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NITI Aayog signs SoI with Lupin Foundation for collaborating in Aspirational Districts:

- The NITI Aayog has signed an agreement with the Lupin Foundation to collaborate in the government’s ambitious aspirational districts programme.
- It aims to quickly and effectively transform some of the most underdeveloped districts in the country.
- The NITI Aayog and Lupin Foundation will work in three states - Dholpur in Rajasthan, Nandurbar in Maharashtra and Vidisha in Madhya Pradesh.
- They will collaborate to improve indicators in education, health and nutrition, financial inclusion and skill development, agriculture and water resources, and basic infrastructure in the backward districts.

India to host IUFOST 2018:

- The International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFOST), the global voice of food science and technology in association with Indian National Science Academy (INSA) as adhering body, announced the 19th edition of its prestigious global event to be held in Navi Mumbai, India from October 23-27, 2018.
- The five-day event will bring together researchers, academicians, professionals, policy makers and industry leaders from across the globe to showcase innovation, exchange breakthrough ideas and drive policy issues.
- The focal theme for this edition of the prestigious congress is 25 Billion Meals a Day by 2025 with Healthy, Nutritious, Safe and Diverse Foods.

NASA to Launch World’s Lightest Satellite Designed By Chennai Student:

- Four students from department of aerospace engineering in Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science near Chennai have designed world’s lightest satellite which weighs only 33.39 grams that is to check microgravity.
- The main aim of the satellite is to check the working of nylon in microgravity.
- The students were selected through "Cubes in Space” competition conducted by Colorado Space Grant Consortium, NASA and iOddle-learning in January.

India gets red corner notice issued against jeweller Nirav Modi:

- The notice is put out to ask countries to help with tracking down and arresting a wanted person, so that they can be extradited. It is the closest instrument to an international arrest warrant, according to the Interpol.
- The global notice, which empowers 192 member-countries to provisionally arrest a suspect, will make it difficult for Nirav Modi to travel freely.

Income Tax Department launches ‘Instant’ PAN Card Service:

- The Income Tax Department has launched an ‘instant’ Aadhaar-based PAN allotment service for individuals seeking the unique identity for the first time.
- This facility is free of cost and instant allotment of e-PAN is available for a limited period on a first-come, first-served basis for valid Aadhaar holders.
- The facility was introduced because of the increasing number of people applying for the PAN.
- The e-PAN facility is only for resident individuals and not for Hindu Undivided Family, firms, trusts and companies.

NITI Aayog to organise India’s first Global Mobility Summit:

- The Government think tank Niti Aayog will hold on September 7-8 here the India’s first ‘Global Mobility Summit’. It will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The summit will help drive government’s goal for vehicle electrification, renewable energy integration and job growth and also speed up India’s transition to a clean energy economy.
- ‘MOVE: Global Mobility Summit’ will be organised in collaboration with various ministries and industry partners.
- The six themes of the summit are: Asset utilisation and service, comprehensive electrification, alternative energy, reinventing public transit, logistics and goods transport and data analytics and mobility.

Election Commission launches ‘cVigil’ App:

- The Election Commission of India has launched a mobile app ‘cVigil’, which citizens can use to confidentially report violation of election code of conduct. The ECI hopes the app will ensure a fair and free conduct of 2019 Lok Sabha polls.
- Chief election commissioner O P Rawat made the announcement during the inaugural session of national consultations on accessible elections, held at ECI headquarters in New Delhi.

NRL becomes first oil PSU to introduce online legal compliance:

- The Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) in Assam has become the first oil public sector undertaking (PSU) to adopt an online legal compliance system by introducing ‘Legatrix’.
- ‘Legatrix’ is an onestop solution for effectively managing the organisations legal and regulatory compliances through monitoring control at different levels.
- It encompasses the requirements of laws like labour, taxation, IT, commercial, export-import, corporate laws and other industry-specific laws.
- This initiative augments the NRLs contribution towards the Digital India Mission and induces greater transparency in its operation.

KVIC Launches e-Marketing System:

- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has launched its first in-house single umbrella e-marketing system that can be accessed from anywhere in India for sale and purchase of its products.
- The earlier software was a third-party software, with its headquarters in Bengaluru, on which the KVIC had no control in stock and accounts.
- The in-house software will not only give a real-time data of sales, it will also give the updated status of stocks of Bhawans and godowns.

Delhi government launched ‘Happiness Curriculum’:

- The Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the “Happiness Curriculum” for students of nursery to Class 8 in government schools. The curriculum was launched in the presence of the Dalai Lama.
- According to the state government, the new subject was designed and prepared by a team of 40 Delhi government teachers, educators and volunteers over a period of six months.
- Students across schools can expect a ‘happiness’ period of 45 minutes. Each class will begin with a five-minute meditation session. The happiness period will also include value education and mental exercises.

Government Approves for Hike in MSP For Kharif Crops:

- The Centre has raised the minimum support price (MSP) at which the government will buy all Kharif crops for the 2018-19 season. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), at its meeting, approved the MSP of 14 Kharif (summer-sown) crops.
- The government has raised the MSP of the common rice variety by 13 percent. The
government had fixed last year’s rice purchase price for the common variety at Rs 1,550 ($22.63) per 100 kilograms.

➢ It also raised the support price for a superior rice variety to Rs 1,770, up from Rs 1,590 last year.

ISRO’s first ‘pad abort’ test successful:

➢ The first ‘pad abort’ test critical for a future human space mission was conducted successfully.

➢ The test was conducted at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

➢ The Crew Escape System is an emergency escape measure to quickly pull the crew module, the astronaut cabin — along with astronauts out to a safe distance from the launch vehicle in the event of a launch abort.

➢ ISRO Chairman: K. Sivan

NBWL added four species for Critically Endangered Species:

➢ The National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has given its nod to include four diverse species — Northern River Terrapin (riverine turtle), Red Panda, Clouded Leopard and Arabian Sea Humpback Whale — in the recovery programme for critically endangered species.

➢ They fall in the critically endangered to vulnerable categories as per the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

➢ The species recovery programme of the Union Environment Ministry is implemented under Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats — a centrally sponsored umbrella scheme for management and conservation of parks, wildlife habitats and conservation.

➢ National Board for Wild Life is a “Statutory Organization” constituted under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972

NSG: First central paramilitary force to opt for e-ticketing

➢ The National Security Guard will be the first central paramilitary force to opt for e-ticketing instead of the railway warrant under an agreement signed with the IRCTC.

➢ A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation and the NSG.

➢ This system will eliminate the need of carrying railway warrants by the NSG personnel.

Piyush Goyal launches ‘CMSMS’ and ‘Khan Prahari’ App:

➢ Union Minister of Coal, Railways, Finance & Corporate Affairs, Piyush Goyal has launched the Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System (CMSMS) and Mobile Application ‘Khan Prahari’.

➢ The ‘Khan Prahari’ app has been developed by CMPDI, Ranchi, a Subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG).

➢ The CMSMS aims to report, monitor and take suitable action on unauthorised coal mining activities.

➢ The Khan Prahari app can be used for reporting any activity taking place related to illegal coal mining like rat hole mining, pilferage etc.

➢ The CBIC launches ‘GST Verify’ app:

➢ The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has developed a mobile app ‘GST Verify’ to protect interest of consumers.

➢ It is an android app to verify if the person collecting GST from the consumer is eligible to collect it or not. It also provides the details of the person/company collecting GST.

➢ This app is developed by B Raghu Kiran joint commissioner GST Hyderabad, can be used all across the country.

CBIC

➢ Chairperson: S. Ramesh

1st Meeting of e-Commerce Task Force Held in New Delhi:

➢ The Commerce Secretary Rita Teaotia chaired the first meeting of the task force on e-commerce in New Delhi.

➢ The task force has been set up to recommend a framework for comprehensive national policy on e-commerce.

➢ The discussion was held on wide-ranging issues such as cross-border data flows, taxation, trade facilitation, logistics, FDI and competition issues.

➢ In the first meeting of the Think Tank held in April 2018, it was decided to set up a Task Force, on the framework for national policy on e-commerce, under the chairmanship of Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation.

Indian Satyarat Siddhanta scales world’s highest volcano crossings:

➢ The Indian Satyarat Siddhanta has become the second Indian mountaineer after Malli Mastan Babu to climb Mt Ojos del Salado, the highest volcano in the world.

➢ Ojos del Salado is a stratovolcano (a volcano built up of alternate layers of lava and ash) in the Andes Range on the Argentina-Chile border and the highest active volcano in the world at 6,893 metres (22,615 ft).

➢ Satyarat is also set to be the first Indian to climb Mt Sidley, the highest volcano of Antarctica.

BSNL launches its first Internet telephony Service Wings:

➢ The BSNL announces to launch its first Internet telephony service ‘Service Wings’. It will be launched from August 2018.

➢ Those subscribing to the new service, entailing one-time registration fee of Rs 1,099, will be able to make calls using any internet connection including broadband, WiFi, 3G or 4G data network of any operator, thus overcoming connectivity problems even in areas having patchy signals.

➢ It only allows authorised license holders to provide full-fledged internet telephony and not over-the-top players like Google Duo, WhatsApp that allow only app-call calling.

51 lakh houses approved under PMAY in 3- yrs: Govt

➢ Government said over 51 lakh houses have been approved under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) in the three years of its implementation.

➢ Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry in a statement said, out of 51 lakh sanctioned houses, over 28 lakh houses are already in various stages of construction over 8 lakh houses have already been completed.

➢ The Ministry said, this is a huge jump in comparison to the erstwhile housing scheme wherein only 12.4 lakh houses were approved in around 9 years of its implementation.

Government to Launch Global Housing Construction Technology Challenge Under PMAYU:

➢ As part of the technology sub-mission of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban (PMAY-U), the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) plans on launching the Global Housing Construction Technology Challenge that aims at accelerating PMAY-U target for providing housing for all.

➢ With PMAY-U in place, almost 8 lakh houses have been constructed since 25 June 2015, which apparently doesn’t even count 10 percent of revised MoHUA target in which 1.2 crore houses are meant to be built by 2022.

MHA to upgrade National Information Security Policy and Guidelines to secure government data:

➢ In order to secure government data and control access to sensitive information on the internet, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) will be upgrading the National Information Security Policy and Guidelines (NISPG).

➢ For the protection of the ‘information’ in Cyberspace, MHA will be designated as the lead agency.

➢ Till 2013, MHA was solely responsible for cybersecurity, which later was moved to National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) under Prime Minister’s Office (PMO).

➢ Along with the shift, the National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO) got the critical infrastructure, whereas the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MITE) got the non-critical part.

➢ The Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh too emphasised on reviewing cyberthreat and told NISPG to update and upgrade the government sector.

67th plenary meeting of North Eastern Council held in Shillong:

➢ The two-day 67th plenary meeting of North Eastern Council (NEC) will begin in Shillong, Meghalaya.

➢ The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and Youth Affairs and Sports (IC), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space and Chairman, NEC, Dr Jitendra Singh will chair the first Plenary Session.

➢ The first Plenary Session will include tabling of Action Taken Report on the 64th
plenary meeting and approval of Draft Annual Plan of NEC, 2016-17 by the Council.

NITI Aayog Released Paper On ‘National Health Stack’:

- The central government think tank NITI Aayog has unveiled the blueprint of National Health Stack (NHS), a shared digital healthcare infrastructure.
- The blueprint is in line with the implementation of the Centre’s flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat and other public healthcare programmes in the country.
- According to a consultation paper titled ‘National Health Stack Strategy an Approach’, the National Health Stack will facilitate collection of comprehensive healthcare data across the country.
- The government’s flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat aims to provide a coverage of INR 5 Lakh per family annually and benefit more than 10 crore poor families.

NITI: National Institution for Transforming India
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Vice-Chairman- Rajiv Kumar

Int. Round Table Conference on Data for New India Held in New Delhi

- The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has organised a International Round Table Conference on ‘Data for New India’ in New Delhi.
- The objective of the 2-day Conference is to identify innovative ideas for improving the statistical system in India. (discussing the best practices followed in advanced countries like Canada, UK and Australia). The Conference is organized in India for the first time.
- The Conference is inaugurated by D.V. Sadananda Gowda, Union Minister of Statistics & Programme Implementation.

Indian Railways introduces first dwarf container service:

- The Indian Railways has introduced a commercial service to run double-stack dwarf containers on trains to capture the lost traffic through new delivery model for domestic cargo.
- The Double Stacked Container, which is 6 ft 4 inches in height and can run on electrified tracks, can hold a capacity of 30,500 kgs. These containers in double stack formation can run under 25KV overhead lines.
- Indian Railways has received increased revenue of Rs 18.50 lakhs due to this Double Stacked Dwarf Container service.

M. Venkaiah Naidu Becomes 1st Chairman of Rajya Sabha to Sign MOU:

- For the first time, Rajya Sabha has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a foreign counterpart for promoting inter-parliamentary dialogue.
- Venkaiah Naidu has become the first Chairman of Rajya Sabha to sign such an agreement when he inked an MOU with the visiting President of the Senate of the Republic of Rwanda, Bernard Makuza.

- Shri Naidu and Mr. Makuza discussed issues of bilateral interest and the opportunities for cooperation for mutual benefit.

HRD granted Institution of Eminence status to six educational institution:

- The HRD ministry has awarded Institution of Eminence (IoE) status to six educational institutions. With IIT-Delhi, IIT-Bombay, BITS-Pilani, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Manipal Academy of Higher Education, there is the Reliance Foundation’s proposed Jio Institute.
- While the Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry will grant Rs 10 billion funds to the three public institutions in the next five years, the private institutes will not be eligible for government funding.
- The move is part of a scheme of the HRD Ministry to select 20 IoEs — 10 public and 10 private — that will enjoy complete academic and administrative autonomy.

FSSAI launched national campaign ‘The Eat Right Movement’:

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has launched national campaign ‘The Eat Right Movement’.
- It aims to improve public health and combat lifestyle diseases. FSSAI also launched Eat Right tool kit and Safe and Nutritious Food at Workplace campaign.
- This campaign has kick-started at a crucial time when India is becoming the diabetes capital of the world, cases of anaemia and micronutrient deficiencies are on the rise, and non-communicable diseases (NCDs) accounting for 1 in 5 disease-related deaths.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India is an autonomous body established under the Government of India.

FSSAI
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairman: Ashish Bahuguna

Indian Railways launches its first consolidated Bridge Management System:

- The Railways has launched its first consolidated Bridge Management System (IR-BMS), a web-enabled IT application to store data on its one lakh 50 thousand bridges.
- The Railways Minister Piyush Goyal launched the service in New Delhi.
- The web-based platform will show the bridge master data, works data, information regarding inspection/monitoring and maintenance of the bridges and other essentials.
- Mr Goyal also distributed awards to the Station Beautification competition. Balharshah and Chandrapur railway stations in Maharashtra from the Central Railway were awarded the first prize with cash rewards of Rs 10 lakh.

GOI launches 'Technology Challenge' to eliminate human entry into sewers

- The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched a “Technology Challenge.”
- It will be Identifying solutions for cleaning of Sewerage Systems and Septic Tanks to promote suitable techniques for cleaning sewers and septic tanks.

- The main aim of the challenge is to eliminate human intervention in the cleaning of sewers and septic tanks.

Home Ministry institutes five Police Medals:

- Home Ministry has instituted five Police Medals to promote professionalism and excellence in service.
- The awards scheme by the Government is also aimed at recognising the good work, boosting morale and inspiring the Security personnel.
- The medals are Union Home Minister’s Special Operation Medal, Police Antarik Suraksha Seva Padak, Asadharan Aasuchana Kushalata Padak, Utkrisht and Ati Utkrisht Seva Medals and Home Minister’s Medal for Excellence in Investigation.
- All the medals will be minted and supplied by the Union Home Ministry and will be awarded each year by the Central or State police force/organizations.

PM Modi Inaugurates New Headquarter Building of ASI:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new headquarters building of the Archaeological Survey of India in New Delhi.
- The ASI’s new headquarters at Tilak Marg has been equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including energy efficient lighting and rainwater harvesting.
- It will include a central archaeological library with a collection of about 1.5 lakh books and journals.

Telecom Commission of India Approves Net Neutrality:

- The Telecom Commission has approved net neutrality rules which bar service providers from discriminating against Internet content and services by blocking, throttling or granting them higher speed access.
- The net neutrality was recommended by TRAI but some critical services will be kept out of its purview.
- TC also approved the new telecom policy -- National Digital Communications Policy 2018 -- for seeking approval of the Union Cabinet.

Swachh Survekshan Grameen: Survey launched to rank States on rural cleanliness

- The Centre has launched the Swachh Survekshan Grameen, 2018, a nationwide survey of rural India to rank the cleanest and dirtiest States and districts on the basis of qualitative and quantitative evaluation.
- A random selection of 6, 980 villages across 698 districts will surveyed during the month of August.
- The Swachh Survekshan Grameen awards are expected to be announced in time for Mahatma Gandhi’s birthday anniversary on October 2.
- An audio-visual publicity campaign featuring Swachh Bharat ambassadors Amitabh Bachchan and Sachin Tendulkar was also launched.
Government constituted a high-level task force to reduce import:

➢ The government has set up a high-level task force under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha to identify various items and policy interventions to reduce dependence on import.

➢ The task force includes secretaries from departments of commerce, industrial policy and promotion, skill development, revenue, defence production, steel, petroleum, electronics and telecommunications.

➢ India’s imports stand at around USD 450 billion per year. It would suggest ways to cut import of those items which can be manufactured or explored in the country.

Niti Aayog proposes 15-point action plan to deal with air pollution

➢ Niti Aayog has proposed 15-point action plan for combating air pollution in ten most polluted cities in the country, including Delhi, Kanpur and Varanasi.

➢ The draft action plan titled ‘Breathe India’ includes encouraging electric vehicles, phasing out private diesel vehicle and development of crop residue utilisation policy.

➢ According to a recent WHO database (2018), Kanpur, Faridabad, Gaya, Varanasi, Agra, Gurgaon, Muzaffarpur, Lucknow and Patna are the top ten most polluted cities in India.

PM Modi Dedicates Bansagar Canal Project To Nation:

➢ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated the Bansagar Canal Project to the Nation in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh. It is the joint venture of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar and the canal is 171 km long.

➢ This project will provide a big boost to irrigation in the region, and will be greatly beneficial for the farmers of Mirzapur and Allahabad districts of Uttar Pradesh.

➢ Shri Narendra Modi also laid the Foundation Stone of the Mirzapur Medical College. He inaugurated 100 Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the State.

➢ He also dedicated a bridge over the River Ganga at Balughat, Chunar, which will facilitate connectivity between Mirzapur and Varanasi.

Modi launches 340-km long Purvanchal Expressway:

➢ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the 340-km six-lane project Purvanchal highway. The highway is expandable to eight lanes and it will be built at the cost of Rs 23,000 crore.

➢ The expressway will begin from Chand Sarai village on Lucknow-Sultanpur road (NH 731) and end at Haidariya village in Ghazipur district, about 18 km from the UP-Bihar border.

➢ On the occasion, PM Modi reiterated his vision of “Sakba Saath, Sakba Vikas”, and spoke about development initiatives such as PM Awas Yojana and PM Gram Sadak Yojana.

ISRO successfully tested the high thrust version of the Vikas Engine:

➢ ISRO has successfully conducted a ground test of its high thrust version of the Vikas Engine that would improve the payload capability of the space agency’s launch vehicles.

➢ The test for a duration of 195 seconds was conducted by scientists at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) in Mahendragiri in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu.

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BrahMos supersonic missile successfully test-fired in Odisha:

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A giant LED display will give out real-time air quality index on a 24×7 basis with colour coding along with 72-hour advance forecast. The system was developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune.

The SAFAR system would benefit cost savings to several other sectors such agriculture, aviation, infrastructure, disaster management skill and tourism.

NABARD Launched Centre for Climate Change In Lucknow:

➢ The Agri-lender Nabard has launched a centre for accelerating concerted action on climate change by various stakeholders including government, private and financial sectors.

➢ The Centre for Climate Change, set up in Lucknow, would help Nabard in enhancing its capacity building efforts manifold.

➢ The National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development will also extend professional support to stakeholders for designing climate related projects and take up collaborative studies and action research projects in area of climate change.

Govt slashes minimum yearly deposit for Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana to Rs.250:

➢ The government has slashed the minimum annual deposit requirement for accounts under the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana to Rs 250 from Rs 1,000 – a move that will enable more number of people to take advantage of the child girl savings scheme.

➢ Under the scheme, a parent or legal guardian can open an account in the name of the girl child until she attains the age of ten years.

➢ The government amended the Sukanya Samriddhi Account Rules – 2016 to state that the minimum initial deposit to open the account would be Rs 250.

WCD Ministry launches ‘Childline 1098’ contest:

➢ The Women and Child Development Ministry has invited people to share images of the logo of Childline 1098.

➢ The Childline 1098 is the nationwide emergency helpline for children in distress.

➢ The contest has been organised to mark ‘World Day against Trafficking in Persons’ on July 30. The Childline has been operating at 450 locations, including 76 key railway stations, across the country.

Modi govt re-introduces Medini Puraskar Yojana for writings about green issues:

➢ The environment ministry has decided to re-introduce a scheme for awarding Indian authors for their original work in Hindi on subjects related to environment including pollution and climate change.

➢ The Medini Puraskar Yojana, which aims at promoting original writing of books in Hindi, will have four awards for authors of various environmental topics.

➢ Rs one lakh will be given as first prize, Rs 75,000 as second prize and Rs 50,000 as third prize. There will also be a consolation prize of Rs 25,000.

➢ The scheme shall be administered by the Environment Ministry and it shall be operational for each financial year commencing from April 1 this year.

3 states UP, Jharkhand and Maharashtra launched Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018:

➢ The Ministry of Urban Development has released the report of Swachh Survekshan survey 2018 under Swachh Survekshan 2018.

➢ The Ministry has declared Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Chattisgarh as the top three states in terms of cleanliness and sanitation.

➢ Jharkhand is ranked 1st in the overall average score, ranked 1st in Service Level Progress (SLP) and ranked 1st in Direct Observation (DO) average score and again ranked 2nd in Citizens Engagement under the population category less than 1 Lakh.

2nd National Council meeting held on India’s Nutrition Challenges under POSHAN Abhiyaan:

➢ The 2nd meeting of National Council on India’s Nutrition Challenges under POSHAN Abhiyaan was held in New Delhi.

➢ The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Rajiv Kumar. It was organised by Union Ministry of Women and Child Development.

➢ The Government of India has set-up POSHAN Abhiyan (National Nutrition Mission) which was launched by the Hon’ble Prime Minister.

‘Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage and Diverse Cultural Traditions of India’ Scheme:

➢ The Scheme titled ‘Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage and Diverse Cultural Traditions of India’ is being implemented by the Ministry of Culture.

➢ The main purpose of this scheme is to revitalize various institutions, groups, individuals, identified non-MOC institutions, non-government organisations.

➢ It will be helpful for strengthening, protecting, preserving and promoting the rich intangible cultural heritage of India.

➢ The grant would be released in three instalments – 50% in advance, 25% as 2nd instalment after appraisal and balance 25% after completion of the project.

Radha Mohan Singh sanctioned Rs 1,754.14 crore under the National Dairy Plan (NDP):

➢ Under the National Dairy Plan (NDP) more than Rs 1,750 crore has been sanctioned by the government to enhance the productivity of milch animals. It was announced by Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh.

➢ Nearly, 530 sub-projects have been approved in 18 states for implementation by 169 state and district level cooperatives, producer companies and livestock development boards with a total grant of Rs 1,754.14 crore.

Atal Innovation Mission and MyGov jointly launch ‘Innovate India Platform’:

➢ The NITI Aayog’s Atal Innovation Mission and MyGov platform jointly launched the ‘#InnovateIndia Platform’, collaboration between both the platforms.

➢ It was launched by R Ramanan, Mission Director of Atal Innovation Mission and Arvind Gupta, CEO of MyGov. The #InnovateIndia platform is open to all Indian citizens.

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) is Union Government’s flagship initiative to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country. MyGov is a web platform that was created to facilitate citizen engagement in good governance.

Income tax return filing deadline extended to August 31:

➢ The government has extended the deadline for filing income tax return for assessment year 2018-19.

➢ The deadline of July 31, 2018 has been extended by a month. It was announced by the Ministry of Finance.

➢ Assesses the can file their income tax return (ITR) for financial year 2017-18 by August 31 without any penalty charges.

➢ Filing the income tax return after the new deadline of August 31 will attract a penalty of up to Rs. 10,000 as per existing rules.

Parliament Passes Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill 2018:

➢ The Parliament has passed a bill that seeks to prevent big economic offenders like Vijay Mallya and Nirav Modi from fleeing the country to evade the legal process.

➢ The Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018 was passed by a voice vote in the Rajya Sabha. The Lok Sabha had cleared this Bill on July 19.

➢ The bill will empower the government to seize both local and overseas assets of alleged offenders who do not wish to return to India to stand trial even after arrest warrants are issued against them.

➢ The Finance Minister said that special courts will be set up for trials which will deal with cases that involve more than 100 crore rupees each in a fast-track manner.

GOI launched Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme:

➢ The Government of India has approved a new scheme namely Mahila Shakti Kendra for implementation during 2017-18 upto 2019-20 to empower rural women through community participation.

➢ The Scheme is implemented with cost sharing ratio of 60:40 between centre and states except for North East and Special Category States where the ratio is 90:10.

➢ Technical support to the respective governments on issues related to women will be provided. District Level Centre for Women (DLCW) has also been envisaged for 640 districts to be covered in phased manner.
CCEA approves Rs.1-lakh cr for research in higher education:
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the proposal to expand the scope of the Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA) to mobilise Rs.1 lakh crore for research and academic infrastructure for higher education institutions by 2022.
- In a first, Kendriya Vidyalayas /Navodaya Vidyalayas will also get funding from HEFA. IITs, NITs, IISERs and other Central universities as well as AIIMS and other medical colleges will also get funds from HEFA.
- The International Finance Corporation is an international financial institution that offers investment, advisory, and asset-management services to encourage private-sector development in developing countries.

STATES IN NEWS

ANDHRA PRADESH

Andhra Government launches Gandiva project:
- The Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has launched the 'Project Gandiva' and laid the foundation stone for 'Amaravati International Sports Complex' at Vidyalaharampuram.
- The 'Project Gandiva' is aimed at identifying talent at a young age in Andhra Pradesh. The sports complex that includes a world-class stadium is estimated to cost Rs. 60 crore.
- The headquarters of the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP) will be shifted to this complex. The Andhra Pradesh government had decided to develop Amaravati, Vizag and Tirupati as sports cities. Andhra Pradesh will be spending Rs 54 crore and the Centre will provide a grant of Rs 6 crore for the sports complex.

AP CM launches e-Pragati portal:
- The Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has launched a e-Pragati project, a digital platform for governance in the state.
- The e-Pragati project, launched at Undavalli in Guntur district, is to achieve digitalisation in the state and bring transparency in governance and it will work through cloud management.
- The reforms taken up in education, agricultural marketing, and panchayat raj are being made available on this platform.

Andhra Pradesh Govt Launched "Anna Canteens";
- The Andhra Pradesh government has launched its own 'Anna' canteens across the state.
- As many as 60 'Anna' canteens were opened across Andhra Pradesh in the first phase of the launch. The Akshay Patra Foundation will run these canteens.
- Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu appealed to everyone to donate liberally to run the canteens so that more needy people could be provided food.

UNESCO to set up Design University in AP:
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) will be setting up a 'Design University for Gaming' in Visakhapatnam, andhra Pradesh.
- The UNESCO delegation has entered into an agreement with Andhra Pradesh_Economic Development Board (APEDB) for the establishment of 'Gaming Digital Learning Hub'.
- The Gaming Technology will be the best source of income in future and IT giants like UBSoft, Samsung, and Microsoft etc are ready to establish their centres in Visakhapatnam.

UNESCO:
- Headquarters: Paris, France
- Head: Audrey Azoulay

Tata Power Renewable commissions 100 MW solar capacity in Anthapuramu:
- Tata Power said its arm Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd (TPREL) commissioned 100 MW (50 MW x 2) solar capacity at Anthapuramu Solar Park, Andhra Pradesh.
- With this, the overall operating renewable capacity of the TPREL now stands at 2,215 MW in India.
- The sale of power from this solar plant has been tied up under a 25 year power purchase agreement with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECIL).
- This is part of the implementation of the MNRE scheme for developing grid connected solar power capacity of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) Phase II, Batch-III of the Government of India through Viableity Gap Funding (VGF) Mode.
- The company has organically added 159 MW wind and solar capacity in FY17 along with the acquisition of Welspun Renewables Energy Pvt Ltd.

L&T bags contract to build India's tallest office building in Amaravati:
- The Engineering and construction major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has bagged a prestigious project for the engineering, procurement and construction of Head of Department (HoD) office buildings at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
- The order was awarded by the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA). It is the first project in combination with Automatic Climbing Formwork System (ACFS) Et Diagrid and will be the tallest government office building in India.
- The $18 billion conglomerate has also received an order for the construction of a tourism-related facility in Muscat, Oman. The orders valued at Rs.3,000 crores were received by building and factories division of L&T.
- Andhra Pradesh
  - Capital: Amaravati
  - Chief Minister: N. Chandrababu Naidu
  - Government: E. S. L. Narasimhan

ASSAM

Hima Das to Be Assam Sports Ambassador:
- Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has confirmed that Indian Athlete Hima Das will be named as the first sports ambassador of the state.

The announcement came after Hima Das recently became the first Indian woman to win gold at IAAF World U-20 Athletics Championships in Finland.
- Das clocked 51.46s to finish ahead of Andrea Miklos of Romania and USA's Taylor Manson.

BIHAR

World’s 1st And Cheapest Clean Drinking Water Project Launched In Bihar:
- Bihar will provide the cheapest drinking water in the world. The total cost of installing this project would cost around Rs 20 lakhs.
- The first of such a water project was launched in Bihar’s Darbhanga district by Sulabh International, an organisation that introduced the concept of ‘Sulabh Sauchalya’ in the country.
- With the help of this project, the people will easily be able to get pure and clean water only in 50 paisa/litre.
- The ‘Sulabh Jal’ project converts contaminated pond and river water into safe drinking water.
- This project was earlier introduced in three districts of West Bengal – North 24 Parganas, Murshidabad and Nadia, three years ago by Sulabh International and French organisation.

ADB approves Lining Project of Son Canal in Bihar:
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved USD 503-million lining project of the Son canal in Shahabad-Bhojpur region of Bihar which would benefit the agriculture sector immensely in the region, the power ministry said today.
- It was agreed during the meeting that the finance ministry will give permission to appoint consultants by July 17, 2018, and the ADB consultants will start their work by the end of July.
- The estimated cost of this project is USD 503 million (Rs 3272.49 crore) of which USD 352 million is being provided by ADB. This project will bring immense benefits to the agriculture sector of Shahabad – Bhojpur region of Bihar.

Bihar
  - Capital: Patna
  - Chief Minister: Nithish Kumar
  - Governor: Satya Pal Malik

CHHATTISGARH

Chhattisgarh Launches ‘Abhar Aapki Sewa Ka’ App For Pensioners:
- The Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh has launched an online portal and mobile app called ‘Abhaar-Aapki seva ka’ by the online pension management system for the pensioners of the state.
- Through this app and the website, 80,000 pensioners of the state will now get all the information related to pension and payment online. The app has been launched to provide transparency in the pension facility.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has received an order for the construction of a ‘Amaravati International Sports Complex’ at Vidyalaharampuram.

The Chhattisgarh Governor: Satya Pal Malik

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal to expand the scope of the Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA) to mobilise Rs.1 lakh crore for research and academic infrastructure for higher education institutions by 2022.
Chhattisgarh
- Capital: Raipur
- Chief Minister: Dr. Raman Singh
- Governor: Balram Dass Tandon

GOA
Ravi Shankar Prasad unveils Goa IT Policy 2018:
- Union minister for electronics and IT and law and justice Ravi Shankar Prasad unveiled the Goa IT Policy 2018 at the Inox complex in Panaji on the final day of Goa IT Day celebrations. Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar was also present on the occasion.
- The Information Technology policy 2018 focuses on reverse migration and creation of around 10,000 jobs in the next five years.
- The policy also envisages establishment of centres of excellence in collaboration with industry to promote skill development amongst faculty and staff of technical institutes.
- Mr Prasad also announced that Goa will soon have a National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology centre.

Goa
- Capital: Panaji
- Chief Minister: Manohar Parrikar
- Governor: Mridula Sinha

GUJARAT
15th Finance Commission Led by Chairman N.K.Singh Visits Gujarat:
- The Fifteenth Finance Commission led by the Chairman N.K.Singh is in Gujarat on a 4-day visit to the state with members Shaktikanta Das, Dr. Anoop Singh, Dr. Ashok Lahiri, Dr. Ramesh Chand and Secretary Arvid Mehta.
- The commission will have meetings with Chief minister, ministers and other officials of the state at Gandhinagar.
- It expects to gain an in-depth understanding of the recent developments and future possibilities of economic growth and development in the state. There will also be an interactive session with Urban Local Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions to understand the status of the devolution (funds, functions and functionality) to the third tier and outstanding issues related to the State Finance Commission.

Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani gives approval for Rs 39-cr ‘Seema Darshan’ project:
- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has given in-principle approval for the 39-crore rupees ‘Seema Darshan’ project for developing more infrastructure facilities from T-Junction to Zero Point at Nadabet near Sui gam in Banaskantha district to instil patriotism through a unique Gujarat initiative for border tourism.
- The project being developed on Wagah Border pattern, entails an exhibition hall, a parade ground with amphitheatre for 5,000 people. The meeting decided to send a proposal to the Union Home and Tourism Ministries for financial assistance.

Gujarat Government grants religious minority status to Jews:
- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, who is presently in Israel on a six-day visit, announced that the state government will issue a notification, according minority status to Jews in Gujarat.
- The Gujarat government has granted religious minority status to the Jewish community in the state.
- There are just 170 members of the Jewish community in Gujarat, of which 140 are settled in Ahmedabad, while the remaining 30 are in other parts of the state.

Gujarat CM Launches Special Drive Against Malnutrition:
- The Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has launched ‘Poshan Abhiyan’—a statewide mission to eradicate malnutrition among children by providing them nutritious food through Anganwadi centres.
- During the function organised at Gandhinagar, the chief minister also launched ‘Purna’ project to eliminate malnutrition among girls in the age group of 14 to 18.
- ‘Purna’ stands for Prevention of Under Nutrition and Reduction of Nutritional Anaemia among Adolescent Girls. The government has allocated Rs 270 crore to control malnutrition.

HARYANA
- Capital: Gandhinagar
- Chief Minister: Vijay Rupani
- Governor: Om Prakash Kohli

HARYANA ‘I am not afraid of English’ campaign in schools by Haryana Education Department:
- The Haryana Education Department has launched “I am not afraid of English” initiative to promote English language right from Class 1 in the state’s primary schools.
- The initiative is aimed at capacity building of teachers to enable them to help the students to learn, read, write and speak English.
- Nearly six language labs have been established in selected model Sanskriti schools in the state to facilitate digital learning and improve listening and speaking skills of the students.

Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar launches ‘Paudhagiri’ Campaign:
- The Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched the ‘Paudhagiri’ campaign, aimed at increasing the green cover in the state.
- Under this campaign, 22 lakh students from class 6 to 12 of all government and private schools in Haryana will plant a sapling each during three months of monsoon — July, August and September. Each student will be given an incentive of Rs. 50 in every six months from the government.
- The chief minister launched the ‘Paudhagiri’ campaign by planting a ‘maulsari’ sapling in the Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex premises of Gurgaon.

Haryana Top State in Per Capita Revenue Collection under GST:
- Haryana has topped other states in per capita revenue collection under GST, and is also the fourth highest generator of e-way bills in the country.
- Haryana has widened the tax base by 82.22 percent and recorded 19 per cent hike in revenue collections.
- About 1.12 crore e-way bills were generated in Haryana between April 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018, catapulting the state to the position of 4th highest generator of e-way bills in the country.
- The compliance percentage of assessees in the state is 5-7 percent higher than the national average and revenue collection under commercial taxes has registered double-digit growth.

Haryana
- Capital: Chandigarh
- Chief Minister: Manohar Lal Khattar
- Governor: Kaptan Singh Solanki

JHARKHAND
Jharkhand To Set Up Country’s 1st Khadi Mall:
- The first ‘Khadi Mall’ of India will be opened in Jharkhand. It was announced by Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das.
- The land in the Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) campus will be made available to the Khadi Board to develop the country’s first Khadi mall.
- The artisans would be provided technological aid for value addition in their products, while rural, urban and tourism ‘haats’ will provide them markets for their goods.

Jharkhand
- Capital: Ranchi
- Chief Minister: Raghubar Das
- Governor: Draupadi Murmu

KARNATAKA
Important Highlights of Karnataka Budget Announced:
- The Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy has presented his first budget. He announced a farm loan waiver of Rs 34,000 crore.
- The Loans of up to Rs 2 lakh for each farmer will be waived. Farmers who repay the loan within time will be credited the repaid loan amount or Rs 25000 whichever is less.
- Nearly Rs 4,000 crore has also been allocated in the budget to complete the Rs 8,165 crore waiver of farm loans from cooperative banks.

Bengaluru Gets India’s 1st e-Waste Plant:
- The Centre has announced a state-of-the-art e-waste recycling unit for Bengaluru, India’s technology capital which produces an estimated one lakh tonne of electronic waste a year. The Chemicals and Fertilizers Ministry is setting up the facility.
- The Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPIET), a research institute that comes under the ministry, will set up the unit in the next four months.
- The project will promote entrepreneurship opportunities for strategic utilisation of high performance plastics and metal waste. India
generates about 18 lakh tonne e-waste a year, which is growing at 30% annually.

Karnataka
- Capital: Bangalore
- Chief Minister: H. D. Kumaraswamy
- Governor: Vajubhai Vala

KERALA
Kerala government has set up a panel to choose an official song:
- The Kerala government today set up a panel comprising eminent writers and language experts to choose an official song for the state.
- A cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, entrusted the panel with the task of choosing a ‘Kerala Ganam’ which would reflect the southern state’s socio-cultural legacy.
- While Cultural Department Secretary, Rani George would be the convenor of the panel, eminent critic M Leelavathi, poet Ezhachery Ramachandran, MM Basheer, M R Raghava Warrrier and K P Mohanan would be the members.

Kerala
- Capital: Thiruvananthapuram
- Chief Minister: Pinarayi Vijayan
- Governor: P. Sathasivam

MADHYA PRADESH
Madhya Pradesh CM Inaugurated NTPC’s Solar Plant
- The Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan dedicated the state-run power giant NTPC’s 250 MW Solar Power Plant in Suwasra, District Mandsaur to the state.
- This project has been set up by NTPC at an investment of about Rs 1,500 crore.
- It is established mainly on non-agricultural land and generation of electricity has been achieved without affecting the natural ecosystem with zero carbon emission.
- Under the Make in India initiative, this is one of the biggest solar plant developed using domestically manufactured Solar cells and modules.

Madhya Pradesh launched power bill waiver scheme ‘Sambal’ scheme
- In Madhya Pradesh, the government has launched an outstanding power bill waiver scheme and subsidised power scheme ‘Sambal’ for labours and poor families.
- The registered labourers of the unorganised sector and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families would be provided electricity at a cost of 200 rupees per month while Power connection would be provided free of cost to the beneficiaries.
- The objective of this scheme is to make sure that all the households have power facility in the state.

Madhya Pradesh to implement Ayushman Bharat Yojana:
- In Madhya Pradesh, the Ayushman Bharat Yojana under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Swasthya Suraksha Mission will be implemented in the state from August 15 this year.

- A total of 84 lakh families of deprived section have been included in the Ayushman Bharat scheme on the basis of socio-economic caste census. An annual Health Security Cover of 5 lakh rupees will be provided to each family under the scheme.
- An expenditure of over Rs. 16 hundred crore at the rate of Rs. Twelve hundred per family has been estimated. An amount of Rs. 600 crore in the form of Grant-in-Aid will be provided by central government, whereas around Rs. 400 crore will be shared by the state.
- Gadkari to Launch Development Projects worth Rs. 5,400 Crore in Madhya Pradesh:
  - The Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has launched development projects worth over 5,400 crore rupees in Guna district of Madhya Pradesh.
  - Gadkari plans to inaugurate 188 km of newly constructed road of three National Highways and lay the foundation stone for 226 km road of two other National Highways in a function held at Lal Parade ground, Guna.
  - The Minister will also inaugurate port projects worth Rs 1,062 crores.

Maharastra
- Capital: Bhopal
- Chief Minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Governor: Anandiben Patel

MAHARASHTRA
Elephanta station of Mumbai renamed as Prabhadevi by Western Railways:
- The Western Railway renamed Elephinte Road suburban railway station in Mumbai, Maharastra to Prabhadevi Station.
- The station was initially named after Lord Elphinstone, who was Governor of Bombay Presidency from 1853 to 1860. It has now been renamed in honour of local deity Prabhadevi.

Maharashtra plans to launch ‘One farmer one transformer’ scheme
- In order to reduce electricity losses, the Maharashtra government will next month launch a new scheme allocating one transformer per farmer. It was announced by Energy Minister Chandrakeshkar Bawankule.
- The scheme, “one farmer one transformer”, will be unveiled on August 15. Two lakh farmers will be given electricity connection for high voltage distribution line which will ensure uninterrupted power supply.

Mumbai’s Victorian and Art Deco Ensembles Inscribed As UNESCO World Heritage Site:
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) has finally declared the city’s Victorian and Art Deco Ensembles, straddling two heritage precincts of Fort and Marine Drive, a World Heritage Site.
- The feat makes Mumbai the second city in India after Ahmedabad to be inscribed on the World Heritage List.
- Maharashtra leads the states with five UNESCO tags (including Ajanta and Ellora). India now has 37 World Heritage inscriptions in all.
- UNESCO

- Headquarters: Paris, France
- Head: Audrey Azoulay

Centre to give Rs 500 cr to SCI under Sagarmala project:
- Under Sagarmala project, Centre will provide 500 crore rupees to Shipping Corporation of India to lease out cruises to promote cruise tourism. It was announced by union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari.
- The deliberations were held as part of the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) Annual Awards event in Mumbai.

Maharastra
- Capital: Mumbai
- Governor: C. Vidyasagar Rao
- Chief Minister: Devendra Fadnavis

MEGHALAYA
Bhedienkkham Festival Concludes In Meghalaya
- The Bhedienkkham Festival of the Raji Tuber, one of the most colourful and the biggest festivals in the Jaintia Hills region concluded. It is celebrated by the Pnar (Jaintia) tribal community.
- The celebration was held at the sacred place called the ‘Bear’ situated in the heart of Tuber village which is about 25 kilometers from Jowai.
- On the occasion, Chief Minister of Meghalaya Dr. Mukul Sangma laid the foundation stone for the construction of the VIP and Public viewing Gallery at Tuber Kmai Shnong to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 1.50 crores from the Tourism Department.

Meghalaya
- Capital: Shillong
- Chief Minister: Conrad Sangma
- Governor: Ganga Prasad

ODISHA
Odisha The Odisha Government launches ‘Green Mahanadi Mission’:
- The Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated the ‘Green Mahanadi Mission’, a plantation drive under which 2 crore saplings will be planted along the Mahanadi river, Tel and Ib rivers.
- The plantation drive will be carried out in as many as 1,303 villages spread over 15 districts situated on both sides of the Mahanadi. The plantation drive will be carried out in 15,500 hectare and 500 km.
- The aim of this programme is to protect the Mahanadi and keep it alive.

India’s first greenfield skill training centre to come up in Odisha:
Odisha To Get Country’s 1st Skill Training Centre:
- The Central government is planning to set up one National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) in every State to meet the rising demand for skilled manpower in the country.
- Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan laid the foundation stone of country’s first such skill training institute at Barang near Bhubaneswar.
- The Institute costing Rs 160 crore will come up over five acres of land and have state-of-the-art facilities.
- NSTI will supplement training activities and build on demographic advantages of Odisha for growth and development.

Sambalpur becomes first to eliminate all unmanned level Crossings:
- In an aim of eliminating all unmanned Level Crossing Gates over Sambalpur Division, East Coast Railway launches highest ever 6 (six) Limited Height Subways (LHS) in Sambalpur Division and completed it in a single block of four and half hours. Sambalpur is located in the western part of Odisha.
- Launching of 6 Limited Height Subways in Sambalpur Division is a first of its kind not only in East Coast Railway, but also in the entire Indian Railways.

Bhitarkanika NP Becomes Largest Habitat Of Endangered Estuarine Crocodiles:
- The Bhitarkanika national park has become the largest habitat of the endangered estuarine crocodiles in the country with a record number of their nesting sites spotted in Odisha.
- Altogether 101 nesting sites of estuarine crocodiles were found this time by enumerators, Divisional Forest Officer, Rajnagar Mangrove (wildlife) Forest Division.
- At least 1698 crocodiles, including albino species, were counted this year along the water-bodies of Mahanadi delta region, while the figure recorded last year stood at 1682.
- Estuarine crocodiles are also found in West Bengal Sundarban areas having the country’s largest mangrove cover.

RAJASTHAN
‘Bijli Mitra’ Mobile app for replacement of transformers in Rajasthan:
- The farmers in Rajasthan will soon have the ease to get their defunct transformers replaced within six hours of registering a complaint through a mobile app.
- The scheme was being launched on a pilot basis from Jhalawara.
- Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje announced the process of replacing transformers used to consume a lot of time, therefore, the government decided to introduce mobile app ‘Bijli Mitra’ so that farmers can register their complaint.

Rajasthan Govt To Give Guarantee For Rs 5000 Crore NCDC Loan For Farm Waiver:
- The Rajasthan government has approved a proposal to give bank guarantee for taking Rs 5,000 crore loan from National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for funding the state government’s crop loan waiver scheme.
- A loan of Rs 5,000 crore from NCDC for working capital at 8.5 percent interest rate for 270 days for crop loan waiver scheme of the state government has been approved.
- The state cabinet has decided to extend farm loan waiver camps till 15 of the next month from earlier deadline of June 30. Nearly, 4,361 camps were organised in which 16.56 lakh farmers were provided loan waiver certificates worth Rs 5,077 crore.

India’s 1st Private UAV Factory to come up in Kota:
- India’s first private sector unit for manufacturing unmanned air vehicles (UAV) and light bullet proof vehicles (LBPV) will be set up by DCM Shriram Industries Group on the campus of Shriram Rayons in Kota.
- It will be the country’s first private sector company to manufacture UAVs and LBVPs.
- Total 3000 LBVPs and 500 UAVs will be manufactured annually once the plant is set up and starts its manufacturing. The UAVs will be able to fly to a height of 500 to 2000 km, while LBVPs can operate in difficult terrains and has off-road abilities.
- The new defence unit of Shriram Rayons in Kota is being set up under ‘Make in India’ initiative of the union government.

Microsoft and Rajasthan Sign MoU for Free Digital Training:
- Microsoft has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Rajasthan government to provide free digital training to 9,500 college students in one year.
- As reported, the initiative was taken for the enhancement of digital learning and capacity building of college students in the state. It was announced by Higher Education Minister Kiran Maheshwari.
- It will also train educators from government colleges through the Microsoft Innovative Educator Programme, building capacity for innovative use of information and communications technology (ICT) in the classroom.

 Rajasthan
• Capital: Jaipur
• Chief Minister: Vasundhara Raje
• Governor: Kalayan Singh

 TELANGANA:
AAI to Set up Civil Aviation Research Organization In Hyderabad:
- The State-run Airports Authority of India (AAI) will set up a Civil Aviation Research Organisation (CARO) aimed at “finding indigenous solutions” to meet the challenges posed by the growing air traffic.
- According to AAI, CARO will be set up at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad. AAI has earmarked a whopping budget outlay of Rs 1,200 crore for a period of 12 years for R&D.

Telangana CM lays stone for Rs 554-crore Gattu project:
- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao had laid foundation stone for Gattu irrigation project in Jogulamba Gadwal district. The Chief Minister announced that Rs.554 crore will be spent to complete the project.
- With Gattu lift irrigation project about 2.8 tmc of water would be supplied to 41 tanks, assuring water to 33,000 acres in the four mandals.

SBI and NABARD Tie-Up for Credit in Telangana:
- The State Bank of India and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development have joined hands to provide collateral-free credit through Joint Liability Groups in Telangana.
- The two signed an MOU, along with seven NGOs from Nizamabad, Medak and Warangal districts, for the promotion and credit linkage of 2,000 JLGs during the current year.
- The agreement was signed by Swaminathan J, CGM, SBI, and P Radhakrishnan, CGM, Nabard.

 Telangana
• Capital: Hyderabad
• Chief Minister: K Chandrasekhar Rao
• Governor: E S Lakshmi Narasimhan

TRIPURA
Agartala Airport to be named after Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishor Manikya Bahadur:
- Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has said that Agartala Airport will be named after Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishor Manikya Bahadur.
- Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishor Manikya Bahadur sowed the seeds for development of a modern Tripura.
- Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishor Manikya Bahadur, who ascended the throne of the erstwhile Tripura Princely State in 1923, was an enlightened and benevolent ruler. Agartala Airport was constructed in 1942 on the land donated by Maharaja.

Tripura
• Capital: Agartala
• Chief Minister: Biplab Kumar Deb

CEO: Satya Nadella

RAJASTHAN
• Capital: Jaipur
• Chief Minister: Vasundhara Raje
• Governor: Kalayan Singh
**Uttarakhand**

**Animals Declared As ‘Legal Persons’ In Uttarakhand**
- In a unique ruling, the Uttarakhand High Court has accorded the status of a "legal person or entity" to animals in the state. Now animals have a distinct persona with corresponding rights, duties and liabilities of a living person.
- A division bench of Justices Rajiv Sharma and Lokpal Singh bestowed the unique status on the animal kingdom while issuing a series of directions to prevent cruelty against animals.
- The Uttarakhand High Court in the past had given a similar right to river Ganga when it ordered that the river is a human entity and will enjoy all corresponding rights.

**Uttarakhand**
- Capital: Dehradun
- Chief Minister: Trivendra Singh Rawat
- Governor: Krishan Kant Paul

**Uttar Pradesh**

Uttar Pradesh grants Revenue Status to 3 forest villages under FRA, 2006:
- The Uttar Pradesh Government has granted Status of Revenue Village to three villages inhabited by the Tongia Scheduled Tribe in and around forests in Saharanpur district.
- The Revenue Status means that these villages will come under the revenue department instead of forest department.
- Kaliwala, Sodhinagar and Bhagwatpur were given the revenue status. The status was granted under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 (FRA).

**Uttar Pradesh**

Uttar Pradesh orders ban on plastic from July 15:
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced ban on plastic bags, cups and glasses across the state from July 15 onwards.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that it would be a big movement for the protection of environment and also sought co-operation from the public.
- After Maharashtra, the Uttar Pradesh government has banned the use of several plastic products.

**Uttar Pradesh**
- Capital: Lucknow
- Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath
- Governor: Ram Naik

**West Bengal**

West Bengal assembly passes resolution to change state’s name to ‘Bangla’:
- The West Bengal assembly has passed a resolution to change the name of the State.
- The state assembly passed the bill to change the state’s name from West Bengal to ‘Bangla’ in all three different languages. The state government will now forward the proposal to the Centre.
- The state government first proposed the renaming in 2016. The name of the state’s capital, which served as British India’s seat of power until 1911, was changed from Calcutta to Kolkata in January 2001.

**International Children’s Film Festival inaugurated in Kolkata:**
- The West Bengal Governor K N Tripathi has inaugurated the 18th International Children’s Film Festival in which 36 films from 17 countries would be screened.
- The festival was being organised by Cine Central, one of the oldest cine-clubs of the country in collaboration with the UNICEF. Thirty-six films from 17 countries would be screened in the festival.
- Killa film has been chosen as the inaugural film for this year’s festival and Pappu ki Puggandi has been chosen as the closing film of the festival.

**West Bengal to launch Ayushman Bharat under joint banner:**
- The West Bengal government has signed an agreement to implement the Centre’s health insurance scheme under the joint banner “Ayushman Bharat - Swasthya Sathi”.
- The West Bengal health department principal secretary Anil Verma signed a memorandum of understanding to implement Ayushman Bharat-National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM).
- Under the agreement, the state government is expected to expand the number of beneficiaries under its existing health scheme to provide more than 11 million families with health cover of Rs 5 lakh each.

**COMMITTEES IN NATIONAL**

New 13-member committee to upgrade norms for computation of economic data:
- The government has set up a 13-member committee to upgrade the norms for computation of economic data at state and district level in the backdrop of plans to revise the base year for national accounts or GDP calculation.
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) will change the base year to 2017-18 for the calculation of GDP and IIP numbers from the current 2011-12 with an aim to capture changes in the economy.

**Sunil Mehta committee recommended for project ‘Sashakt’:**
- The Sunil Mehta committee which was formed with a view to tackle Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and creating credit capacity submitted its report with recommendations to Finance Minister Piyush Goyal.
- The Sunil Mehta panel presented project ‘Sashakt’ and has recommended a five-pronged strategy to deal with stressed assets.
- The committee will ensure a robust Governance and credit architecture is put in place to prevent similar build-up of non-performing loans in the future.

10-member committee to review the offences under the ‘Companies Act’:
- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has set up a 10 Member Committee, headed by the Secretary of Ministry of Corporate Affairs Injeti Srinivas. It is to review the penal provisions in the Companies Act, 2013.
- It has been decided that the existing compoundable offences in the Companies Act - 2013 which are punishable with fine only or punishable with fine or imprisonment or both, may be examined.
- The Committee headed by the Secretary Ministry of Corporate Affairs has 10 members which includes Uday Kotak, MD, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Sidharth Biira, Former President, FICCI as Members.

New Committee set up to Synergise NCC and NSS:
- The government has decided to form a committee under former education secretary Anil Swarup. It has been framed to address issues such as “manpower deficiency” in the NCC and NSS.
- The committee will also have “suitable representations” from NCC (National Cadet Corps) and the Ministry of Human Resource and Development.
- The Committee will deal with issues like expansion, strengthening training infrastructure, rationalising resources, reducing manpower deficiency affecting NCC and NSS (National Service Scheme).
- The Committee will also submit recommendations for building “synergy” between these two institutions.

**Government sets up High Level Committee chaired to check mob lynching:**
- A two high-level committees have been constituted by the central government to suggest ways and legal framework to effectively deal with incidents of mob violence and lynching. It was announced by Home Ministry.
- One of the committees is being headed by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh and the other by Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba.
- The committee will submit its recommendations to the government within four weeks. The government has also decided to constitute a Group of Ministers (GoM) headed by Home Minister Singh to consider the recommendations of the high-level committee of the secretaries.
- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari, Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot are members of the GoM.

**IRDAI Forms Panel to Review 3rd Party Motor Cover Costs**
- The Insurance regulator IRDAI has constituted a 16-member committee to examine motor third party insurance pricing.
aspects and make recommendations on the premium rates for 2019-20.

➢ This is for the first time the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has formed such a committee. The IRDAI Member - Non Life P.J. Joseph has been made as the chairman of the committee.

➢ The committee has also been tasked to revisit the classification of vehicles, in view of the development in the industry.

Srikirisha Committee suggests amendments in Aadhaar Act for data protection

➢ The Justice B.N. Srikirisha Committee on data protection in India has suggested amendments to various laws including the Aadhaar Act to provide for imposition of penalties on data fiduciaries and compensations to data principals for violations of the data protection law.

➢ The 10-member committee set up last year under the chairmanship of the retired Supreme Court judge submitted the 213-page report.

➢ The report has proposed penalties for violations, criminal proceedings, setting up of a data authority, provision of withdrawal of consent and consent of consent fatigue.

INTERNATIONAL

Asia’s 1st Patent Arbitration Centre to Open in Tokyo:

➢ Asia’s first arbitration centre specialised in intellectual property is slated to open in Tokyo to resolve the growing number of disputes in the region.

➢ The International Arbitration Centre in Tokyo (IACF) is set to have around a dozen arbitrators from around the world, who would try to resolve disputes within a period of one year.

UNESCO inscribed 4 sites in world heritage sites List:

➢ The World Heritage Committee, meeting in Manama was held under the chair of Shaikha Haya Bint Rashid al-Khalifa of Bahrain, inscribed two cultural sites in Germany and Turkey as well as two mixed (i.e. both cultural and natural) sites in Canada and Colombia.

The new World Heritage sites, in order of inscription, are:

Cultural sites:
➢ Gobekli Tepe (Turkey)
➢ Naumburg Cathedral (Germany)

Mixed sites:
➢ Pimachiowin Aki (Canada)
➢ Chiribiquete National Park – “The Maloca of the Jaguar” (Colombia)

World’s 1st Digital Art Museum Opens in Tokyo:

➢ The world’s first digital art museum has opened to the public in Tokyo, Japan allowing patrons to step all the way into the artworks.

➢ Attendees are able to move freely through the 9,000-square meter interactive gallery. The exhibition itself is linked in real-time to panthe real-world seasons, which means that no two trips to the museum will be the same.

Japan

➢ Prime minister: Shinzo Abe
➢ Capital: Tokyo
➢ Currency: Japanese yen

Bhutanese PM Tsheyring Tobgay 3 day visit to India:

➢ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has met his Bhutanese counterpart, Tsheyring Tobgay in New Delhi. The two leaders discussed issues of mutual interest and enhancing special friendship between the two countries.

➢ India and Bhutan enjoy unique ties of friendship and cooperation, which are characterized by utmost trust and mutual understanding.

Bhutan

➢ Capital: Thimphu
➢ Prime minister: Tsheyring Tobgay
➢ Currency: Bhutanese ngultrum

India To Operate ‘World’s Emptiest Airport’ In Sri Lanka:

➢ India would operate Sri Lanka’s loss-making Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport in Hambantota.

➢ India would operate the airport as a Sri Lanka-India joint venture. The joint venture would see India gain a major stake of the airport.

It was announced by Minister of Civil Aviation Nimal Siripala de Silva.

➢ Mattala airport, named after former president Mahinda Rajapaksa, was a China-supported infrastructure project in his home district of Hambantota.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in 4-Day Visit To India:

➢ The South Korean President Moon Jae-in arrived in New Delhi on a four day visit to India. He is being accompanied by First Lady Kim Jung-sook on his maiden visit to the nation.

➢ President Moon along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the Gandhi Smriti. Both leaders will also visit a Samsung plant which is located in Noida. President Moon will also attend the India-Korea business forum.

➢ A financing arrangement of 10 billion dollars has been set by the Korean side for infrastructure development in India. Major items of India’s exports to Korea are mineral fuels/oil distillates, cereals, iron and steel. Korea’s main export items include automobile parts, telecommunication equipment, hot rolled iron products, petroleum refined products, and nuclear reactors.

IFFCO to venture into farm credit sectors; ties up with two S Korean firms:

➢ Fertiliser cooperative major IFFCO said it has inked an agreement with two South Korean firms – LS Mtron and N H Capital to explore business opportunities in agri-machinery and farm credit sectors.

➢ The memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between IFFCO’s Marketing Director Yogendra Kumar and LS Mtron CEO Kim Yeon-soo as well as NH Capital CEO Goe Tae-sun.

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China, India clinch deal to reduce tariffs on Indian medicines, anti-cancer drugs:

➢ China said it has clinched a deal with India on the reduction of import duties on Indian medicines including anti-cancer drugs, which are highly expensive in the country.

➢ Beijing had a cut on import duties on over 8,500 Indian items, said it will relax taxes on more goods from India and other countries as its trade war with the US heats up.

➢ Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Wuhan summit in April, China has granted more access to Indian pharmaceutical companies.

China launches two remote sensing satellites for Pakistan:

➢ China successfully launched two remote sensing satellites for Pakistan, marking the first international commercial launch for the Long March-2C rocket in about 19 years.

➢ The satellites – PRSS-1 and PakTES-1A were launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China.

➢ A scientific experiment satellite, PakTES-1A, developed by Pakistan, was sent into orbit via the same rocket.

China pledges $20 billion in loans for economic development of Arab states:

➢ The Chinese President Xi Jinping has pledged a package of US$20 billion in loans, and about $106 million in financial aid, to Middle East nations.

➢ It is given as part of "oil and gas-plus" model to spur economic growth in the region.

➢ China is also prepared to provide another one billion yuan to countries in the region to "build capacity for stability maintenance.

Indian warship visits Indonesia’s Sabang port

➢ The Indian Navy’s patrol vessel, INS Sumitra, became the first-ever warship to sail into the Indonesian port of Sabang, strategically poised at the mouth of the Malacc Strait.

➢ During Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Jakarta this year, in a meeting with Indonesian President Joko Widodo, it was decided that New Delhi will develop the strategically important Indonesian port Sabang in the Indian Ocean, close to the Andamans.

Indonesia

➢ Capital: Jakarta
➢ Currency: Indonesian rupiah
➢ President: Joko Widodo

Japanese MNC Toray to invest Rs.1,000 crore in Sri City facility:

➢ Toray Industries (India), a subsidiary of Toray Industries, Inc, a Japanese major producing key materials for a range of industries, plans to invest Rs.1,000 crore in setting up a manufacturing unit in Sri City, Andhra Pradesh.

➢ Toray is the 20th Japanese company setting up facility in Sri City, and this is Toray’s second production unit in India. Its products will be used by diaper makers like Unicharm, Proctor & Gamble and Kimberly Clark and the...
Scientist developed world’s oldest colour:

- Scientists have discovered the oldest colours in the geological record — 1.1 billion-year-old bright pink pigments extracted from rocks deep beneath the Sahara desert in Africa.
- The pigments taken from marine black shales of the Taoudeni Basin in Mauritania, West Africa, were more than half a billion years older than previous pigment discoveries.
- The fossils range from blood red to deep purple in their concentrated form, and bright pink when diluted.
- The researchers crushed the billion-year-old rocks to powder, before extracting and analysing molecules of ancient organisms from them.

Portugal parliament approves new gender change law:

- The Portuguese parliament has approved a law that will allow citizens to change their gender and name from the age of 16 without a medical report showing "identity disruption".
- Portugal joins Denmark, Malta, Sweden, Ireland and Norway to become the sixth European country to grant the right to self-determination of transgender identity.

UN Secretary-General Constitutes High-Level Panel On Digital Cooperation:

- The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has constituted a High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation.
- The panel will be co-chaired by Melinda Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Jack Ma, Executive Chairman of Alibaba Group.
- The Panel would identify research, policy and information gaps, and make paths to strengthen international cooperation in the digital space.
- The Panel has a total of 20 members, representing a cross-section of expertise from government, private industry, civil society, academia and the technical community.

Indian Visa Application Center at Jamuna Future Park in Dhaka:

- The state-of-the-art IVAC will have 48 counters and can cater to around 700 applicants simultaneously.
- Bangladeshis constitute one of the largest numbers of visitors from a single country to India. Last year 1.4 million visas were issued to Bangladeshi nationals. There are 12 visa centres in Bangladesh, the highest number India has in any country in the world.

Iceland Fills US-Vacated Seat on UN Human Rights Council:

- The United Nations General Assembly has elected Iceland to serve on the Geneva-based global rights body effective immediately, through to the end of next year.

- Iceland has for the first time been elected to the Human Rights Council, filling the seat vacated by the United States, which withdrew from the body last month.
- On 19 June, the US announced its decision to leave the Council. US accused the Council of displaying bias against Israel.

UNSC Adopts Resolution 2428 to impose arms embargo on South Sudan:

- The Security Council has adopted a resolution to impose an arms embargo on South Sudan in addition to current sanctions, till May 31, 2019.
- The resolution was drafted by United States and it has won minimum nine votes needed in favour to none against with 6 abstentions.
- The Resolution calls upon all UN member states to prevent supply, sale or transfer to South Sudan, from or through their territories till 31 May 2019.
- The embargo means an official ban on trade or other commercial activity with a particular country.

China to launch 300 low-orbit satellites for worldwide communication services:

- China plans to launch 300 low-orbit satellites to provide worldwide communication services.
- It is known as the Hongyan constellation, the first in the 300-satellite array, is set to be launched by the end of this year. The constellation will be built in three stages.
- China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation announced that once completed, the satellite communication network will take the place of the ground-based network and allow a mobile phone to be connected everywhere on the planet, either in a remote desert or at sea.
- The new constellation will be the first group of low-orbit communication satellites designed and launched by China, enabling the country to better guide disaster rescue efforts.
- China is already developing BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) to rival America’s Global Positioning System, (GPS).

Peru declares state of emergency on Colombian border:

- Peru has declared a 60-day state of emergency on its border with Colombia in order to guarantee security in a region rife with drug trafficking.
- The President of Peru Martin Vizcarra announced that the decision was taken as there are security problems created by Colombian citizens crossing the border and there was a need to re-establish the state’s presence.
- The region in which the state of emergency has been declared is the Amazon basin province of Putumayo, separated from Colombia by the river of the same name, a tributary of the Amazon.

- Peru
  - Capital: Lima
  - Currency: Sol

SCO Organises “Peace Mission” in August 2018:

- The Militaries of India and Pakistan will be part of a mega anti-terror drill in Russia in August which is being organised by the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).
- The drill, “Peace Mission”, will take place nearly three months.
- It will be conducted in an aim to expand cooperation among the member countries to deal with terrorism and extremism.
- Around 200 Army and Air Force personnel from India will be participating in the exercise at Chelyabinsk city in west-central Russia.
- The exercise will be joined by all SCO member countries including Russia, China, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

SCO
- Headquarters: Beijing, China
- Secretary General: Rashid Alimov

University of Houston Signs MoU with Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy

- The University of Houston has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIPE) to build scientific and technical knowledge through joint research.
- The agreement was signed at Houston by IIPE founding director VSRK Prasad and UH vice provost for global strategies and studies, Jaime Ortiz.
- It covers key areas of possible collaboration in faculty exchanges, offshore and onshore petroleum engineering, process control systems and process safety in all chemical engineering fields and non-conventional energy areas.
- IIPE, which was initiated by the Indian Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, was established in 2016 in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

BIMARU states top in non/partially-immunized children: UN agencies

- According to UN bodies WHO and UNICEF, the ‘BIMARU’ Indian states - Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh - have the highest numbers of partially immunized and non-immunized children.
- According to data shared by the UN bodies, the national average for full immunization is 62 percent, for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine (DTP3) coverage is 78.4 percent and for measles first dose 81.1 percent.
- According to UN bodies, a record 123 million children were immunized globally in 2017.
- However, the report also suggested that almost 20 million children did not receive the benefits of full immunization in 2017.

EU, Japan Sign Massive Free Trade Deal

- The European Union and Japan signed a huge free trade deal on that cuts or eliminates tariffs on nearly all goods.
- The agreement covers 600 million people and almost a third of the global economy. It’s also a major endorsement of a global trading system
that is under increasing threat from protectionism.

- It will remove tariffs on European exports such as cheese and wine. Japanese automakers and electronics firms will face fewer barriers in the European Union.

- Donald Tusk, president of the European Council, hailed the agreement as the "largest bilateral trade deal ever."

**UNEP Partners With Google For Monitoring Impact Of Human Activity On Ecosystem**

- The UN has entered into a partnership with Google to monitor the impacts of human activity on global ecosystems by using sophisticated online tools.

- The aim of the partnership is to develop a platform to enable governments, NGO’s and the public to track specific environment-related development targets with a user-friendly Google front-end.

- The partnership was launched during the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development at the UN headquarters in New York.

- It has its initial focus on fresh-water ecosystems including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers, and lakes. Google will periodically produce geospatial maps and data on water-related ecosystems by employing massive parallel Cloud computing technology.

**United Nations Environment Programme**

- Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya
- Head: Erik Solheim

**Myanmar Joins International Solar Alliance:**

- Myanmar has joined the India-initiated International Solar Alliance (ISA), becoming the 68th member of the grouping that is aiming at optimum utilisation of solar energy.

- Myanmar Minister for International Cooperation Kyaw Tin handed over the ISA Framework Agreement to External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj during a bilateral meeting.

- Myanmar became the 68th signatory to the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance. The ISA was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and then French President Francois Hollande at the Paris climate summit in 2015.

- India is a key development aid partner for Myanmar that includes Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project connecting Mizoram with Sittwe port in Myanmar, the Trilateral Highway Project connecting India with Myanmar and Thailand and the Rhi-Tiddim road.

**Facebook Plans To Launch Satellite ‘Athena’ In 2019:**

- Facebook is working on launching Athena, its own Internet satellite, early in 2019.

- The project is designed to "efficiently provide broadband access to unserved and underserved areas throughout the world,“.

**Elon Musk’s SpaceX and Softbank-backed OneWeb are two other prominent names who have similar ambitions.**

**PM Modi Inaugurates Ambulance Service In Sri Lanka:**

- PM Narendra Modi along with his Sri Lankan counterpart Ranil Wickremesinghe launched the island-wide expansion of the 1990 Suwasariya Emergency Ambulance Service in Jaffna.

- As per the scheme, 209 ambulances will be launched in Sri Lanka with a fund of $15.02 million contributed by India. At present 88 Ambulances have been inaugurated in south and east Sri Lanka and in the future more ambulances will be launched.

- Modi stated that this new service will provide local employment in Sri Lanka. He said that the ambulance service will also add to the skill-set.

**13th launch of SpaceX Falcon 9 Sets New Record of launching heaviest satellite ever**

- The SpaceX has successfully launched communications satellite Telstar 19 VANTAGE to a geostationary transfer orbit (GTO).

- It has set a record as the satellite launch is marked by the heaviest payload that a Falcon 9 has ever carried to a GTO. The satellite weighs over 7000 kg.

- The launch took place from Space Launch Complex 40 (SLC-40) at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

- According to Interesting Engineering, Telstar 19 VANTAGE will now complete orbit raising and in-orbit testing. It is the heaviest satellite in the world yet, weighing an impressive 7,080 kilograms (15,600 lb).

**SpaceX**

- CEO: Elon Musk
- Headquarters: California, United States

**Warner Bros World Abu Dhabi opens its doors to public**

- The world’s first-ever Warner Bros. branded indoor theme park has been inaugurated in Abu Dhabi.

- The official inauguration ceremony took place in the Warner Bros Plaza at Warner Bros World Abu Dhabi.

- The Warner Bros. has teamed up with Miral Asset Management to build the theme park in Abu Dhabi.

- The indoor amusement park is spread over more than 1.65 million square feet and has 29 rides.

**Indian warship INS Trikand reaches Sri Lanka in goodwill visit:**

- India’s latest frontline warship INS Trikand has reached Sri Lanka in a goodwill visit.

- The Sri Lanka Navy ceremonially welcomed the state-of-the-art warship in accordance with naval traditions.

**INS Trikand is a state-of-the-art warship of the Indian Navy equipped with a versatile range of weapons and sensors capable of addressing threats in all three dimensions - air, surface and sub-surface.**

**Sushma Swaraj Embarks 2-Day Visit to Manama:**

- The External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will embark on a two-day visit to Manama to co-chair the second High Joint Commission meeting with her Bahraini counterpart.

- During the visit, Mrs Swaraj will inaugurate the new Chancery building complex and address the Indian community. She will also hold meetings with the political leadership.

- The visit is expected to provide an opportunity to identify new areas of cooperation between both countries.

**Bahrain**

- Capital: Manama
- Currency: Bahraini dinar

**Indian Air Force to join ‘Pitch Black’ warfare exercise in Australia:**

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in the multinational “Pitch Black” warfare exercise in Australia. The IAF contingent is led by Group Captain CVU Rao.

- The IAF contingent for the July 24-August 18 biennial multi-national large force employment warfare exercise will consist of 145 air-warriors including Garud team, four Sukhoi fighters, one C-130 special operations aircraft and one C-17 transporter

- Pitch Black is hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and will see eight other nations participating with over 100 aircraft.

**PM Modi Begins On 3-Nation Visit To Rwanda, Uganda, And South Africa:**

- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi will begin a three-nation, five-day tour to Rwanda, Uganda, and South Africa.

- The visit to Africa comes ahead of the 10th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) summit in Johannesburg.

- In Rwanda, he will be gifting 200 cows to the Rwandan President Paul Kagame to support his flag ship ‘Girinka’ programme. Launched in Rwanda in 2006, Girinka promises one cow to every poor family in Rwanda. Modi will also visit the Genocide Memorial there. India will extend two lines of credit of USD 100 million each for agricultural sector and industrial sector to Rwanda.

- In Uganda, Two lines of credit worth USD 164 million will be extended. In South Africa, bilateral meetings with South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa, and countries participating in BRICS summit are planned.

**South Africa**

- Capital: Pretoria
- Currency: South African rand
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<td>8th India-Oman Joint Commission Meeting</td>
<td>The Government of India has launched several investment friendly programmes like 'Make in India' with a trillion dollar business opportunity in the country.</td>
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<td>6th edition of biennial World Cities Summit</td>
<td>It will provide a unique integrated global platform to drive integrated urban solutions, connect global business experts, policy-makers, industry leaders and innovators through strategic collaborative efforts and cutting-edge technologies.</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
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<td>17th World Sanskrit Conference</td>
<td>To promote, preserve and practice the Sanskrit language all over the world by the people. It is being held in various countries across the globe once in every three years and so far it has been held thrice in India.</td>
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List of Agreements/MoUs’ signed by India with Various Countries:

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<td>China</td>
<td>Xi Jinping (President)</td>
<td>Agreed to take “necessary steps to maintain peace &amp; tranquility in border areas.”</td>
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<td>United Kingdom</td>
<td>Theresa May (President)</td>
<td>Enhance their partnership in the area of research and innovation. This was agreed to at the delegation level meeting of 6th India-Science and Innovation Council in New Delhi. An agreement on exchange of experience by legal professionals and government functionaries for resolution of disputes before various courts and tribunals.</td>
<td>London/ Pound sterling</td>
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<td>France</td>
<td>Emmanuel Macron (President)</td>
<td>An MoU to promote investment facilitation and cooperation between startups (Invest India, Business France) of the two countries.</td>
<td>Paris/ Euro, CFP franc</td>
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<td>Ghana</td>
<td>Nana Akufo-Addo (President)</td>
<td>To enhance the bilateral cooperation between the two countries. On Cultural Exchange Programme and on cooperation between Bureau of Indian Standards and Ghana Authority were signed.</td>
<td>Accra/ Ghanaian cedi</td>
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<td>Bangladesh</td>
<td>Sheikh Hasina</td>
<td>A revised travel agreement with, easing visa restrictions for citizens of Bangladesh. Under the Revised Travel Arrangement (RTA)-2018, freedom fighters and elderly Bangladeshi nationals will get five year multiple visa from India. World’s largest state-of-the-art visa centre: Dhaka</td>
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<td>South Korea</td>
<td>Moon Jae-in (President)</td>
<td>In the field of Science and Technology, Programme of Cooperation 2018-21, Establishment of Future Strategy Group and Cooperation in Bio-technology and Bio-economy.</td>
<td>Seoul/ South Korean won</td>
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<td>Nepal</td>
<td>Khadga Prasad Oli (President)</td>
<td>To jointly promote historically and culturally important tourism circuits like the Ramayana and Buddhist Circuit and adventure tourism.</td>
<td>Kathmandu/ Nepalese rupee</td>
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<td>Rwanda</td>
<td>Paul Kagame (President)</td>
<td>Agreements in the fields of Defence, Trade, Agriculture, Leather and allied products and Dairy. Cultural exchange programme for the year 2018-22. India has extended $200 million line of credit to Rwanda for its economic development. Out of this One for development of Industrial Parks ($100 million line of credit) and another for Agriculture irrigation scheme in Rwanda worth (USD 100 million line of credit).</td>
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<td>Uganda</td>
<td>Yoweri Museveni (President)</td>
<td>Areas of defence cooperation, visa exemption for official and diplomatic passport holders, cultural exchange programme and material testing laboratory. Offering to build a commemoration centre in Kampala in memory of Mahatma Gandhi.</td>
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IndiaFirst Ties Up With Oxigen:
➢ The IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Ltd (IndiaFirst) has entered into a tie-up with Genus Services India Pvt Ltd to establish distribution of its insurance products at Oxigen retail outlets.
➢ Through this tie-up, IndiaFirst Life will offer PoS Insurance Khata, a unique product that allows a customer to increase his life cover and continue saving, at Oxigen outlets.
➢ IndiaFirst Life is a joint venture between Bank of Baroda, Andhra Bank and Legal and General (UK).
➢ IndiaFirst Life Insurance and Oxigen Services aim to establish access to customers in the remotest areas of the country.

Indian: • Heads: Gurugram • Executive director: Sunil Kulkarni

Bank of China gets RBI Licence to Operate In India:
➢ The RBI has issued Licence to Bank of China to set up its first branch in India. It was a commitment made by the Prime Minister Modi to the President of China.
➢ Bank of China is one of the very few state-owned commercial banks in India. China and India have been focusing on expanding their economic ties notwithstanding differences on several sticky issues including on the boundary dispute.
➢ Bank of China • Headquarters: Beijing, China

Govt keeps small savings interest rates unchanged:
➢ The government has kept the interest rates on small savings schemes, including NSC and PPF, unchanged for the July-September quarter.
➢ The move is aimed at matching the hardening of interest rates in the banking sector. Interest rates for small savings schemes are notified on a quarterly basis.
➢ Interest rate for the five-year Senior Citizens Savings Scheme has been retained at 8.3 per cent. Interest on savings deposits has been retained at 4 percent annually.
➢ Public Provident Fund (PPF) and National Savings Certificate (NSC) will fetch annual interest rate of 7.6 per cent while Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) will yield 7.3 percent and mature in 11 months.
➢ The girl child savings scheme Sukanya Samriddhi account will offer 8.1 percent rate.
➢ Term deposits of 1-5 years will fetch interest rate of 6.6-7.4 percent, to be paid quarterly, while the five-year recurring deposit is pegged at 6.9 per cent.

YES Bank gets nod for MF business:
➢ Yes Bank has received approval from capital markets regulator SEBI to start mutual fund business.
➢ This approval is subsequent to the Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) approval granted to Yes Bank to sponsor a mutual fund followed by SEBI’s in-principle approval received subsequently.
➢ YES Asset Management (India), a wholly owned subsidiary of YES Bank, will launch the fund in 2022. The fund will be offered in both off-channel and online channels and equity markets over the next 6-12 months. This strategic initiative will further complement Yes Bank’s retail liabilities and wealth management strategy.
➢ IIFL: India’s No.1 banker for equity issuances for private sector companies in FY17 • According to Prime Database Investment Bankers League table for FY 2017-18, IIFL is India’s top investment bank for equity issuances by private sector companies.

IIFL Holdings Ltd. (IIFL) is a category I Merchant Banker and a part of leading diversified financial services group. IIFL has a publicly listed company and is engaged in Investment Banking, Securities dealing, Wealth & Asset Management and Loans & Mortgages.

Reliance Industries launches Jio GigaFiber broadband services:
➢ The Reliance Industries has unveiled ‘Jio GigaFiber’, the much-awaited fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) broadband service.
➢ The company claimed it will be the largest greenfield fixed-line broadband rollout anywhere in the world, with a rollout in 1,100 cities simultaneously.
➢ Jio GigaFiber broadband will come with a set top box for TV and will have enabled voice command feature for TV. Besides, it will have a TV calling feature.
➢ The scheme started in 2010-11 and was extended twice in 2012-13 and 2015-16. The last extension was up to March, 2017.
➢ The remaining Rs 342.80 crore will be utilised to provide recapitalisation support to RRBs whose Capital to Risk Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) is below 9 per cent, during 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20.

ICICI Bank mortgage portfolio crosses Rs 1.5 trillion:
➢ ICICI Bank has announced that it has crossed the milestone of disbursing mortgage loans of over Rs 1.5 trillion.
➢ It aims to grow its pan-India mortgage book to Rs 2 trillion by end of FY20.
➢ The bank has also enabled online repository of 30,000 approved projects across 40 cities for its customers.
25 Countries in Global Banks' 'High Risk' List:
- China, UAE, Cyprus and significantly, Mauritius, along with 21 other countries have been tagged as "high-risk jurisdictions" by global banks acting as custodians for foreign funds which comprise the largest group of investors in the Indian stock market.
- A collaboration and beneficial owners of these funds entering India through these high-risk jurisdictions will face close scrutiny
- HSBC, Deutsche Bank, Citibank, Standard Chartered and JP Morgan are among the banks that compiled the list.
- Sebi-registered foreign portfolio funds invest in India through 56 countries. Of these, 25 are now considered 'high risk'.

NASSCOM Signed MoU with NTTI Aayog:
- The National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom), India's premier software lobby has opened a Center of Excellence (CoE) for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence.
- Nasscom also signed a MoU with NTTI Aayog to collaboratively foster applied research, accelerating adoption and ethics, privacy and security.
- Nasscom has partnered with Intel and IBM as its founding members and technology advisors for augmenting and accelerating the data science and artificial intelligence ecosystem in the country.

UN Member States approve USD 6.69 billion for 13 Peacekeeping Operations:
- The UN member states approved a USD 6.69 billion dollar budget for 13 peacekeeping operations for the year 2018-19.
- The missions include MINUSTH (United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti), MINUSRO (Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara), MINUSCA (Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic), MONUSCO (Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo) and UNIFIL (Interim Force in Lebanon).
- The United States is the biggest contributor to the United Nations, paying 22 per cent of the USD 5.4 billion core budget and 28.5 per cent of the USD 7.9 billion peacekeeping budget.

Mark Zuckerberg becomes third-richest in the world:
- Facebook Inc. co-founder Mark Zuckerberg has overtaken Warren Buffett as the world’s third-richest person. It’s first time the 3 richest people have made their fortunes from technology.
- Buffett donated about 290 million Berkshire Hathaway Class B shares to charities, most of it to Gates foundation.
- Those shares are now worth more than $50 billion (about Rs. 3.44 lakh crores), according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

RIL Becomes India's Largest Tax Payer in Private Sector:
- Reliance is India’s largest payer of Goods and Services Tax (GST), Excise and Customs Duty, and Income Tax in the private sector. The private sector is paying Rs.9844 crore in FY18.
- At the Reliance Industries’ 41st Annual General Meeting, Mukesh Ambani highlighted that Jio’s subscribers grew from 124 million at the end of last year to 210 million at the end of FY18.
- Reliance has become the first Indian company to record PBDSIT (Profit Before Depreciation Interest and Taxes) of over $10 billion.

ICICI Bank first bank in country to tie-up with Australian bank:
- The ICICI Bank, India’s largest private sector bank by consolidated assets has announced its partnership with ‘Westpac Banking Corporation’ (Westpac), one of the top banks in Australia.
- It aims to offer Indian students a completely online payment solution through its ‘Money2World’ (M2W) platform for outward remittances.
- ICICI Bank and Westpac have partnered with La Trobe University, one of the well-known universities in Australia, for this initiative.
- ‘Money2World’, is a first-of-its-kind fully online outward remittance service for resident Indians by any bank in India. It is available to users 24x7 on all days.

Westpac
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia
- ICICI Bank
- Headquarters: Mumbai

India Becomes World’s 6th Largest Economy: World Bank
- India has surpassed France to become the sixth largest economy in the world.
- According to World Bank figures for 2017, India’s gross domestic product (GDP) amounted to $2.597 trillion at the end of last year, against $2.582 trillion for France.
- According to the report, manufacturing and consumer spending were the main drivers of the Indian economy. India has doubled its GDP within a decade and is expected to power ahead as a key economic engine in Asia, even as China slows down.
- According to the International Monetary Fund, India is projected to generate growth of 7.4 per cent this year and 7.6 per cent in 2019.

World Bank
- Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States
- President: Jim Yong Kim
- CEO: Kristalina Georgieva

RBI Cancels Licence Of Alwar Urban Co-Operative Bank:
- The RBI has announced that the licence of Alwar Urban Co-operative Bank_in Alwar, Rajasthan has been cancelled as it is not in a position to pay its depositors in full and as when their claims accrue, among other reasons.
- The Registrar_of Co-operative_Societies, Rajasthan has also been requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator for the bank.
- On liquidation, every depositor is entitled to repayment of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of Rs. 1,00,000 from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) as per usual terms and conditions.

India Becomes 69th Shareholder of European Bank for Reconstruction & Development:
- India was formally announced as the 69th shareholder of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).
- It paved the way for more joint investment with Indian companies across the bank’s regions.
- India takes a/shareholding in the EBRD but it will not be a recipient of EBRD financing.
- The EBRD is also working closely with leading Indian organisations, such as FICCI, The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), and the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is an international financial institution founded in 1991.
- Headquarters: London, United Kingdom

BoB signs pact with KB Financial Group:
- The Bank of Baroda has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with KB Financial Group Inc. (KBFG), Korea, for a comprehensive business cooperation to establish In-Ko financing corridor and develop innovative digital payment ecosystem. The MoU was signed during the India-Korea Business Forum by P S Jayakumar, MD & CEO, Bank of Baroda and Yoon Jong-kyu, Chairman, KB Financial Group.
- The Bank of Baroda and KB Financial Group will work together on creating a new digital payments ecosystem in India and creating In-Ko corridor for providing reciprocal financial services to corporate and retail clients of Bank of Baroda and KB Financial Group.

BOB
- Headquarters: Alkapuri, Vadodara

UN Security Council adopts Resolution 2427:
- The UN Security Council has adopted a resolution aimed at a framework for the lasting protection, rights, well-being and empowerment of children throughout the conflict cycle.

Resolution 2427, which won unanimous approval of the 15 members of the council strongly condemns the recruitment and use by children of parties to armed conflict, as well as their re-recruitment, killing and maiming, rape and other forms of sexual violence, and abductions.
- The adoption of the resolution preceded a high-level open debate on children and armed conflict, which was chaired by Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven, whose country holds the presidency of the Security Council for July.

Essar builds country’s largest iron ore handling unit in Vizag:
- Essar Vizag Terminal Ltd (EVTLL) has commissioned its iron ore handling complex in Visakhapatnam, deemed to be India’s largest, built with an investment of Rs 830 crore.

This iron ore handling facility will have the fastest vessel turnaround time and iron ore among Indian ports. The cargo loading capacity of the unit has been upgraded to 24 MTPA.
- The facility will support both export and coastal traffic, furthering the vision of the Sagarmita initiative.

Indian Army Signs MoU with SBI for Salary Package:
- The Indian Army has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Bank of India on defence salary package.
- The first MoU between SBI and the Indian Army was signed in 2011 and was renewed on 23 February, 2015. This MoU will benefit a large number of serving and retired Army personnel who are having their accounts with SBI.
- The signing-in ceremony was chaired by Adjutant General Lt Gen Ashwani Kumar and was attended by top officials of SBI headed by Shri PK Gupta, Managing Director (Retail and Development Banking), SBI.

HD FC makes IMF Transactions on Facebook Messenger:
- HD FC securities has announced launch of Mutual Funds transactional capabilities on Facebook Messenger through their virtual assistant, Arya.
A subsidiary of HDFC Bank, HDFC securities framed a theme called *The Pace of Innovation*. The theme is structured to innovate and provide intuitive and relevant digital solutions to customers. Apart from mutual fund investments, it facilitates a quick overview of total portfolio holding, getting the latest stock quotes and opening an account.

Airtel Payments Bank Gets RBI Nod To Resume Taking New Customers:

- Airtel Payments Bank has received requisite approvals from the Reserve Bank to begin taking new customers.
- Also, Aadhhaar-issuing authority UIDAI has allowed it to use the 12-digit unique identification number-based e-KYC.

The development comes nearly seven months after Airtel along with Airtel Payments Bank came under fire for allegedly opening payments bank accounts of its mobile subscribers without their consent, and LPG subsidy worth crores was deposited into these accounts.

Airtel Payments Bank was the first company in India to receive a payments bank license from the Reserve Bank of India.

Airtel Payments Bank

- CEO: Anubrata Biswas

India to take over as head of Asia Pacific region of WCO:

- India will take over as head of the Asia Pacific region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO).
- An event has been organised in New Delhi to mark India’s assumption as Vice Chair for a period of two years.

WCO represents 182 customs administrations across the world that collectively process approximately 98 percent of world trade.

WCO

- Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
- Secretary General: Kunio Mikuriya

LIC board nod for acquisition of up to 51 percent stake in IDBI Bank:

- LIC of India’s (LIC’s) board has approved acquiring up to 51 percent stake in state-run IDBI Bank. It was announced by Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg.
- LIC has approached markets regulator Sebi. Insurance regulator IRDAI has already given its approval to the insurer for the stake purchase.
- Till end of June, LIC owned about 8 percent of IDBI Bank.
- LIC is actively buying additional stakes by LIC is expected to help IDBI, the debt-ridden state-owned bank, to get a capital support of Rs 100-130 billion.

PhonePe buys Zopper Retail:

- The Flipkart-owned digital payments start-up PhonePe has bought the point-of-sale (PoS) business of Zopper, a hyperlocal mobile marketplace for small and medium-sized businesses.
- As part of the deal, Zopper founder and chief executive officer Neeraj Jain will join PhonePe, heading its offline merchants business.

PhonePe

- Headquarters: Bengaluru
- CEO: Sameer Nigam

OEC predicts India to grow over 7%, China to 6.7%:

- According to OECD, India’s economic growth is poised to rise to 7.4% in 2018 and 7.5% in 2019 as the economy has been able to navigate through growth obstacles due to demonetisation and impact of GST rollout.

- It was announced by the Organisation for Economic and Development (OECD).
- China’s GDP growth is projected to moderate to 6.7% in 2018 and to 6.4% in 2019.

OECD

- Headquarters: Paris, France
- Secretary-General: José Ángel Gurria

IMF cuts India growth forecast for 2018 by a notch to 7.3%:

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected a growth rate of 7.3% in 2018 and 7.5% in 2019 for India as against 6.7% in 2017, making it the fastest growing country among major economies.

- The latest growth rate projection for India is slightly less, 0.1 percentage point in 2018 and 0.3 percentage points in 2019 than its April projections.

- The IMF also said that global growth is projected to reach 3.9% in 2018 and 2019.

IMF

- Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States
- CEO: Christine Lagarde

FinMin gives nod for capital infusion of over Rs.11,000 cr in five PSBs:

- The Finance Ministry gave its nod for capital infusion of Rs.11,336 crore in five weak public sector banks to help them tide over a situation of breach of regulatory capital requirements.

- The banks that are to get capital support under this round are Punjab National Bank (Rs.2,816 crore); Indian Overseas Bank (Rs.2,157 crore); Andhra Bank (Rs.2,019 crore); Corporation Bank (Rs.2,555 crore) and Allahabad Bank (Rs.1,790 crore).

- The government had in October last year announced Rs.2.11-lakh crore capital infusion programme over two financial years.

- The Public sector banks are currently under the pressure of the bad-loan mess, which is estimated to be over Rs.9-lakh crore.

Canara Bank launches RuPay credit card:

- The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Canara Bank launched the Canara RuPay Credit Card.

- The new card variant is issued in association with the National Payment Corporation of India and it will provide the best features of a RuPay card.

- The card is efficiently designed to provide 20-50 days interest free repayment period. It comes with a complimentary insurance cover of up to Rs 1 lakh in case of loss of life.

- Canara Bank currently has Mobile Wallet, EasyCash and P-Serve as technology products.

WPI Inflation At 4.5-Year High, Grows 5.77% in June:

- India’s wholesale inflation grew 5.77 percent in June, a four-and-half year high, driven by some food items and fuel prices. It is latest price data released by the commerce and industry ministry.

- A higher inflation in the month of June can also be attributed to an unfavourable base effect.

- WPI witnessed a growth of 4.43 percent in May and 0.90 percent in June 2017.

India fastest growing economy in Asia; on track to meet FY18 target: ADB

- According to Asian Development Bank (ADB), India will continue to be the world’s fastest growing major economy, ahead of China, with 7.3 percent growth rate in 2018-19 and 7.6 percent in 2019-20.

ADB also said India is the dominant economy in the South Asia sub-region with its growth gaining momentum at 7.7 per cent in the last quarter ended March of 2017-18, the highest rate of growth since first quarter of 2016-17.

Jana Small Finance Bank Begins Banking Operations:

- Jana Small Finance Bank, former MFI – Janalakshmi Financial Services, officially launched its commercial banking operations.

- The bank has received the small finance bank licence in March this year.

- The transition from a micro-finance company to a bank is set to enable more than 45 lakh existing loan customers under MFI to come into the banking ecosystem by the end of 2018.

Jana Small Finance Bank

- MD and CEO: Ajay Kanwal

BRICS Media Forum To Start In Cape Town:

- The 3rd BRICS Media Forum under the theme of “BRICS Media Cooperation – Fostering an Inclusive, Just World Order” will be held on July 18-19 in Cape Town, South Africa.

- The media forum forms part of the upcoming 10th BRICS summit to be held on July 25-27 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

- The forum aims to improve the high-end dialogue platform for the mainstream media of BRICS countries, namely Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

- The forum is co-hosted by South Africa’s Independent Media and China’s Xinhua News Agency.

SBI Organised Kisan Mela To Educate Farmers On Financial Literacy:

- India’s largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) will organise a nation-wide Kisan Mela as an outreach programme for farmers and to impart financial literacy.

- SBI expects to cover 10 lakh farmers through nearly 14,000 rural and semi-urban branches across the country in this Kisan Mela, to be held on July 18-19.

- Kisan Mela is a one-of-its-kind initiative by SBI to connect with farmer customers, resolve their grievances and educate them about their rights and various banks initiatives.

- As part of Kisan Mela, bank also offers farmers with Kisan Credit Card (KCC) an enhancement of 10 per cent to their credit limit on renewing the account.

J&K’s 1st All-Women Branch Inaugurated At Jammu And Kashmir Bank:

- First All-Women Branch at Jammu and Kashmir Bank by Jammu and Kashmir Governor Narinder Nath Vohra has been inaugurated.


- It has been inaugurated as a step towards women empowerment.

- Ms Vohra also launched special services and products designed exclusively for women clients of the bank, which included Pink Gold Saving Scheme, Pink Platinum Saving Scheme, Special Loan Facility for Women Entrepreneurs, Pink Gold Debit Card and Pink Platinum Credit Card.

Decisions In 28th Meeting Of GST Council:

- The Goods and Services Tax Council, at its 28th meeting has reduced the rates on more...
than 50 products. GST on sanitary pads was cut from 12% to zero, rakhi's were exempted from the tax.

- Small televisions, washing machines, fridges and kitchen appliances such as mixers and juicers have their tax rates slashed from 28% to 18%.
- Out of the 49 items currently taxed at the highest rate of 28%, rates on 17 have been reduced to 18%.
- GST on handbags, jewellery box, wooden box for paintings, artware of glass, stone endeavour, ornamental framed mirrors and handmade lamps were reduced to 12%.
- Rates on tobacco, footwear prices below 1,000 rupees per pair, and petrol and diesel have been reduced to 7% and 5% respectively.
- Import duty on diesel and ethanol sold to oil companies for blending with petrol and diesel has been reduced to 5%.

Federal Bank Gets RBI Nod To Enter Bahrain, Kuwait, Singapore:
- The South-based private sector lender Federal Bank has received the regulatory nod to open offices in Bahrain, Kuwait and Singapore, but is awaiting local clearances before it starts operations.
- The Kochi-headquartered bank, which leads diaspora remittances, already has representative offices in Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

Federal Bank
- MD and CEO: S Srinivasan
- Headquarters: Kochi, Kerala

ONGC Board Approves Exiting Pawan Hans:
- The board of ONGC has approved exiting helicopter service provider Pawan Hans by selling its entire 49 per cent stake.
- It aims to cut debt and consolidate resources in core oil and gas business.
- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) wants its interest to be clubbed with the 51 per cent government stake that is already on offer for sale.
- Of the 22 helicopters it currently has on hire, just seven or less than a third are from Pawan Hans. Pawan Hans owns a fleet of 46 helicopters.

Bank of Baroda sets up ‘war room lawyer team’ for bad loan recovery:
- The State-owned lender Bank of Baroda has set up a team of lawyers, called the ‘War Room Team’, to deal with bad loans whose recovery is now embroiled in legal complications.
- Financial Institutions Sign Agreement to Speed up Resolution of Bad Loans:
- Eight of the nearly two dozen Banks and Financial Institutions, including SBI and LIC, have signed the inter-creditor agreement (ICA) framework to speed up the resolution of stressed assets which are under the 500-crore rupee bracket.
- The framework is part of the Project Sashakt, the report on bad bank drafted and submitted by the committee headed by Non-executive Chairman of PNB, Sunil Mehta earlier this month.
- The main objective of ICA is to resolve stressed assets fast, and will primarily focus on NPAs in the 50 crore to 500 crore bracket.

Oxigen Announces A Strategic Partnership With Fincape Small Finance Bank:
- The Oxigen_and Fincape Small Finance Bank has signed an agreement to roll out the Branchless Banking_services, using Oxigen's flagship Point of Sale device called the Oxigen Micro ATM Super PoS.
- The event was graced by Brand Ambassador Sachin Tendulkar, Brand Ambassador of Oxigen.
- The Walmart Foundation grants USD 2 million to agriculture project in Andhra Pradesh:
- The Walmart Foundation has granted USD 2 million fund to a two-year agriculture project that would help over 6,000 farmers in Andhra Pradesh in getting better market access.
- Over 6,000 farmers in the state will move to an improved business model for better value chains and incomes through an intensive two-year project.
- In the next two years, ICRIER will work in the state's dryland farming areas with 6,100 smallholder farmers, 2,000 of whom are women.

Parliament nod to bill for merger of subsidiary banks with SBI:
- The Parliament has approved the bill to merge six subsidiary banks with the State Bank of India (SBI) with the Rajya Sabha clearing the State Banks (Repeal and Amendment) Bill, 2017.
- The bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha by the Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on July 21, 2017, and has been passed by the lower house.

Telecom Department Clears Vodafone- Idea Merger with Riders:
- The Department of Telecom (DoT) gave its nod to the Vodafone-Idea Idea Cellular deal to form the biggest telecom entity in India.
- The department has asked Idea Cellular to pay Rs 3,926 crore in cash for Vodafone spectrum and furnish a bank guarantee of Rs 3,342 crore.
- Vodafone will own 45.1% stake in the combined entity, while Kumar Mangalam Birla-led Aditya Birla Group will own 26%.

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Money in Swiss banks: India moves up to 73rd place
- India has moved up to 73rd place in terms of money parked by its citizens and companies with Swiss banks, while the UK remains on the top. UK has about CHF 403 billion (over 27 per cent) of the total foreign money with Swiss banks.
- India has slipped to 88th place with a 44 per cent plunge in such funds during 2016, but the latest data from the Swiss National Bank (SNB) shows an increase in 50 per cent during 2017 to CHF 1.01 billion (about Rs 7,000 crore). Pakistan is now placed one place higher than India at 72nd position.
- The total money held in Swiss banks by foreign clients from across the world rose by about 3 per cent to CHF 100 billion (about Rs 1 lakh crore) in 2017.

Mumbai Airport among Least Punctual Airports in the World: Study
- Mumbai is fifth-least punctual airport in the world in terms of on-time performance. Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad rank 262, 255 and 246 out of 513 airports.
- Indigo is the highest ranked airline from India at 14 and Air India was the second-poorest performer.
- These are among the findings in a report of 513 airports and 65 airlines across the world by British aviation intelligence firm OAG.
- According to the report, Mumbai was ranked 509 in terms of on-time performance after recording only 60 per cent of its over 3.2 lakh flights on time during July and 2018.Globally, Japan’s Nagoya Komaki airport was ranked the best with 94.5 percent on-time performance during the 12-month period.

Abu Dhabi ‘Smartest City’ In Middle East: Study
- Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has topped the list of “smart cities” in the Middle East and Africa.
- With a rating of 18.4 Abu Dhabi, ranked the first in the region ahead of Dubai, which was placed the second with a rating of 17.3.
- The report was released by McKinsey Global Institute titled “Smart Cities: Digital Solutions for a More Livable Future”. It is based on how cities all over the world use technology to improve the quality of life.

Nigeria Replaces India to Become World’s Largest Poor Population: Bookings Report 
- According to a study published by the US-based think tank Brookings, India is no longer home to largest number of poor people in the world as this unwanted position has been taken over by Nigeria. In early 2018 itself, the African nation overtook India as the land of world’s largest number of poor.
- Nigeria had about 87 million people in extreme poverty, compared with India’s 73 million. The extreme poverty in Nigeria is growing by six people every minute, while poverty in India continues to fall.
Global Innovation Index: India Ranks 57th
The Global Innovation Index (GII) has ranked India as the 57th most innovative nation in the world.

India has improved its ranking from 60th position in 2017. India has been improving steadily since it ranked 81st in 2015 and China improved its ranking from 22 in 2017 to 17 this year.

The GII is being developed jointly by Cornell University, the Paris-based business school Insead and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) in Geneva. GII ranks 126 economies based on 80 indicators.

The Top 3 Countries are:
1. Switzerland
2. The Netherlands
3. Singapore

Andhra Pradesh Tops Ease of Doing Business Rankings:
Andhra Pradesh has topped the government’s ease of doing business index, ahead of the industrialised states such as Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

Andhra Pradesh scored 98.42 percent in the third edition of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion’s (DIPP’s) Business Reforms Action Plan, and is followed closely by Telangana with a score of 98.33 percent.

The final rankings are a result of a combination of “reform evidence score” and “feedback score”. Andhra Pradesh scored 99.73 percent and 86.50 percent in reform evidence and feedback, respectively.

Western Ghats bags fourth in best Tourism Spot:
The Western Ghats has figured in Lonely Planet’s top five “2018 Best in Asia” list, a collection of the best destinations to visit in the continent for the year.

One of the Hottest Biodiversity Hotspots and UNESCO World Heritage site, the Western Ghats has come fourth in the list of the Lonely Planet.

The Western Ghats is Older than the Himalayas as it was well known for its rich and unique flora and fauna. The panel of travel experts have named Busan, South Korea, Uzbekistan and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to the first three spots.

Forbes Releases 2018 List of America’s Richest Self-Made Women
The Forbes has released its fourth annual list of America’s Richest Self-Made Women. These 60 women, who have a record combined net worth of $71 billion, up 15% from $61.5 billion last year.

The minimum net worth needed to make this year’s list is $320 million, up from $260 million last year.

The top 3 Women are, 1.Diane Hendricks, ABC Supply - $4.9 billion 2.Marian Ilitch, Little Caesars - $4.3 billion 3.Judy Faulkner, Epic Systems - $3.5 billion

Mukesh Ambani picks Alibaba’s Jack Ma to be Asia’s richest billionaire
Asia’s largest Reliance Industries has broken three records in the past two days.

The records are his company initially entered the $100-billion market cap club, then it breached the Rs 7-lakh crore market valuation, and now India’s richest man has replaced Chinese giant Alibaba Group’s founder Jack Ma to become Asia’s richest person.

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) crossed the m-cap of Rs 7, 01, 404 crores (over $102 billion) on Bombay Stock Exchange becoming the second company in India to achieve this feat after TCS.

UK ranked world’s top ‘soft power’:
The UK has topped an annual global ranking of nations’ soft power, with France placed second on the list of 30 countries which does not feature India.

The 2018 ‘Soft Power 30’ index, published by the UK-based strategic communications consultancy firm Portland and the University of Southern California Center on Public Diplomacy.

In Asian ranking list of 10 countries, India has been placed on the eighth position.

Salman, Akshay in Forbes world’s 100 highest-paid entertainers:
Bollywood actors Akshay Kumar and Salman Khan are among the world’s 100 highest-paid entertainers, according to Forbes leading list.

Akshay Kumar is ranked 76th on the Forbes list of the World’s Highest Paid Celebrities 2018 while Salman Khan is on the 82nd spot. Akshay had earnings of 40.5 million dollars and Salman, 52, had earnings of 77 million dollars.

The list has been topped by Mayweather with earnings of 285 million dollars.

Kerala Tops the List As Best-Governed State In India:
Pinayaray Vijayan’s ruled Kerala stands as the best-governed state in the country followed by Tamil Nadu, according to the Public Affairs Index 2018 released by the think tank Public Affairs Centre (PAC).

While Telangana, Karnataka and Gujarat are ranked third, fourth and fifth among the top five states delivering good governance.

Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar ranked the lowest on the PAL, indicating higher social and economic inequalities in the governance.

The index examines governance performance in the states through a data-based framework, ranking them on social and economic development they are able to provide.

Kerala, Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu topped the index on being the states to provide better living conditions for all children.

India drops three ranks in AT Kearney FDI Confidence Index:
India in 2018 has fallen out of the top 10 destinations for FDI in terms of its attractiveness, according to an AT Kearney report.

India ranks 11 in the 2018 AT Kearney FDI Confidence Index, down from 8 in 2017 and 9 in 2016.

China (5), India (11), and Singapore (12) all rank lower this year, while Australia rises to 8th and New Zealand jumps to the 16th spot in only its second year in the Index. Japan and South Korea hold steady at 6th and 18th, respectively.

Global Slavery Index: India’s slave count went down by 10.3 million
A global survey by human rights group Walk Free Foundation (WPF) has announced that India is home to 8 million slaves among its whopping population of 1.3 billion.

The other four nations with the highest number of slaves are China, Pakistan, North Korea and Nigeria, making up 60 per cent of the global figures, according to WPF.

In terms of highest slavery, however, North Korea and Eritrea topped the list.

4 Indian-Origin Names in List of Fortune’s 40 Young Influential People:
Four persons of India-origin, including three women, have been named by Fortune among 40 of the most influential and inspiring young people in business under the title ‘40 Under 40’.

The Instagram cofounder and CEO Kevin Systrom and Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, are tied for first place on the Fortune ‘40 Under 40’ list.

The Chief Financial Officer of US’ largest automaker, General Motors Diwya Suryadevara comes in at the 4th spot, followed by Vimeo CEO Anjali Sud (14), Cofounder and Co-CEO of Robinhood Baiju Bhatt (24) and Female Founders Fund founding partner Anu Duggal (32).

Karnataka Tops in Renewable Energy: IEEFA Report
The Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis has released a report in which it was revealed that Karnataka is the leading state for generating renewable energy.

Karnataka has a total installed capacity of 12.3 gigawatts as of March 2018. And has added 5 GW of renewable energy in 2017–18 along with 2016. The southern state’s renewable energy capacity now exceeds its coal power capacity by 2.5 GW.

A massive solar energy plant in Karnataka’s Pavagada has helped the state take the lead in renewable energy.

Union HRD Minister releases the AISHE Report 2017-18:
The Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar has chaired the National Conference of Vice-Chancellors and Directors in New Delhi.

The theme of this conference is “Research and innovation in Higher Education.”

On the occasion the Minister released the All India Survey of Higher Education Report 2017-18 and Swachh Campus Manual.

India becomes India’s second-biggest oil supplier, ahead of Saudi Arabia:
India, Iran’s top oil client after China, shipped in 5.67 million tonnes or about 457,000 barrels per day of oil from the country in the first three months of this fiscal year.

Iran was the second-biggest oil supplier to Indian state refiners between April and June, replacing Saudi Arabia as companies took advantage of steeper discounts offered by Tehran.

PM Modi: Third most followed world leader on Twitter
According to a study on ‘world leaders on social media’ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the third most followed world leader on Twitter with 42 million followers on his personal account @NarendraModi.

The survey was conducted by communications firm Burson Cohn & Wolfe (BCW).

The first two spots was got by US President Donald Trump and Pope Francis.

Sushma Swaraj, India’s External Affairs Minister also made it to the top 10 list of the most followed world leaders, with more than 10 million followers on Twitter.

Jeff Bezos topped the Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2018:
Jeff Bezos is the richest person in modern history.
The Amazon.com Inc. founder’s net worth broke $150 billion in New York, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. That’s about $55 billion more than Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates, the world’s second-richest person.

APPPOINTMENTS IN NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

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RETNAMENT:

- Brexit Secretary - David Davis
- India Women's Cricket Coach - Tushar Arothe

RETIREMENT:

- India and Delhi pacer - Pacer Awana

AWARDS & HONOURS

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<td>UK national yoga champion has been named the ‘British Indian of the Year’.</td>
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<td>PATA Gold Award 2018</td>
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<td>‘Champion of Earth Prize-2018’, the highest environmental honour instituted by the United Nations (UN).</td>
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<td>Two Indians are selected among six who have been declared winners of this year’s Ramon Magsaysay Award, often referred to as the Asian version of the Nobel Prize.</td>
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Bajrang Punia has emerged as the 'Ironman' of the world, not only in terms of his sporting achievements but also in terms of his social and humanitarian work.

The Indian wrestler is a role model for many young people around the world, especially those who come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Punia was born in a poor family in Haryana and started wrestling at a very young age. He faced many obstacles in his early career, but his hard work and dedication paid off.

The wrestler has won several medals at national and international events, including a gold medal at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

Punia is known for his aggressive style of wrestling and his ability to dominate his opponents. He has won 11 national titles so far and has been named 'The Best Wrestler of the Year' by the Indian Wrestling Federation multiple times.

In addition to his sporting achievements, Punia is also involved in promoting wrestling in his home state of Haryana. He has established several wrestling academies and is working towards the development of the sport in the region.

Punia is an inspiration to many young athletes who aspire to achieve success in the field of wrestling. His story is a testament to the power of determination and hard work.

The wrestler has also been involved in various social initiatives. He has been a part of several campaigns to educate and empower young people, especially girls, in rural areas.

In conclusion, Bajrang Punia is not just a world-class wrestler but also a role model for many young people around the world. His hard work, dedication, and social work have earned him the respect and admiration of the global wrestling community.

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**Books and Authors**

**J K Rowling Releases 'Lethal White' In August**

J K Rowling will come out with the fourth novel 'Lethal White' in the series about the exploits of private investigator Cormoran Strike under her pseudonym Robert Galbraith. Lethal White is likely to be published as the most epic Robert Galbraith novel yet, a gripping mystery and a page-Hachette turning next instalment in the ongoing story of Strike and his assistant Robin Ellacott.

Ramachandra Guha pens 'The most ambitious book' on Gandhi

The Renowned historian and author of several bestselling books, Ramachandra Guha has penned a new book on the father of the nation. The book titled "Gandhi: The years that changed the world (1914-1948)" will be published by Penguin Random House India. His earlier bestseller was the highly acclaimed "India After Gandhi" and "Gandhi Before India".

**SPORTS**

Australia Wins Hockey Champions Trophy Final 2018:

India lost to defending champions Australia via penalty shoot-off in the finals. This is the 37th and final edition of the Hockey Champions Trophy at Breda, the Netherlands. It was Australia's record 15th Champions Trophy title.

India won their second consecutive silver medal, hosts the Netherlands bagged the bronze medal.

Lee Chong Wei wins Malaysian Open Badminton singles title:

Malaysian shuttler Lee Chong Wei defeated Japan's Kento Momota to secure a historic 12th Malaysia Open title.

Other Categories

Men's singles: Lee Chong Wei defeated Kento Momota.


Women's doubles: Misaki Matsutomo-Ayaka Takahashi defeated Chen Qingchen-Jia Yifan.

Women's singles: Tai Tzu-ying defeated He Bingjiao.

Men's doubles: Takeshi Kamura-Keigo Sonoda defeated Hiroyuki Endo-Yuta Watanabe.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen won Austrian Grand Prix 2018:

Red Bull’s Max Verstappen has won the Austrian Grand Prix 2018.

Ferrari’s Kimi Raikkonen finished in the second spot.

Ferrari’s Sebastian Vettel finished third. Mercedes’ Lewis Hamilton limped out of the Austrian Grand Prix with just three laps left.

India clinched the Kabaddi Masters Dubai 2018:

India thrashed Iran to emerge champions of the six-nation Kabaddi Masters Dubai, in Dubai.

The Indian captain Ajay Thakur scored nine points and youngster Monu Goyat got six goals, leading the raid charts.

The six-nation invitational tournament was organised by International Kabaddi Federation in association with Star Sports and Dubai Sports Council.

Major General Vikram Dogra completes Ironman Triathlon:

Major General VD Dogra became the first serving Indian Army officer and the only General across the world to have completed a gruelling ‘Ironman’ competition held in Austria.

The Ironman is an international triathlon consisting of three consecutive events - 3.8 km of swimming, 180 km cycling and 42.2 km of running a full marathon. It is considered the toughest one-day sporting event in the world.

Anju Kholas, Oldest Indian Woman to Complete Ironman Triathlon:

Anju Kholas became the oldest Indian woman to complete an Ironman Triathlon - one of the toughest one-day sporting events.

It comprises 3.86 km swimming leg, 180.25 km bike leg followed by a marathon (42.2 km), to be completed without a break.

The New Delhi resident completed her first full Ironman Triathlon, in Carinthia, Austria, in 15 hours, 54 minutes and 54 seconds.

Sports Authority of India Named as Sports India:

The Union Ministers of Youth Affairs and Sports Rajyavardhan Rathore has announced that the national sports body, Sports Authority of India (SAI), will now be known as ‘Sports India’.

The decision came after the meeting of governing council of the national sports body, where some major steps were taken keeping in view the betterment of sports in the country.

He further stated that daily expenses of food for athletes are being raised. The amount is increased to Rs. 450 which was till now less than Rs. 300.

Dipa Karmakar wins gold at the Gymnastics World Cup:

India’s premier gymnast Dipa Karmakar clinched the gold medal in the vault event of FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Cup at Bresen, Turkey.

She had topped the qualification also with a score of 13.400. This is Dipa’s first medal in a World Challenge Cup.

Sebastian Vettel wins British Grand Prix:

The Ferrari’s Sebastian Vettel has won the British Grand Prix 2018.

The Second place was got by Mercedes’ Lewis Hamilton and the third place is Ferrari’s Kimi Raikkonen.

It is currently held by the Silverstone Circuit near the village of Silverstone in Northamptonshire in England.

Tbilisi Grand Prix, Georgia: Bajrang Punia Wins Gold, Deepak Bronze:

Bajrang Punia has emerged as the champion at the Tbilisi Grand Prix in the 65kg category after defeating Iranian wrestler Mehran Nasiri in the final in Georgia.

Meanwhile, in the 86kg category, Deepak Punia has got a bronze with a 5-3 win over Osman Gosen of Turkey.

India’s Dalabehera bags bronze in Junior World Weightlifting:

Indian lifter Jhili Dalabehera bagged the bronze medal at the 2018 IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships at Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Jhili Dalabehera lifted 167 kg (75 kg + 92 kg) in 48 kg to finish third on the podium.

She is the second woman lifter after Saikhom Mirbabai Chanu (in 2013) to win a medal in the Junior World Championships.

India bag four medals at Asia Cup Archery:

India have bagged four medals in the Asia World Archery Ranking Tournament Stage 3 in Taipei.

The feat comprised 3 silver medals and a bronze. India also finished joint third with Iran in the championship. Korea topped the tally with 14 medals, 8 of them being gold.

Anu Devi Dhatyol became the only individual medal winner for the country when she clinched the silver medal in the women’s compound category.

PR Sreeshaj to lead Indian men’s hockey squad:

Goalkeeper P.R. Sreeshaj will lead the 18-member Indian Men’s Hockey Team at the
18th Asian Games, slated to be held in Jakarta and Palembang.
- Midfielder Chinigensana Singh Kangjam has been named the Vice-Captain for the tournament and he will be joined by the experienced Sardar Singh, Manpreet Singh, Simranjeet Singh and Vivek Sagar Prasad in the midfield.

Hima Das gets India’s first ever track gold at IAAF World Championships:
- Hima Das has created history as she won India’s first ever track gold medal at the IAAF World Under-20 Athletics Championships in Finland.
- Hima recorded a time of 1.46.26 seconds in the 400m race.
- Das is the first Indian track athlete to have won a medal in the history of this competition.
- The other medal winners are -- Seema Punia (bronze in discus in 2002) and Navjeet Kaur Dhillon (bronze in discus in 2014).

Indian Men’s Hockey team under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS):
- The Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) has approved the Indian Men's Hockey team, comprising 18 players selected for the Asian Games, as part of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS).
- This is first instance that entire team has been made beneficiary of the scheme as earlier only individual athletes from different sports were included as beneficiaries of the scheme.
- Under this scheme, the hockey team will receive a monthly allowance of Rs.50,000 per team member.
- The decision was taken in view of the recent improvement in the performance of the men’s hockey team under the newly appointed coach Harendra Singh.

Mohammad Kaif announces retirement from all forms of cricket:
- Indian cricketer Mohammed Kaif has officially retired from all forms of cricket. He began his two-decade-long first-class career in 1997-98.
- In an international career that spanned six years (2000-2006), he played in 13 Tests and 125 One Day Internationals. He played his last international game for India around 12 years ago, during the South Africa tour in 2006.
- He even captained India’s U-19 team in their first-ever World Cup win in 2000.

Anish and Manu won gold in Shooting:
- The Commonwealth Games gold medallists Anish Bhanwala and Manu Bhaker won gold in the 28th Meeting of Shooting Hopes international championship.
- Anish Bhanwala clinched the gold under the Junior men’s rapid fire pistol category and Manu Bhaker also won gold under the junior women’s air pistol category.
- The Young Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan also claimed the women’s air rifle gold medal. The event was held at the Pitzen, Czech Republic.

France wins FIFA World Cup 2018:
- The 2018 World Cup ended after a 32 day of wild and unforgettable moments.
- France was crowned champion after beating Cinderella Croatia 4-2 in the final in Moscow. France had clinched their second World Cup Football Title (1998). The third place was got by Belgium after defeating England.
- The tournament featured 169 goals scored and it came within two of tying the highest scoring World Cup ever.
- This was the first time that Croatia made it to the final. France manager Didier Deschamps became the only third man to have won the World Cup as a captain and as a manager.
- The official mascot of FIFA 2018 is Zabivaka and the official song is ‘Live it up’ by Nicky Jam. The campaign of FIFA 2018 is ‘Say No to Racism’.

Wimbledon 2018 Highlights:
- The 2018 Wimbledon Championships was a Grand Slam tennis tournament which took place at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, London, United Kingdom. The 2018 tournament was the 132nd edition of The Championships.
- Sakhil Elavenil Valarivan from India won the men’s singles gold medal.
- The other India’s greatest batsmen in the list are Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid.
- Dhoni is currently placed 12th in the list of all-time highest run-getters in ODIs.
- Dhoni also became the fourth wicket-keeper to complete 300 ODI catches after Adam Gilchrist (417), Mark Boucher (403) and Kumar Sangakkara (402).

Thailand Open 2018: Nozomi Okuhara defeats PV Sindhu in Finals:
- Nozomi Okuhara of Japan defeated PV Sindhu in the finals to clinch Thailand Open 2018.
- The event was held in the Thailand Open at the Nimibutr Stadium in Bangkok.

7th World Junior Wushu Championships
- Concluded in Brazil:
- The Indian team bagged nine medals including four silver and five bronzes in the 7th World Junior Wushu championships held in Brasilia, Brazil.
- Iranian athletes were crowned as the champion of the international sports event, having clinched eleven gold, eight silver and seven bronze medals.
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The silver medal in the competition was claimed by Adish Ghildiyal of Uttarakhand. Aniket Kala of Uttarakhand took the bronze.

Govt selects 734 athletes for Khelo-India scholarships:

A total of 734 youngsters were shortlisted for scholarship under the Khelo India Talent Development Scheme.

The scheme is a unique programme to nurture sporting talent.AIR correspondent reports, Sports Authority of India (SAI) has cleared 734 athletes for the scholarship.

Through this programme, the athletes will get training in government-accredited residential academies.

Lewis Hamilton Wins German Grand Prix: Lewis Hamilton took a sensational victory in a thrilling, rain-hit German Grand Prix as Ferrari’s Sebastian Vettel crashed out to gift the Mercedes driver a 17-point lead in their championship battle.

Ferrari’s Kimi Raikkonen secured the third position.

Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Mascot Named Somety:

The mascots of both the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 greeted the Japanese public for the first time.

The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic mascot name was revealed as ‘Somety’, (pronounced soul may-tee) which comes from ‘someloshi’, a popular cherry blossom variety, and additionally echoes the English phrase “so mighty”. It represents Paralympic athletes who overcome obstacles and redefine the boundaries of what is possible.

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic mascot name was revealed as ‘Miraitowa’ (pronounced mee a-toh-wa), based on the Japanese words mirai (future) and towa (eternity) combined. This name was chosen to promote a future full of eternal hope in the hearts of people all over the world.

Alisson Becker Becomes World’s Most Expensive Goalkeeper:

Brazil goalkeeper Alisson Becker has become the world’s most expensive goalkeeper – signing for Liverpool from Roma with a world record £66 million.

The deal could rise to as much as £65 million, with a further £10 million in add-ons, which are dependent on Liverpool’s qualification for the UEFA Champions League and wins in various competitions in the future.

Shubhankar Sharma Becomes Youngest Indian To Make Cut In A Major:

Shubhankar Sharma became the youngest Indian golfer to make the cut in any Major after he capped a wonderful back nine to achieve the feat at the 147th Open Championships at Carnoustie, Scotland.

Zach Johnson of the USA, the 2007 Masters and 2015 Open champion, rose to the top of the leaderboard.

India Bags 8 Medals Including Two Gold at Asian Wrestling Ch’ship:

India has won 8 medals in the Junior Asian Wrestling Championship which concluded in New Delhi.

The medals comprised 2 gold, 3 silver and as many bronzes. Sachin Rathi won the gold after winning the bout in the 74-kilogram category.

Deepak Punia then won the gold in the 86-kilogram category while Mohit won bronze in the 125-kilogram category.

Iran with 189 points topped the team championship. India with 173 points finished second while Uzbekistan with 128 points came third.

Badminton: Lakshya Wins Asian Junior Crown:

Lakshya Sen has become only the third Indian shuttler to secure a gold medal at the Badminton Asia Junior Championships after defeating World Junior champion Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand.

The Badminton Association of India has announced a cash reward of Rs.10 lakh for Lakshya. The event was held at the Jaya Sports Hall in central Jakarta.

Olympic Medalists to now receive Rs 20,000 pension per month:

An Olympic medalist is now entitled to a pension of Rs 20,000 per month with the Sports Ministry doubling the amount following a revision in its pension policy.

A medal winner at Paralympics will also be entitled to the same amount as an Olympic medalist.

A gold medalist in a World Cup or at the Asian Games will get Rs 16,000, a silver medalist Rs 14,000 and a bronze medal winner will get Rs 12,000.

Manu-Sumeeth retain Lagos International title:

The senior national badminton champions Manu Attri and Sumeeth Reddy won the men’s doubles title at Lagos International Badminton.

In another all-India final Kuhoo Garg and Ria Mukherjee defeated Krishna Wadekar and V Harika in women’s doubles event.

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The Indian women’s compound archery team created history by scaling to the top of the world rankings in the recently published chart.

India jumped to the top rank from the fifth position of the compound archery women team category.

With their twin silver medal-winning effort in the Antalya and Berlin World Cups, the Indian women’s compound team lead the chart with 342.6 points, six points ahead of second-placed Chinese Taipei.

Jyothi Surekha Vennak and Muskan Kirar are two regulars in the women’s team in both the World Cup stages, while Divya Dhayal (Antalya) and Trisha Deb (Berlin) were the third members.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE DAYS

OBSERVATION

Tony Award Winner Liliane Montevecchi Passes Away

The Paris-born dancer, actor, and singer, Liliane Montevecchi has passed away.

She is a Tony award winner.

Montevecchi was best known for her performance in the musical ‘Nine’, which won her a Tony Award.

Spiritual Leader Dada Vaswani Passed Away

The Spiritual leader Dada Vaswani has passed away. He was chief of Sadhu Vaswani Mission in Pune that is named after his uncle TL Vaswani. Acclaimed as a humanitarian, philosopher, educator, orator and non-sectarian spiritual leader, Vaswani was also known for promoting vegetarianism and animal rights.

Actor Rita Bhaduri Passed Away

The Veteran actor Rita Bhaduri has passed away.

Rita has worked in over 20 TV shows, including Sarabhai Vs Sarabhai, Kumkum and Amanat.

Kannada poet M.N. Vyas Rao passed away

The Noted Kannada poet and film lyricist M.N. Vyas Rao passed away.

The songs he wrote for the film — “Suryangu chandrangu bandare munisu” and “Nakondla Naku” — remain classics even today.

He was also a recipient of Karnataka Rajya Sahitya Academy award for his short story collection “Maleyalli Neneda Maragalu”.

Noted Activist Rajmata Satvashila Devi Bhosle Passes Away

Noted activist from Konkan region in Maharashtra, Rajmata Satvashila Devi Bhosle of Sawantwadi passed away.

Renowned Poet Gopal Das Neeraj Passes Away:

The Famous Hindi poet Gopal Das Neeraj has passed away.
CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ
Q.1) Who chaired the first meeting of the task force on e-commerce in New Delhi?
   a) Bhaskar Khulbe  
   b) Shobhana K. Pattanayak  
   c) Rita Teaotia  
   d) Rajeev Kapoor  
   e) Ramesh Abhishek
Q.2) Which railway division became the first to eliminate all unmanned level crossings?
   a) Rourkela  
   b) Sambalpur  
   c) Pun  
   d) Balasore  
   e) Andra
Q.3) The Mt Ojos del Salado is located in which of the following mountain range?
   a) Atlas Mountains  
   b) Himalayas  
   c) Andean  
   d) Alps  
   e) Urals Mountains
Q.4) Who has become the second Indian mountaineer after Malli Mastan Babu to climb Mt Ojos del Salado?
   a) Malavath Purna  
   b) Satyapur Siddhanta  
   c) Malli Mastan Babu  
   d) Santosh Yadav  
   e) Nawah Gombu
Q.5) Name the Internet telephony service launched for the first time by BSNL?
   a) Wings  
   b) QS Line  
   c) Cheetah  
   d) BSNL Voice  
   e) None of these
Q.6) The state run-AAI will set up a Civil Aviation Research Organisation (CARO) in which of the following airport?
   a) Nuagaon Airport  
   b) Nadiirug Airport  
   c) Begumpet Airport  
   d) Nawapara Airport  
   e) Telu Airport
Q.7) The Samsung plant in India is located in which of the following city?
   a) Noida  
   b) Bengaluru  
   c) Hyderabad  
   d) Ranchi  
   e) Pune
Q.8) Name the book that has been declared as the 'Best Booker Prize Winner In 50 Years?'
   a) Sacred Hunger  
   b) The Impulse Object  
   c) The English Patient  
   d) Summertime  
   e) The Fishermen
Q.9) The 17th World Sanskrit Conference will be held in which of the following country?
   a) Sweden  
   b) Malaysia  
   c) Singapore  
   d) Canada  
   e) India
Q.10) Which is India's Largest Tax Payer in Private Sector?
   a) Hindustan Aeronautics  
   b) Tata Pvt Ltd  
   c) Reliance Industries  
   d) Mittal Steels  
   e) None of these
Q.11) Name the Breit Secretary of UK who resigned recently?
   a) Bruno John  
   b) Steve Baker  
   c) Suella Braverman  
   d) David Davis  
   e) None of these
Q.12) Who clinched the gold medal in the vault event of FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin, Turkey?
   a) Ashleigh Brennan  
   b) Georgia Bonora  
   c) Daria Joura  
   d) Dipa Karmakar  
   e) Monette Russo
Q.13) Who has won the British Grand Prix 2018?
   a) Sebastian Vettel  
   b) Kimi Raikkonen  
   c) Lewis Hamilton  
   d) Niko Lauda  
   e) Alain Pros
Q.14) Where did the Tbilisi Grand Prix held?
   a) Turkey  
   b) Austria  
   c) Georgia  
   d) Netherlands  
   e) India
Q.15) What is the currency of Georgia?
   a) Euro  
   b) Lev  
   c) Won  
   d) Som  
   e) Lari
Q.16) What is the expansion of IFFCO?
   a) Indian Farmers Fertilizer Co-operative Limited  
   b) International Foodstuffs Federation Co.  
   c) Implicit Filtering Federation for Constrained Optimization  
   d) Implicit Force Federation  
   e) Indian Foreign Forex Complex
Q.17) The Headquarters of IFFCO is situated in?
   a) Chennai  
   b) New Delhi  
   c) Mumbai  
   d) Kolkata  
   e) Kerala
Q.18) 6th edition of biennial World Cities Summit held in which Country?
   a) India  
   b) Pakistan  
   c) Singapore  
   d) China  
   e) Japan
Q.19) Six global aircraft manufacturers have responded Indian Air Force's (IAF) Request for Information (RFI) to supply how many fighter aircrafts to replace its ageing fleet of MiG-21s and MiG-27s, which are being phased out of service?
   a) 115  
   b) 120  
   c) 130  
   d) 140  
   e) 185
Q.20) How many members are there in Jewish community in Gujarat?
   a) 170  
   b) 150  
   c) 180  
   d) 190  
   e) 185
Q.21) Which edition of plenary meeting of North Eastern Council held in Shillong?
   a) 65  
   b) 66  
   c) 54  
   d) 67  
   e) 63
Q.22) How much of amount was approved by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for lining project of the Son canal?
   a) USD 503 million  
   b) USD 504 million  
   c) USD 603 million  
   d) USD 203 million  
   e) USD 803 million
Q.23) China successfully launched two remote sensing satellites for which country marking the first international commercial launch for the Long March-2C rocket in about 19 years?
   a) Bangladesh  
   b) Vietnam  
   c) Pakistan  
   d) Russia  
   e) China
Q.24) How many countries are members in ADB Bank?
   a) 67 countries  
   b) 65 Countries  
   c) 72 Countries  
   d) 69 Countries  
   e) 70 Countries
Q.25) Who has been appointed as the 97th President of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi?
   a) Dr. Sundar Sancheti  
   b) Dr. Vikash Sancheti  
   c) Dr. Sandeep Sancheti  
   d) Dr. Sarvesh Sancheti  
   e) Dr. Sandhanan Sancheti
Q.26) Who has been appointed as the New Foreign Secretary of UK?
   a) Jeremy Hunt  
   b) Boris Johnson  
   c) Britain Coop  
   d) Jerald Boris  
   e) Jermain Hook
Q.27) In which state ADB approves Lining Project of Son Canal?
   a) Bihar  
   b) West Bengal  
   c) Maharashtra  
   d) Kerala  
   e) Assam
Q.28) India's 1st Private UAV Factory will be established in which of the following state?
   a) Uttar Pradesh  
   b) Himachal Pradesh  
   c) Gujarat  
   d) Rajasthan  
   e) Karnataka
Q.29) What is the share of Vodafone in Vodafone-Idea merge?
   a) 45.9%  
   b) 26%  
   c) 28.9%  
   d) 25.1%  
   e) 45.1%
Q.30) India's first private sector company to manufacture UAVs and LPBV's will be established by which of the following company?
   a) Aeronautical Pvt Ltd  
   b) DCM Shriram Industries  
   c) VITL Pvt Ltd  
   d) Southern Pvt Ltd  
   e) None of these
Q.31) According to Burson Cohn & Wolfe (BCW), who is the third most followed world leader on Twitter?
   a) Vladimir Putin  
   b) Donald Trump  
   c) Pope Francis  
   d) Sushma Swaraj  
   e) Narendra Modi
Q.32) Who has awarded Institution of Eminence (IOE) status to six educational institutions recently?
   a) Ministry of Urban Development  
   b) Ministry of Home Affairs  
   c) NITI Aayog  
   d) Government of India  
   e) Human Resource and Development Ministry
Q.33) Which state government has launched 'Seema Darshan' project?
   a) Bihar  
   b) Tamil Nadu  
   c) West Bengal  
   d) Gujarat  
   e) Karnataka
Q.34) How much amount has been approved for 'Seema Darshan' project in Gujarat?
   a) 40-crore rupees  
   b) 45-crore rupees  
   c) 12-crore rupees  
   d) 39-crore rupees  
   e) 17-crore rupees
Q.35) Which firm plans to invest Rs.1,000 crore in Sri City, Andhra Pradesh?
   a) kanikat Industries  
   b) Tinal Industries  
   c) Toray Industries  
   d) Kaley Industries  
   e) Vinal Industries
Q.36) Where is the headquarters of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development located?
   a) Paris  
   b) Brussels  
   c) London  
   d) Washington, D.C  
   e) Berlin
Q.37) Which country has formally announced as the 69th shareholder of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)?
   a) Bangladesh  
   b) India  
   c) Mon,Colia  
   d) Pakistan  
   e) Indonesia
Q.38) Which of the following bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with KB Financial Group Inc. (KBFG), Korea?
   a) Axis Bank  
   b) Bank of Baroda  
   c) ICICI Bank  
   d) HDFC Bank  
   e) SBI
Q.39) Which of the following organisation has adopted "Resolution 2427"?
   a) UNESCO  
   b) UN Security Council  
   c) Govt of India  
   d) NABARD  
   e) UNICEF
Q.40) What is the currency of Turkey?
   a) Lira  
   b) Rial
Q.41) What is the rank of India in Global Innovation Index?
   a) 123  
   b) 87  
   c) 57  
   d) 23  
   e) 43  

Q.42) Which of the following state has topped the government's ease of doing business index?
   a) Uttar Pradesh 
   b) Himachal Pradesh 
   c) Gujarat 
   d) Andhra Pradesh 
   e) Karnataka 

Q.43) Who has launched the 'The Eat Right Movement' campaign?
   a) Angella Alexia 
   b) Narendra Modi 
   c) Antonio Gutierres 
   d) Urjit Patel 
   e) Donald Trump 

Q.44) Which of the following state has allowed temples to reopen?
   a) Haryana 
   b) Uttar Pradesh 
   c) West Bengal 
   d) Bihar 
   e) Assam 

Q.45) Which state government plans to launch 'One farmer one transformer' scheme?
   a) Kerala 
   b) Karnataka 
   c) Maharashtra 
   d) Gujarat 
   e) Rajasthan 

Q.46) Which of the following ministry has launched “Technology Challenge”?
   a) Ministry of Minority Affairs 
   b) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways 
   c) Ministry of Human Resource Development 
   d) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs 
   e) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation 

Q.47) Which of the following state government has recently got RBI Nod To Resume Taking New Customers?
   a) Jio Payment Bank 
   b) Fino Payment Bank 
   c) State Bank of India 
   d) Federal Bank 
   e) Edelweiss Tokio 

Q.48) Which country has approved a law that will allow citizens to change their gender and name from the age of 16?
   a) Denmark 
   b) Malta 
   c) Sweden 
   d) Ireland 
   e) Portugal 

Q.49) The Essar builds country's largest iron ore handling unit in which of the following city?
   a) Pune 
   b) Visakhapatnam 
   c) Jaipur 
   d) Ranchi 
   e) Kolkata 

Q.50) The Indian Army has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which of the following bank on defence salary package?
   a) Federal Bank 
   b) Dhanalakshmi Bank 
   c) State bank of India 
   d) City Union Bank 
   e) Bank of India 

Q.51) The theme "The Pace of Innovation" was framed by which of the following company to innovate and provide intuitive and relevant digital solutions to customers?
   a) Aviva Life 
   b) HDFC securities 
   c) Bharti AXA 
   d) DHLF Pramerica 
   e) Edelweiss Tokio 

Q.52) Which of the following payments bank has recently got RBI nod to resume taking new customers?
   a) Airtel Payment Bank 
   b) India Post Payment Bank 
   c) Fino Payment Bank 
   d) Aditya Birla Idea Payment Bank 
   e) Jio Payment Bank 

Q.53) Who has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)?
   a) Venugopal Rao 
   b) Kiruba Singh 
   c) TCA Raghavan 
   d) Vinoth Kumar 
   e) Ranjan Prasad 

Q.54) Who has won India's first ever track gold medal at the IAAF World Under-20 Athletics Championships?
   a) Navjeet Kaur 
   b) Hema Shankar 
   c) Sunittha Krishnan 
   d) Hima Das 
   e) Seema Punja 

Q.55) Which of the following Indian team has recently included as part of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)?
   a) Men's Cricket team
   b) Women's Cricket team
   c) Women's Hockey team
   d) Men's Hockey team
   e) Men's Volleyball team

Q.56) What is the capital of Portugal?
   a) Lisbon
   b) Helsinki
   c) Jakarta
   d) Pristina
   e) Libson

Q.57) The FSSAI comes under which of the following ministry?
   a) Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation
   b) Ministry of Women & Child Development
   c) Ministry of Consumer Affairs
   d) Ministry of Food & Public Distribution
   e) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Q.58) Name the nationwide survey of rural India to rank the cleanest and dirtiest States and districts?
   a) Swachh Bharat Grameen
   b) Cleanliness Rank
   c) Swachh Suvaksan Grameen
   d) Swachh Grameen
   e) None of these

Q.59) Which state government has recently dedicated NTPCS 250 MW Solar Power Plant in Suwasra, District Mandsaur to the state?
   a) Maharashtra
   b) Gujarat
   c) Madhya Pradesh
   d) Rajasthan
   e) Bihar

Q.60) Who heads the committee to identify various items and policy interventions to reduce dependence on import?
   a) Suresh Moorthy
   b) Shenu Mehta
   c) P K Sinha
   d) Venkaiah Naidu
   e) Rajkumar MN

Q.61) Approximately, India's import stands at around how much amount per year?
   a) USD 450 billion
   b) USD 180 billion
   c) USD 250 billion
   d) USD 190 billion
   e) USD 100 billion

Q.62) Who has proposed 15-point action plan for combating air pollution in ten most polluted cities in India?
   a) Govt of India
   b) United Nation
   c) Environment Ministry
   d) NITI Aayog
   e) None of these

Q.63) What is the currency of Bahrain?
   a) Pound
   b) Peso
   c) Euro
   d) Dinar
   e) Dinar

Q.64) Who won gold at the 28th Meeting of Shooting Hopes Fire Pistol at the 28th Meeting of Shooting Hopes International championship?
   a) Jitu Rai
   b) Anish Bhanwala
   c) Vijay Kumar
   d) Abhinav Bindra
   e) Ronjan Sodhi

Q.65) Where did the 28th Meeting of Shooting Hopes International championship held?
   a) Bulgaria
   b) Costa Rica
   c) Czech Republic
   d) Colombia
   e) Croatia

Q.66) Name the Indian cricketer who announced his retirement recently from all forms of cricket?
   a) Shreejit Raha
   b) Amit Mishra
   c) Mohammed Kafi
   d) Vinay Kumar
   e) Abhinavm Mithun

Q.67) Where did the 36th Annual Award Ceremony held?
   a) Paris
   b) London
   c) Brussels
   d) New York
   e) Mumbai

Q.68) Name the Indian's richest man, who has replaced Chinese giant Alibaba Group's founder Jack Ma to become Asia's richest person?
   a) Ratan Tata
   b) Mukesh Ambani
   c) Venu Mittal
   d) Priya Singh
   e) None of these

Q.69) Who has constituted a high-level panel on digital cooperation?
   a) Angela Alexia
   b) Narendra Modi
   c) Antonio Guterres
   d) Urjit Patel
   e) Donald Trump

Q.70) Who has approved net neutrality rules which bar service providers from discriminating against Internet content and services?
   a) Bharti Airtel
   b) Telecom Commission
   c) NITI Aayog
   d) Information Technology Ministry
   e) Jio Industries

Q.71) Who has won the lifetime achievement award at the Seatrade 30th Anniversary Award Ceremony?
   a) Pragasa selvam
   b) Rajesh Kumar
   c) Vivekanand
   d) Manu Shankar
   e) Ravi Mehrotra

Q.72) Recently, external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj embarks on a two-day visit to which of the following country, where she also inaugurated the new Chancery cum-Residential complex?
   a) Sweden
   b) Japan
   c) Bahrain
   d) Sri Lanka
   e) Indonesia

Q.73) The Bansagar Canal is located in which of the following state?
   a) Uttar Pradesh
   b) Uttarakhand
   c) Madhya Pradesh
   d) Gujarat
   e) Haryana

Q.74) Who heads the 10 Member Committee to review the penal provisions in the Companies Act, 2013?
   a) Prabhat Kumar
   b) Ajit Seth
   c) Injeti Srinivas
   d) Vishnu Sahay
   e) Drhma Vira

Q.75) The six-lane project Purvanchal highway will be built for much amount in Uttar Pradesh?
   a) Rs 33,000 crore
   b) Rs 18,000 crore
   c) Rs 43,000 crore
   d) Rs 12,000 crore
   e) Rs 23,000 crore

Q.76) Which state government has announced ban on plastic bags, cups and glasses across the state from July 15 onwards?
   a) Gujarat
   b) Uttar Pradesh
   c) Maharashtra
   d) Kerala
   e) Bihar

Q.77) The 'Design University for Gaming' by UNESCO will be established in which of the following city?
   a) Hyderabad
   b) Bengaluru
   c) Visakhapatnam
   d) Chennai
   e) Pune

Q.78) Name the app launched by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, to verify if the person collecting GST from the consumer is eligible to collect or not?
   a) Router GST
   b) GST Verify
   c) GST Check
   d) Need GST
   e) Refer GST

Q.79) India and which of the following country has decided to jointly promote historically and culturally important tourism circuits like the Ramayana and Buddhist Circuit and adventure tourism?
   a) Singapore
   b) Nepal
   c) Malaysia
   d) Sri Lanka
   e) Myanmar

Q.80) The Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumarswamy announced a farm loan waiver of how much amount?
   a) Rs 14,000 crore
   b) Rs 12,000 crore
   c) Rs 30,000 crore
   d) Rs 34,000 crore
   e) Rs 44,000 crore

Q.81) Which of the following airport will be named after Mahatara Bir Bikram Kishor Manikya Bahadur?
   a) Lucknow Airport
   b) Agartala Airport
   c) Dispur Airport
   d) Ranchi Airport
   e) Hyderabad Airport
Q.82) Who heads the panel with the task of choosing a ‘Kerala Ganam’?
   a) Raghava Warrier  b) M Leelavathi
c) Rani George  d) Ramachandran
e) K P Mohanan

Q.83) Who received the National Kalidas Samman in Delhi for visual arts from the Madhya Pradesh government?
a) Indu Sulekha  b) Mekala Kanian
c) Anjolie Ela Menon  d) Vinu Krishnan
e) Naveena Chandran

Q.84) Who launched the app ‘Khan Prahar’? developed by developed by CMPDI, Ranchi a Subsidiary of CIL and Bhaskharcharya Institute of Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG)?
a) Arun Jaitley  b) Suresh Prabhu
c) Prakash Javadekar  d) Piyush Goyal
e) Uma Bharti

Q.85) Which of the following committee has recommended for the project named ‘Sashakt’ to resolve the issue of stressed assets came after NPAs and bad loans seriously affected the Indian banking sector?
   a) YM Malegam committee  b) Sunil Mehta committee
c) Umesh Sinha committee  d) Vinith Singh committee
e) Piyush Kumar committee

Q.86) Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Costa Rica?
   a) Jaideep Sarkar  b) Pradip Kumar Yadav
c) Ravi Thapar  d) Manjeet Singh Puri
e) Sanjay Rana

Q.87) The first ‘Pad Abort’ test was conducted at which of the following space complex?
   a) ANTRIX corporation  b) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
c) ISTRAC ground station  d) Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station
e) CSE

Q.88) Which of the following stock exchange has received permission from capital markets regulator SEBI to start futures and options operations for the year 2018?
   a) NSE  b) BSE
c) CCEA  d) ASE

Q.89) The World’s First Digital Art Museum is in which country?
   a) UAE  b) Qatar
c) Russia  d) Japan  e) Australia

Q.90) The Asia’s first arbitration centre specialised in intellectual property will be launched by?
   a) Tokyo  b) Beijing
c) Seoul  d) New Delhi  e) Mumbai

Q.91) Which of the following state government has launched power bill waiver scheme ‘Sambal’?
   a) Assam  b) Bihar
c) West Bengal  d) Madhya Pradesh
e) Kerala

   a) 120 MW  b) 100 MW
c) 150 MW  d) 200 MW
e) 250MW

Q.93) 19” International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST) 2018 will be held in which of the following country?
   a) Germany  b) UK
c) China  d) India  e) Australia

Q.94) Which of the following bank recently got RBI licence to operate in India?
   a) China Construction Bank Corp  b) Bank of China
c) Mitsubishi Bank  d) Agricultural Bank of China
e) Commercial Bank of China

Q.95) The “Red Corner Notice” has been issued by which of the following organisation against Nirav Modi in connection with the multi-crore PNB scam, recently?
   a) UN  b) RBI
c) GOI  d) ICJ  e) InterPol

Q.96) The CCEA approves how much amount for research in higher education for research and academic infrastructure for higher education institutions by 2022?
   a) Rs.2 lakh crore  b) Rs.1 lakh crore
c) Rs.4 lakh crore  d) Rs.3 lakh crore
e) Rs. 10 lakh crore

Q.97) Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank?
   a) Bank of Maharashtra  b) Axis Bank
c) HDFC Bank  d) YES Bank
e) Bank of India

Q.98) The first ‘Khadi Mall’ of India will be opened in which of the following state?
   a) Telangana  b) Uttar Pradesh
c) Odisha  d) Bihar
e) Kerala

Q.99) The India’s first e-waste recycling unit will be set up in which of the following city?
   a) Mumbai  b) New Delhi
c) Pune  d) Bangalore
e) Chennai

Q.100) The government has approved extension of recapitalisation scheme for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) for how much years?
   a) 2 years  b) 1 year
c) 3 years  d) 4 years
e) 5 years

Q.101) Which organisation plans to organise India’s first ‘Global Mobility Summit 2018’, a help drive? Government’s goals for vehicle electrification, renewable energy integration and job growth and also speed up India’s transition to a clean energy economy?
   a) United Nations  b) Google
c) Apple  d) NITI Aayog
e) GOI

Q.102) The NCDEX has recently launched the app ‘Khan Prahari’ named by?
   a) Vishwanathani  b) Saraswati Prasad
c) Rushabh Gandhi  d) P K Singh
e) T Latha

Q.103) The first ‘Pad Abort’ test was conducted at which of the following space complex?
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c) ISTRAC ground station  d) Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station
e) CSE

Q.104) What is the interest rate for girl child savings scheme “Sukanya Samriddhi account”?
   a) 7.1 percent  b) 6.50 percent
c) 8.1 percent  d) 7.50 percent

Q.105) Name the app launched by Election Commission of India for citizens to report any violation of the model code of conduct during elections?
   a) cVigil  b) EcVote
c) Vote Star  d) Net Vote
e) Vigil

Q.106) The ‘PURNAA’ project was launched by which of the following state to control malnutrition among girl child and adolescents?
   a) Andhra Pradesh  b) Karnataka
c) Gujarat  d) Kerala
e) West Bengal

Q.107) NABARD has sanctioned how much amount in the first quarter of the current fiscal under the RIDF for West Bengal?
   a) Rs 715.33 crore  b) Rs 725.53 crore
c) Rs 735.33 crore  d) Rs 735.33 crore
e) Rs 753.33 crore

Q.108) Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the MSP of how many Kharif crops for 2018-19 season?
   a) 10  b) 12
c) 15  d) 14  e) 16

Q.109) Which is the first oil public sector undertaking (PSU) to adopt an online legal compliance system by introducing ‘Legatrick’?
   a) Mangalore Refinery  b) Tatipaka Refinery
c) Numaligarh Refinery Ltd  d) Mathura Refinery
e) Jamnagar Refinery

Q.110) Who has been appointed as the head of UNMOGP?
   a) U Thant  b) Javier Perez de Cuellar
c) Jose Eladio Alcain  d) Dag Hammarskjold
e) Trygve Lie

Q.111) Globally, which of the following airport ranked the best with 94.5 percent in on-time performance by the OAG report?
   a) Haneda Airport  b) Hong Kong International Airport
c) Heathrow Airport  d) Nagoya Komaki airport
e) Zurich Airport

Q.112) What is the rank of India in terms of money parked by its citizens and companies with Swiss banks?
   a) 87  b) 73
c) 32  d) 53  e) 79

Q.113) Who has been appointed as the Non-Executive part-time chairman of ICICI Bank?
   a) Sandeep Bakhshi  b) Vishakha Mulye
c) Vijay Chidambaram  d) GK Chaturvedi
e) Lok Ranjan

Q.114) Who has been appointed as the chairman of Payments Council of India?
   a) Vishwas Patra  b) Naveen Surya
c) Lokesh Singh  d) Sam Mehta
e) John Jebraj

Q.115) According to Bloomberg Billionaires Index, who is the third-richest person in the world?
   a) Bill Gates  b) Jeff Bezos
c) Mark Zuckerberg  d) Warren Buffett
e) Mukesh Ambani

Q.116) Who has been appointed as the head of US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)?
   a) Betsy Devos  b) Wilbur Ross
c) Uttam Dhillon  d) Kirstjen Nielsen
e) Rick Perry

Q.117) Who has been appointed as the chairman and managing director of steel PSU SAIL?
   a) Betsy Devos  b) Saraswati Prasad
c) Rashubh Gandhi  d) P K Singh
e) T Latha

Q.118) India defeated which of the following country to emerge as champions of the six-nation Kabaddi Masters Dubai?
   a) Mongolia  b) Iran
c) Iraq  d) Oman  e) Pakistan

Q.119) Which organisation has invested $100 million in Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited, enable Mahindra to boost growth, by extending loans to individuals, including farmers, to buy tractors, vehicles and other equipment, along with financing small and medium enterprises?
   a) ADB  b) RBI
c) IFC  d) NABARD  e) NDB

Q.120) The Tony award winner Liliane Montevecchi, who passed away recently hails from which of the following country?
   a) France  b) India
c) UK  d) Egypt  e) Netherlands

Q.121) The UN member states approved a how much amount budget for 13 peacekeeping operations for the year 2018-19?
   a) Rs 715.33 crore  b) Rs 725.53 crore
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Q.123) Who has been appointed as the Director & GM of United India Insurance?

Q.124) Who has been appointed as the chairperson of National Green Tribunal?

Q.125) Which of the following bank has crossed the milestone of disbursing mortgage loans of over Rs 1.5 trillion?

Q.126) Which of the following state has topped in the list of per capita revenue collection under GST?

Q.127) Where did the ISRO conducted the ground test of high thrust version of the Vikas Engine?

Q.128) India and which of the following country has signed a revised travel agreement to ease visa restrictions?

Q.129) The world's largest integrated Indian Visa Application Center is located in which of the following city?

Q.130) Which country has been selected for the first time to the Human Rights Council, filling the seat vacated by the United States?

Q.131) Until, when the UN Security Council has adopted a resolution to impose an arms embargo on South Sudan?

Q.132) Where is the headquarters of World Customs Organisation located?

Q.133) Who has been appointed as the Head of Investment Banking for HSBC India?

Q.134) Which National football team's captain has won the FIFA Golden Boot 2018?

Q.135) In which of the following stadium FIFA World cup finals 2018 held?

Q.136) By defeating whom Angelique Kerber has won Wimbledon title 2018 in Women's Singles Category?

Q.137) When is the world youth skills day observed?

Q.138) Which of the following state government has signed a revised travel agreement to ease visa restrictions?

Q.139) The government of which country has launched the 'Paudthagiri' campaign?

Q.140) Who has won the Global Indian Icon award?

Q.141) Which state government has launched 'I am not afraid of English' campaign?

Q.142) Which of the following state government plans to get pure and clean water only in 50 districts/litre?

Q.143) China plans to launch how many low-orbit satellites to provide worldwide communication services?

Q.144) Which of the following country has declared a 60-day state of emergency on its border with Colombia?

Q.145) Who is the economic affairs secretary of India?

Q.146) Which of the following company has bought point-of-sale (PoS) business of Zipper?

Q.147) NABARD and which of the following bank has tied up to provide collateral-free credit through Joint Liability Groups in Telangana?

Q.148) Who is the headquarter of OECD located?

Q.149) Who has been appointed as the governor of Himachal Pradesh as the additional charge?

Q.150) Who has won the Global Indian Icon award at the 5th edition of NRI of the Year Awards 2018?

Q.151) The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected a growth rate of India for how much percentage in 2019?

Q.152) Under whose chairmanship, the new committee to synergise NCC and NSS has been framed?

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Q.155) The "Peace Mission" will be organised by which of the following organisation?

Q.156) Which university has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy?

Q.157) The "Peace Mission" will be organised by which of the following organisation?

Q.158) Which of the following bank has launched RuPay Credit Card recently?

Q.159) The government of which country has been elected as the new President of Asian Tug of War Federation for the first time?

Q.160) Which of the following non-banking finance company has received Nabard 2018 award?

Q.161) India's wholesale inflation grew how much percentage in 2019?

Q.162) Which of the following country has topped an annual global ranking of nations' soft power?

Q.163) Which of the following non-banking finance company has received Nabard 2018 award?
Q.178) Who is the author of ‘Lethal White’ Book?

Q.179) How many new events has been added to the 2022 Beijing Winter Games by IOC?

Q.180) Which Indian Javelin player has won gold in the International de Sotteville-les-Rouen?

Q.181) Where did the International de Sotteville-les-Rouen held?

Q.182) Viresh Kunda is related to which of the following sports?

Q.183) The ‘Pitch Black’ warfare exercise will be held in which of the following country?

Q.184) Who hosted the 10th edition of the Delhi Dialogue (DD x) in New Delhi?

Q.185) Which state government has launched ‘Ahar Aziki Sewa Ka’ app for Pensioners?

Q.186) The State Banks (Repeal and Amendment) Bill comes under which of the following?

Q.187) The new denomination note Rs.100 will be bearing the motif of which of the following place?

Q.188) The Elphinstone Road suburban railway bearing the motif of which of the following place?

Q.189) Who is the defence secretary of US?

Q.190) The ‘two-plus-two dialogue’ will be held between India and which of the following country?

Q.191) What is the capital of Ghana?

Q.192) The European Union and which of the following country has signed a huge free trade deal on that cuts or eliminates tariffs on nearly all goods?

Q.193) Where is the headquarters of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?

Q.194) The UNEP has signed with which of the following organisation for monitoring impact of human activity on ecosystem?

Q.195) Who has topped the Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2018?

Q.196) What is the growth forecast of ADB for 2018-19 in India?

Q.197) Who has been appointed as the Chef de Mission (CDM) of the Indian contingent for the upcoming 18th Asian Games?

Q.198) The NMCG has organised the ‘Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan’ in how many main Ganga basin states?

Q.199) India plans to build 1,911 kilometres of international connectivity roads by which of the following year?

Q.200) India plans to build international connectivity roads and border roads with an outlay of how much amount over a period of five years i.e. from 2017-18 to 2021-22 in phased manner?

Q.201) Which of the following state government has recently launched e-Pragati project?

Q.202) Which of the following state government is set to have the country’s first greenfield skill training institute?

Q.203) The entire expenditure of India’s first greenfield skill training institute will be incurred by which of the following institute?

Q.204) Which state government has signed an agreement to implement the Centre’s health Swasthya Sath Swasthya Sathi?

Q.205) The 4th Round of the India-Japan Maritime Affairs Dialogue was held in which of the following city?

Q.206) How many countries are there in BIMSTEC?

Q.207) Recently, which of the following country has recently joined International Solar Alliance?
The following bank has got RBI accounts under the Sukanya Samriddhi Government to

Q.223) According to the Public Affairs Index 2018, which of the following category?

Q.224) What is the world's most expensive goalkeeper Alisson Beckerhails from which of the following country?

Q.225) Sachin Rathi won gold in the Junior Asian Wrestling Championship under which of the following category?

Q.226) Which of the following bank with the fund of how much amount?

Q.227) Lakshyena Senth outskirts to which of the following sports?

Q.228) What is the constituency of Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari?

Q.229) In which state, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has launched development projects worth over five thousand four hundred crore rupees?

Q.230) Which state government has launched 'Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage and Diverse Cultural Traditions of India'?

Q.231) How many member countries are there in the OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries)?

Q.232) What is the minimum annual deposit requirement for accounts under the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana?

Q.233) How much member countries are there in the OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries)?

Q.234) Which of the following is the official mascot of the Tokyo Olympics 2020?

Q.235) Which place hosts the 15th National Youth Athletics Championships?

Q.236) Dhanvir Singh won Gold medal in the ongoing, 15th National Youth Athletics Championships in which event?

Q.237) Who won the German Grand Prix 2018

Q.238) Who will be the head of Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted by central government to suggest ways and legal framework to effectively deal with incidents of mob violence and lynching?

Q.239) The 'Bijli Mitr' mobile app has been launched in which of the following state?

Q.240) When is the 'World Day against Trafficking in Persons' observed?

Q.241) The Medini Puraskar Yojana is beneficial for which of the following category of people?

Q.242) Which of the following bank with the fund of how much amount?

Q.243) Where did the India-Bangladesh Joint Committee on Border Haats held?

Q.244) The cultural exchange programme for the year 2018-22 was signed between India and which of the following country?

Q.245) What is the currency of Uganda?

Q.246) A 'War Room Lawyer Team' was framed by which of the following public sector banks?

Q.247) What is the rank of India in AT Kearney FDI Confidence Index 2018?

Q.248) Who chaired the 2nd National Council meeting on the India's Nutrition Challenges under GoM constituted by central government?

Q.249) Which state government has launched 'Green Mahanadi Mission'?

Q.250) Which country surpassed Saudi Arabia and became the Second Largest Oil Supplier of India?

Q.251) Under the National Dairy Plan (NDP) how much financial assistance have been provided?

Q.252) Where did the Global Disability Summit 2018 held?

Q.253) Which of the following ministry has wing public sector banks?

Q.254) Who leads the Fifteenth Finance Commission?

Q.255) Which country surpassed Saudi Arabia and became the second largest oil supplier of India?

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Q.290) Which state government has launched the Swachh Bharat Mission?
(Amendment) Bill comes under which of the following?

a) 2015
b) 2016
c) 2017
d) 2018
e) 2019

Q.278) The Odisha government has allocated how much amount for Rukura Medium Irrigation Dam project with cost sharing ratio of how much percentage between centre and states?

a) Rs 300 crore b) 50:50
c) Rs 250 crore d) 60:40
e) Rs 300 crore e) 70:30

Q.279) Which of the following committee has been formed a panel to review 3rd party motor cover costs?

a) SS Nadkarni Committee b) NABARD
c) Viswanathan Committee d) IRDA
e) None of these

Q.280) Who is the National Security Adviser of India?

a) Ranjit Kumar b) Rajiv Gauba
c) R. Chidambaram d) Pratap Kumar
e) None of these

Q.281) Who has been declared victory in Pakistan's general election?

a) Imran Khan b) Mamnoon Hussain
c) Shehbaz Sharif d) B.N. Srikrishna Committee
e) None of these

Q.282) Which of the following ministers has released the #InnovateIndia Platform?

a) SS Nadkarni Committee b) NABARD
c) Viswanathan Committee d) IRDA
e) None of these

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c) R. Chidambaram d) Pratap Kumar
e) None of these

Q.284) When is the World Hepatitis Day observed?

a) July 21 b) July 24
c) July 29 d) July 26
e) July 28

Q.285) Muskan Kirar is related to which of the following sports?

a) Football b) Archery
c) Cricket d) Squash
e) Badminton

ENGLISH VOCABULARY

1) Abeyance
Meaning: A state of temporary disuse or suspension.
Example: “A dispute between the two parties entered a state of abeyance pending further negotiations.”

2) Remarkable
Meaning: Worthy of attention; striking.
Example: “A remarkable coincidence”
Synonyms: Extraordinary, Amazing
Antonyms: Ordinary, Commonplace

3) Salutary
Meaning: (especially with reference to something unwelcome or unpleasant) producing good effects; beneficial.
Example: “It failed to draw salutary lessons from the nation’s military experience”
Synonyms: Beneficial, Valuable
Antonyms: Unwelcome, Irrelevant

4) Alling
Meaning: Experiencing difficulty and problems.
Example: “The country’s ongoing economy.”

5) Waived
Meaning: Refrain from insisting on or using (a right or claim).
Example: “He will waive all rights to the money”
Synonyms: Relinquish, Renounce
Antonyms: Claim, Pursue

6) Snarls
Meaning: Entangle something.
Example: “The trailing lead got snarled up in a baleful bush”
Synonyms: Tangle, Entwine
Antonyms: Untangle

7) Flawed
Meaning: Having or characterized by a fundamental weakness or imperfection.
Example: “A fatally flawed strategy”
Synonyms: Unsound, Defective
Antonyms: Sound

8) Buoyancy
Meaning: A high level of activity in an economy or stock market.
Example: “There is renewed buoyancy in the demand for steel”
Synonyms: Vigour, Strength
Antonyms: Depression

9) Allay
Meaning: Diminish or put at rest (fear, suspicion, or worry).
Example: “The report attempted to educate the public and allay fears”
Synonyms: Reduce, Diminish
Antonyms: Increase, Intensify

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10) Inciting
Meaning: Encourage or stir up (violent or unlawful behaviour).
Example: “They conspired to incite riots”
Synonyms: Encourage, Provoke
Antonyms: Suppress, Dissuade
11) Coup
Meaning: A sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government.
Example: “He was overthrown in an army coup”
Synonyms: Takeover, Deposition
Antonyms: Election
12) Spectre
Meaning: Something widely feared as a possible unpleasant or dangerous occurrence.
Example: “The spectre of nuclear holocaust”
Synonyms: Threat, Menace
Antonyms: Absence, reality
13) Abolition
Meaning: The action of abolishing a system, practice, or institution.
Example: “The abolition of the death penalty”
Synonyms: Ending, Stopping
Antonyms: Retention, Creation
14) Impeach
Meaning: Charge (the holder of a public office) with misconduct.
Example: “Congressional moves to impeach the president”
Synonyms: Indict, Charge
Antonyms: Absolve, Approve
15) Conflict
Meaning: A serious incompatibility between two or more opinions, principles, or interests.
Example: “There was a conflict between his business and domestic life”
Synonyms: Clash, Incongruity
Antonyms: Harmony
16) Cordial
Meaning: Warm and friendly.
Example: “the atmosphere was cordial and relaxed”
Synonyms: Friendly, Genial
Antonyms: Unfriendly
17) Diversity
Meaning: A range of different things.
Example: “newspapers were obliged to allow a diversity of views to be printed”
Synonyms: Variety, Assortment
Antonyms: Uniformity
18) Truce
Meaning: An agreement between enemies or opponents to stop fighting or arguing for a certain time.
Example: “the guerrillas called a three-day truce”
Synonyms: Ceasefire, Armistice
Antonyms: Fighting
19) Lethal
Meaning: Very harmful or destructive.
Example: “the Krakatoa eruption was the most lethal on record”
Synonyms: Fatal, Mortal
Antonyms: Harmless, Safe
20) Fragile
Meaning: Easily destroyed or threatened.
Example: “you have a fragile grip on reality”
Synonyms: Tenuous, Unreliable
Antonyms: Stable, Secure
21) Slipped
Meaning: Pass or change to a lower, worse, or different condition, typically in a gradual or imperceptible way.
Example: “many people feel standards have slipped”
Synonyms: Decline, Degenerate
Antonyms: Improve, Rise
22) Conflict
Meaning: A prolonged armed struggle.
Example: “regional conflicts”
Synonyms: War, Action
Antonyms: Peace
23) Enact
Meaning: Make (a bill or other proposal) law.
Example: “legislation was enacted to attract international companies”
Synonyms: Pass, Approve
Antonyms: Repeal

24) Retained
Meaning: Continue to have (something); keep possession of.
Example: “Labour retained the seat”
Synonyms: Keep, Maintain
Antonyms: Lose, Abolish

25) Proviso
Meaning: A condition or qualification attached to an agreement or statement.
Example: “he let his house with the proviso that his own staff should remain to run it”
Synonyms: Condition, Stipulation
Antonyms: Deficit, Overload

26) Exhaustive
Meaning: Including or considering all elements or aspects; fully comprehensive.
Example: “the guide outlines every bus route in exhaustive detail”
Synonyms: Comprehensive, Complete
Antonyms: Perfunctory, Incomplete

27) Trivial
Meaning: Of little value or importance.
Example: “huge fines were imposed for trivial offences”
Synonyms: Unimportant, Insignificant
Antonyms: Important, Significant

28) Diminish
Meaning: Make or become less.
Example: “the new law is expected to diminish the government’s chances”
Synonyms: Decrease, Decline
Antonyms: Increase

29) Undermined
Meaning: Lessen the effectiveness, power, or ability of, especially gradually or insidiously.
Example: “this could undermine years of hard work”
Synonyms: Impede, Threaten
Antonyms: Enhance, Improve

30) Embrace
Meaning: Include or contain (something) as a constituent part.
Example: “his career embraces a number of activities—composing, playing, and acting”
Synonyms: Include, Involve
Antonyms: Exclude

31) Spectacular
Meaning: Strikingly large or obvious.
Example: “the party suffered a spectacular loss in the election”
Synonyms: Impressive, Remarkable
Antonyms: Unimpressive

32) Ghastly
Meaning: Causing great horror or fear.
Example: “one of the most ghastly crimes ever committed”
Synonyms: Terrible, Frightful
Antonyms: Satisfactory

33) Shoddy
Meaning: Badly made or done.
Example: “we’re not paying good money for shoddy goods”
Synonyms: Poor-quality, Inferior
Antonyms: Well made, Carful

34) Ambitious
Meaning: (of a plan or piece of work) intended to satisfy high aspirations and therefore difficult to achieve.
Example: “an ambitious enterprise”
Synonyms: Difficult, Exacting
Antonyms: Unambitious, Easy

35) Desires
Meaning: Strongly wish for or want (something).
Example: “he never achieved the status he so desired”
Synonyms: Want, Crave
Antonyms: Unwanted

36) Affluent
Meaning: (especially of a group or area) having a great deal of money; wealthy.
Example: “the affluent societies of the western world”
Synonyms: Wealthy, Rich
Antonyms: Poor

37) Feasible
Meaning: Possible and practical to do easily or conveniently.
Example: “the Dutch have demonstrated that it is perfectly feasible to live below sea level”
Synonyms: Practicable, Practical
Antonyms: Impractical, Impossible

38) Proliferation
Meaning: Rapid reproduction of a cell, part, or organism.
Example: “we attempted to measure cell proliferation”
Synonyms: Spread, Escalation
Antonyms: Decrease

39) Legitimising
Meaning: Make legitimate.
Example: “voters legitimize the government through the election of public officials”
Synonyms: Validate, Legitimate
Antonyms: Outlaw

40) Fuelling
Meaning: Sustain or inflame (an intense feeling).
Example: “his resignation fuelled speculation of an imminent cabinet reshuffle”
Synonyms: Stimulate, Encourage
Antonyms: Dampen

41) Amplified
Meaning: Enlarge upon or add detail to (a story or statement).
Example: “the states amplify information contained in the statement”
Synonyms: Expand, Develop
Antonyms: Condense

42) Concealed
Meaning: Admit or agree that something is true after first denying or resisting it.
Example: “I had to concede that I’d overreacted”
Synonyms: Accept, Acknowledge
Antonyms: Deny

43) Diverging
Meaning: (of an opinion, theory, or approach) differ.
Example: “the coverage by the columnists diverged from that in the main news stories”
Synonyms: Diverge, Disagree
Antonyms: Agree

44) Inevitable
Meaning: Certain to happen; unavoidable.
Example: “war was inevitable”
Synonyms: Unavoidable, Certain
Antonyms: Avoidable, Uncertain

45) Impression
Meaning: An idea, feeling, or opinion about something or someone, especially one formed without conscious thought or on the basis of little evidence.
Example: “his first impressions of Manchester were very positive”
Synonyms: Apprehension, Intuition
Antonyms: Source, Cause

46) Diminished
Meaning: Make or become less.
Example: “the new law is expected to diminish the government’s chances”
Synonyms: Decrease, Decline
Antonyms: Increase

47) Imperative
Meaning: Of vital importance; crucial.
Example: “immediate action was imperative”
Synonyms: Important, Crucial
Antonyms: Unimportant, Optional

48) Rugged
Meaning: (of clothing, equipment, etc.) strongly made and capable of withstanding rough handling.
Example: “The binoculars are compact, lightweight, and rugged”
Synonyms: Durable, Robust
Antonyms: Flimsy, Fragile
49) Bureaucratic
Meaning: Relating to a system of government in which most of the important decisions are taken by state officials rather than by elected representatives.
Example: “Well-established bureaucratic procedures”
Synonyms: Administrative, Official
Antonyms: Simple, Relaxed
50) Woes
Meaning: Things that cause sorrow or distress; troubles.
Example: “to add to his woes, customers have been spending less”
Synonyms: Trouble, Problem
Antonyms: Advantage, Comfort
51) Wrangling
Meaning: Having a long, complicated dispute or argument.
Example: “The bureaucrats continue wrangling over the fine print”
Synonyms: Argue, Quarrel
Antonyms: Agree
52) Affirms
Meaning: State emphatically or publicly.
Example: “He affirmed the country’s commitment to peace”
Synonyms: Declare, State
Antonyms: Deny
53) Anarchy
Meaning: A state of disorder due to absence or non-recognition of authority or other controlling systems.
Example: “He must ensure public order in a country threatened with anarchy”
Synonyms: Nihilism, Revolution
Antonyms: Government, Order
54) Legitimate
Meaning: Able to be defended with logic or justification; valid.
Example: “A legitimate excuse for being late”
Synonyms: Valid, Admissible
Antonyms: Invalid, Unjustifiable
55) Negated
Meaning: Deny the existence of.
Example: “Negating the political nature of education”
Synonyms: Deny, Dispute
Antonyms: Confirm, Ratify
56) Abide
Meaning: Accept or act in accordance with (a rule, decision, or recommendation).
Example: “I said I would abide by their decision”
Synonyms: Obey, Observe
Antonyms: Flout, Reject
57) Impartial
Meaning: Treating all rivals or disputants equally.
Example: “The minister cannot be impartial in the way that a judge would be”
Synonyms: Unbiased, Neutral
Antonyms: Biased, Partisan
58) Esteem
Meaning: Respect and admiration.
Example: “He was held in high esteem by colleagues”
Synonyms: Respect, Admiration
Antonyms: Disrespect
59) Chaos
Meaning: Complete disorder and confusion.
Example: “Snow caused chaos in the region”
Synonyms: Disorder, Disarray
Antonyms: Order, Orderliness
60) Fortune
Meaning: Favoured by or involving good luck; lucky.
Example: “She’d been fortunate to escape serious injury”
Synonyms: Lucky, Favoured
Antonyms: Unfortunate
61) Mischief
Meaning: Playful misbehaviour, especially on the part of children.
Example: “She’ll make sure Danny doesn’t get into mischief”
Synonyms: Badness, Misbehaviour
Antonyms: Solemnity
62) Endure
Meaning: Remain in existence; last.
Example: “These cities have endured through time”
Synonyms: Last, Live
Antonyms: Fade, Short-lived
63) Imposing
Meaning: Grand and impressive in appearance.
Example: “An imposing 17th-century manor house”
Synonyms: Impressive, Striking
Antonyms: Unimposing, Modest
64) Amicably
Meaning: Characterized by friendliness and absence of discord.
Example: “Amicable settlement of the dispute”
Synonyms: Friendly, Cordial
Antonyms: Unfriendly, Hostile
65) Disputes
Meaning: A disagreement or argument.
Example: “A territorial dispute between the two countries”
Synonyms: Debate, Discussion
Antonyms: Agreement
66) Euphoric
Meaning: Characterized by or feeling intense excitement and happiness.
Example: “An euphoric sense of freedom”
Synonyms: Happy, Gleeful
Antonyms: Miserable
67) Perils
Meaning: Serious and immediate danger.
Example: “You could well place us both in peril”
Synonyms: Danger, Risk
Antonyms: Safety, Secur
68) Upheavals
Meaning: A violent or sudden change or disruption to something.
Example: “Major upheavals in the financial markets”
Synonyms: Disruption, Trouble
Antonyms: Stability, Tranquillity
69) Escalating
Meaning: Increase rapidly.
Example: “The price of tickets escalated”
Synonyms: Mount, Surge
Antonyms: Plunge
70) Endorsement
Meaning: The action of endorsing someone or something.
Example: “The issue of full independence received overwhelming endorsement”
Synonyms: Support, Approval
Antonyms: Opposition
71) Dismantle
Meaning: Take (a machine or structure) to pieces.
Example: “The engines were dismantled and the bits piled into a heap”
Synonyms: Disconstruct, Disassemble
Antonyms: Assemble, Build
72) Akin
Meaning: Of similar character.
Example: “Something akin to gratitude overwhelmed her”
Synonyms: Similar, Related
Antonyms: Unlike
73) Intensified
Meaning: Become or make more intense.
Example: “The dispute began to intensify”
Synonyms: Escalate, Boost
Antonyms: Lessen, Abate
74) topsy-turvy
Meaning: In a state of confusion.
Example: “The topsy-turvy months of the invasion”
Synonyms: Disorderly, Confused
Antonyms: Neat, Ordered
75) Autocracies
Meaning: A state or society governed by one person with absolute power.
Example: “The Grand Duchy of Tuscany was an autocracy”
Synonyms: Dystopia, Despotism
Antonyms: Democracy
76) Dictatorships
Meaning: Government by a dictator.
Example: “The effects of forty years of dictatorship”
Synonyms: Despotism, Autocracy
Antonyms: Democracy
77) Turmoil
Meaning: A state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty.
Example: “The country was in turmoil”
Synonyms: Confusion, Tumult
Antonyms: Calm, Peace
78) Reveal
Meaning: Make (previously unknown or secret information) known to others.
Example: “Brenda was forced to reveal Robbie’s whereabouts”
Synonyms: Divulge, Disclose
Antonyms: Hide, Conceal
79) Upbraiding
Meaning: Find fault with (someone); scold.
Example: “He was upbraided for his slovenly appearance”
Synonyms: Reprimand, Rebuke
Antonyms: Congratulate
80) Detriment
Meaning: A cause of harm or damage.
Example: “Such tests are a detriment to good education”
Synonyms: Harm, Damage
Antonyms: Benefit, Good
81) Succumbing
Meaning: Fail to resist pressure, temptation, or some other negative force.
Example: “We cannot merely give up and succumb to despair”
Synonyms: Yield, Surrender
Antonyms: Resist, Conquer
82) Invoking
Meaning: Cite or appeal to (someone or something) as an authority for an action or in support of an argument.
Example: “The antiquated defence of insanity is rarely invoked in England”
Synonyms: Cite, Adduce
Antonyms: Waive
83) Extremism
Meaning: The holding of extreme political or religious views; fanaticism.
Example: “The dangers of religious extremism”
Synonyms: Fanaticism, Radicalism
Antonyms: Moderation
84) Conviction
Meaning: A formal declaration by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge in a court of law that someone is guilty of a criminal offence.
Example: “She had a previous conviction for a similar offence”
Synonyms: Sentence, Judgement
Antonyms: Acquittal
85) Judicious
Meaning: Having, showing, or done with good judgement or sense.
Example: “The judicious use of public investment”
Synonyms: Wise, Canny
Antonyms: Injudicious, Foolish
86) Scarcity
Meaning: The state of being scarce or in short supply; shortage.
Example: “A time of scarcity”
Synonyms: Shortage, Dearth
Antonyms: Abundance, Excess
87) Unjust
Meaning: Not based on or behaving according to what is morally right and fair.
Example: “Resistance to unjust laws”
Synonyms: Biased, Unfair
Antonyms: Just, Fair
88) Cynical
Meaning: Doubtful as to whether something will happen or whether it is worthwhile.
Example: “Most residents are cynical about efforts to clean mobsters out of their city”
Synonyms: Sceptical, Doubtful
Antonyms: Optimistic, Credulous
89) Enthusiasm
Meaning: Intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval.
Example: “Her energy and enthusiasm for life”
Synonyms: Eagerness, Keenness
Antonyms: Apathy
90) Rebellion
Meaning: The action or process of resisting authority, control, or convention.
Example: “An act of teenage rebellion”
Synonyms: Defiance, Dissent
Antonyms: Obedience
91) Upheaval
Meaning: A violent or sudden change or disruption to something.
Example: “Major upheavals in the financial markets”
Synonyms: Disruption, Upset
Antonyms: Stability, Tranquillity
92) Bickering
Meaning: Argue about petty and trivial matters.
Example: “Couples who bicker over who gets what from the divorce”
Synonyms: Squabble, Argue
Antonyms: Agree
93) Mitigated
Meaning: Lessen the gravity of (an offence or mistake).
Example: “He would have faced a prison sentence but for mitigating circumstances”
Synonyms: Palliative, Exonerative
Antonyms: Aggravating
94) Disruptions
Meaning: Disturbance or problems which interrupt an event, activity, or process.
Example: “The scheme was planned to minimize disruption.”
Synonyms: Disturbance, Confusion
Antonyms: Calm, Order
95) Nursed
Meaning: Take special care of, especially to promote development or well-being.
Example: “Our political unity needs to be protected and nursed.”
Synonyms: Encourage, Nurture
Antonyms: Neglect, Hinder
96) Temptation
Meaning: The desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise.
Example: “He resisted the temptation to call Celia at the office.”
Synonyms: Desire, Urge
Antonyms: Dislike, Hate
97) Inclined
Meaning: Be favourably disposed towards or willing to do something.
Example: “He was inclined to accept the offer.”
Synonyms: Disposed, Minded
Antonyms: Discinlined
98) Wreck
Meaning: Spoil completely.
Example: “An eye injury wrecked his chances of a professional career.”
Synonyms: Ruin, Spoil
Antonyms: Facilitate
99) Innate
Meaning: Inborn; natural.
Example: “Her innate capacity for organization”
Synonyms: Inborn, Natural
Antonyms: Acquired
100) Betrayal
Meaning: The action of betraying one’s country, a group, or a person; treachery.
Example: “The betrayal by the French of their own refugees”
Synonyms: Disloyalty, Perfidy
Antonyms: Loyalty, Faithfulness
101) Aversion
Meaning: A strong dislike or disinclination.
Example: “They made plain their aversion to the use of force.”
Synonyms: Hatred, Loathing
Antonyms: Liking, Desire
102) Antithetical
Meaning: Directly opposed or contrasted; mutually incompatible.
Example: “People whose religious beliefs are antithetical to mine”
Synonyms: Contrary to, Unlike
Antonyms: Same, Identical
103) Fringe
Meaning: The outer, marginal, or extreme part of an area, group, or sphere of activity.
Example: “His uncles were on the fringes of crooked activity.”
Synonyms: Unconventional, Unorthodox
Antonyms: Mainstream, Middle
104) Dismal
Meaning: Pitifully or disgracefully bad.
Example: “He shuddered as he watched his team’s dismal performance.”
Synonyms: Bad, Poor
Antonyms: Excellent
105) Hectic
Meaning: Full of incessant or frantic activity.
Example: “A hectic business schedule”
Synonyms: Frantic, Furious
Antonyms: Leisurely, Quiet
106) Persuaded
Meaning: Induce (someone) to do something through reasoning or argument.
Example: “It wasn’t easy, but I persuaded him to do the right thing.”
Synonyms: Make, Get
Antonyms: Dissuade, Discourage
107) Capricious
Meaning: Changing according to no discernible rules; unpredictable.
Example: “A capricious climate.”
Synonyms: Variable, Unstable
Antonyms: Stable, Consistent
108) Predilections
Meaning: A preference or special liking for something; a bias in favour of something.
Example: “Your predilection for pretty girls.”
Synonyms: Liking, Preference
Antonyms: Dislike, Discrimination
109) Confrontation
Meaning: A hostile or argumentative situation or meeting between opposing parties.
Example: “A confrontation with the legislature.”
Synonyms: Conflict, Clash
Antonyms: Calm, Peace
110) Manifested
Meaning: Be evidence of; prove.
Example: “His industrial relations are often manifested in strikes.”
Synonyms: Evidence, Indicate
Antonyms: Mask, Deny
111) Vigour
Meaning: Energy, effort, and enthusiasm.
Example: “They set about the new task with vigour.”
Synonyms: Hardiness, Robustness
Antonyms: Weakness, Lethargy
112) Revel
Meaning: Gain great pleasure from (a situation).
Example: “He was secretly revelling in his new-found fame.”
Synonyms: Adore, Appreciate
Antonyms: Hate
113) Adjudicator
Meaning: A person who adjudicates.
Example: “The proposal to close the school will have to go before an adjudicator.”
Synonyms: Arbitrator, Arbi
Antonyms: Fighter
114) Sustained
Meaning: Strengthen or support physically or mentally.
Example: “This thought had sustained him throughout the years.”
Synonyms: Comfort, Assist
Antonyms: Torment, Plague
115) Desperately
Meaning: Used to emphasize the extreme degree of something.
Example: “He desperately needed a drink.”
Synonyms: Severely
Antonyms: Slightly
116) Conf erred
Meaning: Grant (a title, degree, benefit, or right).
Example: “The Minister may have exceeded the powers conferred on him by Parliament.”
Synonyms: Converse, Consult
Antonyms: Withhold, Remove
117) Dubious
Meaning: Hesitating or doubting.
Example: “I was rather dubious about the whole idea.”
Synonyms: Doubtful, Uncertain
Antonyms: Certain, Definite
118) Reconcile
Meaning: Make or show to be compatible.
Example: “The agreement had to be reconciled with the city’s new international relations policy.”
Synonyms: Harmonize, Square
Antonyms: Mismatch, Confuse
119) Triumph
Meaning: Achieve a victory; be successful.
Example: “They had no chance of triumphing over the Nationalists.”
Synonyms: Win, Succeed
Antonyms: Lose, Fail
120) Coup
Meaning: A sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government.
Example: “He was overthrown in an army coup.”
Synonyms: Overthrow, Takeover
Antonyms: Election
121) Elite
Meaning: A select group that is superior in terms of ability or qualities to the rest of a group or society.
Example: “The elite of Britain’s armed forces.”
Synonyms: Best, Pick
Antonyms: Dregs
122) Articulate
Meaning: Having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently.
Example: “She was not very articulate.”
Synonyms: Eloquent, Fluent
Antonyms: Inarticulate, Hesitant
123) Oppression
Meaning: The state of being subject to oppressive treatment.
Example: “A response to collective poverty and oppression.”
Synonyms: Persecution, Abuse
Antonyms: Freedom, Democracy
124) Ridiculed
Meaning: Subject to contemptuous and dismissive language or behaviour.
Example: “His theory was ridiculed and dismissed.”
Synonyms: Deride, Mock
Antonyms: Praise
125) Requisite
Meaning: Made necessary by particular circumstances or regulations.
Example: “The application will not be processed until the requisite fee is paid”
136) Toiling
Meaning: Work extremely hard or incessantly.
Example: "We toiled away"
Syonyms: Labour, Travel
Antonyms: Rest, Relax
127) Explicit
Meaning: Stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt.
Example: "The arrangement had not been made explicit"
Synonyms: Clear, Direct
Antonyms: Assist, Help
129) Erstwhile
Meaning: Former.
Example: "The erstwhile president of the company"
Synonyms: Former, Old
Antonyms: Present, Future
130) Rigour
Meaning: The quality of being extremely thorough and careful.
Example: "His analysis is lacking in rigour"
Synonyms: Thoroughness, Diligence
Antonyms: Carelessness
131) Equity
Meaning: The quality of being fair and impartial.
Example: "Equity of treatment"
Synonyms: Essential, Crucial
Antonyms: Unimportant, Peripheral
134) Barred
Meaning: Prevent or prohibit (someone) from doing something or from going somewhere.
Example: "The journalists had been barred from covering the elections"
Synonyms: Prohibit, Debar
Antonyms: Allow, Accept
135) Discrimination
Meaning: The unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, age.
Example: "Victims of racial discrimination"
Synonyms: Prejudice, Bias
Antonyms: Impartiality
136) Upheld
Meaning: Maintain (a custom or practice).
Example: "they upheld a tradition of not causing distress to living creatures"
Synonyms: Maintain, Sustain
Antonyms: Abandon
137) Repealed
Meaning: Revoke or annul (a law or act of parliament).
Example: "The legislation was repealed five months later"
Synonyms: Revoke, Cancel
Antonyms: Introduce, Enact
138) Ostensibly
Meaning: As appears or is stated to be true, though not necessarily so; apparently.
Example: "the party secretary resigned, ostensibly from ill health"
Synonyms: Apparent, Seemingly
Antonyms: Genuine, Really
139) Redundant
Meaning: Not or no longer needed or useful; superfluous.
Example: "an appropriate use for a redundant church"
Synonyms: Unnecessary, Inessential
Antonyms: Essential, Necessary
140) Stoop
Meaning: (of a rise or fall in an amount) very large or rapid.
Example: "the steep rise in unemployment"
Synonyms: Sharp, Sudden
Antonyms: Gradual
141) Thrivd
Meaning: Prosper, flourish.
Example: "education groups thrive on organization"
Synonyms: Flourish, Prosper
Antonyms: Decline, Stagnate
142) Harm
Meaning: Actual or potential ill effects or danger.
Example: "there's no harm in asking her"
Synonyms: Evil, Badness
Antonyms: Good
143) Persistent
Meaning: Continuing firmly or obstinately in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.
Example: "one of the government's most persistent critics"
Synonyms: Tenacious, Resolute
Antonyms: Irresolute
144) Latitude
Meaning: Scope for freedom of action or thought.
Example: "Journalists have considerable latitude in criticizing public figures"
Synonyms: Freedom, Scope
Antonyms: Constraint, Restriction
145) Incongruity
Meaning: The state of being incongruous; incompatible.
Example: "The incongruity of his hulking face and skinny body disturbed her"
Synonyms: Dissonance, Difference
Antonyms: Appropriateness
146) Predecessors
Meaning: A person who held a job or office before the current holder.
Example: "the new President's foreign policy is very similar to that of his predecessor"
Synonyms: Precuror, Antecedent
Antonyms: Successor
147) Bolster
Meaning: Support or strengthen.
Example: "in his euphoria, he had become bolstered confidence"
Synonyms: Strengthen, Support
Antonyms: Undermine
148) Stiff
Meaning: Severe or strong.
Example: "they face stiff fines and a possible jail sentence"
Synonyms: Harsh, Severe
Antonyms: Lenient, Mild
149) Zealous
Meaning: Having or showing zeal.
Example: "the council was extremely zealous in criticizing public figures"
Synonyms: Fervent, Ardent
Antonyms: Apathetic, Indifferent
150) Revered
Meaning: Feel deep respect or admiration for (something).
Example: "the council was extremely zealous in criticizing public figures"
Antonyms: Respect, Admire
151) Myriad
Meaning: Countless or extremely great in number.
Example: "he gazed at the myriad lights of the city"
Synonyms: Innumerable, Countless
Antonyms: Countable, Limited
152) Revive
Meaning: Give new strength or energy to.
Example: "the cool, refreshing water revived us all"
Synonyms: Reinvigorate, Revitalize
Antonyms: Torpey
153) Outstanding
Meaning: Exceptionally good.
Example: "the team's outstanding performance"
Synonyms: Excellent, Marvelous
Antonyms: Mediocre, Unexceptional
154) Workmanlike
Meaning: Showing efficient competence but not inspiration.
Example: "a steady, workmanlike approach"
Synonyms: Efficient, Competent
Antonyms: Amateurish
155) Clinical
Meaning: Very efficient and without feeling; coldly detached.
Example: "nothing was left to chance— everything was clinical"
Synonyms: Detached, Impersonal
Antonyms: Emotional
156) Doughty
Meaning: Brave and persistent.
Example: "his doughty spirit kept him going"
Synonyms: Fearless, Dauntless
Antonyms: Timid
157) Marshallled
Meaning: Assemble and arrange (a group of people, especially troops) in order.
Example: "the general marshalled his troops"
Synonyms: Gather, Assembly
Antonyms: Disperse, Scatter
158) Disgrace
Meaning: Loss of reputation or respect as the result of a dishonourable action.
Example: "he left the army in disgrace"
Synonyms: Shame, Outrage
Antonyms: Honour, Glory
159) Resilience
Meaning: The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.
Example: "the very remarkable resilience of so many British institutions"
Synonyms: Flexibility, Ability
Antonyms: Rigidity, Weakness
160) Euphoria
Meaning: A feeling or state of intense excitement and happiness.
Example: "in his euphoria, he had become convinced he could defeat them"
Synonyms: Elation, Happiness
Antonyms: Misery, Depression
161) Concern
Meaning: Anxiety; worry.
Example: "Carole gazed at her with concern"
Synonyms: Anxiety, Worry
Antonyms: Serenity, Indifference
162) Ceded
Meaning: Give up (power or territory).
Example: "in 1874, the islands were ceded to Britain"
Synonyms: Surrender, Concede
Antonyms: Keep, Gain
163) Deflate
Meaning: Bring about a general reduction of price levels in (an economy).
Example: "the budget deflated the economy"
Synonyms: Reduce, Diminish
Antonyms: Inflate
164) Quickened
Meaning: Make or become faster or quicker.
Example: "she quickened her pace, desperate to escape"
Synonyms: Accelerate, Hasten
Antonyms: Slow
165) Reassuring
Meaning: Say or do something to remove the doubts and fears of (someone).
Example: "the reassurance of..."
Example: “he understood her feelings and tried to reassure her”
Synonyms: Encourage, Hearten
Antonyms: Alarm, Unnerve

166) Undermine
Meaning: Lessen the effectiveness, power, or ability of, especially gradually or insidiously
Example: “This could undermine years of hard work”
Synonyms: Subvert, Weaken
Antonyms: Enhance, Improve

167) Desolate
Meaning: Feeling or showing great unhappiness or loneliness.
Example: “I suddenly felt desolate and bereft”
Synonyms: Miserable, Sad
Antonyms: Joyful

168) Repeal
Meaning: Remove from a position of authority or dominance.
Example: “he dethroned the defending title-holder”
Synonyms: Depose, Oust
Antonyms: Enthrone, Crown

169) Slump
Meaning: A period of substantial failure or decline.
Example: “Arsenal’s recent slump”
Synonyms: Worsen, Slowdown
Antonyms: Boom, Upturn

170) Flatter
Meaning: Not showing much activity; sluggish.
Example: “the UK housing market was flat”
Synonyms: Slow, Inactive
Antonyms: Busy

171) Eyesore
Meaning: A thing that is very ugly, especially a building.
Example: “the office crumpled into an eyesore”
Synonyms: Defect, Mess
Antonyms: Vision

172) Exaggerated
Meaning: Represent (something) as being larger, better, or worse than it really is.
Example: “she was apt to exaggerate any aches and pains”
Synonyms: Overstate, Overestimated
Antonyms: Underestimate, Understate

173) Humiliation
Meaning: The action of humiliating someone or the state of being humiliated.
Example: “They suffered the humiliation of losing in the opening round”
Synonyms: Embarrassment, Mortification
Antonyms: Honour

174) Compassion
Meaning: Sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferers or misfortunes of others.
Example: “The victims should be treated with compassion”
Synonyms: Pity, Sympathy
Antonyms: Indifference, Heartlessness

175) Mourned
Meaning: Feel regret or sadness about (the loss or disappearance of something).
Example: “Publishers mourned declining sales of hardback fiction”
Synonyms: Deplore, Bewail
Antonyms: Rejoice

176) Encompass
Meaning: Include comprehensively.
Example: “no studies encompass all sectors of medical care”
Synonyms: Cover, Embrace
Antonyms: Exclude, Loose

177) Benign
Meaning: Gentle and kind.
Example: “His benign but firm manner”
Synonyms: Kindly, Gentle
Antonyms: Unfriendly, Hostile

178) Praise
Meaning: Express warm approval or admiration of.
Example: “We can’t praise Chris enough—he did a brilliant job”
Synonyms: Commend, Applaud
Antonyms: Criticize, Condemn

179) Innocuous
Meaning: Not harmful or offensive.
Example: “It was an innocuous question”
Synonyms: Harmless, Safe
Antonyms: Harmful, Obnoxious

180) Inflated
Meaning: Increase (something) by a large or excessive amount.
Example: “Objectives should be clearly set out so as not to duplicate work and inflate costs”
Synonyms: Increase, Raise
Antonyms: Decrease, Depress

181) Disastrous
Meaning: Causing great damage.
Example: “A disastrous fire swept through the museum”
Synonyms: Catastrophic, Calamitous
Antonyms: Fortunate, Successful

182) Intangible
Meaning: Difficult or impossible to define or understand; vague and abstract.
Example: “The rose symbolized something intangible about their relationship”
Synonyms: Indefinable, Inexpressible
Antonyms: Clear

183) Pride
Meaning: The quality of having an excessively high opinion of oneself or one’s importance.
Example: “She was too proud in her ruler was pride”
Synonyms: Arrogance, Vanity
Antonyms: Modesty, Humility

184) Upward
Meaning: A loud and impassioned noise or disturbance.
Example: “The room was in an uproar”
Synonyms: Turmoil, Disorder
Antonyms: Calm

185) Treason
Meaning: The crime of betraying one’s country, especially by attempting to kill or overthrow the sovereign or government.
Example: “They were convicted of treason”
Synonyms: Treachery, Betrayal
Antonyms: Allegiance, Loyalty

186) Controversy
Meaning: Prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion.
Example: “The design of the building has caused controversy”
Synonyms: Disagreement, Dispute
Antonyms: Agreement, Accord

187) Consensus
Meaning: A general agreement.
Example: “There is a growing consensus that the current regime has failed”
Synonyms: Agreement, Harmony
Antonyms: Disagreement

188) Indictment
Meaning: A formal charge or accusation of a serious crime.
Example: “An indictment for conspiracy”
Synonyms: Charge, Accusation
Antonyms: Acquittal

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201) Comprehensive
Meaning: Of large content or scope; wide-ranging.
Example: “A comprehensive collection of photographs”
Synonyms: Inclusive, Complete
Antonyms: Partial, Selective

202) Penance
Meaning: Subject to a penalty or punishment.
Example: “High-spending councils will be penalized”
Synonyms: Punish, Disciple
Antonyms: Reward

203) Bigotry
Meaning: Intolerance towards those who hold different opinions from oneself.
Example: “the difficulties of combating prejudice and bigotry”
Synonyms: Prejudice, Bias
Antonyms: Tolerance

204) Faintest
Meaning: (of a hope or chance) possible but unlikely; slight.
Example: “there is a faint chance that the enemy may flee”
Synonyms: Slight, Small
Antonyms: Great

205) Demonstrate
Meaning: Clearly show the existence or truth of (something) by giving proof or evidence.
Example: “there is irrefutable evidence to demonstrate their ineptitude”
Synonyms: Reveal, Indicate
Antonyms: Hide

206) Abstained
Meaning: Formally decline to vote either for or against a proposal or motion.
Example: “forty-one voted with the Opposition, and some sixty more abstained”
Synonyms: Refuse, Decline
Antonyms: Join

207) Defiance
Meaning: Open resistance; bold disobedience.
Example: “an act of defiance”
Synonyms: Resistance, Opposition
Antonyms: Submission, Obedience

208) Rival
Meaning: A person or thing competing with another for the same objective or for superiority in the same field of activity.
Example: “he has no serious rival for the job”
Synonyms: Competent, Challenger
Antonyms: Partner, Ally

209) Far-sighted
Meaning: Showing a prudent awareness of future possibilities.
Example: “far-sighted ideas on education”
Synonyms: Prudent, Canny
Antonyms: Short-sighted

210) Integral
Meaning: Necessary to make a whole complete; essential or fundamental.
Example: “games are an integral part of the school’s curriculum”
Synonyms: Essential, Basic
Antonyms: Incidental, Peripheral

211) Weakening
Meaning: Make or become weaker in power, resolve, or physical strength.
Example: “fault lines had weakened and shattered the rocks”
Synonyms: Enfeebles, Debilitate
Antonyms: Strengthen, Increase

212) Negate
Meaning: Deny the existence of.
Example: “negating the political nature of education”
Synonyms: Deny, Dispute
Antonyms: Confirm, Ratify

213) Anxiety
Meaning: A feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome.
Example: “he felt a surge of anxiety”
Synonyms: Worry, Concern
Antonyms: Calmness, Serenity

214) Moribund
Meaning: (of a thing) in terminal decline; lacking vitality or vigour.
Example: “the moribund commercial property market”
Synonyms: Sustain, Dying
Antonyms: Flourishing

215) Vague
Meaning: Of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or meaning.
Example: “many patients suffer vague symptoms”
Synonyms: Indistinct, Indefinite
Antonyms: Clear, Precise

216) Impunity
Meaning: Exemption from punishment or freedom from the injurious consequences of an action.
Example: “the impunity enjoyed by military officers implicated in civilian killings”
Synonyms: Immunity, Amnesty
Antonyms: Liability, Responsibility

217) Reliable
Meaning: Consistently good in quality or performance; able to be trusted.
Example: “a reliable source of information”
Synonyms: Dependable, Good
Antonyms: Unreliable, Dodgy

218) Enfeebles
Meaning: Make weak or feeble.
Example: “trade unions are in an enfeebled state”
Synonyms: Weaken, Disable
Antonyms: Strengthen

219) Bitter
Meaning: (of a conflict, argument, or opponent) full of anger and acrimony.
Example: “a bitter five-year legal battle”
Synonyms: Virulent, Angry
Antonyms: Amicable

220) Brutal
Meaning: Savage, violent.
Example: “a brutal murder”
Synonyms: Savage, Vicious
Antonyms: Gentle, Humane

221) Upholding
Meaning: Maintain (a custom or practice).
Example: “they upheld a tradition of not causing distress to living creatures”
Synonyms: Maintain, Sustain
Antonyms: Abandon

222) Indiscriminately
Meaning: In a random manner; unsystematically.
Example: “his armies slaughtered men, women, and children indiscriminately”
Synonyms: Randomly, Aimlessly
Antonyms: Selectively, Systematically

223) Dissolute
Meaning: (of a person or a way of life) overindulging in sensual pleasures.
Example: “unfortunately, his heir was reckless and dissolute”
Synonyms: Dissipated, Debauched
Antonyms: Ascetic

224) Provincial
Meaning: Of or concerning a province of a country or empire.
Example: “provincial elections”
Synonyms: Rural, Outlying
Antonyms: National, Metropolitan

225) Overwhelming
Meaning: Very great in amount.
Example: “his party won overwhelming support”
Synonyms: Profuse, Enormous
Antonyms: Small

226) Slashed
Meaning: Reduce (a price, quantity, etc.) greatly.
Example: “the workforce has been slashed by 2,000”
Synonyms: Reduce, Drop
Antonyms: Raise, Create

227) Stimulant
Meaning: A thing that arouses activity or energy in someone or something; a spur or incentive.
Example: “if the tax were abolished, it would act as a stimulus to exports”
Synonyms: Spur, Stimulant
Antonyms: Deterrent, Discouragement

228) Fret
Meaning: Cause anxiety to.
Example: “his absence during her times awake began to fret her”
Synonyms: Trouble, Concern
Antonyms: Comfort

229) Compliance
Meaning: The state or fact of according with or meeting rules or standards.
Example: “all imports of timber are in compliance with regulations”
Synonyms: Obedience
Antonyms: Violation, Infringement

Example: “the feeling that someone or something cannot be relied upon.”
Synonyms: Mistrust, Suspicion
Antonyms: Trust

232) Friction
Meaning: Conflict or animosity caused by a clash of wills, temperaments, or opinions.
Example: “a considerable amount of friction between father and son”
Synonyms: Discord, Variance
Antonyms: Harmony

233) Override
Meaning: Use one’s authority to reject or cancel.
Example: “the courts will ultimately override any objections”
Synonyms: Disallow, Overrule
Antonyms: Allow, Accept

234) Dissenting
Meaning: Hold or express opinions that are at variance with those commonly or officially held.
Example: “two members dissented from the majority”
Synonyms: Diverge, Differ
Antonyms: Assent, Agree

235) Recognise
Meaning: Identify from knowledge of appearance or character. Acknowledge the existence, validity, or legality of.
Example: “the defence is recognized in British law”
Synonyms: Identify, Admit
Antonyms: Forget, Overlook

236) Relied
Meaning: Depend on with full trust or confidence.
Example: “I know I can rely on your discretion”
Synonyms: Depend, Count
Antonyms: Trust

237) Paralysis
Meaning: Inability to act or function properly.
Example: “the paralysis gripping the country”
Synonyms: Shutdown, Stoppage

238) Arbitrary
Meaning: Based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system.
Example: “an arbitrary decision”
Synonyms: Random, Chance
Antonyms: Rational, Reasoned

239) Attest
Meaning: Witness or certify formally.
Example: “the witnesses must attest and sign the will in the testator’s presence”
Synonyms: Certify, Confirm
Antonyms: Disprove

240) Perception
Meaning: Intuitive understanding and insight.
Example: “he wouldn’t have accepted,” said my mother with unusual perception”
Synonyms: Insight, Perceivance
Antonyms: Misunderstanding, Misconception

241) Derided
Meaning: Express contempt for; ridicule.
Example: “the decision was derided by environmentalists”
Synonyms: Ridicule, Mock
Antonyms: Respect, Praise

242) Unravelled
Meaning: Become undone.
Example: “part of the crew neck had unravelled”
Synonyms: Fail, Collapse
Antonyms: Succeed

243) Vile
Meaning: Extremely unpleasant.
Example: “he has a vile temper”
Synonyms: Unpleasant, Bad
Antonyms: Pleasant
244) Tenuous
Meaning: Very weak or slight.
Example: “the tenuous link between interest rates and investment”
Synonyms: Fragile, Suspect
Antonyms: Strong, Substantial
245) Delicate
Meaning: Very fine in texture or structure; of intricate workmanship or quality.
Example: “a delicate lace shawl”
Synonyms: Fine, Elegant
Antonyms: Coarse, Coarse
246) Cherished
Meaning: Hold (something) dear.
Example: “I cherish the letters she wrote”
Synonyms: Treasure, Prize
Antonyms: Neglect
247) Prohibit
Meaning: Formally forbid (something) by law, rule, or other authority.
Example: “All ivory trafficking between nations is prohibited”
Synonyms: Forbid, Ban
Antonyms: Permit, Authorize
248) Intrinsically
Meaning: Belonging naturally; essential.
Example: “Access to the arts is intrinsic to a high quality of life”
Synonyms: Inherent, Innate
Antonyms: Extrinsic, Acquired
249) Further Clues
Meaning: The advancement of a scheme or interest.
Example: “The court held that the union’s acts were not in furtherance of a trade dispute”
Synonyms: Promotion, Advancement
Antonyms: Hindrance
250) Cliff
Meaning: A steep rock face, especially at the edge of the sea.
Example: “A coast path along the top of rugged cliffs”
Synonyms: Precipice, Rock face
Antonyms: Double, Duplication
251) Forbidden
Meaning: Not allowed; banned.
Example: “A list of forbidden books”
Synonyms: Prohibited, Taboo
Antonyms: Permitted, Legal
252) Homogenizing
Meaning: Make consistent or compatible.
Example: “Plans to harmonize the railways of Europe”
Synonyms: Coordinate, Systematize
Antonyms: Imbalance
253) Acrimonious
Meaning: (Typically of speech or discussion) angry and bitter.
Example: “an acrimonious dispute about wages”
Synonyms: Bitter, Caustic
Antonyms: Happy, Pleasant
254) Dogmatic
Meaning: Inclined to lay down principles as undeniable true.
Example: “She was not tempted to be dogmatic about what she knew”
Synonyms: Opinionsated, Assertive
Antonyms: Tentative, Open-minded
255) Subtle
Meaning: (Especially of a change or distinction) so delicate or precise as to be difficult to analyze or describe.
Example: “His language expresses rich and subtle meanings”
Synonyms: Fine, Nice
Antonyms: Crude
256) Profound
Meaning: Of a person or statement) having or showing great knowledge or insight.
Example: “A profound philosopher”
Synonyms: Wise, Learned
Antonyms: Superficial, Stupid
257) Exclusion
Meaning: The process of excluding or the state of being excluded.
Example: “He had a hand in my exclusion from the committee”
Synonyms: Barring, Ban
Antonyms: Acceptance, Inclusion
258) Professed
Meaning: Hold out or put forward (something) to someone for acceptance.
Example: “She professed a glass of wine”
Synonyms: Offer, Tender
Antonyms: Refuse, Withdraw
259) Shattered
Meaning: Upset (someone) greatly.
Example: “Everyone was shattered by the news”
Synonyms: Devastate, Shock
Antonyms: Please, Excite
260) Hoary
Meaning: Overused and unoriginal; trite.
Example: “The hoary old adage often used by Fleet Street editors”
Synonyms: Trite, Banal
Antonyms: Original
261) Empirical
Meaning: Based on, concerned with, or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic.
Example: “They provided considerable empirical evidence to support their argument”
Synonyms: Seen, Actual
Antonyms: Theoretical
262) Rout
Meaning: A decisive defeat.
Example: “The party lost more than half their seats in the rout”
Synonyms: Defeat
Antonyms: Victory
263) Perpetual
Meaning: Never ending or changing.
Example: “Deep caves in perpetual darkness”
Synonyms: Eternal, Permanent
Antonyms: Transitory, Temporary
264) Bizarre
Meaning: Very strange or unusual.
Example: “A bizarre situation”
Synonyms: Strange, Peculiar
Antonyms: Ordinary, Normal
265) Unprecedented
Meaning: Never done or known before.
Example: “The government took the unprecedented step of releasing confidential correspondence”
Synonyms: Unparalleled, Unequaled
Antonyms: Normal, Common
266) Wield
Meaning: Have and be able to use (power or influence).
Example: “Faction leaders wielded enormous influence within the party”
Synonyms: Exercise, Exert
267) Conciliatory
Meaning: Intended or likely to placate or pacify.
Example: “A conciliatory approach”
Synonyms: Placatory, Peacemaking
Antonyms: Belligerent, Aggressive
268) Reiterated
Meaning: Say something again or a number of times, typically for emphasis or clarity.
Example: “She reiterated that the government would remain steadfast in its support”
Synonyms: Repeat, Restate
Antonyms: Take Back
269) Vitriolic
Meaning: Filled with bitter criticism or malice.
Example: “Vitriolic attacks on the politicians”
Synonyms: Bitter, Caustic
Antonyms: Pleasant, Kind
270) Emphasized
Meaning: Give special importance or value to (something) in speaking or writing.
Example: “They emphasize the need for daily, one-to-one contact between parent and child”
Synonyms: Highlight, Spotlight
Antonyms: Understate, Play down
271) Exposed
Meaning: A person who supports an idea or theory and tries to persuade people of its truth or benefits.
Example: “An early exponent of the teachings of Thomas Aquinas”
Synonyms: Advocate, Supporter
Antonyms: Critic, Opponent
272) Intrigued
Meaning: Arouse the curiosity or interest of; fascinate.
Example: “I was intrigued by your question”
Synonyms: Interest, Fascinate
Antonyms: Bore
273) Debris
Meaning: Scattered pieces of rubbish or remains.
Example: “Workmen were clearing the roads of the debris from shattered buildings”
Synonyms: Rubbish, Rubbish
Antonyms: Sense, Purity
274) Glib
Meaning: (Of words or a speaker) fluent but insincere and shallow.
Example: “The glib phrases soon roll off the tongue”
Synonyms: Slick, Pat
Antonyms: Sincere, Inarticulate
275) Idolatrous
Meaning: Relating to or practising idolatry; idol-worshipping.
Example: “Idolatrous religions”
Synonyms: Pagan, Idol-worshipping
Antonyms: Vilifying
276) Dreads
Meaning: Anticipate with great apprehension or fear.
Example: “Jane was dreading the party”
Synonyms: Fear, Be afraid of
Antonyms: Look forward to
277) Vernacular
Meaning: The language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people of a country or region.
Example: “He wrote in the vernacular to reach a larger audience”
Synonyms: Cant, Slang
Antonyms: Formal language, Latin
278) Motley
Meaning: Incongruously varied in appearance or character; disparate.
Example: “A motley crew of discontentors and zealots”
Synonyms: Miscellaneous, Disparate
Antonyms: Homogeneous, Uniform
279) Subjugate
Meaning: Bring under domination or control, especially by conquest.
Example: “They invaded and soon subjugated most of the population”
Synonyms: Conquer, Vanquish
Antonyms: Liberate
280) Arbitration
Meaning: The use of an arbitrator to settle a dispute.
Example: “Tayside Regional Council called for arbitration to settle the dispute”
Synonyms: adjudication, Mediation
281) Frightening
Meaning: Make (someone) afraid or anxious.
Example: “The savagery of his thoughts frightened him”
Synonyms: Scare, Startle
Antonyms: Reassure, Comfort
282) Insulting
Meaning: State positively and assertively.
Example: “The chairman insisted that all was not doom and gloom”
Synonyms: Insult, Injury
Synonyms: Maintain, Assert
Antonyms: Reply, Forget
283) Redeems
Meaning: Compensate for the faults or bad aspects of.
Example: "A disappointing debate redeemed only by an outstanding speech".
Synonyms: Save, Compensate for the defects of.
Antonyms: Disregard, Ignore
284) Pegged
Meaning: Fix (a price, rate, or amount) at a particular level.
Example: "The dividend was pegged at 23.59p".
Synonyms: Unavailable, Unchanged,
Antonyms: Release, Detach
285) Spearheaded
Meaning: Lead (an attack or movement).
Example: "He's spearheading a campaign to reduce the number of accidents at work".
Synonyms: Lead, Head.
Antonyms: Misguide
286) Protest
Meaning: A statement or action expressing disapproval or objection to something.
Example: "The British team lodged an official protest".
Synonyms: Objection, Exception.
Antonyms: Approval
287) Distress
Meaning: extreme anxiety, sorrow, or pain.
Example: "To his distress he saw that she was trembling".
Synonyms: Anguish, Suffering.
Antonyms: Advantage
288) Opted
Meaning: Make a choice from a range of possibilities.
Example: "Consumers will opt for low-priced goods".
Synonyms: Choose, Select.
Antonyms: Refuse, Reject
289) Admonished
Meaning: Advise or urge (someone) earnestly.
Example: "She admonished him to drink no more than one glass of wine".
Synonyms: Advice, Recommend.
Antonyms: Permit.
290) Suffice
Meaning: Be enough or adequate.
Example: "A quick look should suffice".
Synonyms: Be enough, Be sufficient.
Antonyms: Dissatisfy
291) Remuneration
Meaning: Money paid for work or a service.
Example: "They work in excess of their contracted hours for no additional remuneration".
Synonyms: Payment, Pay.
Antonyms: Punish
292) Endeavour
Meaning: Try hard to do or achieve something.
Example: "He is endeavouring to help the Third World".
Synonyms: Try, Attempt.
Antonyms: Effort
293) Outlay
Meaning: An amount of money spent on something.
Example: "A modest outlay on local advertising".
Synonyms: Expenditure, Expenses.
Antonyms: Savings.
294) Concomitant
Meaning: Naturally accompanying or associated.
Example: "She loved travel, with all its concomitant worries".
Synonyms: Attendant, Accompanying.
Antonyms: Chance
295) Onerous
Meaning: (Of a task or responsibility) involving a great deal of effort, trouble, or difficulty.
Example: "He found his duties increasingly onerous".
Synonyms: Burdensome, Heavy.

Q.7) PMLA, 2002 is an Act of the Parliament of India enacted by the NDA government to prevent money-laundering and to provide for confiscation of property derived from money-laundering. In the term PMLA, "L" stands for?
   a) Laundering       b) Lending       c) Linked       d) Labour
   e) Loan
   Q.8) A POS generally means any location where a sale or transaction may take place. In the term POS, "P" stand for?
   a) Point       b) Participant       c) Private       d) Public
   e) Product

Q.10) EFSF is a special purpose vehicle financed by members of the eurozone to address the European sovereign-debt crisis. It was agreed by the Council of the European Union. In the term EFSF, second "F" stands for?
   a) Financial       b) Facility       c) Federation       d) Finance
   e) Fiscal

Q.11) A RML is a type of home loan for older homeowners that requires no monthly mortgage payments. Borrowers are still responsible for property taxes and homeowner’s insurance.
   a) Reverse       b) Reserve       c) Return       d) Regional
   e) Registration

Q.12) ROA is an indicator of how profitable a company is relative to its total assets. In the term ROA, "R" stands for?
   a) Revenue       b) Reconstruct       c) Ratio       d) Reverse
   e) Risk

Q.13) ROE is the amount of net income returned as a percentage of shareholders equity ROE is also known as ROWN measures a corporation’s profitability by revealing how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested. In the term ROE, “E” stands for?
   a) Equity       b) Equalized       c) External       d) Enforcement
   e) Entrepreneurship

Q.14) RTGS is an electronic form of funds transfer where the transmission takes place on a real time basis. In the term RTGS, “T” stands for?
   a) Time       b) Transfer       c) Treasury       d) Transaction
   e) Transmit

Q.15) The SAARC was founded in Dhaka on 8 December 1985. Its secretariat is based in Kathmandu, Nepal. The organization promotes development of economic and regional integration. In the term SAARC, “S” stands for?
   a) South       b) Segment       c) Small       d) Social
   e) Society

Q.16) The SAC is formerly known as the Refugee Settlement Advisory Councils a body appointed by the Minister for Social Services that provides advice to the government on migrant settlement and social cohesion. In the term SAC, “S” stands for?
   a) Supports       b) South       c) Strategic       d) Security
   e) State

Q.17) The SAFTA is an agreement reached at the 12th SAARC summit in Islamabad, Pakistan to reduce customs duties of all traded goods to zero by the year 2016. In the term SAFTA, “F” stands for?
   a) Free       b) Fiscal

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c) Financial d) Fund
e) Freedom
Q.18) The Agreement on SAPTA which envisages the creation of a Preferential Trading Area among the seven-member states of the SAARC, namely Bangladesh, Butan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka was signed in Dhaka in April 1993. In the term SAPTA, “A” stands for?
a) Agreement b) Business
c) Asian d) Assignment
e) Affirmation
Q.19) SDR are supplementary foreign-exchange reserves defined and maintained by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In the term SDR, “S” stands for?
a) Special b) Simplified
c) Solved d) Small
e) Society
Q.20) The SEBI is the regulator for the securities market in India. It was established in the year 1988 through the SEBI Act, 1992. In the term SEBI, “E” stands for?
a) Exchange b) External
c) Enforcement d) Erfild
e) Emerged
Q.21) SGSY is a Vikas initiative launched by the Government of India to provide sustainable income to poorest of the poor people living in rural & urban areas of the country. In the term SGSY, “G” stands for?
a) Gram b) Global
c) Gramin d) Gross
e) Group
Q.22) SHGs are small groups of poor people. SHGs promote small savings among their members. In the term SHGs, “S” stands for?
a) Self b) Small
c) Society d) Special
e) Group
Q.23) SIDBI is a development financial institution in India, headquartered at Lucknow and having its offices all over the country. In the term SIDBI, “S” stands for?
a) Small b) State
c) Schemes d) Selective
e) Society
Q.24) SLR is the Indian government term for the reserve requirement that the commercial banks in India are required to maintain in the form of cash, gold reserves, government approved securities before providing credit to the customers. In the term SLR, “S” stands for?
a) Statutory b) Stability
c) Stable d) Simplified
e) Schedule
Q.25) SMEs are non-subsidiary, independent firms which employ fewer than a given number of employees. In the term SME, “E” stands for?
a) Enterprises b) Economic
c) Exchange d) Enforcement
e) Employment
Q.26) IBA has set up a SPNS or SWADHAN network of ATMs of its member banks in Mumbai. In the term SPNS, “P” stands for?
a) Payment b) Processing
c) Programme d) Partial
e) Property
Q.27) T Bills are zero coupon securities and pay no interest. Rather, they are issued at a discount (at a reduced amount) and redeemed given back money at the face value at maturity. In the term T Bills, “T” stands for?
a) Trade b) Treasury
c) Trust d) Tribal
e) Tax
Q.28) TDS as per the Income Tax Act, any company or person making a payment is required to deduct tax at source if the payment exceeds certain threshold limits. In the term TDS, “D” stands for?
a) Deduction b) Debit
c) Deduced d) Development
e) Drawing
Q.29) A number which is used to identify entities for tax-related purposes such as filing tax returns, or other actions such as opening a bank account. In the term TIN, “T” stands for?
a) Taxpayer b) Transaction
c) Tax d) Treaty
e) Technical
Q.30) The RPSD was launched in June 1992 with a view to strengthen and streamline the PDS as well as to improve its reach in the far-flung, hilly, remote and inaccessible areas where a substantial section of the poor live. In the term RPSD, “P” stands for?
a) Public b) Property
c) Purpose d) Payment
e) Programme
Q.31) UTI Mutual Fund is the oldest and one of the largest mutual funds in India with over 10 million investor accounts under its 230 domestic schemes / plans as on September 30, 2017. In the term UTI, “U” stands for?
a) Unit b) Unified
c) Uniform d) United
e) Universe
Q.32) VAT is a consumption tax placed on a product whenever value is added at each stage of the supply chain, from production to the point of sale. In the term VAT, “V” stands for?
a) Value b) Valued
c) Variable d) Venture
e) Voluntary
Q.33) VCFs are investment funds that manage the money of investors who seek private equity stakes in start-up and small- to medium-sized enterprises with strong growth potential. In the term VCFs, “C” stands for?
a) Capital b) Credit
c) Companies d) Control
e) Customs
Q.34) CFFP was a system created by the United States Federal Reserve Board during the Global financial crisis of 2008 to improve liquidity in the short-term funding markets. In the term CFFP, second “F” stands for?
a) Fidelity b) Foreign
c) Facility d) Funding
e) Federal
Q.35) Cash credit and WCDL both are used to meet short term cash needs of a business. In the term WCDL, “W” stands for?
a) Working b) Ways
c) Wholesale d) Wide
e) None of these
Q.36) The WHO 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. In the term WHO, “H” stands for?
a) Health b) House
c) Home d) High
e) Hindu
Q.37) An APR is the rate charged for borrowing or earned through an investment, and is expressed as a percentage that represents the actual yearly cost of funds over the term of a loan. In the term APR, “A” stands for?
a) Annual b) Asian
c) Automated d) Automatic
e) Association
Q.38) KYC (alternatively know your client or “KYC”) is the process of a business verifying the identity of its clients and assessing potential risks of illegal intentions for its business relationship. In the term KYC, “K” stands for?
a) Kisan b) Know
c) Knowledge d) Known
e) Kaushal
Q.39) A LAF is a tool used in monetary policy that allows banks to borrow money through repurchase agreements. In the term LAF, “F” stands for?
a) Function b) Facility
c) Financial d) Funds
e) Free
Q.40) The LBS was introduced in 1969 to provide lead roles to individual banks (both in public sector and private sector) for the districts allotted to them. In the term LBS, “L” stands for?
a) Settlement b) Sample
c) Standard d) Security
e) Scheme
Q.41) A LC, also known as a documentary credit, bankers commercial credit, is a payment mechanism used in international trade to perform the same economic function as a guarantee, by allocating risk undertaken by contracting parties. In the term LC, “L” stands for?
a) Letter b) Local
c) Liquidity d) London
e) Line
Q.42) Libor is a benchmark rate that some of the world’s leading banks charge each other for short-term loans. In the term Libor, “L” stands for?
a) Interbank b) Insurance
c) Interest d) Ink
e) Investment
Q.43) A LOC is an arrangement between a financial institution, usually a bank, and a customer, that established the maximum amount of a loan that the customer can borrow. In the term LOC, “O” stands for?
a) Credit b) Corporation
c) Capital d) Commission
e) Character
Q.44) NSSO is responsible for conducting socio-economic surveys. The surveys on Consumer Expenditure, Employment – Unemployment, Social Consumption (Health, Education etc.), Manufacturing Enterprises, Service Sector Enterprises are carried out once in 5 years by the NSSO. In the term NSSO, “N” stands for?
a) National b) Net
c) Neutral d) Normalised
e) Network
Q.45) The amount of capital and the type of capital (Tier 1 & 2) a bank holds in relation to its total weighted assets is a crucial input to the mechanism in which rating agencies use to assess a bank’s capital adequacy and its subsequent credit rating. In the term MCR, “M” stands for?
a) Minimum b) Market
c) Micro d) Marginal
e) Mutual
Q.46) MCR is a technology used to verify the legitimacy or originality of paper documents, especially checks. Special ink, which is sensitive to magnetic fields, is used in the printing of documents. In the term MCR, “M” stands for?
a) Ink b) Investment
c) Intermediate d) Innovative
e) Interest
Q.47) The MIGA is an international financial institution which offers political risk insurance and credit enhancement guarantees. What does MIGA stand for?
a) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency b) Minnesota Indian Gaming Association
c) Make It Go Away d) Mid-Infrared Galaxy Atlas
e) Multilateral International Guarantee Agency
Q.48) A MMDA is a high-yield savings account that allows depository financial institutions to be more competitive with money market mutual funds. In the term MMDA, “D” stands for?
a) Deposits b) Draft
c) Domestic d) Disclosure
e) Debenture
Q.49) MSSF is a monetary policy intervention by the RBI to withdraw excess liquidity (or money supply) by selling government securities in the economy. In the term MSSF, “M” stands for?
a) Market b) Margin
|Q.50| NABARD is an apex development financial institution in India, headquartered at Mumbai with regional offices all over India. In the term NABARD, “N” stands for?
a) National  
b) Legal  
c) Net  
d) Number  
e) Netted

|Q.51| NACHA, is a non-profit membership association charged with overseeing the Automated Clearing House (ACH) system, which operates one of the largest, safest and most reliable payment systems in the world. In the term NACHA, “A” stands for?
a) Automated  
b) Amount  
c) America  
d) Accelerating  
e) Asset

|Q.52| NAFTA has been beneficial to the North American economies and the average citizen, but harmed a small minority of workers in industries exposed to trade competition. In the term NAFTA, “T” stands for?
a) Time  
b) Treaty  
c) Trading  
d) Trade  
e) Telegraphic

|Q.53| NAIS in India is highly susceptible to risks like droughts and floods. It is necessary to protect the farmers from natural calamities and ensure their credit eligibility for the next season. In the term NAIS, “S” stands for?
a) Security  
b) Sector  
c) Segment  
d) Scheme  
e) Stabilisation

|Q.54| NAV is value per share of a mutual fund or an Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF) on a specific date or time. In the term NAV, “V” stands for?
a) Valuation  
b) Vikas  
c) Value  
d) Venture  
e) Venture

|Q.55| NBC is computation of Banks Loans & Advances Portfolio for purpose of arriving at eligibility amount for lending to Priority Sectors. In the term NBC, “B” stands for?
a) Net  
b) Bank  
c) Number  
d) National  
e) Numeric

|Q.56| NBCFs are financial institutions that offer various banking services, but do not have a banking license. Generally, these institutions are not allowed to take deposits from the public, which keeps them outside the scope of traditional oversight required under banking regulations. In the term NBCFs, “B” stands for?
a) Banking  
b) Basel  
c) Banker  
d) Base  
e) Balance

|Q.57| NCAER is a New Delhi based non-profit think tank of economics with financial support from the Ford Foundation, Finance Ministry and Tata Sons. In the term NCAER, “N” stands for?
a) Non  
b) Normally  
c) National  
d) Network  
e) Nationalized

|Q.58| A NCC is needed for payments to an account without an IBAN. If you do not have the Payee’s account details in this format, please ask the Payee to supply them. In the term NCC, “N” stands for?
a) Non  
b) Net  
c) Nationalized  
d) National  
e) Network

|Q.59| NCLT is a quasi-judicial body in India that adjudicates issues relating to Indian companies it was established under the Companies Act 2013.In the term NCLT, “C” stands for?
a) Counter  
b) Company  
c) Credit  
d) Certificate  
e) Convertible

|Q.60| NDA refers to the value of overseas assets owned by a nation, minus the value of its domestic assets that are owned by foreigners, adjusted for changes in valuation and exchange rates. In the term NDA, “D” stands for?
a) Development  
b) Dual  
c) Domestic  
d) Debentures  
e) Dealer

|Q.61| NDTL is used by banks for computation of CRR, SLR and now LAF. In the term NDTL, “L” stands for?
a) Liability  
b) Law  
c) Loan  
d) Laundering  
e) Local

|Q.62| NHB, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India, was set up on 9 July 1988 under the NHB Act, 1987. NHB is an apex financial institution for housing. In the term NHB, “H” stands for?
a) Human  
b) Henry  
c) HUDCO  
d) Housing  
e) Hereditary

|Q.63| NIA is a piece of paper which entitles a person to a sum of money and which is transferable from one person to another by mere delivery or by endorsement and delivery. In the term NIA, “I” stands for?
a) Network  
b) National  
c) Negotiable  
d) North  
e) Hereditary

|Q.64| NNP refers to GNP, i.e. the total market value of all the final goods and services produced by the factors of production of a country or other polity during a given time period, minus depreciation. In the term NNP, “P” stands for?
a) Product  
b) Purchase  
c) Price  
d) Primary  
e) Power

|Q.65| A NPA is an asset that is in default or is in arrears on scheduled payments of principal or interest. In the term NPA, “A” stands for?
a) Acceptance  
b) Attorney  
c) Area  
d) Asset  
e) Absolute

|Q.66| NRE can be defined as an account that allows transfer or conversion of Indian currency across borders in an effective manner and is also equipped with options to avail various types of saving schemes in India. In the term NRE, “E” stands for?
a) Employment  
b) Economic  
c) External  
d) Exposures  
e) Exporting

|Q.67| NRI refers only to the tax status of a person who, as per section 6 of the Income-tax Act of 1961, has not resided in India for a specified period for the purposes of the Income Tax Act. In the term NRI, “I” stands for?
a) Interest  
b) Instrument  
c) Indian  
d) Internal  
e) Impact

|Q.68| A NRRN account could be opened and maintained by any person resident Saving, Current, Recurring, or Fixed deposit account. In the term NRRN, the first “R” stands for?
a) Report  
b) Resident  
c) Repatriable  
d) Return  
e) Reserve

|Q.69| An NRS savings account is where you can maintain and manage your income earned in India such as rent, dividends, pension etc. In the term NRS, “O” stands for?
a) Overdraft  
b) Operations  
c) Ordinary  
d) Oriental  
e) Overseas

|Q.70| The NSE of India Limited is the leading stock exchange of India, located in Mumbai. In the term NSE, “S” stands for?
a) Network  
b) Nationalized  
c) Negotiable  
d) Number  
e) National

|Q.71| NSC is a premier, non-profit, self-financing and tripartite apex body at the national level in India. In the term NSC, “S” stands for?
a) Statistical  
b) Stock  
c) Small  
d) Stabilisation  
e) Safety

|Q.72| NSIC Limited is a Mini Ratna PSU established by the Government of India in 1953. It falls under Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises of India. In the term NSIC, “S” stands for?
a) Sanction  
b) Sheet  
c) Shipment  
d) Small  
e) Sector

|Q.73| NSS has a duration of four years to be further offered tax rebates under Section 88 of the Income Tax Act, 1961. NSS do not offer any premature withdrawal facility except in case of the scheme holder’s death. In the term NSS, first “S” stands for?
a) Security  
b) Sector  
c) Settlement  
d) Scheme  
e) Savings

|Q.74| The NSSO headed by a Director General is responsible for conduct of large scale sample surveys in diverse fields on All India basis. In the term NSSO, “O” stands for?
a) Overseas  
b) Over  
c) Operation  
d) Organisation  
e) Origin

|Q.75| An OD allows the individual to continue withdrawing money from the account. If the account has no funds in it or not enough to cover the withdrawal. In the term OD, “O” stands for?
a) Overseas  
b) Over  
c) Operation  
d) Organisation  
e) Oil

|Q.76| ARC is a process that allows paper checks to be electronically scanned and converted into an electronic payment through the Ach. In the term ARC, “R” stands for?
a) Regulation  
b) Reconstruction  
c) Receivable  
d) Reserve  
e) Recovery

|Q.77| The OTC refers to stocks that trade via a dealer network as opposed to a centralized exchange. In the term OTC, “O” stands for?
a) Over  
b) Oriental  
c) Open  
d) Onshore  
e) Oil

|Q.78| The OMO is the most flexible and most comprehensive tool that the Fed uses to implement and control monetary policy in the United States. In the term OMO, “M” stands for?
a) Measure  
b) Margin  
c) Marginal  
d) Market  
e) Merging

|Q.79| The OMT is the most flexible and the most comprehensive tool that the Fed uses to implement and control monetary policy in the United States. In the term OMT, “O” stands for?
a) Over  
b) Oriental  
c) One  
d) Over  
e) Overseas

|Q.80| OTS means when the loan turns in to NPA according to RBI guidelines bank has to make provision on it. OTS is a process of settling the loan account, which generally has slipped into NPA. In the term OTS, “O” stands for?
a) Operation  
b) Oriental  
c) One  
d) Over  
e) Overseas

|Q.81| An OTC is a jurisdiction specializing in providing corporate and commercial services, such as offshore banking licenses (international banking license) or the incorporation of offshore companies. In the term OTC, “T” stands for?
a) Trade  
b) Transaction  
c) Total  
d) Transaction  
e) Trading

|Q.82| DCCG is a subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India for the purpose of providing insurance of...
deposits and guaranteeing of credit facilities. What is the abbreviation of “T” in DICGC?

a) India  b) Industrial

c) Insurance  d) Information

e) Integration

Q.83) ANBC is the net bank credit plus investments made by banks in non-SLR bonds held in the held-to-maturity category equivalent amount of off-balance-sheet exposure, whichever is higher. What is the abbreviation of ANBC?

a) Advance Non-Bank Credit  b) Advance Net Bank Category
c) Adjusted Net Bank Credit  d) Advance Net Bank Credit
e) Advance Net Bank Category

Q.84) An AD is a bank which has been authorised by the Central Bank to deal in gold and all foreign currencies, and for this purpose, can open and maintain accounts in such currencies within the limits established by the Bank. In the term AD, “D” stands for?

a) Development  b) Distribution
c) Dealer  d) Debt
e) Deposit

Q.85) The _______ scheme is a credit scheme introduced which was prepared by the NABARD on the recommendations of R.V. Gupta committee to provide term loans and agricultural needs.

a) Kisan Capital Card  b) Kisan Central Card
c) Kisan Credit Card  d) Kaushal Credit Card
e) Kisan Company Card

Q.86) The _______ Scheme is an expeditious and inexpensive forum for bank customers for resolution of complaints relating to certain services rendered by banks under Section 35 A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 by RBI.

a) Adjusted Net Bank Credit  b) Internal Ombudsman
c) Kisan Credit Card  d) Prakruti Ombudsman
e) Self-Help Group

Q.87) FEMA an act initiated to facilitate external trade and payments and to promote orderly management of the forex market in the country. What is the abbreviation of “F” in FEMA?

a) Electronic  b) European
c) Exchange  d) External
e) Electoral

Q.88) FERA is an act promulgated, to regulate payments and foreign exchange in India. What is the abbreviation of FERA?

a) Foreign Electrical Regulation Act  b) Foreign Exchange Regulation Act
c) Foreign Export Regulation Act  d) Foreign Electrical Regulation Act
e) Foreign Financial System Code

Q.89) RTGS is an electronic form of funds transfer where the transmission takes place on a real time basis and transfer of funds with RTGS is done for high value transactions, the minimum amount being?

a) Rs 2.5 lakh  b) Rs 4 lakh
c) Rs 2 lakh  d) Rs 3 lakh
e) Rs 1 lakh

Q.90) IFSC code is a unique eleven-digit number which is a combination of alphabets and numerals, which is used to transfer funds online for NEFT, IMPS and RTGS transactions. What is the abbreviation for IFSC?

a) Indian Financial Service Code  b) Industrial Functional System Code
c) Investment Financial System Code  d) Indian Functional System Code
e) Indian Functional System Code

Q.91) National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) is an Indian system of electronic transfer of money from one bank or bank branch to another. The maximum transaction limit of NEFT per transaction is?

a) Rs.20000  b) Rs.70000
c) Rs.50000  d) Rs.60000

e) Rs.55000

Q.92) MICR is a product of highly advanced Recognition Technology used by banks to verify cheques for clearance. What is the acronym of “C” in MICR?

a) Credit  b) Commercial
c) Central  d) Character
e) Code

Q.93) A SWIFT is an international code bank that identifies particular banks worldwide. It’s also known as a

a) Bank  b) Bank Identifier Certificate
c) Bankruptcy Code  d) Bank Identification Code
e) Bank Identifier Code

Q.94) A _______ is a negotiable instrument similar to a bill of exchange that can be issued to a client, directing another bank or one of its own branches to pay a certain sum to the specified party.

a) Crossed Cheque  b) Demand Draft
c) Cheque  d) Undertaking
e) Letter of Credit

Q.95) Which of the following comes under plastic money?

a) Credit card  b) Debit card
c) Smart card  d) Corporation
e) Co-ordination

Q.96) NPCI aims to allow all Indian citizens to have unrestricted access to e-payment services. What is the acronym for “C” in NPCI?

a) Credit  b) Company
c) Cash  d) Corporation
e) Co-ordination

Q.97) _______ is a cheque clearing system undertaken by the Reserve Bank of India RBI for faster clearing of cheques.

a) Crossed cheque  b) Over Draft
c) Demand Draft  d) Letter of Credit
e) Cheque Truncation System

Q.98) Which of the following account holds all the shares that you purchase in electronic or dematerialized form?

a) Fixed Deposit Account  b) Demat Account
c) Current Account  d) Savings Account
e) No-Frills Account

Q.99) A BSBDCA can be opened with simplified KYC document and also with nil balance. Expand the term BSBDCA.

a) Balance Savings Bankruptcy Deposit Account  b) Balance Savings Bank Deficit Account
c) Balance Savings Bank Deposit Account  d) Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account
e) Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account

Q.100) AFS is an Article 112 of the Constitution requires the government to present to Parliament a statement of estimated receipts and expenditure in respect of every financial year, from April 1 to March 31. In the term AFS, “F” stands for?

a) Financial  b) Foreign
c) Fixed  d) Fiscal
e) Functional

Q.101) OLTAS is used to maintain the records of banks paid through banks through online upload of challan details. What is the acronym for OLTAS?

a) Online Text Accounting Service  b) Online Tax Accounting Service
c) Online Tax Accounting System  d) Online Tax Activation System
e) Online Text Accounting System

Q.102) What is the Know Your Customer (KYC) system?

a) Indian Post Payments Bank  b) Vodafone M-Pesa
c) Airtel Payments Bank  d) Fino Payments Bank
e) Paytm Payments Bank

Q.103) Who is the President of ICBC Bank?

a) Brian Thomas Moynihan  b) Rakesh Sethi
c) Guo Shu  d) Pawan Kumar Bajaj

Q.104) Which of the following bank launched a suite of digital products that can be accessed online and through mobile phones with the focus to build the transaction platform?

a) Fino Payments Bank  b) Airtel Payments Bank
c) India Post Payments Bank  d) Vodafone M-Pesa

e) Paytm Payments Bank

Q.105) Who is the Chairman & Independent Director of FINO Payments Bank?

a) Narendra Kumar Ambwani  b) Ganesh Natarajan
c) Prof Mahendra Kumar Chouha  d) Aditya Birla Nuvo.

e) Dr. Punita Kumar Sinha

Q.106) Which bank is all set to roll out a capacity building project with farmers in Haryana and Rajasthan under its ‘livelihood and water security’ CSR initiative?

a) Soft Bank  b) Axis Bank
c) ICICI Bank  d) HDFC Bank
e) Yes Bank

Q.107) _______ came out with a detailed framework for risk-based Know Your Customer (KYC) documentation of foreign portfolio investors (FPIs),

a) Industrial Development Bank of India  b) National Housing Bank
c) Non-Banking Financial Companies  d) Reserve Bank of India
e) Securities and Exchange Board of India

Q.108) Who has been Re-designated as Kotak Mahindra Bank’s Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer?

a) Prakash Akre  b) S Mahendra Dev
c) Shankar Acharya  d) Uday Kotak

e) Uday Chander Khanna

Q.109) HDFC Bank launched IRA 2.0, its interactive humanoid at the Koramangala Branch in

a) Hyderabad  b) Pune
c) Bengaluru  d) Mumbai
e) Delhi

Q.110) Which of the following bank has provided an assistance of Rs 10,012 crore to Uttar Pradesh during 2017-18 to facilitate overall development with special focus on agricultural credit?

a) IRBI  b) NHB
c) SEBI  d) SIDBI

e) NABARD

Q.111) Who is the Chairman of NABARD?

a) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala  b) Dinkandhu Mohapatra
c) Ravindra Prabhakar  d) N. Manoharan

e) Rajeev Rishi

Q.112) Which of the following payments bank has entered into an agreement with National E-Governance Services (NeSL) for information utility (IU) arrangement under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)?

a) Bank of Maharashtra  b) Andhra Bank
c) Bank of Baroda  d) State Bank of India
e) Indian Bank

Q.113) Which of the following Payments bank has over 100 million KYC wallets, against the constant campaigning done by the bank about the benefits of the Know Your Customer (KYC) system?

a) India post Payments Bank  b) Vodafone M-Pesa
c) Airtel Payments Bank  d) Fino Payments Bank
e) Paytm Payments Bank

Q.114) India Overseas Bank (IOB) entered into an agreement for information utility services with the NeSL. Expand the term NeSL?
Q.115) Which of the following bank has received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval to open two representative offices in London and Singapore?

a) ICICI Bank  
b) Axis Bank  
c) Kotak Mahindra Bank  
d) HDFC Bank  
e) Yes Bank

Q.116) According to the TRA Brand Trust Report 2018, the ________ was the most-trusted bank (both public and private sector) in the country.

a) State Bank of India  
b) Indian Bank  
c) UCO Bank  
d) Bank of Baroda  
e) Bank of India

Q.117) According to the TRA Brand Trust Report 2018 which of the following bank topped the chart among the private ones?

a) Kotak Mahindra Bank  
b) Syndicate Bank  
c) HDFC Bank  
d) Axis Bank  
e) ICICI Bank

Q.118) Which bank has extended total credit support of Rs 14,690 crore to Rajasthan for the development of agriculture and rural economy during 2017-18?

a) ICICI Bank  
b) IIFL  
c) NABARD  
d) SIDCO  
e) SEBI

Q.119) Which of the following bank became one of the top 50 most valuable publicly traded firms in India according to BSE data?

a) ICICI Bank  
b) HDFC Bank  
c) Axis Bank  
d) Kotak Mahindra Bank  
e) Bandhan Bank Ltd (Q.120) Who is the MD and CEO of Bandhan Bank?

a) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh  
b) Jai Kumar Garg  
c) Ashwani Kumar  
d) Mahesh Jain  
e) Kishor Kumar Khatar

Q.121) Yes Bank has announced the launch of “Yes GST”, an OD (over draft) facility for

a) Minority Affairs.  
b) Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.  
c) Human Resource Development  
d) Finance and Corporate Affairs.  
e) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Q.122) Which of the following is a certain percentage of bank deposits which banks are required to keep with RBI in the form of reserves or balances?

a) Bank rate  
b) Marginal standing facility rate  
c) Cash Reserve Ratio  
d) Repo Rate  
e) Reverse repo rate

Q.123) The ratio of the liquid assets to time and demand liabilities is termed as __________.

a) Bank rate  
b) Repo Rate  
c) Statutory Liquidity Ratio  
d) Cash reserve ratio  
e) Repo Rate

Q.124) The ________ in the Repo Rate will increase the cost of borrowing and lending of the banks which will discourage the public to borrow money and will encourage them to deposit.

a) Increase  
b) Flow  
c) Stability  
d) Decrease  
e) Both b and d

Q.125) The cheque issued by a holder does not get withdrawn from the bank till three months, then that type of cheques are called __________.

a) Stale cheques  
b) Bearer cheques  
c) Crossed cheque  
d) Stale Cheque  
e) Order Cheque

Q.126) The cheque issue for the upcoming withdrawn date but it withdraws before the date printed on the cheque, then that type of cheques are called __________.

a) Stale cheques  
b) Bearer cheques  
c) Post-dated cheques  
d) Pre-dated cheques  
e) Antied dated cheques

Q.127) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is headquartered at __________.

a) Chennai  
b) Lucknow  
c) Manipal  
d) Mumbai  
e) Kolkata

Q.128) EXIM Bank is headquartered at __________.

a) Chennai  
b) Mumbai  
c) New Delhi  
d) Kolkata  
e) Bengaluru

Q.129) The cheques on which two parallel line made on the upper part of the cheques are called __________.

a) Stale Cheque  
b) Crossed Cheque  
c) Order Cheque  
d) Bearer cheques  
e) Antied Dated Cheque

Q.130) ________ are the cheques which is one which is payable to a particular person, whose name is written on the cheque?

a) Antided Cheque  
b) Stale Cheque  
c) Order Cheque  
d) Bearer Cheque  
e) Crossed Cheque

Q.131) ________ is the rate at which RBI borrows money from the commercial banks.

a) Repo Rate  
b) Marginal standing facility rate  
c) Cash reserve ratio  
d) Bank rate  
e) Reverse repo rate

Q.132) An asset that can be converted into cash in a short time, with little or no loss in value is known as __________.

a) Simple assets  
b) Solid assets  
c) Marginal assets  
d) Quality assets  
e) Liquid assets

Q.133) Treasury Bills is the government bond or debt securities with a maturity of less than __________.

a) 6 months  
b) 8 months  
c) One Year  
d) Two years  
e) Three Years

Q.134) ________ is the rate at which RBI lends to its clients generally against government securities.

a) Statutory Liquidity Ratio  
b) Repo Rate  
c) Reverse Repo Rate  
d) Bank Rate  
e) Cash Reserve Ratio

Q.135) ________ is the rate of interest charged by the RBI for providing funds or loans to the banking system.

a) Cash Reserve Ratio  
b) Bank Rate  
c) Statutory Liquidity Ratio  
d) Reverse Repo Rate  
e) Both b and c

Q.136) A Bank Rate is also Known as __________.

a) Reverse Repo Rate  
b) Repo Rate  
c) Liquidity Ratio  
d) Simple Rate  
e) Discount Rate

Q.137) ________ in Repo rate helps the commercial banks to get money at a cheaper rate and increases in Repo rate discourages the commercial banks to get money as the rate increases and becomes expensive. Reverse Repo rate is the rate at which RBI borrows money from the commercial banks.

a) Rise  
b) Stability  
c) Reduction  
d) Increase  
e) None of these

Q.138) ________ are the cheques which withdrawn to the cheque’s owner.

a) Order Cheque  
b) Crossed Cheque  
c) Stale Cheque  
d) Bearer Cheque  
e) Antied Dated Cheque

Q.139) National Housing Bank is headquartered at __________.

a) Mumbai  
b) Chennai  
c) Bengaluru  
d) Kolkata  
e) New Delhi

Q.140) ________ refers to funds deposited by a Non-Resident Indian with a financial institution authorized by the Reserve Bank of India to provide such services.

a) NRI Account  
b) NRO Account  
c) NRE Account  
d) NRI Account  
e) NRE Account

Q.141) IFIC is an Indian government owned development bank to cater to the long-term finance needs of the industrial sector. What is the abbreviation of IFIC?

a) Industrial Function Corporation of India  
b) Investment Function Corporation of India  
c) Investment Finance Corporation of India  
d) Industrial Finance Corporation of India  
e) Industrial Finance Co-ordination of India

Q.142) Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendra (PMMSK) Scheme has been launched by the central government for __________.

a) Progress of Electrification of Households in the Country  
b) Providing Athletes Training  
c) Providing Electricity  
d) Unemployment  
e) Protection and Empowerment of Women

Q.143) Which of the following state government has launched Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya Scheme)?

a) Karnataka  
b) Andhra Pradesh  
c) Jammu and Kashmir  
d) Maharashtra  
e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.144) Who leads the Fifteenth Finance Commission?

a) Anoop Singh  
b) Ashok Lahiri  
c) Ramesh Chand  
d) N.K.Singh  
e) Arvind Mehta

Q.145) Government of India has launched Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana Scholarship Scheme all over the country to increase the reach of school children for philately. What is the abbreviation of SPARSH?

a) Scholarship for Promotion of Asian & Research in Stamps as a Hobby  
b) Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby  
c) Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Revolution in Stamps as a Hobby  
d) Scholarship for Promotion of American & Research in Stamps as a Hobby  
e) Scholarship for Promotion of Auto & Research in Stamps as a Hobby

Q.146) Which of the following bank launched a deposit scheme named ‘Green Future: Deposit’, which could fetch up to 8 per cent for a tenure of little over 18 months?

a) Lakmi Vilas Bank  
b) Soft Bank  
c) HDFC Bank  
d) ICICI Bank  
e) Yes Bank

Q.147) What is the abbreviation of MSS in Banking?

a) Market Stability Scheme  
b) Maximum Stability Scheme  
c) Market Stability Scheme  
d) Mini Stabilisation Scheme  
e) Market Stabilization Scheme

Q.148) FSSAI has launched a new Food Regulatory Portal as a single interface for the food business across the country, which would help in the implementation of food laws across the country in a transparent and effective manner.

a) Food Safety and Stability Authority of India  
b) Food Safety and Stability Authority of India  
c) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India  
d) Food Security and Standards Authority of India  
e) Food Safety and Spice Authority of India

Q.149) Global Rating agency Fitch has announced that which of the following banks have inequalities in their risk control mechanisms and
has revised down its outlook on the latter to negative on sour assets worries?
  a) Yes bank and Axis bank
b) Yes bank and ICICI bank
c) Axis bank and HDFC bank
d) Axis bank and ICICI bank
e) Yes bank and ICICI bank
Q.150) Marg ERP limited partnered with which bank to offer an integrated payments platform to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) customers, using MARG’s accounting software?
  a) ICICI Bank
  b) Axis Bank
c) Yes Bank
d) Canara Bank
e) Laxmi Vilas Bank
Q.151) According to Forbes list which bank has been ranked as the 5th biggest public company globally in the ‘consumer financial services category’?
  a) Union Bank of India
  b) SBI
c) HDFC Bank
d) ICICI Bank
e) UCO Bank
Q.152) Who was the former world bank economist who has been sworn in as Jordan’s Prime Minister after King Abdullah issued a decree approving the new government?
  a) Amartya sen
  b) Omar al-Razzaz
c) Dr. Raja Chelliah
  d) Jagdish Bhagwati
e) C. Rangarajan
Q.153) Why of the following bank has informed refiners that it will not handle payments for Iran crude oil from the Middle Eastern nation from November?
  a) Canara Bank
  b) Indian Bank
c) Union Bank of India
d) UCO Bank
e) Sate Bank of India
Q.154) Name the mobile app developed by the Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS) for digitalization and moving towards a cashless economy.
  a) DASTAK
  b) NARI
c) Self-service
d) Rail SAARTHI
e) Utsomobile
Q.155) According to which bank’s annual report for 2017-18, Axis Bank the largest value share of mobile banking transactions by 17.2%?
  a) Yes Bank
  b) UCO Bank
c) World Bank
d) Reserve Bank of India
e) State Bank of India
Q.156) _______ is a new web Portal launched by the central government for the general public to make donations to the families of martyrs and soldiers of Indian Armed forces.
  a) www.indiaedu.com
  b) www.bharatkeveer.gov.in
c) www.studentsinindia.com
d) www.raceinstitute.in
Q.157) What is the growth forecast of ADB for 2018-2019 in India?
  a) 7.6 Percent
  b) 7.1 Percent
c) 7.3 Percent
d) 7.4 Percent
e) 7.5 Percent
Q.158) PMGDISHA scheme which has been approved by the union cabinet aims to make 6 Crore rural households digitally literate by March 2019. Expand PMGDISHA?
  a) Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Aachalabhi of India
  b) Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Suraksha Abhiyan
c) Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan
d) Pradhan Mantri Gramin Development Saksharta Abhiyan
e) Pradhan Mantri Gratitude Digital Saksharta Abhiyan
Q.159) _______ scheme, the regional air connectivity scheme recently launched by the central government to make the air travel cheaper has started to see the sun of the day.
  a) NRLM
  b) UDISHA
c) AMRUT
d) MUNDRA
e) UDAN
Q.160) PKVY scheme is to enhance skills of youth in line with the international standards and help them getting overseas employment. Expand PKVY?
  a) Pravasi Kisan Vilas Yojana
  b) Pravasi Kisan Vilas Yojana
c) Pravasi Kaushal Vandan Yojana
d) Pravasi Kaushal Vilas Yojana
e) Pravasi Kaushal Vilas Yojana
Q.161) Green Good Deeds scheme has been launched by which of the following ministry to protect forest and climate?
  a) Ministry of Science and Technology
  b) Ministry of Railways
c) Ministry of External Affairs
d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
e) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Q.162) Which of the following bank has to extend direct funding facility to village level entrepreneurs in cssc?
  a) Small industries Development Bank of India
  b) National Housing Bank
c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
  d) Infrastructure Development Finance Company
e) Reserve Bank of India
Q.163) Which of the following bank has been empaneled as “Settlement Bank” by National Stock Exchange?
  a) Bank of India
  b) Bank of Baroda
c) Uco Bank
d) IDBI Bank
  e) Yes Bank
Q.164) _______ will be coordinating with YES bank accounts for its risk management and settlement operations that it does on behalf of NSE.
  a) Natural Services Clearing Corporation Limited
  b) National Services Corporation Clearing Limited
c) National Services Clearing Corporation Limited
d) National Securities Clearing Corporation Limited
e) Natural Securities Clearing Corporation Limited
Q.165) Which of the following bank is to start an innovation lab for better digital banking, which is headed by former chief Technology officer Mr.Rohan Angrish at small business lender Fintech Capital Float?
  a) Federal Bank
  b) ICICI Bank
c) Union Bank of India
  d) UCO Bank
e) Repo Bank
Q.166) What is the 3-point strategy of the innovation lab established by ICICI bank for better digital banking?
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d) ‘Rush, Evolve & Imagine ‘
e) ‘Run, Evolve & Imagine ‘
Q.167) Which bank allows Rupee Co-op Bank to continue banking services under restriction till August 31, 2018?
  a) World Bank
  b) National Housing Bank (NHB)
c) Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC)
d) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Q.168) Where is the headquarters of Rupee Co-op Bank?
  a) Bengaluru
  b) Chennai
  c) Hyderabad
d) Indore
  e) Vellore
Q.169) Who has been appointed as the first Chief Financial Officer (CFO) by Reserve Bank of India?
  a) Kimberly Pirhonen
  b) Marc Belisle
c) Guy Lepage
  d) Janique Caron
e) Sudha Balakrishnan
Q.170) Q.________ signed a loan agreement with the World Bank for IBRD Credit of USD 21.7 million for the strengthening public financial management in Rajasthan Project in New Delhi.
  a) Pakistan
  b) China
c) India
d) Nepal
  e) Iran
Q.171) Which of the following bank has launched an initiative ‘AshaKiran’ to empower women in India’s smaller towns and cities?
  a) Fino PayTech
  b) Indus Post Payment Bank
c) Paytm Payment Bank
d) Airtel Payment Banks
  e) Reliance Industries
Q.172) The six members Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of RBI has decided to hike Repo Rate to ______.
  a) 6.25%
  b) 6.00%
c) 6.15%
d) 6.10%
e) 6.50%
Q.173) According to the Second Bi-Monthly Monetary policy review, Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate has been raised to ______.
  a) 6.35%
  b) 6.15%
c) 7.00%
d) 6.50%
e) 6.25%
Q.174) According to the Second Bi-Monthly monetary policy review, Reserve Repo Rate has been raised to ______.
  a) 6.75%
  b) 6.50%
c) 5.95%
d) 6.25%
e) 6.00%
Q.175) Reserve Bank of India is conducting Financial Literacy Week from June 4 on the theme of better digital banking?
  a) ‘Exercising Credit Discipline’
  b) ‘Customer Protection’
c) ‘Consumer Production’
d) ‘Retailer Production’
e) None of these
Q.176) _______ Government (Union Finance Ministry) has signed US $500 million (Rs 3,371 crore) loan agreement with which bank to provide additional financing for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) rural road projects?
  a) IBRD
  b) NDB
c) ADB
d) World Bank
  e) IMF
Q.177) IMF released its loan of $250mn to the island nation of Srilanka in which the restructuring of loans making SriLankan Airlines was proposed. What is the full form of IMF?
  a) Intra Monetary Fund
  b) Inter Monetary Fund
c) Integrated Monetary Fund
d) Internal Monetary Fund
e) International Monetary Fund
Q.178) _______ has been appointed as the deputy governor of RBI and CEO of IDBI Bank?
  a) N. S Vishwanathan
  b) M K Jain
c) Viral V. Acharya
  d) Shri S. S. Mundra
e) Shri B. P. Kanungo
Q.179) _______ Which Country had signed USD 20 million for the strengthening public financial management in Rajasthan Project in New Delhi.
  a) Pakistan
  b) China
c) India
d) Nepal
  e) Iran
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  e) Reliance Industries
ACU is a payment arrangement whereby the participants settle payments for intra-regional transactions among the participating central banks on a net multilateral basis. In the term ACU,"C" stands for?

- Financial
- Farmer
- Floating
- Foreign
- Fixed

Q.185) ACU and NGO is commonly referred to as NGOs, are usually non-profit and sometimes international organizations independent. In the term NGO, "G" stands for?

- Governmental
- Global
- General
- Gross
- Green

Q.186) NFA is a Foreign exchange reserves are reserve assets held by a central bank in foreign currencies, used to back liabilities on their own issued currency as well as to influence monetary policy. In the term NFA, "F" stands for?

- Facility
- Factor
- Fidelity
- Factoring
- Foreign

Q.187) The NEER is an unadjusted weighted average rate at which one country’s currency exchanges for a basket of multiple foreign currencies. In the term NEER, "R" stands for?

- Rate
- Resource
- Recognition
- Resource
- Reward

Q.188) Which of the following bank has approved Atul Bhajal Yojana (ABHY), a Rs.6000 crore Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation which is to be implemented over a period of five years from 2018-19 to 2022-23?

- A) World Bank
- B) Reserve Bank of India
- C) National Housing Bank
- D) Regional Rural Bank
- E) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Q.189) A NBFC is a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 engaged in the business of loans and advances, acquisition of shares/stocks/Bonds/debentures/Securities issued by Government or local authority or other marketable securities of a like nature, leasing, hire-purchase, insurance. In the term NBFC,"B" stands for?

- Brochure
- Balance
- Banking
- Bonds
- Business

Q.190) The NASCOM is a trade association of Indian Information Technology and Business Process Outsourcing industry. Established in 1988, NASCOM is a non-profit organisation. In the term NASCOM, "N" stands for?

- National
- Non
- New
- Nationalized
- None

Q.191) NAC (LTO) is a National Bank established and maintain a Fund to be known as the National Rural Credit (Long Term Operations) Fund. In the term NAC (LTO), "N" stands for?

- Nominee
- Network
- Net
- Negotiable
- Need

Q.192) MTM is a measure of a commodity's fair value of accounts that can change over time, such as assets and liabilities. In the term MTM the first, "M" stands for?

- Mark
- Minimum
- Market
- Manage
- Mutual

Q.193) A CPI measures in the price level of market basket of consumer goods and services purchased by households. Expand the term CPI.

- Consumer Price Index
- Common Price Index
- Commercial Price Index
- Creditor Price Index
- Cashier Price Index

Q.194) The UAN is a 12-digit number allotted to employees who are contributing to EPF will be generated for each of the PF member by EPFO. Expand the UAN.

- Universal Account Number
- Universe Account Number
- Unique Account Number
- United Account Number
- Unit Account Number

Q.195) MRM is an holistic system, capable of serving the whole of the Marketing Enterprise including both internal and external Agencies, which manages all aspects of Brand Management and the associated production of Marketing Collateral. In the term MRM, "M" stands for?

- Marketing
- Management
- Micro
- Merchant
- Media

Q.196) The proforma information submitted by banks are incorporated in the bank-branch statistics system also known as MIF System maintained at the RBI. In the term MIF, "M" stands for?

- Micro
- Merchant
- Media
- Micro
- Merchant

Q.197) FRNs are bonds that have a variable coupon, equal to a money market reference rate, like LIBOR or federal funds rate, plus a quoted spread (also known as quoted margin). Expand the FRNs.

- Future Rate Notes
- Floating Rate Notes
- Fixed Rate Notes
- Flexible Rate Notes
- Forward Rate Notes

Q.198) PF is to provide employees with lump sum payments at the time of exit from their place of employment. This differs pension funds, which have elements of both lump sum as well as monthly pension payments. Expand PF.

- Pension Fund
- Provident Fund
- Productive Fund
- Product Fund
- Primary Fund

Q.199) A MIS is a computerized database of financial information organized and programmed in such a way that it produces regular reports on operations for every level of management in a company. In the term MIS, "I" stands for?

- Information
- Industry
- Interest
- Initial
- Input

Q.200) YTM is the discount rate at which the sum of all future cash flows from the bond (coupons and principal) is equal to the current price of the bond. Expand YTM.

- Yield to Mature
- Yield to Manage
- Yield to Maturity
- Yield to Minimum
- Yield to Maximum

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- National
- Non
- New
- Nationalized
- None

Q.202) The Reserve Bank of India is the central bank of India. The Reserve Bank of India is responsible for monetary policy in India. In the term RBI, "B" stands for?

- Balance
- Branch
- Banking
- Bonds
- Business
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**Q.101)** 12845. + 12845 + 12845 + 1.2845 =

- a) 616
- b) 365
- c) 379
- d) 65
- e) None of these

**Q.102)** 628 + 37 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 =

- a) 755
- b) 37.35
- c) 72.67
- d) None of these
- e) None of these

**Q.103)** 4913/2891 + 14.3 + 12 + 12 =

- a) 28141
- b) 1599
- c) 313.56
- d) 67
- e) 6

**Q.104)** 37 / 12 =

- a) 38
- b) 25
- c) 35
- d) 50
- e) None of these

**Q.105)** 4913 + 14213 + 14213 =

- a) 120
- b) 190
- c) 110
- d) 101
- e) 95

**Q.106)** 44 + 25 + √9900 + 1900 =

- a) 11
- b) 7
- c) 9
- d) 3
- e) None of these

**Q.107)** (2^2 + 10)^2 =

- a) 16 + 2 + 128 - 45 + 24 =
- b) 441
- c) 365
- d) 373
- e) 391

**Q.108)** 37 + 12 / 12 =

- a) 616
- b) 678
- c) 732
- d) 789
- e) None of these

**Q.109)** 0.2 x 5.6 + 7.6 + 3.5 + 46.5 + 0.5 =

- a) 312.75
- b) 411
- c) 359.5
- d) 351.25
- e) 389

**Q.110)** 13% of 200 x 25% of 340 x 2 x 7 =

- a) 884
- b) 890
- c) 820
- d) 798
- e) 764

**Q.111)** 12 + 25 - 48 x 2 =

- a) 21
- b) 81
- c) 12
- d) 6
- e) None of these

**Q.112)** 12 x 1720 + 20376 =

- a) 1.2
- b) 2
- c) -1
- d) -3
- e) 0

**Q.113)** 53% of 200 x 180 / 2500 =

- a) 211
- b) 218
- c) 216
- d) 234
- e) 258

**Q.114)** 23 x 14 + 46 + √37 =

- a) 721
- b) 781
- c) 206
- d) 230
- e) None of these

**Q.115)** 53 + 5 + 13 - 12 =

- a) 120
- b) 112
- c) -121
- d) 103
- e) 118

**Q.116)** 64^2 x 32 =

- a) 20.5
- b) 6.4
- c) 9.2
- d) 10.2
- e) 13.1

**Q.117)** 576 + 211 =

- a) 970
- b) 490
- c) 510
- d) 204
- e) None of these

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