBI
489	India contributed to the UN Palestine refugee agency and called for ensuring sustained fiscal support for the organization work	USD 5 million
490	The founder of cafe chain Cafe Coffee Day (CCD) has passed away	V G Siddhartha
491	Veteran Gujarati journalist, author and columnist passed away in Mumbai	Kanti Bhatt
492	Veteran BJP leader and former External Affairs Minister passed away in New Delhi after suffering a massive cardiac arrest	Sushma Swaraj
493	Freedom fighter and the designer of the flag on which the Indian national flag was based was born on this day in 1876, near Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh	Pingali Venkaiah
494	The "Aadi Perukku" festival (or Aadi monsoon festival) was celebrated in	Tamil Nadu
495	Japan marked the 74th anniversary (6th August) of the atomic bombing of	Hiroshima
496	The Women and Child Development Ministry are observing the World Breastfeeding Week on	1-7th August
497	Who has been unanimously elected as the Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative	Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri

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498	Who has been nominated as a Director on the Central Board of Directors of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	AtanuChakraborty
499	The 22nd National Conference on e-Governance 2019 will be held at	Shillong
500	Former Intelligence Bureau officer was sworn in as the Governor of Nagaland	R N Ravi
501	Who has been sworn in as the Governor of West Bengal (28th)	Mr Jagdeep Dhankar
502	Who has been appointed as interim CEO (Chief Executive Officer) and Director of HSBC	Noel Quinn
503	Who has assumed charge as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of LIC Housing Finance (LICHFL)	Siddhartha Mohanty
504	Congress Rajya Sabha MP resigned from the membership of the House	Bhubaneshwar Kalita
505	Who has become new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mindtree Ltd.	S.N.
506	Subrahmanyam.Culture and Tourism Minister Mr Prahlad Singh Patel has flagged off mobile library bus service in	New Delhi
507	The Union Government has launched the One Nation-One Ration Card scheme on a pilot basis in	Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat
508	Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has announced free electricity for people consuming up to 200 units under adomestic connection from	1st August 2019
509	The Union Cabinet has given nod to the setting up of ISRO Technical Liaison Unit (ITLU) at	Moscow, Russia
510	Human Resources Development (HRD) Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has inaugurated the Technology Expo at	IIT Delhi
511	Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has released the first set of pictures of the earth, captured by	Chandrayaan-2
512	India successfully test-fired its all-weather tracked-chassis Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QR-SAM) from	Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, Odisha
513	The 3rd edition of India's largest education brainstorming event ScooNews Global Educators Fest (SGEF) held in	Udaipur
514	The Ministry of Culture and Tourism Minister has celebrated the Lalit Kala Akademi's 65th Foundation Day in	NewDelhi
515	ISRO Chairman K Sivan laid the foundation stone for Space Situational Awareness Control Centre at Peenya in	Bengaluru
516	State Government has launched an awareness campaign for preserving the greenery and keeping the environment clean	West Bengal
517	Who has constructed the first-ever transport tunnel in the country which will pass through underwater	KolkataMetro
518	Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has launched a welfare scheme for the girl child Vhali	Dikri Yojna
519	The Union Government has approved a project worth Rs. 4,900-crore Kosi-Mechi river interlinking project in	Bihar
520	Foreign Ministers from South East Asia has attended the 52nd ASEAN summit in	Bangkok, Thailand
521	India is among 48 countries whose citizens have been exempted from visa fees for tourism purposes by the	SriLankan government
522	Who will allow women to obtain passports and travel abroad without approval from a male "guardian"	Saudi Arab

523	The World Skills International Competition 2019 (Olympics for Skills) will be held in	Kazan, Russia
524	The 4th South Asian Speaker's Summit will be held in	Male, Maldives
525	The Deep Ocean Mission (DOM) led by the Union Earth Sciences Ministry will commence from	31st October 2019
526	The US will impose an additional 10% tariff on 300 billion US Dollars in	Chinese imports
527	Who banned face-covering cloth (burqa or niqab) in public buildings and on transport as a contentious law on the garment came into force	the Netherland
528	Who has been conferred with the East Bengal's highest honor, 'Bharat Gaurav'	Kapil Dev
529	UK's capital has been named as the world's best city for students for the second consecutive year	London
530	According to the World Bank's Report, who has been pushed to the 7th place in the global GDP rankings in 2018	India
531	India's TV journalists has won the 'Magsaysay award 2019' for his news show 'Prime Time'	Ravish Kumar
532	Indian statue has been shortlisted for 'The Structural Awards 2019' of the UK-based Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE)	Statue of Unity
533	India cricketer and Andhra Pradesh Ranji team skipper has announced retirement from all forms of the game	Venugopal Rao
534	Who has clinched Gold medal in Men's Rifle 3 Positions (3P) at 12th Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Masters competition	Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar
535	Who became the first Indian pair to win a BWF Super 500 badminton tournament in Bangkok, Thailand	Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
536	Who has won the gold medal in women's 53kg category of the Poland Open wrestling tournament in Warsaw	Vinesh Phogat
537	British racing driver has won the Formula 1, Hungarian Grand Prix 2019	Lewis Hamilton
538	India's opening batsman has become the batsman with the most- number of sixes in the T20I format	Rohit Sharma
539	Australia's player has won the ATP Washington Open title	Nick Kyrgios
540	Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow has increased during the year 2018-19	USD 64.38 billion
541	The GST Council has decided to reduce GST Rate on Electrical Vehicles from 12% to	5%
542	Who has liberalized the end-use stipulations for the External Commercial Borrowings both for corporates as well as liquidity starved non-banking lenders	Reserve Bank of India
543	Who has approved the cumulative penalty of Rs 3,050 crore on Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea	Digital Communications Commission (DCC)
544	Which country lifted 271 million people out of poverty between 2006 and 2016, recording the fastest reductions in the multi dimensional poverty index values during the period	INDIA
545	Which organisation's board has finalized a three- year roadmap named Utkarsh 2022	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
546	PAN not linked to Aadhaar card will become invalid from	1st September 2019
547	Who has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with BRICS of Commerce and Industry for promoting trade and investments between BRICS countries and eastern part of India	Bharat Chamber of Commerce (BCC)
548	World Population Day is observed across the world every year on	11th July

549	Who was sworn in as the Prime Minister of Greece	Kyriakos Mitsotakis
550	Which Senior IAS officer has been appointed full-time head of aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)	Mr. Arun Kumar
551	Who has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guard till 31st July 2020	M Nageswar Rao
552	Who has been appointed as Secretary, (consular, passport, visa and Overseas Indian Affairs) in the External Affairs Ministry	Vikas Swarup
553	Which city in Rajasthan made its entry into the 39th UNESCO World Heritage Site list	Jaipur
554	Border Security Force (BSF) has launched massive exercise code to fortify the 'anti-infiltration grid' along the Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu named	Sudarshan
555	Two new heavy-lift Chinook helicopters for IAF arrive in	Gujarat
556	Which organization has launched an All India Drive "Operation Thirst" to crack down selling of unauthorized Packaged Drinking Water	RPF (Railway Protection Force)
557	DRDO successfully tests armour-piercing Nag missiles at	Pokhran range
558	Parliament (The Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha) has adopted a statutory resolution for levying 200% duty on all goods originating in or exported from	Pakistan
559	Asia's first Six Sigma Institute of Mountain Medicines and High-Altitude Rescue will be established at	Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand
560	The 5th India-EU High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Mobility was held in	New Delhi
561	India and US trade negotiators will hold talks to discuss bilateral and economic issues in?	New Delhi
562	Which state Govt. will develop over three hundred tourist spots	Assam
563	The annual Bonalu festival kicked off in the city at the historic Golconda Fort of	Hyderabad
564	Delhi Police reunited 333 children with their families this year under	Operation Milap
565	The Delhi government has announced that the Rajghat thermal power plant will be officially shut and turned into	Solar park
566	According to the latest Henley Passport Index 2019, which countries have ranked on top	Japan and Singapore
567	Who has become the fifth country according to World Health Organisation (WHO) Southeast Asia region to eliminate measles	Sri Lanka
568	Who will host the 14th Conference of the Parties (COP)	India
569	World's Largest Movable Metal Dome was Unveiled in	Ukraine
570	Which country will impose a tax of up to €18 on plane tickets for all flights from airports in France from 2020 to fund less polluting transportation projects	France
571	Which country has breached a uranium enrichment cap set by a troubled 2015 nuclear deal and warned Europe against taking retaliatory measures	Iran
572	Which country's women's soccer team successfully claimed the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup	United States
573	India's wrestler Vinesh Phogat (in 53 Kg category) and Divya Kakran (in 68 kg category) have won Gold Medal at the Grand Prix of	Spain
574	Indian captain has won the AIFF Men's footballer of the year 2018-19 award	Sunil Chhetri
575	Who has penalized State Bank of India (SBI) and Union Bank of India for violating certain regulatory guidelines	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
576	According to the latest RBI data, India's foreign currency assets, which are a major component of the overall reserves, slipped by USD 1.11 billion to	USD 399.697 billion

577	According to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), India's projected GDP growth rate for the current fiscal year from 7.2% to	7%
578	Former Delhi Chief Minister and veteran Congress leader passed away at Escorts Fortis hospital in Delhi	Shiela Dikshit
579	The World Youth Skills Day is observed globally every year on	15th July
580	The World Day for International Justice (or International Criminal Justice Day) is being observed globally on	17th July
581	Nelson Mandela International Day is an annual international day in honour of Nelson Mandela, celebrated every year on	18th July
582	President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Senior BJP leader as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh	Kalraj Mishra
583	Who has been appointed as managing director (MD) and chief financial officer (CFO) of the World Bank	Anshula Kant
584	German Defense Minister has been elected as the European Commission's first female president	Ursula von der Leyen
585	International Monetary Fund (IMF) managing director (MD) has resigned	Christine Lagarde
586	Who has been elected as chairman of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation (CTTF)	Vivek Kohli
587	Indian Foreign Service officer has been appointed as Private Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi	Vivek Kumar
588	The Union Government has launched Labour room Quality improvement Initiative to improve the quality of care in the labour room and maternity operation theatres	LaQshya
589	The 8th meeting of India-Uzbekistan Joint Working Group on counter terrorism was held in	New Delhi
590	How many wellness centres will be completed by the end of the current year under Ayushman Bharat programme	20 thousand
591	The Union government has permitted the export of 1,239 tonnes raw sugar under its tariff-rate quota (TRQ) to	The US
592	Union Health Ministry has signed an MoU with Ministries of Ayush, Defence and Railways to strengthen the effort towards a TB-Free India by	2025
593	Which state has become the first state in India to ensure the conservation of water	Meghalaya
594	Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved 1,600 crore rupees for Dibang Multipurpose Project in	Arunachal Pradesh
595	National Stock Exchange (NSE) has signed a pact with the state government to help boost the growth of MSME sector	Haryana
596	The Tamil Nadu government has announced the creation of two new districts in the state, taking the total number of districts to	35
597	The Russian space agency 'Roscosmos' has successfully launched into space an all-sky-survey satellite, Spektrum-Rontgen Gamma	Spektr-RG
598	Google India's 'Internet Saathi' programme aimed to empower rural women on how to use the Internet has now added two more states	Punjab & Odisha
599	The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the 'Ebola crisis' in the	The Republic of Congo
600	The Sports person of the Year in the annual Indian Oil Sports Conclave	Sharath Kamal