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NGT Forms Committee to Prepare Scrapping Of Banned Diesel, Petrol Vehicles:

- The National Green Tribunal forms a committee for dealing with scrapping of **banned petrol and diesel vehicles**.
- The green panel directed the Delhi chief secretary to take steps and prepare an action plan for shifting the scrap yards from busy localities of the city to other appropriate locations, within three months.
- The committee will consist of the secretary, **Ministry of Road Transport, central government** with representatives from the **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)**, Environment Ministry and the Delhi government.
- NGT Chairman: **Swatanter Kumar**

IIT Kharagpur, University of Auckland Ink Pact For Research Tie-Up:

- IIT Kharagpur and the University of Auckland signed a pact to **foster academic exchange and research collaboration**.
- As per the Memorandum of Understanding – **the first strategic partnership of University of Auckland with a higher education in India** – the two educational establishments would explore opportunities for research in **healthcare technologies, new materials, cyber security and artificial Intelligence**.

2.75 Lakh People Avails CLSS Under PMAY (U):

- Nearly **2.75 lakh beneficiaries** have availed a subsidy scheme under the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)**, with **Gujarat (88,000)** topping the chart.
- **Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh** had the most number of beneficiaries under the Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) after Gujarat.
- The PMAY (U), launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June 2015, aims to ensure **"Housing for all by 2022"** by providing financial assistance to beneficiaries.

EDrishti Software Launched to Help Railways Minister Keep Track Of Punctuality Of Trains:

- **Indian Railways** launched a software named- **'eDrishti'**, that will enable the **Union Railway Minister Shri. Piyush Goyal** to keep track of punctuality of trains as well as freight and passenger earnings from anywhere in the country.
- It has been developed by the **Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS)**. The software has also been connected with the base kitchens of the **Indian Rail Catering and Tourism Corp (IRCTC)**.

Up To Rs.5 Crore Green Compensation Imposed On Thermal Power Plants:

- Thermal power plants across the country have not prepared plans for **100% utilisation of fly ash**, the National Green Tribunal (NGT)

has imposed an environmental compensation ranging from **Rs.1 crore to Rs.5 crore on them**. The amount will be dependent on respective capacities of the thermal power plants.

- The thermal power plants have been asked to deposit the compensation with the apex pollution control board by **December 20**.

Empathy Campaign Launched To Spread Pan-India Awareness About Hepatitis Disease:

- **Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences** has launched an **Empathy** campaign to spread a **pan-India awareness about hepatitis disease**. The initiative will help generate awareness about Hepatitis B and C.
- It was launched at Metro Bhawan, **New Delhi** in presence of Managing Director of DMRC. **Dr. Mangu Singh**, and Director ILBS. **Shiv Kumar Sarin**.

FSSAI launches new campaign to eliminate trans fats by 2022:

- The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** launched a media campaign calling for the **elimination of industrially produced trans-fat in the food supply**.
- Named **"Heart Attack Rewind"**, the **30-second public service announcement** the first mass media campaign of its kind will support **FSSAI's global target of eliminating trans-fat in India by 2022, a year ahead of the global target by the World Health Organization**.

International experts participate in workshop for setting up Ganga Museum:

- The **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** is planning to set up a **Ganga Exhibition and a Ganga Museum** for public outreach in **New Delhi**.
- NMCG is planning to set up a **Ganga Exhibition and a Ganga Museum for public outreach, portraying river Ganga's history and mythology**, its importance for the livelihood of a huge population, and efforts for Ganga Rejuvenation.

PM To Inaugurate Bogibeel Bridge, India's Longest Rail-Road Bridge, On December 25:

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will inaugurate on December 25 the **Bogibeel Bridge, India's longest rail-road bridge**, connecting the north and south banks of the Brahmaputra, falling in the eastern part of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.
- Bogibeel is part of infrastructure projects planned by India to **improve logistics along the border in Arunachal Pradesh**. The bridge is **4.94 km long**.

Indian Navy To Conduct 'Exercise Sea Vigil' Next Month To Test Robustness Of Coastal Security Apparatus:

- The **Indian Navy** will conduct a **large-scale coastal defence exercise** next month to test

the robustness of the entire coastal security apparatus.

- **"Theatre level operational readiness exercise"** or 'Tropex' will begin from January and culminate in March, next year.

ISRO's heaviest satellite GSAT-11 successfully launched from French Guiana:

- India's most-advanced high-throughput communication satellite **GSAT-11** was successfully launched from Spaceport in **French Guiana**. The satellite weighs **5854-kg GSAT-11** and is the **heaviest satellite** ever built by the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)**. It has a mission life of **15 years**.

Delhi Government Launches 'One' Card For Commute On Metro, Buses:

- The **Delhi government** has launched a common mobility card with a tagline of **'One Delhi One Ride'** which would enable city commuters to access Metro and bus services with a single card at a **10 per cent discount**.
- Known as **'One'**, the newly designed card will be available for sale on all Delhi Metro stations and DTC pass counters.
- The process of recharging these cards at metro stations will also remain the same with **Rs.200** as the minimum recharge value and **Rs.50** as the security fee on the card.

EX SHINYUU Maitri-2018 with JASDF Commences:

- The **Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF)** is in India for a bilateral air exercise **SHINYUU Maitri-18** with **Indian Air Force** from 03-07 Dec 18 at **A F Station Agra**.
- The theme of the exercise is joint **Mobility/Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR)** on Transport aircraft.
- The JASDF C2 aircraft along with aircrew/observers are part of this **first air exercise between the two Air Forces**. IAF is participating with **An-32 and C-17 aircraft** with aircrew & observers. The focus of the exercise is set for the IAF and JASDF crews to **undertake Joint Mobility/ HADR operations**.

Railway Ministry, Madame Tussauds Museum Join Hands To Bolster Tourism In Delhi:

- The **Ministry of Railways** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Madame Tussauds Wax Museum** for providing discounts to tourists at the **National Rail Museum (NRM)** and the wax museum in **Delhi**.
- The MoU aims at **bolstering the footfall** at both the tourist attractions in the national capital. **A 35 per cent discount** will be given to NRM visitors who go to the Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, while **30 per cent discount** will be given to the wax museum visitors on NRM combos.

Tuhin Satarkar, First Indian To Scale Sahayadri Mountain Range In 12 Days:

➤ Bouldering sensation **Tuhin Satarkar** pushed his limits as he scaled three routes in the treacherous **Sahayadri mountain range** in **12 days**, from November 16 to 28, to become the first Indian to ever achieve the feat.

About Sahyadri Mountain:

- Western Ghats also known as **Sahyadri** is a mountain range that runs parallel to the western coast of the **Indian peninsula**, located entirely in India.
- It is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and is one of the eight "hottest hot-spots" of biological diversity in the world. It is sometimes called the **Great Escarpment of India**.
- The range starts near the Songadh town of **Gujarat**, south of the **Tapti River**, and runs approximately 1,600 km (990 mi) through the states of Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu ending at **Marunthuvazh Malai, at Swamithope**, near the southern tip of India

EPFO approves re-constitution of three key committees:

- **The newly-reconstituted Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation have approved the re-constitution of three key committees. A decision to this effect was taken at the 223rd meeting of the CBT, chaired by labour minister Santosh Kumar Gangwa.**
- **Gangwar nominated members to the re-constituted committees that included the Finance, Investment and Audit Committee, the Pension & EDLI Implementation Committee and the Exempted Establishments Committee.**
- **Extending the tenure of current portfolio manager's upto March 2019 or till appointment of new Portfolio Managers, whichever is earlier.**

Gangotri, Yamunotri included under PRASAD scheme: Tourism ministry

- The Centre has included **Gangotri** and **Yamunotri** in Uttararakhand, **Amarkantak** in Madhya Pradesh and **Parasnath** in Jharkhand under a central scheme to develop pilgrimage and heritage destinations in the country, a tourism ministry.
- With the new additions, the number of sites under the **Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASAD)** launched by the ministry in 2014-15.

Government approves Rs 850 crore investment to upgrade DD, AIR: Report

- **The country's largest public broadcasters All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD) are set to improve their infrastructure, expand their coverage and strengthen their content by investing Rs 850 crore for the purpose.**
- **The investment has been approved by the Finance Ministry. The sanctioned amount will be invested over FY19 and FY20.**

Kiren Rijiju inaugurates All India Police Shooting Competition 2018 at Manesar:

- Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju has inaugurated the **19th All India Police (AIPDM) Shooting Competition-2018** at Manesar, **Gurugram in Haryana**. The competition will continue till 11th of this month.

Ravi Shankar Prasad launches National Challenge 'Ideate for India - creative solutions using technology' for school students:

- Minister for Electronics and IT Ravi Shankar Prasad has launched **National Challenge - 'Ideate for India - creative solutions using technology'** for school students in **New Delhi**. The challenge will help empower the youth to become the next generation of innovators and technology creators. Over 10 lakh students will participate in the challenge.
- **'Ideate For India'** national challenge is a joint collaboration between **National e-governance Division** and **Intel India**, supported by the Department of School Education and Literacy of Ministry of Human Resources Development.

Gehlot inaugurates website of media school for Dalit and tribal youth:

- On the **62nd death anniversary of BR Ambedkar**, Union minister **Thaawarchand Gehlot** launched the website of a **first-of-its-kind media school** to train Dalit and tribal youth in journalism.
- The media school, **Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar School Of Media Empowerment (ASME)**, supported by the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), will have its branches in **Pune, Assam, Uttarakhand and other regions**. The Pune branch will begin shortly.

Kolkata-Patna becomes India's second inland container cargo sector:

- **Kolkata-Patna** is **India's new Indus Water Treaty (IWT) origin-destination pair** for containerised cargo movement on the **National Waterway-1**. Plans are at an advanced stage to operationalise Patna-Varanasi sector of NW-1 for container cargo movement.
- The **ministry of shipping** is developing NW-1 (River Ganga) under **Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) from Haldia to Varanasi (1,390 Km)** with the technical and financial assistance of the World Bank, at an estimated cost of **Rs.5,369 crore**. The project would enable commercial navigation of vessels with capacity of 1,500-2,000 DWT.

Delhi Government Launches Free Pilgrimage Scheme For Senior Citizens:

- The Delhi government has launched the **'Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana'** which offers **free travel packages on five religious circuits** for senior citizens from the national capital. The scheme, approved by the Cabinet in July, was launched by Chief Minister **Arvind Kejriwal** at the Delhi Secretariat.

Foundation Stone Of PUSA 'Kisan Haat' In ICAR's Agriculture Technology Information Centre (ATIC) Was Laid By Union Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh:

- Union Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister **Shri Radha Mohan Singh** Minister laid the foundation stone of **Pusa Kisan Haat in ICAR's Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC) in New Delhi**.
- **Pusa Kisan Haat** will be built across 2.5 acres in which 60 stalls measuring 3m x 3m will be erected in which farmers can sell their agricultural produce and value-added products. **Pusa Kisan Haat** will also have **'Technology Park'** in which farmers can see Live crop technologies of Pusa.

FAO Council Approves India's Proposal to Observe International Year of Millets In 2023:

- **Food and Agriculture organisation, FAO Council** has approved **India's proposal** to observe an **International Year of Millets in 2023**.
- Millets consists of **Jowar, Bajra, Ragi and minor millets** together termed as nutri-cereals. In addition, the FAO Council has also approved India's membership to the Executive Board of the **United Nations World Food Program for 2020 and 2021**.

Centre Empowers Lt Governors, Administrators To Set Up Special Courts:

- **Lieutenant governors (LGs) and administrators of Union territories** have been empowered by the central government to **designate civil courts as special courts to adjudicate contracts relating to infrastructure projects**.
- **Under Section 20B of the Specific Relief Act, 1963 (47 of 1963)**, the state government, in consultation with the chief justice of the high court, can designate one or more civil courts as special courts within the local limits of the area to exercise jurisdiction and to try a suit under this Act in respect of contracts relating to infrastructure projects.

Russian Navy Ships Arrive In India For Bilateral Maritime Exercise:

- **Russian Federation Navy (RuFN) ships Varyag, Admiral Panteleyev and Boris Butoma** has arrived at **Visakhapatnam** to participate in **INDRA NAVY**, the bilateral maritime exercise with Indian Navy. The 10th edition of the exercise will be conducted from **December 9-16**. This edition of the exercise would be held in two phases. The Harbour Phase would be held at **Visakhapatnam** from **December 9-12**. The Sea Phase from **December 13-16** would be conducted in the Bay of Bengal.
- During exercise **INDRA NAVY-18**, the Indian Navy would be represented by **INS Ranvir, INS Satpura, INS Kadmatt, IN Ships Kuthar and Khanjar and INS Jyoti**.

Sino-India Joint Exercise Hand-in-Hand 2018:

- **7th Sino-India joint exercise Hand-in-Hand 2018**, scheduled from **10 to 23 December 2018** at **Chengdu, China**.
- The aim of the exercise is to **build and promote close relations between armies of both the countries and to enhance ability of the joint exercise commander to take military contingents of both nations under command**.

Indian Railways launched new Buddhist Circuit Tourist Train for the 16-day pilgrimage tour:

- **Indian Railways' famous swanky new Buddhist Circuit tourist train** operated by **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** will be put into service from this month onwards. The **Buddhist Circuit tour** offers a train tour package of **8 days/7 nights** covering the places in India associated with **Lord Buddha**.
- The itinerary of the unique train tour covers holy sites like **Bodhgaya, Nalanda, Rajgir, Sarnath, Varanasi, Lumbini, Kushinagar, Sravasti and Agra**. According to the **IRCTC website**, the train will depart on **December 8** and **December 22** completing a **16-day tour**.

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) to notify the Korean Won (WON) and Turkish Lira (TRY) in the List of Currencies for Exchange Rate:

> Under **Section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962**, the **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** notifies the **Rate of Exchange** for the purpose of conversion of foreign exchange to Indian Rupees (INR) and vice versa for assessment of imports & exports. Currently, CBIC notifies exchange rates for 20 currencies for the purpose of valuation of imported and exported goods and it has been **now decided to include 2 more currencies** namely **Korean Won (WON) & Turkish Lira (TRY)** in the list of such currencies.

> Notifying Korean Won and Turkish Lira by **CBIC will facilitate trade & business by easing the process of conversion of these currencies into INR and vice versa.**

Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba inducts Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel (DSRV) submarine rescue system into Indian Navy:

> Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral **Sunil Lanba** has inducted the **first state-of-the-art Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel (DSRV) submarine rescue system** into the **Indian Navy**. With the induction of the DSRV, it has further enhanced the Indian Navy's capability to undertake submarine rescue operations in the high seas.

> The Navy had signed the **2000 crore rupees contract in March 2016** to procure the DSRVs from the **UK-based Messrs James Fisher Defence**. **Admiral Lanba** said the second DSRV will be inducted into the Indian Navy in **April 2019** and it will be based in **Vishakhapatnam**.

To connect with Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), an online portal "ENSURE" has been launched:

> Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare **Shri Radha Mohan Singh** launched a portal **ENSURE- National Livestock Mission-Entrepreneurship Development and Employment Generation (EDEG) developed by NABARD** and operated under the **Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries**.

> Under the new process, controlling officer/branch manager of the bank, after scrutinizing & sanctioning of proposal, uploads the subsidy claims in the portal. The subsidy will be approved **within 30 days from the date of sanction of loan**.

Regional Conference on 'Good Governance-Focus on Aspirational Districts' to begin in Thiruvananthapuram:

> The **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)**, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India in association with **Government of Kerala** is organizing a Regional Conference on December 10- 11, 2018 at **Thiruvananthapuram** on **'Good Governance - Focus on Aspirational Districts'**. The Governor of Kerala **Shri Justice (Retd.) P. Sathasivam** will inaugurate the 2-day event.

> This Conference is an effort to create a common platform to share experiences in the formulation and implementation of best practices in citizen centric governance, improved public service delivery through **e-Governance, transparent, accountable and citizen-friendly effective administration**.

Delhi govt starts 10-day 'Operation Minimum Wage' drive:

> **Delhi government** has started a 10-day drive **'Operation Minimum Wage'** and raided

20 places including government and non-government organisations. The labourers who are not paid as per the **Minimum Wage Act** can call **155214** and register their complaint.

> **The minimum wage** for the unskilled labourers is Rs 14,000 per month while Rs 15,400 per month for semi-skilled and Rs 16,962 for skilled. Violations or non-compliance will attract strict action as per the **Minimum Wages Act, 2017**.

Delhi HC Puts A Ban On Online Sale Of Medicines Across India:

> The Delhi high court ordered a ban on sale of on the sale of online medicines by **e-pharmacists across the country** and directed both Central and state government to ensure immediate implementation of the order.

> Chief Justice Rajendra Menon and Justice V K Rao passed the judgment while hearing a PIL filed by Delhi-based dermatologist **Zaheer Ahmed**

> Zaheer Ahmed complained that lakhs of medicines were being sold on the internet every day without much regulation, posing a huge risk to patients and doctors alike.

> Minister of Health and Family Welfare - **Jagat Prakash Nadda**

'National Medical Devices Promotion Council' under DIPP:

> Union Minister of **Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation**, Suresh Prabhu announced to set up a **National Medical Devices Promotion Council** under the **Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)** in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

> The announcement was made on the occasion of 4th **WHO Global Forum** on Medical Devices at Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone in Vishakhapatnam.

> The Medical Devices Industry (MDI) plays a critical role in the healthcare ecosystem and is indispensable to achieve the goal of health for all citizens of the country.

Coast Guard launches operation to safeguard turtles:

> **The Coast Guard** has launched an exercise along the serene sea waters of Gahirmatha marine sanctuary in **Odisha** to **protect the endangered Olive Ridley sea turtles** during their mating season.

> The Coast Guard **'Operation Oliva'** exercise as part of its annual mission to ensure the safe mid-sea sojourn of breeding Olive Ridley sea turtles.

> The Coast Guard has chalked out a proactive plan for these marine animals conservation. With round-the-clock vigil, the Coast Guard has been able to **provide adequate protection to the endangered species**.

India's Kaiga Nuclear Plant Sets World Record In Operation:

> **The Kaiga Atomic Power Station** in Karnataka, developed using Indian technology, has set the **world record for the longest uninterrupted operation**.

> **The 220 megawatt unit**, operated by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd, has produced power continuously for 941 days, breaking the world record of 940 days held by Heysham-Unit 2 of the United Kingdom.

> The record is valid across all types of nuclear power plants across the world. The record was earlier held by Unit 2 of Heysham of the United Kingdom, which **operated non-stop for 940 days**.

> The same unit had set a world record in October this year, by operating uninterrupted for **894 days among Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors**.

First ever Agriculture Export Policy 2018 launched by Commerce Ministry:

> The Commerce Ministry has formulated **India's first ever Agricultural Export Policy** with a focused plan to **boost India's agricultural exports to USD 60 billion by 2022** thereby assisting the Agriculture Ministry in achieving its target of **USD 100 billion** and to integrate Indian farmers and the high-quality agricultural products with global value chains and to double India's share in world agriculture.

> The **Ministry of Commerce & Industry** is also creating an action-oriented plan **"Vision of a New India"** which will highlight specific sector level interventions to bolster India's march towards becoming a **USD 5 trillion economy before 2025**. The focused plans will be on **boosting services sector contribution to USD 3 trillion, manufacturing to USD 1 trillion and Agriculture to USD 1 trillion**.

Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises(I/C), Giriraj Singh inaugurated a Multi-Disciplinary Training Centre (MDTC) in New Delhi:

> **Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (I/C), Giriraj Singh** inaugurated a **Multi-Disciplinary Training Centre (MDTC) of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** at **Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat in New Delhi**.

> **Samadhan** is an industrial training institute set up on PPP mode with the **MSME Ministry**, to provide comprehensive industry and business-related guidance and quality knowledge to entrepreneurs, industries, corporate and institutions.

9 states achieved 100% household electrification under SAUBHAGYA: Power Ministry

> **Nine States** have achieved complete household electrification under the **Saubhagya** scheme, according to the **Ministry of Power**. They are **Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Mizoram, Sikkim, Telangana and West Bengal**.

> **The Ministry** had recently lowered the household electrification target by around **10 million homes, or about one-fourth of the earlier goal**. The country is expected to achieve **100 per cent household electrification by December 31, 2018**. The **Power Ministry** also aims to replace **1.34 crore conventional streetlights with smart and energy efficient LED lights by March, 2019**.

The Dam Safety Bill, 2018 introduced in Lok Sabha:

> **The Dam Safety Bill, 2018** was introduced in Lok Sabha by the Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Mr. Nitin Jairam Gadkari. The Bill provides for the **surveillance, inspection, operation, and maintenance of specified dams** across the country. The Bill also provides for the institutional mechanism to ensure the safety of such dams.

Ayushman Bharat: Bengal, Bihar, Chhattisgarh top beneficiaries

> **West Bengal, Bihar and Chhattisgarh** emerged the largest beneficiaries of **Ayushman Bharat**, Narendra Modi government's flagship healthcare insurance scheme. The government

has spent **Rs 798.34 crore on the scheme till November end**, minister of state for health and family welfare **Anupriya Patel** informed the Rajya Sabha.

> **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)** under **Ayushman Bharat** offers up to Rs 5 lakh annual hospitalisation coverage for poor families. The scheme is funded by the central and state governments in the ratio of **60:40**.

ICAR approved registration of record 15 new breeds of livestock and poultry in 2018:

> **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** has approved registration of record **15 new breeds** of livestock and poultry this year.

> 15 newly registered breeds include two cattle breeds - **Ladakhi** (J&K) and **Konkan Kapila** (Maharashtra & Goa); three buffalo breeds - **Luit** (Assam & Manipur), **Bargur** (Tamil Nadu), **Chhattisgarhi** (Chhattisgarh); one sheep breed - **Panchali** (Gujarat); six goat breeds - **Kahmi** (Gujarat), **Rohilkhandi** (UP), **Assam Hill** (Assam & Meghalaya), **Bidri** (Karnataka), **Nandidurga** (Karnataka), **Bhakarwali** (J&K); one pig breed - **Ghurrah** (UP); one donkey breed - **Halari** (Gujarat) and one chicken breed - **Uttara** (Uttarakhand).

To discourage misuse, government to levy fee on ground water extraction from June 2019:

> **Revised guidelines for extraction of ground water** were notified by the **Central Ground Water Authority**, which will be effective from **June 1, 2019**. The high rates of **WCF** are expected to discourage setting up of new industries in over-exploited and critical areas as well as act as a deterrent to large-scale ground water extraction by industries, especially in over-exploited and critical areas.

High Level Meeting Between Indian and Indonesia Coast Guard:

> **Director General Indian Coast Guard (DG ICG) Shri G Rajendra Singh** is hosting a seven-member delegation of the **Indonesia Coast Guard (BAKAMLA)** led by Chief of **BAKAMLA Vice Admiral A.Taufiqerochman** in India. **High Level Meeting between Indian and Indonesia Coast Guard** was held in **New Delhi**.

> **India and Indonesia** have established a **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** and there is considerable emphasis from both sides to enhance bilateral defence cooperation including maritime security cooperation. During the **6th India-Indonesia Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC)** meeting, held in **New Delhi**, both sides had agreed that Chief of **BAKAMLA** will visit India for a **High-Level Meeting (HLM)**.

Shri Manoj Sinha released a commemorative **Postage stamp** on **Rajkumar Shukla**:

> **Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Communications and Minister of State for Railways Shri Manoj Sinha** released a **Commemorative Postage Stamp** on **Rajkumar Shukla** at **New Delhi** in the presence of **Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, MP (West Champaran)** and **Sh. Satish Chandra Dubey, MP (Valmikinagar)**.

10 monuments adopted under the 'Adopt A Heritage' project:

> The **'Adopt A Heritage: Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan'**, scheme launched on **27th**

September 2017 is a collaborative effort by **Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), State/UTs Governments** and envisages development and maintenance of tourist amenities at heritage sites and making them tourist friendly, to enhance tourism potential and cultural importance in a planned and phased manner.

✓ **Dalmia Bharat Ltd** - Gandikota Fort (Andhra Pradesh), Red Fort (Delhi).

✓ **Adventure Tour Operators Association of India - Area surrounding Gangotri Temple and Trail to Gaumukh** (Uttarakhand) Mt. Stok Kangri Trek, Lakakh (Jammu and Kashmir).

✓ **Apeejay Park Hotels** - Jantar Mantar (Delhi)

✓ **Bliss Inns (V-Resorts)** - Surajkund (Haryana)

✓ **Yatra Online** - Qutub Minar (Delhi); Ajanta Caves (Maharashtra); Leh Palace, Leh (Jammu & Kashmir); Hampi (Hazara Rama Temple) Karnataka.

NASSCOM partnered with IIT-Madras for training 4 million workforce in digital skills:

> **Industry body NASSCOM** has collaborated with the **Indian Institute of Technology, Madras** for its **FutureSkills Platform** that is targeted at re-skilling/upskilling four million people on digital skills. Under its **FutureSkills Platform**, **NASSCOM** aims to re-skill/upskill four million people from the **IT-ITeS** industry, students entering the workforce and employees of other industries/government on digital skills.

Shri Nitin Gadkari delivers **31st IB Centenary Endowment Lecture** in **New Delhi**:

> The **Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Shri Nitin Gadkari** delivered the **31st Intelligence Bureau (IB) Centenary Endowment Lecture** in **New Delhi**.

> The **Intelligence Bureau (IB)** completed **100 years of its existence in 1987** and celebrated 1988 as its **Centenary Year**. On **December 23, 1887**, the **Central Special Branch** was set up under orders issued in **London by the Secretary of State for India**. The **Central Special Branch** was renamed as the **Criminal Intelligence Bureau** and, thereafter, as the **Intelligence Bureau**.

Three-day India-China Film Festival was held in New Delhi:

> In order to strengthen people-to-people connect and deepen cultural understanding between the two countries, an **India-China Film Festival** to be organized during the **1st India-China High Level Mechanism on Cultural and People-to-People Exchanges at Siri Fort Auditorium II, New Delhi** by the Directorate of Film Festivals, **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India**.

> **A total of seven films including four Chinese and three Indian Films** will be screened during the Festival. The opening film of the Festival will be **'CZ12'** also known as **'Chinese Zodiac'**. The list of Indian films to be screened includes **'Dangal'** (Hindi), **'Maacher Jhol'** (Bengali) and **'Ventilator'** (Marathi).

Navy commissions its tenth Naval hospital, INHS Sandhani, at Karanja Naval station near Mumbai:

> The **Indian Navy** has commissioned a hospital ship **INHS Sandhani** at **Naval**

Station Karanja in Uran in Maharashtra's Raigad district. INHS Sandhani is the tenth **Naval Hospital of the Navy. Preeti Luthra, President of Navy Wives Welfare Association (NWWA), Western Region, unveiled the commissioning plaque of the hospital.**

First meeting of the Follow-up Committee between India, Afghanistan and Iran for operationalization of the Chabahar Agreement:

> The first meeting of the **Follow-up Committee for implementation of the trilateral Chabahar Agreement between India, Afghanistan and Iran at the level of Joint Secretary/ Director General** was held in the port city of **Chabahar in Iran**.

> It was agreed to finalise at the earliest the **Protocol to harmonize transit, roads, customs, and consular matters. It was agreed to allow cargo movement at Chabahar using TIR Convention provisions.** The next **Follow-up Committee meeting**, followed by the **2nd Coordination Council Meeting** the level of **Secretaries/ Deputy Ministers**, will held in **India in 2019**.

Union Home Minister released List of Top 10 Performing Police Stations Across India in Gujarat:

> **Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh** has released the list of top 10 performing police stations across the nation during the ongoing **DGP conference**. The top three police stations in India for 2018 are **Kalu (Bikaner, Rajasthan), Campbell Bay (Andaman & Nicobar Islands) and Farakka (Murshidabad, West Bengal)**.

> Other Stations in the list are **4th - Nettapakkam (Puducherry), 5th- Guder (Karnataka), 6th- Chopal (Himachal Pradesh), 7th- Lakheri (Rajasthan), 8th- Periyakulam (Tamil Nadu), 9th - Munyari (Uttarakhand), 10th- Churchorem (Goa).**

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ANDHRA PRADESH

Andhra Pradesh gets new high court in Amaravati:

> **Andhra Pradesh's** very own High Court will begin functioning from **January 1, 2019**. The **Ministry of Law and Justice** notified the constitution of the High Court in **Amaravati**.

> **President Ram Nath Kovind** signed a notification in this regard. **Andhra Pradesh High Court** will be the **25th High Court** in the country.

ANDHRA PRADESH

- **Capitals: Hyderabad, Amaravati**
- **Chief Minister: N. Chandrababu Naidu**
- **Governor: E. S. L. Narasimhan**

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Shi Yomi became **23rd district of Arunachal Pradesh:**

> **Arunachal Pradesh** got its **23rd district** with the formal inauguration of **Shi Yomi**, carved out of the **West Siang district**. Two more districts would be created, which would increase the total number of districts to **25**.

> The **Arunachal Pradesh Assembly** had on **August 29** passed a bill for the creation of three new districts — **Pakke-Kesang, Lepa Rada and Shi Yomi**.

> The **Pakke-Kesang district** has been carved out of **East Kameng district**, with five administrative units, and **Lepa Rada** by

bifurcating the Lower Siang district, with four administrative units.

Lepa Rada becomes 24th district of Arunachal Pradesh:

> The 24th district of Arunachal Pradesh-Lepa Radawas formally inaugurated, a day after Shi Yomi became a new district. Lepa Rada is carved out of the Lower Siang district, comprising four administrative circles - **Tirbin, Dari, Sago and Basar.**

> Chief Minister **Pema Khandu** unveiled the vision statement of the new district in presence of **Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju**, and also inaugurated a 4-km PMGSY road from Basar to Lape.

Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates Projects Worth Rs. 9,533 Crore In Arunachal Pradesh:

> **Union Minister for Road Transport Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone for national highway projects worth Rs. 9,533 crore in Arunachal Pradesh, in what is being seen as the biggest road infrastructure move by the Centre in the Northeast region.**

> **The foundation was laid for the two-lane Akajan-Likabali-Bame and the Joram-Koloriang road on National Highway (NH) 713. The Union Minister also laid the foundation for the re-launch of Potin to Pangin of NH 229.**

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

- **Capitals:** Guwahati (Judiciary), Itanagar
- **Chief minister:** Pema Khandu
- **Governor:** B. D. Mishra

ASSAM

President of India presents Standards to 118 Helicopter Unit and Colours to Air Defence College:

> The President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, presented **Standards to 118 Helicopter Unit** and Colours to Air Defence College in **Guwahati, Assam.** India is seen as an eminent power, expected to play a prominent role in shaping the global paradigm with regards to international security, trade and commerce, and environmental protection.

Assam govt announces 3 schemes for farmer's welfare:

> **Assam government** has announced **three schemes for the welfare of farmers.** The schemes are the **Assam Farmers' Credit Subsidy Scheme (AFCSS), Assam Farmers' Interest Relief Scheme (AFIRS)** and **Assam Farmers' Incentive Scheme (AFIS).**

> **Under AFCSS**, whatever amount of loan the farmers took from banks and whatever amount they repaid, **25 per cent of the money** will be reimbursed by the state government.

> **On AFIRS**, the Minister said currently **three per cent of the seven per cent interest against farm loan** is paid by the Central government and the remaining four per cent is required to be paid by farmers.

> Giving relief to the farmers, the state government has decided to **pay the remaining four per cent loan.**

PM dedicates Bogibeel Bridge to the nation and flags off first passenger train:

> The Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** has dedicated the **Bogibeel Bridge in Assam**, to the nation. The bridge, which spans the **River Brahmaputra between Dibrugarh and Dhemaji districts** of Assam, is of immense economic and strategic significance for the nation. In **Kareng Chapori**, on the northern

bank of the Brahmaputra, the Prime Minister also flagged off the **first passenger train** passing through the bridge.

> **Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)** has supplied around **35400 metric tonnes of steel for the construction of Bogibeel Road-cum-Rail Bridge** on the river Brahmaputra. This quantity is little more than 50% of the total quantity of steel supplied for the bridge. The **4.9 km-long bridge** on the Brahmaputra river is Asia's second longest rail-cum-road bridge. It has a serviceable **period of 120 years.**

> He also recalled that in **May 2017**, he had also dedicated the country's longest road bridge, the **Bhupen Hazarika Bridge at Sadia in Assam**, to the nation.

3rd Dwijing Festival begins in Assam:

• **In Assam**, the third **Dwijing Festival** has begun today on the bank of **Aye river** at Chirang district. Around 15 lakh tourists are expected to participate in the festival. Participants from Thailand, Bhutan and Bangladesh have reached the festival.

• **Assam PHE minister Rihon Daimary** inaugurated the festival in presence of several dignitaries.

• Adventure sports, food mart, cultural events, traditional games are being organized in the 12 day long event.

ASSAM

- **Capital:** Dispur
- **Chief minister:** Sarbananda Sonowal
- **Governor:** Jagdish Mukhi

GUJARAT

Rs.50 Crore Science And Technology Innovation Fund, First In The Country, Approved By Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani:

> Chief Minister **Vijay Rupani** has approved an **Rs.50-crore Science & Technology Innovation (STI) Fund** to provide assistance up to Rs.50 lakh to central and state universities and colleges, **recognized by UGC and AICTE, for a period of maximum three years**, to develop latent talents and encourage research and development in strategic fields.

> The **Science & Technology Department** of the state has identified **Gujarat Council of Science & Technology (GUJCOST)** to implement the scheme in fields which will be decided by the government for solving major problems faced by the state.

Kazakhstan opened consulate, under Dilip Chandan, in Gujarat to push business ties:

> **Central Asia's biggest and resource rich Kazakhstan has opened consulate in Gujarat, home state of PM Narendra Modi to further business partnership. The Honorary consulate will be headed by businessman and managing director of the company Chandan Steel Limited, Dilip Chandan.**

> **Kazakhstan has plans to link Gujarat's Mundra Port via multimodal transport through Iran.**

Gujarat CM lays foundation stones for projects worth Rs 666 Cr:

> Gujarat Chief Minister **Vijay Rupani** laid foundation stones for projects worth **666 crore rupees** across the state to mark the **completion of one year** in office. The projects include **5,179 newly-built classrooms** of schools and colleges, nine polytechnic college buildings and 350 anganwadi centres.

GUJARAT

- **Capital:** Gandhinagar
- **Chief minister:** Vijay Rupani
- **Governor:** Om Prakash Kohli

HARYANA

India's largest cancer Institute launched in Jhajjar, Haryana:

> **India's largest cancer institute, the "National Cancer Institute (NCI)" was launched at Jhajjar in Haryana. The 710-bed hospital opened its OPD services around five years after its foundation stone was laid by the then prime minister Manmohan Singh in 2014.**

> **The hospital is expected to be fully operational by December 2020. The aim was to strengthen research and also bring down the patient load at All India Institute of Medical Sciences' (AIIMS) cancer centre.**

Indian Navy to inaugurate IFC for Indian Ocean Region:

> **Indian Navy** is all set to establish the **information fusion centre (IFC)** for the **Indian Ocean Region** at the Navy's Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC) in **Gurugram.**

> The IFC-IOR is established with the vision of strengthening maritime security in the region and beyond, by building a common coherent maritime situation picture and acting as a maritime information hub for the region.

> The centre is aimed at collecting the data on **commercial shipping or 'white shipping' in the Indian Ocean region.** This will improve the Indian Navy's **'Maritime Domain Awareness'.**

HARYANA

- **Capital:** Chandigarh
- **Chief minister:** Manohar Lal Khattar
- **Governor:** Satyadev Narayan Arya

JAMMU & KASHMIR

J-K gov launches AB-PMJAY scheme:

> **Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik** has launched the ambitious **"Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)"** scheme which would benefit over 31 lakh residents in the state.

> The **AB-PMJAY** is the **world's largest healthcare scheme** which aims at providing portable coverage of **Rs 5 lakh per entitled family annually.**

JK Becomes First State To Have Law Banning Sexual Exploitation Of Women:

> **Jammu and Kashmir** became the **first state** to have a law **explicitly banning sexual exploitation** of woman by those in positions of authority, having a fiduciary relationship or by a public servant.

> The State Administrative Council headed by Governor Satya Pal Malik has given approval for **Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2018** and **Jammu and Kashmir Criminal Laws (Amendment).**

> The **newlaw amended section 154, 161** and schedule of Criminal Procedure Code and Section 53 of Evidence Act to bring the Sextortion as a similar offence prescribed under RPC.

President's Rule imposed in Jammu and Kashmir after 22 years:

> **The central government imposed President's rule in Jammu and Kashmir starting from December 20, 2018, as the Governor's rule expires in the state six months after it was imposed. President's rule was first imposed in the state in 1986, whereas the previous instance of President Rule was 22 years ago.**

JAMMU & KASHMIR

- **Capitals:** Jammu (Winter), Srinagar (Summer)

- Governor: **Satya Pal Malik**

JHARKHAND

Jharkhand to get Krishi Karman award in rice production category:

➤ **Jharkhand** has been selected for "Krishi Karman" award in the rice category from the Union Ministry of Agriculture.

➤ The award to be given away in February next year carries a cash prize of Rs 2 crore. Each farmer would be given a cash award of Rs 2 lakh along with citation.

JHARKHAND

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

KARNATAKA

Karnataka Govt Launches DataCity Programme to Solve Bengaluru's Problems:

➤ The government of Karnataka has partnered with France-based utility company SUEZ, Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and Paris-headquartered innovation hub NUMA, to launch 'DataCity Open Innovation Programme' in collaboration with startups and corporates.

➤ The idea behind the collaboration is to solve for challenges faced by global cities, with regards to **smart mobility, water and waste management, energy, smart buildings, transparency and security, and pollution management.**

➤ According to **Shyam J Bhan**, MD and CEO, SUEZ India, the collaboration with NUMA will support the group's digital strategy for the development of **resilient and sustainable cities.**

Karnataka Gets Permission for Mekedatu Project:

➤ **Central Water Commission (CWC)** has given approval to Karnataka's disputed **Makedatu Project** on river **Cauvery** and asked the Karnataka government to formulate detailed project report for the Makedatu Project. **Makedatu** is a deep gorge situated 100 km away from Bengaluru.

KARNATAKA

- Capital: **Bengaluru**
- Chief Minister: **H. D. Kumaraswamy**
- Governor: **Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala**

KERALA

Kannur International Airport in Kerala begins operations:

➤ The **Kannur international Airport-KIAL** in Kerala began its operations with Union minister for civil aviation **Suresh Prabhu** and Kerala Chief minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** jointly lighting the lamp inside the terminal building, marking the inauguration of the airport. With the Kannur airport becoming a reality, Kerala is the only state in the country with **four international airports.**

KERALA

- Capital: **Thiruvananthapuram**
- Chief minister: **Pinarayi Vijayan**
- Governor: **Palanisamy Sathasivam**

MADHYA PRADESH

Kuno wildlife sanctuary to be notified national park:

➤ The Madhya Pradesh forest department is likely to notify Kuno wildlife sanctuary as a national park in compliance with the last condition imposed by a Supreme Court-appointed committee for the much awaited 'translocation of Asiatic lions from Gir in Gujarat.'

➤ The move is expected to pave way for translocation of lions from Gir in Gujarat to **Kuno**. It is spread over **750 sq km** area.

MADHYA PRADESH

- Capital: **Bhopal, Jabalpur (Judiciary)**
- Chief Minister: **Kamal Nath**
- Governor: **Anandiben Patel**

MAHARASHTRA

Mumbai's Largest Sewage Treatment Plant Gets Green Ministry Nod:

➤ **Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** has given a go ahead to the city's **largest sewage treatment plant (STP), worth Rs 2,020 crore, to come up in Malad.** The sewage treatment plant will come up on 35 hectares of mangrove land.

➤ At present, the STP, a part of the **BMC's Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project II** has received clearance for re-plantation on 24 hectares between Malad to Thane creek.

Country's First Owl Festival In Pune:

➤ The **Indian Owl Festival**, the country's first owl fest, will be held at Pingori village in Purandar taluka of **Pune, Maharashtra.**

➤ The two-day festival, organised by **Ela Foundation**, an NGO working towards nature education and conservation, will give information on owl conservation and feature art forms like pictures, paintings, lanterns, lamp shades, posters, origami, stitched articles, poems and stories on owls.

Maharashtra Approves 16% Maratha Quota In Jobs And Education:

➤ **Marathas**, the politically influential community in Maharashtra, will now be able to get **16% reservation** in government jobs and education in the state. With the move, the caste reservation quota in the state will now reach **68% from the existing 52%.**

➤ The bill is called the Maharashtra State Reservation (of seats for admission in education institutions in the state and for appointments in public services and posts under the state) for **Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Act, 2018.**

Bahrain and Maharashtra Government signs MoU on fintech:

➤ The **Economic Development Board (EDB)**, the investment promotion arm of the **Kingdom of Bahrain** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Maharashtra Government** to provide a framework for **Co-operation between the two authorities to promote FinTech in their respective markets.**

Maharashtra allows citizens to inspect government records under RTI:

➤ **Residents of Maharashtra** can now inspect government records in district-level offices and local bodies under the **Right to Information (RTI) Act for two hours.**

➤ The move is aimed at **increasing transparency** and to cut down the number of RTI applications and appeals in the government offices.

Maharashtra CM Fadnavis launches SMART initiative for Agribusiness, Rural Transformation:

➤ **In a bid to transform rural Maharashtra, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has launched a unique initiative called "SMART", which stands for State of Maharashtra's Agribusiness and Rural Transformation. This World Bank assisted**

project aims to revamp agricultural value chains, with special focus on marginal farmers across 1,000 villages.

➤ **The project will entail an investment of 300 million US dollars of which World Bank would contribute 210 million US dollars. Almost 50 Memorandum of Understanding, involving top corporate houses like Amazon and Tata were signed on the occasion.**

Maharashtra govt approves Rs 4,089 crore for Tembhu irrigation scheme:

➤ **The Maharashtra government has approved a sum of Rs 4,089 crore for the Tembhu lift irrigation scheme in Satara district. The scheme, which will also benefit Satara's adjoining districts in Western Maharashtra, was approved by the state Cabinet. The irrigation project will benefit the perennially drought prone areas of Satara, Solapur and Sangli districts.**

Fadanavis launches Vajpayee International Schools in Mumbai:

➤ Maharashtra Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis** launched **Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Schools in Mumbai** on the occasion of 94th birth anniversary of the late Prime Minister.

➤ The schools are affiliated to the Maharashtra International Education Board, which the state government had set up with an aim **to achieve higher education standards.**

MAHARASHTRA

- Capital: **Mumbai**
- Chief minister: **Devendra Fadnavis**
- Governor: **C. Vidyasagar Rao**

MANIPUR

Manipur Sangai Festival-2018:

➤ Every year Manipur Tourism Department organizes annual cultural festival known as "**Sangai Festival**" which was previously known as "**Tourism Festival**" since 2010 this has been renamed as the Sangai Festival to stage the uniqueness of the shy and gentle brow-antlered deer popularly known as the **Sangai Deer**, which is the state animal of Manipur.

➤ Theme: "**DESTINATION MANIPUR**". The Princess of Thailand **Maha Chakri Sirindhorn** attended the 10-day festival on maiden visit to Manipur.

MANIPUR

- Capitals: **Imphal, Guwahati (Judiciary)**
- Chief Minister: **N. Biren Singh**
- Governor: **Najma Heptulla**

MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya launches health insurance merging it with Ayushman:

➤ **Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma** has launched the **Meghalaya Health Insurance Scheme (MHIS-IV) in convergence with that of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat scheme. The MHIS-IV targets to cover more than 8 lakh households offering over 2300 medical and surgical packages and up to Rs 5 lakh per family. The new scheme will be functional from February 1 next year.**

MEGHALAYA

- Capital: **Shillong**
- Chief Minister: **Conrad Sangma**
- Governor: **Tathagata Roy**

NAGALAND

HM Rajnath Singh To Inaugurate 19th Hornbill Festival in Nagaland:

➤ **Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh** will inaugurate the **19th Hornbill Festival** at

Kisama village near state capital Kohima in Nagaland.

➤ Nagaland Governor PB Acharya will be the chief host, while US Ambassador to India Kenneth I Juster has been invited as the guest of honour.
 ➤ The fest aims to display the rich traditions and the vibrant culture of Nagaland through colourful performances, crafts, sports, food fairs, games and ceremonies.

Nagaland signs MoU with Estonian academy on e-governance:

➤ The Nagaland government has inked a MoU with Estonian academy to enlighten the state people on the e-governance models prevailing in the world.
 ➤ The main objective of the five-year agreement with the e-Governance Academy of Estonia is to work together to develop and expand scientific collaboration on setting up e-Governance Academy in Nagaland.
 ➤ The day long e-Naga Summit was held on the theme, "Building IT infrastructure to make the state of Nagaland the next IT hub of South-East Asia".

First Ever Swadesh Darshan Project In Nagaland Worth Rs. 97.36 Crore Inaugurated By CM Neiphiu Rio:

➤ "Development of Tribal Circuit: Peren-Kohima-Wokha Project" will be inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Shri Neiphiu Rio, in the presence of Union Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism, Shri K.J. Alphons and Advisor for Tourism, Art & Culture, Government of Nagaland, Shri H. Khehovi Yephthomi at Kisama Heritage Village in Nagaland. This is the first project to be implemented in the state under Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
 ➤ The project was sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in November 2015 for Rs. 97.36 Crores.

NAGALAND

- Capital: Kohima, Guwahati (Judiciary)
- Chief Minister: Neiphiu Rio
- Governor: Padmanabha Acharya

ODISHA

Odisha Govt Launches 'PEETHA' To Create Awareness About Various Schemes:

➤ With an aim to create awareness among people about various Government schemes and improve transparency, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced a new programme the Peoples Empowerment Enabling Transparency and Accountability of Odisha Initiatives (PEETHA).
 ➤ PEETHA is a sub-scheme of the State Government's flagship Ama Gaon Ama Bikas Yojana.
 ➤ The State Government will organise special camps at Gram Panchayat headquarters across the State from 15th to 20th of each month to address the PEETHA. Benefits like LED bulb, Old Age pension, Artist pension, Mission Shakti etc will be distributed to the beneficiaries there. The best panchayat in each Block will be given Rs. 5 lakh for organising PEETHA.

Odisha CM announces Rs 10 crore for building Odiya Cultural Centre in Surat:

➤ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced financial aid of Rs 10 crore for establishment of Odiya Cultural Centre in Gujarat's Surat for their social celebrations.

Another Olive Ridley Nesting Site in Odisha: Bahuda Rookery

➤ The Odisha forest department is all set to add another olive ridley mass nesting site to its wildlife_map.
 ➤ Of these sites, Gahirmatha marine sanctuary is largest rookery (mass nesting site) of Olive Ridley turtles.
 ➤ Odisha is home to 50% of the total world's population of Olive Ridelys and about 90% of Indian population of sea turtles.
 ➤ Recently, Odisha forest department added another olive ridley mass nesting site Bahuda Rookery at beach on Bahuda river mouth in Ganjam district. It is located around 20 km to south of Rushikulya rookery coast.

Kandhamal Haldi likely to get GI tag:

➤ Odisha's Kandhamal Haldi (turmeric), famous for its healing properties, is a few steps away from receiving GI tag as the Geographical Indications Journal has advertised its application seeking objections.
 ➤ Kandhamal Apex Spices Association for Marketing, based at the district headquarter town of Phulbani, had moved for registration 'Kandhamal Haldi' which was accepted under sub-section (1) of Section 13 of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

PM Modi to inaugurate new campus of IIT Bhubaneswar:

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Odisha on December 24 during which he will inaugurate a new campus of IIT-Bhubaneswar and launch a host of other projects.
 ➤ Besides dedicating the new IIT Bhubaneswar campus, Modi will lay the foundation stone for IISER, Berhampur. The prime minister will also lay the foundation stone and inaugurate several other development projects in Odisha.
 ➤ On the occasion of bicentenary celebration of the historic Paika Rebellion, PM Modi will also release commemorative coin, postage stamp and inaugurate the Chair at Utkal University in memory of country's first independence movement.

Note: The Paika Rebellion is also called as Paika Bidroha

ODISHA

- Capital: Bhubaneswar
- Chief minister: Naveen Patnaik
- Governor: Ganeshi Lal

PUDUCHERRY

India's first underwater museum to open off Puducherry coast soon:

➤ India is set to get its first underwater museum off the Puducherry coast, giving a boost to tourism in the Union territory. INS Cuddalore, a minesweeper decommissioned in March after it travelled 30,000 nautical miles in 30 years, will be turned into a museum.
 ➤ The minesweeper will be deployed in the seabed 7 km off Puducherry at a depth of 26 metres. The 60-metre long and 12-metre wide vessel will be a popular destination for scuba diving and snorkelling. The Navy has agreed to gift the vessel to promote tourism in Puducherry.

PUDUCHERRY

- Chief Minister: V. Narayanasamy
- Lieutenant Governor: Kiran Bedi

PUNJAB

Cabinet approves implementation of Shahpurkandi Dam on river Ravi in Punjab:

➤ The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved implementation of Shahpurkandi Dam Project, Punjab on river Ravi. For this, Central Assistance of Rs. 485.38 cr (for irrigation component) would be provided over five years from 2018-19 to 2022-23.
 ➤ Implementation of this project would help minimising some of the water of the River Ravi which at present is going waste through the Madhopur Headworks downstream to Pakistan.

PUNJAB

- Capital: Chandigarh
- Chief Minister: Amarinder Singh
- Governor: V.P. Singh Badnore

RAJASTHAN

Second edition of exercise Aviaindra commenced between IAF and RFSAF at Jodhpur:

➤ The second edition of the service-specific exercise AVIAINDRA between Indian Air Force (IAF) and Russian Federation Aerospace Force (RFAF), has been commenced at Air Force Station Jodhpur in Rajasthan on December 10, 2018.
 ➤ This bi-annual air-service exercise will conclude on December 22, 2017. The exercise was started in 2014, and since then it is held two times a year.

Rajasthan announces loan waiver for farmers:

➤ In Rajasthan, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has announced that short term crop loans from cooperative banks and loans of up to two lakh rupees from nationalised and other banks will be waived. As per Gehlot, the scheme will apply to farmers in debt till November 30.

RAJASTHAN

- Capitals: Jaipur, Jodhpur (Judiciary)
- Chief Minister: Ashok Gehlot
- Governor: Kalyan Singh

TAMIL NADU

TN Government launches 24-hour helpline 181 for women:

➤ The Tamil Nadu government has launched a 24-hour toll free helpline "181" for women, among others, facing domestic violence and sexual harassment. Chief Minister K Palaniswami launched the initiative, developed at a cost of Rs. 62.70 lakh.
 ➤ Women facing domestic violence and sexual harassment at home or workplaces can contact the toll-free helpline 181, to get assistance ranging from police help, legal aid or medical services including ambulance.

TAMIL NADU

- Capital: Chennai
- Chief Minister: Edappadi K. Palaniswami
- Governor: Banwarilal Purohit

TELANGANA

India's first Private UAV Factory Comes Up in Hyderabad:

➤ India's first private sector unit for manufacturing unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) opened in Hyderabad.
 ➤ The plant has been built at Adani Aerospace Park, the first defence and aerospace complex of Adani Group, at Hardware Park on the outskirts of Hyderabad.
 ➤ Built by the Adani Group and Israel-based Elbit Systems, the 50,000 square feet facility will develop Hermes 900 medium altitude long-endurance UAVs for the Indian and global markets.

TELANGANA

- Capital: **Hyderabad**
- Chief Minister: **K. Chandrashekar Rao**
- Governor: **E. S. L. Narasimhan**

UTTARAKHAND

Atal Ayushman Uttarakhand Yojana launched in Uttarakhand:

➤ 'Atal Ayushman Uttarakhand Yojana' has been launched in the hill state. Under the scheme, each household in the state will be able to avail medical treatment of **up to 5 lakh rupees annually**.

UTTARAKHAND

- Capitals: **Dehradun, Nainital (Judiciary)**
- Chief Minister: **Trivendra Singh Rawat**
- Governor: **Baby Rani Maurya**

UTTAR PRADESH

4-Day 1st International Conference On Bears Held In Agra, UP:

➤ **International Conference on Bears** being organised in the **Taj city, Agra in Uttar Pradesh** for the first time. The conference **aims to share knowledge** on principles of welfare of

bears and other wild animals in zoos, sanctuaries and rescue centres.

➤ Hosted by **Wildlife SOS**, a conservation non-profit, the conference is focused on **bear care**, wildlife conservation and human wildlife conflict mitigation and is in collaboration with Bear Care Group from the **US and Canada**.

UP Government decides to establish an umbrella university to be named after former PM late Atal Bihari Vajpayee:

➤ The **Uttar Pradesh Government** has decided to **establish an umbrella university** to control all the medical and dental colleges and nursing institutions in the state. The university will be named after former **Prime Minister late Atal Bihari Vajpayee**. The decision was taken in a cabinet meeting headed by **Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at Lucknow**. It will also help in **transparency in entrance and examination system**.

Uttar Pradesh's Startup HelpUsGreen honoured by UN:

➤ **Uttar Pradesh** based start-up **HelpUsGreen** has been honoured by UN for its works to clean River Ganga by recycling tonnes of floral waste.

➤ UN presented the award to the 14 other countries along with India at the Nations Climate Action award ceremony during the **UN Climate Change Conference in Katowice**.

UTTAR PRADESH

- Capitals: **Lucknow, Allahabad (Judiciary)**
- Chief minister: **Yogi Adityanath**
- Governor: **Ram Naik**

WEST BENGAL

NGT Slaps Rs 5 Crore Fine On West Bengal Government For Failing To Curb Air Pollution:

➤ The **National Green Tribunal (NGT)** has slapped an **Rs 5-crore fine** on the West Bengal government for **"failing to comply"** with its two-year-old directive to improve air quality in **Kolkata and Howrah**.

West Bengal

- Capital: **Kolkata**
- Chief Minister: **Mamata Banerjee**
- Governor: **Keshari Nath Tripathi**

NATIONAL SUMMITS

SUMMIT	Key Points/ Area/ Themes	Held in
4th India-Mozambique Joint Commission meeting 2018	A MoU was signed between the National Archives of India and the National Documentation and Information Center of Mozambique, for enhancing cooperation in the area of archival management	New Delhi, India
1st Ever Indo-Indonesian Biz Forum As Part Of Indo-Pacific Strategies	The forum aims to facilitate the commercial and people to people linkages between Andaman and Nicobar Islands of India with Aceh and North Sumatera Province of Indonesia	Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
Global Agriculture and Food Summit 2018	The focus of the summit will be organic farming . It was inaugurated Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh	Ranchi, Jharkhand
2nd National Conference of Heads of Investigating Agencies	The theme of the conference is "Capacity Building of Police Investigators in the Era of New Age Crimes" .	New Delhi, India
India Water Impact Summit 2018	The three days summit is jointly organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga and the Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies.	New Delhi, India
First 2-Day India-ASEAN InnoTech Summit	The theme of the Summit was: 'India ASEAN InnoTech Summit: Accelerating towards innovative development' .	New Delhi, India
8 th Session Of The Foreign Office Consultations Between India And Sudan	Exchanged views on issues of mutual concern at regional and multilateral levels	New Delhi, India
Annual Start-up India Venture Capital Summit 2018	The theme of the Summit is 'Mobilizing Global Capital for Innovation in India.' It was organized by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Government of Goa	Goa, India
Second meeting of the NITI Forum for the North East	The meeting will mainly focus on issues pertaining to five critical sectors - Tourism, Bamboo, Dairy, Fisheries and Tea. Note: The forum's first meeting was held on April 10, 2018 in Agartala, Tripura.	Guwahati, Assam
80th Session of Policy Commission of World Customs Organization	It was organized by the World Customs Organization (WCO) and hosted by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), India	Mumbai, Maharashtra
2 - Day Conference on the partnership between EU and India for Cultural Heritage Conservation	Promoting cultural links between European regions and India is one of our priorities of EU-India strategic partnership.	New Delhi, India
1st International Conference on Sustainable Water Management	Theme: 'Sustainable Water Management' . Under the aegis of National Hydrology Project , Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation is being organised by Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB)	Mohali, Punjab
Military Literature Festival 2018	MLF 2018 aims to offer an opportunity for the younger generation to get acquainted with India's glorious military heritage, while also bringing a host of cultural activities, food cuisines and competitions to the public.	Chandigarh
Fourth Partners' Forum 2018	The Government of India, in association with the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), is hosting a conference. It will be framed around the objectives of the Global Strategy of Survive – Thrive – Transform. The previous chapters were held in Johannesburg, South Africa (2014), New Delhi, India (2010) and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (2007).	New Delhi, India

National conference 'AYUSHCHARYA' on Dinacharya (Daily Regimen) and Ritucharya (Seasonal Regimen) for public health promotion"	To make the AYUSHCHARYA Calendar-2019 & Dinacharya booklet easy to understand, number of photographs has been used tastefully.	New Delhi, India
" Uncrowned Glory – An exhibition of Ethnic Ornaments of Himachal Pradesh "	Aims to showcase an exquisite collection of silver and gold ornaments from different communities and regions of Himachal Pradesh	New Delhi, India
1st Adventure Next India 2018	The Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA) will hold its first Adventure NEXT event. It focused on adventure tourism.	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
4th WHO Global Forum held on Medical Devices	The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India , along with the World Health Organization organized the event. To convene the Global Forum on medical devices to improve access to safe, effective, innovative, accessible, affordable and appropriate medical devices	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Three-day Conference on Soft Power	It consists of three major categories - a nation's culture, its political values and its foreign policy. It was inaugurated by Vice President.	New Delhi, India
18th meeting of the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-MTC) .	India and Russia agreed to extend bilateral cooperation on defence joint-venture (JV) manufacturing projects	New Delhi, India

INTERNATIONAL

President Kovind Dedicates ACARE Project To People Of Myanmar:

➤ President **Ram Nath Kovind** dedicates – **India** assisted project '**Advanced Centre for Agricultural Research & Education**' (**ACARE**) – to the people of Myanmar. A mobile app has also been launched for **welfare of farmers**.
 ➤ Project focuses on **Genetics, Post-Harvest Technology, Participatory Knowledge Management** and capacity building for farmers in Myanmar; President is on a state visit to Myanmar.
 ➤ It was established as per an MOU between both the countries for research and capacity building of Myanmar students and scientists. The programme is run by IARI.

Myanmar

- Capital: **Naypyidaw**
- Currency: **Burmese kyat**

Abu Dhabi to Host 2nd India-UAE Strategic Conclave:

➤ **Abu Dhabi**, the UAE capital, will host a major day-long conclave to **discuss the economic relations between India and the UAE**.
 ➤ The conclave will identify new rewarding sectors in order to widen **the scope of bilateral investments**.
 ➤ The second edition of Economic Times India-UAE Strategic Conclave is held under the patronage and presence of **Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan**, the UAE Minister of Tolerance.

'Nomophobia' declared People's Word of 2018 by Cambridge Dictionary:

➤ **Based on the results of a popular vote, Cambridge Dictionary** has named "**nomophobia**" - the "**fear or worry at the idea of being without your mobile phone or unable to use it**" as word of the year.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa To Be 2019 Republic Day Chief Guest:

➤ **South African President Cyril Ramaphosa** will be chief guest at **India's 70th Republic Day** celebrations. **Mr Ramaphosa** was invited to be the chief guest by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** when the two leaders met on the sidelines of the **G20 summit in Argentina's capital Buenos Aires**.

Visit of Romanian Foreign Minister to India:

➤ **H.E. Mr. Teodor Melescanu**, Foreign Minister of **Romania** visited India, recently.
 ➤ In the discussions, External Affairs Minister, **Smt. Sushma Swaraj**, highlighted the constructive cooperation between the two countries on **international and bilateral issues**.
 ➤ During the visit, Romania will formally open its **Honorary Consulate** in Chennai.
 ➤ **Romania** will take over the **Presidency of the European Council in January 2019**.
ROMANIA

- Capital: **Bucharest**
- Currency: **Romanian leu**

World's 1st 3D-printed functional e-bike made in Germany:

➤ **After years of hard work, the Slovak company Kinazo** has released the **world's first ever 3D printed bike, which was introduced at the conference "The Current Evolution of 3D Printing"** in **Volkswagen Slovakia, Stupava**. **E1** was printed in **VW Slovakia by Concept Laser X Line 2000R** which is actually being the **largest serial made metal melting machine with building envelope 80 x 40 x 50 cm**.

Qatar to withdraw from OPEC in January 2019:

➤ **Qatar** said it was quitting **OPEC from January to focus on its gas ambitions**, taking a swipe at the group's de facto leader **Saudi Arabia** and marring efforts to show unity before this week's meeting of exporters to tackle an oil price slide.
 ➤ **Doha**, one of OPEC's smallest oil producers but the world's biggest liquefied natural gas (LNG) exporter, is embroiled in a protracted diplomatic row with Saudi Arabia and some other Arab states.

About OPEC

➤ The **Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)** is an intergovernmental organisation of 15 nations, founded in 1960 in Baghdad by the first five members (Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela), and headquartered since 1965 in **Vienna, Austria**.
 ➤ The **current OPEC members** are the following: **Algeria, Angola, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, the Republic of the Congo, Saudi**

Arabia (the de facto leader), United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela.

➤ Secretary General of OPEC: **Mohammed Sanusi Barkindo (28th)**

Luxembourg to become first country to make all public transport free:

➤ **Luxembourg** is set to become the **first country in the world to make all its public transport free**. Fares on trains, trams and buses will be lifted next summer under the plans of the re-elected coalition government led by **Xavier Bettel**, who was sworn in for a second term as prime minister.
 ➤ This summer, the government brought in **free transport for every child and young person under the age of 20**. Commuters need only pay €2 (£1.78) for up to two hours of travel, which in a country of just 999 sq miles (2,590 sq km) covers almost all journeys.

Luxembourg

- Capital: **Luxembourg City**
- Currency: **Euro**

Indian Coast Guard Conducted Exercise 'Clean Sea-2018' At Sea Off Port Blair:

• The **Indian Coast Guard** has conducted the Regional Level Marine Oil Pollution Response Exercise titled '**Clean Sea - 2018**' at sea off **Port Blair**.
 • Coast Guard ships **Viswasth, Vijith, Rajveer, Rajshri**, 4 interceptor boats and its air assets **Dornier** and **Chetak** helicopters participated in the exercise.

Panama 1st Latin American Nation To Join Belt And Road Initiative:

• **Xi and Varela** signed a score of infrastructure, tourism and development cooperation agreements as **Panama** became the **first Latin American country** to partner with Beijing's giant multi-billion-dollar global investment initiative known as "**Belt and Road Initiative**". China established diplomatic relations with Panama last year.

PANAMA

- Capital: **Panama City**
- Currencies: **United States Dollar, Panamanian balboa**
- President: **Juan Carlos Varela**

UN launches new framework to combat international terrorism:

➤ UN Secretary-General **Antonio Guterres** has launched a new framework to **combat the scourge of international terrorism and coordinate efforts** across the peace and security, humanitarian, human rights and sustainable development sectors.

➤ Termed the **UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact**, the framework is an agreement between the UN chief, 36 organizational entities, INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization.

Sheikh Hamdan launches world's largest Arabic audio library:

➤ **Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**, Crown Prince of Dubai and chairman of Dubai Executive Council, has launched the **Dubai Audio Library, the largest Arabic audio library in the world.**

➤ The library, which targets seven million visually impaired people in the Arab world, is an initiative undertaken by the **Roads and Transport Authority (RTA)** in collaboration with the website **Bookshare.org**.

Japanese Parliament approves legislation allowing foreign workers to ease labour shortage:

➤ **In Japan, parliament has approved a controversial new law allowing hundreds of thousands of foreigners into the country to ease labour shortages. From April 2019, foreigners will be allowed to take up jobs in sectors such as construction, farming and nursing. The law creates two new visa categories.**

➤ **Workers in the first category will be allowed in for five years if they have a certain level of skill and some proficiency in Japanese. Workers with a higher level of skills would qualify for the second visa category and would eventually be allowed to apply for residency.**

UN conference adopts migration pact despite withdrawals:

➤ A United Nations Conference in **Moroccan city of Marrakesh** has adopted a global pact "**The Global compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration**" to better handle migrant flows despite a string of withdrawals driven by anti-immigrant populism.

➤ The pact is described as a "Roadmap to prevent suffering and chaos" by UN Secretary General **Antonio Guterres**.

Israel becomes a member of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF):

➤ **Israel** has become a full member of the **Financial Action Task Force**, an international body set up **to combat money laundering, terrorist financing** and other threats to the international financial system.

➤ The Jewish state has now taken its place alongside 37 other members including most of the G20, the world's 20 leading industrialized and emerging economies **just 16 years after being blacklisted by the organization.**

ISRAEL

- Capital: **Jerusalem** Trending
- Currency: **Israeli new shekel**
- Prime minister: **Benjamin Netanyahu**

Japan chose Disaster as symbol for 2018:

➤ **Japan** selected the Chinese character for 'disaster' as its '**defining symbol**' for **2018**. The country selected it as it was hit by deadly **floods, earthquakes, and storms.**

➤ The event was organized by the **Japan Kanji Aptitude Testing Foundation.**

European Union Ambassador Opens India's First CoE at MAHE

➤ India's first **Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence** established by the European Union

was inaugurated at the Department of European Studies (DES) at **Manipal Academy of Higher Education by Ambassador of the European Union (EU)** to India and Bhutan, **Mr Tomasz Kozlowski.**

➤ Manipal has always been a pioneer in promoting higher education and research in international relations in **India in general and European studies in particular.**

➤ The award comes with a grant of €1,00,000 to pursue India-EU interdisciplinary studies in **culture, literature, education and society.** This is the fifth time that MAHE has been awarded grants under the Erasmus+ Jean Monnet initiative.

World's first floating nuclear plant operational in Russia:

➤ Russian state-run atomic energy corporation Rosatom announced that Akademik Lomonosov, the **world's first "floating" nuclear power plant (FNPP)** for installation in remote areas, has been started and brought to 10 percent of its capacity.

➤ They are designed to maintain **both uninterrupted power and plentiful desalinated water supply in remote areas.**

Nepal bans Indian currency notes above Rs 100:

➤ **The Nepal government** has decided to ban Indian currency above **Rs 100**, according to a report published in Kathmandu.

➤ According to the report, the government has asked Nepal citizens to refrain from keeping new Indian note of Rs 2,000, Rs 500 and Rs 200 denominations.

➤ The government has asked the people to refrain from keeping or carrying Indian bank notes **higher than Rs 100 denomination as it has not legalised the higher denomination notes.**

Irish parliament passes bill to legalise abortion:

➤ **Ireland's parliament** has passed a landmark legislation to make abortion legal for the first time in the Catholic-majority country with **66.4%** voting in favour of new legislation to allow for the termination of pregnancies.

➤ The new development has come following a rising number of distressing stories about women unable to get an abortion in Ireland.

EU parliament approves 'world's largest' free trade deal with Japan:

➤ The European Parliament approved an accord with Japan that has been dubbed **the world's biggest trade deal, covering economies** that represent a third of global GDP.

➤ The agreement has been celebrated as a victory for Europe as a free trade champion in the face of U.S. President Donald Trump's protectionism and the U.K.'s decision to leave the EU.

➤ EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement will **remove duties on almost all agricultural and industrial products** as well as open up the service sector and procurement.

➤ It also moves to eliminate non-tariff barriers to trade. The deal will create an open trading zone covering 635 million people and almost one-third of the world's total GDP.

Germany Adds 'Diverse' As A Gender To Birth Register:

➤ **Germans** will soon be able to choose a **third gender on the register of births, with "diverse" set to become an option.**

➤ This comes after **Chancellor Angela Merkel's** left-right coalition had passed legislation permitting children born intersex to be registered as "miscellaneous".

➤ The **"third gender" option places Germany** in line with other countries that have introduced measures to recognize intersex people or a third gender, such as Austria, Australia, New Zealand, India, Canada and Portugal.

Australia Recognizes West Jerusalem As Capital Of Israel:

➤ Australia announced that it now recognizes **West Jerusalem as the capital of Israel**, and will move its Tel Aviv embassy once a peace settlement is reached. USA under the leadership of Donald Trump already recognized the disputed city as the Capital of Israel.

➤ The announcement makes Australia one of a handful of countries to recognize part of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and represents a **change in the country's long-held policy on the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.**

India announces \$1.4 billion package for Maldives :

➤ India announced a **\$1.4 billion** package for the Maldives to meet its immediate **budgetary as well as some medium-term requirements.**

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the package that includes soft loans after talks with visiting Maldives President Ibrahim Solih in New Delhi.

➤ Both sides signed four agreements that will ensure greater cooperation between India and the Maldives with India covered a wide swath of issues such as **health, education, and defence.**

Maldives

- Capital: **Male**
- Currency: **Maldivian rufiyaa**

Dutch build artificial islands to bring wildlife back:

➤ **A new artificial archipelago** of five islets was created in **Markermeer** to bring wildlife back, one of Europe's largest freshwater lakes under an ambitious project.

➤ The five islets were built in two and a half years and have already served as a resting place for 30,000 swallows this year.

➤ It has already attracted greylag goose, common tern, and several species of waders. The project was initiated by **Natuurmonumenten**, a Dutch non-governmental organization working for the preservation of nature. The project **cost around 60 million euros (USD 68 million).**

USA pulled out of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty with Russia:

➤ **Russian government announced USA's withdrawal from the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. The treaty aimed to end arms race between USA and USSR during cold war and to ensure some strategic stability in Europe.**

➤ **Under this treaty, all the nuclear and conventional missiles with ranges of 500-1,000 km or (short-range) and 1,000-5,500 km (intermediate-range) were banned. It also banned the development, testing and possession of short and medium-range ground-launched nuclear missiles having ranged between 500 and 5,000 km.**

New Zealand to phase out plastic shopping bags:

> In New Zealand, regulations for mandatory phase-out of single-use plastic shopping bags will take effect from July 1, 2019. Retailers will no longer be able to sell

or give away single-use plastic shopping bags from July next year after the cabinet agreed to the proposed regulations for a mandatory nationwide phase-out of these bags.

> These regulations are an important first step to tackle New Zealand's wider waste problem. And manufacturers, retailers and consumers all have a responsibility to reduce waste and prevent plastic pollution.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMITS

SUMMIT	Key Points/ Area/ Themes	Held in
3rd ASEAN – India Business Summit (AIBS)	It was organized under the guidance of Ministry of International Trade and Industries . Spice Garden group of restaurants owner Pardeep Batra was awarded the special ASEAN – India Achievement award for the businessman of year	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Asia-Pacific Summit 2018	It would help promote tourism and support ' Visit Nepal Year 2020 ' initiative, highlight the successfully concluded peace process and promulgation of new constitution and explore new diplomatic and business opportunities for Nepal.	Kathmandu, Nepal
Two day 175th Meeting of the OPEC Conference & one day 5th OPEC and Non-OPEC Ministerial Meeting 2018	The next OPEC and Non-OPEC Ministerial Meeting will convene in Vienna, Austria in April, 2019 . HE Manuel Salvador Quevedo Fernandez , People's Minister of Petroleum of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, was elected as the President of the conference for 1 year with effect from January 1, 2019.	Vienna, Austria
Conference on 'Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code – A New Paradigm for Stressed Assets' 2018	The conference was organized by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) jointly with the Consulate General of India, New York, USA. The Finance Minister, Shri Arun Jaitley was addressing through Video Conferencing.	New York, USA
39th Gulf Cooperation Council summit 2018	The GCC comprises Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE . 40th Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) summit will be held in the United Arab Emirates .	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
7th round of India – South Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) negotiations	South Korea imports around 15 lac tonnes of raw sugar annually and the Indian sugar industry is making efforts to export raw sugar from India during 2018-19 sugar season.	Seoul, South Korea

LIST OF AGREEMENTS/MOU'S SIGNED BY INDIA WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES:

COUNTRY	Agreement	Capital/Currency
UAE	Inked a Currency Swap Agreement and to boost cooperation in trade, security and defence	Abu Dhabi/Dirham
Peru	For co-operation and mutual assistance in Customs Matters	Lima/ Sol
Algeria	In the field of space sciences, technologies and applications	Algiers/ Dinar
Japan	In the field of healthcare and wellness and to improve postal services in the Postal field.	Tokyo/ Yen
Morocco	For cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space	Rabat/ Dirham
Zimbabwe	For cooperation in the field of geology, mining and mineral resources .	Harare/ Dollar, Rand, Euro, Sterling, Rupee, Renminbi, Yen, Pula
Armenia	On joint issue of postage stamp . The Commemorative Postage Stamps depict Manipuri Dance of India and Hov Arek Dance of Armenia.	Yerevan/ Dram
Uzbekistan	On cooperation in the exploration and uses of Outer Space for peaceful purposes .	Tashkent/ Som
Russia	On Joint Activities under Human Space flight Programme .	Moscow/Ruble
Tajikistan	On Cooperation on Peaceful uses of Space Technology for Development .	Dushanbe/ Somoni, Ruble
South Korea	To strengthen and further develop in the field of tourism . To raise the quantum of the bilateral trade to 50 billion dollars by the year 2030. And to upgrade the bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.	Seoul/ Won
France	In the field of energy efficiency / energy conservation . And on deepening their strategic partnership through cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, civil nuclear, defence and security, space, trade and economic sectors .	Paris/ Euro, CFP franc
Saudi Arabia	Signed a 2019 Bilateral Annual Haj Agreement	Riyadh/ Riyal
Italy	30-member Trans Regional Maritime Network that will give it an access to the information on ships passing through the Indian Ocean Region.	Rome/Euro

BANKING & BUSINESS
RBI IN NEWS

RBI 5th Bi-Monthly Policy: MPC Keeps Repo Rate Unchanged At 6.50%; Cuts SLR By 25 Bps

- On the basis of an assessment of the current and evolving macroeconomic situation at its meeting, the **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** decided to: keep the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) **unchanged at 6.5 per cent** and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at **6.75 per cent**.

- The decision of the MPC is consistent with the stance of calibrated tightening of monetary policy in consonance **with the objective of achieving the medium-term target for consumer price index (CPI) inflation of 4 per cent within a band of +/- 2 per cent**, while supporting growth. The main considerations underlying the decision are set out in the statement below.

Rates	Current	Previous
Policy Repo Rate	6.50% (Unchanged)	6.50%
Reverse Repo Rate	6.25% (Unchanged)	6.25%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate (MSLR)	6.75% (Unchanged)	6.75%
Bank Rate	6.75% (Unchanged)	6.75%
CRR	4% (Unchanged)	4%
SLR	19.5% (Unchanged)	19.5%

Non-Food Bank Credit Grows At 15.6%: RBI

- According to RBI data, the total credit flow from banks to the commercial sector grew at **15.6 per cent** year-on-year at Rs 97.32 trillion the highest growth since demonetization.

- The adjusted non-food bank credit stood at Rs 84.22 trillion in the year-ago fortnight. Adjusted non-food bank credit includes **non-food bank credit and total non-statutory liquidity ratio (SLR)** investments of banks in commercial papers, shares and bonds/debentures.

- The higher growth in advances comes at a point when 11 banks are under RBI's PCA framework, which restricts them from fresh lending

- Bank credit was lowest during the November 2016 to March 2017 period, following the government's move to demonetise high-value currency notes.

RBI Moves To Ease Liquidity For Non-Banking Finance Firms:

- In a move to make more liquidity available to **Non-Banking Finance Firms**, the **Reserve Bank of India** has relaxed the **securitization norms** by relaxing the minimum holding period requirement.

- RBI has decided to relax the **Minimum Holding Period (MHP)** requirement for originating NBFCs, as they are now allowed to securitize loans with maturity of more than five years after holding them **for six months** on their books, as compared to **one year earlier**.

State Bank of Mauritius gets RBI approval for subsidiary:

- The Reserve Bank of India has approved merger of **SBM (Mauritius), India with SBM Bank (India)**, which has been granted licence by the

Reserve Bank to carry on the business of banking in India through **Wholly Owned Subsidiary (WOS) mode under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.**

- All the branches of **SBM Bank (Mauritius) Limited** in India will function as branches of SBM Bank (India) Limited **with effect from December 01, 2018.**

Current account deficit widens to 2.9% of GDP in Q2: RBI

- India's **Current Account Deficit (CAD)** widened to **2.9 per cent of the GDP** in the second quarter of the fiscal compared to 1.1 per cent in the year-ago period, mainly due to a **large trade deficit**, the **RBI said**. The CAD, or the difference between outflow and inflow of foreign exchange in the country's current account, was USD 19.1 billion during the quarter ended **September 30, 2018.**

RBI mulls cooling-off period for its retired top officials:

- According to central banking sources, the **RBI has mandated a three-year cooling-off period for retired officials before they can take over as chairman or chief executive of any other entity. There have been several instances of top RBI officials like Deputy Governor and Executive Directors taking up the position of chairman of other entities. RBI had been liberal in waiving off the one-year cooling period in the past.**

New 20 rupees Notes to be Released by RBI Soon:

- The Reserve Bank of India will soon introduce **Rs 20 notes with additional features. The reserve bank** has already issued new-look currency notes in the denominations of **Rs 10, Rs 50, Rs 100, and Rs 500**, besides introducing Rs 200 and Rs 2000 notes after demonetisation. The new notes are being introduced under the **Mahatma Gandhi series.**

- The new currency notes are different in size and design compared to issued previously. The currency notes, except for banned Rs 500 and Rs 1000, issued under the old series continue to remain legal tender.

RBI grants 40 branch licenses to Bandhan Bank:

- Reserve Bank of India has allowed Bandhan Bank to open as many as 40 more branches, first time after it put a restriction on the bank's branch opening spree three months back.**

RBI slaps Rs 1 crore fine on Indian Bank for violating cyber security norms:

- The Reserve Bank of India said it has imposed a fine of **Rs 1 crore on Indian Bank for violating cyber security norms.** The RBI has imposed, by an order dated November 30, 2018, a monetary penalty of Rs 10 million on Indian Bank for contravention of circular on **Cyber Security Framework.**

RBI

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- Governor: **Urjit Patel**

HUL Board Approves Merger With GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare India:

- FMCG major **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)** said its board has approved the merger with **GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare (GSKCH India)** through an-all

equity deal, valuing the total business of the latter **at Rs. 31,700 crore.**

- The transaction is an all equity merger with **4.39 shares of HUL** being allotted for every share in GSKCH India, which sells consumer healthcare products, including popular drink brand Horlicks.

ADB enters an arrangement with World Bank for co-financed projects:

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)** said it has entered into an arrangement with the **World Bank** to put in place a single framework that will make co-financed projects more efficient.

- ADB's **first Alternative Procurement Arrangement (APA)** with the World Bank will allow procedures **on co-financed projects to follow a single procurement framework.** The APA is a step further towards reducing procurement timelines in line with **Strategy 2030.**

SEBI Issues Norms For Interoperability Among Clearing Corporations

- With an aim to reduce trading costs, regulator Sebi came out with a framework for **interoperability among clearing corporations (CCPs)**, which will be operationalised by 1 June 2019.

- Interoperability framework will be applicable to all the recognised CCPs excluding those operating in **International Financial Services Centre.**

SEBI amends norms for start-ups listing, OFS framework for companies:

- Capital market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has announced relaxation in norms for **e-commerce, data analytics, and biotechnology and nanotechnology firms to raise funds** through stock exchange listing. The **Institutional Trading Platform** would be **renamed as Innovators Growth Platform**, where the new companies can list as per the amended rules.

- SEBI has reduced the minimum application size for such listings from **Rs 10 lakh to Rs 2 lakh** and done away with any requirement of minimum reservation of allocation to a specific category of investors. It has also brought down the minimum number of allotted to 50 from 200 and kept the minimum offer size at **Rs 10 crore.**

SEBI

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Ajay Tyagi**

World Bank unveils USD 200 bn in climate action investment for 2021-25:

- The World Bank has unveiled **200 billion US Dollars** in climate action investment for 2021 to 2025, adding that this amounts to a doubling of its current five-year funding. The move coincides with a UN climate summit in Katowice.

ECB launch TIPS instant payment system:

- The **European Central Bank** has launched a new system aimed at letting banks settle payments instantly across Europe, helping them to compete with **PayPal** and other global tech giants.

- The so-called **TIPS system** will allow consumers and businesses across the 19-nation euro area **to send and receive money** in mere seconds, without the usual lags associated with online and real-world transactions.

Cashe Partners with Mswipe to launch EMI cards:

> Digital lending startup Cashe has partnered with card payment company Mswipe to launch EMI cards for its consumers. The co-branded card will give customers an instant pre-approved credit of up to Rs 10,000 with a three EMIs (equated monthly instalments) repayment plan.

> The Mcards will allow customers to do transactions for a minimum of Rs 2500 and up to a limit of Rs 10,000 at any merchant outlet which has Mswipe terminal. Further to enhance customer convenience the Cashe application will also allow customers to find out merchants who accept the EMI card.

Paisabazaar.com launches India's first chance of approval feature for lending products:

> Paisabazaar.com, India's largest online marketplace for financial products has launched an industry-first feature that will help loan applicants choose their most-suited lender on its platform.

> Named 'Chance of Approval', this advanced predictive algorithm has been created by Paisabazaar.com by using the last four years of lending data. While this is the first such initiative in India, globally a few leading players, like Credit Karma in the US, have developed similar features to improve the acceptance rate on their platforms.

ICICI Securities launches eATM service for retail investors:

> Brokerage firm ICICI Securities Ltd has announced launch of eATM orders, which instantly credits into a retail investor's bank account funds accrued from stock sales. Under the current settlement system, an investor gets money into their accounts after two days (T+2) after a transaction.

> The money would be credited within 30 minutes with a limit of Rs.50,000 per client per day. This new feature is offered to all ICICI direct customers at no additional cost and will be available to stocks sold on the BSE.

ADB, India Sign \$85 Million Loan to Support Odisha Skills Development Project:

> The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India has signed a \$85 million loan to improve the skills development ecosystem in Odisha and establish an advanced skills training center, the World Skill Center (WSC), in the state capital Bhubaneswar.

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines
- President: Takehiko Nakao

Exim Bank extends USD 500 mn loan to Tanzania for water supply projects:

> Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has extended a credit facility of USD 500 million to Tanzania for water supply projects in the country.

> Exim Bank signed an agreement on May 10, 2018, with the Tanzania government for making available a Government of India-supported line of credit of USD 500 million for the purpose of financing water supply schemes.

HDFC ERGO Announces Corporate Agency Tie-up with Federal Bank:

> **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company**, India's leading private sector general insurance company and **Federal Bank**, announced tie-up for the distribution of HDFC ERGO's range of **non-life insurance offerings** to the customers of the Bank through its network branches.

HCL Tech to buy certain IBM software assets for \$1.8 billion, shares slump 7%:

> **IBM** agreed to sell \$1.8 billion in software assets to India's **HCL Technologies Ltd.**, part of Big Blue's effort to focus more on cloud computing. HCL, based in **New Delhi**, is buying seven businesses focused on markets such as e-commerce and human resources. The transaction is expected to close by **mid-2019**.

NABARD signed USD 100 mn agreement with UNFCC approved Green Climate Fund to boost solar power:

> The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) signed an agreement with **Green Climate Fund (GCF)** to infuse USD 100 million into the project designed to unlock private sector initiatives for creation of rooftop solar power capacity across India.

> The USD 250 million project, to be executed by **Tata Cleantech Capital Ltd**, will receive the GCF support through **NABARD**, which is the National Implementing Entity (**NIE**) for the UNFCC-promoted Fund that supports the efforts of developing countries to respond to the challenge of climate change.

AIIB Clears \$400 million loan for water supply project in Andhra Pradesh:

> The board of Beijing-headquartered **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB)** has approved a \$400-million loan for a water sanitation project in **Andhra Pradesh**, taking the overall exposure of the bank to India to \$2 billion spread over nine projects. India is the second largest shareholder of the bank after China.

Centre and the ADB sign loan agreement of 31 million dollar to develop Tourism and boost Jobs in Tamil Nadu:

> Centre and the **Asian Development Bank** has signed a loan agreement of 31 million dollars in **New Delhi** to develop Tourism and boost Jobs in **Tamil Nadu**. Project will support the conservation and restoration of **eight heritage monuments, one museum and three temples**.

Jana Small Finance Bank Launches Jana Bankable Debit Card:

> Recently, in association with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (**BCCI**), **Jana Small Finance Bank** launched the offer-loaded, **Jana Bankable Debit Card**. **Jana Small Finance Bank** is the official sponsor of **BCCI** for all the cricket matches that are played in India.

> This card is designed for cricket fans who like deals and offers on **online shopping, gym membership, health & wellness products, food delivery, music and travel**.

World Bank Praises India's Renewable Energy Success:

> The **World Bank** has praised **India's success in renewable energy auctions** that delivered **record-setting low prices for solar power** and said the number of countries with strong policy frameworks for sustainable energy more than tripled from 17 to 59 in the **eight years till 2017**.

> Many of the world's largest energy-consuming countries significantly improved their renewable energy regulations since 2010, said the World Bank's report "**Regulatory Indicators for Sustainable Energy (RISE) 2018**" charting global progress on sustainable energy policies. The report was released on the side-lines of the **24th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24)**.

OBOPAY launches a new generation pre-payment instrument for enterprise customers:

> In an effort to empower enterprises with a comprehensive disbursement and payments solution, **OBOPAY**, the global financial technology company, has announced the launch of a new generation pre-payment instrument in partnership with **Federal Bank** and **Mastercard**. The **OBOPAY** card is built as a **one-stop solution** that addresses all needs of the enterprise and users seamlessly and can be used at over three million **Mastercard** outlets in India.

Amazon India signed MoU with FISME to empower MSME sector:

> **Amazon India** has announced a partnership with **FISME (The Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises)** to empower **Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** to leverage growth opportunities in the e-commerce sector. As per the MoU, **Amazon.in** in collaboration with **FISME** will conduct various events and workshops across the country that will **enable and encourage the MSMEs in India** to sell their products to millions of consumers from India and across the globe by leveraging e-commerce marketplace solutions.

Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) sign a \$60 Million Loan Agreement to reduce floods and the riverbank erosion in Assam:

> The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Government of India** has signed a **\$60 million loan** to continue **financing riverbank protection works**, renovation of flood embankments, and community-based flood risk management activities in critically flood-prone areas **along the Brahmaputra River in Assam**.

> The **tranche 2 loan** is part of the \$120 million multitranche financing facility (MFF) for the **Assam Integrated Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management Investment Program** approved by **ADB in October 2010**.

IRDAI allowed single compulsory personal accident cover for multiple vehicles:

> From **January 1, 2019 onwards**, customers will not have to purchase separate **Compulsory Personal Accident (CPA)** cover for each new vehicle they buy, as per a notification of insurance regulator **IRDAI**. Insurance regulator **IRDAI** has decided to **unbundle the compulsory personal accident (CPA) cover** and allow the issuance of a standalone CPA cover for owner-driver.

> In **September this year**, the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** had raised the minimum insurance cover for owner-driver to **Rs 15 lakh** for an annual premium of **Rs 750**.

IRDAI fines Iffco Tokio, Royal Sundaram Rs 5 lakh each:

➤ Insurance regulator IRDAI said it has imposed fine of Rs 5 lakh each on Iffco Tokio and Royal Sundaram for violating motor tariff claims and file & use guidelines.

➤ Both Iffco Tokio General Insurance and Royal Sundaram General Insurance face similar charges of settling lesser amounts than the insured declared value in case of motor vehicle total loss/theft claims, as per two separate orders against the two firms.

Paisabazaar.com, Karnataka Bank in partnership to offer home loan products:

➤ Paisabazaar.com, online marketplace for financial products, and Karnataka Bank have announced a strategic partnership to offer the bank's home loan product to customers on the Paisabazaar platform.

➤ Through this partnership, consumers will now be able to choose and apply for a home loan from Karnataka Bank, directly through the Paisabazaar platform. Paisabazaar.com works with 30 partners for its home loan product, which includes country's biggest private and public banks and Housing Finance Companies (HFCs).

RANKING /REPORTS /INDEXES BY VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS

Indian Economy Likely To Grow At 7-7.4 Per Cent In FY19: NCAER

➤ According to a report by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), the real agriculture Gross Value Added (GVA) is envisaged to grow at 3 per cent and real industry GVA at 7 per cent in 2018-19.

➤ GDP growth rate at market prices estimated at 7.4 – 7.7 per cent for 2018 – 19.

➤ The current account balance and central fiscal deficit, as percentages of GDP, are projected at -2.3 per cent and 3.2 per cent respectively.

➤ Headquarters: New Delhi ; Director – General of NCAER: Dr Shekhar Shah

India Has Highest Number Of Children And Adolescents Living With HIV In South Asia: UNICEF Report

➤ An estimated 120,000 children and adolescents aged 0-19 were living with HIV in India in 2017, the highest number in South Asia, according a report by UNICEF named 'Children, HIV and AIDS: The World in 2030' which warned that around 80 adolescents will be dying of AIDS every day globally by 2030 if progress in preventing transmission is not accelerated.

➤ In 2017, the estimated number of children under 5 years old newly diagnosed with HIV was 43 per cent lower than the comparable estimate in 2010 a decline greater than the 35 per cent recorded globally.

➤ Headquarters: New York, United States; Head: Henrietta H. Fore.

India Is The Fastest Growing E-Commerce Market: Report By Bain & Company

➤ According to the Consultancy firm Bain & Company's latest report states that, India has the fastest growing online retail market among top global economies.

➤ India's online retail market had a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 53% from 2013 to 2017.

Think tank: Russia emerges as world's No. 2 arms producer

➤ A Swedish think tank announced that Russia has emerged as the world's second-largest arms producer after the United States. Russia surpassed Britain, which had held that spot since 2002 and remains Western Europe's No. 1 arms maker.

➤ The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute announced in its annual report on the world's 100 biggest armaments groups that the combined arms sales of Russian companies amounted to \$37.7 billion in 2017, an 8.5 percent rise from a year earlier.

Gujarat best state in providing strong ecosystem for startups: DIPP ranking

➤ Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has awarded Gujarat as the best performer in Start-up Ranking 2018. Other states ranked top performers were Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha, and Rajasthan. As per DIPP's statement, it has begun the ranking exercise since January 2016 and, it announced the results for the first ever States' Start-up Ranking 2018 at an event in New Delhi.

Iran falls to sixth biggest oil supplier to India as sanctions bite:

➤ According to Reuters, Iran dropped two places to become the sixth biggest oil supplier to India in November, after New Delhi cut purchases due to the impact of U.S. sanctions.

➤ India is restricted to buying 1.25 million tons per month, or about 300,000 barrels per day (bpd). Iraq and Saudi Arabia continued to be the top two oil sellers to India.

➤ The UAE, which was the sixth biggest oil seller to India in October, became the third top seller to India in November, knocking down Venezuela by a notch to fourth position. Nigeria continued at No. 5 position, while Iran slipped to sixth place.

India's Growth Forecast Cut By 10 Bps To 7.4% On Weakening Global Growth: CRISIL

➤ CRISIL cut India's growth forecast for current fiscal to 7.4 per cent on the back of weakening global GDP and trade growth. India's growth in the July-September quarter slipped to 7.1 per cent from 8.2 per cent in the April-June quarter.

India Ranks 14th In Climate Change Performance Index 2018:

➤ India has ranked 14th out of 56 nations and European Union on Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2018 released by environmental organisation Germanwatch. This marks an improvement from its 20th rank in CCPI 2017.

➤ As per the Index, Sweden has topped the list while India was on 11th position.

➤ Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) keeps track of countries' efforts in combating climate change. It is issued by Germanwatch, the New Climate Institute and the Climate Action Network.

Australia 1st To Recognise 'Orphanage Trafficking' As Slavery:

➤ Australia has become the first country in the world to recognise 'orphanage trafficking' as a form of modern slavery.

➤ Children from smaller countries are recruited in orphanages in the West for the purpose of profit through foreign aid.

➤ As per estimates, 80% of children living in the world's orphanages have at least one living parent.

Global Water Monitor & Forecast Watch List released by IScience (US based limited liability Corporation):

➤ Global Water Monitor & Forecast Watch List has been released by IScience (US based limited liability Corporation). As per the report, water deficits will increase and intensify in India in 2019.

➤ The findings are based on ISciences Water Security Indicator Model (WSIM). The model analyses global water anomalies using observed temperature and precipitation. The monsoon rain deficits, caused due to the effect of El Niño, have caused drought-like conditions in almost a third of Indian districts.

➤ The months of May through July (2019), indicates primarily moderate deficits in India and some surpluses in Jammu and Kashmir, northern Pakistan, along the Gandaki River in central Nepal, and pockets of Tamil Nadu.

India Sweeps Top Ten in List of World's Fastest-Growing Cities:

➤ India is set to dominate over the next two decades, according to Oxford Economics. Surat, a diamond processing and trading centre in the western state of Gujarat, will see the fastest expansion through 2035, averaging more than 9 percent, Richard Holt, Oxford's head of global cities research, wrote in a report.

Top 5 Fastest-growing cities in the world 2019-2035 are all in India

1. Surat – 9.17%
2. Agra – 8.58%
3. Bengaluru – 8.5%
4. Hyderabad – 8.47%
5. Nagpur – 8.41%

India 4th Highest Emitter Of CO2: Study

➤ India is the fourth highest emitter of carbon dioxide in the world, accounting for 7 per cent of global emissions in 2017.

➤ The top four emitters in 2017, which covered 58 per cent of global emissions, were China (27 per cent), the US (15 per cent), the European Union (10 per cent) and India (7 per cent), according to the projection by the Global Carbon Project. The rest of the world contributed 41 per cent last year.

UAE passport topped the Global Passport Power Rank List 2018: Arton Capital

➤ The UAE now has the World's Most Powerful Passport, achieving the top ranking in an achievement hailed as a tribute to the legacy of the Founding Father, Sheikh Zayed, and the country's diplomacy. The index, compiled by Arton Capital, ranks national passports based on the number of countries a holder can enter without a visa or by obtaining one on arrival.

➤ The UAE passport holder can now travel to 167 countries without the need for pre-visa requirements, which is 84 per cent of the number of countries listed in the index. Singapore ranks second with 166 countries. India ranked 66th position in the list.

India catches up with China, records 2nd highest fintech adoption rate:

➤ As per the EY FinTech Adoption Index, India is finally catching up with its neighbour and biggest competitor China.

The country now has the second highest fintech adoption rate of 52%, only behind China's 69%, which also throws a huge opportunity for India to not only make best out of financial services sector but also to disrupt it.

➤ In India, fintech industry is being encouraged by the various government initiatives such as Jan Dhan Yojana, Aadhaar and the emergence of UPI which provide a good foundation to boost financial inclusion in India.

Number of patents granted by India shot up by 50% in 2017: UN's WIPO

➤ The number of patents granted by India shot up by 50 % in 2017, keeping up a trend of steep increases, according to the UN's World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO). The patents granted by India increased from 8,248 in 2016 to 12,387 last year, the WIPO's World Intellectual Property Indicators 2018 report released in Geneva, Switzerland.

➤ China's patent authority led the world in the number of patents granted with 420,144 and was followed by the US with 318,829, according to the WIPO.

➤ While India ranked 10th in the number of patents given last year, no Indian company or university figures in last year's global list of the top 50 patent applicants.

Salman Khan tops Forbes India highest earning celebrity list for third time:

➤ Bollywood actor Salman Khan has emerged as the richest Indian celebrity for the third time in a row, according to Forbes India Celebrity 100 list.

➤ Indian cricket skipper Virat Kohli is at number two position after minting Rs 228.09 crore. He is the first sportsperson to make it to the spot, regularly dominated by a showbiz personality.

➤ With Rs 112.8 crore, Deepika Padukone is No.4 on the list as the highest-earning woman celebrity. The "Padmaavat" star has become the first woman to break into the top five positions since the inception of the list in 2012.

Credit to MSEs up 5 times to Rs 1.23 lakh crore, post-GST: SBI Report

➤ As per the SBIEcowrap research report, Incremental credit to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) has increased five times to Rs 1.23 lakh crore compared to Rs 25,700 crore in the post-GST period.

➤ According to International Finance Corporation (IFC) estimates, the potential demand for India's MSME finance is about USD 370 billion as against the current credit supply of USD 139 billion, resulting in a finance gap of USD 230 billion.

India to retain top position in remittances with \$80 billion: World Bank

➤ India will retain its position as the world's top recipient of remittances this year with its diaspora sending a whopping USD 80 billion back home. India is followed by China (USD 67 billion), Mexico and the Philippines (USD 34 billion each) and Egypt (USD 26 billion), according to the global lender. With this, India has retained its top spot on remittances, according to the latest edition of the World Bank's Migration and Development Brief.

India tops in road deaths; globally fatalities increase by 1 lakh in 3 years: WHO report

➤ According to the **Global Status Report on Road Safety, India** tops in road deaths with **1.51 lakh road deaths in 2016** and globally the toll of road deaths increased from 1.25 million to 1.35 in a span of three years. The spike in road deaths globally has come as a shocker considering that the countries had pledged **to halve their road deaths by 2020**.

➤ The **United Nations** had declared the **2010-2020 as the Decade of Action for Road Safety**. According to the report, at this rate, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) target 3.6 to halve road traffic deaths by 2020 will not be met.

Australia became world's biggest LNG exporter for 1st time:

➤ **Australia** has passed **Qatar** to become the **world's leading exporter Of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)** for the first time. According to the **Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)**, the nation exported 6.55 million tonnes of LNG in November, compared to Qatar's 6.27 million tonnes.

➤ **LNG is Australia's third-largest export commodity** behind coal and iron ore, with exports of the three worth 165 billion Australian dollars (119.3 billion U.S. dollars) in the 12 months to the **end of October 2018**. Coal remained the most valuable export commodity at **64.6 billion AUD** (46.7 billion USD) followed by iron.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Priyanka Chopra join Angela Merkel on Forbes world's 100 most powerful women list:

➤ IT stalwart **Roshni Nadar-Malhotra**, biotechnology pioneer **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**, media mogul **Shobhana Bhartia** and actor **Priyanka Chopra** have been named among the world's 100 most powerful women by Forbes in a list **topped by German Chancellor Angela Merkel**.

➤ Merkel, 64, a four-time Chancellor, retained the top spot in The World's 100 Most Powerful Women 2018. It is the **eighth consecutive year** and 13 times in total in the 15 years of the annual list she has topped. She is followed by **UK Prime Minister Theresa May**, who for the second year in a row has retained the **No 2 spot** on the list.

4 Indian PSUs in top 100 arms producers: SIPRI

➤ Four Indian companies figure among the world's top 100 arms producers in 2017, according to the latest rankings released by SIPRI, a Stockholm-based think tank. They are **Indian Ordnance Factories (37th); Hindustan Aeronautics (38th) Bharat Electronics (64th); Bharat Dynamics (94th)**. The List is topped by **Lockheed Martin (USA)**.

➤ Arms sales of the four Indian companies, all state-owned, totaled **\$7.52 billion in 2017, up 6.1% from the previous year**.

OPEC keeps forecast for Global Economic Growth in 2018 unchanged at 3.7 %: Report

➤ The **Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)** has not revised its forecast for global economic growth, and it **remains at 3.7 per cent for 2018** and at **3.5 per cent** for the next year. The growth in the **United States and in the Euro-zone** remains unchanged, standing at **2.9 percent and 1.9 percent for 2018**, and at 2.6 percent and 1.7 percent for 2019 respectively.

Global debt hits all-time high of USD 184 trillion: IMF

➤ The global debt has reached an all-time high of **USD 184 trillion**, with three countries — the United States, China and Japan accounting for more than half of it, the **International Monetary Fund**. Earlier this year, the IMF had calculated the global debt to be around **USD 182 trillion**.

ADB retains India FY19 growth forecast at 7.3% despite downs:

➤ The Asian Development Bank has retained India's economic growth forecast at **7.3 per cent** for the current fiscal and **7.6 per cent for 2019-20**, despite downside risks posed by stress in the non-banking sector, limited fiscal space as well as escalating trade tensions. India is maintaining growth momentum on rebounding exports and higher industrial and agricultural output.

FDI inflows to South, South West Asia down 6 pc to USD 63 billion in 2017: UN report

➤ **FDI inflows to South and South-West Asia** decreased by **6 per cent in 2017** due to a drop in foreign funding flow to countries like India and Turkey, a **United Nations report**.

➤ As per the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) report, the foreign direct investment (FDI) inflow to South and South-West Asia stood at **USD 63 billion in the last calendar year**.

PSU Banks recover Rs 2.33 lakh crore worth of bad loans during 4 years:

➤ Minister of State for Finance **Shiv Pratap Shukla** informed Parliament that Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have recovered **2.33 lakh crore rupees worth** of bad loans during the four years from **financial year 2014-15 to fiscal 2017-18**.

➤ Country's largest lender **SBI**, stood on a gross bad loan of **2.02 lakh crore rupees** as on September 30, 2018, showed the data furnished by the Minister which was sourced from the Reserve Bank.

➤ Among the rest of the 20 PSBs, **Punjab National Bank** had grossed NPAs to the tune of 80,993 crore rupees by end of second quarter of the current fiscal, **IDBI Bank** 50,690 crore rupees, **Bank of India** 50,338 crore rupees, **Union Bank of India** 48,575 crores.

➤ **Bank of Baroda** also had NPAs to the tune of 46,454 crores, **Canara Bank** 41,907 crores, **Central Bank of India** 37,411 crores, **Indian Overseas Bank** 35,607 crores and **UCO Bank** 28,822 crores.

US Watchdog FAA Retains Highest Aviation Safety Ranking for India:

➤ In a major boost, the US regulator **FAA** has retained the highest aviation safety ranking for India.

➤ The **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)** carried out an audit of the **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** in July this year. It is confirmed that **India's International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) rating remains 'Category 1'**.

➤ **Category 1** means the carriers from the assessed state may initiate or continue service to the US in a normal manner and take part in reciprocal code-share arrangements with American carriers.

India fifth-most deadliest place to be a journalist, Afghanistan worst: Reporters without Borders (RSF)

> The annual worldwide round-up of deadly violence and abusive treatment of journalists was released by **Reporters without Borders (RSF)**. **India fifth-most deadliest place to be a journalist, Afghanistan worst based** on the annual worldwide round-up of deadly violence and abusive treatment of journalists was released by Reporters without Borders (RSF).

> The most Deadliest Place for Journalist is Afghanistan, 15 journalists were killed in 2018. The list is followed by **Syria, Mexico, Yemen, and 6 were killed in India** as well as in **United States**. The figure increased by eight percent to 80, and by 15 percent, in the category of number of professional journalists killed, from **55 in 2017 to 63 in 2018**.

Security-service SMEs to grow at 18-20%: CRISIL Research

> **A research from CRISIL** states that security services, where small and medium enterprises (**SMEs**) have **60-65 per cent** market share, have logged a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of **18-20 per cent** over the past three fiscal years and it expects them to grow at a similar pace over the next two fiscal years.

> The growth of security services is driven by infrastructure development, urbanisation, the growing incidence of crime and terrorism, and the low police to population ratio.

COMMITTEES

NGT appoints former HC judge U C Dhyani to monitor Ganga cleaning:

> **The National Green Tribunal has appointed former Uttarakhand High Court judge, Justice U C Dhyani, as head of the three-member committee to oversee rejuvenation work of the Ganga river.**

> A bench headed by chairperson **A K Goel** had earlier named **Justice Arun Tandon** as head of the panel which was set up on August 6 this year.

IOC sets up human rights advisory committee starting in 2024:

> **The IOC has set up an advisory committee on human rights chaired by Zeid Ra'ad al-Husseini, the former U.N. high commissioner for human rights.**

> **"Human Rights Standards" will be included in Olympic host-city contracts, beginning with the 2024 Games in Paris.**

Ex-RBI governor Bimal Jalan to lead panel on economic capital framework:

> The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) set up an expert committee, headed by its former governor **Bimal Jalan**, to suggest **how the central bank should handle** its reserves and whether it **can transfer its surplus to the government.**

> The committee, which has been formed to review the **existing economic capital framework (ECF)**, will have former RBI deputy governor **Rakesh Mohan** as its vice chairman.

> The committee will decide whether RBI is holding provisions, reserves, and buffers in the surplus or deficit of the required levels. The panel will submit its report within 90 days of its first meeting.

Govt forms 7-member panel under BBB to select MD for PSU insurance firms:

> The government has constituted a **seven-member panel to select managing directors**

of public sector insurance companies. According to sources, the panel would be headed by Banks Board Bureau (BBB) chairman **B P Sharma**. Besides, three insurance sector experts -- **G N Bajpai, Mathew Varghese and T Bhargava** -- have been appointed on the selection panel.

Govt forms six-member panel to sell 149 fields of ONGC, OIL to private companies:

> The government has constituted a **six-member committee** to look at selling as many as **149 small and marginal oil and gas fields of state-owned ONGC and OIL** to private and foreign companies to boost domestic output, sources said.

> The panel is headed by **NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar** and includes Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha, Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg, Oil Secretary M M Kutty, NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant and ONGC Chairman and Managing Director Shashi Shanker.

Govt sets up GoM headed by Arun Jaitley on stressed power assets:

> The government has constituted a **Group of Ministers (GoM)** headed by Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** to vet the recommendations of a **high-level panel on stressed power projects.** The panel, headed by Cabinet Secretary **P K Sinha**, had submitted its report last month.

> The high-level committee had suggested setting up a mechanism to allow public financial institutions (PFIs) like **REC and PFC** to discount receivables from distribution companies (discoms) and make upfront payments to generating companies.

APPOINTMENTS

Designation	Current	Previous
President of The Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India	J. Prithiviraj	-
Permanent Chairman of Cricket Australia (CA)	Earl Eddings	David Peever
New Water Resources Minister of Kerala	K Krishnankutty	Matthew Thomas
First Indian to be Elected ISSF'S Vice-President	Raninder Singh	-
First Leftist President of Mexico	Andrés Manuel López Obrador	-
MD & CEO of Bank of Maharashtra	A S Rajeev	-
First Indian to be elected in ISSF's judges committee	Pawan Singh	-
Technical Member in the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL)	Ravindra Kumar Verma	-
New IAAF Chief Executive Officer	Jon Ridgeon	-
New Finance Secretary	Ajay Narayan Jha	Hasmukh Adhia
Additional Director Of YES Bank Board	Ex-IRDAI Chief TS Vijayan	-
Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Infrastructure Leasing and Finance Company (IL&FS)	N Sivaraman	-
New Government Nominee on private sector ICICI Bank	Lalit Kumar	Lok Ranjan
Managing Director of the Pakistan Cricket Board	Wasim Khan	-
New Chief Economic Adviser to the Finance Minister	Dr Krishnamurthy Subramanian	Arvind Subramanian
Former Indian Diplomat elected to UN's Socio-Economic, Cultural Panel	Preeti Saran	-
Head of South Africa's National Prosecuting Authority	Indian-Origin Shamila Batohi	-
Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of New India Assurance (NIA)	Atul Sahai	-
New United States ambassador to the United Nations	Heather Nauert	Nikki Haley (till December 2018)
First Female Investing Partner at SoftBank's Vision Fund	Kirthiga Reddy	-
Chairman of Coca-Cola Company	James Robert B. Quincey	Muhtar Kent
New RBI Governor	Shaktikanta Das	Urjit Patel

Chairman of SWIFT India	Former SBI chief Arundhati Bhattacharya	M. V. Nair
Vice-Chair of the UN Panel of Auditors	CAG Rajiv Mehrishi	-
Chief Minister of Mizoram	Zoramthanga	Lal Tanhawla
Chief Minister of Telangana for second straight term	K. Chandrashekhar Rao	-
New Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh	Kamal Nath	Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Non-Executive Interim chairman of YES Bank	Brahm Dutt	Ashok Chawla
New President of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)	Brijendra Pal Singh	Anupam Kher
New Chief Minister of Rajasthan	Ashok Gehlot	Vasundhara Raje
Secretary of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)	Ashok Kumar Singh	-
New Managing Director of England Men's Cricket.	Former spinner Ashley Giles	Andrew Strauss
New Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh	Bhupesh Baghel	Raman Singh
New Director of National Crime Record Bureau	Ramphal Pawar	-
23rd Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	Ranil Wickremesinghe	Mahinda Rajapaksa
Secrecy as Member, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)	Bharat Bhushan Vyas	Arvind Saxena
Presiding Officer in the Securities Appellate Tribunal, Mumbai.	Justice Tarun Agarwala	-
Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guinea	T.C. Barupal	-
Chairman of CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs)	PK Das	S Ramesh
First full-time Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of SEBI	Arti Chhabra Srivastava	-
Interim CBI Chief Promoted as Additional Director	M Nageswara Rao	-
Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Djibouti	Ashok Kumar	-
Next Ambassador of India to Mongolia	Mohinder Pratap Singh	-
Indian ambassador to United States	Harsh Vardhan Shringla	-
MD & CEO of Corporation Bank	P.V. Bharathi	-
Executive Director of Corporation Bank	Birupaksha Mishra	-
Executive Director of Oriental Bank of Commerce	Balakrishna Aise S	-
Executive Director of Allahabad Bank	K Ramachandran	-
Joined as a member of Competition Commission of India	Sangeeta Verma	-
India's Chief Boxing Coach	CA Kuttappa	-
New CEO of World Gold Council	David Tait	Aram Shishmanian
India Women's team Cricket coach	Former India opener W. V. Raman	-

BRAND AMBASSADORS

- > State Bank of India's YONO app - **Swapna Barman (Heptathlon)**

RESIGNATION

- > **MD & CEO of Axis Capital: Dharmesh Mehta**
- > **Union Council of ministers: Upendra Kushwaha (Minister of State for Human Resource Development)**
- > RBI Governor: **Urjit Patel**
- > **Myntra CEO: Ananth Narayanan**
- > **Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister: Surjit S Bhalla**
- > **Belgium Prime Minister: Charles Michel**

RETIREMENT

- > Kabaddi Player: **Anup Kumar**
- > Indian cricketer: **Gautam Gambhir**

AWARDS & HONOURS

AWARDS	WINNERS
First Indian to be Honoured with Shooting's Top Award by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) in Munich, Germany	Abhinav Bindra
4 Indian-origin women in Forbes top female US tech moguls' list	Padmasree Warrior, Komal Mangtani, Neha Narkhede, Kamakshi Sivaramakrishnan
Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi Lifetime Achievement Award 2018	Renowned Flautist Keshav Ginde
Best State at the 38th India International Trade Fair (IITF), New Delhi	Uttarakhand
'7th Asian of The Year' awards 2018 at the Straits Times Global Outlook Forum 2019 held in Singapore.	Commander (Pilot) Vijay Varma and Captain (Pilot) P Rajkumar
3 Best Performing Organizations Award under Swachhta Pakhwada of Ministry in Civil Aviation	Pawan Hans Ltd (PHL), Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA)
'Outstanding Case Writer' award 2018	ICFAI Business School (IBS) faculty members [for the case "Breaking the Code of Silence", written by Ms. Syeda Maseeha Qumer, Dr. Debapratim Purkayastha, and Dr. Vijaya N. Zinnoury (University of Denver, USA)]
Ballon d'Or winner 2018	Luka Modric (Real Madrid midfielder)

UNESCO/Emir Jaber al Ahmad al Jaber al Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (2018/2019)	Disabilities' advocate Vashkar Bhattacharjee (Bangladesh), and private sector enterprise, Tencent (China)
PETA 'Hero to Animals' award 2018 for banning Chinese manjha	Delhi minister of Food Supplies, Environment and Forest and Elections Imran Hussain
Honoured By Bradman Museum Ahead Of India Vs Australia 1st Test At Adelaide	Virat Kohli
IAAF Athletes Of The Year 2018	Kenyan distance runner Eliud Kipchoge (Male Category) and Colombian long and triple jumper Caterine Ibarguen (Female Category) Armand Duplantis (Men's rising star); Sydney McLaughlin (Women's rising award)
2018 Turner Prize	Charlotte Prodger
Innovative Young Biotechnologist Award 2018	IIT-Mandi Professor Rajanish Giri (for his proposed innovative idea on Zika virus Capsid Folding and inhibitor discovery)
Glinka World Soil Prize 2018	Rattan Lal (for his outstanding contribution to sustainable soil management)
Skoch Award 2018 for National Significance	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (considering its purpose and critical role played in installing about 73 GW renewable energy capacity in the country)
Honoured by Harvard University for her work promoting girls' education	Malala Yousafzai
Honorary doctorate from ESCP Europe Business School (ESCP Europe's near - 200 years history)	Sunil Bharti Mittal (for his innovative entrepreneurship and contribution towards philanthropy in the field of education)
Miss World 2018 at Sanya, China	Mexico's Vanessa Ponce de Leon
Sanctuary Wildlife Awards 2018	Sanctuary Wildlife Foundation presented the Sanctuary Wildlife Awards 2018 to 8 environmentalists. They are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lifetime Service Award: Vandana Shiva ➤ Wildlife Service Awards: Rohit Choudhury, Imran Siddiqui, Iho Mitapo, Govardhan Meena, Puja Mitra. ➤ Young Naturalist Award: Maitreya Sukumar ➤ Green Teacher Award: Nikita Pimple
DSCI Excellence Award 2018	IIT Kharagpur (for cyber security education by Data Security Council of India, an industry body on data protection set up by NASSCOM)
Lifetime Achievement Award 2018 by PTI (Press Trust of India)	Sundaram Finance MD T T Srinivasaraghavan
Mister Supranational 2018 in Poland	India's Prathamesh Maulingkar
Best Woman Parliamentarian Award 2018 set up by Lokmat newspaper	DMK MP Kanimozhi
First Winner of the WTA Coach of the Year award	Sascha Bajin (Naomi Osaka's coach)
Sports Illustrated's 2018 Sportsperson of the Year	Golden State Warriors
Honoured with Meethoileima title by Manipur Government	MC Mary Kom
Time magazine's "Person of the Year" 2018	Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi and also Philippine journalist Maria Ressa, Reuters reporters Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo.
First Indian To Win Breakthrough Table Tennis Star Award at ITTF 2018 in South Korea	Manika Batra
54th Jnanpith award 2018	Author Amitav Ghosh (for outstanding contribution to literature)
USA crowned Miss India Worldwide 2018 in New Jersey	Indian-American Shree Saini
Honoured with the French Knight of the National Order of Merit 2018	Producer Ashok Amritraj (for his contribution to the world of cinema and Indo-French film industry)
Miss Universe 2018 in Thailand	Philippine's Catriona Elisa Gray
Prime Minister's Trophy for the 'Best Performing Integrated Steel Plant' in the country for the performance year 2016-17	Tata Steel
Entered into the Limca Book of Records	Delhi Police (by training over two lakh women and girls under their self-defence programme Special Police Unit For Women and Children (SPUWAC) in 2017)
National Bravery Award 2018	Situ Malik from Kendrapara district (for exhibiting exemplary courage in saving his uncle from a crocodile attack)
UN Human Rights Prize for 2018	Late Pakistan lawyer and human rights activist Asma Jahangir
Conferred with the Skoch Golden Jubilee Challenger Award at the 55th Skoch Summit in New Delhi	Union Minister Suresh Prabhu
Tansen Samman Award 2018 by Madhya Pradesh Government	Eminent Sitar Player Manju Mehta

SAHITYA ACADEMY AWARDS 2018

Sahitya Akademi Awards 2018 has announced its annual Awards in 24 languages. Seven books of poetry, six novels, six short stories, three of literary criticism and two of essays have won the Sahitya Akademi Awards, 2018. It will be presented at a roadshow function to be held on 29th January next year at New Delhi during the Festival of Letters to the organised by Sahitya Akademi.

✓ **Poetry:**

Sananta Tanti - Assamese, Paresh Narendra Kamat - Konkani, S Ramesan Nair Malayalam, Dr Rama Kant Shukla - Sanskrit, Dr Mohanjit - Punjabi, Dr Rajesh

Kumar Vyas - Rajasthani and Khiman U.Mulani - Sindhi.

✓ **Short Stories:**

Sanjib Chattopadhyay - Bengali, Mushtaq Ahmed Mushtaq - Kashmiri ("AAKH"), Prof Bina Thakur - Maithili, Rituraj Basumatary - Bodo, Buchichandra Heisnamba - Manipuri and Lok Nath Upadhaya Chapagain - Nepali.

✓ **Novels:**

Inderjeet Kesar - Dogri, Anees Salim - English, Chitra Mudgal - Hindi, Shyam Besra - Santali, **Rama Krishnan - Tamil (Sancharam)**, Rahman Abbas - Urdu.

✓ **Literary Criticism:**

K. G Nagarajappa - Kannada, Ma Su. Patil - Marathi and Desarathi Das - Odia.

✓ **Essays:**

Sharifa Vijliwala - Gujarati and Dr. Kolakaluri Enoch - Telugu.

Salman Khan, Anurag Kashyap win at Asian Academy Creative Awards:

➤ **The inaugural Asian Academy Creative Awards launched at Singapore's historic Capitol Theatre. It was a strong night for Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong, finishing with 5 Golden "Goddesses". India bagged 4, Philippines 2, Korea 2, Malaysia 1, China 1, Taiwan 1, Indonesia 1 and Thailand 1.**

Indian Winners:

- **Best Entertainment Host/Presenter:** Bollywood star Salman Khan ("Bigg Boss")
- **Best Direction (Fiction):** Anurag Kashyap (Netflix's original series "Sacred Games")
- **Best Editing for Sacred Games:** Aarti Bajaj
- **Best Non-Scripted Entertainment:** The Remix. By Greymatter Entertainment for Amazon Prime Video
- **Best Comedy Programme:** Queens of Comedy by Discovery Communications India for TLC India
- **Best Telenovela/Soap:** PORUS by One Life Studios for Sony Entertainment
- **Best 2D Animated Programme or Series:** Lamput by Cartoon Network
- **Best Natural History or Wildlife Programme:** The World's Most Famous Tiger by Natural History Unit India
- **Best Current Affairs Programme or Series:** The Last Drop by NGC Network (India) for National Geographic
- **Other Winners of Asian Academy Creative Awards 2018**
- **Best Visual or Special FX:** Game of Thrones: Spoils of War, by Method Studios.
- **Best Immersive (360, VR):** Earthlight: Lunar Hub, by Opaque Space.
- **Best Short Form Content:** Thrush The Musical, by PHD
- **Best 3D Animated Programme or Series:** Bill and Tony, by Cartoon Network
- **Best Preschool Programme:** Hi-5 Season 17 – Cultural Festivals, by Hi-5
- **Best Children's Entertainment or Drama:** Hi-5 Season 17 – Vehicles, by Hi-5
- **Best Children's Animated Programme or Series:** Bill and Tony, by Cartoon Network
- **Best Children's Programme (one off/special):** Nickelodeon Kids Choice Sports Awards, by VIACOM International Media Networks
- **Best Branded:** MTV Fit Sessions – Allana Ferguson Workout, by MTV
- **Best Current Affairs Programme or Series:** 60 Minutes, by Nine Network
- **Best Single News Story/Report:** Race To Save The Reef, by CNN
- **Best News Programme:** The Project, by 7pm Company for Channel 10 Australia
- **Best Documentary Series:** Filthy Rich & Homeless – Series 1, by Blackfella Films for SBS TV.
- **Best Documentary Programme (one-off/special):** In My Own Words, by Blackfella Films For SBS TV and NITV
- **Best Non-Scripted Entertainment:** Master Chef Australia, Season 10, by Endemol Shine Australia for Channel 10
- **Best Game or Quiz Programme:** Hard Quiz – Series 3, by Thinkative TV for ABC Australia
- **Best Actress in a Leading Role:** Marta Dusseldorp – A Place to Call Home Season 5, by Seven Studios, for Foxtel
- **Best Drama Series:** A Place To Call Home, by Seven Studios, for Foxtel

NITI Aayog to Organise the Third Edition of the Women Transforming India Awards:

- > The NITI Aayog is organising the **Third Edition of the Women Transforming India Awards 2018** and is launching the upgraded portal of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP).
- > Event will also mark the launch of the upgraded Women Entrepreneurship Platform. The Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu will be the Chief Guest and will give away the Women

Transforming India Awards 2018 and **launch the WEP upgraded portal.**

- > **The Women Transforming India Awards** were instituted to recognise and celebrate stories of exemplary women from across India. This year's **theme** is "**Women and Entrepreneurship**" and fifteen winners have been chosen through an extensive six-month-long process to identify fascinating and inspiring stories of women entrepreneurs.
- > The Women Entrepreneurship Platform seeks to transform the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country and shall be a one-stop resource centre for **future and budding women entrepreneurs.**

DIPP Swachh Bharat Grand Challenge Awards 2018 Presented:

- > As part of the **Swachhta Pakhwada** held from **1st to 15th November, 2018**, **Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)** organized a **Swachh Bharat Grand Challenge.**
- > This was organized to reward innovative solutions by DIPP recognized Start-ups in the country. Four areas of sanitation, waste management, water and wastewater management and air management were selected for the grand challenge.
- > The **1st Prize** money for the Swachh Bharat Grand Challenge was Rs. 2 lakh and **2nd Prize**, Rs. 1 lakh along with a certificate of appreciation.
- Here the list of winners**
- > **Sector – Air:** Maclec technical project laboratory pvt. Ltd, Delhi.
- > **Sector – Sanitation:** Altersoft Innovations India Private Limited, Kerala (Cochin).
- > **Sector – Waste:** Sanshodhan An E-Waste Exchange Private Limited, Telangana.
- > **Sector – Water:** REVY Environmental Solutions Pvt Ltd, Gujarat.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

Book on 'anti-farmer policies' of Modi government launched:

- The book '**Modiraj Main Kisan, Double Aamad Ya Double afat**' is authored by **Swaraj India President Yogendra Yadav.**
- It was launched by agricultural economist **Ashok Gulati** and the Punjab State Farmers' and Farm Workers' Commission Chairman **Ajay Vir Jakhar** among others.

Book Release – 'Blue Waters Ahoy!' Chronicling The Indian Navy's History From 2001-10:

- **Admiral Sunil Lanba**, PVSM, AVSM, ADC Chief of the Naval Staff, **released a book titled 'Blue Waters Ahoy!' – chronicling the Indian Navy's History from 2001-10.**
- The book has been authored by **Vice Admiral Anup Singh**, who retired as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Naval Command in 2011. This is, in fact, the sixth volume of the Navy's history; the first five having covered the period from **1945 to 2000.**

Book "Of Counsel: The Challenges of the Modi Jaitley Economy" was launched in Mumbai:

- > The book, '**Of Counsel: The Challenges of the Modi-Jaitley Economy**' written by former chief economic adviser **Arvind Subramanian** was launched in Mumbai.
- > **Penguin Random House**, the publisher, describes the book as "an inside account of his

(Subramanian's) rollercoaster journey as the chief economic advisor to the Government of India from 2014 to 2018".

The book 'Changing India' written by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was released:

- > **A set of five volumes, "Changing India" details Mr Singh's life as an economist as well as his 10-year period at the helm of the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance regime.**
- > **Published by Oxford University Press**, the book is being described as a definitive expression of the former prime minister's perspectives on a wide range of economic, social and political issues as they evolved under his long and eventful career.

Vice President: President's range and depth of ideas is immense

- > Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** has released a compilation of selected speeches of **President Ram Nath Kovind** titled, "**The Republican Ethic**" in English and "**Loktantra ke Swar**" in Hindi at a function in **New Delhi.** The books are collection of 95 of his selected speeches out of a **total of 243 speeches** made by the President in the first year of his office. They have been divided into **8 sections.**

SPORTS

Magnus Carlsen Retains His Title As World Chess Champion:

- > **Magnus Carlsen Retains His Title as World Chess Champion Carlsen**, a 27-year-old Norwegian, has held **the title** since 2013.
- > He defeated **Fabiano Caruana**, who would have been **the first U.S. citizen to win the world title** since Bobby Fischer.
- > Magnus Carlsen won three successive rapid-chess tiebreakers in the four-match series against Fabiano Caruana.

AIBA set to introduce 'protest system' at 2019 Men's World championship:

- > The **International Boxing Association (AIBA)** announced that it will introduce a "**Protest System**" for coaches and boxers in **next year's Men World Championship** to be held in **Moscow, Russia** which will also acts as a qualifier for 2020 Olympic Games.
- > The new system for boxers and coaches has been tested for the first time at the **2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires** and recently concluded **Women's World Championship in Delhi.**

Minjee Lee Becomes The First Woman To Win Australia's Greg Norman Medal:

- > **Minjee Lee** has become the **first woman to win Greg Norman Medal** as the best Australian golfer on the international stage after a brilliant year that saw her break into the top 10 of the world rankings.
- > She rose to number **six in the world** in 2018, joins twice-winner **Jason Day and Marc Leishman** in the list of winners of Australian golf's most prestigious individual honour.

Wrestling Federation of India rolls out contracts system for Wrestlers:

- > The **Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)** rolled out its **revolutionary contracts system for the grapplers.** The announcement was made by WFI President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh in the presence of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Aditya Nath, who inaugurated the **Senior National**

Championship at Nandini Nagar in Gonda. The wrestlers have been placed in **four Grades.**

- > **Grade A** offers financial assistance of **30 lakh rupees** - Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat and Pooja Dhanda.
- > **Grade B** contract offers a financial assistance of **20 lakh rupees** - Sushil Kumar and Sakshi Malik
- > **Grade C** category offers support of **10 lakh rupees** - Sandeep Tomar, Sajjan Bhanwal, Ritu Phogat, and Divya Kakran.
- > **Grade D** category offers a financial assistance of **5 lakh rupees** - Rahul Aware, Naveen, Sachin Rathi, and Anshu Malik.

Women's Pro Golf Tour: Ridhima Dilawari wins maiden professional title

- > In Golf, **Ridhima Dilawari** captured her maiden professional title at the **Noida Golf Course**. She cruised to a five-shot win in the **17th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour.**

Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik won gold in Tata Motors Senior National Championship:

- > In Wrestling, **Vinesh Phogat** capped a highly successful season by grabbing the 57-kilogram national title at the **Tata Motors Senior National Championship** in Gonda, Uttar Pradesh.
- > **Sakshi Malik** ended a terrible year by emerging champion in the **62 kilograms**. She did a world of good to her confidence by winning the title in the 62-kilogram without losing a single point.

Atlawim Debebe of Ethiopia wins Pune International Marathon:

- > **Atlawim Debebe** of Ethiopia won the **Full Marathon** with the timing of 2 hours 17 minutes 17 seconds. Teshome Getachew claimed second and Bekele Asefa third position. Both of them are also from Ethiopia.
- > In **women's Full Marathon** **Pascalie Chepkogei** from Kenya stood first with the timing of 2 hour 50 minutes 27 seconds.
- > Among **Indian runners** this year also **Karan Singh** of Bombay Engineering Group stood first in Men's category. In women's Full marathon **Urvi Tambe** stood first amongst Indian participants.
- > This is **33rd year of Pune International Marathon.**

Ullas Narayan wins India's first ever international medal in ultra-running:

- > **Ullas Narayan** has become **India's first-ever individual medalist** in an international ultra-running event by clinching a bronze in **2018 International Association of Ultra Running (IAU) 24 Hour Asia & Oceania Championships** in Taipei, Taiwan.
- > Narayan finished at the third position, completing a distance of 250 km, just behind two Japanese runners - **Yoshihiko Ishikawa** (253 km) and **Noboyuki Takahashi** (252 km).
- > A **group medal** was also won the **bronze medal** by the **Indian team** which had **Narayan** (250 km), **Sunil Sharma** (202 km) and **LL Meena** (192 km). Three of them covered a combined distance of 644 km. **Japan** won the team gold event by covering a distance of 756 km and Australia bagged a silver with 684 km.
- > **Hemlata Saini** and **Meena Kotak** were the other Indian women to have completed 172 km and 161 km respectively.

2018 Tata Open India International Challenge (Badminton):

- It was held in **Mumbai, Maharashtra** with a Prize Money of the Event is **USD 25,000.**
- > **Women's Singles:** Ashmita Chaliha (India)
- > **Men's Singles:** Lakshya Sen (India)
- > **Women's Doubles:** Ng Wing Yung (Hong Kong) & Yeung Nga Ting (Hong Kong)
- > **Men's Doubles:** Arjun M.R. (India) & B. Sumeeth Reddy (India)
- > **Mixed Doubles:** Nipitphon Phuangphuaet (Thailand) & Savitree Amitrapai (Thailand)

Commonwealth Senior Fencing Championships 2018 Highlights:

- > It was held in **Canberra, Australia.** The medal tally was topped by **England** with 6 gold, 6 silver and 4 bronze medals. **India** won a total of **3 medals:** 2 gold and 1 bronze, in the championship.

India at the Commonwealth Senior Fencing Championships 2018

Name	Event	Medal
Bhavani Devi	Senior Women's Sabre event	Gold
Karan Singh, Sagar Sahi, Manpreet Singh and Vishal Thapar	Senior Men's Sabre team event	Gold
Karan Singh	Senior Men's Sabre event.	Bronze

Delhi Daredevils renamed as Delhi Capitals ahead of 2019 IPL season:

- > **Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Delhi Daredevils were renamed "Delhi Capitals" and the announcement was made in a function in the capital by owners GMR Group and JSW Sports. Co-owners Parth Jindal, representing JSW Sport, and Kiran Kumar Grandhi of GMR, unveiled the new name of the team.**

Italy Wins Admiral's Cup Sailing Regatta 2018:

- > **Team Italy** represented by Midshipman Vincenzo Rocco and Midshipman Alberto Cabras won the **Admiral's Cup Sailing Regatta 2018** at Ettikulam Beach at Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala.
- > **Team Singapore** represented by 2nd Lieutenant Koh Yi Qian and 2nd Lieutenant Dillon How was the Runners-Up and **Team USA** represented by Midshipman Jessica Mc Jones and Midshipman Tyler Fleig came third.

Maheshwari Chauhan retains women's skeet title:

- > Rajasthan's **Maheshwari Chauhan** retained her **women's skeet title** at the **62nd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC)** for **shotgun** events in Jaipur.
- > The **bronze medal** was won by **Punjab's Simran Preet Kaur Johal**, who later picked up three gold in other events. Simran won the **women's team, junior women's and junior women's team** gold to add to her women's skeet bronze.

Budapest To Host 2023 IAAF World Championships:

- > **Budapest** will host the **2023 IAAF athletics world championships.** The

Hungarian capital is the **first host city** to be named under a new bidding process announced in February last year by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF). Budapest has twice hosted the IAAF world indoor championships and the European athletics championships.

- > The 2019 world championships will be held in **Doha, Qatar**, and the 2021 edition in **Eugene, Oregon.**

Yasir Shah Becomes Fastest Bowler To Take 200 Test Wickets After Breaking 82-Year-Old Record:

- > **Yasir Shah** became the **fastest** bowler in terms of number of Tests played to pick **200 Test wickets** in the game's history on Day 4 of the third and final Test against New Zealand in Abu Dhabi. He achieved the feat in his third over of the day when he trapped William Somerville leg before wicket.
- > Yasir reached the landmark in just **33 Tests** breaking an 82-year-old record held by another leggie, **Clarrie Grimmett** from Australia, who had bagged 200 Test wickets in 36 Tests.

India vs Australia: Ravichandran Ashwin makes Shaun Marsh break unwanted 130-year-old record

- > Indian spinner **Ravichandran Ashwin** made **Shaun Marsh** break a **130-year-old Australian batting record** after dismissing him for 2 runs on the second day of the first Test. Marsh became the **first Australian since 1888** to register single-digit scores in six consecutive Test innings. Marsh had **last hit a Test century in January 2018.**

Ajay Rohera creates world record for highest first-class debut score:

- > Rookie Madhya Pradesh opener **Ajay Rohera** etched his name in the **record books by slamming the highest first-class score on debut.** He remained unbeaten on 267 against Hyderabad in their Ranji Trophy Elite Group-B Cricket in Indore. 21-year-old Rohera's 267 not out is a world record. The record was earlier held by **former Mumbai stalwart Amol Mazumdar**, who had hit 260 versus Haryana at Faridabad in 1994.

Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Pune from January 9, 2019:

- > **Khelo India Youth Games-2019** will be held in Pune of Maharashtra from the 9th to 20th of January. In its second edition, the games which is an initiative of the Central Government, has expanded in its scope, and will allow participants to compete in two categories, **(Under 17) and (Under 21)**, this year.

Shubhankar Sharma becomes youngest Indian to win Asian Tour Order of Merit:

- > **Shubhankar Sharma** became the **fifth and youngest Indian golfer to become the Asian Tour Order of Merit champion with two events remaining and with a current prize money of \$755, 944.**

Anushka, Chaitanya emerge youngest winners at US Kids Golf event:

- > **Anushka Gupta** and **Chaitanya Gupta** emerged champions in **under-7 girls and boys' competition** respectively at the **US Kids Golf India Tour's first event in Gurugram.**
- > The **US Kids Golf India Tour 2018-19** edition will carry ranking points, and with participation in a minimum of four events

out of the eight, the junior golfers will be able to gain qualification for the US Kids World Championship, US Kids European Championships and US Kids Teen World Championship.

Kohli sets Asian record, Pant equals world record as India win in Adelaide:

➤ **India**, the top-ranked Test side in the world - became the first team from Asia to win Tests in **South Africa, England, and Australia** in the same calendar year.

➤ **Virat Kohli** became the **first India captain** since Anil Kumble in 2008 to win a Test in Australia. He becomes the first India captain to win the opening Test of a series in Australia. Virat Kohli becomes **first Asian skipper** to win a Test in South Africa, England and Australia.

SAIL Hockey Academy Bags Aga Khan Gold Cup:

➤ **Steel Authority of India's Hockey Academy** beat Army XI Danapur_2-1 to clinch the **115th All India Aga Khan Gold Cup hockey tournament** held at Major Dhyan Chand hockey stadium in New Delhi.

➤ SHA is SAIL's Rourkela Steel Plant. Aga Khan Gold Cup is one of the oldest hockey tournaments in the country.

Djokovic, Halep Named 2018 ITF World Champions:

➤ **Novak Djokovic and Simona Halep** have been named as the **2018 International Tennis Federation (ITF) world champions** by the governing body of global tennis.

➤ World number one Djokovic receives the honour from the ITF for the **sixth time**, while it is the first year that **Romania's top-ranked Halep** has been recognized

➤ US pair Mike Bryan and Jack Sock won the men's doubles award while the women's doubles world champions are Barbora Krejčíková and Katerina Siniakova.

Indian setter Ranjit Singh costliest player at Pro Volleyball League auction:

➤ **Indian setter Ranjit Singh** emerged as the top pick in the **first Pro Volleyball League auction** which also saw six foreign and 117 Indian players going under the hammer in **New Delhi**.

➤ Singh was the **costliest Indian player** with Ahmedabad Defenders shelling out Rs 13 lakhs for him.

Belgium Beat Netherlands In Shootout To Win Hockey World Cup:

➤ **Belgium, Olympic silver medallists**, defeated Netherlands 3-2 via a penalty shoot-out to win the **FIH Hockey World Cup at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar**. Belgium beat Netherlands in penalty shootout to become the **sixth nation to win the title. Belgium has won the trophy after sixteen years.**

➤ Both the teams, goalless at full time, were at level 2-2 after five penalties. It was a great day for Belgium hockey as the country registered its second biggest international title after the Olympics silver in Rio in 2016.

P.V Sindhu Becomes first Indian To Win BWF World Tour Finals:

➤ **PV Sindhu** beat **Nozomi Okuhara** in straight games to clinch her maiden **BWF World Tour Finals title**.

➤ This was critical to the Indian shuttler's cause as Okuhara was made to toil and given no

breathing space as PV Sindhu claimed a 21-19, 21-17 win in the final for **her first title of the year.**

Joshna Chinappa wins National Squash Women's Singles Title:

➤ **Joshna Chinappa and Mahesh Mungaonkar** bagged the **women's and men's singles titles** respectively at the **National Squash Championships** in New Delhi. Both of these wins were memorable for the champions for different reasons.

➤ **Joshna Chinappa** won the title after she defeated **Urvashi Joshi** in the final match of the competition by **9-11, 11-1, 11-6, 11-5**.

➤ **Squash star Joshna Chinappa** equalled **Bhuvneshwari Kumari's** record of **16 national titles** by edging out Urvashi Joshi. Mahesh Mungaonkar won his maiden crown on the concluding day of the premier domestic event.

Bhubaneswar to host one of Hockey Series Finals in 2019:

➤ **The Capital of Odisha, Bhubaneswar is set to host one of the three Hockey Series Finals to be held from June 6 to 16 next year. The Hockey Series is open to national teams that are not playing in the Hockey Pro League. It was announced by Odisha Sports Minister Chandra Sarathi Behera in the presence of International Hockey Federation (FIH) President Narinder Batra.**

Pakistan to host 2020 Asia Cup; final venue unclear:

➤ **The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) have awarded the hosting rights for the Asia Cup in 2020 to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB). However, the final venue for the tournament remains unclear over whether it will be played in Pakistan or the UAE.**

➤ **The tournament is scheduled to be played in September 2020 and will be played in the T20 format. It is set to precede the 2020 ICC T20 World Cup.**

Ace Indian shuttler P V Sindhu lifts World Tour Finals trophy in China:

➤ **Ace Indian shuttler P V Sindhu** lifted the **prestigious season-ending World Tour Finals trophy at Guangzhou, China. The Olympic silver medallist defeated Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in the summit clash.**

Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore flags off special marathon 'Soldierathon' in New Delhi:

➤ **On the occasion of Vijay Diwas, Sports Minister Col Rajyavardhan Rathore** flagged off a special marathon 'Soldierathon' at JLN Stadium in New Delhi.

➤ **With over 12 thousand participants, the marathon was held in five categories. The proceeds from the event will be donated to Indian Army's Artificial Limb Centre for wounded soldiers to help them acquire state-of-the-art prosthesis at the Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre.**

ICC ropes in Royal Stag as official sponsor:

➤ **The International Cricket Council (ICC) has roped in Indian alcohol brand Royal Stag as official sponsor for the next five years. The partnership, which runs through 2023, will cover international events, including the upcoming big-ticket calendar events - the ICC Cricket World Cup, ICC**

T20 World Cup and ICC World Test Championship.

Allan Border Medal to be rebranded as Australian Cricket Awards:

➤ **With the increase in recognition of women's cricket and the popularity of the T20 format, Cricket Australia (CA) and the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) has announced to rebrand its Allan Border Medal to Australian Cricket Awards from 2019 onwards.**

➤ **The event is held on an annual basis to celebrate the performances of Australian players across national and domestic cricket. The 2019 Australian Cricket Awards is slated to be held on February 11 at The Crown Palladium, Melbourne.**

BWF Rankings: PV Sindhu jumps three spots:

➤ Olympic silver medalist **PV Sindhu** has climbed 3 spots to **Number 3 in the latest world badminton rankings**. She moved up after claiming a win against **Nozomi Okuhara of Japan in last week's BWF World Tour Finals** in Guangzhou, China, for her first title of the year.

➤ Among other established shuttlers from India, **Saina Nehwal** remains at the ninth position. **Kidambi Srikanth** is still eighth while **HS Prannoy** has moved one place to 20th and **Sai Praneeth** has risen one rung to 22nd.

16th Mumbai Marathon to be held on 20th January 2019:

➤ **The 16th Mumbai Marathon** will be held on **January 20 next year** and around 50,000 participants are expected to participate in the run, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said.

India's Vedangi Kulkarni becomes fastest Asian to cycle the globe:

➤ **Indian woman Vedangi Kulkarni** has become the **fastest Asian to cycle the globe**. Hailing from a suburb of **Pune**, 20-year old Vedangi cycled into Kolkata in the wee hours, completing the **29,000 kilometers' distance** required to qualify as bicycling across the globe. She spent 159 days peddling up to 300 kilometers a day in 14 countries.

➤ **Thirty-eight-year-old British adventurer Jenny Graham** is the fastest woman to have cycled the globe in 124 days this year.

Real Madrid won third straight Club World Cup title with win over Al-Ain:

➤ **Real Madrid** eased to a third straight Club World Cup title as **Luka Modric and Sergio Ramos** scored in a 4-1 final victory over home team **Al-Ain** in Abu Dhabi.

Bala Rafique Shaikh Wins Maharashtra Kesari 2018:

➤ **Bala Rafique Shaikh** achieved the **Maharashtra Kesari 2018 title by defeating Abhijeet Katke of Pune in the wrestling duel held at Azad ground, Jalna, Maharashtra.**

➤ **Maharashtra Kesari** is an Indian-style reputed wrestling championship, established in 1961 in Maharashtra. 'Kesari' is a Sanskrit word for 'Lion'. The recent concluded was the **62nd Maharashtra Kesari Wrestling Championship.**

Shiffrin first woman to reach 50 World Cup wins with Courchevel victory:

> American Mikaela Shiffrin became the youngest woman to win 50 World Cup ski races with victory in the slalom in the French Alps.
 > The 2014 Olympic champion, who led after the first run, finished 0.29sec ahead of Slovakia's Petra Vlhova and 0.37sec ahead of Sweden Frida Hansdotter in third place to win in Courchevel.

Ricky Ponting Formally Inducted into ICC Hall of Fame:

> Former Australian captain Ricky Ponting became the 25th player from his

country to be inducted into the ICC hall of fame.

> Ponting received his commemorative cap from compatriot ICC Cricket Hall of Famer, Glenn McGrath at the MCG.

> Ponting became the third player to be inducted into the hall of fame in 2018 after India's Rahul Dravid and England's Claire Taylor. The total number of hall of fame members now stands at 87.

Aadi Sai from KC High, Chennai wins World's debate championship:

> India's Aadi Sai Vijaykaran, an 13 years old class 8 student from KC High, Chennai

created history by winning the Junior debate championship at the World's Scholar Cup held at Yale University, USA.

> The theme for the cup was 'An Entangled World: diplomacy, human relationships, and the science of memory, and literature, art'.

> This is the first time any individual from India has won the coveted junior debate championship. The Tournament of Champions of World Scholar's Cup, held in Yale University, is a competition for young debaters from around the world.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Important Days	Observed/Celebrated	Theme of 2018
World AIDS Day	December 1 st	"Know Your Status"
World Computer Literacy Day	December 2nd	-
International Day for Abolition of Slavery	December 2nd	-
International Day of Persons with Disabilities	December 3rd	"Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality"
Indian Navy Day	December 4 th	-
World Soil Day	December 5 th	#StopSoilPollution
International Volunteer Day (IVD)	December 5 th	"Volunteers build Resilient Communities"
Dr. Ambedkar Mahaparinirvan Diwas	December 6 th	-
Armed Forces Flag Day	December 7 th	-
International Civil Aviation Day	December 7 th	"Working Together to Ensure No Country is Left Behind"
16th International Anti-Corruption Day	December 9 th	-
Human Rights Day	December 10 th	"Stand Up For Human Rights"
International Mountains Day	December 11 th	"Mountains Matter"
UNICEF Day 2018	December 11 th	-
International Universal Health Coverage Day	December 12 th	"Unite for Universal Health Coverage: Now is the Time for Collective Action"
National Energy Conservation Day 2018	December 14 th	-
International Tea day	December 15 th	-
Vijay Diwas	December 16 th	-
International Migrants Day	December 18 th	"Migration with Dignity"
World Arabic Language Day	December 18 th	"Arabic Language and Youth"
Minorities Rights Day in India	December 18 th	-
57th Goa Liberation Day	December 19 th	-
International Human Solidarity Day	December 20 th	-
Winter Solstice 2018 and Summer Solstice 2018 Occurred in Northern & Southern Hemisphere respectively	December 21 st	
National Mathematics Day	December 22 nd	-
National Consumer Day	December 24 th	"Timely Disposal of Consumer Complaints"
Good Governance Day	December 25 th	-

OBITUARY

Name	Field	Country
Harry Leslie Smith	British World War II veteran and political activist	Canada
Ashutosh Jain	Senior AIR Broadcaster	New Delhi, India
George HW Bush	Former US president	USA
Jayaraman	Noted agriculturalist	Tamil Nadu, India
Maulana Asrar-ul-Haque Qasmi	Noted Islamic scholar and Congress Lok Sabha MP	Bihar, India
Arun Kumar Shaw	Former National Champion Swimmer	West Bengal, India
Jagdish Thakkar	Public Relations Officer (PRO) in the prime minister's office	New Delhi, India
Lyudmila Alexeyeva	Ex-Soviet-era dissident	Russia
Mushirul Hasan	Noted historian	Chhattisgarh, India
Nabankur Gupta	Marketing Superstar	Maharashtra, India
Belisario Betancur	Former Colombian President	Colombia
CN Balakrishnan	Senior Kerala Congress Leader	Kerala, India

Nancy Wilson	Grammy winning jazz singer	USA
Sondra Locke	Oscar-nominated Actress	California
Thoppil Ajayan	National award-winning director (feature film "Perumthachan")	Kerala, India
Tulsi Giri	Former Prime Minister of Nepal	Nepal
Sulagitti Narasamma	Padma Shri awardee (for her role in delivering babies safely in remote villages)	Karnataka, India
Captain Jai Narain Prasad Nishad	Former Union Minister	South Delhi, India
Paddy Ashdown	Former Liberal Democrat Leader	New Delhi, India
Nirendranath Chakraborty	Bengali poet	West Bengal, India
Hamidi Kashmiri	Former Kashmir University VC Professor in Urdu Language	Jammu & Kashmir, India

DECEMBER MONTH QUIZ

Q.1) Who won the World Chess Championship 2018?

- a) Viswanathan Anand
- b) Fabiano Caruana
- c) Bobby Fischer
- d) Magnus Carlsen
- e) Judith Polgar

Q.2) Who is appointed as the "Cricket Australia Board's" chairman?

- a) David Peever
- b) Steve Waugh
- c) Justin Langer
- d) Daren Lehman
- e) Earl Eddings

Q.3) Who is the Prime Minister of Australia?

- a) Peter Dutton
- b) Malcolm Turnbull
- c) Josh Frydenberg
- d) Tony Abbott
- e) Scott Morrison

Q.4) Which State is adjudged as the "Best State" at IITF Delhi?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Karnataka
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Uttarakhand
- e) West Bengal

Q.5) Who is conferred with Pt. Bhimsen Joshi Award 2018 recently?

- a) Keshav Ginde
- b) Pravin Godkhindi
- c) Rakesh Chaurasia
- d) Ronu Majumdar
- e) T.R Mahalingam

Q.6) Who becomes India's First Indian to be honoured with Shooting's Top Award by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) at the General Assembly in Munich?

- a) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
- b) Abhinav Bindra
- c) Vijay Kumar
- d) Gagn Narang
- e) Jitu Rai

Q.7) December 1 is observed as?

- a) World Sports Day
- b) National Science Day
- c) World Liberation Day
- d) World AIDS Day
- e) World Broadcasting Day

Q.8) Who is the Senior AIR Broadcaster who passed away recently?

- a) Ameen Yasini
- b) Ashutosh Jain
- c) Siddharth Kannan
- d) Abhilash Thapliyal
- e) Aparna Menon

Q.9) Who is the Chairman of SEBI?

- a) UK Sinha
- b) Ajay Tyagi
- c) Anand Rajeshwar Baiwar
- d) Ritesh Agarwal
- e) Sharadh Sharma

Q.10) Which City will host the 2nd India-UAE Strategic Conclave?

- a) Dubai
- b) Abu Dhabi
- c) Sharjah
- d) Ajman
- e) Fujariah

Q.11) IIT Kharagpur has inked pact with which of the following university for research tie-up?

- a) University of Melbourne
- b) University of Chicago
- c) University of Beijing
- d) University of Washington
- e) University of Auckland

Q.12) What is the theme of the World Aids Day 2018?

- a) Know Your Status
- b) Right to Health
- c) Getting to Zero
- d) Zero New HIV Infections
- e) Focus, Partner, Achieve

Q.13) Who has inaugurated the 19th Hornbill Festival in Nagaland?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) PB Acharya
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Amit Shah
- e) Ram Nath Kovind

Q.14) Who has become the 1st Woman to win the Australia's Greg Norman Medal?

- a) Jason Day
- b) Marc Leishman
- c) Minjee Lee
- d) Joanne Mills
- e) Rachel L. Bailey

Q.15) AIBA is set to introduce the _____ at 2019 Men's Boxing World Championship.

- a) Legalized Contracts
- b) Protest System
- c) Video Review System
- d) Immediate Referral
- e) Point changes

Q.16) Where will be the "2019 Men's Boxing World Championships held?"

- a) India
- b) Mexico
- c) Spain
- d) Russia
- e) Japan

Q.17) Who is appointed as the next CEO of World Gold Council?

- a) Aram Shishmanian
- b) David Tait
- c) Stephen Fischler
- d) Steven Kimberly
- e) Juan Marta

Q.18) Who is the head of UNESCO?

- a) Guy Ryder
- b) Thomas Bach
- c) Jurgen Stock
- d) Jim Brindenstine
- e) Audrey Azoulay

Q.19) How many new elements were added to the list of "Intangible Heritage" by UN Cultural Agency UNESCO?

- a) 7
- b) 8
- c) 5
- d) 6
- e) 3

Q.20) Where is the headquarters of European Union?

- a) Geneva
- b) New York
- c) Washington D.C
- d) Hanoi
- e) Brussels

Q.21) Where did the 3rd ASEAN - India Business Summit (AIBS) held?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Thailand
- c) Cambodia
- d) Vietnam
- e) Malaysia

Q.22) Identify the name of the Software launched to help Railways Minister to keep track of Punctuality of Trains?

- a) Samadhan
- b) eDrishti
- c) eCouncil
- d) eTiming
- e) eRefresh

Q.23) The 4th Joint Commission between and India and which country was held in New Delhi?

- a) South Africa
- b) Rwanda
- c) Lesotho
- d) Swaziland
- e) Mozambique

Q.24) Which of the following will host the 1st ever Indo-Indonesian Biz Forum as part of the Indo-Pacific Strategies?

- a) Andaman and Nicobar
- b) Daman Diu
- c) Delhi
- d) Pondicherry
- e) None of these

Q.25) Sangai Deer is the State Animal of which of the following state?

- a) Manipur
- b) Mizoram
- c) Nagaland
- d) Arunachal Pradesh
- e) Sikkim

Q.26) The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMG) is planning to set up a Ganga Exhibition and a Ganga Museum for public outreach in _____.

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

Q.27) Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is the world's largest healthcare scheme which aims at providing portable coverage of _____ per entitled family annually.

- a) Rs.15 lakh
- b) Rs.2.5 lakh
- c) Rs.5.0 lakh
- d) Rs.4.5 lakh
- e) Rs.10 lakh

Q.28) Who is the first Indian to be elected in ISSF's (International Shooting Sports Federation) judges committee?

- a) M M Kutty
- b) Rajiv Kumar
- c) Pawan Singh
- d) Praveen Kumar
- e) Karen Singh

Q.29) Who has been crowned as this year's Ballon d'Or winner, France Football confirmed at the award ceremony in Paris?

- a) Neymar
- b) Cristiano Ronaldo
- c) Luka Modric
- d) Lionne Messie
- e) Cam Newton

Q.30) Who is the Foreign Minister of Romania visited India, recently?

- a) Luka Modric
- b) Takehiko Nakao
- c) Teodor Melescanu
- d) Jüri Ratas
- e) Mauricio Macri

Q.31) Laureates from which two country has received UNESCO/Emir Jaber al Ahmad al Jaber al Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities?

- a) Bangladesh and Pakistan
- b) Bangladesh and China
- c) India and China
- d) Japan and China
- e) Argentina and Bangladesh

Q.32) Who has assumed the charge as Technical Member in the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL) under the Ministry of Power?

- a) Subramanian Verma
- b) Ramesh Kumar
- c) Raninder Singh
- d) Ravindra Kumar Verma
- e) Rajeev Kumar

Q.33) Which of the following country has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Maharashtra Government to provide a framework for Co-operation between the two authorities to promote FinTech in their respective markets, recently?

- a) Zimbabwe
- b) Bahrain
- c) Romania
- d) United Kingdom
- e) Ethiopia

Q.34) Who was awarded by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) -India for banning the Chinese manjha, or the glass-coated kite strings, across Delhi?

- a) Ahmed Hussain
- b) Isaqq Hussain
- c) Irfan Hussain
- d) Imran Hussain
- e) Mohammed Hussain

Q.35) Commonwealth Senior Fencing Championships 2018 held in _____.

- a) Taipei, Taiwan
- b) Canberra, Australia
- c) Moscow, Russia
- d) New Delhi, India

e) Budapest, Hungary
 Q.36) Who won the Full Marathon in 33rd Pune International Marathon with the timing of 2 hours 17 minutes 17 seconds?
 a) Teshome Getachew b) Atlawim Debebe
 c) Pascalia Chepkogei d) Karan Singh
 e) Urvi Tambe
 Q.37) The book 'Modiraj Main Kisan, Double Aamad Ya Double afat' is authored by _____.
 a) Ajay Vir Jakhar b) Ashok Gulati
 c) Yogendra Yadav d) Jaswanth Singh
 e) J K Rowling
 Q.38) Which state government has inked a MoU with Estonian academy to enlighten the state people on the e-governance models prevailing in the world, recently?
 a) Mizoram b) Nagaland
 c) Maharashtra d) Odisha
 e) Assam
 Q.39) Who won the Senior Women's Sabre event in the Commonwealth Senior Fencing Championships 2018?
 a) Mariel Zagunis b) Valentina Vezzali
 c) Ibtihaj Muhammad d) Bhavani Devi
 e) Akshaya Bindra
 Q.40) Indian Navy Day is observed on _____.
 a) December 3rd b) January 4th
 c) November 28th d) December 4th
 e) January 12th
 Q.41) Who won the women's singles in the 2018 Tata Open India International Challenge held at Mumbai, Maharashtra?
 a) Akshya Sen b) Ashmita Chaliha
 c) Ng Wing Yung d) Yeung Nga Ting
 e) Savitree Amitrapai
 Q.42) Who has become India's first-ever individual medalist in an international ultra-running event by clinching a bronze in 2018 International Association of Ultra Running (IAU) 24 Hour Asia & Oceania Championships in Taipei, Taiwan?
 a) LL Meena b) Ullas Narayan
 c) Noboyuki Takahashi d) Yoshihiko Ishikawa
 e) Sunil Sharma
 Q.43) Which of the following state government has allowed its citizens to inspect government records in district-level offices and local bodies under the Right to Information (RTI) Act for two hours, recently?
 a) Mizoram b) Nagaland
 c) Maharashtra d) Odisha
 e) Assam
 Q.44) The first ever India-ASEAN InnoTech Summit was held in New Delhi. What is the theme of the summit 2018?
 a) 'India ASEAN InnoTech Summit: Accelerating towards informal development'
 b) 'India ASEAN InnoTech Summit: Accelerating towards informative development'
 c) 'India ASEAN InnoTech Summit: Accelerated towards innovative development'
 d) 'India ASEAN InnoTech Summit: Accelerating towards invention development'
 e) 'India ASEAN InnoTech Summit: Accelerating towards innovative development'
 Q.45) The Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) is in India for a bilateral air exercise SHINYUU Maitri-18 with Indian Air Force from 03-07 Dec 18 at _____.
 a) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
 b) Bangalore, Karnataka
 c) Agra, Uttar Pradesh
 d) Panaji, Goa
 e) Vizagapatam, Andhra Pradesh
 Q.46) Name the first Indian to scale Sahayadri Mountain Range in 12 Days, recently.
 a) Malavath Purna b) Bachendri Pal
 c) Tenzing Norgay d) Tuhin Satarkar
 e) Nawang Gombu
 Q.47) Which state government has launched a common mobility card with a tagline of 'One Delhi One Ride' which would enable city

commuters to access Metro and bus services with a single card at a 10 per cent discount?
 a) Kerala b) Delhi
 c) Maharashtra d) Madhya Pradesh
 e) Karnataka
 Q.48) Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Minister Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated India Water Impact Summit 2018 in _____.
 a) Hyderabad b) Mumbai
 c) New Delhi d) Bangalore
 e) Srinagar
 Q.49) Which of the following ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Madame Tussauds Wax Museum for providing discounts to tourists, recently?
 a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 b) Ministry of Railways
 c) Ministry of Home Affairs
 d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
 e) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 Q.50) Which edition of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Sudan was held in New Delhi, recently?
 a) Third b) Eighth
 c) Ninth d) Fourth
 e) Tenth
 Q.51) The Indian Navy will conduct a large-scale coastal defence exercise named "Tropex". Expand the term Tropex.
 a) Top Level Operational Readiness Exercise
 b) Tradition Level Operational Readiness Exercise
 c) Themed Level Operational Readiness Exercise
 d) Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise
 e) Trilateral Level Operational Readiness Exercise
 Q.52) India has inked a currency swap agreement with which country, that means businesses can now can-do trade using local currencies on Dec 5th, 2018?
 a) UK b) UAE
 c) Ethiopia d) Vietnam
 e) Cambodia
 Q.53) India's most-advanced high-throughput communication satellite GSAT-11 was successfully launched from Spaceport in French Guiana. What is the life span of GSAT-11 mission?
 a) 15 Years b) 10 Years
 c) 18 Years d) 20 Years
 e) 12 Years
 Q.54) Which Indian Cricketer has honoured by Bradman Museum ahead of India vs Australia 1st Test at Adelaide, recently?
 a) Shikhar Dhawan b) Gautam Gambir
 c) Virat Kohli d) M S Dhoni
 e) Rohit Sharma
 Q.55) Who has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary of India?
 a) Ravinder Sinha b) Ajay Narayan Jha
 c) Ravi Ruia d) Vijay Jaswin
 e) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
 Q.56) Who has been appointed as the IAAF Chief Executive Officer, recently?
 a) Jaydev Unadkat b) Ambati Rayudu
 c) Krunal Pandya d) Jon Ridgeon
 e) Dilip Shanghvi
 Q.57) A book titled 'Blue Waters Ahoy!' - chronicling the Indian Navy's History from 2001-10 was authored by _____.
 a) Sunil Lanba b) Anup Singh
 c) Hari Kumar d) Arun Prakash
 e) Pawar Lanba
 Q.58) Bogibeel Bridge is a combined road and rail bridge over which river in the north eastern Indian state of Assam between Dhemaji district and Dibrugarh district?
 a) Brahmaputra River b) Narmada River
 c) Godavari River d) Ganga River
 e) Yamuna River

Q.59) Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced a new programme the "PEETHA" to create awareness about various schemes across the state. In PEETHA, second "E" stands for _____.
 a) Entertain b) Evolvement
 c) Empowerment d) Enabling
 e) Emerging
 Q.60) According to the tourism ministry, which of the following city was included in Madhya Pradesh under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) to develop pilgrimage and heritage destinations in the country?
 a) Pachmarhi b) Khandwa
 c) Amarkantak d) Mandsaur
 e) Chhindwara
 Q.61) Who has emerged as the richest Indian celebrity for the third time in a row, according to Forbes India Celebrity 100 list?
 a) Shah Rukh Khan b) Akshay Kumar
 c) Virat Kohli d) Salman Khan
 e) Amitabh Bachchan
 Q.62) The country's largest public broadcasters All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD) are set to improve their infrastructure, expand their coverage and strengthen their content by investing how much crore for the purpose?
 a) Rs.550 crore b) Rs.950 crore
 c) Rs.750 crore d) Rs.450 crore
 e) Rs.850 crore
 Q.63) Second meeting of the NITI Forum for the North East is being held in _____.
 a) Agartala, Tripura b) Guwahati, Assam
 c) Mumbai, Maharashtra
 d) Bangalore, Karnataka
 e) New Delhi, India
 Q.64) Maharashtra government has launched a unique initiative called "SMART" to revamp agricultural value chains, with special focus on marginal farmers across 1,000 villages. In SMART, "R" stands for _____.
 a) Revamp b) Regional
 c) Rural d) Rejuvenation
 e) Remote
 Q.65) 2-day conference on EU-India Partnership for Cultural Heritage Conservation is being hosted by which city?
 a) Agartala, Tripura
 b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
 c) Guwahati, Assam
 d) Bangalore, Karnataka
 e) New Delhi, India
 Q.66) India has signed an agreement with which country for the co-operation and mutual assistance in Customs Matters on Dec 6th, 2018?
 a) Bangladesh b) Peru
 c) Ethiopia d) Austria
 e) Nepal
 Q.67) According to the UN's World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) patent report, the rank of India is _____.
 a) 22nd b) 8th
 c) 10th d) 2nd
 e) 15th
 Q.68) Which of the following country has launched World's 1st 3D-printed functional e-bike at the conference named "The Current Evolution of 3D Printing" in Volkswagen Slovakia, Stupava, recently?
 a) Russia b) Germany
 c) China d) Japan
 e) Australia
 Q.69) What is the theme of International Volunteer Day (IVD) 2018, observed on December 5th every year?
 a) Volunteers build Remake Communities
 b) Volunteers build Renew Communities
 c) Volunteers build Resilient Communities
 d) Volunteers build Reduce Communities
 e) Volunteers build Reform Communities

Q.70) The 80th Session of the Policy Commission of the World Customs Organization (WCO) meeting is being organized by the WCO and hosted by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), India in _____.

a) Agartala, Tripura b) Guwahati, Assam
 c) Mumbai, Maharashtra
 d) Bangalore, Karnataka
 e) New Delhi, India

Q.71) Who won the female world athlete of the year by the IAAF at a ceremony in Monaco?

a) McLaughlin b) Armand Duplantis
 c) Eliud Kipchoge d) Caterine Ibarguen
 e) Dina Asher-Smith

Q.72) Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Delhi Daredevils were renamed as _____.

a) Delhi Riders
 b) Daredevils Warriors
 c) Kings of Delhi d) Delhi Warriors
 e) Delhi Capitals

Q.73) World Soil Day is observed on _____.

a) December 5th b) January 6th
 c) December 6th d) November 29th
 e) February 12th

Q.74) Who won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2018 for his novel named Sanchaaram (Tamil language)?

a) Rama Krishnan
 b) Sanjib Chattopadhyay
 c) Chitra Mudgal
 d) Dr Rajesh Kumar Vyas
 e) Suraiya Kumar

Q.75) Name the Noted agriculturalist who pioneered the protection and propagation of indigenous paddy varieties in Tamil Nadu, passed away in Chennai.

a) Narendran b) Nammalvar
 c) Jayaraman d) Vinoth Kumar
 e) Subramanian

Q.76) Armed Forces Flag Day is observed on _____.

a) January 8th b) January 4th
 c) December 7th d) November 29th
 e) December 6th

Q.77) Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of the Pakistan Cricket Board?

a) Asad Ali Khan b) Muzamil Hussain
 c) Wasim Khan d) Ehsan Mani
 e) Najeeb Samie

Q.78) Which of the following team has won the Admiral's Cup Sailing Regatta 2018 at Ettikulam Beach at Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala?

a) Team Russia b) Team Australia
 c) Team Italy d) Team USA
 e) Team Singapore

Q.79) Which of the following country has become first country to make all public transport free, recently?

a) Lebanon b) Luxembourg
 c) Yemen d) Monaco
 e) Malaysia

Q.80) Minister for Electronics and IT Ravi Shankar Prasad has launched National Challenge - 'Ideate for India - creative solutions using technology' for school students in _____.

a) Jaipur b) Hyderabad
 c) Bangalore d) Mumbai
 e) New Delhi

Q.81) Who won the gold medal in women's skeet title at the 62nd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) for shotgun events in Jaipur?

a) Apurvi Chandela b) Manu Bhaker
 c) Simran Preet d) Preet Kaur Johal
 e) Maheshwari Chauhan

Q.82) The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved implementation of Shahpurkandi Dam Project in which state?

a) Rajasthan b) Punjab
 c) Haryana d) Uttarakhand

e) Himachal Pradesh

Q.83) Who has won the 2018 Turner Prize, one of the world's most highly esteemed art prizes?

a) James Thomson
 b) Luke Willis Thompson
 c) Naeem Mohaiemen d) Charlotte Prodger
 e) Charles Winson

Q.84) Name the noted Islamic scholar and Congress Lok Sabha MP from Bihar's Kishanganj constituency, passed away recently.

a) Maulana Asrar-ul-Haque Qasmi
 b) Asrar-ul-Haque Qasmi
 c) Mohamed Asrar-ul-Haque Qasmi
 d) Haque Qasmi
 e) Maulana Ahmed

Q.85) Kandhamal Haldi (turmeric), famous for its healing properties is likely to get the GI tag as the Geographical Indications. It is origin of which state?

a) Maharashtra b) Odisha
 c) Tamil Nadu d) Karnataka
 e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.86) Who inaugurated the 19th All India Police (AIPDM) Shooting Competition-2018 at Manesar, Gurugram in Haryana?

a) Manoj Sinha b) Rao Inderjit Singh
 c) Ram Nath Kovind d) Kiren Rijiju
 e) Rajnath Singh

Q.87) Union Cabinet has approved MoU between India and which country for cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space?

a) Morocco b) Zimbabwe
 c) Russia d) Tajikistan
 e) Algeria

Q.88) Which of the following pair is India's second Indus Water Treaty (IWT) origin-destination pair for containerised cargo movement on the National Waterway-1?

a) Cochin - Patna b) Kolkata - Panaji
 c) Ennore - Vizagapatam d) Kolkata- Patna
 e) Vizagapatam - Kolkata

Q.89) Which of the following state has launched the 'Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana' which offers free travel packages on five religious circuits for senior citizens from the national capital?

a) Uttar Pradesh b) Uttarakhand
 c) Bihar d) Delhi
 e) Assam

Q.90) The Indian Coast Guard has conducted the Regional Level Marine Oil Pollution Response Exercise titled 'Clean Sea - 2018' at _____.

a) Kolkata, West Bengal
 b) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
 c) Vizagapatam, Andhra Pradesh
 d) Panaji, Goa
 e) Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Q.91) Which of the following country becomes 1st Latin American nation to join Belt and Road Initiative, recently?

a) Paraguay b) Panama
 c) Qatar d) Argentina
 e) Armenia

Q.92) Who laid the foundation stone of Pusa Kisan Haat in ICAR's Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC) in New Delhi?

a) Ram Nath Kovind b) Rajnath Singh
 c) Radha Mohan Singh
 d) Harsimrat Kaur Badal
 e) Jial Oram

Q.93) International Conference on Bears 2018 is being organised in which city?

a) Bangalore, Karnataka
 b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
 c) New Delhi, India
 d) Agra, Uttar Pradesh
 e) Jaipur, Rajasthan

Q.94) First ever Swadesh Darshan Project worth Rs. 97.36 crore was inaugurated in which state?

a) Karnataka b) Assam
 c) Nagaland d) Mizoram
 e) Meghalaya

Q.95) Who has been appointed as the head of South Africa's prosecuting authority become the first woman to head the agency facing criticism for its handling of the investigations against former president Jacob Zuma over corruption charges?

a) Shamila Batohi b) Rattan Lal
 c) Rajanish Giri d) Atul Sahai
 e) Yasir Shah

Q.96) Which of the following country will host the 2023 IAAF athletics world championships?

a) Russia b) Belgium
 c) Budapest d) Qatar
 e) Oregon

Q.97) Which of the following ministry won the Skoch Award 2018 for National Significance in New Delhi, recently?

a) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
 c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 d) Ministry of Women and Child Development
 e) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

Q.98) Food and Agriculture organisation, FAO Council has approved India's proposal to observe an International Year of Millets in which year?

a) 2019 b) 2021
 c) 2025 d) 2023
 e) 2022

Q.99) Who has been awarded the Innovative Young Biotechnologist Award (IYBA) 2018?

a) Shamila Batohi b) Rattan Lal
 c) Rajanish Giri d) Atul Sahai
 e) Yasir Shah

Q.100) Who became the fastest bowler in terms of number of Tests played to pick 200 Test wickets in the game's history?

a) Ishant Sharma b) Umesh Yadav
 c) Clarrie Grimmett d) William Somerville
 e) Yasir Shah

Q.101) International Civil Aviation Day was observed as 7 December. What is the theme of 2018?

a) "Working Together to Evolve No Country is Left Behind". b) "Working Together to Ensure No Country is Left Behind".
 c) "Working Together to Emerge No Country is Left Behind". d) "Working Together to Empower No Country is Left Behind".
 e) "Working Together to Education No Country is Left Behind".

Q.102) Who won the Glinka World Soil Prize 2018?

a) Shamila Batohi b) Rattan Lal
 c) Rajanish Giri d) Atul Sahai
 e) Yasir Shah

Q.103) Name the Seven-time national champion swimmer died in Kolkata following prolonged illness.

a) Viradhawal Khade b) Arun Kumar Shaw
 c) Sandeep Sejwal
 d) Rehan Jehangir Poncha
 e) Sajan Prakash

Q.104) Who has been appointed as the next United States ambassador to the United Nations by US president Donald Trump?

a) Nikki Haley b) Sajan Prakash
 c) Robert Hookre d) James Wilson
 e) Heather Nauert

Q.105) Who made the Shaun Marsh broke a 130-year-old Australian batting record after dismissing him for 2 runs on the second day of the first Test between India and Australia?

a) Shikshar Dhawan
 b) Bhagwat Chandrasekhar
 c) Srinivas Venkataraghavan
 d) Virat Kohli
 e) Ravichandran Ashwin

Q.106) Who had been named topped among the world's 100 most powerful women by Forbes in a list 2018?

a) Roshni Nadar-Malhotra b) Shobhana Bhartia
 c) Angela Merkel d) Priyanka Chopra

e) Theresa May
 Q.107) Which of the following minister has released a compilation of selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind titled, "The Republican Ethic" in English and "Loktantra ke Swar" in Hindi at a function in New Delhi?
 a) Venkaiah Naidu b) Manmohan Singh
 c) Narendra Modi d) Raj Nath Singh
 e) Sushma Swaraj
 Q.108) Who has been honored by Harvard University for her work promoting girls education and won the 2018 Gleitsman Award, recently?
 a) Nadia Murad b) Donna Strickland
 c) Frances Arnold d) Malala Yousafzai
 e) Elfriede Jelinek
 Q.109) who has received an honorary doctorate from ESCP Europe Business School for his innovative entrepreneurship and contribution towards philanthropy in the field of education?
 a) Dilip Shanghvi b) Lakshmi Mittal
 c) Azim Premji d) Mukesh Ambani
 e) Sunil Bharti Mittal
 Q.110) Which country has launched a new framework to combat the scourge of international terrorism and coordinate efforts across the peace and security, humanitarian, human rights and sustainable development sectors?
 a) North Korea b) Switzerland
 c) United Nations d) USA
 e) Russia
 Q.111) Which state government has approved an Rs.50-crore Science & Technology Innovation (STI) Fund to provide assistance up to Rs.50 lakh to central and state universities and colleges, recognized by UGC and AICTE, for a period of maximum three years, to develop latent talents and encourage research and development in strategic fields?
 a) Punjab b) Rajasthan
 c) Gujarat d) Maharashtra
 e) Madhya Pradesh
 Q.112) Two day 175th Meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Companies (OPEC) Conference & one day 5th OPEC and Non-OPEC Ministerial Meeting concluded in _____.
 a) Moscow, Russia b) Rome, Italy
 c) Vienna, Austria
 d) Geneva, Switzerland
 e) Paris, France
 Q.113) Which of the following country has launched the largest Arabic audio library in the world, recently?
 a) Iran b) UAE
 c) Saudi Arabia d) Iraq
 e) Qatar
 Q.114) Under which section of the Specific Relief Act, 1963 (47 of 1963) the state government, in consultation with the chief justice of the high court, can designate one or more civil courts as special courts to adjudicate contracts relating to infrastructure projects?
 a) Section 42B b) Section 32B
 c) Section 26B d) Section 22B
 e) Section 20B
 Q.115) Name the INS that become India's first underwater museum off the Puducherry coast, giving a boost to tourism in the Union territory.
 a) INS Kolkata b) INS Cuddalore
 c) INS Mumbai d) INS Chennai
 e) INS Cochin
 Q.116) Which of the following country's parliament has approved a controversial new law allowing hundreds of thousands of foreigners into the country to ease labour shortages?
 a) France b) China
 c) Japan d) Russia
 e) Finland
 Q.117) Who has been elected as the chairman of Coca-Cola Company?
 a) Muhtar Kent

b) James Robert c) Brian Smith
 d) James Arnald
 e) Wilson Yong Smith
 Q.118) Who won the Miss World 2018 crown at a grand event held in the Chinese city, Sanya?
 a) Anukreethy
 b) Nicolene Pichapa Limsnukan
 c) Vanessa Ponce de Leon d) Mireia Lalaguna
 e) Alexandria Mills
 Q.119) The first International Conference on Sustainable Water Management under the aegis of National Hydrology Project, Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation is being organised by Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) in _____.
 a) Mohali, Punjab
 b) Agra, Uttar Pradesh
 c) Mumbai, Maharashtra d) New Delhi, India
 e) Bangalore, Karnataka
 Q.120) Kannur international Airport (KIAL) is located in which state?
 a) Karnataka b) Kerala
 c) Jharkhand d) Gujarat
 e) Andhra Pradesh
 Q.121) The Harbour Phase of Bilateral Maritime Exercise "INDRA" will be held at _____.
 a) Moscow b) Chennai
 c) Visakhapatnam d) Cochin
 e) None of these
 Q.122) Who won the Young Naturalist Award in Sanctuary Wildlife Awards 2018?
 a) Maitreya Sukumar b) Vandana Shiva
 c) Nikita Pimple d) Rohit Choudhury
 e) Iho Mitapo
 Q.123) Who creates the world record for highest first-class debut score?
 a) Amol Mazumdar b) Ajay Rohera
 c) Ishant Sharma d) Kuldeep Yadav
 e) Dinesh Karthik
 Q.124) The three-day Military Literature Festival (MLF) 2018, kick-started in _____.
 a) Hyderabad b) New Delhi
 c) Bangalore d) Chandigarh
 e) Panaji
 Q.125) Khelo India Youth Games-2019 will be held in _____.
 a) Hyderabad, Telangana
 b) Bangalore, Karnataka
 c) Pune, Maharashtra d) New Delhi, India
 e) Mumbai, Maharashtra
 Q.126) Name the Public Relations Officer (PRO) in the prime minister's office and senior journalist passed away recently?
 a) Mushirul Hasan b) Jagdish Thakkar
 c) Lyudmila Alexeyeva d) Nabankur Gupta
 e) Belisario Betancur
 Q.127) Which of the following Institution has won the DSCI Excellence Award 2018 for cyber security education by Data Security Council of India, an industry body on data protection set up by NASSCOM?
 a) IIT Delhi b) IIT Kharagpur
 c) IIT Bombay d) IIT Madras
 e) IIT Guwahati
 Q.128) Who became the fifth and youngest Indian golfer to become the Asian Tour Order of Merit champion?
 a) Arjun Atwal b) Jeev Milkha Singh
 c) Shiksha Sharma
 d) Shubhankar Sharma
 e) Anirban Lahiri
 Q.129) Who was awarded the lifetime achievement award by publisher and former Editor-in-Chief of The Hindu, and the Press Trust of India, Chairman, N Ravi?
 a) Srinivasaraghavan b) Surendra Kumar
 c) Rajeew Singh d) Gajendra Kumar
 e) Ragavendran
 Q.130) Human Rights Day is observed every year on _____.
 a) January 9th b) December 10th
 c) November 8th d) January 11th

e) December 15th
 Q.131) International Anti-Corruption Day has been observed annually on _____.
 a) January 9th b) December 10th
 c) November 8th d) January 11th
 e) December 9th
 Q.132) Who emerged as youngest champions in under-7 girl's competition at the US Kids Golf India Tour's first event in Gurugram?
 a) Anushka Gupta b) Chaitanya Gupta
 c) Shubhankar Sharma d) Sharmila Nicolle
 e) Aman Raj
 Q.133) Name the Historian who has extensively written on India's Partition, passed away at the age of 69.
 a) Mushirul Hasan b) Jagdish Thakkar
 c) Lyudmila Alexeyeva d) Nabankur Gupta
 e) Belisario Betancur
 Q.134) Name the Rashtriya Lok Samta Party (RLSP) chief who has resigned from Minister of State for Human Resource Development.
 a) Sudarshan Bhagat b) Anupriya Patel
 c) Upendra Kushwaha
 d) Arjun Ram Meghwal
 e) P. P. Chaudhary
 Q.135) Which of the following country has opened its consulate in Gujarat to further enhance the business partnership in the state?
 a) Argentina b) Vietnam
 c) Ethiopia d) Kazakhstan
 e) Tajikistan
 Q.136) Name the 23rd district of Arunachal Pradesh carved out of the West Siang district, recently.
 a) Siang b) Shi Yomi
 c) Pakke-Kesang d) Lepa Rada
 e) Kamle
 Q.137) The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, will inaugurate the fourth Partners' Forum on 12th December 2018 at _____.
 a) New Delhi b) Mumbai
 c) Bangalore d) Chennai
 e) Hyderabad
 Q.138) The Tamil Nadu government has launched a 24-hour toll free helpline _____ for women, among others, facing domestic violence and sexual harassment.
 a) 142 b) 121
 c) 181 d) 112
 e) 118
 Q.139) Who become the first Asian/Indian to win this year's Mister Supranational title in a competition held in Poland?
 a) Krynica-Zdroj
 b) Prathamesh Maulingkar
 c) Altamash Faraz d) Gabriel Correa
 e) Diego Garcy
 Q.140) What was the theme of International Mountain Day 2018, celebrated on 11th December every year?
 a) Mountain cultures: Celebrating diversity and strengthening identity
 b) Mountains under Pressure: climate, hunger, migration
 c) Mountain minorities and indigenous peoples
 d) Mountains Matter
 e) Mountains Enhancement
 Q.141) 7th Sino-India joint exercise Hand-in-Hand 2018 took place at _____.
 a) Shanghai, China b) Jaipur, Rajasthan
 c) Chengdu, China d) Beijing, China
 e) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
 Q.142) Who won the Best Entertainment Host/Presenter category in Asian Academy Creative Awards 2018?
 a) Bill and Tony b) Aarti Bajaj
 c) Anurag Kashyap d) Salman Khan
 e) Allana Ferguson
 Q.143) Who becomes the first Asian skipper to win a Test in South Africa, England and Australia?
 a) Steve Smith b) Shikhar Dhawan

- c) Virat Kohli d) Rohit Sharma
 e) Ajinkya Rahane
 Q.144) The second edition of the service-specific exercise AVIAINDRA between Indian Air Force (IAF) and Russian Federation Aerospace Force (RFAF), has been commenced at _____.
 a) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
 b) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
 c) Jaipur, Rajasthan d) Moscow, Russia
 e) Sochi, Russia
 Q.145) Who has been selected for the Best Woman Parliamentarian (Rajya Sabha) set up by Lokmat newspaper for 2018?
 a) Uma Gajapathi b) Kanimozhi
 c) Rajendra Kumari d) Tangaturi
 e) Bimal Kaur
 Q.146) The book named 'Of Counsel: The Challenges of the Modi-Jaitley Economy' was written by _____.
 a) Raghuram Rajan b) Urjit Patel
 c) Shaktikanda Das
 d) Arvind Subramanian
 e) Amitabh Khant
 Q.147) Who has been honoured/won the title "Meethoileima" by Manipur Government, recently?
 a) Kavita Chahal b) Vijender Singh
 c) Vikas Krishan Yadav d) MC Mary Kom
 e) Pinki Rani
 Q.148) Which state has started a 10-day drive 'Operation Minimum Wage' and raided 20 places including government and non-government organisations?
 a) Jharkhand b) Uttar Pradesh
 c) Uttarakhand d) Delhi
 e) Assam
 Q.149) What was the theme of International Universal Health Coverage Day 2018, observed on 12th December every year?
 a) "Unite for Universal Health Coverage: Now is the Time for Consolidate Action"
 b) "Unite for Universal Health Coverage: Now is the Time for Coverage Action"
 c) "Unite for Universal Health Coverage: Now is the Time for Control Action"
 d) "Unite for Universal Health Coverage: Now is the Time for Collective Action"
 e) "Unite for Universal Health Coverage: Now is the Time for Conversion Action"
 Q.150) Who have been named Sports Illustrated's 2018 Sportsperson of the Year?
 a) Roger Bannister
 b) Golden State Warriors
 c) J. J. Watt d) José Altuve
 e) Peyton Manning
 Q.151) Name the 24th District of Arunachal Pradesh was formally inaugurated by its Chief Minister Pema Khandu?
 a) Siang b) Shi Yomi
 c) Pakke-Kesang d) Lepa Rada
 e) Kamle
 Q.152) 2-day Conference on 'Good Governance - Focus on Aspirational Districts' was held at _____.
 a) Imphal, Manipur b) New Delhi, India
 c) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
 d) Jaipur, Rajasthan
 e) Bangalore, Karnataka
 Q.153) UNICEF Day is observed on _____.
 a) December 9th b) November 28th
 c) February 3rd d) December 11th
 e) January 12th
 Q.154) Who was chosen as the first winner of the WTA Coach of the Year award 2018?
 a) Agnieszka Radwańska b) Ana Ivanovic
 c) Gladys Heldman d) Ann Haydon-Jones
 e) Sascha Bajin
 Q.155) Name the former Kerala minister and Senior Congress leader died at a private hospital in Kochi due to pneumonia at the age of 87.
 a) AK Aravindhan b) BN Krishnan
 c) GK Gangothri d) CN Balakrishnan

- e) SN Suburaj
 Q.156) Which of the following state government has decided to establish an umbrella university named after former Prime Minister late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, to control all the medical and dental colleges and nursing institutions in the state?
 a) Uttar Pradesh b) Assam
 c) Bihar d) Madhya Pradesh
 e) Mizoram
 Q.157) Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba has inducted the first state-of-the-art DSRV submarine rescue system into the Indian Navy. Expand the term DSRV.
 a) Deep Submarine Rescue Vessel
 b) Deep Section Rescue Vessel
 c) Deep Submerge Rescue Vessel
 d) Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel
 e) Deep Substandard Rescue Vessel
 Q.158) Who has been named Time magazine's "Person of the Year" 2018?
 a) Sherron Watkins b) Jamal Khashoggi
 c) Melinda Gates d) Cynthia Cooper
 e) Nelson Mandela
 Q.159) Currently, CBIC notifies exchange rates for 20 currencies for the purpose of valuation of imported and exported goods and it has been now decided to include 2 more currencies namely _____ & _____ in the list of such currencies.
 a) Bolivian boliviano (BOB) & Croatian kuna (HRK)
 b) Korean Won (WON) & Bolivian boliviano (BOB)
 c) Albanian lek (ALL) & Turkish Lira (TRY)
 d) Ethiopian birr (ETB) & Albanian lek (ALL)
 e) Korean Won (WON) & Turkish Lira (TRY)
 Q.160) Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Radha Mohan Singh launched a portal named _____ a National Livestock Mission- Entrepreneurship Development and Employment Generation (EDEG) developed by NABARD and operated under the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries.
 a) EMERGE b) EMBARK
 c) ENSURE d) ENVOLVE
 e) EXCITE
 Q.161) Who was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Telangana for a second straight Time?
 a) Mohammed Mehmood Ali
 b) Chandrashekhar Rao
 c) Raman Singh
 d) Chandrababu Naidu
 e) Kamal Nath
 Q.162) What is the formation day of Telangana?
 a) 2 June 2014 b) 2 July 2015
 c) 2 August 2016 d) 12 July 2015
 e) 22 August 2014
 Q.163) Who has been appointed as the Vice-Chair of UN Panel of Auditors?
 a) Rajiv Mehrishi b) Amaya Rose
 c) Aravind Subramanian d) Urjit Patel
 e) Shashi Kanta Sharma
 Q.164) Aga Khan Gold Cup is related to which sport?
 a) Cricket b) Golf
 c) Tennis d) Basketball
 e) Hockey
 Q.165) Which Team has won the Aga Khan Gold Cup 2018?
 a) Jamshedpur Tata Steel
 b) SAIL Hockey Academy
 c) BHEL d) ONGC
 e) Murugappa HT
 Q.166) Who became the 1st Indian to win the Breakthrough Star Award at ITTF?
 a) Sharath Kamal b) Manika Batra
 c) Mouma Das d) Harmeet Desai
 e) Anthony Amalraj

- Q.167) Which country has selected the Chinese Character for "Disaster" as its "Defining Symbol" for 2018?
 a) Russia b) China
 c) Myanmar d) Hong Kong
 e) Japan
 Q.168) Indian President Ram Nath Kovind has dedicated which project for the People of Myanmar?
 a) ASPIRE b) ACURATE
 c) ANCHOR d) ABSORB
 e) ACARE
 Q.169) What is the capital of Sweden?
 a) Madrid b) Bern
 c) Damascus d) Juba
 e) Stockholm
 Q.170) Which Ministry has launched the twitter account "CyberDost" to spread awareness about Cybercrime and normal precautions?
 a) Ministry of Education
 b) Ministry of Home Affairs
 c) Ministry of External Affairs
 d) Ministry of Sports Affairs
 e) Ministry of Renewable Energy
 Q.171) December 12 is observed as?
 a) International Universal Health Coverage Day
 b) International Day of Human Rights
 c) International Sports Day
 d) International Science Day
 e) International Wildlife Day
 Q.172) Who among the following is named as the "TIME's PERSON of the YEAR" in "the GUARDIANS and the WAR ON TRUTH"?
 a) Jamal Khashoggi b) Wa Lone
 c) Kyaw Soe OO d) Maria Ressa
 e) All of the Above
 Q.173) Who is set to become the chief minister of Rajasthan for the third time?
 a) Sachin Pilot b) Vasundra Rajee
 c) Ashok Gehlot d) Anjali Bhagwat
 e) Vijay Rupani
 Q.174) Which country has passed a bill to legalise abortion?
 a) Iceland b) Ireland
 c) Scotland d) Denmark
 e) New South Wales
 Q.175) Which two countries has signed a Bilateral Annual Haj Agreement for 2019?
 a) Saudi Arabia & Pakistan
 b) Saudi Arabia & India
 c) Saudi Arabia & Sri Lanka
 d) Saudi Arabia & Malaysia
 e) Saudi Arabia & Iran
 Q.176) Which two countries has agreed to extend bilateral cooperation on defence joint venture manufacturing projects at the 18th IRIGC - MTC Meeting?
 a) India & china b) India & Eretria
 c) India & France
 d) India & South Korea
 e) India & Russia
 Q.177) Where did the 39th Gulf Co-operation council summit ended?
 a) Doha b) Kuwait City
 c) Riyadh d) Beirut
 e) Muscat
 Q.178) World's 1st Floating Nuclear Plant is operational in which of the following countries?
 a) Iran b) North Korea
 c) Russia d) Maldives
 e) USA
 Q.179) Which Indian Startup has been honoured by the United Nations for its works to clean the River Ganga by recycling tonnes of Floral waste?
 a) Go Green b) Get Green Ganga
 c) Clean River Ganga d) Help Us Green
 e) High Held Ganga
 Q.180) EU Parliament has approved the "World's Largest Free Trade Deal" with which of the following Country?
 a) Nigeria b) South africa
 c) Indonesia d) Japan

- e) Singapore
 Q.181) Who is appointed as the new FTII Chairman?
 a) Anupam Kher b) Brijendra Pal Singh
 c) Gajendra Chauhan d) Saeed Akhtar Mizra
 e) Mrinal Sen
 Q.182) Union Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi is from which of the following constituency?
 a) Bihar b) Uttar Pradesh
 c) Tamil Nadu d) Karnataka
 e) Jharkhand
 Q.183) Jnanpith Award is related to which field?
 a) Sports b) Literature
 c) Politics d) Foreign Affairs
 e) Science & Technology
 Q.184) Who has been awarded the 54th Jnanpith Award 2018?
 a) Sashi Tharoor b) Ruskin Bond
 c) Harman Preet Kaur d) Aravind Adiga
 e) Amitav Gosh
 Q.185) Who have been named as the Men's 2018 International Tennis Federation Champion for the 6th time?
 a) Rafael Nadal b) Roger Federer
 c) Novak Djokovic d) Andy Murray
 e) Zverev
 Q.186) Who have been named as the Women's 2018 International Tennis Federation Champion?
 a) Serena Williams b) Caolina Wozniacki
 c) Simona Halep d) Angelique Kreber
 e) Naomi Osaka
 Q.187) Who have been named as the Women's Doubles 2018 International Tennis Federation Champion?
 a) Ellen Perez & Alexandra Panova
 b) Tatjana Maria & Naomi Braody
 c) Barbora Krejckikova & Katerina Siniakova
 d) Kristina Mladenovic & Timea Babos
 e) Ashleigh Barty & Demi Schuurs
 Q.188) Who have been named as the Men's Doubles 2018 International Tennis Federation Champion?
 a) Oliver Marach & Mate Pavic
 b) Juan Cabal & Robert Farah
 c) Mike Bryan & Jack Sock
 d) Jamie Murray & Bruno Soares
 e) Lukasz Kubot & Marcelo Melo
 Q.189) Where did India's 1st Private UAV Factory comes up?
 a) Chennai b) Mumbai
 c) Kolkata d) New Delhi
 e) Hyderabad
 Q.190) Which state became the 1st state to have law banning sexual exploitation of women?
 a) Haryana b) Madhya Pradesh
 c) Jammu & Kashmir d) West Bengal
 e) Meghalaya
 Q.191) Which country has added "DIVERSE" as a gender to birth register?
 a) Spain b) Russia
 c) England d) India
 e) Germany
 Q.192) Who was named as the "BBC African Footballer of the Year" 2018?
 a) Yaya Toure b) Sadio Mane
 c) Mohammed Salah d) Medhi Benatia
 e) Kalidou Koulibaly
 Q.193) Which state will get the Krishi Karman Award in Rice Production Category?
 a) West Bengal b) Telangana
 c) Andhra Pradesh d) Bihar
 e) Jharkhand
 Q.194) Who is the Chief Minister of Jharkhand?
 a) Sachin Pilot b) Vasundra Raj
 c) Mamta Banerjee d) Aravind Kejriwal
 e) Raghubar Das
 Q.195) Who was appointed as the new managing director of England Men's Cricket Team?
 a) Ed Cowan b) Andrew Strauss
 c) Ashley Giles d) Nasser Hussain

- e) Marcus Threscotick
 Q.196) Who emerged as the Costliest Player at the Pro Volley Ball League Action?
 a) Anup D'cost
 b) Mohan Ukkrapandian
 c) Jimmy George d) Ranjith Singh
 e) Rudy Verhoeff
 Q.197) Who won the "National Squash Women's Singles Title"?
 a) Deepika Palika b) Joshna Chinappa
 c) Janet Vidhi d) Anaka Alankamon
 e) Bhuvneshwari Kumari
 Q.198) Who became the 1st Indian to win the BWF World Tour Finals?
 a) Nozomi Okuhara b) PV Sindhu
 c) Tai Tzu-ying d) Akane Yamaguchi
 e) Carolina Marin
 Q.199) Which team won the Women's Hockey World Cup 2018?
 a) India b) Germany
 c) Belgium d) Netherlands
 e) Spain
 Q.200) Who was named as the "Player of the Tournament" in the recently ended "2018 Men's Hockey World Cup" in Odisha?
 a) Pirmin Blaak b) Arthur Van Doren
 c) Thijis Govers
 d) Alexander Hendrickx e) Blake Govers
 Q.201) Who was named as the "Best Goalkeeper" in the recently ended "2018 Hockey World Cup"?
 a) Pirmin Blaak b) Arthur Van Doren
 c) Thijis Van Damn
 d) Alexander Hendrickx e) Blake Govers
 Q.202) Who was named as the "Best Young Player" in the recently ended "2018 Hockey World Cup"?
 a) Pirmin Blaak b) Arthur Van Doren
 c) Thijis Van Damn
 d) Alexander Hendrickx e) Blake Govers
 Q.203) Who was honoured with the French Knight of the National Order of Merit for his contribution to the world of cinema and Indo-French film industry?
 a) Stephen Spielberg b) Night Shyamalan
 c) Arthur Clark d) Ashok Amirtraj
 e) Quinton Tarrantino
 Q.204) Who was crowned as the Miss Universe 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand?
 a) Tamaryn Green b) Sthefany Gutierrez
 c) Demi Leigh Nel Peters d) Catriona Elisa Gray
 e) Manushi Chhillar
 Q.205) Which Atomic Power station has set the record for the longest uninterrupted operation?
 a) Hanul b) Hanbit
 c) Paluel d) Cattenom
 e) Kaiga
 Q.206) India has announced a \$1.4 Billion package for which of the following countries to meet its immediate budgetary as well as medium-term requirements?
 a) Malaysia b) Myanmar
 c) Nepal d) Madagascar
 e) Maldives
 Q.207) Which country has recognized West Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel?
 a) Russia b) Spain
 c) Germany d) England
 e) Australia
 Q.208) Who is appointed as the Director of NCRB (National Crime Record Bureau)?
 a) Ramphal Pawar b) Vivek Gogia
 c) Mohan Krishna d) Prashun Gupta
 e) Rajeshwar Lal
 Q.209) Who was sworn in as the CM of Chhattisgarh?
 a) Ajit Jogi b) Raman Singh
 c) Bhupesh Baghel d) Shekhar Dutt
 e) Krishna Mohan Sethi
 Q.210) Kaiga Atomic Power Plant is in which of the following state?
 a) Kerala b) Tamil Nadu

- c) Jharkhand d) Rajasthan
 e) Karnataka
 Q.211) Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (I/C), Giriraj Singh has inaugurated a Multi-Disciplinary Training Centre (MDTC) of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) at _____.
 a) New Delhi b) Mumbai
 c) Bangalore d) Hyderabad
 e) Chennai
 Q.212) How many states have achieved complete household electrification under the Saubhagya scheme, according to the Ministry of Power, recent report?
 a) Eight b) Twelve
 c) Ten d) Nine
 e) Six
 Q.213) India has signed an ascension pact to the 30-member Trans Regional Maritime Network with which country that will give it an access to the information on ships passing through the Indian Ocean Region?
 a) Mexico b) USA
 c) Italy d) Iran
 e) Russia
 Q.214) Who is the head of the panel on stressed power projects?
 a) Aravind Subramanian b) Arun Jaitely
 c) Giriraj Singh d) C K Mishra
 e) P K Sinha
 Q.215) India's first ever Agricultural Export Policy with a focused plan to boost India's agricultural exports to USD 60 billion by which year?
 a) 2025 b) 2021
 c) 2020 d) 2022
 e) 2024
 Q.216) Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guinea?
 a) Tarun Agarwala
 b) Bharat Bhushan Vyas
 c) T.C. Barupal d) S K Atul Goel
 e) Sathish Reddy
 Q.217) The third exhibition in the 2nd series from reserve collection titled "Uncrowned Glory - An exhibition of Ethnic Ornaments of Himachal Pradesh" was inaugurated in _____.
 a) New Delhi b) Mumbai
 c) Bangalore d) Hyderabad
 e) Chennai
 Q.218) Which of the following company has been declared as the winner of the Prime Minister's Trophy for the 'best performing integrated steel plant' in the country for the performance year 2016-17?
 a) Bhushan Steel
 b) Jindal Steel & Power c) Tata Steel
 d) JSW Steel e) Essar Steel
 Q.219) The Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA) will hold its first Adventure NEXT event in _____.
 a) Hyderabad, Telangana
 b) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
 c) Jaipur, Rajasthan d) New Delhi, India
 e) Bangalore, Karnataka
 Q.220) On the occasion of Vijay Diwas, Sports Minister Col Rajyavardhan Rathore flagged off a special marathon 'Soldierathon' in _____.
 a) Hyderabad b) New Delhi
 c) Jaipur d) Kolkata
 e) Bhubaneswar
 Q.221) Who will be awarded with the National Bravery Award 2018 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
 a) Sakthi Reddy b) Sathish Kuamr
 c) Situ Malik d) Sanjay Malik
 e) Yuvaraj Sarkar
 Q.222) Revised guidelines for extraction of ground water were notified by the Central Ground Water Authority, which will be effective from _____.
 a) April 1, 2019 b) May 1, 2019

- c) July 1, 2019 d) August 1, 2019
 e) June 1, 2019
 Q.223) Who lifted the prestigious season-ending World Tour Finals trophy defeating Japan's Nozomi Okuhara at Guangzhou, China?
 a) Aparna Popat b) P V Sindhu
 c) Saina Nehwal d) Ashwini Ponnappa
 e) Rituparna Das
 Q.224) Which of the following three states emerged as the largest beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat, Narendra Modi government's flagship healthcare insurance scheme, recently?
 a) West Bengal, Uttarakhand and Chhattisgarh
 b) Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh
 c) Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Tamil Nadu
 d) Bihar, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh
 e) Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Assam
 Q.225) Which of the following country has claimed their first ever 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup title?
 a) Australia b) England
 c) Belgium d) Netherlands
 e) India
 Q.226) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has approved registration of record how many new breeds of livestock and poultry in 2018?
 a) 12 New Breeds b) 10 New Breeds
 c) 35 New Breeds d) 15 New Breeds
 e) 25 New Breeds
 Q.227) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, along with the World Health Organization organized the "4th WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices "Increasing access to medical devices" to be held in which city?
 a) New Delhi b) Jaipur
 c) Visakhapatnam d) Kolkata
 e) Mumbai
 Q.228) The International Cricket Council (ICC) has roped in which Indian Brand as official sponsor for the next five years?
 a) Jameson b) Kingfisher
 c) Royal Stag d) Crown Royal
 e) Fireball
 Q.229) Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) has announced to rebrand its Allan Border Medal to _____ from 2019 onwards.
 a) Allan Australia Cricket Awards
 b) Canberra Cricket Awards
 c) Allan Border Cricket Awards
 d) Australian Cricket Awards
 e) Allan Cricket Awards
 Q.230) Which of the following company has announced a partnership with FISME (The Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises) to empower Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to leverage growth opportunities in the e-commerce sector, recently?
 a) Myntra b) Shopclues
 c) Flipkart d) Amazon
 e) Alibaba
 Q.231) India's largest cancer institute, the "National Cancer Institute (NCI)" was launched at _____.
 a) Hyderabad, Telangana
 b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
 c) New Delhi, India d) Jhajjar, Haryana
 e) Jaipur, Rajasthan
 Q.232) India and South Korea have agreed to raise the quantum of the bilateral trade to 50 billion dollars by the year _____.
 a) 2021 b) 2022
 c) 2024 d) 2025
 e) 2030
 Q.233) Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Communications and Minister of State for Railways Shri Manoj Sinha released a Commemorative Postage Stamp on _____ at New Delhi
 a) Chandrasekhar Azad

- b) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
 c) Rajkumar Shukla d) Bhagat Singh
 e) Rajendra Prasad
 Q.234) Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Djibouti?
 a) M Nageswara Rao b) S Ramesh
 c) Arti Chhabra Srivastava
 d) Mohinder Pratap Singh
 e) Ashok Kumar
 Q.235) Who has inaugurated a three-day conference on Soft Power in New Delhi?
 a) M. Venkaiah Naidu b) Sushma Swaraj
 c) Rajnath Singh d) Ram Nath Kovind
 e) Narendra Modi
 Q.236) High Level Meeting between Indian and Indonesia Coast Guard was held in _____.
 a) Jaipur b) Kolkata
 c) New Delhi d) Mumbai
 e) Bangalore
 Q.237) Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Mongolia?
 a) S Ramesh b) Pranab Kumar Das
 c) Mohinder Pratap Singh d) M Nageswara Rao
 e) Ashok Kumar
 Q.238) Name the Renowned Kabaddi Player has announced his retirement ending a 15-year iconic career.
 a) Ajay Thakur b) Ashok Kumar
 c) Anup Kumar d) Mohit Chhillar
 e) Fazel Atrachali
 Q.239) Who has been awarded the UN Human Rights Prize for 2018?
 a) Asma Jahangir b) Asmita Sinha
 c) Parvathy Nair d) Fazel Atrachali
 e) Mohit Chhillar
 Q.240) The 7th round of India - South Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) negotiations were held in _____.
 a) New Delhi, India
 b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
 c) Seoul, South Korea
 d) Suwon, South Korea
 e) Busan, South Korea
 Q.241) Under Assam Farmers' Credit Subsidy Scheme (AFCSS), whatever amount of loan the farmers took from banks and whatever amount they repaid, how much per cent of the money will be reimbursed by the state government?
 a) 75 per cent b) 35 per cent
 c) 55 per cent d) 25 per cent
 e) 15 per cent
 Q.242) Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced financial aid of _____ for establishment of Odiya Cultural Centre in Gujarat's Surat for their social celebrations.
 a) Rs.20 crore b) Rs.30 crore
 c) Rs.10 crore d) Rs.15 crore
 e) Rs.40 crore
 Q.243) Who was appointed as the Indian Women's Cricket Team Coach?
 a) Ramesh Powar b) Ranjani Venugopal
 c) Pramilla Bhatt d) WV Raman
 e) Jhulan Goshwami
 Q.244) Who is appointed as the Indian Ambassador to United States of India?
 a) Arun Kumar Singh b) Navtej Sarna
 c) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
 d) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
 e) Ranjan Venugopal
 Q.245) US regulator FAA has retained the highest aviation safety ranking for which of the following country recently?
 a) Australia b) Armenia
 c) Egypt d) India
 e) England
 Q.246) Which country made regulations for mandatory phase out of single use plastic shopping bags which will take effect from July 1, 2019?
 a) Australia b) Spain
 c) Papua New Guinea d) New Zealand

- e) Mauritius
 Q.247) Which country pulled out of the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty with Russia?
 a) India b) China
 c) Pakistan d) France
 e) United States of America
 Q.248) Which state government has launched the MHIS-IV in convergence with that of the Central Government's Ayushman Bharat Scheme?
 a) Manipur b) Meghalaya
 c) Mizoram d) Arunachal Pradesh
 e) Assam
 Q.249) Who has inaugurated Projects worth Rs.9.533 in Arunachal Pradesh recently?
 a) Narendra Modi b) Nitin Gadkari
 c) Sushma Swaraj d) Ram Nath Kovind
 e) Rajnath Singh
 Q.250) In which state, president's Rule has been imposed after a period of 22 years?
 a) Meghalaya b) Telangana
 c) Madhya Pradesh d) Jammu & Kashmir
 e) Rajasthan
 Q.251) Satya Pal Malik is the Governor of which of which of the following state?
 a) Odisha b) Nagaland
 c) Kerala d) Jammu & Kashmir
 e) Maharashtra
 Q.252) Which state government has approved the Rs.4089 Crore amount for the Tembhu Irrigation Scheme?
 a) Rajasthan b) Meghalaya
 c) Uttar Pradesh d) West Bengal
 e) Maharashtra
 Q.253) Gatwick Airport which was recently in news for disruption in Air Services due to drones flying in the Air Zone, is in which country?
 a) Spain b) Morocco
 c) Russia d) Germany
 e) England
 Q.254) National Consumer Day observed on December 24th every year. What is the theme of National Consumer Day 2018?
 a) "To encourage and educate consumers about their rights"
 b) "Safe and Healthy Food: Combating Food Adulteration"
 c) "Emerging Digital Markets: Issues & Challenges for Consumer Protection"
 d) "Alternate Consumer Disputes Redressal"
 e) "Timely Disposal of Consumer Complaints"
 Q.255) Name the Padma Shri awardee passed away at 98, for the role in delivering babies safely in remote villages.
 a) Jai Narain Prasad Nishad
 b) Sulagitti Narasamma
 c) Nirendranath Chakraborty
 d) Narendra Singh
 e) None of these
 Q.256) Who became the youngest woman to win 50 World Cup ski races with victory in the slalom in the French Alps, recently?
 a) Petra Vlhova b) Mikaela Shiffrin
 c) Frida Hansdotter d) Lindsey Vonn
 e) Aksel Lund Svindal
 Q.257) 16th Mumbai Marathon will be held on _____.
 a) August 20, 2019 b) July 25, 2019
 c) March 20, 2019 d) January 20, 2019
 e) February 21, 2019
 Q.258) Who has conferred with the Skoch Golden Jubilee Challenger Award for his contribution to reforms, particularly in the power sector reforms at the 55th Skoch Summit in New Delhi?
 a) Dharmendra Pradhan b) Rajnath Singh
 c) Suresh Prabhu d) Sadananda Gowda
 e) Narendra Singh Tomar
 Q.259) Who won the Maharashtra Kesari 2018 title by defeating Abhijeet Katke of Pune in the

wrestling duel held at Azad ground, Jalna, Maharashtra?

- a) Dinkar Patil
- b) Abhijeet Katke
- c) Bala Rafique Shaikh
- d) Vijay Chaudhary
- e) Narsing Yadav

Q.260) Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has released the list of top 10 performing police stations across the nation during the ongoing DGP conference. The list is topped by _____.

- a) Campbell Bay (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)
- b) Farakka (West Bengal)
- c) Kalu (Rajasthan)
- d) Nettapakkam (Puducherry)
- e) Periyakulam (Tamil Nadu)

Q.261) The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has dedicated the Bogibeel bridge in Assam. It was constructed across which River?

- a) Brahmaputra
- b) Godavari
- c) Mahanadi
- d) Ganga
- e) Yamuna

Q.262) Which of the following team won the third straight Club World Cup title in Abu Dhabi?

- a) Liverpool
- b) Chelsea
- c) Al-Ain
- d) Real Madrid
- e) Fulham

Q.263) Who has become the fastest Asian to cycle the globe, spent 159 days peddling up to 300 kilometers a day in 14 countries?

- a) Deborah Herold
- b) Sonali Mayanglambam
- c) Rameshwori Devi
- d) Jenny Graham
- e) Vedangi Kulkarni

Q.264) Shri Nitin Gadkari has addressed the 31st Intelligence Bureau (IB) Centenary Endowment Lecture in _____.

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

Q.265) The first meeting of the Follow-up Committee for implementation of the trilateral Chabahar Agreement between India, Afghanistan and Iran at the level of Joint Secretary/ Director General was held in _____.

- a) Chabahar, Iran
- b) Kandla, Gujarat
- c) Bandar Abbas, Afghanistan
- d) Bandar Anzali, Iran
- e) Vizag, India

Q.266) Name Indian Navy Ship that has commissioned a tenth Naval Hospital at Naval Station Karanja in Uran in Maharashtra's Raigad district.

- a) INS Sandhayak
- b) INS Ranvijay
- c) INHS Sandhani
- d) INS Koswari
- e) INHS Patanjali

Q.267) Name the opening film of the India-China Film Festival held in New Delhi.

- a) Newton
- b) Dangal
- c) Maacher Jhol
- d) Ventilator
- e) CZ12

Q.268) Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani laid foundation stones for projects worth _____ across the state to mark the completion of one year in office.

- a) 966 crore rupees
- b) 666 crore rupees
- c) 866 crore rupees
- d) 766 crore rupees
- e) 696 crore rupees

Q.269) Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Schools was setup at which city?

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

Q.270) Name the famous Bengali poet, who won the Sahitya Akademi award in 1974 besides the recipient of 'Ananda Purashkar', died at the age of 94.

- a) Jai Narain Prasad Nishad
- b) Sulagitti Narasamma
- c) Nirendranath Chakraborty
- d) Joy Goswami

e) Taslima Nasrin

ENGLISH VOCABULARY

1) Accelerating

Meaning: Increase in rate, amount, or extent.

Example: "Inflation started to accelerate"

Synonyms: Speed up, Hurry up.

Antonyms: Block, Postponed

2) Coalition

Meaning: A temporary alliance for combined action, especially of political parties forming a government.

Example: "A coalition between Liberals and Conservatives"

Synonyms: Alliance, Union

Antonyms: Disconnection, Disunion

3) Erosion

Meaning: The gradual destruction or diminution of something.

Example: "The erosion of support for the party"

Synonyms: Abrasion, Dissolution

Antonyms: Strengthening, Rebuilding

4) Riots

Meaning: A violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd.

Example: "Riots broke out in the capital"

Synonyms: Uproar, Rampage

Antonyms: Peace, Calmness

5) Doldrums

Meaning: A state or period of stagnation or depression.

Example: "The mortgage market has been in the doldrums for three years"

Synonyms: Depression, Melancholy.

Antonyms: Concern, Excitement

6) Portends

Meaning: Be a sign or warning that (something, especially something momentous or calamitous) is likely to happen.

Example: "The eclipses portend some major events"

Synonyms: Presage, Augur

Antonyms: Depress

7) Disparate

Meaning: Essentially different in kind; not able to be compared.

Example: "They inhabit disparate worlds of thought"

Synonyms: Different, Unlike

Antonyms: Homogeneous

8) Artisans

Meaning: A worker in a skilled trade, especially one that involves making things by hand.

Example: "Street markets where local artisans display handwoven textiles, painted ceramics, and leather goods"

Synonyms: Craftsman, Smith

Antonyms: Apprentice

9) Cheer

Meaning: Give comfort or support to.

Example: "He seemed greatly cheered by my arrival"

Synonyms: Encourage, Motivate

Antonyms: Discourage

10) Recurrent

Meaning: Occurring often or repeatedly.

Example: "She had a recurrent dream about falling"

Synonyms: Repeated, Repetitive

Antonyms: Isolated, Single

11) Concern

Meaning: A matter of interest or importance to someone.

Example: "Housing is the concern of the Housing Executive"

Synonyms: Responsibility, Affair

Antonyms: Pastime, disinterest

12) Ensured

Meaning: Make certain that (something) will occur or be the case.

Example: "The client must ensure that accurate records are kept"

Synonyms: Clinch, Confirm

Antonyms: Contradict, neglect

13) Reforms

Meaning: Make changes in (something, especially an institution or practice) in order to improve it.

Example: "The Bill will reform the tax system"

Synonyms: Improve, Better

Antonyms: Preserve, Maintain

14) Debt

Meaning: The state of owing money.

Example: "The firm is heavily in debt"

Synonyms: Insolvent, Bankrupt

Antonyms: In credit

15) Optimistic

Meaning: Hopeful and confident about the future.

Example: "The optimistic mood of the Sixties"

Synonyms: Cheerful, Cheery

Antonyms: Pessimistic, Negative

16) Tumbled

Meaning: Fall rapidly in amount or value.

Example: "Property prices tumbled"

Synonyms: Plummet, Plunge

Antonyms: Rise, Soar

17) Hostile

Meaning: Showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly.

Example: "A hostile audience"

Synonyms: Antagonistic, Aggressive

Antonyms: Friendly, Mild

18) Apprehensive

Meaning: Anxious or fearful that something bad or unpleasant will happen.

Example: "He felt apprehensive about going home"

Synonyms: Anxious, Worried

Antonyms: Confident

19) Constructed

Meaning: Form (an idea or theory) by bringing together various conceptual elements.

Example: "poetics should construct a theory of literary discourse"

Synonyms: Formulate, Form

Antonyms: Destroy, Disorder

20) Lampooned

Meaning: Publicly criticize (someone or something) by using ridicule, irony, or sarcasm.

Example: "The actor was lampooned by the press"

Synonyms: Satirize, Mock

Antonyms: approve, Support

21) Hedge

Meaning: A way of protecting oneself against financial loss or other adverse circumstances.

Example: "Index-linked gilts are a useful hedge against inflation"

Synonyms: Safeguard, Protection

Antonyms: Opening

22) Prudent

Meaning: Acting with or showing care and thought for the future.

Example: "No prudent money manager would authorize a loan without first knowing its purpose"

Synonyms: Wise, Sagacious

Antonyms: Unwise, Imprudent

23) Upheavals

Meaning: A violent or sudden change or disruption to something.

Example: "Major upheavals in the financial markets"

Synonyms: Disruption, Upset

Antonyms: Stability, Tranquillity

24) Negotiate

Meaning: Try to reach an agreement or compromise by discussion.

Example: "They refused to negotiate with the rebels"

Synonyms: Talk, Confer

Antonyms: Confuse, Refuse

25) Propelled

Meaning: Drive or push something forwards.
 Example: "The boat is propelled by using a very long paddle"
 Synonyms: Push/move forwards, Move.
 Antonyms: Discourage, Repress

26) **Optimism**
 Meaning: Hopefulness and confidence about the future or the success of something.
 Example: "The talks had been amicable and there were grounds for optimism"
 Synonyms: Hopefulness, Hope.
 Antonyms: Depression, Distrust

27) **Rebound**
 Meaning: Bounce back through the air after hitting something hard.
 Example: "His shot hammered into the post and rebounded across the goal"
 Synonyms: Bounce, Bounce back.
 Antonyms: Destroy, Hurt

28) **Heartening**
 Meaning: Make more cheerful or confident.
 Example: "She was heartened to observe that the effect was faintly comic"
 Synonyms: Cheer up, Cheer.
 Antonyms: Depressing, Discouraging

29) **Appreciably**
 Meaning: To an appreciable extent; considerably.
 Example: "Profits have grown appreciably over the last four years"
 Synonyms: Considerably, Substantially.
 Antonyms: Slightly, Insignificantly

30) **Revival**
 Meaning: An improvement in the condition, strength, or fortunes of someone or something.
 Example: "A revival in the fortunes of the party"
 Synonyms: Improvement, rallying.

31) **Consumption**
 Meaning: The action of using up a resource.
 Example: "Industrialized countries should reduce their energy consumption"
 Synonyms: Using up, Use.
 Antonyms: Creation, Expansion

32) **Sobering**
 Meaning: Make or become sober after drinking alcohol.
 Example: "That coffee sobered him up"
 Synonyms: Become sober, Become clear-headed.
 Antonyms: Calm, Facile

33) **Spur**
 Meaning: A thing that prompts or encourages someone; an incentive.
 Example: "Wars act as a spur to practical invention"
 Synonyms: Stimulus, Incentive.
 Antonyms: Block, Deterrent

34) **Bullish**
 Meaning: Aggressively confident and self-assertive.
 Example: "He has campaigned courageously despite difficulties that would have stopped many more bullish men"
 Synonyms: Optimistic, Hopeful.
 Antonyms: Gloomy, Distressed

35) **Tepid**
 Meaning: Showing little enthusiasm.
 Example: "The applause was tepid"
 Synonyms: Unenthusiastic, Apathetic
 Antonyms: Enthusiastic, Keen

36) **Eschew**
 Meaning: Deliberately avoid using; abstain from.
 Example: "He appealed to the crowd to eschew violence"
 Synonyms: Abstain from, Refrain from.
 Antonyms: Embrace, Meet

37) **Stick**
 Meaning: Adhere or cling to something.
 Example: "The plastic seats stuck to my skin"
 Synonyms: Adhere, Cling.
 Antonyms: Whole

38) **Prudence**

Meaning: The quality of being prudent; cautiousness.
 Example: "We need to exercise prudence in such important matters"
 Synonyms: Wisdom, Judgement.
 Antonyms: Neglect, Disregard

39) **Whirlwind**
 Meaning: Used with reference to a very energetic person or a tumultuous process.
 Example: "A whirlwind of activity"
 Synonyms: Rapid, Lightning.
 Antonyms: Slow, Sluggish

40) **Dissipating**
 Meaning: (With reference to a feeling or emotion) disappear or cause to disappear.
 Example: "The concern she'd felt for him had wholly dissipated"
 Synonyms: Disappear, Vanish.
 Antonyms: Appear, Collect

41) **Embellished**
 Meaning: Make (something) more attractive by the addition of decorative details or features.
 Example: "Blue silk embellished with golden embroidery"
 Synonyms: Decorate, Adorn.
 Antonyms: Decrease, Simplify

42) **Wrangling**
 Meaning: Have a long, complicated dispute or argument.
 Example: "The bureaucrats continue wrangling over the fine print"
 Synonyms: Argue, Quarrel.
 Antonyms: Agree, Concur

43) **Disbanded**
 Meaning: (With reference to an organized group) break up or cause to break up.
 Example: "The unit was scheduled to disband"
 Synonyms: Break up, Disperse.
 Antonyms: Destroy, Disperse

44) **Convinced**
 Meaning: Cause (someone) to believe firmly in the truth of something.
 Example: "Robert's expression had obviously convinced her of his innocence"
 Synonyms: Persuade, Satisfy
 Antonyms: Doubtful, Unsure

45) **Rattled**
 Meaning: Make (someone) nervous, worried, or irritated.
 Example: "She turned quickly, rattled by his presence"
 Synonyms: Unnerve, Disconcert.
 Antonyms: Appease, Placate

46) **Assenting**
 Meaning: Express approval or agreement.
 Example: "The Prime Minister assented to the change"
 Synonyms: Agree to, Accept.
 Antonyms: Dissent, Disagree

47) **Disenchantment**
 Meaning: A feeling of disappointment about someone or something you previously respected or admired; disillusionment.
 Example: "Their growing disenchantment with the leadership"
 Synonyms: Disillusionment, Disappointment.
 Antonyms: Achievement, Encouragement

48) **Striking**
 Meaning: Attracting attention by reason of being unusual, extreme, or prominent.
 Example: "The murder bore a striking similarity to an earlier shooting"
 Synonyms: Noticeable, Obvious.
 Antonyms: Ineffective, Regular

49) **Cliff**
 Meaning: A steep rock face, especially at the edge of the sea.
 Example: "A coast path along the top of rugged cliffs"
 Synonyms: Scar, Precipice
 Antonyms: Canyon, Decline

50) **Integrity**

Meaning: The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
 Example: "A gentleman of complete integrity"
 Synonyms: Honesty, Uprightness.
 Antonyms: Dishonour, Deceit

51) **Creep up**
 Meaning: If the value or amount of something creeps up, it slowly increases.
 Example: Over the last year, the rate of inflation has crept up to almost seven percent.
 Synonyms: Increase, Intensify
 Antonyms: Decrease

52) **Persisting**
 Meaning: Continue in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.
 Example: "the minority of drivers who persist in drinking"
 Synonyms: Persevere, Continue
 Antonyms: Abandon, Stop

53) **Flak**
 Meaning: Strong criticism.
 Example: "you must be strong enough to take the flak if things go wrong"
 Synonyms: Criticism, Censure
 Antonyms: Approval, Praise

54) **Cursory**
 Meaning: Hasty and therefore not thorough or detailed.
 Example: "a cursory glance at the figures"
 Synonyms: Casual, Superficial
 Antonyms: Thorough, Painstaking

55) **Gearing up**
 Meaning: To prepare for something that you have to do, or to prepare someone else for something.
 Example: Politicians are already gearing up for the election.
 Synonyms: Preparing
 Antonyms: Disarrange, Disallow

56) **Intensifying**
 Meaning: Become or make more intense.
 Example: "the dispute began to intensify"
 Synonyms: Escalate, Increase
 Antonyms: Lessen, Abate

57) **Pitfalls**
 Meaning: A hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty.
 Example: "The pitfalls of buying goods at public auctions"
 Synonyms: Hazard, Danger
 Antonyms: Advantage, Security

58) **Slash**
 Meaning: Reduce (a price, quantity, etc.) greatly.
 Example: "the workforce has been slashed by 2, 000"
 Synonyms: Reduce, Cut
 Antonyms: Raise, Create

59) **Narrative**
 Meaning: A spoken or written account of connected events; a story.
 Example: "a gripping narrative"
 Synonyms: Account, Description
 Antonyms: Rambling

60) **Reckons**
 Meaning: Establish by calculation; be of the opinion.
 Example: "his debts were reckoned at £300, 000"
 Synonyms: Calculate, Compute
 Antonyms: Remove, Neglect

61) **Anomaly**
 Meaning: Something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected.
 Example: "there are a number of anomalies in the present system"
 Synonyms: Peculiarity, Irregularity
 Antonyms: Conformity, Regularity

62) **Deficit**
 Meaning: The amount by which something, especially a sum of money, is too small.
 Example: "An annual operating deficit"

Synonyms: Shortfall, Deficiency.
Antonyms: Advantage, Perfection

63) **Embolden**

Meaning: Give (someone) the courage or confidence to do something.

Example: "emboldened by the claret, he pressed his knee against hers"

Synonyms: Encourage, Hearten
Antonyms: Dishearten, Discourage

64) **Vulnerable**

Meaning: Exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.

Example: "we were in a vulnerable position"

Synonyms: Endangered, Unsafe
Antonyms: Invulnerable, Resilient

65) **Pinch**

Meaning: (of a shoe) hurt (a foot) by being too tight.

Example: "my new shoes pinch my big toe"

Synonyms: Hurt, Pain
Antonyms: Freedom, Release

66) **Corollary**

Meaning: A direct or natural consequence or result.

Example: "the huge increases in unemployment were the corollary of expenditure cuts"

Synonyms: Consequence, Result
Antonyms: Cause, Origin

67) **Prevalence**

Meaning: The fact or condition of being prevalent; commonness.

Example: "the prevalence of obesity in adults"

Synonyms: Generality, Regularity
Antonyms: Infrequency, rareness

68) **Paying off**

Meaning: If something you have done pays off, it is successful.

Example: All her hard work paid off in the end, and she finally passed the exam.

Synonyms: Achieving, Fulfilling
Antonyms: Begin, Employ

69) **Communicable**

Meaning: (of a disease) able to be transmitted from one sufferer to another; contagious or infectious.

Example: "the fight against communicable disease"

Synonyms: Contagious, Infectious
Antonyms: Incontractable, Noncontagious

70) **Lagging**

Meaning: Fail to keep up with another or others in movement or development.

Example: "they waited for Tim who was lagging behind"

Synonyms: Straggle, Dawdle
Antonyms: Lead, Hurry

71) **Rampant**

Meaning: (especially of something unwelcome) flourishing or spreading unchecked.

Example: "political violence was rampant"

Synonyms: Uncontrolled, Unchecked
Antonyms: Controlled, Under control

72) **Loopholes**

Meaning: An ambiguity or inadequacy in the law or a set of rules.

Example: "they exploited tax loopholes"

Synonyms: Escape, Clause
Antonyms: Normality, Custom

73) **Passed off**

Meaning: To happen.

Example: The pop festival passed off peacefully, despite the fears of local residents.

Synonyms: Occurring, Happening
Antonyms: Keep, Eject

74) **Triggering**

Meaning: Cause (an event or situation) to happen or exist.

Example: "an allergy can be triggered by stress or overwork"

Synonyms: Active, Stimulate
Antonyms: Prevent, Check

75) **Make up**

Meaning: Compensate for something lost, missed, or deficient.

Example: "I'll make up the time tomorrow"

Synonyms: Expiate, Requite
Antonyms: Disagree, Tell truth

76) **Fathom**

Meaning: Understand (a difficult problem or an enigmatic person) after much thought.

Example: "The locals could not fathom out the reason behind his new-found prosperity"

Synonyms: Understand, Comprehend
Antonyms: Guess, Neglect

77) **Paramount**

Meaning: More important than anything else; supreme.

Example: "The interests of the child are of paramount importance"

Synonyms: Cardinal, Foremost
Antonyms: Smallest, Lesser

78) **Tackling**

Meaning: Make determined efforts to deal with (a problem or difficult task) .

Example: "Police have launched an initiative to tackle rising crime"

Synonyms: Address, Approach
Antonyms: Forget, Conclude

79) **Rebels**

Meaning: A person who rises in opposition or armed resistance against an established government or leader.

Example: "Tory rebels"

Synonyms: Mutineer, Agitator
Antonyms: Loyalist, Adherent

80) **Conglomerate**

Meaning: A thing consisting of a number of different and distinct parts or items that are grouped together.

Example: "The Earth is a specialized conglomerate of organisms"

Synonyms: Mixture, Combination
Antonyms: Similar, Individual

81) **Depletion**

Meaning: Reduction in the number or quantity of something.

Example: "The depletion of the ozone layer"

Synonyms: Exhaustion, Use
Antonyms: Augmentation

82) **Denizens**

Meaning: A person, animal, or plant that lives or is found in a particular place.

Example: "Denizens of field and forest"

Synonyms: Inhabitant, Resident
Antonyms: Alien, Guest

83) **Elevated**

Meaning: Raise or lift (something) to a higher position.

Example: "The exercise will naturally elevate your chest and head"

Synonyms: Raise, Upraise
Antonyms: Lower

84) **Effluents**

Meaning: Liquid waste or sewage discharged into a river or the sea.

Example: "Industrial effluent"

Synonyms: Sewage, Effluvia
Antonyms: Confluent, Feeder

85) **Embankments**

Meaning: A bank of earth or stone built to carry a road or railway over an area of low ground.

Example: "A railway embankment"

Synonyms: Bank, Mound
Antonyms: Accommodate, Bulge

86) **Ethos**

Meaning: The characteristic spirit of a culture, era, or community as manifested in its attitudes and aspirations.

Example: "A challenge to the ethos of the 1960s"

Synonyms: Spirit, Character
Antonyms: Body, Physicality

87) **Largesse**

Meaning: Generosity in bestowing money or gifts upon others.

Example: "Presumably public money is not dispensed with such largesse to anyone else"

Synonyms: Generosity, Liberality
Antonyms: Meanness, Miserliness

88) **Scarce**

Meaning: (Especially of food, money, or some other resource) insufficient for the demand.

Example: "As raw materials became scarce, synthetics were developed"

Synonyms: Short, Meagre
Antonyms: Plentiful, Abundant

89) **Heed**

Meaning: Pay attention to; take notice of.

Example: "He should have heeded the warnings"

Synonyms: Mind, Follow
Antonyms: Disregard

90) **Jeopardising**

Meaning: Put (someone or something) into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure.

Example: "A devaluation of the dollar would jeopardize New York's position as a financial centre"

Synonyms: Endanger, Imperil
Antonyms: Safeguard

91) **Exhaust**

Meaning: Use up (resources or reserves) completely.

Example: "The country has exhausted its treasury reserves"

Synonyms: Consume, Finish
Antonyms: Replenish, Restock

92) **Anecdotal**

Meaning: (Of an account) not necessarily true or reliable, because based on personal accounts rather than facts or research.

Example: "While there was much anecdotal evidence there was little hard fact"

Synonyms: Informal, Unreliable
Antonyms: Experimental, Scientific

93) **Farce**

Meaning: An event or situation that is absurd or disorganized.

Example: "The debate turned into a drunken farce"

Synonyms: Absurdity, Mockery
Antonyms: Tragedy, Solemnity

94) **Indigenous**

Meaning: Originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.

Example: "The indigenous peoples of Siberia"

Synonyms: Native, Aboriginal
Antonyms: Expatriate, Migrant

95) **Foolhardy**

Meaning: Recklessly bold or rash.

Example: "It would be foolhardy to go into the scheme without support"

Synonyms: Reckless, Rash
Antonyms: Wise

96) **Euphemism**

Meaning: A mild or indirect word or expression substituted for one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing.

Example: "The jargon has given us 'downsizing' as a euphemism for cuts"

Synonyms: Substitute, Understatement
Antonyms: Dysphemism

97) **Intriguing**

Meaning: Arouse the curiosity or interest of; fascinate.

Example: "I was intrigued by your question"

Synonyms: Interest, Fascinate
Antonyms: Bore

98) **Blatant**

Meaning: (Of bad behaviour) done openly and unashamedly.

Example: "Blatant lies"

Synonyms: Flagrant, Glaring

Antonyms: Inconspicuous, Subtle

99) **Gossip**

Meaning: Casual or unconstrained conversation or reports about other people, typically involving details which are not confirmed as true.

Example: "He became the subject of much local gossip"

Synonyms: Tittle-tattle, Whispers

Antonyms: Facts, The truth

100) **Dictatorships**

Meaning: Government by a dictator.

Example: "The effects of forty years of dictatorship"

Synonyms: Despotism, Autocracy

Antonyms: Democracy

101) **Hypocrisy**

Meaning: The practice of claiming to have higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case.

Example: "His target was the hypocrisy of suburban life"

Synonyms: Pietism, Humbug

Antonyms: Honesty, Sincerity

102) **Greed**

Meaning: Intense and selfish desire for something, especially wealth, power, or food.

Example: "Mercenaries who had allowed greed to overtake their principles"

Synonyms: Avarice, Rapacity

Antonyms: Generosity, Temperance

103) **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

104) **Barbarity**

Meaning: Extreme cruelty or brutality.

Example: "The barbarity displayed by the terrorists"

Synonyms: Brutality, Savagery

Antonyms: Benevolence

105) **Stemming**

Meaning: Originate in or be caused by.

Example: "Many of the universities' problems stem from rapid expansion"

Synonyms: Issue from, Originate from

Antonyms: Cause, Give rise to

106) **Rapacity**

Meaning: Aggressive greed.

Example: "The rapacity of landowners seeking greater profit from their property"

Synonyms: Greed, Avarice

Antonyms: Unselfishness

107) **Ample**

Meaning: Enough or more than enough; plentiful.

Example: "There is ample time for discussion"

Synonyms: Enough, Sufficient

Antonyms: Meagre, Insufficient

108) **Touted**

Meaning: Attempt to persuade people of the merits of.

Example: "She was touted as a potential Prime Minister"

Synonyms: Commend, Endorse

Antonyms: Blame, Discourage

109) **Exodus**

Meaning: A mass departure.

Example: "the annual exodus of sun-seeking Canadians to Florida"

Synonyms: Withdrawal, Evacuation

Antonyms: Arrival

110) **Contradiction**

Meaning: The statement of a position opposite to one already made.

Example: "the second sentence appears to be in flat contradiction of the first"

Synonyms: Denial, Refutation

Antonyms: Confirmation, Reaffirmation

111) **Retaining**

Meaning: Not abolish or alter; maintain.

Example: "the rights of defendants must be retained"

Synonyms: Maintain, Continue

Antonyms: Abolish, Alter

112) **Dampen**

Meaning: Make less strong or intense.

Example: "nothing could dampen her enthusiasm"

Synonyms: Lessen, Decrease

Antonyms: Heighten

113) **Coalesce**

Meaning: Come together to form one mass or whole.

Example: "The puddles had coalesced into shallow streams"

Synonyms: Unite, Join together.

Antonyms: Divide, Disconnect

114) **Viable**

Meaning: Capable of working successfully; feasible.

Example: "the proposed investment was economically viable"

Synonyms: Workable, Feasible

Antonyms: Impracticable

115) **Exacerbated**

Meaning: Make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse.

Example: "the exorbitant cost of land in urban areas only exacerbated the problem"

Synonyms: Aggravate, Worsen

Antonyms: Calm, Reduce

116) **Amidst**

Meaning: Surrounded by; in the middle of.

Example: "Our dream home set amid magnificent rolling countryside"

Synonyms: In the middle of, Surrounded by.

Antonyms: Beyond, Advance

117) **Provocative**

Meaning: Causing anger or another strong reaction, especially deliberately.

Example: "a provocative article"

Synonyms: Annoying, Irritating

Antonyms: Soothing

118) **Preserving**

Meaning: Retain (a condition or state of affairs) .

Example: "a fight to preserve local democracy"

Synonyms: Continue, Conserve

Antonyms: Discontinue, Abandon

119) **Cagey**

Meaning: Reluctant to give information owing to caution or suspicion.

Example: "a spokesman was cagey about the arrangements his company had struck"

Synonyms: Secretive, Guarded

Antonyms: Frank, Open

120) **Dent**

Meaning: Have an adverse effect on; diminish; mark with a dent.

Example: "this neither deterred him nor dented his enthusiasm"

Synonyms: Diminish, Weaken

Antonyms: Increase

121) **Deploy**

Meaning: Move (troops or equipment) into position for military action.

Example: "forces were deployed at strategic locations"

Synonyms: Position, Station

Antonyms: Concentrate

122) **Scrutiny**

Meaning: Critical observation or examination.

Example: "every aspect of local government was placed under scrutiny"

Synonyms: Inspection, Survey

Antonyms: Glance

123) **Sluggish**

Meaning: Slow-moving or inactive.

Example: "a sluggish stream"

Synonyms: Inactive, Quiet

Antonyms: Busy, Brisk

124) **Demonstrable**

Meaning: Clearly apparent or capable of being logically proved.

Example: "the demonstrable injustices of racism"

Synonyms: Verifiable, Plain

Antonyms: Unverifiable

125) **Unconditional**

Meaning: Not subject to any conditions.

Example: "unconditional surrender"

Synonyms: Unqualified, Unreserved

Antonyms: Conditional

126) **Breakthrough**

Meaning: A sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development.

Example: "a major breakthrough in the fight against AIDS"

Synonyms: Advance, Development

Antonyms: Setback

127) **Conflict**

Meaning: A prolonged armed struggle.

Example: "regional conflicts"

Synonyms: War, Action

Antonyms: Peace

128) **Shunned**

Meaning: Persistently avoid, ignore, or reject (someone or something) through antipathy or caution.

Example: "he shunned fashionable society"

Synonyms: Avoid, Evade

Antonyms: Accept, Seek

129) **Vast**

Meaning: Of very great extent or quantity; immense.

Example: "a vast plain full of orchards"

Synonyms: Huge, Extensive

Antonyms: Tiny

130) **Appetite**

Meaning: A strong desire or liking for something.

Example: "her appetite for life"

Synonyms: Craving, Longing

Antonyms: Aversion

131) **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

132) **Decisive**

Meaning: Settling an issue; producing a definite result.

Example: "the archers played a decisive part in the victory"

Synonyms: Deciding, Conclusive

Antonyms: Insignificant

133) **Turnout**

Meaning: The number of people attending or taking part in an event, especially the number of people voting in an election.

Example: "We reckon that thirty-five per cent is a good turnout for local elections"

Synonyms: Attendance, Audience

Antonyms: Origin, Source

134) **Cautious**

Meaning: (Of a person) careful to avoid potential problems or dangers.

Example: "A cautious driver"

Synonyms: Careful, Wary

Antonyms: Incautious, Reckless

135) **Aggressive**

Meaning: Ready or likely to attack or confront; characterized by or resulting from aggression.

Example: "He's very uncooperative and aggressive"

Synonyms: Hostile, Belligerent

Antonyms: Meek, Friendly

136) **Crucial**

Meaning: Decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something.

Example: "Negotiations were at a crucial stage"

Synonyms: Pivotal, Critical

Antonyms: Minor

137) **Wane**

Meaning: (Of a state or feeling) decrease in vigour or extent; become weaker.

Example: "Confidence in the dollar waned"

Synonyms: Decrease, Decline

Antonyms: Increase, Grow

138) **Fading**

Meaning: Gradually grow faint and disappear.

Example: "The light had faded and dusk was advancing"

Synonyms: Fail, Dwindle

Antonyms: Increase

139) **Harassment**

Meaning: Aggressive pressure or intimidation.

Example: "The state also grants us the right to pursue this belief without any form of persecution or harassment"

Synonyms: Persecution, Intimidation

Antonyms: Cooperation, Assistance

140) **Dissidents**

Meaning: A person who opposes official policy, especially that of an authoritarian state.

Example: "A dissident who had been jailed by a military regime"

Synonyms: Dissenter, Objector

Antonyms: Conformist

141) **Prone**

Meaning: Likely or liable to suffer from, do, or experience something unpleasant or regrettable.

Example: "Farmed fish are prone to disease"

Synonyms: Susceptible, Vulnerable

Antonyms: Resistant, Immune

142) **Tactical**

Meaning: Showing adroit planning; aiming at an end beyond the immediate action.

Example: "In a tactical retreat, she moved into a hotel with her daughters"

Synonyms: Calculated, Prudent

Antonyms: Unwise, Spontaneous

143) **Undeniable**

Meaning: Unable to be denied or disputed.

Example: "It is an undeniable fact that some dogs are easier to train than others"

Synonyms: Indisputable, Inarguable

Antonyms: Debatable, Questionable

144) **Lofty**

Meaning: Of a noble or elevated nature.

Example: "An extraordinary mixture of harsh reality and lofty ideals"

Synonyms: Noble, Exalted

Antonyms: Base, Lowly

145) **Sombre**

Meaning: Having or conveying a feeling of deep seriousness and sadness.

Example: "He looked at her with a sombre expression"

Synonyms: Solemn, Earnest

Antonyms: Cheerful

146) **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

147) **Lauded**

Meaning: Praise (a person or their achievements) highly.

Example: "The obituary lauded him as a great statesman and soldier"

Synonyms: Praise, Extol

Antonyms: Condemn, Criticize

148) **Pulling**

Meaning: Exert force on (someone or something) so as to cause movement towards oneself.

Example: "He pulled her down on to the couch"

Synonyms: Tug, Haul.

149) **Totalitarian**

Meaning: Relating to a system of government that is centralized and dictatorial and requires complete subservience to the state.

Example: "A totalitarian regime"

Synonyms: Authoritarian, Fascistic

Antonyms: Democratic, Liberal

150) **Impoverished**

Meaning: Exhaust the strength or vitality of.

Example: "The soil was impoverished by annual burning"

Synonyms: Weaken, Sap

Antonyms: Strengthen, Enrich

151) **Inducted**

Meaning: Admit (someone) formally to a post or organization.

Example: "Arrangements for inducting new members to an organization"

Synonyms: Admit to, Allow into

Antonyms: Bar from

152) **Veracity**

Meaning: Conformity to facts; accuracy.

Example: "Officials expressed doubts concerning the veracity of the story"

Synonyms: Truthfulness, Accuracy

Antonyms: Falsity

153) **Bonhomie**

Meaning: Cheerful friendliness; geniality.

Example: "He exuded good humour and bonhomie"

Synonyms: Geniality, Conviviality

Antonyms: Coldness

154) **Conciliatory**

Meaning: Intended or likely to placate or pacify.

Example: "A conciliatory approach"

Synonyms: Placatory, Pacific

Antonyms: Antagonistic

155) **Amid**

Meaning: Surrounded by; in the middle of.

Example: "Our dream home, set amid magnificent rolling countryside"

Synonyms: Among, Between

Antonyms: Surrounding

156) **Prerequisite**

Meaning: A thing that is required as a prior condition for something else to happen or exist.

Example: "Sponsorship is not a prerequisite for any of our courses"

Synonyms: Precondition, Condition

Antonyms: Non-essential

157) **Interim**

Meaning: In or for the intervening period; provisional.

Example: "An interim arrangement"

Synonyms: Provisional, Temporary

Antonyms: Permanent

158) **Blistering**

Meaning: (Of criticism) expressed with great vehemence.

Example: "A blistering attack on the government's transport policy"

Synonyms: Savage, Vicious

Antonyms: Mild

159) **Erratic**

Meaning: Not even or regular in pattern or movement; unpredictable.

Example: "Her breathing was erratic"

Synonyms: Unpredictable, Variable

Antonyms: Predictable, Consistent

160) **Incentives**

Meaning: A thing that motivates or encourages someone to do something.

Example: "Give farmers an incentive to improve their land"

Synonyms: Inducement, Motivation

Antonyms: Deterrent, Disincentive

161) **Embraces**

Meaning: Accept (a belief, theory, or change) willingly.

Example: "besides traditional methods, artists are embracing new technology"

Synonyms: Accept, Adopt

Antonyms: Reject

162) **Incessant**

Meaning: (of something regarded as unpleasant) continuing without pause or interruption.

Example: "the incessant beat of the music"

Synonyms: Ceaseless, Constant

Antonyms: Intermittent, Occasional

163) **Inevitable**

Meaning: Certain to happen; unavoidable.

Example: "war was inevitable"

Synonyms: Unavoidable, Inescapable

Antonyms: Avoidable, Uncertain

164) **Chaos**

Meaning: Complete disorder and confusion.

Example: "snow caused chaos in the region"

Synonyms: Disorder, Disarray

Antonyms: Order

165) **Unbridled**

Meaning: Uncontrolled; unconstrained.

Example: "a moment of unbridled ambition"

Synonyms: Unconstrained, Uncontrolled

Antonyms: Restrained

166) **Espousing**

Meaning: To become involved with or support an activity or opinion.

Example: Vegetarianism is one cause she does not espouse.

Synonyms: Adopt, Embrace

Antonyms: Reject, Oppose

167) **Exotic**

Meaning: Attractive or striking because colourful or out of the ordinary.

Example: "youths with exotic haircuts"

Synonyms: Striking, Colourful

Antonyms: Unremarkable, Conventional

168) **Instigating**

Meaning: Bring about or initiate (an action or event) .

Example: "they instigated a reign of terror"

Synonyms: Start, Initiate

Antonyms: Halt

169) **Disdain**

Meaning: The feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect.

Example: "her upper lip curled in disdain"

Synonyms: Contempt, Scorn

Antonyms: Admiration, Respect

170) **Lulled**

Meaning: Make (someone) feel deceptively secure or confident.

Example: "the rarity of earthquakes there has lulled people into a false sense of security"

Synonyms: Assuage, Ease

Antonyms: Aggravate

171) **Agitations**

Meaning: A state of anxiety or nervous excitement.

Example: "she was wringing her hands in agitation"

Synonyms: Anxiety, Distress

Antonyms: Calmness, Relaxation

172) **Indignation**

Meaning: Anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment.

Example: "the letter filled Lucy with indignation"

Synonyms: Resentment, Affront

Antonyms: Contentment

173) **Bygone**

Meaning: Belonging to an earlier time.

Example: "relics of a bygone age"

Synonyms: Past, Former

Antonyms: Present, Recent

174) **Contaminated**

Meaning: Make (something) impure by exposure to or addition of a poisonous or polluting substance.

Example: "the site was found to be contaminated by radioactivity"

Synonyms: Pollute, Adulterate

Antonyms: Purify

175) **Augmenting**

Meaning: Make (something) greater by adding to it; increase.

Example: "he augmented his meagre income by plying for hire as a ferryman"

Synonyms: Increase, Expand

Antonyms: Decrease

176) **Judicious**

Meaning: Having, showing, or done with good judgement or sense.

Example: "the judicious use of public investment"

Synonyms: Wise, Sensible

Antonyms: Injudicious, Foolish

177) **Tightening**

Meaning: Make or become tight or tighter.

Example: "He tightened up the clips"

Synonyms: Secure, Make fast.

Antonyms: Allow, Release

178) **Robust**

Meaning: Strong and healthy; vigorous.

Example: "the Caplan family are a robust lot"

Synonyms: Strong, Powerful

Antonyms: Weak, Frail

179) **Tainted**

Meaning: Affect with a bad or undesirable quality.

Example: "his administration was tainted by scandal"

Synonyms: Tarnish, Blacken

Antonyms: Improve

180) **Radical**

Meaning: Advocating or based on thorough or complete political or social change; representing or supporting an extreme or progressive section of a political party.

Example: "a radical American activist"

Synonyms: Revolutionary, Progressive

Antonyms: Conservative, Reactionary

181) **Decline**

Meaning: Diminish in strength or quality; deteriorate.

Example: "her health began to decline"

Synonyms: Deteriorate, Crumble

Antonyms: Flourish

182) **Formidable**

Meaning: Inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.

Example: "a formidable opponent"

Synonyms: Forbidding, Daunting

Antonyms: Easy, Weak

183) **Mysterious**

Meaning: Difficult or impossible to understand, explain, or identify.

Example: "his colleague had vanished in mysterious circumstances"

Synonyms: Puzzling, Strange

Antonyms: Straightforward

184) **Scepticism**

Meaning: A sceptical attitude; doubt as to the truth of something.

Example: "these claims were treated with scepticism"

Synonyms: Doubt, Suspicion

Antonyms: Conviction, Belief

185) **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

186) **Conducive**

Meaning: making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible.

Example: "the harsh lights and cameras were hardly conducive to a relaxed atmosphere"

Synonyms: Favourable, Valuable

Antonyms: Unfavourable

187) **Din**

Meaning: A loud, unpleasant, and prolonged noise.

Example: "The fans made an awful din"

Synonyms: Uproar, Racket

Antonyms: Silence, Quiet

188) **Undisputed**

Meaning: Not disputed or called in question; accepted.

Example: "The undisputed heavyweight champion of the world"

Synonyms: Undoubted, Unchallenged

Antonyms: Doubtful, Disputed

189) **Esoteric**

Meaning: Intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest.

Example: "Esoteric philosophical debates"

Synonyms: Abstruse, Obscure

Antonyms: Simple, Familiar

190) **Dismal**

Meaning: Causing a mood of gloom or depression.

Example: "The dismal weather made the late afternoon seem like evening"

Synonyms: Dingy, Dim

Antonyms: Bright, Cheerful

191) **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, Workable

Antonyms: Impracticable, Impossible

192) **Recipient**

Meaning: A person or thing that receives or is awarded something.

Example: "The recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize"

Synonyms: Beneficiary, Receiver

Antonyms: Donor

193) **Deterrent**

Meaning: A thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something.

Example: "Cameras are a major deterrent to crime"

Synonyms: Disincentive, Damper

Antonyms: Incentive, Encouragement

194) **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

195) **Suspicious**

Meaning: Having or showing a cautious distrust of someone or something.

Example: "He was suspicious of her motives"

Synonyms: Doubtful, Unsure

Antonyms: Trustful, Trusting

196) **Gauges**

Meaning: Estimate or determine the amount, level, or volume of.

Example: "Astronomers can gauge the star's intrinsic brightness"

Synonyms: Measure, Calculate.

Antonyms: Extreme, Estimate

197) **Desperately**

Meaning: Used to emphasize the extreme degree of something.

Example: "He desperately needed a drink"

Synonyms: Seriously, Gravely

Antonyms: Slightly

198) **Strident**

Meaning: (Of a sound) loud and harsh; grating.

Example: "His voice had become increasingly strident"

Synonyms: Harsh, Raucous

Antonyms: Soft, Dulcet

199) **Curtail**

Meaning: Reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on.

Example: "Civil liberties were further curtailed"

Synonyms: Reduce, Cut

Antonyms: Increase, Lengthen

200) **Keener**

Meaning: Having or showing eagerness or enthusiasm.

Example: "A keen gardener"

Synonyms: Eager, Anxious

Antonyms: Reluctant, Apathetic

201) **Mock**

Meaning: Tease or laugh at in a scornful or contemptuous manner.

Example: "Opposition MPs mocked the government's decision"

Synonyms: Ridicule, Deride

Antonyms: Friendly, Open

202) **Handcuffs**

Meaning: Put handcuffs on (someone) .

Example: "He was led into court handcuffed to a policeman"

Synonyms: Manacle, Fetter

Antonyms: Free

203) **Scrapping**

Meaning: Abolish or cancel (a plan, policy, or law) .

Example: "he supports the idea that road tax should be scrapped"

Synonyms: Abandon, Drop

Antonyms: Keep, Restore

204) **Outstanding**

Meaning: Not yet paid, resolved, or dealt with.

Example: "much of the work is still outstanding"

Synonyms: Undone, Neglected

Antonyms: Complete, Paid

205) **Reluctance**

Meaning: Unwillingness or disinclination to do something.

Example: "she sensed his reluctance to continue"

Synonyms: Unwillingness, Disinclination

Antonyms: Willingness, Eagerness

206) **Burgeoning**

Meaning: Begin to grow or increase rapidly; flourish.

Example: "manufacturers are keen to cash in on the burgeoning demand"

Synonyms: Expand, Boom

Antonyms: Shrink

207) **Campaign**

Meaning: An organized course of action to achieve a goal.

Example: "An election campaign"

Synonyms: Crusade, Drive

Antonyms: Inaction

208) **Mitigate**

Meaning: Make (something bad) less severe, serious, or painful.

Example: "drainage schemes have helped to mitigate this problem"

Synonyms: Alleviate, Reduce

Antonyms: Aggravate, Increase

209) **Rescinding**

Meaning: Revoke, cancel, or repeal (a law, order, or agreement) .

Example: "the government eventually rescinded the directive"

Synonyms: Revoke, Repeal

Antonyms: Enforce, Enact

210) **Cruelty**

Meaning: Cruel behaviour or attitudes.

Example: "he has treated her with extreme cruelty"

Synonyms: Brutality, Ferocity

Antonyms: Compassion, Mercy

211) **Set out**

Meaning: Begin a journey.

Example: "he set out early next morning"

Synonyms: Start, Embark

Antonyms: Arrive

212) **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

213) **Drew**
 Meaning: Use (one's experience, talents, or skills) as a resource.
 Example: "Sue has a lot of past experience to draw on"
 Synonyms: Utilize, Use
 Antonyms: Plant, Grow

214) **Deliberate**
 Meaning: Done consciously and intentionally.
 Example: "a deliberate attempt to provoke conflict"
 Synonyms: Intentional, Calculated
 Antonyms: Accidental, Unintentional

215) **Enrage**
 Meaning: Make (someone) very angry.
 Example: "the students were enraged at these new rules"
 Synonyms: Anger, Infuriate
 Antonyms: Placate, Calm

216) **Enforce**
 Meaning: Cause (something) to happen by necessity or force.
 Example: "there is no outside agency to enforce cooperation between the players"
 Synonyms: Compulsory, Obligatory
 Antonyms: Voluntary

217) **Insurmountable**
 Meaning: Too great to be overcome.
 Example: "An insurmountable problem"
 Synonyms: Insuperable, Unconquerable.
 Antonyms: Voluntary

218) **Spiralling**
 Meaning: Show a continuous and dramatic increase.
 Example: "inflation continued to spiral"
 Synonyms: Soar, Escalate
 Antonyms: Fall

219) **Minuscule**
 Meaning: Extremely small; tiny.
 Example: "a minuscule fragment of DNA"
 Synonyms: Tiny, Minute
 Antonyms: Vast, Huge

220) **Commensurate**
 Meaning: Corresponding in size or degree; in proportion.
 Example: "salary will be commensurate with age and experience"
 Synonyms: Equivalent, Equal
 Antonyms: Disproportionate

221) **Eventually**
 Meaning: In the end, especially after a long delay, dispute, or series of problems.
 Example: "eventually, after midnight, I arrived at the hotel"
 Synonyms: Finally, Ultimately
 Antonyms: Immediately, Never

222) **Vicious**
 Meaning: Deliberately cruel or violent; serious or dangerous.
 Example: "a vicious assault"
 Synonyms: Brutal, Savage
 Antonyms: Gentle, Benevolent

223) **Inclusion**
 Meaning: The action or state of including or of being included within a group or structure.
 Example: "They have been selected for inclusion in the scheme"
 Synonyms: Incorporation, Addition
 Antonyms: Exclusion, Omission

224) **Tremendous**
 Meaning: Very great in amount, scale, or intensity.
 Example: "Penny put in a tremendous amount of time"
 Synonyms: Enormous, Immense
 Antonyms: Tiny, Small

225) **Bolstered**
 Meaning: Support or strengthen.
 Example: "The fall in interest rates is starting to bolster confidence"
 Synonyms: Strengthen, Support
 Antonyms: Undermine

226) **Affirmation**
 Meaning: The action or process of affirming something.
 Example: "He nodded in affirmation"
 Synonyms: Assertion, Declaration
 Antonyms: Denial, Refutation

227) **Articulated**
 Meaning: Express (an idea or feeling) fluently and coherently.
 Example: "They were unable to articulate their emotions"
 Synonyms: Express, Voice
 Antonyms: Bottle up

228) **Verbatim**
 Meaning: In exactly the same words as were used originally.
 Example: "Subjects were instructed to recall the passage verbatim"
 Synonyms: Literally, Exactly
 Antonyms: Loosely, Imprecise

229) **Deprivation**
 Meaning: The lack or denial of something considered to be a necessity.
 Example: "Sleep deprivation"
 Synonyms: Dispossession, Withdrawal
 Antonyms: Possession

230) **Conceding**
 Meaning: Admit or agree that something is true after first denying or resisting it.
 Example: "I had to concede that I'd overreacted"
 Synonyms: Admit, Acknowledge
 Antonyms: Deny

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

232) **Reiterating**
 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

233) **Stunting**
 Meaning: Prevent from growing or developing properly.
 Example: "Some weeds produce chemicals that stunt the plant's growth"
 Synonyms: Inhibit, Impede
 Antonyms: Promote, Encourage

234) **Entail**
 Meaning: Involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence.
 Example: "A situation which entails considerable risks"
 Synonyms: Necessitate, Require
 Antonyms: Exclude, Untangle

235) **Stance**
 Meaning: The attitude of a person or organization towards something; a standpoint.
 Example: "The party is changing its stance on Europe"
 Synonyms: Attitude, Stand
 Antonyms: Inaction, Deface

236) **Relying**
 Meaning: Depend on with full trust or confidence.
 Example: "I know I can rely on your discretion"
 Synonyms: Depend, Count
 Antonyms: Distrust

237) **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, Opulent
 Antonyms: Poor, Impoverished

238) **Disruptive**
 Meaning: Innovative or ground breaking.

Example: "breaking a disruptive technology into the market is never easy"
 Synonyms: Innovative, Inventive
 Antonyms: Unimaginative, Conservative

239) **Resilience**
 Meaning: The ability of a substance or object to spring back into shape; elasticity.
 Example: "nylon is excellent in wear ability, abrasion resistance and resilience"
 Synonyms: Flexibility, Pliability
 Antonyms: Rigidity, Fragility

240) **Imperative**
 Meaning: Of vital importance; crucial.
 Example: "immediate action was imperative"
 Synonyms: All-important, Vital
 Antonyms: Unimportant, Optional

241) **Acclaim**
 Meaning: Enthusiastic and public praise.
 Example: "she has won acclaim for her commitment to democracy"
 Synonyms: Praise, Applause
 Antonyms: Criticism

242) **Out of hand**
 Meaning: Not under control.
 Example: "things were getting a bit out of hand at the picket line"
 Synonyms: Uncontrollable, Difficult
 Antonyms: Manageable, Controllable

243) **Uninspiring**
 Meaning: Not producing excitement or interest.
 Example: "an uninspiring game that United scarcely deserved to win"
 Synonyms: Boring, Dreary
 Antonyms: Inspiring, Exciting

244) **Patchy**
 Meaning: Not of the same quality throughout; inconsistent.
 Example: "your coursework was patchy"
 Synonyms: Deficient, Insufficient
 Antonyms: Complete, Comprehensive

245) **Lackadaisical**
 Meaning: Lacking enthusiasm and determination; carelessly lazy.
 Example: "a lackadaisical defence left Spurs adrift in the second half"
 Synonyms: Careless, Lazy
 Antonyms: Enthusiastic, Excited

246) **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

247) **Disclosure**
 Meaning: The action of making new or secret information known.
 Example: "a judge ordered the disclosure of the government documents"
 Synonyms: Revelation, Declaration
 Antonyms: Concealment

248) **Scourge**
 Meaning: A person or thing that causes great trouble or suffering.
 Example: "the scourge of mass unemployment"
 Synonyms: Affliction, Plague
 Antonyms: Blessing, Godsend

249) **Sweeping**
 Meaning: Wide in range or effect.
 Example: "we cannot recommend any sweeping alterations"
 Synonyms: Extensive, Wide-ranging
 Antonyms: Narrow, Restricted

250) **Depreciating**
 Meaning: Diminish in value over a period of time.
 Example: "the latest cars will depreciate heavily in the first year"
 Synonyms: Devalue, Cheapen
 Antonyms: Appreciate

251) **Revive**

Meaning: To start to grow, develop, or become successful again, or to make something do this.

Example: Ministers are hoping to set up a programme to revive the ailing agricultural sector.

Synonyms: Revitalize, Refresh

Antonyms: Abolish

252) **Pledge**

Meaning: Formally declare or promise that something is or will be the case.

Example: "The Prime Minister pledged that there would be no increase in VAT"

Synonyms: Promise, Swear

Antonyms: Breach, Break

253) **Belligerent**

Meaning: Hostile and aggressive.

Example: "the mood at the meeting was belligerent"

Synonyms: Hostile, Aggressive

Antonyms: Friendly, Peaceable

254) **Tariffs**

Meaning: A tax or duty to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports.

Example: "The reduction of trade barriers and import tariffs"

Synonyms: Tax, Duty

Antonyms: Debt, Whole

255) **Slimmer**

Meaning: (Of something abstract, especially a chance or margin) very small.

Example: "There was just a slim chance of success"

Synonyms: Slight, Small

Antonyms: Good, Strong

256) **Pious**

Meaning: Making or constituting a hypocritical display of virtue.

Example: "His pious platitudes"

Synonyms: Insincere, Self-righteous

Antonyms: Sincere

257) **Startling**

Meaning: Very surprising, astonishing, or remarkable.

Example: "He bore a startling likeness to their father"

Synonyms: Surprising, Astonishing

Antonyms: Predictable, Ordinary

258) **Controversial**

Meaning: Giving rise or likely to give rise to controversy or public disagreement.

Example: "Years of wrangling over a controversial bypass"

Synonyms: Contentious, Moot

Antonyms: Uncontroversial, Anodyne

259) **Tethered**

Meaning: Tie (an animal) with a rope or chain so as to restrict its movement.

Example: "The horse had been tethered to a post"

Synonyms: Tie, Hitch

Antonyms: Unleash, Release

260) **Perilous**

Meaning: Full of danger or risk.

Example: "A perilous journey south"

Synonyms: Dangerous, Risky

Antonyms: Safe, secure

261) **Full-blown**

Meaning: Fully developed.

Example: "The onset of full-blown AIDS in persons infected with HIV"

Synonyms: Complete, Advanced

Antonyms: Partial

262) **Fragility**

Meaning: The quality of being easily broken or damaged.

Example: "Osteoporosis is characterized by bone fragility"

Synonyms: Frailty, Weakness

Antonyms: Robustness

263) **Chaotic**

Meaning: In a state of complete confusion and disorder.

Example: "The political situation was chaotic"

Synonyms: Disorderly, Confused

Antonyms: Orderly

264) **Slim**

Meaning: (Of something abstract, especially a chance or margin) very small.

Example: "There was just a slim chance of success"

Synonyms: Slight, Small

Antonyms: Good, Strong

265) **Contrary**

Meaning: Perversely inclined to disagree or to do the opposite of what is expected or desired.

Example: "She is sulky and contrary where her work is concerned"

Synonyms: Perverse, Awkward

Antonyms: Accommodating, Obliging

266) **Subsequent**

Meaning: Coming after something in time; following.

Example: "The theory was developed subsequent to the earthquake of 1906"

Synonyms: Following, Upcoming

Antonyms: Previous, Prior

267) **Notorious**

Meaning: Famous or well known, typically for some bad quality or deed.

Example: "Los Angeles is notorious for its smog"

Synonyms: Infamous, Scandalous

Antonyms: Unknown, Faceless

268) **Lenient**

Meaning: (Of a punishment or person in authority) more merciful or tolerant than expected.

Example: "In the view of the Court the sentence was too lenient"

Synonyms: Merciful, Clement

Antonyms: Merciless, Severe

269) **Trap**

Meaning: An unpleasant situation from which it is hard to escape.

Example: "they fell into the trap of relying too little on equity finance"

Synonyms: Ambush, Lure

Antonyms: Blessing, Honesty

270) **Ally**

Meaning: A person or organization that cooperates with or helps another in a particular activity.

Example: "He was forced to dismiss his closest political ally"

Synonyms: Associate, Colleague

Antonyms: Enemy, Opponent

271) **Vocal**

Meaning: Expressing opinions or feelings freely or loudly.

Example: "He was vocal in condemning the action"

Synonyms: Vociferous, Outspoken

Antonyms: Taciturn, Reticent

272) **Flouted**

Meaning: Openly disregard (a rule, law, or convention) .

Example: "The advertising code is being flouted"

Synonyms: Defy, Scorn

Antonyms: Observe

273) **Inescapable**

Meaning: Unable to be avoided or denied.

Example: "Political reform was inescapable"

Synonyms: Unavoidable, Inevitable.

Antonyms: Escapable

274) **Slapped**

Meaning: Impose a fine or other penalty on.

Example: "The government had slapped an embargo on imports"

Synonyms: Impose, Levy.

Antonyms: Caress, Dignity

275) **Pertaining**

Meaning: Be in effect or existence in a specified place or at a specified time.

Example: "Their economic circumstances are vastly different from those which pertained in their land of origin"

Synonyms: Exist, Be the order of the day.

276) **Appalling**

Meaning: Causing shock or dismay; horrific.

Example: "The cat suffered appalling injuries during the attack"

Synonyms: Shocking, Horrific.

Antonyms: Beautiful, Pleasant

277) **Turbulence**

Meaning: A state of conflict or confusion.

Example: "Political turbulence"

Synonyms: Turmoil, Instability.

Antonyms: Calm, Peace

278) **Inflammatory**

Meaning: (Especially of speech or writing) arousing or intended to arouse angry or violent feelings.

Example: "Inflammatory remarks"

Synonyms: Provocative, Provoking.

Antonyms: Calming, Pleading

279) **Debate**

Meaning: A formal discussion on a particular matter in a public meeting or legislative assembly, in which opposing arguments are put forward and which usually ends with a vote.

Example: "Last night's debate on the Education Bill"

Synonyms: Discussion, Exchange of views.

Antonyms: Agreement, Peace

280) **Manoeuvres**

Meaning: A movement or series of moves requiring skill and care.

Example: "Snowboarders performed daring manoeuvres on precipitous slopes"

Synonyms: Operation, Exercise

Antonyms: Tightness, Browbeat

281) **Evoke**

Meaning: Bring or recall (a feeling, memory, or image) to the conscious mind.

Example: "The sight evoked pleasant memories of his childhood"

Synonyms: Bring to mind, Call to mind.

Antonyms: Ignore, Silence

282) **Divergent**

Meaning: Tending to be different or develop in different directions.

Example: "Divergent interpretations"

Synonyms: Differing, Varying.

Antonyms: Uniform, Similar

283) **Vindictive**

Meaning: Having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge.

Example: "The criticism was both vindictive and personalized"

Synonyms: Vengeful, Out for revenge.

Antonyms: Gentle, Helpful

284) **Insidious**

Meaning: Proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, but with very harmful effects.

Example: "Sexual harassment is a serious and insidious problem"

Synonyms: Stealthy, Subtle.

Antonyms: Honest, Sincere

285) **Patronage**

Meaning: The power to control appointments to office or the right to privileges.

Example: "Recruits are selected on merit, not through political patronage"

Synonyms: Power of appointment, Right of appointment.

Antonyms: Attack, Opposition

286) **Apprehension**

Meaning: Anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen.

Example: "He felt sick with apprehension"

Synonyms: Anxiety, Angst.

Antonyms: Peace, Trust

287) **Allegation**

Meaning: A claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically one made without proof.

Example: "He made allegations of corruption against the administration"

Synonyms: Claim, Assertion.

288) **Rationale**

Meaning: A set of reasons or a logical basis for a course of action or belief.

Example: "He explained the rationale behind the change"

Synonyms: Reason(s) , Reasoning.

Antonyms: Profession, Charge

289) **Resolved**

Meaning: Firmly determined to do something.

Example: "Constance was resolved not to cry"

Synonyms: Determined to, Bent on.

Antonyms: Refuse, Begin

290) **Festering**

Meaning: (Of a negative feeling or a problem) become worse or more intense, especially through long-term neglect or indifference.

Example: "Below the surface, the old antagonisms festered"

Synonyms: Rankle, Chafe.

Antonyms: Improve, Heal

291) **Vetoed**

Meaning: Exercise a veto against (a decision or proposal) .

Example: "The president vetoed the bill"

Synonyms: Reject, Turn down.

Antonyms: Approved, Allowed

292) **Locked Horns**

Meaning: Engage in conflict.

Example: "Drug companies are locking horns in a legal battle over patents"

Synonyms: Quarrel, Disagree.

Antonyms: Agree, Assist

293) **Evocative**

Meaning: Bringing strong images, memories, or feelings to mind.

Example: "Powerfully evocative lyrics"

Synonyms: Reminiscent, Suggestive.

Antonyms: Honest, Easy

294) **Regime**

Meaning: A government, especially an authoritarian one.

Example: "Ideological opponents of the regime"

Synonyms: Government, Rule

Antonyms: Yielding, Surrender

295) **Heightened**

Meaning: Make or become more intense.

Example: "The pleasure was heightened by the sense of guilt that accompanied it"

Synonyms: Intensify, Increase.

Antonyms: Moderate, Facile

296) **Depicted**

Meaning: Portray in words; describe.

Example: "Youth is depicted as a time of vitality and good health"

Synonyms: Describe, Detail.

Antonyms: Distort, Suppress

297) **Erection**

Meaning: The action of erecting a structure or object.

Example: "Fees will be levied for the erection of monuments"

Synonyms: Construction, Building.

Antonyms: Damage, Collapse

298) **Ticklish**

Meaning: (Of a situation or problem) difficult or tricky and requiring careful handling.

Example: "Her skill in evading ticklish questions"

Synonyms: Problematic, Tricky.

Antonyms: Stable, Strong

299) **Insistence**

Meaning: The fact or quality of insisting that something is the case or should be done.

Example: "Alison's insistence on doing the washing-up straight after the meal"

Synonyms: Demand, Bidding.

Antonyms: Flexibility, Blemish

300) **Realm**

Meaning: A field or domain of activity or interest.

Example: "The realm of applied chemistry"

Synonyms: Domain, Sphere.

Antonyms: Sky

BANKING AWARENESS

Q.1) Total credit flow from banks to the commercial sector grew at _____ per cent year-on-year at Rs 97.32 trillion according to RBI.

- a) 15.2%
- b) 15.6%
- c) 16.3%
- d) 18.9%
- e) 14.5%

Q.2) According to the Report by Bain & Company which country is the fastest growing e-commerce market?

- a) USA
- b) Great Britain
- c) India
- d) China
- e) Japan

Q.3) According to a report by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), What is the GDP Growth Rate at which it is estimated to grow at 2018-2019?

- a) 7.5-7.8%
- b) 7.1-7.4%
- c) 7.2-7.3%
- d) 7.4-7.7%
- e) 7.0-7.9%

Q.4) By which year European Union has set goal to become "Climate Neutral"?

- a) 2040
- b) 2030
- c) 2025
- d) 2050
- e) 2045

Q.5) Who chaired 223rd meeting of Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation, recently?

- a) Yuga Bharathi Sinha
- b) Amitabh Khant
- c) Rajiv Kumar
- d) Santosh Kumar Gangwa
- e) Jitendra Singh

Q.6) As per the SBI Cowrap research report, incremental credit to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) has increased five times to _____ compared to Rs 25,700 crore in the post-GST period.

- a) Rs 6.23 lakh crore
- b) Rs 4.23 lakh crore
- c) Rs 3.23 lakh crore
- d) Rs 1.23 lakh crore
- e) Rs 2.23 lakh crore

Q.7) DIPP organised a Start-up India Venture Capital Summit was held in Goa. Theme of the summit was _____.

- a) Mobilizing Global Centre for Innovative in India
- b) Mobilizing Global Capital for Information in India
- c) Mobilizing Global Capital for Invention in India
- d) Mobilizing Global Centre for Innovation in India
- e) Mobilizing Global Capital for Innovation in India

Q.8) Which of the following country has topped the list in the world's most powerful passport, as per the Arton Capital report 2018?

- a) Australia
- b) UAE
- c) USA
- d) Singapore
- e) Germany

Q.9) Brokerage firm ICICI Securities Ltd has announced launch of eATM orders, which instantly credits into a retail investor's bank account funds accrued from stock sales. The money would be credited within 30 minutes with a limit of _____ per client per day.

- a) Rs.50,000
- b) Rs.1,00,000
- c) Rs.25,000
- d) Rs.1,50,000
- e) Rs.75,000

Q.10) Which of the following company has launched India's first chance of approval feature for lending products named 'Chance of Approval', that will help loan applicants choose their most-suited lender on its platform?

- a) ICICI Securities
- b) Bank Bazaar

c) Paisa Bazaar

d) Policy Bazaar

e) SBI Capital

Q.11) Who has resigned from the MD & CEO position of Axis Capital?

- a) Dharmesh Mehta
- b) Suresh Mehta
- c) Aravind Subramanian
- d) Akash Jain
- e) Venugopal

Q.12) What is the rank of India in the Fintech Adoption Rate, as per the EY FinTech Adoption Index 2018?

- a) Eighth
- b) Second
- c) First
- d) Fifth
- e) Third

Q.13) Digital lending startup Cashe has partnered with card payment company Mswipe to launch EMI cards for its consumers. This co-branded card will give customers an instant pre-approved credit of up to _____ with a three EMIs repayment plan.

- a) Rs.5,000
- b) Rs.10,000
- c) Rs.25,000
- d) Rs.15,000
- e) Rs.20,000

Q.14) Who has been appointed as the new government nominee on private sector ICICI Bank?

- a) Jaganathan
- b) Amit Kumar
- c) Amrendar Jha
- d) Lok Ranjan
- e) Lalit Kumar

Q.15) Which of the following country has decided to withdraw from Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) from January to focus on its gas ambitions?

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) Qatar
- c) Iraq
- d) Iran
- e) Kuwait

Q.16) Which of the following bank has extended a credit facility of USD 500 million to Tanzania for water supply projects in the country on December 7th, 2018?

- a) AIIB
- b) EXIM Bank
- c) ADB
- d) World Bank
- e) IMF

Q.17) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, India's leading private sector general insurance company has tied up with which bank for the distribution of non-life insurance offerings to the customers of the Bank through its network branches?

- a) IndusInd Bank
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) South Indian Bank
- d) Federal Bank
- e) Axis Bank

Q.18) Which of the following IT Company has agreed to sell its product worth \$1.8 billion in software assets to India's HCL Technologies Ltd., part of Big Blue's effort to focus more on cloud computing, recently?

- a) Infosys
- b) Accenture
- c) IBM
- d) TCS
- e) Wipro

Q.19) Who has been appointed as the Chief Economic Advisor to the finance minister for a period of three years?

- a) Subramania Kumar
- b) Manoj Sinha
- c) Krishnamurthy Subramanian
- d) Krishna Kumar Chaudry
- e) Amitabh Khant

Q.20) Who has been elected to an Asia Pacific seat on the UN's Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)?

- a) Parneeta Singh
- b) Anupama Sinha
- c) Biswasi Patel
- d) Abinaya Parthasarthy
- e) Preeti Saran

Q.21) Which of the following city in India is the Fastest-growing cities in the world 2019-2035, according to the Oxford Economics?

- a) Nagpur
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Surat
- d) Agra
- e) Bangalore

Q.22) According to the recent study, which of the following country becomes fourth highest emitter of carbon dioxide in the world, accounting for 7 per cent of global emissions in 2017?
 a) Russia b) India
 c) China d) European Union
 e) USA

Q.23) Which of the following company has entered into an arrangement with the World Bank to put in place a single framework that will make co-financed projects more efficient, recently?
 a) European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 b) Economic Development Board
 c) Asian Development Bank
 d) New Development Bank
 e) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Q.24) Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of New India Assurance (NIA) for a five-year period?
 a) Shamila Batohi b) Rattan Lal
 c) Rajanish Giri d) Atul Sahai
 e) Yasir Shah

Q.25) The board of Beijing-headquartered Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) has approved a \$400-million loan for a water sanitation project in which state, recently?
 a) Madhya Pradesh b) Andhra Pradesh
 c) Assam d) Karnataka
 e) Maharashtra

Q.26) The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) signed an agreement with Green Climate Fund (GCF) to infuse how much million loan into the project designed to unlock private sector initiatives for creation of rooftop solar power capacity across India?
 a) USD 500 million b) USD 200 million
 c) USD 300 million d) USD 150 million
 e) USD 100 million

Q.27) Urjit Patel has resigned as the Reserve Bank of India governor. He was the _____ governor of RBI.
 a) 25th b) 23rd
 c) 27th d) 24th
 e) 20th

Q.28) Which of the following country has adopted a global pact "The Global compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration" to better handle migrant flows despite a string of withdrawals driven by anti-immigrant populism?
 a) Mexico b) United Nations
 c) United States of America
 d) United Kingdom
 e) Kenya

Q.29) Who has resigned from his position as the part-time Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister?
 a) Rathin Roy b) Surjit S Bhalla
 c) Bibek Debroy d) Ashima Goyal
 e) Ratan Watal

Q.30) Asian Development Bank has signed a loan agreement of how many million dollars to develop Tourism and boost Jobs in Tamil Nadu, recently?
 a) 51 million dollars b) 61 million dollars
 c) 11 million dollars d) 41 million dollars
 e) 31 million dollars

Q.31) "Regulatory Indicators for Sustainable Energy (RISE) 2018" report was prepared by _____.
 a) EBRD
 b) World Bank
 c) International Monetary Fund
 d) ADB
 e) AIIB

Q.32) Which of the following country has become a full member of the Financial Action Task Force, an international body set up to combat money laundering, terrorist financing

and other threats to the international financial system, recently?
 a) Myanmar b) Nigeria
 c) Iraq d) Israel
 e) Iran

Q.33) Who has been appointed as the new Governor of the Reserve Bank of India?
 a) Ajay Narayan Jha b) Shaktikanta Das
 c) Amitabh Khant d) Pratap Patel
 e) Ajay Kumar Pandey

Q.34) What is the rank of India in the recently released Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2018 released by the Environmental Organization "Greenwatch"?
 a) 10th b) 11th
 c) 20th d) 12th
 e) 13th

Q.35) The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a fine of Rs 1 crore on which bank for violating cyber security norms, recently?
 a) Corporation Bank
 b) Bank of India
 c) Syndicate Bank
 d) Indian Overseas Bank
 e) Indian Bank

Q.36) Who has been appointed as the Chairman of SWIFT India?
 a) Aravind Subramanian
 b) Raghuram Rajan
 c) Arundhati Bhattacharya
 d) R Gandhi
 e) Urjit Patel

Q.37) Under which section of the Customs Act, 1962, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) notifies the Rate of Exchange for the purpose of conversion of foreign exchange to Indian Rupees (INR) and vice versa for assessment of imports & exports?
 a) Section 12 b) Section 14
 c) Section 18 d) Section 24
 e) Section 19

Q.38) Which country has emerged as the World's 2nd Largest Arms Producer after the United States?
 a) Sweden b) China
 c) France d) Great Britain
 e) Russia

Q.39) Which Country has topped the recently released Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2018 released by the Environmental Organization "Greenwatch"?
 a) France b) Belgium
 c) Great Britain d) Denmark
 e) Sweden

Q.40) Which of the following small finance bank has launched the offer-loaded, "Bankable Debit Card" for cricket fans who like deals and offers on online shopping, gym membership, health & wellness products, food delivery, music and travel?
 a) Capital Small Finance Bank
 b) Jana Small Finance Bank
 c) Equitas Small Finance Bank
 d) AU Small Finance Bank
 e) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

Q.41) Who is set to be named as the Chairman of Yes Bank?
 a) Ashok Chawla b) Arun Ramanathan
 c) Shyam Srinivasan d) Rajeev Yadav
 e) Brahm Dutt

Q.42) Which country has banned the Indian Currency notes above Rs.100?
 a) Sri Lanka b) Pakistan
 c) Hong Kong d) Singapore
 e) Nepal

Q.43) Who has assumed charge as the Secretary of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) on 14th December 2018?
 a) Anusuiya Uikay b) Nanda Kumar Sai
 c) Chunilal Vasava d) Rajhiv Mehrishi
 e) Ashok Kumar Singh

Q.44) The government has constituted a seven-member panel to select managing directors of public sector insurance companies. Who is the head of the panel?
 a) Aravind Subramanian b) Arun Jaitely
 c) Giriraj Singh d) C K Mishra
 e) B P Sharma

Q.45) OBOPAY, the global financial technology company, has announced the launch of a new generation pre-payment instrument in partnership with which bank and Mastercard?
 a) ICICI Bank b) Federal Bank
 c) Axis Bank d) HDFC Bank
 e) IndusInd Bank

Q.46) Reserve Bank of India has allowed which bank to open as many as 40 more branches, first time after it put a restriction on the bank's branch opening spree three months back?
 a) Karnataka Bank b) South India Bank
 c) Federal Bank d) Bandhan Bank
 e) IDFC Bank

Q.47) According to the International Monetary Fund, the global debt has reached an all-time high of _____, with three countries namely the United States, China and Japan accounting for more than half of it?
 a) USD 176 trillion b) USD 192 trillion
 c) USD 184 trillion d) USD 183 trillion
 e) USD 187 trillion

Q.48) Who took the Oath of Office and Secrecy as Member, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?
 a) Tarun Agarwala
 b) Bharat Bhushan Vyas
 c) T.C. Barupal
 d) S K Atul Goel
 e) Sathish Reddy

Q.49) The Asian Development Bank has retained India's economic growth forecast at _____ for the current fiscal.
 a) 7.8 per cent b) 7.5 per cent
 c) 7.4 per cent d) 7.3 per cent
 e) 7.6 per cent

Q.50) As per the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) amended rules, the Institutional Trading Platform would be renamed as _____.
 a) Investors Growth Platform
 b) Informative Trading Platform
 c) Innovators Growth Platform
 d) Investment Trading Platform
 e) Industrial Gross Platform

Q.51) As per a notification of insurance regulator IRDAI, customers will not have to purchase separate Compulsory Personal Accident (CPA) cover for each new vehicle they buy from _____.
 a) April 2019 b) January 2019
 c) June 2019 d) August 2019
 e) March 2019

Q.52) Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has not revised its forecast for global economic growth, and it remains at _____ for 2018.
 a) 3.9 per cent b) 3.2 per cent
 c) 3.5 per cent d) 3.6 per cent
 e) 3.7 per cent

Q.53) As per the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) report, the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow to South and South-West Asia stood at _____ in the last calendar year.
 a) USD 75 billion b) USD 72 billion
 c) USD 80 billion d) USD 65 billion
 e) USD 63 billion

Q.54) Four Indian companies figure among the world's top 100 arms producers in 2017, according to the latest rankings released by SIPRI, a Stockholm-based think tank. Which of the following Company topped the list?
 a) BAE Systems b) Boeing
 c) Raytheon d) Lockheed Martin

e) Airbus Group
 Q.55) Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a how much loan agreement to reduce floods and the riverbank erosion in Assam?
 a) \$80 million b) \$60 million
 c) \$50 million d) \$100 million
 e) \$110 million
 Q.56) Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) from January 1, 2019?
 a) S Ramesh
 b) Pranab Kumar Das
 c) Arti Chhabra Srivastava
 d) M Nageswara Rao
 e) Ashok Kumar
 Q.57) Minister of State for Finance Shiv Pratap Shukla has informed Parliament that Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have recovered _____ worth of bad loans during the four years from financial year 2014-15 to fiscal 2017-18.
 a) 4.33 lakh crore rupees
 b) 1.33 lakh crore rupees
 c) 5.33 lakh crore rupees
 d) 2.33 lakh crore rupees
 e) 3.33 lakh crore rupees
 Q.58) Who has been appointed as the SEBI's first full-time Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO)?
 a) S Ramesh b) Pranab Kumar Das
 c) Arti Chhabra Srivastava
 d) M Nageswara Rao
 e) Ashok Kumar
 Q.59) Which state government has announced that short term crop loans from cooperative banks and loans of up to two lakh rupees from nationalised and other banks will be waived on December 20th, 2018?
 a) Maharashtra b) Rajasthan
 c) Andhra Pradesh d) Uttar Pradesh
 e) Karnataka
 Q.60) According to RWB (Reporters without Borders), which country has been the worst in the annual worldwide round-up of deadly violence and abusive treatment of journalists?
 a) Syria b) Iraq
 c) Afghanistan d) Saudi Arabia
 e) Yemen
 Q.61) According to the Global Status Report on Road Safety, which of the following country top the list in road deaths with 1.51 lakh road deaths in 2016 and globally the toll of road deaths increased from 1.25 million to 1.35 in a span of three years?
 a) Russia b) Australia
 c) USA d) India
 e) Thailand
 Q.62) Which Bank has partnered with Pasiabazaar.com to offer the bank's home loan to the customers?
 a) Karnataka Bank b) SBI
 c) RBL Bank d) Axis Bank
 e) South Indian Bank
 Q.63) Which organisation has fined IFFCO TOKIO & Royal Sundaram of Rs.5 Lakhs each for violating motor tariff claims and file & use guidelines?
 a) SEBI b) RBI
 c) NABARD d) IRDAI
 e) BBB
 Q.64) Who has joined the Competition Commission of India's member, recently?
 a) Ashok Kumar Gupta b) Birupaksha Mishra
 c) Balakrishna Alse d) Sangeeta Verma
 e) UC Nahta
 Q.65) Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Corporation Bank?
 a) P V Bharathi b) K Ramachandran
 c) Birupaksha Mishra d) Jenny Graham
 e) None of these
 Q.66) According to central banking sources, the RBI has mandated how many years as cooling-off period for retired officials before they can

take over as chairman or chief executive of any other entity?
 a) Four Years b) One Year
 c) Two Years d) Three Years
 e) Five Years
 Q.67) A conference on the theme 'Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code of India - New Paradigm for Stressed Assets' was held at the Indian Consulate in _____.
 a) Geneva b) Moscow
 c) New York d) Vienna
 e) New Delhi
 Q.68) According to the recent study, which of the following country has surpassed Qatar to become the world's leading exporter Of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for the first time?
 a) Abu Dhabi b) Australia
 c) Iraq d) Saudi Arabia
 e) Nigeria
 Q.69) According to the RBI report, India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) widened to _____ of the GDP in the second quarter of the fiscal compared to 1.1 per cent in the year-ago period, mainly due to a large trade deficit.
 a) 5.9 per cent b) 2.9 per cent
 c) 3.9 per cent d) 4.9 per cent
 e) 1.9 per cent
 Q.70) According to the world bank report, which of the following country will retain its position as the world's top recipient of remittances this year with its diaspora sending a whopping USD 80 billion back home?
 a) Egypt b) India
 c) China d) Philippines
 e) USA
 Q.71) According to the annual worldwide round-up of deadly violence and abusive treatment of journalists was released by Reporters without Borders (RSF). The rank of India is _____.
 a) 5th b) 6th
 c) 7th d) 8th
 e) 9th
 Q.72) Who become the first female investing partner at SoftBank's Vision Fund, recently?
 a) Priyanka Reddy b) Sanjana Reddy
 c) Kirthiga Reddy d) Sanjitha Reddy
 e) Deepika Reddy
 Q.73) Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for State Bank of India's digital app "YONO"?
 a) Sushil Kumar b) Sakshi Malik
 c) Yogeshwar Dutt d) P V Sindhu
 e) Swapna Barman
 Q.74) Infrastructure Leasing and Finance Company (IL&FS) has appointed _____ as group Chief Operating Officer (COO).
 a) R Naresh Kumar b) N Sivaraman
 c) K Narayanan d) S Subramania Kumar
 e) M Mahindran
 Q.75) Ex-IRDAI chief TS Vijayan has been appointed as additional director of which bank?
 a) Yes Bank b) DCB Bank
 c) Axis Bank d) HDFC Bank
 e) ICICI Bank
 Q.76) According to the CRISIL, India's growth forecast for July-September quarter slipped to _____ from 8.2 per cent in the April-June quarter.
 a) 7.4 per cent b) 7.6 per cent
 c) 7.8 per cent d) 7.3 per cent
 e) 7.1 per cent
 Q.77) FMCG major Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) said its board has approved the merger with which pharmaceutical company through an all equity deal, which sells consumer healthcare products, including popular drink brand Horlicks?
 a) Ionis Pharmaceuticals
 b) Glatt group
 c) GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare
 d) Altana Pharma AG
 e) Fabre-Kramer Pharmaceuticals

Q.78) According to the RBI's 5th Monetary Policy Review, what is the rate percent of Marginal Standing Facility Rate (MSLR)?
 a) 6.50% b) 6.25%
 c) 6.00% d) 5.75%
 e) 6.75%
 Q.79) Where is the Headquarters of Yes Bank located?
 a) Chennai b) Lucknow
 c) Allahabad d) Mumbai
 e) New Delhi
 Q.80) Who is the head of the panel to look at the selling as many as 149 small and marginal oil and gas fields of state-owned ONGC and OIL to private and foreign companies to boost domestic output?
 a) Shashi Shanker
 b) Rajiv Kumar
 c) Subhash Chandra Garg
 d) P K Sinha
 e) Amitabh Kant
 Q.81) Which of the following international bank and the Government of India has signed a \$85 million loan to improve the skills development ecosystem in Odisha, recently?
 a) European Investment Bank (EIB)
 b) New Development Bank (NDB)
 c) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
 d) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
 e) World Bank (WB)
 Q.82) In which city Regional Customs Enforcement Meeting (RCEM) conducted by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) held?
 a) Mumbai b) Bhopal
 c) Bangalore d) New Delhi
 e) Hyderabad
 Q.83) Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) has issued a set of additional guidelines for Foreign Direct Investment in e-commerce companies to protect the interests of domestic players which will be effective from _____.
 a) August 1 2019 b) April 1 2019
 c) February 1 2019 d) July 1 2019
 e) March 1 2019
 Q.84) The Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of security-service SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) would be at 18% to _____% over the next 2 financial years, as per a research by CRISIL?
 a) 26% b) 20%
 c) 30% d) 35%
 e) 25%
 Q.85) Which of the following entity has launched a 'Survey on Retail Payment Habits of Individuals (SRPHI)' in 6 cities, for the fieldwork that was carried out by Sigma Research & Consulting Pvt Ltd?
 a) Finance Ministry b) NITI Aayog
 c) Reserve Bank of India
 d) National Payments Corporation of India
 e) Commerce Ministry
 Q.86) YONO app is a digital banking app launched by the State Bank of India to fulfil all your banking, insurance, investments, and daily shopping needs. YONO stands for-
 a) You Only Name One
 b) You Only Need Original
 c) You Only Need Oriented
 d) You Only Need One
 e) You Only National One
 Q.87) The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is an international financial institution founded in 1991. Its headquarters is in _____.
 a) London, United Kingdom
 b) Washington D.C, USA
 c) Vienna, Austria
 d) Geneva, Switzerland
 e) Berlin, Germany

Q.88) Jio Payment Bank has a joint venture of between Reliance Industries and the State Bank of India with a ratio of _____.

a) 55:45 b) 50:50
c) 70:30 d) 75:25
e) 60:40

Q.89) LEI India Limited acts as a Local Operating Unit (LOU) for issuing globally compatible Legal Entity Identifiers (LEIs) in India. It is wholly owned subsidiary of-

a) Securities and Exchange Board of India
b) Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited
c) Small Industries Development Bank of India
d) Clearing Corporation of India Limited
e) Reserve Bank of India

Q.90) RDA is a channel to receive cross-border remittances from overseas jurisdictions. Expand the term RDA.

a) Remittance Drawing Arrangement
b) Rupee Drawing Assessment
c) Rupee Derivative Arrangement
d) Remittance Drawing Assignment
e) Rupee Drawing Arrangement

Q.91) In which type of payment system there is no minimum and maximum limit to transfer money for the Individuals, firms or corporates maintaining accounts with a bank branch?

a) NEFT b) RTGS
c) SWIFT d) IMPS
e) BHIM

Q.92) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) act as an umbrella organisations for operating which type of payments in India?

a) Corporate Payment Systems
b) Retail Payment Systems
c) Commercial Payment Systems
d) Import-Export Payment Systems
e) Industrial Payment Systems

Q.93) _____ is the process by which investment bankers raise investment capital from investors on behalf of corporations and governments that are issuing either equity or debt securities.

a) Underwriting b) Undertaking
c) Letter of credit d) Line of credit
e) Point of Sale

Q.94) CDR is the ratio of how much a bank lends out of the deposits it has mobilised. What is the abbreviation of CDR?

a) Currency Deficit Ratio
b) Capital Deficit Ratio
c) Currency Deposit Ratio
d) Credit Deposit Ratio
e) Capital Deposit Ratio

Q.95) Which of the following entity has announced that it will implement an 'Ombudsman Scheme for Digital Transactions' covering services provided by entities falling under Reserve Bank's regulatory jurisdiction?

a) Union Ministry of Finance
b) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
d) Indian Banks' Association (IBA)
e) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Q.96) Who has resigned from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Economic Advisory Council (PMEAC)?

a) K Veermani b) C K Mishra
c) Shaktikanta Das d) Bibek Debroy
e) Surjit Bhalla

Q.97) Jana Small Finance Bank launched Jana Bankable Debit Card in association with which entity for all the matches that are played in India?

a) Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI)
b) Hockey India (HI)
c) Indian Olympics Association (IOA)
d) Badminton Association of India (BAI)
e) Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

Q.98) Comptroller and Auditor General has become the Vice-Chair of the UN (United Nations) Panel of Auditors for a term of 2 years ending on June 30, 2020?

a) Ranvir Singh b) Vishwanath Sridhar
c) Anika Singh d) Lagnajith Desai
e) Rajiv Mehrishi

Q.99) Asian Development Bank (ADB) in its supplement report "Asian Development Outlook (2018)" has retained India's growth forecast at 7.3% for FY19 and _____ for FY20.

a) 7.5% b) 7.3%
c) 7.7% d) 8.0%
e) 7.6%

Q.100) Indian Ports Association (IPA) has launched a new 'PCS 1x', as a cloud based new generation technology, with user-friendly interface to increase ease of doing business. In the term PCS 1x, C stands for _____.

a) Cloud b) Communication
c) Code d) Community
e) Connection

Q.101) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved the proposal of clubbing of investment limits for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) based on common ownership of more than _____ % of common control, excluding the case of regulated public retail funds?

a) 50% b) 34%
c) 75 % d) 25%
e) 60%

Q.102) Who has been appointed as the presiding officer in the Securities Appellate Tribunal, Mumbai?

a) Justice Pranay Tilak
b) Justice Tarun Agarwala
c) Justice Varshani Mohak
d) Justice Mohit Aluwalia
e) Justice Gangon Aluwalia

Q.103) The Government of India and which bank has signed a \$60 million loan agreement to reduce floods and riverbank erosion in flood prone areas along the Brahmaputra River in Assam?

a) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
b) World Bank (WB)
c) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
d) New Development Bank (NDB)
e) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Q.104) Which of the following state has emerged as the largest beneficiary of Ayushman Bharat scheme, with a total of Rs 193.34 crore allotted for the state, till November 2018?

a) Uttar Pradesh b) Madhya Pradesh
c) Karnataka d) West Bengal
e) Tamil Nadu

Q.105) According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) report, Indian Ordnance Factories, Bharat Electronics, Bharat Dynamics and _____ are the 4 companies listed in the world's top 100 arms producers in 2017?

a) General Dynamics b) Tata Aviation
c) Hindustan Aeronautics d) Essar Electronics
e) Mazagon Dock Limited

Q.106) Which of the following state/union territory has launched a community policing scheme named "Prahari", to prevent crime, and maintain law and order?

a) Madhya Pradesh b) Goa
c) Puducherry d) Delhi
e) Karnataka

Q.107) The military of which country revoked a ban on United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) operations from the northeast part of the country, after having initially accused the aid agency of training "spies" supporting Boko Haram jihadis?

a) Kenya b) Syria
c) South Sudan d) Nigeria
e) Iraq

Q.108) As per the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s Global Gender Gap Report 2018, the list is topped by which country?

a) Norway b) Australia
c) Sweden d) Iceland
e) Finland

Q.109) Union Cabinet has approved amendments to the Telegraph Act and which act, to provide legal backing for seeding of Aadhaar with mobile number and bank accounts as an optional KYC (Know your customer)?

a) Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)
b) Right To Information (RTI) Act
c) Data Privacy and Protection (DPP) Act
d) Customer Information Protection (CIP) Act
e) Aadhaar Act, 2016

Q.110) IDFC Bank merged with non-banking financial company Capital First resulting in a merged entity IDFC First Bank to be headquartered in Mumbai. Who will be the MD and CEO of IDFC First Bank?

a) V Vaidyanathan b) S Rajiv Lall
c) Mahesh Kumar d) R Srinivasan
e) Shanmuga Kumar

Q.111) FCCI is the association of Indian business organizations, dedicated to promoting the growth and global competitiveness of Indian businesses. What is the abbreviation of "F" in FCCI?

a) Federation b) Fiscal
c) Foundation d) Formation
e) Formulation

Q.112) The Reserve Bank has switched back to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)-based measure from the Gross Value Added (GVA) methodology. For analyzing growth estimates using GVA methodology from January 2015 and had also changed the base year to _____ from January.

a) 2016 b) 2018
c) 2017 d) 2019
e) 2020

Q.113) Which of the following country was set to become the 69th member of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) after shareholders of the international financial institution gave their nod to the country's candidature?

a) India b) Egypt
c) Denmark d) China
e) Jordan

Q.114) Which of the following district has topped the Second Delta Ranking of the Aspirational Districts Programme, released by NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant, recently?

a) Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu
b) Koraput, Odisha
c) Siddharthnagar, Uttar Pradesh
d) Aurangabad, Bihar
e) Nuapada, Odisha

Q.115) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in consultation with the government has set up a 6-member committee to review the economic capital framework of the central bank. Who is the head of the committee?

a) R Gandhi b) Sanjay Gupta
c) Rana Singh d) Bimal Jalan
e) Bibek Debroy

Q.116) Who was appointed as the President of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Conference for 1 year with effect from January 1, 2019?

a) Manuel Salvador Quevedo Fernandez
b) Mustapha Guitouni
c) Agustin Mba Okomo d) Etienne Lepoukou
e) Salvador Lepoukou

Q.117) Which of the following country tops in road deaths with 1.51 lakh road deaths in 2016, according to the Global Status Report on Road Safety?

a) United States b) India
c) China d) South Korea

e) Iraq
 Q.118) In which place the 24th meeting of Conference of Parties (COP-2d) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held?
 a) Moscow, Russia b) Paris, France
 c) Hague, Netherland d) Bern, Switzerland
 e) Katowice, Poland
 Q.119) World Bank has promised how much dollars in climate action loans for the period 2021-2025, at the 24th Conference of the Parties (COP22), recently?
 a) \$500 billion b) \$150 billion
 c) \$300 billion d) \$200 billion
 e) \$400 billion
 Q.120) Who was appointed as the Executive Director of Corporation Bank?
 a) Rahul Saini b) Sameer Khan
 c) Vishal Singh d) Birupaksha Mishra
 e) Balakrishna Alse
 Q.121) Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) constituted a Logistics Development Committee under the Chairmanship of _____.
 a) Dr. Bibek Debroy b) Dr. Hasmukh Adhia
 c) N.K. Singh d) Arvind Veermani
 e) Krishnamurthy Subramanian
 Q.122) Name the three-state in which field-level campaign on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) is being organized by the Government, beginning from the first week of January 2019, recently?
 a) Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan
 b) Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Andhra Pradesh
 c) Goa, Maharashtra and Dadra & Nagar Haveli
 d) Rajasthan, Gujarat and Assam
 e) Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand
 Q.123) Which state government has announced the Rs 10,000 crore worth Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme to empower small, marginal & landless farmers and labourers over a period of three years till 2020-21?
 a) Assam b) Telangana
 c) Bihar d) Jharkhand
 e) Odisha
 Q.124) As per the data compiled by Bloomberg, India became the world's _____ largest stock market by overtaking Germany for the first time in seven years?
 a) Third b) Second
 c) Fourth d) Seventh
 e) Sixth
 Q.125) As per sub section (a) of section 69 of which act, the Ministry of Home Affairs has authorized 10 security and intelligence agencies of India to access any computer in India for monitoring, decrypting and interception?
 a) Cyber Security Act, 2016
 b) Information Technology Act, 2000
 c) Computer Security Act, 2003
 d) Internet Surveillance Act, 2012
 e) Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 2000
 Q.126) Which union territory ranked the highest among union territories in the 'Front Runner' category with a composite score 68 in the SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) India Index 2018?
 a) Puducherry b) Chandigarh
 c) Delhi
 d) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
 e) Daman and Diu
 Q.127) As per "In the Dark: How Much Do Power Sector Distortions Cost South Asia," report released by Senior Economist Fan Zhang of World Bank, India's power sector has an "efficiency" gap that costs the Indian economy of how much percent of GDP a year?
 a) 5.67% b) 5.13%
 c) 3.45% d) 6.20%
 e) 4.00%

Q.128) Ten monuments were adopted under the 'Adopt A Heritage: Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan' scheme. The Red Fort in Delhi was adopted by which of the following organization?
 a) Bliss Inns
 b) Apeejay Park Hotels
 c) Adventures Tour Operators Association of India
 d) Yatra Online
 e) Dalmia Bharat Ltd
 Q.129) As per the 'Strategy for New India @75', the national Strategy for New India released by NITI Aayog, aims to increase Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education from 25% in 2016-17 to _____ in 2022-23?
 a) 50% b) 45%
 c) 55% d) 35%
 e) 60%
 Q.130) As per the US regulator Federation of Aviation Administration (FAA), India's International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) rating remains in which category for safety oversight of civil aviation?
 a) Category 2 b) Category 1
 c) Category 3 d) Category 4
 e) Category 5
 Q.131) Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has ordered creation of a 12-member committee of senior officials chaired by whom for a fresh cadre review and restructuring of the Income Tax Department?
 a) S Ramesh b) Rajiv Kumar
 c) Virendra Singh d) Rahul Dawan
 e) S K Dash
 Q.132) What is the rank of India in the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s Global Gender Gap Report 2018?
 a) 155th b) 127th
 c) 145th d) 108th
 e) 113th
 Q.133) Effective from _____, IRDAI has unbundled the Compulsory Personal Accident (CPA) cover and permitted the issuance of a stand-alone policies to reduce the cost of ownership of a vehicle.
 a) January 1, 2019 b) April 1, 2019
 c) March 1, 2019 d) August 1, 2019
 e) June 1, 2019
 Q.134) Which of the following entity has relaxed norms pertaining to setting up of Cyber Security Operation Centre for small market intermediaries citing that they lack knowledge in cyber security?
 a) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
 b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
 c) Finance Ministry
 d) Indian Banks Association (IBA)
 e) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
 Q.135) Name the e-commerce company that partnered with the Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME) to encourage MSMEs to leverage growth opportunities in the e-commerce sector.
 a) Flipkart b) Amazon India
 c) Snapdeal d) Pepperfry
 e) Myntra
 Q.136) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed which bank to open 40 new branches, by the end of December 2018, releasing the restriction it had put on the bank for opening new branches in September 2018?
 a) Jana Small Finance Bank
 b) Federal Bank
 c) Corporation Bank
 d) Bandhan Bank
 e) Karnataka Bank
 Q.137) Which of the following country topped the AT Kearney FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) Confidence Index 2018?
 a) India b) Canada

c) China d) Finland
 e) USA
 Q.138) PMVVY 2018 is a senior citizen welfare scheme to protect the citizens above 60 years of age against a future fall in their interest income due to uncertain market conditions. Expand PMVVY?
 a) Pradhan Mantri Vikas Vaya Yojana
 b) Pradhan Mantri Vandana Vaya Yojana
 c) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Van Yojana
 d) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana
 e) Pradhan Mantri Vikas Vandana Yojana
 Q.139) The Global financial messaging cooperative SWIFT has announced that which of the following bank has become its first Indian client to go live with an improved cross-border payments service?
 a) HDFC Bank b) State Bank of India
 c) ICICI Bank d) Bank of Baroda
 e) Axis Bank
 Q.140) The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) is a _____ alpha-numeric code based on the ISO 17442 standard developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).
 a) 22 digits b) 18 digits
 c) 20 digits d) 16 digits
 e) 11 digits
 Q.141) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) signed a loan agreement worth how many million with Green Climate Fund (GCF) to unlock private sector initiatives for creation of rooftop solar power capacity across India?
 a) USD 400 million b) USD 250 million
 c) USD 300 million d) USD 100 million
 e) USD 200 million
 Q.142) Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has announced the rise in contribution of the government in National Pension Scheme (NPS) to _____ % from 10 %, burdening the government by Rs 2,840 crore for 2019-20?
 a) 15% b) 16%
 c) 14% d) 12%
 e) 17%
 Q.143) According to the central bank, the 'Ombudsman Scheme for Digital Transactions' will be notified by the end of _____.
 a) March 2019 b) January 2019
 c) June 2019 d) April 2019
 e) August 2019
 Q.144) Who was appointed as the Executive Director of Oriental Bank of Commerce?
 a) Vishal Singh b) Sunita Iyer
 c) Balakrishna Alse d) Runa Khatri
 e) Balram Nair
 Q.145) On 25th December 2018, commemoration of the birth anniversary of late prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released the highest denomination in the form of a coin worth _____ rupees.
 a) Rs 50 b) Rs 75
 c) Rs 100 d) Rs 200
 e) Rs.150
 Q.146) Punjab National Bank (PNB) in collaboration with which state government launched a special card called PNB Rupay card for Kumbh Mela 2019 (for convenient and hassle-free transactions at these shops)?
 a) Assam b) Himachal Pradesh
 c) Uttarakhand d) Rajasthan
 e) Uttar Pradesh
 Q.147) Which of the following state has announced a Rs 2,250-crore scheme to help 22.76 lakh medium and marginal farmers of the state double their income by 2022, recently?
 a) West Bengal b) Chhattisgarh
 c) Jharkhand d) Haryana
 e) Andhra Pradesh
 Q.148) The Goods and Services Tax rate reduction decided in the 31st Meeting of the GST

Council will have an overall impact of how many crore rupees on revenue for the full year?

- a) Rs.4500 crore
- b) Rs.2800 crore
- c) Rs.5550 crore
- d) Rs.7690 crore
- e) Rs.3500 crore

Q.149) Which of the following entity has released the SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) India Index: Baseline Report 2018, in New Delhi, which comprehensively documents the progress made by India's States and Union Territories towards implementing the 2030 SDG targets?

- a) United Nations
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) World Health Organization (WHO)
- d) Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- e) UNESCO

Q.150) Who was appointed as the Executive Director of Allahabad Bank?

- a) Rujuta Singh
- b) Manish Chandan
- c) Balram Nair
- d) Shikha Sharma
- e) K Ramachandran

Q.151) National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), an autonomous corporation under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment signed a MoU with which institute for facilitating Skill Development Training to the target group of NBCFDC?

- a) IIM Ahmedabad
- b) NSE Institute Ltd
- c) Indian Business School
- d) National Skill Development Institute
- e) BSE Institute Ltd

Q.152) What was the India's average score in the SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) India Index 2018?

- a) 49
- b) 76
- c) 38
- d) 57
- e) 68

Q.153) Name the new autonomous body that has been recommended by NITI Aayog's 'Strategy for New India @75', to make the arbitration process cost effective and speedy, and to pre-empt the need for court intervention.

- a) Arbitration Court of India
- b) Arbitration Council of India
- c) Arbitration Committee of India
- d) Arbitration Controller of India
- e) Arbitration Commission of India

Q.154) Who has been appointed the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Infosys, with effect from March 1, 2019?

- a) Nilanjan Roy
- b) Anu Chhabra
- c) Vikranth Sharma
- d) Ishita Sen
- e) Nandita Rao

Q.155) In which city, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for communications, Manoj Sinha has launched India Post's Internet banking facility for the Post Office Savings Bank (POSB) customers?

- a) Kolkata
- b) New Delhi
- c) Mumbai
- d) Kochi
- e) Bangalore

Q.156) Who was re-designated from Advisor to Principal Advisor in NITI Aayog?

- a) Suresh Mathur
- b) Jitendra Singh
- c) Anil Srivastava
- d) Roopan Mehta
- e) Surendra Kumar

Q.157) Government of India and which of the following bank has signed a loan agreement of 31 million dollars to develop Tourism and boost Jobs in Tamil Nadu?

- a) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- b) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- c) World Bank (WB)
- d) European Investment Bank (EIB)
- e) New Development Bank (NDB)

Q.158) FPI is the entry of funds into a country where foreigners deposit money in a country's bank or make purchases in the country's stock and bond markets sometimes for Speculation. What is the abbreviation of FPI?

- a) Foreign Postal Investment

b) Foreign Provident Investment

c) Foreign Portfolio Influence

d) Foreign Portfolio Interest

e) Foreign Portfolio Investment

Q.159) As per the TRA Brand Trust Report 2018 which of the following bank has declared as the most-trusted bank (both public and private sector) in the country?

- a) State Bank of India
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) Canara Bank
- e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Q.160) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has re-issued safety guidelines regarding the use of which oral drug in the treatment of severe acne?

- a) Tretinoin
- b) Aldactone
- c) Benzoyl Peroxide
- d) Vibramycin

e) Isotretinoin

Q.161) ONGC, in collaboration with Eklavya foundation has created Center for Agriculture Research and Training in which state for training farmers in organic farming using latest technology?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Telangana
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Q.162) Among the States, Kerala and _____ are the front runners with an SDG India Index score of 69 in the SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) India Index 2018?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Karnataka
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Gujarat

Q.163) Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism K J Alphons, handed over a MoU under the 'Adopt a Heritage' project to which company for development of a mobile Audio Guide App for five iconic sites?

- a) HEG India Pvt. Ltd
- b) Can Do Automation Pvt. Ltd.
- c) M/s Bluechip Technologies
- d) Rextit Electronics Pvt. Ltd.
- e) M/s Resbird Technologies

Q.164) The Reserve Bank had issued a licence to the bank under _____ of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 to carry on the business of payments bank in India.

- a) Section 28 (1)
- b) Section 26 (1)
- c) Section 22 (1)
- d) Section 23 (1)
- e) Section 21 (1)

Q.165) 28% slab rate of GST (Goods and Services Tax) will be applicable for how many items with effect from 1st January 2019, as decided in the 31st Meeting of the GST Council held in New Delhi?

- a) 46
- b) 34
- c) 45
- d) 50
- e) 28

Q.166) India will give financial assistance up to how much US Dollars, in the form of budgetary support, currency swap and concessional lines of credit for socio-economic development of the Maldives?

- a) USD 3.4 billion
- b) USD 2.5 billion
- c) USD 5.6 billion
- d) USD 2.8 billion
- e) USD 1.4 billion

Q.167) On 'Zero Hunger' parameters, Goa, Kerala, Manipur, Mizoram, Punjab, Sikkim and _____ were the front runners, according to the Niti Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals index.

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Karnataka
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Gujarat
- e) Nagaland

Q.168) As per the 'Strategy for New India @75' launched by NITI Aayog, defining clear objectives for 2022-23, aims to establish a New India by _____.

- a) 2030
- b) 2025
- c) 2022
- d) 2023
- e) 2024

Q.169) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in consultation with the government of India has decided to have "Rule-Based Dynamic Limit" for total outstanding External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) at _____ of GDP at current market prices.

- a) 6.5 per cent
- b) 7.2 per cent
- c) 5.7 per cent
- d) 8.2 per cent
- e) 6.8 per cent

Q.170) In which city National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog organized the 3rd edition of the Women Transforming India Awards 2018 and launched the upgraded portal of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform 2.0?

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

Q.171) In which place 4th WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices "Increasing access to medical devices" held?

- a) Patna, Bihar
- b) New Delhi, India
- c) Guwahati, Assam
- d) Kolkata, West Bengal
- e) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Q.172) Name the Intelligence Bureau Director who received an extension of tenure for six months?

- a) Anup Singh
- b) PK Singh
- c) RK Malhotra
- d) Anuj Singh
- e) Rajiv Jain

Q.173) What is the rank of India in the AT Kearney FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) Confidence Index 2018?

- a) 15th
- b) 18th
- c) 11th
- d) 13th
- e) 10th

Q.174) A total of 864 projects at a cost of _____ rupees was approved under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), at the 41st meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee, in New Delhi, recently?

- a) Rs.31,567 crore
- b) Rs.11,567 crore
- c) Rs.15,899 crore
- d) Rs.14,662 crore
- e) Rs.10,789 crore

Q.175) According to 'Regulatory Indicators for Sustainable Energy (RISE) 2018 report' released by World Bank, the number of countries with strong policy frameworks for sustainable energy increased from 17 to _____ in the eight years till 2017?

- a) 29
- b) 45
- c) 59
- d) 62
- e) 49

Q.176) Who was appointed as the chairman by the Government of India to study the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Policy of India?

- a) *Baba Kalyani*
- b) Ravindra Sannareddy
- c) Neel Raheja
- d) Arun Misra
- e) Ragul Bajaj

Q.177) CAGR is a business and investing specific term for the geometric progression ratio that provides a constant rate of return over the time period. Expand the term CAGR.

- a) Compatible Annual Growth Rate
- b) Compound Annual Growth Rate
- c) Correspondent Annual Growth Rate
- d) Compound Annual Gross Rate
- e) Compound Annuity Growth Rate

Q.178) The Reserve Bank of India has specified certain regulatory trigger points, as a part of Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework, in terms of which of the following parameters?

- a) Capital to Risk Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR)
- b) Non-Performing Assets (NPA)
- c) Return on Assets (RoA)
- d) All the above
- e) Both a and b

Q.179) What is the maximum limit per day to transfer money using AADHAR Enabled Payment System?

- a) Rs. 5,00,000
- b) Rs. 25,000

- c) Rs. 1,00,000 d) Rs. 50,000
 e) Rs. 75,000
 Q.180) Which of the following bank has received RBI's approval for the merger of Capital First, Capital First Home Finance and Capital First Securities?
 a) IDFC Bank b) IDBI Bank
 c) HDFC Bank d) Axis Bank
 e) South Indian Bank
 Q.181) What is the rank of India in the Climate Change Performance Index released on the sidelines of COP24 UN Summit in Katowice, Poland?
 a) 4th b) 6th
 c) 9th d) 11th
 e) 15th
 Q.182) New return filing system will be started on trial basis from April 1, to be implemented mandatorily by _____.
 a) July 1, 2019 b) August 1, 2019
 c) September 1, 2019 d) March 1, 2019
 e) May 1, 2019
 Q.183) Who has been elected as the Vice-President of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) for the year 2018-19?
 a) Sangeetha Reddy b) Shadja Chaudhary
 c) Sandip Somany d) Chaitanya Prasad
 e) Uday Shankar
 Q.184) Who is the head of the 7-members panel constituted by the government to select managing directors of public sector insurance companies.
 a) S K Mishra b) Mathew Varghese
 c) T Bhargava d) B P Sharma
 e) G N Bajpai
 Q.185) Who has been elected as the New President of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) for the year 2018-19?
 a) Sangeetha Reddy b) Shadja Chaudhary
 c) Sandip Somany d) Chaitanya Prasad
 e) None of these
 Q.186) Which state government has ranked as "Best Performer" in the first ever States Start-up Ranking 2018 released by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) at an event in New Delhi?
 a) Maharashtra b) Madhya Pradesh
 c) Gujarat d) Rajasthan
 e) Goa
 Q.187) The country's foreign exchange reserves declined by USD 613.9 million to _____ in the week to December 14, on account of a fall in foreign currency assets, according to the RBI data.
 a) USD 393.12 billion b) USD 456.67 billion
 c) USD 234.54 billion d) USD 378.90 billion
 e) USD 578.87 billion
 Q.188) As per the 'Strategy for New India @75', the national Strategy for New India released by NITI Aayog, aims to achieve a GDP growth rate of what percent on average during 2018-23?
 a) 9.0 % b) 8.5%
 c) 8.0% d) 7.5%
 e) 8.4%
 Q.189) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) board has approved a proposal to expand the Offer-For-Sale (OFS) mechanism to cover more listed companies. Companies with a market-cap of more than _____ rupees are eligible for OFS mechanism?
 a) Rs.5,000 crore b) Rs.2,000 crore
 c) Rs.3,000 crore d) Rs.4,000 crore
 e) Rs.1,000 crore
 Q.190) US Federal Reserve has raised the interest rate from 2.25 per cent to how much per cent, would be an increase in the borrowing costs for individuals and businesses?
 a) 2.5% b) 2.75%
 c) 3.00% d) 3.25%
 e) 3.25%

- Q.191) What is the rank of India in the list of countries by arms sales, as per the report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)?
 a) 2nd b) 5th
 c) 7th d) 10th
 e) 6th
 Q.192) Ministry of Commerce and Industry has released India's 1st Agriculture Export Policy 2018 to bolster India's march towards becoming a USD 5 trillion economy before which year?
 a) 2023 b) 2025
 c) 2031 d) 2028
 e) 2022
 Q.193) Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in its Monthly Oil Market Report predicted the global economic growth to be _____ for 2019.
 a) 3.7% b) 3.9%
 c) 3.6% d) 3.4%
 e) 3.5%
 Q.194) India has signed an ascension pact to the 30-member Trans Regional Maritime Network (T-RMN) that will give it an access to the information on ships passing through the Indian Ocean Region. T-RMN is led by which country?
 a) France b) Russia
 c) United States of America
 d) Italy
 e) United Kingdom
 Q.195) Which of the following financial institution has launched S&P BSE Private Banks Index to measure the performance of private banks?
 a) SEBI b) RBI
 c) Asia Index Pvt Ltd
 d) Bharat Finance Limited
 e) NPCI
 Q.196) Which of the following bank launched its first Trade Finance Scorecard to address market and boost trade finance?
 a) New Development Bank
 b) World Bank
 c) Asian Development Bank
 d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
 e) African Development Bank
 Q.197) Who has been re-elected as Regional Director for South-East Asian region of World Health Organization (WHO) for another 5-year term beginning from February 2019?
 a) Poornima Balakrishnan
 b) Dr.Srishti Savarna
 c) Aditi Bhatt
 d) Dr.Poonam Khetrpal Singh
 e) None of these
 Q.198) Government has doubled the monetary limit to how much lakh for filing loan recovery application in the Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRT) by banks and financial institutions?
 a) Rs.15 lakh b) Rs.20 lakh
 c) Rs.30 lakh d) Rs.40 lakh
 e) Rs.10 lakh
 Q.199) Union Cabinet has approved for the establishment of two new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Tamil Nadu and Telangana under which scheme?
 a) Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana
 b) Ayushman Bharat
 c) Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana
 d) Central Government Health Scheme
 e) Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
 Q.200) As per the 'Strategy for New India @75', the national Strategy for New India released by NITI Aayog, aims to complete Bharat Net programme in which year and to complete all 2.5 lakh gram panchayats digitally?
 a) 2025 b) 2020
 c) 2021 d) 2022
 e) 2019

SIMPLIFICATION

D.1-122) Find the value of X

- Q.1) $1\frac{7}{8} + 2\frac{5}{4} + 3\frac{1}{8} - 5\frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{8} \times (?)$
 a) 9 b) 8 c) 4
 d) 5 e) 6
 Q.2) 65% of 75% of 40% of (?) = 3510
 a) 12500 b) 18000 c) 16500
 d) 17500 e) 15000
 Q.3) $(2\frac{3}{5} \div 4\frac{2}{5}) + (7\frac{2}{5} \div 3\frac{4}{5}) = \frac{7}{418}$
 a) 1044 b) 1024 c) 1061
 d) 1051 e) 1078
 Q.4) 45% of 960 + $\frac{2}{5} \times 670 = (?)$
 a) 700 b) 650 c) 750
 d) 800 e) 900
 Q.5) $\frac{\sqrt{289}}{\sqrt{361}} \times \sqrt[3]{729} \times 20\% \text{ of } 6175 = (?)$
 a) 7959 b) 7085 c) 6890
 d) 5895 e) 9945
 Q.6) $\sqrt{504 + \sqrt{620 + \sqrt{4 + \sqrt{63 \times 7}}} = (?)$
 a) 27 b) 23 c) 24
 d) 22 e) 26
 Q.7) $\sqrt{2025} + (\frac{3136}{\sqrt{784}}) + 866.64 + 25.36 = ?$
 a) 913 b) 942 c) 839
 d) 939 e) 833
 Q.8) $4000 + 48\% \text{ of } 1300 + \frac{304}{19} = ?$
 a) 4012 b) 4392 c) 4640
 d) 4302 e) 4911
 Q.9) $1\frac{4}{5}\% \text{ of } 3600 + 1750 + 120 - 48 = ? + 15\% \text{ of } \sqrt{676}$
 a) 1772.9 b) 1882.9 c) 1893.3
 d) 1782.9 e) 1832.8
 Q.10) $96 \times 15 \div 3 \times 13 + 566 = ?$
 a) 6806 b) 6608 c) 6680
 d) 6783 e) 6875
 Q.11) $\frac{8400}{60} + \frac{810}{\sqrt[3]{729}} + \frac{\sqrt{729}}{\sqrt[3]{27}} = ?$
 a) 255 b) 241 c) 239
 d) 210 e) 222
 Q.12) $? = \frac{(42 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{49}})}{(24 \times 52)} \times \sqrt{169} \times \frac{1}{(144)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}$
 a) 1.5 b) 0.25 c) 1.25
 d) 0.75 e) 0.50
 Q.13) $? = 28\% \text{ of } 650 + \frac{1}{13}\% \text{ of } 5200 - 130\% \text{ of } 80$
 a) 72 b) 182 c) 90
 d) 82 e) None of these
 Q.14) $? = \frac{445}{\sqrt{25}} \times \frac{648}{12} \times \frac{446}{18} \times \frac{1}{534}$
 a) 248 b) 236 c) 223
 d) 251 e) 249
 Q.15) $? = \frac{21}{19} \text{ of } 57 + \frac{43}{25} \text{ of } 75 + \frac{33}{14} \text{ of } 28$
 a) 258 b) 239 c) 274
 d) 292 e) 285
 Q.16) $?^2 = 11^2 \times 5^3 \div \sqrt[3]{125} \times 0.4^2 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{64}}$
 a) 15 b) 121 c) 11
 d) 55 e) 66
 Q.17) $250 \div 8 \times 3 + \frac{1}{2} \{ (1800 \times 100) \div (360 + 100 \times 2 + 40) \} = ?$
 a) 243.75 b) 250.45 c) 230.45
 d) 290.24 e) None of these
 Q.18) $\frac{7^{4.2} \times 9^{4.2} \times 7^{7.2} \times 9^{7.2}}{63^{2.2} \times 7^{3.2} \times 9^{3.2}} = 63^?$
 a) 7 b) 6 c) 8
 d) 9 e) None of these
 Q.19) $(22 \times 85.2 \div 0.2) + 100.24 + 20.4 = ?$
 a) 9997.09 b) 9492.64 c) 9000.02
 d) 9080.22 e) None of these
 Q.20) $26^2 - 7^3 + 24 + 76 = ?$
 a) 533 b) 433 c) 655
 d) 788 e) None of these
 Q.21) $39\% \text{ of } 550 + 72\% \text{ of } 850 - 372 = ?$
 a) 473 b) 454.5 c) 490.8
 d) 470 e) None of these
 Q.22) $23^2 + 31^2 \times \sqrt{16} \div 4 + 231 - 720 = ?$
 a) 1022 b) 1101 c) 1001
 d) 1000 e) 1011
 Q.23) $2\frac{3}{5} + 4\frac{2}{5} - 1\frac{3}{10} + 3\frac{1}{5} = ?$
 a) $2\frac{3}{4}$ b) $9\frac{3}{7}$ c) $7\frac{3}{8}$
 d) $8\frac{9}{10}$ e) $8\frac{5}{7}$

- Q.24) $214 \times 32 \div 8 \times 2 - 216 + 30 = ?$
 a) 1526 b) 1534 c) 1673
 d) 1529 e) 1532
- Q.25) $\frac{114}{576} \times \frac{9}{17} \times \frac{357}{19} \times \frac{16}{9} = ?$
 a) 3.8 b) 4.1 c) 3.4
 d) 2.7 e) 3.5
- Q.26) $(1011.1 + 24.1 - 11.2) \div 4 + 24\% \text{ of } 56000 = ?$
 a) 13996 b) 13459 c) 13658
 d) 13986 e) 13696
- Q.27) $12\% \text{ of } 2850 - ?\% \text{ of } 690 = 60\% \text{ of } 225$
 a) 25 b) 28 c) 35
 d) 30 e) 33
- Q.28) $3\frac{2}{7} - 11\frac{3}{14} + 10\frac{1}{5} + 6\frac{3}{10} = ?$
 a) $3\frac{6}{7}$ b) $9\frac{1}{5}$ c) $8\frac{4}{7}$
 d) $8\frac{2}{7}$ e) None of these
- Q.29) $\frac{2}{3} \times ? \times \frac{12^2}{7} = \frac{18}{21} \times \frac{16}{3} \times 27^2$
 a) 244 b) 272 c) 218
 d) 243 e) 235
- Q.30) $8990 + 6450 + 4300 - 16900 = x - 45\% \text{ of } 74000$
 a) 37240 b) 35140 c) 36140
 d) 39420 e) 36240
- Q.31) $? = \frac{2}{7} \text{ of } 420 - \frac{3}{5} \text{ of } 450 + \frac{7}{11} \text{ of } 1320$
 a) 690 b) 720 c) 630
 d) 740 e) None of these
- Q.32) $\frac{17 \times 14}{77} + \frac{3 \times 56}{88} + \frac{42 \times 3}{154} = x + \frac{18}{22}$
 a) 4 b) 5 c) 6
 d) 8 e) 10
- Q.33) $25\% \text{ of } 780 + 3 \times 5\frac{1}{3} = x^2 - \sqrt{196}$
 a) 20 b) 16 c) 15
 d) 14 e) 25
- Q.34) $\frac{\sqrt{576}}{\sqrt{2304}} \times \frac{\sqrt{1369}}{\sqrt{4913}} + \frac{99}{51} - \frac{35}{34} = x$
 a) 3 b) 4 c) 1
 d) 2 e) 12
- Q.35) $\left(\frac{175 \times 275}{225}\right) \div \left(\frac{25}{15 \times 75}\right) + 85\% \text{ of } 760 = x$
 a) 11241 b) 10481 c) 10271
 d) 10121 e) None of these
- Q.36) $25\% \text{ of } 670 + 35\% \text{ of } 720 - 425 \times 12 = x - 210 \times 25$
 a) 582.5 b) 569.5 c) 527.5
 d) 572.5 e) 578.5
- Q.37) $189 + \left(27 \times 79 - \frac{17}{19} \times 1653\right) = x^2 + (798 - 796)$
 a) 31 b) 29 c) 27
 d) 28 e) 30
- Q.38) $\left(\frac{38\% \text{ of } 750}{95} + \sqrt{3844}\right) \times (12^2 - 11 \times 12) = x$
 a) 770 b) 840 c) 780
 d) 620 e) 740
- Q.39) $\frac{553 - 39 \times \frac{204}{17}}{17x} = 5$
 a) 3 b) 5 c) 7
 d) 9 e) 1
- Q.40) $\frac{17^2 - \sqrt{2916}}{1280 - 75 \times 17} = x$
 a) 57 b) 37 c) 45
 d) 39 e) 47
- Q.41) $\frac{79}{69} \times \frac{333}{117} \times \frac{276}{237} = \frac{296}{351} x$
 a) 4.5 b) 2.5 c) 3
 d) 6 e) 5
- Q.42) $24 \times 16 + 17^2 - 654 + \sqrt{361} = ?$
 a) 54 b) 112 c) 26
 d) 38 e) 34
- Q.43) $361 \div 19 \times 18 - 17 = ? \times 5$
 a) 72 b) 65 c) 55
 d) 86 e) 60
- Q.44) $\frac{406}{161} \times \frac{23}{18} \div \frac{29}{225} = \sqrt{?}$
 a) 25 b) 5 c) 625
 d) 225 e) 3025
- Q.45) $23^2 + 54^2 + 45^2 - 51^2 = ?$
 a) 2869 b) 2689 c) 2969
 d) 2896 e) None of these
- Q.46) $52.5 \times 68 + 24 = ? \times 3$
 a) 1116 b) 1198 c) 1443
 d) 1242 e) 1209
- Q.47) $7\frac{2}{4} + 9\frac{2}{4} + 11\frac{1}{4} + 12\frac{3}{4} = ?$
 a) 38 b) 35 c) 31

- d) 40 e) None of these
- Q.48) $17 + 18^2 + 32^2 + 25 + 110 = ?$
 a) 1400 b) 1500 c) 1600
 d) 1700 e) None of these
- Q.49) $2(?) = [(0.6 + 0.4)^2 + (0.6 - 0.4)^2]$
 a) 1.52 b) 1.04 c) 0.52
 d) 2.04 e) 0.72
- Q.50) Out of the numbers, $\frac{50}{4}, \frac{250}{23}, \frac{140}{25}, \frac{150}{11}, \frac{30}{1.5}$
 Which is the third smallest number?
 a) $\frac{50}{4}$ b) $\frac{250}{23}$ c) $\frac{140}{25}$
 d) $\frac{150}{1.5}$ e) None of these
- Q.51) $\frac{[4^8 \times 16^2 \times 2^4]}{2^8 \times (16)^3 + 256} = 4^{2 \times ?}$
 a) 1 b) 2 c) 3
 d) 4 e) None of these
- Q.52) $236 + 514 \times 4 \div 2 - 6 = ?$
 a) 1268 b) 1258 c) 1234
 d) 1278 e) 1233
- Q.53) $\sqrt{3249} \times 15 + 2^4 - ? = 872$
 a) 1 b) 3 c) -1
 d) -2 e) 5
- Q.54) $25\% \text{ of } 256 + 18\% \text{ of } 350 \div 15\% \text{ of } 60 = ?$
 a) 75 b) 76 c) 69
 d) 71 e) 70
- Q.55) $\sqrt{16 + \sqrt{78 + \sqrt{9}}} + 15 - 3^3 + ?^2 = 42$
 a) 49 b) 9 c) 7
 d) 14 e) 21
- Q.56) $4322 + 3223 - 2565 + 423 - 233 = ?$
 a) 5160 b) 5188 c) 5141
 d) 5123 e) 5170
- Q.57) $2894.99 - 727.97 + 1347.01 - 847.99 = X + 878.92$
 a) 1694 b) 1824 c) 1983
 d) 1787 e) 1712
- Q.58) $44.95\% \text{ of } 3749.99 + 29.99\% \text{ of } 2499.97 - 478.99 = X$
 a) 1899 b) 2014 c) 1784
 d) 1959 e) 1845
- Q.59) $\frac{244.95\% \text{ of } 300.01}{14.99} \times 7.99 = X$
 a) 280 b) 324 c) 392
 d) 440 e) 489
- Q.60) $239.85 \times 19.99 + 470.01 \times 23.99 - 73.99 \times 87.958 = X$
 a) 9836 b) 9686 c) 9325
 d) 9424 e) 9568
- Q.61) $9739.96 + 8478.97 - 19878.98 + 4789.01 = X$
 a) 3345 b) 3020 c) 3130
 d) 3245 e) 3081
- Q.62) $? = 15\% \text{ of } 220 + 24\% \text{ of } 650 - 18\% \text{ of } 150 - 20\% \text{ of } 160$
 a) 130 b) 145 c) 180
 d) 125 e) 110
- Q.63) $? = \left(\frac{6}{5} \times 255\right) \div \left(\frac{3}{2} \times 17\right) \times \frac{4}{7} \times \frac{364}{24}$
 a) 156 b) 132 c) 104
 d) 148 e) 136
- Q.64) $4^2 = \sqrt{64} \div 32 \times 128 \times 2^{-2} \times \frac{1}{4^{-2}}$
 a) 7 b) 3 c) 4.5
 d) 3.5 e) 5
- Q.65) $? = \frac{3}{5} + \frac{12}{10} + \frac{20}{5} - \frac{17}{10} + 4\frac{2}{5}$
 a) $7\frac{3}{5}$ b) $8\frac{1}{2}$ c) $9\frac{2}{5}$
 d) $7\frac{1}{2}$ e) None of these
- Q.66) $? = (12 \times 35) + (14 \times 35) - (12 \times 15) - (6 \times 35)$
 a) 520 b) 640 c) 560
 d) 610 e) 540
- Q.67) $5^{2.3} \times 25^{4.7} \times 35^{3.4} \times 49^{5.85} = 35^?$
 a) 14.7 b) 17.5 c) 16.1
 d) 15.1 e) 13.5
- Q.68) $234.45 + 345.55 + 456.67 + 567.33 - 222 = x$
 a) 1382 b) 1380 c) 1384
 d) 1386 e) None of these
- Q.69) $22\frac{4}{7} + 33\frac{3}{7} + 44\frac{2}{7} + 55\frac{5}{7} = x$
 a) 136 b) 146 c) 156
 d) 166 e) None of these
- Q.70) $23.5\% \text{ of } 200 + 19.5\% \text{ of } 300 + 22.5\% \text{ of } 350 + 42.5\% \text{ of } 900 = x$
 a) 556.75 b) 566.75 c) 576.75

- d) 577.75 e) None of these
- Q.71) $27^x \times 3^2 \times 9 = 81 \times 9^3 \times 27 \times 9 \times 3$
 a) 7 b) 6 c) 5
 d) 4 e) None of these
- Q.72) $\frac{48}{12} \text{ of } 22 + \frac{4}{7} \text{ of } 105 + \frac{5}{8} \text{ of } 120 + \frac{6}{9} \text{ of } 135 - \frac{12}{13} \text{ of } 195 = x$
 a) 129 b) 130 c) 131
 d) 132 e) None of these
- Q.73) $36\% \text{ of } 1800 \div 15\% \text{ of } 720 - 480\% \text{ of } 260 \div 80\% \text{ of } 2390 = x \div 2$
 a) 1 b) 4 c) 2
 d) 8 e) 6
- Q.74) $6^2 \times 44 \div 4^2 \times 2^3 \div 33 = x + 120 \div 8$
 a) 29 b) 19 c) 10
 d) 13 e) 9
- Q.75) $3\frac{3}{4} - 8\frac{1}{3} + 6\frac{3}{5} = x + \frac{7}{20}$
 a) $2\frac{4}{7}$ b) $2\frac{1}{3}$ c) $1\frac{2}{3}$
 d) $1\frac{1}{5}$ e) None of these
- Q.76) $x = 12 \times 484 \div 66 + 23^2 - \sqrt{729} \div 3^2$
 a) 529 b) 620 c) 537
 d) 614 e) None of these
- Q.77) $? = 44\% \text{ of } 350 - 12\% \text{ of } 450 + 20\% \text{ of } 250 - 24\% \text{ of } 150$
 a) 120 b) 134 c) 121
 d) 114 e) None of these
- Q.78) $? = \left(\frac{25}{17} \times \frac{68}{15} \times \frac{12}{36} \times \frac{63}{5}\right)$
 a) 24 b) 36 c) 28
 d) 27 e) None of these
- Q.79) $? = \sqrt{169} \times \sqrt{256} \div 2^2 \times \sqrt{324} \div 3^2$
 a) 124 b) 112 c) 116
 d) 104 e) 114
- Q.80) $?^2 = (12 \times 6) + (42 \div \sqrt{36}) + (25 \times 0.2) - \sqrt{9}$
 a) 81 b) 3 c) 9
 d) 27 e) 6561
- Q.81) $? = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times 21^2}{\frac{1}{3} \times 24^2} \times 15\% \text{ of } 300 \div \sqrt[3]{125}$
 a) $6\frac{5}{8}$ b) $7\frac{7}{8}$ c) $7\frac{1}{8}$
 d) $7\frac{3}{7}$ e) None of these
- Q.82) $\frac{11x - 42 + 343 \times 49}{13 \times 48 + 78} = 2$
 a) 8 b) 1 c) 0.5
 d) 2 e) 3
- Q.83) $12.45 \times 7 + 13.74 \times 6 - 18 \times 6.4 = 18.13 \times ?$
 a) 2 b) 4 c) 5
 d) 3 e) 7
- Q.84) $120 \times 60 \div 40 + 70 - 50 = ?$
 a) 220 b) 170 c) 190
 d) 200 e) 180
- Q.85) $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{7} + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{14} + \frac{4}{21} = ?$
 a) $\frac{35}{24}$ b) $\frac{3}{7}$ c) $\frac{5}{14}$
 d) $\frac{4}{17}$ e) $\frac{5}{21}$
- Q.86) $63\% \text{ of } 170 + 13\% \text{ of } 470 - (24\% \text{ of } 545) \div (12\% \text{ of } 1090) = ?$
 a) 187.2 b) 169.2 c) 167.2
 d) 158.2 e) 152.2
- Q.87) $\frac{3x}{6y} = \frac{2y}{4z} = \frac{7z}{28} = 1$ find the value of X?
 a) 15 b) 14 c) 16
 d) 18 e) 19
- Q.88) $\sqrt[3]{67.24} + \sqrt{7.84} + \sqrt{(?)} = (32 \times 0.375)$
 a) 9 b) 4 c) 2
 d) 1 e) 16
- Q.89) $(3.125 \times 5) - (2 \times 6.225) = \frac{203.2}{(?)^2}$
 a) 1 b) 2 c) 4
 d) 6 e) 8
- Q.90) $13 \times 21 \times 0.5 + 0.5 + 169 = [(2.1 \times 7) + 0.3] \times (?)$
 a) 22.8 b) 20.4 c) 26.2
 d) 18.1 e) 18.4
- Q.91) $\frac{810}{16.2} \times \frac{24.25}{12.125} = (?)^2$
 a) 18 b) 12 c) 10
 d) 16 e) 14
- Q.92) $16^2 - (1.6 \times 5) + 13 = (?) \times 3 + (9)^2$
 a) 19 b) 40 c) 50
 d) 60 e) 62
- Q.93) $\frac{(75\% \text{ of } 5900)}{29.5} \times 66 - \frac{45\% \text{ of } 11600}{58} \times 95 = x$
 a) 1500 b) 1450 c) 1350
 d) 1200 e) 1000

- e) $11.111+111.1111+98.99+26.7869=(x)$
 Q.154) 30
 a) $1.321+12.5618-6.1250-10.9+32.1322=(x)$
 b) $((15625)^{\frac{3}{2}-\frac{1}{3}} \div (78125)^{\frac{1}{7}-1}) \times 5 \times 6 = x$
 c) $30 \times \frac{1}{3} \times (0.123 + 1.652 + 0.0027 + 0.2223 + 1) = x$
 d) $(0.236 \times 5) \times 2 + 0.083 + 26 = (x)$
 e) Both (a) and (b)
- Q.155) $\sqrt{\frac{(26)^2}{4}} \times (?) = (15^2 + 10^2)$
 a) 25 b) 24 c) 39
 d) 34 e) 30
- Q.156) 30% of 2540 + (?)% of 15000 = (170.25×8)
 a) 12 b) 10 c) 4
 d) 6 e) 8
- Q.157) $2434+4324+3423-434+42-434=(?)$
 a) 7235 b) 5560 c) 5235
 d) 8955 e) 9355
- Q.158) $3.213+231.23-64.324+42.354=(?)$
 +0.473
 a) 260 b) 212 c) 124
 d) 224 e) 230
- Q.159) $5\frac{1}{2} + 11\frac{1}{3} + 8\frac{3}{5} - 1\frac{2}{3} = (?)$
 a) 21 b) $21\frac{23}{29}$ c) $22\frac{29}{30}$
 d) $23\frac{23}{30}$ e) None of these
- Q.160) $4 \times 8 + 3 \times 2 \times 5 + 2 + 3 = (?)^2 + 3$
 a) 10 b) 12 c) 9
 d) 8 e) 6
- Q.161) $\frac{323}{17} + \frac{667}{23} + (?) = 7^2$
 a) 10 b) 16 c) 9
 d) 4 e) 1
- Q.162) (64% of 1300) $\div 8 - 4 = (?)^2$
 a) 14 b) 12 c) 10
 d) 9 e) 8
- Q.163) $486 + 254 - 360 + (?) = 7^3 + 40$
 a) 5 b) 7 c) 3
 d) 4 e) 2
- Q.164) $[(5 \div 2) \times 8]^2 \div 4^2 = (?) \times 2.5$
 a) 10 b) 12 c) 13
 d) 16 e) 20
- Q.165) $11x + 25 \times 340 + 24\% \text{ of } 300 = 9001$
 a) 42 b) 39 c) 45
 d) 54 e) 48
- Q.166) 45% of 3500 + 40% of 2400 = $x^2 + 35$
 a) 51 b) 52 c) 53
 d) 55 e) 50
- Q.167) $\sqrt{4761} + \sqrt[3]{9261} - \sqrt{7569} = x^2 - 1$
 a) 3 b) 4 c) 5
 d) 2 e) 6
- Q.168) 15% of 2560 + $34 \times 48 = 8x$
 a) 272 b) 324 c) 252
 d) 221 e) 232
- Q.169) $272.72 + 34.34 + 5.252 + 4737.3 + 0.388 = x$
 a) 5049 b) 5048 c) 5051
 d) 5050 e) 5052
- Q.170) 11% of 2400 + $\frac{684}{19} + \sqrt{625} = x\% \text{ of } 25$
 a) 1300 b) 1500 c) 2400
 d) 2600 e) None of these
- Q.171) $450 + 750 + 200 + 40\% \text{ of } 3000 = 13x$
 a) 300 b) 400 c) 500
 d) 200 e) 350
- Q.172) $428 + 237 + 339 + 197 + \frac{4500}{36} = x + 789$
 a) 537 b) 598 c) 542
 d) 582 e) 524
- Q.173) 65% of 1800 - 45% of 2400 = $x + 80$
 a) 20 b) 30 c) 10
 d) 25 e) None of these
- Q.174) $1200+1400+1600 + 2500 + 2300 = x + (\sqrt{1521}) \times 100$
 a) 4900 b) 5100 c) 5400
 d) 5700 e) 6100
- Q.175) $\frac{24}{27} \div \frac{4}{9} \times 15 + 189.5 = ? + 2\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{5}{4}$
 a) 221.5 b) 198.4 c) 222.7
 d) 217.5 e) 238.8
- Q.176) 23% of 678 + 15% of $\sqrt{1024 \times 225} = ?^2 + 2.94$
 a) 18 b) 16 c) 5
 d) 15 e) 21
- Q.177) $38329+34287-2112-322+412=?+2311$
 a) 62183 b) 78382 c) 68901

- d) 72398 e) 68283
 Q.178) $57 \div 3 \times 16 + 2\frac{4}{5}\% \text{ of } 6500 = ?$
 a) 530 b) 445 c) 486
 d) 587 e) 409
- Q.179) $2\frac{6}{7} \times 3\frac{2}{11} \times 2\frac{1}{5} = ?$
 a) 35 b) 20 c) 24
 d) 42 e) 20
- Q.180) $\frac{27}{16} \times \frac{24}{81} \times \frac{20}{9} \times \frac{15}{6} \div \frac{5}{36} = ?$
 a) 27 b) 20 c) 16
 d) 32 e) 18
- Q.181) 54% of 950 + 98% of 900 - 65% of 640 + 34% of 650 = ?
 a) 1200 b) 1150 c) 2130
 d) 3200 e) 2950
- Q.182) $\sqrt[3]{2304} \times \sqrt[3]{729} + 651 - 1005 = ?$
 a) 67 b) 89 c) 78
 d) 87 e) 96
- Q.183) $13^2 - 12^2 - 5^2 + 14^2 - 230 = ?$
 a) -13 b) 28 c) -34
 d) 34 e) 28
- Q.184) $\frac{(\sqrt{1024} + \sqrt{256} \times 12)}{4} = ?$
 a) 9 b) 16 c) 4
 d) 6 e) 12
- Q.185) $231.04+302.76-262.44=x+71.02$
 a) 200.34 b) 281.45 c) 321.01
 d) 342.41 e) 197.53
- Q.186) $81 \times 96 \div 12 = x + 59.29$
 a) 541.67 b) 648.00 c) 588.71
 d) 488.88 e) 707.29
- Q.187) $953.68 + \frac{x}{100} \times 5718 = 2028$
 a) 100.08 b) 18.80 c) 142.11
 d) 130.49 e) 163.33
- Q.188) $999.99 \times 99.9 \times 9 = ?$
 a) 899091.009 b) 989091.009
 c) 998901.090 d) 901998.900
 e) 899901.009
- Q.189) $6(\frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{21}{5}) = ?$
 a) $10\frac{57}{60}$ b) $20\frac{47}{60}$ c) $11\frac{47}{60}$
 d) $10\frac{47}{60}$ e) $10\frac{47}{40}$
- Q.190) $450 + 798 + 27 = x/10$
 a) 12750 b) 12350 c) 18950
 d) 13450 e) 17250
- Q.191) $5643 + 13\% \text{ of } 200 = x - 890$
 a) 6449 b) 6559 c) 7449
 d) 7500 e) 6500
- Q.192) $45 \times 20 + 360/15 = x * 3$
 a) 308 b) 488 c) 368
 d) 408 e) 324
- Q.193) $67.5 + 89.5 + 45.5 + 95.5 = x/10$
 a) 2900 b) 2870 c) 2880
 d) 3180 e) 2980
- Q.194) $\frac{4}{3} + \frac{3}{9} + \frac{5}{27} = \frac{x}{27}$
 a) 48 b) 51 c) 34
 d) 50 e) None of these
- Q.195) 35% of 300 + 45% of 400 = $x + 30$
 a) 245 b) 255 c) 260
 d) 250 e) 210
- Q.196) $47.5 \times 3 + 25\% \text{ of } 350 = x$
 a) 240 b) 230 c) 270
 d) 290 e) None of these
- Q.197) $400+498+689 = x + 739$
 a) 838 b) 948 c) 858
 d) 868 e) 848
- Q.198) $890 + 560 - 540 + 1082 = x + 272$
 a) 1870 b) 1720 c) 1470
 d) 1560 e) 1640
- Q.199) 45% of 300 + 25% of 500 = $x + 130$
 a) 260 b) 250 c) 130
 d) 120 e) 140
- Q.200) $789.6 + 10.4 + 41 = x^2$
 a) Both 29 and -29
 b) 29 c) 841
 d) 831 e) None of these
- Q.201) $4233+8957+9843 = x + 8537 + 10\% \text{ of } 1280$
 a) 14368 b) 15348 c) 12358
 d) 12138 e) 13248
- Q.202) 48% of 500 + 250% of 100 = $x - 123$
 a) 367 b) 613 c) 713

- d) 723 e) 739
 Q.203) $\frac{918}{3} + \frac{1236}{6} + \frac{448}{4} + \frac{117}{13} = x$
 a) 733 b) 634 c) 646
 d) 633 e) 621
- Q.204) $938+90 \times 25 + 148/4 = 1894 + x$
 a) 1335 b) 1115 c) 1675
 d) 1331 e) 1125
- Q.205) $(\frac{34}{7} + \frac{17}{14}) \times 28 = \frac{x}{10}$
 a) 1600 b) 1900 c) 1700
 d) 1650 e) None of these
- Q.206) $450+789+67\% \times 300 = x$
 a) 1540 b) 1230 c) 1440
 d) 1680 e) 1120
- Q.207) $78 \times 300 + 100 \times 24 = x + 75 \times 200$
 a) 6040 b) 5040 c) 10800
 d) 12080 e) 11800
- Q.208) $7845 + 9053 + 1099 + \sqrt{529} = x - 20$
 a) 18040 b) 17000 c) 19000
 d) 21000 e) 15000
- Q.209) $765+784.5+450.5 = x + 450$
 a) 1650 b) 1500 c) 1550
 d) 1700 e) 1800
- Q.210) $400 + 5050 + 670 + \sqrt{729} = x - 13$
 a) 5160 b) 6150 c) 6260
 d) 6160 e) 6170
- Q.211) $\sqrt{576} + \sqrt[3]{1278} = x^2$
 a) 5 b) 6 c) -6
 d) 36 e) Either b or c
- Q.212) $78 \times 15 + 140 \times 20 + \frac{480}{12} = x$
 a) 4120 b) 3230 c) 4010
 d) 4020 e) 3990
- Q.213) $34 \times 50 + 25 \times 150 + 100 = x + 800$
 a) 4350 b) 4750 c) 4550
 d) 4250 e) None of these
- Q.214) $8398+1092 + 594 + 400 = x$
 a) 12848 b) 10484 c) 11484
 d) 9484 e) 12128
- Q.215) $100 + 400 + 500 + 900 + \sqrt[3]{3375} + x = 4000$
 a) 2185 b) 2385 c) 2475
 d) 2085 e) 2175
- Q.216) $9090 \times 2 + 125 \times 100 + 450 + x = 45000$
 a) 18730 b) 18370 c) 17830
 d) 13870 e) 12380
- Q.217) $895.44+789.56+9839=x$
 a) 12434 b) 11524 c) 13244
 d) 12354 e) 13450
- Q.218) $456+950+790+68.5 = x$
 a) 2265.5 b) 2275.5 c) 2274.5
 d) 2254.5 e) 2264.5
- Q.219) $60 \times 20 + 40 \times 30 + 40 \times 15 = x$
 a) 2000 b) 4000 c) 2500
 d) 3500 e) 3000
- Q.220) $7485+9400+1500 = x + 13500$
 a) 5775 b) 4885 c) 4995
 d) 4355 e) 4915
- Q.221) 56% of 200 + 39% of 300 = $x - 45\% \text{ of } 400$
 a) 509 b) 529 c) 429
 d) 409 e) 419
- Q.222) 500% of 200 + 50% of 200 + 10% of 200 = x
 a) 1210 b) 1020 c) 1220
 d) 1120 e) 1230
- Q.223) 80% of 800 + 64% of 300 + 40% of 1250 = x
 a) 1223 b) 1225 c) 1330
 d) 1332 e) 1335
- Q.224) $680+500+450 = x + 750$
 a) 770 b) 850 c) 880
 d) 890 e) 780
- Q.225) $\sqrt{361}\% \text{ of } 200 + \sqrt[3]{3375}\% \text{ of } 1000 = x - 20\% \text{ of } 500$
 a) 278 b) 288 c) 298
 d) 308 e) 268
- Q.226) $8495 + 9005 + 4500 = x + 3400$
 a) 9300 b) 10300 c) 17800
 d) 18600 e) 19200
- Q.227) $89 \times 20 + 75 \times 4 + 400 = x$
 a) 2580 b) 2470 c) 2360
 d) 2560 e) 2480
- Q.228) $890+6790+9005+1000 = x$

- a) 17685 b) 16895 c) 14565
 d) 18965 e) 17865
 Q.229) $78 \times 30 + 40\% \text{ of } 3500 + 50 \times 50 = x$
 a) 5350 b) 6530 c) 8900
 d) 6140 e) 6240
 Q.230) $75\% \text{ of } 200 + 39\% \text{ of } 500 + 40\% \text{ of } 300 = x$
 a) 475 b) 375 c) 425
 d) 465 e) 445
 Q.231) $80\% \text{ of } 480 + 52\% \text{ of } 500 = x + 35\% \text{ of } 500$
 a) 459 b) 449 c) 479
 d) 399 e) 469
 Q.232) $8956 + 8948 + 9304 = x + 14500$
 a) 12708 b) 13608 c) 11508
 d) 12408 e) 11108
 Q.233) $\frac{\sqrt{1089}}{11} + \frac{\sqrt{2304}}{16} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{729}}{3} = 3^x$
 a) 9 b) 3 c) 2
 d) 1 e) 0
 Q.234) $8900 + 6890 + 6500 + \sqrt{14400} = x$
 a) 23410 b) 23120 c) 21340
 d) 22310 e) 22410
 Q.235) $75\% \text{ of } 2500 + 35\% \text{ of } 7000 + 255\% \text{ of } 2000 = x$
 a) 9355 b) 9325 c) 9265
 d) 9465 e) 9425
 Q.236) $800 \times 25 + 1600 + 15\% \text{ of } 400 = x$
 a) 22660 b) 21660 c) 22560
 d) 21560 e) 23540
 Q.237) $47^2 + 28^2 + 11^3 = x$
 a) 4335 b) 4435 c) 4235
 d) 4324 e) 4500
 Q.238) $6700 + 40\% \text{ of } 6800 + 45 \times 20 = x$
 a) 7872 b) 10320 c) 11430
 d) 10120 e) 7782
 Q.239) $\frac{54 \times 39 \times 49 \times 79}{9 \times 13 \times 98} = 79 \times x$
 a) 49 b) 54 c) 79
 d) 9 e) 98
 Q.240) $4500 - 678 + 8900 - 1578 = x + 3420$
 a) 8834 b) 7734 c) 7474
 d) 7724 e) 7234
 Q.241) $56\% \text{ of } 2000 + 27\% \text{ of } 3000 + 45 \times 60 = x$
 a) 4740 b) 4340 c) 4640
 d) 4580 e) 4630
 Q.242) $789 + 908 - 875.5 + 465 = x + 779.5$
 a) 407 b) 509 c) 527
 d) 577 e) 507
 Q.243) $\frac{323}{19} \times \frac{221}{13} \times \frac{272}{16} \times \frac{238}{14} = 17^x$
 a) 17 b) 3 c) 17⁴
 d) 4 e) 1
 Q.244) $66.66 + 666.6 + 6.06 + 606.6 + 0.60 = x$
 a) 1356.52 b) 1246.52 c) 1256.52
 d) 1346.52 e) 1256.58
 Q.245) $9800 + 9093 + 8909 + 9580 = 15\% \text{ of } 60000 + x$
 a) 38382 b) 28384 c) 28942
 d) 29832 e) 28382
 Q.246) $6500 + 1500 + 5000 + 2350 = x + 1000$
 a) 13450 b) 14350 c) 12350
 d) 12450 e) None of these
 Q.247) $48\% \text{ of } 600 + 65\% \text{ of } 900 - 55 \times 6 = x$
 a) 563 b) 753 c) 663
 d) 543 e) 533
 Q.248) $650 + 755.5 + \sqrt{3481} - 545.5 = x + 450$
 a) 479 b) 449 c) 459
 d) 469 e) 359
 Q.249) $\frac{4500}{67} \times \frac{134}{900} \times \frac{357}{17} = 3x$
 a) 210 b) 3 c) 63
 d) 70 e) 330
 Q.250) $455.5 + 758 + 905.5 - 45.4 = x + 68.6$
 a) 2017 b) 2010 c) 2003
 d) 2001 e) 2005

ANSWER KEYS

SIMPLIFICATION

1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (a) 5. (e) 6. (b) 7. (d) 8. (c) 9. (b) 10. (a) 11. (c) 12. (d) 13. (d) 14. (c) 15. (a) 16. (c) 17. (a) 18. (b) 19. (b) 20. (b) 21. (b) 22. (c) 23. (d) 24. (a) 25. (e) 26. (e) 27. (d) 28. (c) 29. (d) 30. (c) 31. (a) 32. (b) 33. (c) 34. (d) 35. (c) 36. (b) 37. (b) 38. (c) 39. (e) 40. (e) 41. (a) 42. (d) 43. (b) 44. (c) 45. (a) 46. (b) 47. (e) 48. (b) 49. (c) 50. (a) 51. (d) 52. (b) 53. (c) 54. (d) 55. (c) 56. (e) 57. (d) 58. (d) 59. (c) 60. (e) 61. (c) 62. (a) 63. (c) 64. (d) 65. (b) 66. (a) 67. (d) 68. (a) 69. (c) 70. (b) 71. (d) 72. (e) 73. (b) 74. (e) 75. (c) 76. (d) 77. (d) 78. (c) 79. (d) 80. (c) 81. (b) 82. (d) 83. (d) 84. (d) 85. (a) 86. (c) 87. (c) 88. (d) 89. (e) 90. (b) 91. (c) 92. (d) 93. (c) 94. (b) 95. (d) 96. (b) 97. (c) 98. (a) 99. (b) 100. (d) 101. (e) 102. (d) 103. (d) 104. (c) 105. (a) 106. (b) 107. (c) 108. (d) 109. (c) 110. (a) 111. (e) 112. (c) 113. (c) 114. (d) 115. (e) 116. (a) 117. (b) 118. (e) 119. (b) 120. (c) 121. (a) 122. (d) 123. (a) 124. (d) 125. (b) 126. (a) 127. (c) 128. (a) 129. (e) 130. (c) 131. (d) 132. (d) 133. (c) 134. (d) 135. (e) 136. (b) 137. (c) 138. (d) 139. (e) 140. (d) 141. (a) 142. (c) 143. (c) 144. (a) 145. (d) 146. (c) 147. (b) 148. (a) 149. (d) 150. (b) 151. (c) 152. (b) 153. (e) 154. (d) 155. (a) 156. (c) 157. (e) 158. (b) 159. (d) 160. (d) 161. (e) 162. (c) 163. (c) 164. (a) 165. (b) 166. (e) 167. (d) 168. (c) 169. (d) 170. (a) 171. (d) 172. (a) 173. (c) 174. (b) 175. (d) 176. (d) 177. (e) 178. (c) 179. (b) 180. (b) 181. (a) 182. (c) 183. (c) 184. (d) 185. (a) 186. (c) 187. (b) 188. (a) 189. (d) 190. (a) 191. (b) 192. (a) 193. (e) 194. (d) 195. (b) 196. (b) 197. (e) 198. (b) 199. (c) 200. (a) 201. (a) 202. (b) 203. (d) 204. (d) 205. (c) 206. (c) 207. (c) 208. (a) 209. (c) 210. (d) 211. (e) 212. (c) 213. (b) 214. (b) 215. (d) 216. (d) 217. (b) 218. (e) 219. (e) 220. (b) 221. (d) 222. (d) 223. (d) 224. (c) 225. (b) 226. (d) 227. (e) 228. (a) 229. (e) 230. (d) 231. (e) 232. (a) 233. (c) 234. (e) 235. (e) 236. (b) 237. (d) 238. (b) 239. (d) 240. (d) 241. (e) 242. (e) 243. (d) 244. (d) 245. (e) 246. (b) 247. (d) 248. (d) 249. (d) 250. (e)

CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. (d), 2. (e), 3. (e), 4. (d), 5. (a), 6. (b), 7. (d), 8. (b), 9. (b), 10. (b), 11. (e), 12. (a), 13. (c), 14. (c), 15. (b), 16. (d), 17. (b), 18. (e), 19. (d), 20. (e), 21. (e), 22. (b), 23. (e), 24. (a), 25. (a), 26. (d), 27. (c), 28. (c), 29. (c), 30. (c), 31. (b), 32. (d), 33. (b), 34. (d), 35. (b), 36. (b), 37. (c), 38. (b), 39. (d), 40. (d), 41. (b), 42. (b), 43. (c), 44. (e), 45. (c), 46. (d), 47. (b), 48. (c), 49. (b), 50. (b), 51. (d), 52. (b), 53. (a), 54. (c), 55. (b), 56. (d), 57. (b), 58. (a), 59. (d), 60. (c), 61. (d), 62. (e), 63. (b), 64. (c), 65. (e), 66. (b), 67. (c), 68. (b), 69. (c), 70. (c), 71. (d), 72. (e), 73. (a), 74. (a), 75. (c), 76. (c), 77. (c), 78. (c), 79. (b), 80. (e), 81. (e), 82. (b), 83. (d), 84. (a), 85. (b), 86. (d), 87. (a), 88. (d), 89. (d), 90. (e), 91. (b), 92. (c), 93. (d), 94. (c), 95. (a), 96. (c), 97. (e), 98. (d), 99. (c), 100. (e), 101. (b), 102. (b), 103. (b), 104. (e), 105. (e), 106. (c), 107. (a), 108. (d), 109. (e), 110. (c), 111. (c), 112. (c), 113. (b), 114. (e), 115. (b), 116. (c), 117. (b), 118. (c), 119. (a), 120. (b), 121.

- (c), 122. (a), 123. (b), 124. (d), 125. (c), 126. (b), 127. (b), 128. (d), 129. (a), 130. (b), 131. (e), 132. (a), 133. (a), 134. (c), 135. (d), 136. (b), 137. (a), 138. (c), 139. (b), 140. (d), 141. (c), 142. (d), 143. (c), 144. (a), 145. (b), 146. (d), 147. (d), 148. (d), 149. (d), 150. (b), 151. (d), 152. (c), 153. (d), 154. (e), 155. (d), 156. (a), 157. (d), 158. (b), 159. (e), 160. (c), 161. (b), 162. (a), 163. (a), 164. (e), 165. (b), 166. (b), 167. (e), 168. (e), 169. (e), 170. (b), 171. (a), 172. (e), 173. (c), 174. (b), 175. (b), 176. (e), 177. (c), 178. (c), 179. (d), 180. (d), 181. (b), 182. (b), 183. (b), 184. (e), 185. (c), 186. (c), 187. (c), 188. (c), 189. (e), 190. (c), 191. (e), 192. (c), 193. (e), 194. (e), 195. (c), 196. (d), 197. (b), 198. (b), 199. (d), 200. (b), 201. (a), 202. (c), 203. (d), 204. (d), 205. (e), 206. (e), 207. (a), 208. (a), 209. (c), 210. (e), 211. (a), 212. (d), 213. (c), 214. (e), 215. (d), 216. (c), 217. (a), 218. (c), 219. (b), 220. (b), 221. (c), 222. (e), 223. (b), 224. (d), 225. (c), 226. (d), 227. (c), 228. (c), 229. (d), 230. (d), 231. (d), 232. (e), 233. (c), 234. (e), 235. (a), 236. (c), 237. (c), 238. (c), 239. (a), 240. (c), 241. (d), 242. (c), 243. (d), 244. (d), 245. (d), 246. (d), 247. (e), 248. (b), 249. (b), 250. (d), 251. (d), 252. (e), 253. (e), 254. (e), 255. (b), 256. (b), 257. (d), 258. (c), 259. (c), 260. (c), 261. (a), 262. (d), 263. (e), 264. (b), 265. (a), 266. (c), 267. (e), 268. (b), 269. (a), 270. (c),

BANKING AWARENESS

1. (b), 2. (c), 3. (d), 4. (d), 5. (d), 6. (d), 7. (e), 8. (b), 9. (a), 10. (c), 11. (a), 12. (b), 13. (b), 14. (e), 15. (b), 16. (b), 17. (d), 18. (c), 19. (c), 20. (e), 21. (c), 22. (b), 23. (c), 24. (d), 25. (b), 26. (e), 27. (d), 28. (b), 29. (b), 30. (e), 31. (b), 32. (d), 33. (b), 34. (b), 35. (e), 36. (c), 37. (b), 38. (e), 39. (e), 40. (b), 41. (e), 42. (e), 43. (e), 44. (e), 45. (b), 46. (d), 47. (c), 48. (b), 49. (d), 50. (c), 51. (b), 52. (e), 53. (e), 54. (d), 55. (b), 56. (b), 57. (d), 58. (c), 59. (b), 60. (c), 61. (d), 62. (a), 63. (d), 64. (d), 65. (a), 66. (d), 67. (c), 68. (b), 69. (b), 70. (b), 71. (a), 72. (c), 73. (e), 74. (b), 75. (a), 76. (e), 77. (c), 78. (e), 79. (d), 80. (b), 81. (d), 82. (d), 83. (c), 84. (b), 85. (c), 86. (d), 87. (a), 88. (c), 89. (d), 90. (e), 91. (a), 92. (b), 93. (a), 94. (d), 95. (c), 96. (e), 97. (e), 98. (e), 99. (e), 100. (d), 101. (a), 102. (b), 103. (a), 104. (d), 105. (c), 106. (d), 107. (d), 108. (d), 109. (a), 110. (a), 111. (a), 112. (b), 113. (a), 114. (a), 115. (d), 116. (a), 117. (b), 118. (e), 119. (d), 120. (d), 121. (a), 122. (c), 123. (e), 124. (d), 125. (b), 126. (b), 127. (e), 128. (e), 129. (d), 130. (b), 131. (e), 132. (d), 133. (a), 134. (e), 135. (b), 136. (d), 137. (e), 138. (d), 139. (c), 140. (c), 141. (d), 142. (c), 143. (b), 144. (c), 145. (c), 146. (e), 147. (c), 148. (c), 149. (b), 150. (e), 151. (e), 152. (d), 153. (b), 154. (a), 155. (b), 156. (c), 157. (a), 158. (e), 159. (a), 160. (e), 161. (b), 162. (e), 163. (e), 164. (c), 165. (e), 166. (e), 167. (e), 168. (c), 169. (a), 170. (b), 171. (e), 172. (e), 173. (c), 174. (d), 175. (c), 176. (a), 177. (b), 178. (d), 179. (d), 180. (a), 181. (d), 182. (a), 183. (e), 184. (d), 185. (c), 186. (c), 187. (a), 188. (c), 189. (e), 190. (a), 191. (b), 192. (b), 193. (e), 194. (d), 195. (c), 196. (c), 197. (d), 198. (b), 199. (c), 200. (e),