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**NATIONAL**

**GRSE Becomes 1st Indian Shipyard to Deliver 100 Warships:**

➤ **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)** became the **first shipyard** in the country to deliver **100 warships**.  
 ➤ Its 100th warship **Landing Craft Utility (LCU) L-56** was recently handed over to Indian Navy. 100 warships built by GRSE so far range from anti-submarine warfare corvettes to advanced frigates to fleet tankers, fast attack crafts, etc for Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard.

**Indian Army Builds Longest Suspension Bridge Over River Indus:**

➤ **Indian Army** builds the longest suspension bridge over Indus river in **Leh, Ladakh**. Built in a record time of 40 days '**Maitri Bridge**' (**260-feet**) is longest Suspension Bridge over Indus River.  
 ➤ The bridge was built by the combat engineers belonging to the Sahas aur Yogyata regiment of Indian Army's Fire & Fury Corps.

**Govt has constituted a panel to review a ban imposed on Jamaat-e-Islami & JKLF:**

➤ The Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal**, to determine the sufficient cause to ban **Jamaat-e-Islami**, and **Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF)** faction. It will be headed by **Justice Chander Shekhar** of the Delhi High Court.  
 ➤ The tribunal has been formed by Government after exercising its powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

**India's First Indigenously Built Dhanush Howitzer Inducted in Army:**

➤ In a major boost to India's firepower, **country's first indigenously** designed and developed **Dhanush artillery gun** was inducted in the Indian Army during a ceremony held at Ordnance Factory in Jabalpur, MP.  
 ➤ **Dhanush 155mm/45 calibre towed gun** system can be deployed in all types of terrains. The Dhanush gun system is **based on the designs of the Bofors howitzer** would be the third type of artillery gun to be inducted into

the force after the K-9 Vajra and the M-777 ultra-light howitzers.

**'Jashn-E-Ittihaad' Was Held in New Delhi:**

➤ **A music and poetry festival** titled '**Jashn-e-Ittihaad**' was held at the Jamia Milia Islamia central university in New Delhi to spread awareness about unity amongst the youth.  
 ➤ It was organized by **Delhi-based entertainment company Question Associates Pvt Ltd**.

**Biannual Army Commanders' Conference Began In New Delhi:**

➤ The **biannual Army Commanders' Conference** will begin in New Delhi today. Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** will deliver her opening address at the conference.  
 ➤ During the conference, important issues that are likely to be discussed are the management of the **extant security dynamics, mitigation of future security threats and enhancement of combat edge over potential adversaries**.

**Prasar Bharati Chairman releases booklet of 'Selected speeches of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly':**

➤ **Prasar Bharati Chairman, A Surya Prakash** released a booklet of the '**Selected speeches of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly**', in New Delhi. The event was organized to commemorate the contributions of **Baba Saheb** in the upliftment of underprivileged in the country.

**RailTel turns 1600 railway stations into RailWire Wi-Fi zone:**

➤ **RailWire Wi-Fi by RailTel** is now live at 1600 railway stations across the country, with **Santacruz railway station in Mumbai** becoming the 1600<sup>th</sup> station to become a **RailWire Wi-Fi zone, the Western Railway**.  
 ➤ **RailTel Corporation, a "Mini Ratna (category-I)" PSU**, is one of the largest neutral telecom infrastructure providers in the country owning a pan-India optic fibre network on exclusive Right of Way (ROW) along Railway track.

**Release of PM Modi Biopic Deferred Till Further Orders From EC:**

➤ **India's Electoral Commission** has issued an order to **ban display of any biopic** or publicity material during Manual Code of Conduct, which could sub serve the purposes of any

political entity or any individual entity connected to it.

➤ **Election Commission's order** under **Article 324** that prohibits display/exhibit any biopic/publicity material when Model Code of Conduct is in force.  
 ➤ The ban was concerned with the biopic film on **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**.

**IMO's New Rule on Electronic Information Exchange Between Ships And Ports Comes Into Force:**

➤ **A new global rule** mandated by the **International Maritime Organisation (IMO)** for national governments to introduce electronic information exchange between ships and ports took effect.  
 ➤ The requirement, mandatory under IMO's Convention on Facilitation of **International Maritime Traffic (FAL Convention)**, is part of a package of amendments under the **revised Annex to the FAL Convention, adopted in 2016**.

**CMFRI joins hands with ISRO to protect coastal wetlands:**

➤ The **Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)** and the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** have joined hands to **map, validate and protect smaller wetlands in the coastal belt of the country**.  
 ➤ And to **develop a mobile app and a centralised web portal** with a complete database of wetlands smaller than 2.25 hectares in the country.  
 ➤ The collaborative move is part of a national framework for fisheries and wetlands recently developed by the **National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) project of CMFRI**.

**India successfully test fires subsonic cruise missile 'Nirbhay' off Odisha coast:**

➤ **India** successfully test fired '**Nirbhay**', the 1,000 km strike range **sub-sonic cruise missile**, off the coast of Odisha.  
 ➤ **Nirbhay** cruise missile is the country's **first indigenously** designed and developed long-range cruise missile by the **India's Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE)**, a lab under Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The missile is nuclear capable, can be equipped with **300kg warhead**.

**Venkaiah Naidu at 4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress 2019:**

- The **4<sup>th</sup> Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress 2019** organised by the **International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)** and co-hosted by South Delhi Municipal Corporation started **in New Delhi**.
- It was launched **in 2010**. The **first three editions** conducted **in Bangkok, Thailand** in February 2015, **Malaysia** in March 2016 and **Vietnam** in December 2017.

**Ministry of External Affairs sets up Indo-Pacific Wing:**

- **The Ministry of External Affairs** has set up an **Indo-Pacific division in the foreign office**. The Indo-Pacific division is intended to give a coherent architecture to the Indo-Pacific policy.
- The Indo-Pacific Wing will integrate the **Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), ASEAN region and the Quad**. The **Indo-Pacific Wing** is currently headed by joint secretary **Vikram Doraiswami**
- The policy was articulated by PM Narendra Modi **at the Shangri-La Dialogue in 2018**. In India, the policy will be run by the MEA.

**Coast Guard patrol ship Veera commissioned:**

- Chief of Army Staff General **Bipin Rawat** commissioned the **Indian Coast Guard Ship Veera** at a ceremony held at Naval Jetty at the dockyard in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Veera, third in the series** of offshore patrol vessels of the Coast Guard, was built by L&T at its shipbuilding facility at **Kattupalli in Chennai**.

**Suspension of LoC Trade between J&K and PoJK:**

- **Ministry of Home Affairs** has issued orders **to suspend the LoC trade in Jammu & Kashmir**. This action has been taken as the Government of India has been receiving reports that the **Cross LoC trade routes are being misused** by the Pakistan based elements for funnelling illegal weapons, narcotics and fake currency etc.
- The trade is allowed through two Trade Facilitation Centres located at **Salamabad, Uri, District Baramulla and Chakkan-da-Bagh, District Poonch**. The trade takes place **four days a week**. The Trade is based on Barter system and zero duty basis.

**Govt to add over 2 lakh seats in 158 institutions for 10% EWS quota:**

- In a bid to introduce **10 per cent reservation** for **Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)** among forward castes from the **2019-20 academic session**, the government of India will add over 2 lakh additional seats in **158**

**Central Educational Institutions (CEIs) across the country.**

- With the approval of the Cabinet, a total of **2,14,766 additional seats** will be created. While 1,19,983 additional seats will be created during 2019-20 academic session, 95,783 seats will be added in 2020-21.

**Election Commission launches Voter Turnout app on Google Play Store:**

- **The Election Commission of India (ECI)** has launched a new mobile app "**Voter Turnout**" for the voters across the country to see the real time availability of voter turnout during the election season in the country.
- **The beta version of the ECI's Voter Turnout app** is available for download on the Google Play Store and as of now it has been downloaded over 5,000 times.

**20 states join pan-India single emergency helpline number 112:**

- **Twenty states and Union territories** have so far joined a pan-India network of **single emergency helpline number '112'** on which immediate assistance can be sought by anyone in distress.
- The **Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)** envisages a single pan-India emergency number '112', which is an internationally recognised number, to target all types of emergencies.
- The '112' helpline is an **integration of police (100), fire (101) and women (1090) helpline numbers** and the project is being implemented **under the central government's Nirbhaya Fund**.
- **The 20 states and Union Territories include** Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Jammu and Kashmir and Nagaland.

**FAME II scheme has made compulsory for electric vehicles to 50% localisation for receiving subsidies:**

- The steering committee has mandated that **only companies that meet the 50% localisation threshold will be eligible for the incentives** that will be available under the **Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME-II) scheme** to boost electric mobility as well as the 'Make in India' initiative.
- The decision has been taken **to ensure that the taxpayer's money** is not used to subsidise imports and encourage local manufacturing.
- The conditions under FAME II scheme were decided by the Inter-Ministerial Steering

**Committee of National Mission for Transformative Mobility headed by Amitabh Kant, (Chief executive Officer) CEO of NITI Aayog.****Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addresses Naval Commanders Conference:**

- **Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** addressed the **Naval Commanders Conference in New Delhi**. The three-day Conference is the apex forum within the Service for interaction between the Naval Commanders
- **It will provide** the higher naval leadership a forum to discuss the emerging challenges in the maritime domain. The conference also serves as a platform for interaction of Naval Commanders with senior Government Officials.

**AYUSH Ministry inks MoU with CSIR:**

- **The Ministry of AYUSH** inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi** for cooperation in research and education in areas of traditional systems of medicine and its integration with modern science.
- The MoU was signed by AYUSH Secretary **Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha** and CSIR Director General **Dr Shekhar C Mande** and Secretary, DSIR.

**New Coast Guard vessel to be inducted: ICGS C-441**

- The newly built Coast Guard vessel **ICGS C-441** will be commissioned into the service at **Vizhinjam Harbour, Kerala**. ICGS C-441 is seventh interceptor vessel amongst the series designed and built indigenously **by L & T Surat**.
- Chief Secretary **Tom Jose** will commission the ship in a ceremonial function. Inspector General **Vijay D. Chafekar**, PTM, TM, Commander Coast Guard Region (West), Mumbai will be present during the event.
- It has an overall length of **27.8 metres**, displacement 106 tonnes and a maximum speed of 45 knots (83 km/hr).

**CBSE To Allow Visual Aids for Disabled Kids From 2020:**

- The **CBSE students, from 2020**, will be **allowed to use magnifying glasses and portable video magnifiers** during the Class X final examination.
- **Alternative-type questions** will be provided in lieu of questions having visual inputs for visually impaired candidates in social science.
- The **CBSE affiliated schools** have been directed **to ensure that premises are disabled friendly by 2020** with all the educational institutions, including hostels, libraries and laboratories to have barrier-free access. Also the schools have been directed not to deny admission to children with special needs in mainstream education.

**High-Level Revamp: Anti-Hijack Panel to Now Include PMO Brass**

➤ The government has revamped its **high-level anti-hijack panel** to include top officials the Prime Minister's Office, especially National Security **Advisor Ajit Doval**, who will be empowered to coordinate any immediate military response.

➤ This freshly reconstituted panel called the **Committee of Secretaries on Aircraft Hijack (COSAH)** will also have Nripendra Mishra, principal secretary to the prime minister and P K Mishra, additional principal secretary as its members.

➤ However, the panel will continue to be **headed by Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha** despite presence of senior PMO officials.

**Deposits in Jan Dhan Accounts Fast Inching Towards Rs 1 Lakh Crore Mark:**

➤ The total deposits in bank accounts opened under the **Jan Dhan scheme**, which was launched about five years ago by the Modi-government, **are set to cross Rs.1 lakh crore soon.**

➤ The total balance in the Jan Dhan accounts, which has been steadily rising, was at **Rs.97,665.66 crore** as on April 3, as per the latest government data.

➤ The **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)** was launched on **August 28, 2014** with an aim to provide universal access to banking facilities to all households. The overdraft limit was also **doubled to Rs.10,000.**

**DPIIT proposes Startup India Vision 2024; proposes tax sops for new ventures:**

➤ The **Commerce and Industry Ministry** has proposed a host of measures such as tax incentives **to promote budding entrepreneurs as part of the 'Startup India Vision 2024'.**

➤ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the ministry, which has prepared the document, has also suggested setting up of 500 new incubators and **accelerators by 2024**; 100 innovation zones in urban local bodies; deployment of entire corpus of Rs.10,000 crore Fund of Funds; and expanding CSR funding to incubators.

➤ The other measures include setting up of **Rs.1,000 crore 'India startup fund'** to support high technology start-ups; providing Rs 1,000 crore of seed funding; and operationalisation of seven research parks by 2024.

**Government hikes customs duty on wheat to 40%:**

➤ The **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)**, through a notification, has

hiked the basic customs duty (BCD) on wheat to **40 percent** from 30 percent to curb imports and protect the domestic industry.

➤ The government wants **to restrict overseas purchase** so that domestic prices of wheat do not come under pressure as the country's wheat output is expected to scale a record high this year.

**RBI gets SC ultimatum on RTI Act disclosures:**

➤ The Supreme Court bench headed by **Justice L Nageswara Rao** has ordered the **Reserve Bank of India** to disclose its annual inspection reports of banks, along with the list of wilful defaulters and information related to them **under the Right to Information Act.**

**STATES**

**ASSAM**

**Assam to launch Sankalp mobile app for first time voters:**

➤ In **Assam**, the Bongaigaon district administration has developed a **mobile app Sankalp** to particularly reach out to the first-time voters. This initiative is taken to encourage the first-time voters.

➤ Bongaigaon Deputy Commissioner Adil Khan said that a special initiative has been taken to encourage the first-time voters. The messages will be sent to the first-time voters on their mobile phones, requesting them to download the 'Sankalp' app.

**Guwahati Railway Station First to Get ISO Certification In India:**

➤ The **Guwahati Railway Station** has become the **first ever railway station** in the Indian Railways to get an **ISO certification** from the **National Green Tribunal (NGT)** for "providing passenger amenities in a clean and green environment."

➤ The station also has amenities such as **High-class reserve (VIP) lounge**, waiting rooms, AC and non-AC retiring rooms, food courts and sanitation facilities.

➤ ISO stands for "**International Organisation for Standardisation**" that is responsible for establishing the standard in different areas of activities. Many types of ISO certification exist and the one received by Guwahati Railway Station is **ISO-14001**, which is for **Environment Management System** as per international norms which were upgraded in 2015. Thus, the station's certificate reads **ISO 14001: 2015.**

**Rongali Bihu festival celebrated in Assam:**

➤ **Assam** celebrates major agricultural events as the **festival of Bihu**. In Assam, three Bihu festivals are celebrated in a year called as **Rongali Bihu** or Bohag Bihu, Bhugali (Magh Bihu) and Kangali (Kati Bihu) for marking the **distinctive phase in the farming calendar.**

➤ This festival is observed at almost the same time as **Baisakhi** in Punjab, **Poila Baisakh** in Bengal, **Puthandu** in Tamil Nadu and **Vishu** in Kerala this year.

**ASSAM**

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

**HIMACHAL PRADESH**

**Meteorological Department Issues 'Yellow' Weather Warning for Himachal Pradesh:**

➤ The **Meteorological Department** has issued a yellow weather warning for rain in **Himachal Pradesh.**

➤ The MeT office issues color-coded warnings to **alert people ahead of severe or hazardous weather** which has the potential to cause "damage, widespread disruption or danger to life".

**HIMACHAL PRADESH**

- Capital: **Shimla**
- Chief Minister: **Jai Ram Thakur**
- Governor: **Acharya Dev Vrat**

**JAMMU & KASHMIR**

**A mobile app launched to facilitate elderly voters in Jammu: Sahulat**

➤ An Android-based application named "**Sahulat**" was launched to facilitate and to encourage the elder voters for participating in the elections in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district.

➤ District Election Officer of Rajouri, **Mohammad Aijaz Asad** launched the application for the voters who are **90 years old or above.** The app has been developed by the **district unit of the National Informatics Centre.**

**JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

- **Capital:** Srinagar (Summer), Jammu (Winter)
- **Governor:** Satya Pal Malik

**MADHYA PRADESH**

**MHA gives nod to rename 'Durjanpur' in MP's Katni as 'Shivdham':**

➤ The Centre has approved a proposal to change the name of a **village in Madhya Pradesh from 'Durjanpur' to 'Shivdham'.**

➤ The move came after the Home Ministry got no objection from the **Geographical Survey of India (GSI)**, the Department of Post, the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

**MADHYA PRADESH**

- Capital: **Bhopal**
- Chief Minister: **Kamal Nath**
- Governor: **Anandiben Patel**

**MAHARASHTRA**

**EsselWorld Launches India's First Foreign Interactive Bird Park in Mumbai:**

➤ **India's first foreign interactive and Exotic World Park** was inaugurated in **Mumbai**. Bird lovers are up for a treat with this interactive bird park in Mumbai.

➤ The park is spread across 1.4 acres and is home to over 500 exotic birds from more than 60 species. **EsselWorld** is the largest amusement park in the country and **Water Kingdom Park** in Mumbai is one of the **largest Theme Water Parks in Asia**.

**MAHARASHTRA**

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

**MANIPUR**

**Phayeng Village of Manipur Becomes India's 1st Carbon-Positive Settlement:**

➤ Imphal West district of Manipur namely **Phayeng Village** has become **India's first carbon-positive settlement**.

➤ A village is given carbon-positive tag if it sequesters more carbon than it emits, slowing accumulation of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and mitigating effects of climate change. Phayeng Village is scheduled caste village of the Chakpa community.

**MANIPUR**

- Capital: **Imphal**
- Chief Minister: **Biren Singh**
- Governor: **Najma Heptulla**

**NAGALAND**

**Nagaland Observes 75th Anniversary of The Battle Of Kohima:**

➤ The **75th anniversary of the Battle of Kohima** was observed by the Nagaland government on **April 4th, 2019** with **representatives from the UK and Japan**.

➤ Theme: **'Remembrance, Reconciliation and Rebirth'**.

**Around 5000 Konyak Women Dance to Set A Guinness World Record At Mon, Nagaland:**

➤ Around **5000 women of Konyak community** performed at the local ground of **Mon town**, in their attempt to enter Guinness World Record for **'Largest Traditional Konyak Dance display'**.

➤ It was organised on the final day of **Aoleang cum Mini Hornbill Festival 2019**.

**NAGALAND**

- Capital: **Kohima**
- Chief Minister: **Neiphiu Rio**
- Governor: **Padmanabha Acharya**

**TAMIL NADU**

**Chennai Central Loses Chance to Be Longest Railway Station Name by a Single Letter:**

➤ **Chennai Central Railway station in Tamil Nadu**, officially known as **Puratchi Thalaivar**

**Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Railway Station** with its 57-character count missed the chance of having the title of world's longest railway station name by an alphabet.

➤ The record for the **longest railway station name**, which is 58 letters long, is held by 'Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysi liogogoch' in **Wales**.

**TAMIL NADU**

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

**TELANGANA**

**Telangana Tops In eLearning Training for Field Staff:**

➤ **Telangana** ranks number **one** in the **e-Learning training program** of the Department of Personnel and Training Government India for the consecutive **second year** in succession.

➤ During the financial year **2018-19**, Dr. MCR HRD Institute enrolled over **20,000** field staff in different districts of the State to impart training on **12** soft skills modules and **3** domain-specific modules on RTI, Office Procedures, and Finance & Accounts, apart from Sustainable Development Goals.

**Nizamabad Likely to Enter Guinness Book For Maximum Number of EVMs Used:**

➤ **The Nizamabad Lok Sabha constituency**, where polling is underway along with 16 other constituencies in Telangana, may make it the **Guinness World Records for the maximum number of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)**.

➤ It became the first constituency in the country to witness polling with EVMs for a **large number of candidates (185 candidates)**.

➤ This new version of EVMs was developed by the **Electronics Corp of India Ltd (ECIL) and Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL)**.

**TELANGANA**

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

**UTTAR PRADESH**

**3-day National Cardiology Conference started in Lucknow:**

➤ The 3-day **National Cardiology Conference 2019** has been started at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of medical sciences in **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**.

➤ The conference being held for the first time in Uttar Pradesh to provide an opportunity to showcase newer innovations in Cardiology which can help to deliver cost-effective cardiology care for the patients.

**'Bold Kurukshetra-2019' Kicked off in Uttar Pradesh:**

➤ The three-day military exercise between **India and Singapore** named, **'Bold**

**Kurukshetra-2019'**, is being conducted to develop military technology, boost maritime security and bolster the nations' fight against terrorism in **Jhansi's Babina Cantonment, Uttar Pradesh to strengthen cooperation against terrorism, develop defence technology and boost maritime security**.

**Uttar Pradesh**

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

**INTERNATIONAL**

**US signed agreement with Oman to use its Southern Ports:**

➤ The **United States Navy** has signed an agreement with **Oman** to use the **southern Omani ports** which will allow American ships and warplanes to take advantage of omani ports and airports.

➤ This deal is aimed at bolstering **Omani-American military relations**. This will also benefit the facilities offered at some of the Sultanate's ports and airports during visits of the US military vessels and aircraft, particularly in the port of Duqm.

**Oman**

- Capital: **Muscat**
- Currency: **Omani Rial**

**India, US Conduct Anti-Submarine Warfare Drill in Indian Ocean:**

➤ **The Indian and U.S. navies** held an anti-submarine warfare exercise involving P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and its Indian variant, the **P-8I Neptune advanced maritime patrol/anti-submarine warfare aircraft**, near Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

**Indian Government clears procurement of 464 Russian tanks under the T-90 Project:**

➤ Amid heightened tensions with **Pakistan**, the Narendra Modi government has cleared the procurement of **464 T-90 tanks** from Russia in a deal worth **over Rs 13,500 crore**.

➤ Under the new deal, the tanks would be provided to the **Armoured Corps** of the force which will use them for deployment **along the border with Pakistan**.

➤ **India and Pakistan** are engaged in a battle of sorts due to the increasing tensions after the Pulwama attack on February 14.

**'African Lion 2019': A joint military Exercise kicked off In Morocco**

➤ **"African Lion 2019,"** – The joint military exercise between **Morocco and the US** has been kicked off in southern Morocco. The exercise marks the participation of thousands of military officers.

➤ The exercise will include various types of training including command post, manoeuvring, peacekeeping, operations, and aerial refuelling.

**Morocco**

- Capital: **Rabat**
- Currency: **Moroccan dirham**

**China Launches Its Second Generational Data Relay Satellite: Tianlian II-01**

➤ **China** launched the first of its **new-generation data relay satellites** into orbit that will provide **data relay, measurement,** and control services for its manned spacecraft.

➤ The spacecraft is the first in China's second generation of data relay satellite which was launched by a Long**March-3B** carrier rocket from the **Xichang Satellite Launch Centre** in southwest China's Sichuan Province.

**India and Chile Exchange 3 MoUs For Cooperation in mining, culture, disability:**

➤ **India and Chile** signed 3 MoUs in the fields of **mining, culture and empowerment** of persons with disabilities.

➤ During bilateral talks Chile announces it will allow visa-free entry to Indians holding valid US Visa. The two countries also agreed to explore opportunities for other cooperation in the defence sector.

➤ President Ram Nath Kovind has concluded his visit to Chile, the last leg of his three nation visit to Bolivia, Croatia and Chile.

**Chile**

- Capital: **Santiago**
- Currency: **Chilean peso**

**16th meeting of the Canada-India Joint Working Group on Counterterrorism hosted by Ottawa:**

➤ The **16<sup>th</sup> meeting** of the **Canada-India Joint Working Group** on Counterterrorism and its Expert Sub-group was held in **Ottawa** to provide detailed briefings on their respective nation's counter-terrorism priorities, strategies and legislative frameworks.

➤ India and Canada have signed an agreement on a Joint Action Plan outlining to strengthen collaboration in counterterrorism.

**CANADA**

- Capital: **Ottawa**
- Currency: **Canadian Dollar**

**Japan reveals name of new imperial era will be 'Reiwa':**

➤ **Japan** has unveiled the name for its new imperial era, set to begin on 1 May, will be **'Reiwa'**, signifying order and harmony.

➤ **'Reiwa'** -The name consists two Chinese characters, the first meaning **'good'** or **'beautiful'** as well as **'order'** or **'command'** and the second meaning **'peace'** or **'harmony'**.

**Japan**

- Capital: **Tokyo**
- Currency: **Japanese Yen**
- Prime Minister: **Shinzo Abe**

**NuGen Mobility Summit to Be Organised by ICAT:**

➤ The **International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT)** is organizing a **NuGen Mobility Summit, 2019**, at Manesar, NCR, from 27th to 29th November 2019.

➤ The objective of the Summit is to share **new ideas, learnings, global experiences, innovations and future** technology trends for faster adoption, assimilation and development of advanced automotive technologies for a smarter and greener future.

**S. Korea to launch world's first national 5G networks:**

➤ **South Korea** launches the world's first **fully-fledged 5G mobile networks**, a transformational leap that already has superpowers sparring for control of an innovation that could potentially change the day-to-day lives of billions of people.

➤ The system will bring smartphones near-instantaneous connectivity **20 times** faster than the existing 4G allowing users to download entire movies in less than a second.

➤ It is crucial for the future development of devices ranging from self-driving vehicles that send data traffic to one another in **real time**, industrial robots, drones and other elements of the Internet of Things.

**South Korea**

- Capital: **Seoul**
- Currency: **South Korean won**

**Google's Wing launches its first Commercial drone delivery service in Australia:**

➤ **Alphabet**, the parent company of Google, has launched its **first commercial drone delivery service** through its Wing subsidiary. It had launched its first air delivery service in North Canberra, Australia.

➤ Users of the service will be able to order food, coffee, and over-the-counter medicines using a smartphone app. Once the order is placed, a Wing drone will take **flight "within minutes" to deliver the goods.**

**British Government's 'White Paper' named 'Online Harms' draws focus to users mostly children's safety:**

➤ The British government has published an **"online harms white paper"** which is open for public consultation (till July) focuses to make online social media platforms responsible to **safeguard users, especially children.** It is a joint proposal from the **Department for Digital,**

**Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and Home Office.**

**Indian Navy Signs MoU with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR):**

➤ The **Indian Navy and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to undertake joint research and development of advanced technologies for the Indian Navy.

➤ The MoU provides a formal framework for **interaction between the Indian Navy and CSIR.** This will be a collaborative arrangement between labs of CSIR, the Indian Navy and Indian industry.

➤ It would facilitate joint R&D activities in diverse fields of Mechanical, Electronics, Communication, Computer Science, Propulsion systems, Metallurgy and Nanotechnology.

**India, Sri Lanka Agree to Increase Cooperation in Security And Defence Spheres:**

➤ **India and Sri Lanka** have agreed to **increase cooperation in security and defence spheres in several areas**, including regional security, curbing drug smuggling and human trafficking.

➤ They also exchanged views on issues pertaining to **bilateral defence cooperation and regional security.**

**Sri Lanka's 1st satellite 'Raavana-1' launched into space:**

➤ **Sri Lanka's first satellite 'Raavana-1'** was launched into space from NASA's **Flight Facility on Virginia's east shore.** 'Raavana 1' weights around **1.05 kg** and the lifespan of the satellite is around **one and a half years.**

➤ The launch marks Sri Lanka's entry into the global space age. The satellite was designed and built at the **Kyushu Institute of Technology in Japan** by two Sri Lankan research engineers. Its camera mission is to capture images of Sri Lanka and its neighbouring countries.

**Sri Lanka**

- Capitals: **Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte**
- Currency: **Sri Lankan rupee**
- Prime Minister: **Ranil Wickremesinghe**

**India, Sweden to provide solutions for smart cities:**

➤ India and **Sweden** have launched a joint programme that will work towards addressing a **range of challenges around smart cities and clean technologies among others.**

➤ The programme was co-funded by Indian **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** and Swedish agency **Vinnova.** Vinnova will provide funding to Swedish participants up to 2,500,000 Swedish Krona (around Rs 1.87 crore) as grant.

➤ **On the Indian side**, conditional grant of up to 50 per cent (with a limit of Rs 1.5 crore) per project will be provided to the Indian partners.

**First-ever global coalition for clean cooling launched:**

➤ The **first-ever global coalition on clean and efficient cooling** was launched at the **First Global Conference on Synergies** between the **2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement**, which concluded in **Copenhagen, Denmark**.

➤ Besides the UN, it is supported by the **Climate and Clean Air Coalition**, the **Kigali Cooling Efficiency Program** and **Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)**. It includes government officials from **Chile, Rwanda, Denmark** as well as leaders from civil society, research and academia.

**India, Netherlands Agree to Boost Bilateral Ties:**

➤ **India and the Netherlands** has reviewed **bilateral cooperation in various fields, including political, economic and cultural ties**, and deliberated on regional and multilateral issues, including cooperation at **United Nations and other international fora**.

➤ The Indian delegation was led by **A. Gitesh Sarma**, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Dutch side was led by **Johanna (Yoka) Brandt**, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

➤ Capital: **Amsterdam**; Currencies: **Euro, United States Dollar**.

**India to partner with Japan and UAE to set up two projects in Africa:**

➤ **India** is joining hands with **Japan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** to implement **two projects in Africa** as it seeks to extend its footprint on the continent as a counter to China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

➤ India will build a **cancer hospital in Kenya** in collaboration with Japan and will to set up an **Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Centre** in Ethiopia in partnership with the UAE.

**World's largest plane makes first flight over California:**

➤ The **World's Largest Aircraft** took off over the **Mojave Desert in California** the first flight for the carbon-composite plane built by **Stratolaunch Systems Corp**, started by late Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, as the company enters the lucrative private space market.

➤ The **white airplane called Roc**, which has a **wingspan the length of an American football field** and is powered by six engines on a twin fuselage.

**China develops world's first armed amphibious drone boat: Report**

➤ **China** has successfully tested the **World's First Armed Amphibious Drone Boat** named **'Marine Lizard'** and guided by **China's BeiDou Navigation Satellite System** which could be used in land and sea assault operations, has been successfully tested by China.

➤ The drone ship has been built by **Wuchang Shipbuilding Industry Group under China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation (CSIC)**.

**Abu Dhabi International Book Fair: India nominated as Guest of Honour**

➤ The **29th edition of the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF)** is all set to receive more than 1000 exhibitors from 50 countries. **India** has been nominated as the **"Guest of Honour" country** at the Book Fair in **Abu Dhabi**.

**AUSINDEX-19 Concludes:**

➤ **The Australian and Indian Navy** have concluded a two-week long **bilateral maritime exercise** code-named **AUSINDEX 2019** at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

➤ The bilateral exercise was aimed **"to strengthen and enhance mutual cooperation and interoperability between the IN and RAN**, providing opportunities for interaction and exchange of professional views between the personnel of the two navies".

**Second Edition of Indian Navy-Vietnam Peoples' Navy Bilateral Exercise (IN - VPN BILAT EX) Concludes:**

➤ **Indian Navy** undertook the **second edition of the bilateral maritime exercise** between **Indian Navy and Vietnam Peoples' Navy** at/off **Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam**.

➤ The **Indian Navy-Vietnam Peoples' Navy Bilateral Exercise** is a significant step in **further strengthening mutual confidence and interoperability** as well as sharing best practices between the Indian and the Vietnam Peoples' Navies.

**Google Opens Its First African Ai Lab in Ghana To Serve Diversity:**

➤ Tech giant **Google** is all set to exhibit itself as **AI first company** in front of the world by opening new research centres across the globe such as in **Tokyo, Zurich, New York, and Paris**. Following this idea, the company has opened its **first centre in Africa** in Ghana capital city, **Accra**.

➤ The lab will collaborate with researchers in Ghana and across Africa **to create the need impact in the country**.

**Indian Navy warships to take part in Chinese fleet review:**

➤ **Two Indian Navy ships** will participate in an international maritime parade off the coast of **Qingdao in China** next week, marking the **70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding of the Chinese Navy**.

➤ Indian Navy ships - **INS Kolkata** and **INS Shakti** will arrive in Qingdao to participate in the **International Fleet Review (IFR)**, Navy Spokesperson Capt D K Sharma said.

**Exim Bank funds projects worth USD 267 mn in Rwanda:**

➤ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** said **Exim Bank** has provided soft loans of **USD 266.60 million to Rwanda** for various projects.

➤ The funding, done in three separate tranches to Rwanda, is to support agricultural projects, development of **Special Economic Zones (SEZs)** and for financing road project in the African nation.

➤ According to the agreements, Exim Bank will provide **USD 100 million** - for financing the development of **two SEZs and expansion of the Kigali SEZ in Rwanda**.

➤ And another **USD 100 million** for financing three agriculture project schemes - **Warufu Multipurpose Project, Mugesera Irrigation Project and Nyamukana Irrigation Project**.

➤ While **USD 66.60 million** will be funded for the **Base-Butaro-Kidaho Road Project**.

**Saudi Arabia to host G20 leaders' summit in November 2020:**

➤ **Saudi Arabia** will host the annual G20 leaders' summit on November 21-22, **2020, in its capital, Riyadh**. This will be the **first G20 meeting in the Arab world** and the **15<sup>th</sup> meeting** of the G20 (Group of Twenty).

➤ **Japan** will host this year's G20 summit in **Osaka**, which will be held June 28-29, as well as ministerial meetings in eight cities.

➤ The participants of the **G20 summit** will be leaders from **19 countries and the European Union (EU)**. The 19 countries are, namely, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Republic of South Africa, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America.

**Over 300 Days, Christina Koch Will Set A New Record For Longest Space Flight By A Woman:**

➤ **Christina Koch**, an astronaut for NASA, arrive on the International Space Station on March 14 earlier this year.

➤ Koch is now slated to remain on the station through February 2020. That means she'll **spend 328 days**, or nearly a full year, in orbit, which is one of the longest consecutive stays in space by any NASA astronaut.

### A Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Report has been released by the US Department of Justice:

➤ **The Attorney General William Barr of US** has released 448 pages redacted version of **Robert Mueller's "Report on the Investigation Into Russian Interference in the 2016 Election"** which claims that the special counsel found no evidence of Russian meddling in US election in 2016.

➤ A special counsel Robert Mueller was appointed **to investigate the Russian interference in the 2016 US election.**

### Asian Tea Alliance launched in China:

➤ **The Asian Tea Alliance (ATA)**, a union of five tea-growing and consuming countries, was launched in **Guizhou in China**, according to industry sources.

➤ This Alliance was formed based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed between **Indian tea Association and China tea Marketing Association** in December 2018 to promote tea consumption in India, China, U.S., Russia, Europe and West Asia.

### Saudi Arabia increases India's Haj Quota to 2 lakhs:

➤ **Saudi Arabia** has issued a formal order **increasing the Haj quota of India to two lakhs from one lakh seventy five-thousand.** This is the third hike in three consecutive years.

➤ The decision will ensure that all the Haj applicants **from big states like Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Bihar** can embark pilgrimage this year as their waiting lists have been cleared due to the increase in quota.

### World's first malaria vaccine launched in Africa:

➤ **The world's first malaria vaccine has been rolled out in Malawi** to protect 360,000 children under two in **Malawi, Kenya and Ghana** in Sub-Saharan Africa from the mosquito-borne disease that causes 435,000 people global deaths each year.

➤ The vaccine prevents **four in 10 cases of malaria in children** who received four doses over a four-year period, according to the **World Health Organisation (WHO).**

### Govt extends ban on import of milk products from China:

➤ The government has **extended the ban on import of milk and its products**, including chocolates, from **China** till laboratories at ports for testing presence of toxic chemical melamine are upgraded. The recent ban imposed by the government ended on April 23, 2019.

➤ Food regulator **FSSAI** had recommended extending the ban until all labs at ports are modernised to test the chemical. The ban was

first imposed in **September 2008** and extended subsequently from time to time.

### Kazakhstan sets up coordinating council to attract Indian investments:

➤ **Central Asia's biggest and resource-rich Kazakhstan** has set up Coordinating Council for attracting foreign investments including from India.

➤ The Kazakh government held a session to discuss the issues of attracting investments **under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Askar Mamin.**

➤ The requirement for such task is to increase the volume of investment in fixed assets in the medium term to **30% of (Gross Domestic Product) GDP of the nation** and the primary driver should be Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

### Iran, Pakistan to set up border 'reaction force' after attacks:

➤ **Iran's President Hassan Rouhani** announced that he and visiting Pakistani Prime Minister **Imran Khan** agreed to set up a joint border **"reaction force" to counter terrorism** to combat the attacks by militant groups on both sides their frontier.

### 29th Abu Dhabi International Book Fair: India nominated as Guest of Honour

➤ **India** has been nominated as the **"Guest of Honour"** country at the **29th edition of the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF)** in UAE.

➤ Indian Ambassador to the UAE, **Navdeep Singh Suri** said that India's selection as the guest of honour reflects the strong relations between the leadership and the people of the UAE and India.

### Israel To Name Golan Town After Trump:

➤ **Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** said he intends to name a new settlement in the **Golan Heights after US President Donald Trump** to honour his recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the strategic plateau.

➤ Israel has also stated that in appreciation of the U.S. president, it intends to name a proposed train station near **Jerusalem's Western Wall after him.**

### Indonesia Releases Special Ramayana Themed Stamp To Mark 70 Years Of Diplomatic Ties With India:

➤ **Indonesia** released a special commemorative stamp on the **theme of Ramayana** to mark the **70th anniversary of the establishment** of its diplomatic ties with India.

➤ The stamp, designed by renowned Indonesian sculptor **Padmashri Bapak Nyoman Nuarta,**

featured a scene from Ramayana in which Jatayu valiantly fought to save Sita.

➤ A specially signed version of the stamp will be on display at the **Philately Museum in Jakarta.**

### Russia Successfully Tests World's First Floating Nuclear Power Plant:

➤ **Russia** has successfully tested the **World's First Floating Nuclear Power Plant (NPP)**, Akademik Lomonosov, a subsidiary of Rosatom nuclear corporation said.

➤ The floating nuclear power plant's two reactors were successfully brought up to **100% capacity on March 31.** Reactors of the floating atomic block were launched in November 2018.

### Etihad becomes first airline in the Gulf to operate plastic-free flight:

➤ The **UAE's flag carrier Etihad Airways** has become the **first airline in the Gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics** on board, in a bid to raise awareness about pollution on Earth Day.

➤ According to the Abu Dhabi-based national airline of the UAE, the **flight EY484 landed in Brisbane on April 22, Earth Day.**

➤ The milestone flight is part of Etihad's pledge to reduce single-use plastic usage by 80 per cent not just in-flight, but across the entire organisation by the end of 2022.

### WHO issues first-ever screen time guidelines for children under 5:

➤ **The World Health Organisation (WHO)** has released **new guidelines** on physical activity, sedentary and sleep for children under 5 years of age.

➤ The UN health agency also issued its **first-ever guidance for how much screen time children** should be allowed – limited and none at all for one-year-olds.

➤ The new guidelines issued by WHO said **kids under 5 should not spend less than one-hour watching screens every day** and **infants under 1 year** should not be exposed to electronic screens.

➤ They **should get 11-14 hours** of good quality sleep, including naps, with regular sleep and wake-up times.

### 2nd Belt and Road Forum held in Beijing:

➤ The **second edition of Belt and Road Forum (BRF)** was held in **Beijing, China.**

➤ The theme of this event was **"Belt and Road Cooperation: Shaping a Brighter Shared Future"**. The Belt and Road Forum is a part of the **Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).**

➤ European countries such as **Italy (joined BRI in March 2019)** and **Luxembourg** have joined the project. **Italy and China** signed an **MoU with deals worth 2.5 billion**

euros including working together to develop Italy's port infrastructure, transport and logistics. 13 EU member states are already part of BRI.

**Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor no longer listed under BRI umbrella:**

> India's decision to skip the **Belt and Road Forum (BRF)** may have led to the exclusion of the **Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM)** Economic corridor from the list of projects covered by the **China-led Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) umbrella.**

> **The 2800 km BCIM corridor** proposes to link Kunming in China's Yunnan province with **Kolkata**, passing through nodes such as **Mandalay in Myanmar** and **Dhaka in Bangladesh** before heading to Kolkata.

**India signs agreement with NABCONS to set agriculture institute in Malawi:**

> **India** has signed an agreement with **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Consultancy Service (NABCONS)** for setting up India-Africa Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (IAIARD) in Malawi

> The agreement was to enhance capacity in the areas of agro-financing and entrepreneurship development for African countries. This agreement will strengthen the bilateral relations between India and Malawi with the African Union.

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**RBI IN NEWS**

**RBI cuts repo rate by 25 basis points to 6%: First Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement Released**

> On the basis of an assessment of the current and evolving macroeconomic situation, the **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** at its meeting decided to reduce the rates as follows:

> The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut its **repo rate**, or the rate at which it lends to banks by **25 basis points to 6.0% from 6.25% with immediate effect.**

> Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the **LAF stands adjusted to 5.75%**, and the **marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.25%**. GDP growth for 2019-20 is projected at **7.2%**.

Policy Rates	1 <sup>st</sup> Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy 2019-2020(Apr-2019)	6 <sup>th</sup> Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy (Feb 2019)
Repo Rate	6.00 %	6.25%
Reverse Repo Rate	5.75 %	6.00%

Marginal Standing Facility Rate	6.25 %	6.50%
Bank Rate	6.25 %	6.50%
Reserve Ratios	1 <sup>st</sup> Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy 2019-2020(Apr 2019)	6 <sup>th</sup> Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy (Feb 2019)
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4%	4%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	19.25%	19.25%

**RBI sets the limits for Ways and Means Advances (WMA):**

> The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** in consultation with the government of India has set the limits for **Ways and Means Advances (WMA)** for the first half of the financial year 2019-20 (April 2019 to September 2019) at **Rs 75000 crore.**

> The limits for WMA are decided by the RBI and in consultation with the Government of India. The interest rate for WMA is currently charged at the repo rate.

> The Reserve Bank may trigger fresh floatation of market loans when the Government of India utilizes 75% of the WMA limit.

**RBI gives 12 years to LIC for reducing stake in IDBI Bank:**

> **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has given **12 years to Life Insurance Corp to reduce its stake in IDBI Bank**, accepting the life insurer's argument that it is a long-term investor in the struggling bank which had nearly **30 per cent** of its advances as bad loans in the December quarter.

> RBI has given LIC 12 years to cut its stake in the bank **by 10 per cent.**

**RBI proposes to allow fintech start-ups to test regulatory sandbox:**

> The central bank has released draft '**Enabling Framework for Regulatory Sandbox**', proposed that **fintech start-ups could set up regulatory sandbox or live testing of innovative products** and services in segments such as retail payments, money transfer, artificial intelligence and data analytics in the financial sector.

> The concept of Regulatory Sandbox (RS) was proposed by a committee headed by **RBI Executive Director Sudarshan Sen.**

**RBI divests its entire stake in NABARD and NHB:**

> Based on the recommendation of **second Narasimham Committee**, the Reserve Bank has **divested its entire stake in National Housing Bank (NHB)** and the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).**

> **RBI** has said that it sold the entire stake worth **twenty crore rupees in NABARD and 1,450 crore rupees in NHB** in the last quarter of 2018-19, adding that **the government is now cent percent holder of both these institutions.**

**RBI approves proposal of HDFC for holding 9.9% stake in Bandhan Bank:**

> **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has given its nod to HDFC Ltd for acquiring up to 9.9 per cent stake in Bandhan Bank following the Gruh Finance deal.

> **Gruh Finance**, the affordable housing finance arm of HDFC Ltd, was taken over by Bandhan Bank in a share-swap deal in January.

**RBI moves to tighten current account operating norms to check fund diversion:**

> In a move to tackle fund diversion, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has proposed sterner rules **on opening and running of current accounts of corporate borrowers.**

> According to RBI, while there **would be no restriction on the amount or number of 'credits' in collection accounts with other banks** (which are not leading consortium), the 'debits' should be limited to remitting the proceeds to the current or escrow accounts maintained with the lead bank.

**Bank of Baroda Becomes 3rd Largest Lender as Dena, Vijaya Bank Merger Takes Effect:**

> The amalgamation of **Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank into the Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has come into effect and all branches of the former two will function as branches of BoB. The merged entity would also receive Rs 5,042 crore fund infusion from the government.

> According to the RBI, the Customers, including depositors of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank, will be treated as customers of Bank of Baroda with effect from April 1, 2019. Post the merger, **Bank of Baroda** has become the **third largest bank** in the country.

> The merger comes as part of the government's efforts to tackle lakhs of crores of **bad loans** plaguing the sector and revive credit growth.

**Micromax Rahul Sharma unveils India's first AI-enabled e-motorcycle brand:**

> Micromax co-founder **Rahul Sharma** has announced his incursion into smart mobility with



the launching of an **AI (Artificial intelligence) enabled electric motorcycle**. This launch is expected to hit the roads by June this year.

➤ He has set up **Revolt Intellicorp Pvt Ltd**, headquartered at Gurugram, to make personal mobility practical, affordable and sustainable, earmarking around Rs 500 crore of investment.

**Commerce Ministry unveils Blockchain-based app for Coffee farmers:**

➤ The commerce ministry has unveiled a **blockchain-based coffee e-marketplace** which will facilitate farmers to integrate with markets to get aware of **fair prices** for the commodity.

➤ This will reduce the number of layers between coffee growers and buyers and help farmers double their income.

➤ This pilot project will help integrate the farmers with markets in a transparent manner and lead to realisation of fair price for the coffee producer.

**WhatsApp Launches Tip Line To Curb Fake News:**

➤ **WhatsApp** launched an **India-focused fact-checking feature** to combat fake news and rumours starting with the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections.

➤ This tip line feature has been developed by WhatsApp in collaboration with India-based media skilling start-up PROTO.

➤ The tip line feature will help create a database of rumours to study misinformation during elections as part of a research project commissioned and assisted by WhatsApp.

**IDRBT sets up 5G Lab for banking, financial sector:**

➤ The **Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)**, an arm of Reserve Bank of India, has launched a **5G Use Cases Lab for banking and financial sector**.

➤ **The use of 5G will change a range of technologies and applications** including point of sale machines in the banking sector which were now using 2G.

**Wipro Consumer Care and Lighting acquires Philippines' Splash Corporation:**

➤ **Wipro Consumer Care and Lighting (WCCL)**, the consumer care business of software provider Wipro Ltd, has acquired the Philippines-based personal care maker Splash Corporation for an undisclosed amount to enter the country which has a consumer base of around 100 million.

**Reliance Mutual Fund partnering with Google to launch voice-based financial transactions:**

➤ **Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management (RNAM)** joined hands with **Google** to enable the customers of Reliance Mutual Fund to carry out **voice-based financial transactions**.

➤ RNAM becomes the **first company in India**, to provide a conversational interface that would help customers regarding funds transactions.

➤ For the first time in India, Reliance Mutual Fund for its customers is introducing a conversational interface that would help customers shop with the fund, just by listening and speaking to your smartphone or digital device through a series of voice commands.

**Kotak Mahindra Bank Becomes First Lender To levy Charges on UPI Transactions:**

➤ **Kotak Mahindra Bank** becomes first lender to charge customers for **UPI transactions** starting 1st of May 2019 by charging **Rs 2.50** per transaction for an amount value below or equal to **Rs 1,000**, and **Rs 5 per** transaction will be levied for a payment value above Rs 1,000.

➤ For each Kotak Bank account, the first 30 UPI fund transfers will be free, after which a charge will be levied on all fund transfers from the bank account.

➤ This will be applicable across all platforms, including Paytm, PhonePe, Google Pay or Truecaller Pay among others.

**Tata Power & Indraprastha Gas to Offer Integrated Services:**

➤ **Tata Power and Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL)** signed a memorandum of understanding to set up **integrated customer services** and optimise value for customers.

➤ The pact will also cover common safeguard activities of underground assets (pipes and cables) including the right of way for activities like maintenance and laying of pipes and cables, routine patrolling of under and above ground assets.

➤ Both the entities will also explore possibilities of **cooperation in electricity generation, optical fibrenetwork and integrated utility services for water, electricity and gas**.

**ADB cuts India's growth rate to 7.2% in 2019-20:**

➤ The **Asian Development Bank** downgraded economic growth forecasts for India and Southeast Asia for 2019 as global risks from trade tensions to Brexit mount.

➤ Gross domestic product in India will probably increase by **7.2 %** in 2019, down from a December forecast of **7.6%**, according to the ADB's latest **Asian Development Outlook report**. Southeast Asia's growth estimate was lowered by **0.2 percentage** point to **4.9%**.

**Asian Development Bank**

- Headquarters: **Manila, Philippines**

- President: **Takehiko Nakao**

**IMF cuts India's growth forecast for 3 years:**

➤ According to **IMF estimates**, India's economy grew **7.1% in FY19** and is expected to accelerate to 7.3% growth this fiscal and to **7.5% in FY21**. All the estimates are **0.2 percentage points less than** its previous assessment in January.

➤ The IMF numbers are higher than those of the Reserve Bank of India, which had last week cut its growth forecast to 7.2% for this fiscal and 7.4% for FY21.

**Emirates Islamic becomes world's first Islamic bank to launch banking via WhatsApp:**

➤ **Emirates Islamic** has announced the launch of Chat Banking services for customers **via WhatsApp**, marking a global first in the Islamic banking sector.

➤ It has become the **World's 1st bank** in the Islamic banking sector to give such facility. It was supported by **Infobip**.

**Paytm Money receives SEBI Approval to start Stock Broking :**

➤ One97 Communications-owned **Paytm Money** has got approval from the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** to start offering a **stock broking service** such as the ability to trade in equities and cash segments, derivatives, and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) among other exchange-traded products.

➤ Apart from this approval from SEBI, Paytm Money also got approval for its membership from **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) & National Stock Exchange (NSE)** to buy share through the Paytm Money app.

➤ The aim of this app to be a full stack wealth management platform is going to fulfill with this approval.

**Paytm**

CEO: **Renu Satti**

Founder: **Vijay Shekhar Sharma**

**Lakshmi Vilas Bank board approves merger with Indiabulls Housing Finance:**

➤ **Lakshmi Vilas Bank** approved the merger of the private sector lender with **Indiabulls Housing Finance (IBH)** through a share swap deal, which will help Indiabulls get access to **low-cost stable funds and entry into banking**.

➤ The merger will also enable Tamil Nadu-based LVB to obtain a larger geographical presence.

**CCI Approves L&T's Proposal To Acquire Up to 66.15% Stake in Mindtree:**

➤ **CCI** – The **Competition Commission of India** approved engineering and construction major Larsen & Toubro's (L&T's) proposal to acquire up to 66.15% stake in Mindtree.

➤ With this nod, L&T has overcome the first major regulatory hurdle in its bid for 'hostile' takeover of the Bengaluru-headquartered IT services firm. The total deal value is estimated to be around Rs 10,800 crore.

#### **NTPC infuses Rs 2,000 crore Term Loan Pact With Canara Bank:**

➤ **National Thermal Power Corporation** (State-run power giant) has inked a term-loan agreement with **Canara Bank** to raise Rs 2,000 crore, which would be used to part finance its capital expenditure.

➤ The loan facility is extended at an interest rate linked to three months MCLR of the Bank. The loan has a door to door tenure of 15 years and will be utilised to part finance the capital expenditure of the NTPC.

#### **UPI transaction charges have been reduced by NPCI for promoting the uses:**

➤ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has reduced the transaction fees up to Rs 1,000 by 60% for promoting the adoption of Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

➤ For UPI transactions **up to Rs.1,000**, the charge has been cut **to 10 paise** from 25 paise, and for transactions **above Rs.1,000** has been retained at **50 paise**.

#### **NPCI**

Headquarter: **Mumbai**

#### **USD 1.7 trillion needed per year to build disaster-resilient infrastructure in Asia: ADB report**

➤ As per a recent ADB report titled '**Asian Development Outlook 2019: Strengthening Disaster Resilience**', Developing economies across Asia are among the most vulnerable to natural disasters and have suffered damages estimated at 644 billion dollars since 2000.

➤ To build disaster-resilient infrastructure, investment needs in developing Asia are estimated at 26 trillion dollars from 2016 to 2030, or 1.7 trillion dollars per year, including necessary investments in climate-change mitigation and adaptation.

#### **Indian Economy Expected To Grow 7.5% In 2019-20: World Bank**

➤ **India's GDP growth** is expected to accelerate moderately to **7.5 per cent in fiscal year 2019-20**, driven by continued investment strengthening, particularly private-improved export performance and resilient consumption, the World Bank has said.

➤ The real GDP growth is estimated **at 7.2 per cent in FY 2018/19**, the World Bank said in its latest report on South Asia ahead of the spring meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

#### **Google launches new cloud platform, Anthos:**

➤ **Google launched Anthos**, a new open platform from **Google Cloud**, that lets users run applications from anywhere. Anthos allows users to run applications, unmodified, on existing on-premise hardware or on the public cloud, and is based **on the Cloud Services Platform** that Google announced last year.

#### **Govt retains GPF interest rate at 8% for April-June quarter:**

➤ The government has retained the interest rate for **General Provident Fund (GPF)** and other related schemes at **8 per cent for the April-June quarter**.

➤ The rate is in line with that of **Public Provident Fund**. The interest rate on GPF was at 8 per cent in the January-March quarter of 2018-19.

➤ The **interest rate** will be applicable on provident funds of central government employees, railways and defence forces.

#### **RBL Bank ties up with CreditVidya for improving customer experience:**

➤ **RBL Bank** has partnered with **credit profiler CreditVidya** to improve the lender's customer experience.

➤ Through this partnership, the private sector lender will be able **to gain significant insights into its customer base**. **RBL Bank** will leverage CreditVidya's big data underwriting platform across its credit card and mobile banking apps.

#### **Paisalo Digital Signs First Co-Origination Loan Agreement With SBI:**

➤ **Paisalo Digital** signed the **first co-origination loan agreement with State Bank of India**, the **first agreement of its kind** in the country that State Bank of India has signed.

➤ Introducing a platform for the last mile customer, the loan ticket is designed at **Rs.10,000 to 2 lakh**. The company expects to disburse 200,000 loan applications in FY20.

#### **Banks Close FY19 With 13.24% Credit Growth, Deposits Up 10.03%:**

➤ **According to the Reserve Bank** data released, bank credit rose **13.24 percent to Rs 97.67 lakh crore** for the fortnight to March 29, while deposits grew by **10.03 percent to Rs 125.72 lakh crore** during the same period.

➤ **This is the second consecutive double-digits credit growth** after the same had declined to 4.54 percent in FY17 at Rs 78.41 lakh crore, which was the lowest since 1963.

#### **TCS, Google Partner To Build Industry-Specific Cloud Solutions:**

➤ **Tata Consultancy Services** has partnered with **Google Cloud** to build industry-specific cloud solutions.

➤ TCS' solutions on Google Cloud Platform (GCP) will **help enterprises build secure, cloud-native analytics platforms** that enable high levels of personalization, and are cost effective, easy to maintain, and future ready.

#### **Bajaj Finserv launches industry first proposition to pay electricity bill on EMIs:**

➤ **Bajaj Finserv** through its lending arm **Bajaj Finance Ltd.** has launched a **unique proposition through its campaign #BijliOnEMI** wherein customers buying air-conditioners on EMI can avail an Insta Credit loan in their Bajaj Finserv Wallet which they can **use to pay their electricity bills on EMI**.

➤ Customers buying air conditioners of **Rs.20,000** and above will be eligible for an Insta Credit loan of **Rs.5000** and for those purchasing air conditioners **above Rs.40,000** will receive **Rs.7000** as an Insta Credit loan to their Wallet.

#### **Reinsurance brokers permitted to open foreign currency accounts: RBI**

➤ The **Reserve Bank of India** said **reinsurance brokers** have been **permitted to open non-interest-bearing foreign currency accounts with banks** for undertaking transactions. Earlier, the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** had issued notification in this regard.

➤ Foreign currency account **refers to a bank account** operated in currency other than the currency of India or Bhutan or Nepal.

#### **Microsoft, Tata Trusts tie up to help develop handloom clusters:**

➤ **Microsoft India** and **Tata Trusts** have signed an agreement to jointly work for the **development of handloom clusters in the Eastern and North-Eastern parts** of the country in order to build a digitally-inclusive society.

➤ While Microsoft runs **ReWeave initiative** to upskill the weavers and help them with issues related to their work, Tata Trusts' initiative **Antaran** focusses on reviving ailing handloom clusters.

#### **Bharti Airtel and FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) has launched a safety app "My Circle":**

➤ Telecom operator **Bharti Airtel** and the **FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO)** has launched a safety app – **My Circle** - aimed at **aiding women in event of distress or an emergency situation**, by sending an **SOS alert**.

➤ The carrier-agnostic app can be installed by both **Airtel and non-Airtel customers**. My Circle app enables women to send SOS alerts to any five of their family or friends in **13**

**languages** including English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Punjabi, Bangla, Urdu, Assamese, Oriya, and Gujarati.

**IDBI Bank launches paperless account opening facility for NRIs:**

➤ **Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)**, living in nearly 40 countries, will now be able to **open account in IDBI Bank without submitting paper documents.**

➤ IDBI Bank has launched the '**NRI-Insta-Online**' account-opening process for NRIs residing in **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** member countries.

➤ The person will **not be required to furnish** physical documents and KYC proofs for opening an account with the bank.

**ADB committed \$3 billion in sovereign loans to India in 2018; highest since 1986:**

➤ **ADB committed to provide USD 3 billion in sovereign loans to India in 2018**, the highest level of assistance since sovereign operations began in the country in 1986, said the annual report of multilateral lending agency.

➤ In all, the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, owned by 68 member countries, committed a **total of USD 3.88 billion**, including sovereign loans and co-financing during the year ended December 2018.

**CPSEs to get 12 months to sell non-core assets, failure may restrict budgetary allocations:**

➤ State-run companies will have **12 months to monetise non-core assets** identified by a ministerial panel headed by the **finance minister**, failing which the finance ministry may **restrict budgetary allocations to the CPSEs.**

➤ The **Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)** has issued the guidelines for monetisation of **non-core assets of CPSEs and immovable enemy properties**, following a Cabinet decision in February.

**Cholamandalam MS General Insurance gets ISO 31000:2018 certification:**

➤ **Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Limited** has been **certified with ISO 31000**

➤ ISO 31000:2018 is an **international risk management standard.** The standard provides guidelines, principles, framework, and a process for managing risk. It can be used by any organization regardless of its size, activity or sector.

**SEFL, Bank of Baroda tie up:**

➤ **Srei Equipment Finance (SEFL)** has entered into an alliance with **Bank of Baroda** to offer joint loans for infrastructure equipment under a co-lending arrangement.

➤ The sourcing of loans under this programme would be facilitated by **iQuippo**, a **Kanoria Foundation initiative.**

**Airtel Payments Bank partners with Bharti AXA General Insurance for two-wheeler insurance:**

➤ **Airtel Payments Bank** announced it has teamed up with **Bharti AXA General Insurance** for a **two-wheeler insurance product offering.**

➤ **Airtel Payments Bank** said the product is available on **MyAirtel App** and at over **40,000 Airtel Payments Bank points** across India during the first phase of launch.

➤ The **offering entails** personal accident cover, protection against third-party liabilities and inspection-free renewal through a fast, paperless process.

**CRISIL board gives nod for transfer of ratings business to new subsidiary:**

➤ **CRISIL Ltd**, a diversified **global analytics company**, will transfer its ratings business to its proposed new wholly-owned subsidiary. The board of CRISIL gave the nod for the transfer, which is being done to comply with **SEBI norms of last year.**

➤ CRISIL proposes to undertake the transfer of its ratings business through a scheme of arrangement in terms of **Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013**, to be approved by the stock exchanges and the National Company Law Tribunal.

**Income Tax Department proposes new norms for taxing MNCs in India:**

➤ **The income tax department** has proposed change in the **methodology for taxing multinational companies (MNCs)**, including digital firms, having permanent establishment in India by giving weightage to factors like domestic sales, employee strength, assets and user base.

➤ In '**Profit Attribution to Permanent Establishment (PE) in India**' report, the CBDT (Central Board of Direct Taxes) Committee stated that MNCs that are suffering global losses or a **global profit margin of less than 2%** and have their operations in India will be considered to **have made a profit of 2%** of Indian revenue and will be taxed accordingly.

➤ The CBDT invited comments from stakeholders on the report **within 30 days.**

**Non-life insurers witness 13% rise in premium:**

➤ **Life insurer's** premium income grew **11% in FY19** over 2018 and **non-life insurance firms witnessed a 13% rise** in their total premium income to Rs 1.70 lakh crore in the financial year ended March 2019.

➤ **The 34 non-life insurers** had a gross premium of Rs 1.51 lakh crore in 2017-18. Among these insurers, as many as **25 are categorised as general insurers, seven as standalone private sector insurers** while the rest of the **two are government-owned specialised insurers.**

➤ For the 25 general insurers, the collective gross premium in 2018-19 stood at **Rs 1.50 lakh crore**, up by nearly 13 per cent from Rs 1.33 lakh crore a year ago, showed the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).**

**Reliance retail crosses Rs 1L cr revenue milestone in FY19:**

➤ **Reliance retail has become the first Indian retail company** to clock more than **Rs.1 lakh crore** in annual revenues. The retail venture of Reliance Industries reported an income of **Rs 1,30,556 crore for 2018-19**, 89% more than the previous year's Rs 69,198 crore.

**Indiabulls General gets preliminary nod to foray into non-life business:**

➤ **Indiabulls General Insurance**, a subsidiary of Indiabulls Integrated Services, said it has received preliminary approval **from regulator IRDAI to foray into non-life business.**

➤ In January, another subsidiary **Indiabulls Life Insurance Company** had received R1 approval from Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

**Bajaj Allianz launches Total Health Secure Goal plan:**

➤ **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** and **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** in collaboration has launched their **first product 'Total Health Secure Goal'.**

➤ This insurance plan is designed **to take care of customers health and life goals**, through one comprehensive insurance policy. Thus, removing hassles of maintaining two separate policies.

➤ The new insurance product is a combination of two existing plans - **Health Guard policy** by Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, and **iSecure** from Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance.

**BSE ties up with Network Intelligence to provide security services to its members:**

➤ **BSE**, India's largest stock exchange has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Network Intelligence**, a global cybersecurity services provider & CERT-IN empanelled vendor **to provide cybersecurity services to its members in line with the cybersecurity framework set by SEBI.**

**SBI General launches cyber defence insurance for businesses:**

➤ **SBI General Insurance** has launched a product to protect businesses from financial and reputational losses **due to cyber attacks**.

➤ In the initial phase, the **focus will be on SMEs and mid-market businesses**, but later the product can cater to larger business conglomerates as well.

➤ This offers protection against the growing threat of cyber breaches and is designed to protect against major insurable cyber exposures **like hacking attacks**, identity theft, disclosure of sensitive information and business interruption.

**NCLT nod for IndusInd Bank, Bharat financial inclusion merger:**

➤ **Shares of IndusInd Bank gained 2%** after ET Now reported that the **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** granted approval for **IndusInd Bank and Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd merger**.

**SEBI reduces minimum subscription requirement for REITs, InvITs:**

➤ **Markets regulator SEBI** has reduced the minimum subscription requirement as well as defined trading lots for **Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)** and **Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs)**.

➤ REITs have to offer their units in lots **worth at least Rs.50,000** in initial and follow on public offers. The minimum value of a single lot **should be Rs.1 lakh** in the case of InvITs. Further, leverage limit for InvITs has been increased **to 70 per cent** from current 49 per cent.

**Kotak Bank launches debit card-based e-mandate on NPCI's API platform:**

➤ **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has announced the launch of an industry-first debit card-based authentication solution on **NPCI's e-Mandate API platform**.

➤ **Kotak becomes the first Destination Bank** to go live with Net Banking and Debit Card-based e-mandate authentication.

➤ It will enable its customers **to create electronic mandates (similar to the erstwhile eNACH with Aadhaar + OTP)** via both the Debit Card and Net Banking channels.

**BuyUcoin Introduces First Indian Platform for Wholesale Cryptocurrency Trading:**

➤ **BuyUcoin**, which is the **second oldest Cryptocurrency Exchange in India**, has announced the launch of a **new and unique platform for wholesale cryptocurrency trading** which allows its users to trade on a large scale with low price fluctuations. The platform currently works on **free trading model** i.e. charges zero fee on any trade.

➤ This wholesale platform also known as **OTC (Over-the-counter) Desk** allows users to trade on a large scale with low price fluctuations.

**BEML, Syndicate Bank Sign MoU, To Book Rs.100 Cr-Biz:**

➤ Public sector **BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited)**, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for financing earth moving and construction equipment manufactured by BEML with **Syndicate Bank**.

➤ Syndicate Bank and BEML **expect to book business worth Rs.100 crore, by March 2020** under this window.

➤ Under the MoU, BEML will nominate Syndicate Bank as a preferred financier. Financing equipments of BEML will be covered under the **'Special' scheme** of the bank.

**FIEO Inks Pact With Welingkar Institute Of Management To Support Startups In Exports:**

➤ Exporters' body **Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)** has inked an agreement with **Mumbai-based Prin. L N Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research** to support startups engaged in the export sector.

➤ Under the memorandum of understanding signed with the institute, the FIEO has launched a post graduate programme in **Foreign Trade Management (PGP-FTM)** at Mumbai.

➤ The move is aimed at attracting **new entrepreneurs in exports** and bridge the gap of availability of qualified skilled manpower in Exim trade.

**Govt Raises Authorised Capital Of Allahabad Bank To Rs 8,000 Cr:**

➤ State-owned **Allahabad Bank** the government has increased its authorised capital by Rs 5,000 crore to **Rs 8,000 crore**.

➤ The increase in authorised capital will help **enable the bank to raise further fund up to a maximum ceiling of Rs 8,000 crore**.

**TCS Modernizes More Than 1.5 Lakh Post Offices In India:**

➤ **India's largest IT services company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has helped modernize a network of **more than 1.5 lakh post offices** in the country, making this the **largest distributed e-postal network in the world**.

➤ The deal between TCS and India Post was struck in **2013**. The Mumbai-based company had received a multi-year contract of **more than Rs.1,100 crore** from the Department of Posts for an **end-to-end IT modernisation project**.

➤ The project entailed equipping India Posts **with modern tech and systems for seamless and effective services**.

**SBI launches Green Car Loan:**

➤ **State Bank of India** announced the **country's first 'Green Car Loan' (Electric Vehicle)** to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles.

➤ The new scheme **will offer loan at 20 basis points lesser than the interest rate** on the existing car loan schemes. The EMI per **Rs.1 lakh will be lower at Rs.1,468 for 96 months** against Rs.1,622 for 84 months, based on the maximum tenor, in line with the existing scheme.

**Wirecard expands partnership with RBL Bank to promote financial inclusion:**

➤ **Wirecard**, digital financial technology provider, announced an expanded partnership with **RBL Bank to promote financial inclusion in India**.

➤ This partnership will make **digital payment and banking transactions** more readily accessible to all Indian citizens, including those living in remote areas.

**Aegon Life and MobiKwik launch a smart digital insurance product:**

➤ In a bid to enable financial inclusion and ease of buying for the Indian masses, **Aegon Life Insurance**, pioneer of digital insurance in India and **MobiKwik**, India's leading FinTech Company have joined hands **to launch a Rs.20 smart digital insurance product**.

➤ The strategic partners have announced the launch of an assorted insurance product called the **Aegon Life Group Term Plus Plan** with both death and accidental disability benefit, available exclusively on MobiKwik App. One can purchase this plan by paying as little as **Rs.20 in premium for a sum assured of Rs.2 lakhs** which includes term insurance and accidental disability.

**Canara Bank, Canara HSBC OBC Life launch 'Webassurance':**

➤ Public sector lender **Canara Bank** and its life insurance partner **Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance** has announced the launch of **'Webassurance'**.

➤ Four life insurance products of Canara HSBC OBC Life would be made available to customers of Canara Bank, **covering the key needs of child future, savings and investments, retirement planning and protection**.

➤ Canara HSBC OBC Life is jointly owned by **two public sector banks Canara Bank (51 per cent) and Oriental Bank of Commerce (23 per cent)** and HSBC Insurance (Asia Pacific)

Holdings (26 per cent), the Asian insurance arm of banking and financial services groups HSBC.

**FSS Launches 'FSS Voice Commerce': A Real Time Voice Banking Platform**

- **FSS** has launched **FSS Voice Commerce**, a real-time voice banking platform that offers customers, meaningful, contextual and personalized banking interactions.
- Enabling banks to deepen customer engagement via conversation-led banking and deliver interactive service experiences to its customers, **FSS Voice Commerce is set to take frictionless banking to the next level.**

**RANKINGS/REPORTS BY VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS**

**Jharkhand's Dhanbad Tops 4G Availability Chart in India:**

- **OpenSignal**, one of the well-known portals that test the network availability and speeds of telecom operators released a new report of **4G availability in India's 50 largest cities.**
- The report, which is named as '**OpenSignal's Hottest city for 4G Availability**' reveals that **Dhanbad**, which is also known as the **coal capital of India** has the **highest 4G availability of 95.3%**, followed by **Ranchi** which has **95%** of 4G Availability.
- Interestingly, **Srinagar**, which is one of the remote areas in the country stood **third** on the list with 4G Availability score of **94.9%**.

**Shanghai becomes world's first district with 5G coverage:**

- **Shanghai** claimed that it has become **first district in the world** using both **5G coverage** and **broadband gigabit network.**
- It is latest wireless communication technology based on third-generation partnership project. 5G base stations had been deployed over the last three months to ensure full coverage in Hongkou.

**EIU set to lower India's growth outlook for 2019-20:**

- **Indian economy** will grow below its potential in 2019-20, said a report from the **Hong Kong-based The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)** while warning it is set to lower its own **current estimate of 7.2 per cent** for the country's GDP growth rate in its next forecast round.
- Both **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** earlier this month cut their 2019-20 growth projection for India to **2 per cent** from 7.4 per cent earlier, blaming rising risks to global economic growth as well as weakening domestic investment activity.

**2019 Global Food Policy report: Rural revitalisation key to eco growth**

- According to the **2019 Global Food Policy Report (GFPR)**, rural areas continue to be in a

state of crisis and threatening to slow the progress toward the **Sustainable Development Goals**, global climate targets, and improved food and nutrition security due to hunger, malnutrition, poverty, environmental degradation. 821 mn people in the world are facing chronic food deprivation.

- The report was prepared by the Washington DC-based **International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).**

**India to install 54.7 GW wind capacity by 2022: Fitch Solutions**

- **India** is likely to install **7 GW** of wind capacity **by 2022** against the 60-GW target set by the government, **Fitch Solutions Macro Research** has said in a report.
- The country has set an ambitious target of **installing 175 GW of renewable energy** capacity by the year 2022, which includes 100 GW from solar, 60 GW from wind, 10 GW from bio-power and 5 GW from small hydro-power.
- According to a year-end review released by the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** in December 2018, the country seeks to tender a total 20 GW of wind capacity by **March 2020.**

**IIT-Madras Tops HRD's National Ranking of Institutes:**

- **National Ranking of Higher Institutes** was released by the Ministry of Human Resources Development in **New Delhi.**
- **Indian Institute of Technology Madras** topped the rankings while the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore bagged the second rank followed by IIT Delhi.
- Out of ten top institutes, seven are IITs. Jawaharlal Nehru University got the seventh rank and Banaras Hindu University bagged the tenth spot.
- **Delhi University's Miranda House** was ranked the best among colleges across the country, while the varsity's St Stephen's College was ranked fourth.
- **AIIMS** has been ranked first among medical sciences institutes and **National Law School, Bangalore** has topped law colleges.

**HDFC AMC ranks first, ICICI AMC second in terms of assets:**

- **India's Asset Management Companies (AMCs)** own assets under management (AUM) worth **Rs.24.46 trillion**, according to data released by the **Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)**, a mutual fund industry lobby, for the January-March period.
- **HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd** has claimed the **top spot** with an average AUM of Rs.3.42 trillion, overtaking **ICICI Prudential Asset Management Co. Ltd** with an average

AUM of at Rs.3.20 trillion. HDFC AMC saw a solid AUM growth of 14%.

- **SBI Asset Management Co. Ltd** climbed two places from the fifth to the third spot with an AUM of Rs.2.83 trillion.

**India's steel demand to grow by over 7% in FY19, FY20 on railways, capital goods and construction sectors' growth:**

- **India's steel** demand is likely to grow by over **7 percent in 2019 and 2020**, driven by sectors like construction, capital goods and railways, as per the **Indian Steel Association.**
- It also forecast that India's steel consumption is likely to cross **100 million tonnes (MT) mark in 2019.**

**India's population grew at 1.2% average annual rate between 2010 and 2019: UN**

- **India's population** grew at an average annual rate of **1.2 per cent** between **2010 and 2019** to 1.36 billion, more than double the annual growth rate of China, according to a report by the **United Nations Population Fund.**
- India's population in 2019 stood at **1.36 billion**, growing from 942.2 million in 1994 and 541.5 million in 1969. The Indian population grew at average annual rate of **1.2 per cent between 2010 and 2019**, the UN sexual and reproductive health agency said.
- In comparison, China's population stood at **1.42 billion** in 2019 and China's population grew at an average annual rate of **0.5 per cent** between 2010 and 2019.
- According to the report, in India, total fertility rate per woman was 5.6 in 1969, dropping to 3.7 in 1994 and **2.3 in 2019.**
- **Highlighting positive changes** in the last half-century, the report shows that in 1969, the average number of births per woman was 4.8, compared with 2.9 in 1994, and **2.5, 2019.**

**Varanasi's Air Quality 'Deteriorating', Delhi Victim Of 'Negligence': Report**

- The air quality in **Varanasi**, is ranked **third on the WHO's list of 15 most polluted cities** and the situation is "**deteriorating**" as its MP has focused on beautification and infrastructure, a Delhi-based environment body claimed. Faridabad in Haryana is in **2nd** position after Kanpur.
- **Delhi** is ranked **sixth on the list and there has been "laziness"** on part of its elected caretakers in tackling air pollution in the city, the '**Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014-2019**' report, released by Climate Trends.
- The **Air Quality Index (AQI)** in **Varanasi** reached an alarming **490** in 2017 and **384 very poor category in December 2018**, the report claimed.

➤ An AQI between 0 and 50 is considered "good", 51 and 100 "satisfactory", 101 and 200 "moderate", 201 and 300 "poor", 301 and 400 "very poor", and 401 and 500 "severe", as per pollution control authorities.

**HDFC Bank Ranked No. 1 In India By Forbes; Surprise at No. 3; SBI Not in Top 10:**

➤ As per the first edition of Forbes World's Best Bank survey, HDFC Bank has been recognized as number 1 bank by customers in India. Forbes partnered with market research firm Statista to measure the best banks in 23 countries.

➤ ICICI Bank took the second spot and DBS bank grabbed the third position, followed by Kotak Mahindra Bank and IDFC Bank which are at the fourth and fifth spot. Also, the public sector banks like Syndicate Bank, PNB, Allahabad Bank, Vijaya Bank, and Axis Bank were in the top 10.

**Hong Kong Overtakes Japan As World's Third Largest Stock Market:**

➤ The Hong Kong city's equity market has overtaken Japan to be the world's third largest in value, behind only the U.S. and mainland China, Hong Kong courtesy of a rebound in stocks after their worst year since 2011.

➤ Hong Kong's market cap was \$5.78 trillion, compared with \$5.76 trillion for Japan, according to data compiled by Bloomberg based on where primary securities are listed.

➤ The Asian city's Hang Seng Index climbed 17 percent this year through, when it closed at its highest since June 15.

**WHO raises alarm over 300% increase in case of measles globally:**

➤ World Health Organization (WHO) has raised alarm over a 300 percent increase in the case of measles globally in the first quarter of 2019 compared with last year.

➤ So far this year, 170 countries have reported 112,163 measles cases to WHO. It also added that Africa has witnessed the most dramatic rise - up 700% which has weaker vaccination coverage than other regions.

➤ Measles, an airborne infection causing fever, cough and rashes that can be deadly in rare cases had been officially eliminated in many countries with advanced healthcare systems.

**UN owes India USD 38 million for peacekeeping operations: UNSG report**

➤ The United Nations owes India USD 38 million, the highest it has to pay to any country, for the peacekeeping operations as of March 2019, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has said as he voiced concern over the world body's deteriorating financial health.

➤ In his report on improving the financial situation of the world body, he said, as of March 31, 2019, the total amount payable to troop - and police-contributing countries with respect to active peacekeeping missions was USD 265 million.

➤ Of this, the UN owes USD 38 million to India, followed by Rwanda (USD 31 million), Pakistan (USD 28 million), Bangladesh (USD 25 million) and Nepal (USD 23 million).

**India shifts to net steel importer in 2018-19 fiscal:**

➤ India was a net importer of steel during the 2018-19 fiscal year, the first time in three years, as the country lost market share among its traditional steel buyers and imports jumped on demand for higher quality steel domestically.

➤ The country's finished steel exports fell by 34% in the fiscal year that ended in March to 6.36 million tonnes, according to preliminary government data given to Reuters. During the same period, finished steel imports rose 4.7% to 7.84 million tonnes.

**Lawyers Menaka Guruswamy, Arundhati Katju In Time's 100 Most Influential:**

➤ The TIME magazine in its list of 100 most influential people of 2019 has included two Indian women lawyers - Menaka Guruswamy (9th) and Arundhati Katju (9th), who spearheaded the legal challenge to strike down Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code.

➤ They contested that people risked arrest for publicly identifying themselves as part of the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) community.

➤ The list also includes Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani (13th) in Business Man Category.

**India drops down on World Press Freedom Index:**

➤ India has dropped two places on a global press freedom index to be ranked 140th out of 180 countries in the annual Reporters Without Borders analysis, with the lead up to the ongoing Indian general elections flagged as a particularly dangerous time for journalists.

➤ The World Press Freedom Index 2019, topped by Norway, finds an increased sense of hostility towards journalists across the world, with violent attacks in India leading to at least six Indian journalists being killed in the line of their work last year.

**D&B report cited Business Sentiments down by 7.7% for Q2 in 2019:**

➤ According to Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) report, business sentiments on the country's financial and macroeconomic conditions continue

to decline in the second quarter of 2019 as compared to the second quarter in 2018. D&B Composite Business Optimism Index conclude 78.4 scores during Q2 2019 as compared to 85.0 during Q2 2018, a decline of 7.7%.

**India Rises To 17th Spot From 37th in StartupBlink's Startup Ecosystem Ranking:**

➤ According to data released by StartupBlink, India moved up to 17th position in 2018 from 37th spot last year in the Startup Ecosystem Ranking for 2019.

➤ The top three spots remained unchanged with the United States, United Kingdom and Canada

➤ Bangalore, New Delhi and Mumbai were the top cities in the Indian startup ecosystem.

**India ranks 19th in Index of Cancer Preparedness 2019:**

➤ The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released the 2019 Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP) in which India's overall rank is 19th out of 28 countries, with a score of 64.9.

➤ Australia tops the ICP, followed by the Netherlands and Germany. Saudi Arabia, Romania, and Egypt are at the bottom in Index.

➤ India ranks 17th in Cancer policy and planning and scored 80.8 out of 100 for this rank. According to the ICP rankings, India ranks 1st for research and 3rd for tobacco control in the list of 28 countries.

➤ India ranks 23rd for its national cancer control plan, which is relatively poor. India's healthcare system ranks 25th with a score of 40.3 out of 100. This rating is above Saudi Arabia, Kenya and Egypt.

**Pharmaceutical exports rise 11 per cent to \$19.2 billion in 2018-19:**

➤ The India's pharmaceutical exports rose by 11 per cent to USD 19.2 billion in 2018-19, mainly driven by higher demand in regions such as North America and Europe, as per a commerce ministry data.

➤ The pharma exports in 2017-18 stood at USD 17.3 billion and USD 16.7 billion in the previous fiscal.

➤ North America constitutes about 30 per cent of Indian pharma exports, followed by Africa and the European Union with 19 per cent and 16 per cent share, respectively, according to the data.

**Indian Economy Shrank 31% Due To Global Warming: Stanford Study**

➤ Global warming has caused the Indian economy to be 31 percent smaller than it would otherwise have been, according to a Stanford study which shows how earth's temperature changes have increased inequalities.

➤ The study, published in the journal Proceedings of the "National Academy of Sciences", showed that growing concentrations of greenhouse gases in earth's atmosphere since 1960s have enriched cooler countries like Norway and Sweden, while dragging down economic growth in warmer countries such as **India and Nigeria**.

➤ The study also shows that from 1961 to 2010, global warming has decreased the wealth per person of the world's poorest countries **by 17-30 percent**.

**RBI Has \$43 Billion In Excess Reserves, Says BofAML:**

➤ A panel named by **India's central bank** to study its capital structure is likely to identify

excess reserves of **up to Rs. 3 lakh crore** (\$43 billion), or 1.5 percent of gross domestic product, according to **Bank of America Merrill Lynch**.

➤ The **Bimal Jalan committee** on the appropriate capital reserves for RBI was likely to identify this excess buffer. The committee was set up in December-end with a 6-member panel headed by former RBI governor Jalan.

➤ **Indranil Sen Gupta**, chief India economist at BofAML said that RBI maintains higher contingency reserves as a percentage of its total book compared to its peers in **Brazil, Russia and South Africa**, thus a lower cap will bring in more funds.

**RBI first APAC central bank to begin interest rate easing cycle: Fitch**

➤ **The Reserve Bank of India** is the **first central bank** in the **Asia-Pacific region** to begin an explicit interest rate easing cycle buoyed by benign food inflation and easier global financial condition, **Fitch Ratings said**.

➤ **The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)**, headed by **RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das**, cut rates in February and April, citing prospects of benign inflation. **In the four months of 2019, the RBI has cut policy interest rates twice by 0.25 per cent each** to one-year low of 6 per cent.

➤ Fitch has also estimated India to **grow at 6.8% in current fiscal and 7.1% in the next year**.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Designation	Current	Previous
Slovakia's First Female President	Zuzana Caputova	-
India's Next High Commissioner to Seychelles	Former Army chief Dalbir Singh Suhag	-
MD and CEO of ICICI Securities	Vijay Chandok	Shilpa Naval Kumar
New Strategic Forces Command Chief	Air Marshal Navkaranjit Singh Dhillon	Jasbir Walia
CEO of International Cricket Council (ICC)	Manu Sawhney	-
Investigation Head for Myanmar by UN	Nicholas Koumjian	-
First African American female mayor in Chicago	Lori Lightfoot	-
Managing Director of LIC	Vipin Anand	-
Chairman of NASSCOM for 2019-20	Keshav Muruges	-
General Secretary of All India Federation of PTI Employees' Unions (AIFPTIEU)	M S Yadav	-
President of the World Bank	David Malpass	-
U.K.'s Special Envoy on Media Freedom	Amal Clooney	-
Head of Industry Agency partnerships in Google India	Mayoori Kango	-
Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the disinvestment bound Pawan Hans Limited	Usha Padhee	-
New Chief Justice of Bombay High Court	Justice Pradeep Nandrajog	-
MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank	Karnam Sekar	-
MD and CEO of Canara Bank	R A Sankara Narayanan	-
Executive Director of Punjab National Bank	R K Yaduvanshi	-
Executive Director of Syndicate Bank	Nageshwara Rao	-
Executive Director of Bank of Baroda	Murali Ramaswami	-
Prime Minister of Israel	Benjamin Netanyahu	-
New Prime Minister of Haiti	Jean Michel Lapin	-
Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD) of National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC)	Shiv Das Meena	-
First Woman Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia University (JMI).	Professor Najma Akhtar	-
First Indian to be appointed Head of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Health and Safety Committee	Col (Dr) Bibhu Kalyan Nayak	-
New Chief People Officer of PwC	Padmaja Alaganandan	-
New Chairman of India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA)	Jitendra Chaddah	Anil Kumar Muniswamy
First Indian Women in 359 years to join Royal Society	Gagandeep Kang	-
Special Observer for West Bengal	Ajay V. Nayak	-
India's Next High Commissioner to South Africa	Seasoned diplomat Jaideep Sarkar	-
Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon	Suhel Ajaz Khan	-
Deutsche Bank's India Head	Kaushik Shaparia	-
President of Ukraine	Volodymyr Zelensky	-
Board of Directors in Paytm Payments Bank	Sairee Chahal	-

Chairman of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH)	Ravinder Kumar Passi	OP Prahladka
General Secretary of the Asian Governing Body of Judo	Mukesh Kumar	-
Special Observer for Tripura	Vinod Zutshi	-
New Managing Director of Twitter India	Manish Maheshwari	Taranjeet Singh
52 <sup>nd</sup> Controller General of Defence Accounts	Rajendra Kumar Nayak	-
Secretary General of ASSOCHAM	Uday Kumar Varma	-
First Indian to be elected as a member of FIFA Executive Council	Praful Patel	-

**RESIGNMENT**

- Google India MD - **Rajan Anandan**
- Algeria President - **Abdelaziz Bouteflika**
- Prime Minister of Mali - **Maiga**
- Jet Airways - **Nasim Zaidi**
- Wipro President - **Shaji Farooq**
- Uber Asia Pacific Head - **Amit Jain**

**BRAND AMASSADOR**

- Brand Ambassador of Jammu And Kashmir Election Department - **Sana Dua**
- Bus ticketing platform redBus - **Mahendra Singh Dhoni**
- Goodwill Ambassador of Street Child Cricket World Cup 2019 - **Mithali Raj**
- Corporate Ambassador of Dubai based 'RAKEZ' - **Former Cricketer Ravi Shastri**
- Brand Ambassador of Indo-American Arts Council (IAAC) - **Michelin-star chef Vikas Khanna**

**AWARDS & HONOURS**

<b>AWARDS</b>	<b>WINNERS</b>
Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award 2019	NRI scientist <b>Dr Rajendra Joshi</b>
Honoured with the Order of Ikhamanga in the Silver Division by South Africa President	Ex-South Africa all-rounder <b>Jacques Kallis</b>
Awarded by the Tamil Nadu Sports Journalists' Association (TNSJA) and the India Cements	Sportsperson of the Year Award: Ace table tennis player <b>A Sharath Kamal</b> TNSJA Lifetime Achievement awardees: <b>Vijay Amritraj</b> (Indian tennis player), <b>V V Kumar</b> (former India leg-spinner), <b>R Gnanasekaran</b> (Asian Games gold medallist (200m). Coach of the year: <b>R B Ramesh</b> (chess coach) TNSJA Team of the year 2018-19: Tamil Nadu <b>Women's Football team</b> . TNSJA Young Achiever of the year 2018-19: <b>P M Tabitha</b> (athlete) TNSJA Young Achiever of the year 2018-19: <b>D.Gukesh</b> (world's second youngest Grand Master).
Honoured with the prestigious Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2019	National Award-winning filmmaker <b>Madhur Bhandarkar</b> , Popular Scriptwriter <b>Salim Khan</b> and yesteryears dancing <b>Divya Helen</b> ; Classical dancer <b>Sucheta Bhide-Chapekar</b> (music & art category)
IPI's 71st World Press Freedom Hero by International Press Institute (IPI)	Dawn Assistant Editor <b>Cyril Almeida</b>
National Intellectual Property Award for 2019	<b>Benny Antony</b>
First Inductee of Comic-On Museum's Character Hall of Fame	<b>Batman</b> (It is a fictional character of DC Comics)
Felicitated by the Asian Tour with a Special Achievement Award for his contributions to Asian Golf.	Hero MotoCorp – Chairman, <b>Dr. Pawan Munjal</b>
Won the Prestigious John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award 2019	<b>Vikram Patel</b>
Honoured with the prestigious Zayed Medal by UAE	<b>PM Narendra Modi</b>
'Global Slag Company of The Year' Award 2019	<b>Tata Steel</b>
Honoured with Presidential Award of Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman 2019	<b>Dr. Gyanaditya Shakya</b>
Felicitated with the coveted 'Public Water Agency of the Year' award at the Global Water Summit in London.	<b>Namami Gange</b>
Next Billion Edtech Prize 2019	India's education technology startup ' <b>Dost Education</b> '. And also, Ubongo (Tanzania) and PraxiLabs (Egypt) startups won the prize
New Zealand Prime Minister's Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship for 2019.	Rio Paralympics silver medallist <b>Deepa Malik</b> (First Indian Woman)
Freedom of the City of London Award 2019	GIC India Chief <b>Alice G. Vaidyan</b>
Best Athletic Coach in Asia 2019	Indonesian <b>Eni Nuraeni</b>
Conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award during 4th APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Conclave at Chandigarh University, Mohali.	<b>Dr A K Singh</b>
UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize 2019	Journalists <b>Kyaw Soe Oo</b> and <b>Wa Lone</b> (Myanmar)



2019 Citi Journalistic Excellence Awards	Mint's <b>Teena Thacker</b>
World Press Photo of the Year 2019	Veteran Getty photographer <b>John Moore</b>
World Press Photo Story of the Year Award 2019	Dutch-Swedish photographer <b>Pieter Ten Hoopen</b>
Celent Model Bank 2019 Award in the category of Financial Inclusion, for 'Redesigning Lending to Reach Small Businesses'	<b>Fincare Small Finance Bank</b>
Honoured in the 2019 list of new fellows of the UK's Royal Society	Prominent scientist and businessman <b>Yusuf Hamied</b>
Chandigarh Sahitya Akademi Awards 2019	Five writers, <b>Dr Chaman Ahuja</b> (Urdu), <b>Dr Om Prakash Vasishta</b> (Punjabi), <b>Professor Tejwant Singh Gill</b> (English), <b>Dr Prasoon Prasad</b> (Hindi) and <b>Professor Virender Kumar Alankar</b> (Sanskrit) were given the award of recognition for their lifelong contribution in the field of literature.
Won the Best Cinematography Award at the Beijing International Film Festival, China.	Malayalam film <b>Bhayanakam</b> (Fear) directed by <b>Jayaraj</b>
National Intellectual Property Award 2019	The <b>Intellectual Property Rights Cell</b> (IPR Cell) of <b>Kerala Agricultural University</b> (KAU)
Inducted into the prestigious Cleveland International Hall of fame 2019	An Indian American scientist and social activist <b>Prof Sree Sreenath</b> . Along with five other inductees - Dr Akram Boutros, Ingrida Bublys, Paul Burik, Richard Fleischman, and Marilyn Madigan.
"Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant Award" for the year 2018-19 for his book "Samvidhan Kavya" (Constitution of India in Poetic form).	<b>Sunil Kumar Gautam</b> , Special Commissioner of Police (Operations)
Swacchta Pakhwada Awards-2019	<b>All India Radio, Publication Division</b> and <b>Children's Film Society of India</b>

**2019 Pulitzer Prize Awards:**

- > The 2019 Pulitzer Prizes were awarded by the **Pulitzer Prize Board** for work during the 2018 calendar year.
- > The **Washington Post** won two prizes, as **The New York Times**; **The Wall Street Journal** won one; and the **Sun-Sentinel** won its second Pulitzer for Public Service.

**Here the List of Winners:**

**JOURNALISM**

**Public service:** Staff of the South Florida Sun Sentinel

**Feature writing:** Hannah Dreier of ProPublica

**Commentary:** Tony Messenger of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch

**Criticism:** Carlos Lozada of The Washington Post

**Editorial writing:** Brent Staples of the New York Times

**Editorial cartooning:** Darrin Bell, a freelance cartoonist

**Special citation:** Staff of the Capital Gazette

**BOOKS, DRAMA AND MUSIC**

**Fiction:** "The Overstory" by Richard Powers

**Drama:** "Fairview" by Jackie Sibblies Drury

**History:** "Frederick Douglass" by David W. Blight

**Biography or autobiography:** "The New Negro" by Jeffrey C. Stewart

**Poetry:** "Be With" by Forrest Gander

**General nonfiction:** "Amity and Prosperity" by Eliza Griswold

**Music:** "p r i s m" by Ellen Reid

**Special citation:** Aretha Franklin

**LSE names a professorship after economist Amartya Sen:**

- > **The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** has announced the creation of the **Amartya Sen Chair in**

**Inequality Studies**, named in honour of the India-born economist, philosopher and Nobel laureate, who was Professor of Economics at LSE from 1971-82.

**Chhetri adjudged 'Best Sportsman' by Calcutta Sports Journalists' Club:**

- > **India football captain Sunil Chhetri** was adjudged the country's '**Best Sportsman of the Year**' by the Calcutta Sports Journalists' Club.

> **Lifetime Achievement award:** Former Davis Cup coach **Akhtar Ali**, former India opener **Arun Lal** and **Aroon Ghosh** member of the 1962 Asian Games gold medal winning football team.

- > Bengal pacer **Ishan Porel** (Junior Sportsman of the Year), Mohun Bagan's **Shilton Paul** (Footballer of the Year), East Bengal's **Mahmoud Al-Amna** (Best Foreign Footballer)

- > Best cricketer: **Abhimanyu Easwaran**
- > Best Hockey Player: **Suprajit Rakshit**
- > Best Athlete (men): **Safiqul Mondol**
- > Best Athlete (women): **Bhairabi Roy**
- > Best Badminton Player: **Ankit Mondal**
- > Best Chess Player: **Koustav Chatterjee**
- > Best Swimmer: **Sayani Ghosh**
- > Best TT player: **Ayhika Mukharjee**
- > Best Tennis Player: **Yubarani Banerjee**
- > Best Shooter: **Mehuli Ghosh**
- > Best Basketball Player: **Madhu Kumari**
- > Best Volleyball Player: **Nayanika Biswas**

**COMMITTEE**

**NGT sets up Central monitoring panel in a bid to reduce pollution stretches:**

- > **The National Green Tribunal (NGT)** has constituted a **Central Monitoring Committee** to ensure the implementation of action plan meant

for reducing pollution stretches across the country.

- > The Bench headed by NGT Chairperson **Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel**. The Committee will further synchronize with the River Rejuvenation Committees of the states and supervise the implementation of the action plans. **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)** will be nodal authority for coordination.

**IRDAI forms panel to review microinsurance framework:**

- > The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has set up a committee to review the regulatory framework on microinsurance and recommend measures to increase the demand for such products.
- > With IRDAI Executive Director **Suresh Mathur** as the chairman, the 13-member panel has been tasked with suggesting product designs with customer-friendly underwriting, including easy premium payment methods and simple claims settlement procedures.

**BOOKS & AUTHORS**

**Garuda Prakashan launches '#Modi Again' and 'Saffron Swords':**

- > One of India's homegrown startup-The Indian Publishing company, **Garuda Prakashan Private Limited**, launched its book '**Saffron Swords** and '**#Modi Again**'- Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders'.
- > '**Saffron Swords**' is a book written by **Manoshi Sinha Rawal**, it is a book on 52 unsung warriors of India from the last 1300 years.
- > "**#Modi Again: Why Modi is right for India, An Ex-Communist's**

**Manifesto**” authored by **Aabhas Maldahiya**, states the reasons about how Narendra Modi is right for India.

**Book on Jallianwala Bagh poem Khooni Vaisakhi released in UAE:**

➤ **India's Ambassador to the UAE Navdeep Singh Suri** has commended the launch of a book containing English translation of the Punjabi poem, **Khooni Vaisakhi**, saying the 100-year old classic ballad about the **Jallianwala Bagh massacre** is now reaching a global audience.

**Konkani translation of Indian Constitution released:**

➤ A **Konkani translation of the Indian Constitution** has been released by the **Mangaluru Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha** at the Rosario cathedral Mangalore, Karnataka. The book has been brought out by the Mangaluru diocesan commission, led by its **convener Fr J B Crasta**.

➤ The translation has been done by **Prof Stephen Quadros Permude**, who has authored several books in Konkani.

**Journalist Saba Naqvi authored "Politics of Jugaad: The Coalition Handbook" released**

➤ **Journalist Saba Naqvi** has composed a book named **"Politics of Jugaad: The Coalition Handbook"** in which she examines the possibility of a coalition government after the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

➤ The author, **Saba Naqvi** is a well-known journalist and political analyst in India. She has authored other books, namely, **'In Good Faith'** (2012), **'Capital Conquest'** (2015), and **'Shades of Saffron'** (2018).

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

**India successfully launches EMISAT satellite:**

➤ **India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C45)** successfully launched **EMISAT** and 28 international customer satellites from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR in **Sriharikota**. This flight marked the first mission of **PSLV-QL**, a new variant of PSLV with four strap-on motors.

➤ The spacecraft meant to provide **electronic intelligence** to the **Armed Forces** is the first of its kind for the country.

➤ The **EMISAT** was launched in its 47th Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) mission, along with 28 other customer satellites, onboard the advanced PSLV-C45 Rocket.

**Tesla builds its 'largest energy storage system in Asia':**

➤ In a bid to **reduce energy demand and provide emergency** backup power to trains in Japan, **Tesla** has claimed to develop its **largest**

**power storage system in Asia**. It was Launched in partnership with **Kintetsu**, a railway operator in **Japan's Osaka**.

➤ **Tesla** stated that 7 megawatt-hours (MWh) system is its largest energy storage project in Asia and the fourth largest in the greater Asia-Pacific (APAC) region.

**SPORTS**

**South Korea won Azlan Shah Cup by defeating India:**

➤ **India** has lost to **South Korea** in the final of **Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey** tournament at Ipoh in Malaysia. South Korea lifted the title, defeating India in a shootout **4-2**.

➤ Hosts **Malaysia** defeated Canada 4-2 and secured the **3rd place**. Asian games Gold medalist Japan stood at 5th place, defeating Poland 6-1.

**Roger Federer lifts 101st title by winning Miami Open:**

➤ **Roger Federer** lifted the **101st title** of his remarkable career by defeating **ATP Miami Open** defending champion **John Isner** by **6-1, 6-4**. Federer is now behind only **America's Jimmy Connors** with 109 career singles titles.

➤ **Roger Federer** has lifted his **fourth title at the Miami Open**. It is Swiss player's 28th Masters' title and the 101st overall for a player who has won 20 Grand Slam singles titles.

➤ The Complete list of winners are as follows :

**: Miami Open 2019**

Event	Winner	Runner Up
<b>Men's Singles</b>	Roger Federer - Switzerland	John Isner - United States
<b>Women's Singles</b>	Ashleigh Barty - Australia	Karolina Pliskova - Czech Republic
<b>Men's Doubles</b>	Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan - USA	Wesley Koolhof - Netherlands and Stefanos Tsitsipas - Greece
<b>Women's Doubles</b>	Elise Mertens - Belgium and Aryna Sabalenka - Belarus	Samantha Stosur - Australia and Zhang Shuai - China

**Lewis Hamilton Won Bahrain Grand Prix 2019:**

➤ **Lewis Hamilton**, Five times world champion won **Bahrain Grand Prix 2019** title by beating **Valtteri Bottas** of Finland who secured the second position.

➤ **Charles Leclerc** was finished at the **third position** and became **Ferrari's youngest ever race winner**.

**India Clinches 25 Medals at 12th Asian Airgun Championships:**

➤ Indian shooters continued their dominance claiming five gold medals on the final day of the **Asian Airgun Championships** to sign off with a total of 25 medals in **Taoyuan, Taipei**. **India** finished with **16 gold, 5 silver, and 4 bronze** medals.

➤ **Yash** finished on top in **10m Air Rifle men's junior** event. He then clinched the yellow metal in Team competition with his partners — **Keval Prajapati** and **Aishwary Tomar**. **Shreya** won the gold in the 10m Air Rifle women's junior event.

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**India Open 2019 Concludes in New Delhi:**

➤ The **2019 India Open**, officially the **YONEX-SUNRISE India Open 2019**, was a badminton tournament which took place at **K. D. Jadhav Indoor Hall in New Delhi, India** and had a total purse of \$350,000.

The complete list of **Winners of India Open 2019** are as follows:

Event	Winner	Runner
<b>Women's Singles</b>	Ratchanok Intanon - Thailand	He Bingjiao - China
<b>Men's Singles</b>	Viktor Axelsen - Denmark	Srikanth Kidambi - India
<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	Wang Yilu and Huang Dongping - China	Praveen Jordan and Melati Daeva Oktavianti - Indonesia
<b>Men's Doubles</b>	Lee Yang and Wang Chi-lin - Chinese Taipei	Ricky Karanda Suwardi and Angga Pratama - Indonesia
<b>Women's Doubles</b>	Greysia Polii and Apriyani Rahayu - Indonesia	Chow Mei Kuan and Lee Meng Yean - Malaysia

**Saurav Ghosal becomes first Indian man to enter top-10 in Squash rankings:**

➤ **Saurav Ghosal** became the **first Indian male squash player** to enter the **top 10** in the

latest **PSA – Professional Squash Association world rankings.**

➤ Ghosal made it to the quarter-finals of the 2018-2019 PSA World Championships in Chicago, USA for the first time in his career. Indian women squash players **Joshna Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal** had earlier reached **top 10 in the world rankings.**

**India awarded ICC Test Championship Mace for third straight year:**

➤ **India** has retained **ICC Test Championship mace** for the third year in a row after finishing at the top of ICC Test team rankings on the cut-off date of April 1. It has also won the purse of USD 1 million.  
 ➤ The runner up, New Zealand has won \$500,000 prize money after finishing with 108 points. **South Africa** finished 3rd with 105 points to clinch the award money of \$200,000.

**Belgium retained top spot: FIFA world football rankings**

➤ **Belgium** continues to dominate the charts with **1737** points. The top three positions are unchanged with **World Cup winner France** in second spot ahead of **Brazil**, in third.  
 ➤ England rose above Croatia, to reach No 4 this month. Indian football team gained two places to rise to 101 in the FIFA rankings.  
 ➤ FIFA rankings: 1. Belgium 2. France 3. Brazil 4. England (+1) 5. Croatia (-1) 6. Uruguay (+1) 7. Portugal (-1) 8. Switzerland 9. Spain 10. Denmark

**PV Sindhu and Neeraj conferred with Sportsperson of year award:**

➤ Olympic silver medallist **P.V. Sindhu** and star javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra** were named as female and male sportsperson of the year in the **ESPN India Multi-Sport Awards** for their achievements in 2018.  
 ➤ 2012 London Olympics bronze medallist shuttler **Saina Nehwal** won the award for the **'Comeback of the Year'** after bagging the bronze at the 2018 Asian Games.

**ESPN Multi-Sport awards 2018 recognised achievements across 11 categories. Other Winners of the Award are**

CATEGORY	WON BY
Coach of the Year	Jaspal Rana (shooting)
Emerging Sportsperson of the Year	Saurabh Chaudhary (shooting)
Team of the Year	Women's team (table tennis)

Match of the Year	Amit Panghal vs Hasanboy Dusmatov (boxing)
Differently-abled athlete of the Year	Ekta Bhyan (para-athletics)
Lifetime Achievement Award	Pradip Kumar Banerjee (football)

**2019 Malaysia Open:**

➤ **The 2019 Malaysia Open**, officially the **CELCOM AXIATA Malaysia Open 2019**, is a badminton tournament which takes place at **Axiata Arena in Malaysia** from 2 to 7 April 2019 and has a total purse of \$700,000.

**Champions**

- **Men's Singles:** Lin Dan (China)
- **Women's Singles:** Tai Tzu-ying (China)
- **Men's Doubles:** Li Junhui (China) & Liu Yuchen (China)
- **Women's Doubles:** Chen Qingchen (China) & Jia Yifan (China)
- **Mixed Doubles:** Zheng Siwei (China) & Huang Yaqiong (China)

**Isaak Hayik, 73, set a New Record as World's Oldest Soccer Player:**

➤ 73-year-old Israeli **Isaak Hayik** set a new world record as the **Oldest Person to play in a Professional Soccer Match.**  
 ➤ The Iraqi-born keeper was officially recognized in an award ceremony attended by representatives from the **Guinness World Record organization.**

**Virat Kohli and Smriti Mandhana named as Wisden Cricketers' Almanack's Leading Cricketers in the World:**

➤ Indian captain **Virat Kohli** was named the **'Leading Cricketer in the World'** for the third time in a row in this year's edition of the **Wisden Cricketers' Almanack**, the publication. **Smriti Mandhana** was the **'Leading Cricketer in the women's game'**.  
 ➤ **Kohli, Sam Curran, Jos Buttler, Rory Burns and Tammy Beaumont** were chosen as the five Cricketers of the Year for their performances in the 2018 English summer.

**AITA signs MoU with Serbian Tennis Federation to train junior players:**

➤ **The All India Tennis Association (AITA)** has signed an MoU with **Serbian Tennis Federation (STF)** to train Indian junior players under world renowned Serbian coaches, at the **RK Khanna Stadium, New Delhi.**

➤ The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by **Secretary General, AITA, Hironmoy Chatterjee**, and CEO, STF **Dusan Orlandic.**

**Tiger Woods seals Fifth Masters Title and 15th major:**

➤ **Golfer Tiger Woods** clinched his Fifth Masters and 15th major title at **Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia.**  
 ➤ The **43-year-old** muscled his way through a tightly packed leaderboard to win by one shot at Augusta for his first major title in **11 years and first Masters win since 2005.**

**Garin tops Ruud to give Chile first ATP Tour title in 10 years:**

➤ **Christian Garin** became the first Chilean to win an **ATP Tour title** in 10 years when he beat Norway's **Casper Ruud** at the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship in **Houston.**  
 ➤ **He became the first Chilean** to win an ATP Tour title since Fernando Gonzalez in 2009.

**Motor racing: Lewis Hamilton wins Formula One's 1,000th race**

➤ **Lewis Hamilton** won the **Chinese Grand Prix** for a record sixth time.  
 ➤ He seized the overall lead from his Mercedes teammate **Valtteri Bottas** in Formula One's **1,000th world championship race.** Ferrari's **Sebastian Vettel** took third place.

**Prajnesh Gunneswaran rises to career-high ranking of 80:**

➤ In tennis, continuing his good run, **India's Prajnesh Gunneswaran** achieved a **career-high ranking of 80** in the latest ATP rankings released.  
 ➤ The 29-year-old from Chennai, who broke into the top 100 in February this year, improved two places to become the **sixth highest** in terms of singles ranking in the history of Indian tennis.  
 ➤ Another **Indian Ramkumar Ramanathan** dropped 16 spots to slip out of the top 150. He is now at the **157<sup>th</sup> position.**

**Mumbai Shuttler Dani clinches Dutch International badminton title 2019:**

➤ **India's Harsheel Dani**, a former junior national champion, defeated Mads Christophersen of Denmark, World No 149, to clinch the **20<sup>th</sup> Victor Dutch International Badminton title** in **Wateringen, Netherlands.**

**2019 Singapore Open (Badminton):**

**The 2019 Singapore Open**, was a badminton tournament which took place at Singapore Indoor Stadium in Singapore.  
**Here the Winners List**

- Men's Singles: **Kento Momota (Japan)**
- Women's Singles: **Tai Tzu-ying (China)**

- > Men's Doubles: **Takeshi Kamura (Japan) & Keigo Sonoda (Japan)**
- > Women's Doubles: **Mayu Matsumoto (Japan) & Wakana Nagahara (Japan)**
- > Mixed Doubles: **Dechapol Puavaranukroh (Thailand) & Sapsiree Taerattanachai (Thailand)**

**Cologne Boxing World Cup: Meena Kumari clinches gold as Indian boxers finish with 5 medals**

- > **Meena Kumari Maisnam** clinched the **gold medal in the 54 kg category** at the **Boxing World Cup in Cologne, Germany.**
- > **Sakshi (57kg)** and **Pwilao Basumatary (64kg)** lost their final bouts and had to settle for **silver** while **Pinki Rani (51kg)** and **Parveen (60kg)** won **bronze** as India finished with **five medals.**

**Paris Marathon: Ethiopian runners Gelete Burka and Abrha Milaw win 2019 race**

- > Ethiopian athletes **Gelete Burka** (women's race) and **Abrha Milaw** (men's race) **won the 43rd edition of the Paris Marathon.**
- > Milaw won the men's race with a time of **2 hours: 07 minutes: 50 seconds.** Kenyan Paul Lonyangata, a two-time Paris Marathon winner, was the third-fastest man.
- > Burka was the fastest woman with **2 hours: 22 minutes: 48 seconds.**
- > In the wheelchair race, **Julien Casoli** won for a third time. The fastest disabled racer put up a time of **1 hour: 36 minutes: 57 seconds.**

**Former Brazil football president Marin given life ban by FIFA:**

- > Former Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) president **Jose Maria Marin** has been **banned for life from all football activities by FIFA.**
- > **In 2018, Marin was sentenced to four years in prison** for racketeering and corruption offences, becoming the first person to be imprisoned as the result of the US investigation into corruption at world football's governing body.

**FC Goa pip Chennaiyin FC to win 2019 Super Cup:**

- > **FC Goa** nicknamed as **'The Gaurs'** emerged as **champions of the 2019 Super Cup** as they pipped Chennaiyin FC 2-1 in a tense affair at the **Kalinga Stadium** in Bhubaneswar.
- > 19-year-old Goa Goal keeper **Mohammad Nawaz** has been named as **Hero of the Match.**

**ICC partners with UNICEF to deliver '#OneDay4Children' at Men's Cricket World Cup 2019:**

- > **ICC Cricket** for Good, in partnership with **UNICEF**, announced **'One Day for Children'** bringing together cricket's one billion fans to help build a better world for every child.

- > **#OneDay4Children** will use the power and reach of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 to **help children learn play and be healthy.** The money raised will support UNICEF's work for children in cricket playing nations across the world.

**International Hockey Federation imposes fine on Pakistan:**

- > The **International Hockey Federation (FIH)** has imposed a **hefty fine of one lakh seventy-six thousand Euros (170,000 Euros) on Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF)** for not honouring the Pro League commitments.
- > The FIH has given the Pakistan sports body time **until 20th June** to pay the fine or else the penalty would be doubled.
- > PHF was fined for not sending the national team for the Pro League matches in **Argentina, Australia and New Zealand.**

**Wrestler Bajrang Punia regains world number one spot:**

- > **India's Bajrang Punia** has regained the **World Number One spot in the men's 65-kilogram freestyle** category rankings. The rankings were released by **United World Wrestling.**

**Asbel Kiprop: Former Olympic 1,500m champion banned for four years for doping**

- > **Former Olympic and three-time world champion Asbel Kiprop of Kenya was banned for four years** for testing positive for the **blood-boosting drug EPO** after his claim that urine samples might have been tampered with by disreputable doping control officers was rejected.
- > **The 2008 Olympic 1,500m champion** failed an out-of-competition test in his home country in November 2017.

**Santosh Trophy final: Services bags the 6th Santosh Trophy Football Tournament title against Punjab**

- > **Services** won their **6th Santosh Trophy Football Tournament title** over Punjab at the **Guru Nanak Stadium in Ludhiana.**
- > The Services football team represents the **Indian defense services in the Santosh Trophy.**

**Fognini Flies to First Masters Crown in Monte Carlo:**

- > **The 31-year-old Fabio Fognini** defeated **Dusan Lajovic**, in **Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters final** to capture the biggest title of his career and make history as the **first Italian to claim a Masters 1000 championship.**
- > Last time an **Italian player Nicola Pietrangeli** won the trophy in 1968. This event held every year at the Monte Carlo Country Club in France.

**Bajrang Punia Wins India's 1st Gold Medal At Asian Wrestling Championships:**

- > **World No.1 Bajrang Punia** won **India's first gold medal** at the **Asian Wrestling Championships 2019** in **Xi'an, China.**
- > Bajrang was fighting in the **65kg category** and beat **Sayatbek Okassov** of Kazakhstan to bag the top honours.
- > **Praveen Rana** had to settle for **silver in the 79kg category** after he lost to **Bahman Mohammad Teymouri of Iran.**
- > **Satyavrat Kadian**, on the other hand, bagged a **bronze medal in the 97kg category.**

**2019 Asian Athletics Championships:**

- > **The 2019 Asian Athletics Championships** was the **23rd edition of the Asian Athletics Championships.** It was held at the **Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar.** During the closing ceremony of the 22nd Asian Athletics Championships in **Bhubaneswar India.**
- > **Bahrain topped** the medal tally (11- Gold; 7- Silver; 4- Bronze; Total - 22 Medals). **India finished fourth** in the medal tally (3- Gold; 7- Silver; 7- Bronze; Total - 17 Medals)

**India at the 2019 Asian Athletics Championships**

**MEN**

EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
1500 metres	-	Ajay Kumar Saroj	-
10,000 metres	-	-	Gavit Murli Kumar
400 metres hurdles	-	-	Jabir Madari Palliyalil
3000 metres steeplechase	-	Avinash Sable	-
Shot put	<b>Tejinder Pal Singh Toor</b>	-	-
Javelin throw	-	Shivpal Singh	-

**WOMEN**

EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
200 metres	-	-	Dutee Chand
400 metres	-	-	M. R. Poovamma

800 metres	<b>Gomathi Marimuthu</b>	-	-
1500 metres	<b>P. U. Chitra</b>	-	-
5000 metres	-	-	Parul Chaudhary
10,000 metres	-	-	Sanjivani Jadhav
400 metres hurdles	-	-	Sarita Gayakwad
4x400 metres relay	-	Prachi M. R. Poovamma Sarita Gayakwad V. K. Vismaya	-
Javelin throw	-	Annu Rani	-
Heptathlon	-	Swapna Barman	-

**MIXED**

EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
4x400 metres relay	-	Mohammad Anas M. R. Poovamma Vismaya Velluvakoroth Arokia Rajiv	-

**Divyansh secures India's fourth Olympic quota in shooting:**

➤ **India's Divyansh Singh Panwar** has secured the **country's fourth Olympic quota place** in shooting by winning a **silver** in **10m air rifle event** in the **ISSF World Cup in Beijing, China**.

➤ This is **India's fourth 2020 Tokyo Olympic quota** after Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela (10m air rifle women) and Saurabh Choudhary (10m Air Pistol men) had secured berths in the earlier World Cups and last year's World Championship.

**USA secure ODI status for the first time:**

➤ **United States Cricket Team** beat Hong Kong by 84 runs in the WCL Division 2 **to attain one-day International (ODI) status**. After losing their first game at WCL2, USA came back to win their next three to secure one-day international cricket for the **first time since the 2004 Champions Trophy**.

**Stephanie Frappart first woman to referee Ligue 1 match:**

➤ French official **Stephanie Frappart** will become the **first woman to referee a Ligue 1 match** and will take charge of Amiens Vs Strasbourg.

**ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Cup 2019: India finishes top of medal tally with four medals**

➤ **India** drew blank on the final day but **still topped the chart** for the **second consecutive ISSF World Cup**, third time in two years, by bagging **three gold and a silver** at the **Beijing edition of the Rifle/Pistol event**.

➤ India topped the medals tally ahead of hosts **China (2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)**, who won five medals in total.

➤ **Anjum Moudgil** and young **Divyansh Singh Panwar – Gold** in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team competition.

➤ Teenaged pair of **Manu Bhaker** and **Saurabh Chaudhary- Gold** in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Pistol event.

➤ **Abhishek Verma – Gold** in men's 10m Air Pistol event.

➤ **Divyansh – Won India's first individual medal** by clinching a **silver** in the men's 10m Air Rifle.

**Thiem Sprints Past Medvedev To Clinch Barcelona Title:**

➤ **Dominic Thiem** overpowered **Daniil Medvedev** to win the **Barcelona Open title**, boosting his credentials as a potential Roland Garros champion. He is also the **first Austrian** to take the Barcelona title **since Thomas Muster in 1996**.

**2019 Badminton Asia Championships:**

➤ The **2019 Badminton Asia Championships**, is a badminton tournament which took place at Wuhan Sports Center Gymnasium in China. The 2019 Badminton Asia Championships was the **39th edition of the Badminton Asia Championships**. This tournament was hosted by the Chinese Badminton Association.

**Here is the complete list of winners of 2019 Badminton Asia Championships:**

Event	Winner
<b>Men's singles</b>	Kento Momota (Japan)
<b>Women's singles</b>	Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)
<b>Men's doubles</b>	Hiroyuki Endo and Yuta Watanabe (Japan)
<b>Women's doubles</b>	Chen Qingchen and Jia Yifan (China)
<b>Mixed doubles</b>	Wang Yilü and Huang Dongping (China)

**Australia's Claire Polosak set to become first woman umpire to stand in men's ODI:**

➤ **Australia's Claire Polosak** will create history as the **first woman umpire** ever to stand in a **men's One-Day International** when she takes the field in the final of the **ICC World Cricket League Division 2**.

**Stuttgart Open: Petra Kvitova triumphs to win second singles title of 2019**

➤ **Petra Kvitova** has become the **first player** to win two **WTA singles titles** this year after beating Anett Kontaveit in the **Stuttgart's Porsche Tennis Grand Prix final**.

**Bajrang Punia to Become First Indian Wrestler to Fight At New York's Iconic Madison Square Garden:**

➤ **Bajrang Punia** is set to become the **first wrestler from India** to fight at the iconic **Madison Square Garden in New York**.

➤ Bajrang Punia will take part in the "Grapple at the Garden – Beat the Streets" fight night, scheduled to be held on May 6. He is currently the **World No.1** in the 65-kg weight category.

**Bhullar wins outstanding achievement as player award:**

➤ Arjuna awardee and star Indian golfer **Gaganjeet Bhullar** won the outstanding achievement as a player award at the **fourth edition of the annual India Golf Industry Association (GIA) awards** at the **Delhi Golf Club, New Delhi**.

**Valtteri Bottas grabs Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2019:**

➤ **Valtteri Viktor Bottas (Finland)** of **Mercedes** captured Formula 1 State Oil Company of **Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2019** by beating Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton at the Baku City Circuit in Baku, Azerbaijan.

**India's Nitendra Singh Rawat finishes 27th in Virgin Money London Marathon 2019:**

• Indian marathon runner, **Nitendra Singh Rawat** finished 27th in **2 hours 15 minutes and 59 seconds** in the **men's Elite race of prestigious Virgin Money London Marathon 2019 at London**, the UK which was won by EliudKipchoge of Kenya for record fourth time.

**Asian Wrestling Championship 2019:**

➤ The **2019 Asian Wrestling Championships** was held in **Xi'an, China**.

➤ India won 16 medals which include 1 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze by men's freestyle wrestlers, 3 silver and 1 bronze by men's Greco-Roman wrestlers and 4 bronze won by women's freestyle wrestlers.

➤ **India ranked 8th place** in the tournament and the first three countries ranked in the tournament were **Iran followed by China and Japan**.

**Here the Indian Winners List**

Event / Category	Name	Medal
Men's Freestyle/65-kg	Bajrang Punia	Gold
Men's Freestyle/74-kg	Amit Kumar Dhankar	Silver
Men's Freestyle/79-kg	Parveen Rana	Silver
Men's Freestyle/92-kg	Vicky Chahar	Silver
Men's Greco-Roman/77-kg	Gurpreet Singh	Silver
Men's Greco-Roman/82-kg	Harpreet Singh	Silver
Men's Greco-Roman/87-kg	Sunil Kumar	Silver
Men's Freestyle/61-kg	Rahul Aware	Bronze
Men's Freestyle/86-kg	Deepak Punia	Bronze
Men's Freestyle/97-kg	Satyawart Kadian	Bronze
Men's Freestyle/125-kg	Sumit Malik	Bronze
Men's Greco-Roman/60-kg	Gyanender Dahiya	Bronze
Women's Freestyle/53-kg	Vinesh Phogat	Bronze
Women's Freestyle/59-kg	Manju Kumari	Bronze
Women's Freestyle/62-kg	Sakshi Malik	Bronze
Women's Freestyle/68-kg	Divya Kakran	Bronze

**67th Barcelona Open Banco Sabadell 2019:**

> **The 2019 Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell** (also known as the Torneo Godó) was a **men's tennis tournament** played on outdoor clay courts. It was the **67th edition of the event and part of the ATP World Tour 500 series** of the 2019 ATP World Tour. It took place at the Real Club de Tennis Barcelona in **Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain**.

**Winner List**

- > Singles: **Austria Dominic Thiem**
- > Doubles: **Colombia Juan Sebastián Cabal / Colombia Robert Farah**

**Raheem Sterling named 2019 FWA footballer of the year:**

> **Raheem Sterling** has been named the 2019 footballer of the year by the **Football Writers' Association (FWA)**. The Manchester City and England forward topped the poll of the **400-strong FWA membership** as a clear winner, with 62 percent of the votes.

**IMPORTANT DAYS**

IMPORTANT DAY	OBSERVED/CELEBRATED	THEME OF 2019
"Utkal Divas" or 84 <sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of Odisha	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	-
Prevention of Blindness Week	April 1 <sup>st</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	-
Autism Awareness Day	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	'Assistive Technologies, Active Participation'
International Mine Awareness Day	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	"United Nations Promotes SDGs – Safe Ground – Safe Home"
National Maritime Day	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	"Indian Ocean- An Ocean of Opportunity"
International day of Sport for development and Peace	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	-
World Health Day	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	'Universal health coverage (UHC): Everyone, Everywhere'
Platinum Jubilee Commemoration of the Battle of Kangla Tongbi	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	-
National Handloom Week	April 7 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	-
World Allergy Week 2019	April 7 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	"The Global Problem of Food Allergy"
International Romani Day	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	-
54th Valour Day of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	-
National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD)	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	"Midwives for Mothers"
World Aviation and Cosmonautics Day	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	-
International Day of Human Space Flight	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	-
Centenary of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	-
World Haemophilia Day	April 17 <sup>th</sup>	'Outreach and Identification'

World Heritage Day	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	"Rural Landscapes"
World Liver Day	April 19 <sup>th</sup>	-
World Creativity and Innovation Day	April 21 <sup>st</sup>	-
National Civil Service Day	April 21 <sup>st</sup>	-
World Earth Day	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	'Protect our Species'
World Book and Copyright Day	April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	-
International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	-
National Panchayati Raj Day	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	-
World Malaria Day	April 25 <sup>th</sup>	"Zero malaria starts with me"
World Immunization Week	April 24 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	'Protected Together: Vaccines Work!'
World Intellectual Property Day	April 26 <sup>th</sup>	"Reach for Gold: IP and Sports"
World Veterinary Day	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	'Value of Vaccination'.
World Day for Safety and Health at Work	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	"Safety and Health and the Future of Work"
International Dance Day	April 29 <sup>th</sup>	"Dance and Spirituality"
International Jazz Day	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	-

**OBITUARY**

Name	Field	Country
J. Mahendran	Noted film director	Tamil Nadu, India
Kartik Chandra Rath	Eminent theatre organiser and playwright	Odisha, India
Sydney Brenner	Nobel Prize Winner - Medicine	South Africa
Arie Irawan	Golfer	Malaysia
Elriesa Theunissen-Fourie	Former Women's World Cup cricketer	South Africa
C R Anandavally	Senior Dubbing Artist	Kerala, India
Drupad Borgohain	Veteran Communist Leader	Assam, India
Navtej Hundal	Actor	Maharashtra, India
JK Ritheesh	Actor and former MP	Sri Lanka
Dr SK Shivakumar	Renowned Space Scientist of ISRO	Karnataka, India
Pradeep Choubey	Renowned Hindi poet	Assam, India
Garcia	Peru's Ex-president	Peru
Con de Lange	Cricketer	Scotland
Patrick Rousseau	Former President of Cricket West Indies	West Indies
Jerrie Cobb	NASA's first female astronaut	USA
Amar Paul	Legendary Folk Singer	West Bengal, India
Lorraine Warren	Paranormal investigator and demonologist	USA
HK K Khan	Former Chief Secretary of Gujarat	Gujarat, India
Subbiah Muthiah	Renowned Journalist-writer	Tamil Nadu, India
Kismat Sagar	Director of Door Darshan Kendra	Maharashtra, India
Jean	Former Grand Duke of Luxembourg	Luxembourg
Rama Sengupta Paul	Veteran Lady Mountaineer of India	Himachal Pradesh, India
Negasso Gidada	Former Ethiopian President	Ethiopia
Mark Medoff	Writer	Mexico
Pungam Kannan	Former Indian Footballer	West Bengal, India

**APRIL MONTH QUIZ**

Q.1) Which State tops in e-Learning Training for field staff?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Telangana
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Kerala
- e) Karnataka

Q.2) Which Country has launched its second generation data relay satellite, Tianlian II-01?

- a) Israel
- b) France
- c) Japan
- d) Mexico
- e) China

Q.3) India along with which of the following country has exchanged 3 MoUs for Co-operation in mining, culture, and disability?

- a) China
- b) Argentina

- c) Canada
- d) Chile
- e) Spain

Q.4) Santiago is the capital of which of the following country?

- a) Uruguay
- b) Paraguay
- c) Chile
- d) Sao Paulo
- e) Venezuela

Q.5) Who took charge as the ICC Chief Executive?

- a) David Richardson
- b) Manu Shwaney
- c) Imran Khan
- d) Graeme Swann
- e) Sharad Pawar

Q.6) Which Character Will Be First Inductee into Comic-Con Museum's Character Hall of Fame?

- a) Superman
- b) Wonder Women
- c) Batman
- d) Iron Man
- e) Flash

Q.7) Who won the Bahrain F1 Grand Prix 2019?

- a) Charles Leclarc
- b) Sebastian Vettel
- c) Lewis Hamilton
- d) Carlos Sainz
- e) Valtteri Bottas

Q.8) Charles Leclarc who finished third in the Bahrain F1 Grand Prix belongs to which of the Racing Team?

- a) McLaren
- b) Renault
- c) Red Bull Racing Honda
- d) Alfa Romeo Racing Ferrari
- e) Ferrari

Q.9) Where is the Asian Airgun Championships is taking Place?

- a) Bahrain
- b) England
- c) India
- d) Taipei

- e) Russia
- Q.10) Who is the Winner in the Men's Singles Category in India Open 2019 Badminton Tournament?
- a) Srikanth Kidambi      b) Le Chong Wei  
c) Viktor Axelsen      d) Shi Yuqi  
e) Chou Tien Chen
- Q.11) Who won the Women's Singles title in the India Open 2019 Badminton Tournament?
- a) Ratchanok Intanon      b) Wang Yili  
c) Huang Dongping      d) Praveen Jordan  
e) He Bingjiao
- Q.12) Indian Army has built the longest Suspension bridge over which of the following River?
- a) Ganga      b) Indus  
c) Cauvery      d) Godavari  
e) Sutlej
- Q.13) Who will head the panel constituted by Ministry of Home Affairs to determine the Sufficient Cause to ban Jamaat-e-Islami and Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF)?
- a) Justice Kiran Kumar      b) Justice Gopi Sundar  
c) Justice Surya Kiran  
d) Justice Chandra Shekhar  
e) Justice Joseph Kurien
- Q.14) What is the name of the new Imperial Era which is set to begin on May 1 in Japan?
- a) Raiza      b) Reviva  
c) Spring      d) Rise  
e) Reiwa
- Q.15) Which of the following organization is organizing a NuGen Mobility Summit, 2019, at Manesar, NCR, from 27th to 29th November 2019?
- a) BHEL      b) ISRO  
c) ICAT      d) BEL  
e) BPCL
- Q.16) Which country has launched the World's First fully - fledged 5G Mobile Networks?
- a) North Korea      b) South Korea  
c) Japan      d) China  
e) Singapore
- Q.17) Who has been appointed as the Investigation Head for the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar?
- a) Antonio Guterres      b) Navin Chawla  
c) Eric Gindoggana      d) Nicholas Koumjian  
e) Susan Joseph
- Q.18) Who has resigned as the President of Algeria?
- a) Abdelaziz Bouteflika      b) Beji Caid Essebsi  
c) João Lourenço      d) Abdel Fattah el-Sisi  
e) Andry Rajoelina
- Q.19) Who launched '#Modi Again' and 'Saffron Swords'?
- a) Narendra Modi      b) Ram Nath Kovind  
c) Sushma Swaraj      d) Garuda Prakashan  
e) Aabhas Maldahiya
- Q.20) Who is the author of the book, "Saffron Swords"?

- a) Manoshi Sinha Rawal      b) Ram Nath Kovind  
c) Sushma Swaraj      d) Garuda Prakashan  
e) Aabhas Maldahiya
- Q.21) Who became the first Indian man to enter top-10 in Squash rankings?
- a) Kidambi Srikanth      b) Saurav Ghosal  
c) Kush Kumar  
d) Harinder Pal Sandhu      e) Siddarth Suchde
- Q.22) Which International Cricket Team has been awarded ICC Test Championship Mace for a third straight year?
- a) Pakistan      b) India  
c) Australia      d) New Zealand  
e) Sri Lanka
- Q.23) What is the capital of Algeria?
- a) Praia      b) Moroni  
c) Malabo      d) Asmara  
e) Algiers
- Q.24) Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations?
- a) New York      b) Washington D.C  
c) Geneva      d) Jakarta  
e) Lisbon
- Q.25) 1st to 7th April, 2019 is observed as?
- a) Prevention of Drugs Week  
b) Abolition of Slavery Week  
c) Prevention of Road Accidents Week  
d) Prevention of Blindness Week  
e) Precaution of Accidents Week
- Q.26) When is the International Mine Awareness day observed on?
- a) April 1      b) April 2  
c) April 3      d) April 4  
e) April 5
- Q.27) What is the theme of the "International Mine Awareness Day"?
- a) Needs are driven. People-Centred  
b) Mine Action & Women Dominance  
c) Mine Action is Humanitarian Action  
d) More than Mines  
e) United Nations Promotes SDGs - Safe Ground - Safe Home
- Q.28) Who has been honoured with the Highest Civilian Award Zayed Medal?
- a) Ram Nath Kovind      b) Narendra Modi  
c) Imran Khan      d) Sheikh Hasina  
e) Shinzo Abe
- Q.29) Who was awarded the Prestigious John Dirks Gairdner Global Health Award?
- a) Ram Prasth      b) Vikram Patel  
c) Johansen Jhonson      d) Mohammed Ashraf  
e) Gopinath Raveendran
- Q.30) Who was felicitated by Asian Tour for his contribution to Golf in Asia?
- a) Narendra Modi      b) Virat Kohli  
c) Rahul Bajaj      d) Sundar Pichhai  
e) Pawan Munjal
- Q.31) Who becomes the First African American female Mayor in Chicago?
- a) Emmanuel Solomon      b) Lori Lighfoot  
c) Stephen Ignatius      d) Hilary Mantel  
e) Ericson Carlsen

- Q.32) India has signed an agreement with NABCONS to set agriculture institute in which of the following country?
- a) Zambia      b) Mozambique  
c) Malawi      d) Zimbabwe  
e) Burundi
- Q.33) Lilongwe is the capital of which of the following country?
- a) Malawi      b) Zambia  
c) Rwanda  
d) Democratic Republic of Congo  
e) Uganda
- Q.34) Bison (Rajbari) National Park is situated in which of the following state?
- a) West Bengal      b) Karnataka  
c) Sikkim      d) Tripura  
e) Uttarakhand
- Q.35) When is the National Maritime Day Celebrated?
- a) April 1      b) April 2  
c) April 3      d) April 4  
e) April 5
- Q.36) What is the theme of the National Maritime Day?
- a) Indian Shipping - An Ocean of opportunity  
b) Connecting Ships, Ports and People  
c) Shipping: indispensable to the world  
d) Maritime Education and Training  
e) Indian Ocean-An Ocean of opportunity
- Q.37) Who became the Next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Cameroon?
- a) Rakesh Astana  
b) NR Chandrasekaran      c) Rakesh Malhotra  
d) Yuvan Singariya      e) Pradeep Narwal
- Q.38) What is the Capital of Cameroon?
- a) Abuja      b) Asmara  
c) Brazzaville      d) Yaounde  
e) Tunis
- Q.39) Which country has maintained the top spot in the FIFA Rankings which was released recently?
- a) Brazil      b) Germany  
c) Belgium      d) South Korea  
e) France
- Q.40) Which Weather Forecaster as made the prediction that India could face its third consecutive below normal monsoon this season?
- a) Accuweather      b) Skymet  
c) Forecast.io      d) Weather Spark  
e) Dark Sky
- Q.41) AFSPA was partially removed from three of the nine districts of which of the following states?
- a) Rajasthan      b) Sikkim  
c) Meghalaya      d) Nagaland  
e) Arunachal Pradesh
- Q.42) Who was named as the best athletic coach in Asia this year?
- a) P.T Usha      b) Nuraeni Eni  
c) Safeena begum      d) Anju Bobby George  
e) Bula Choudhary
- Q.43) Who was awarded the Freedom of the City of London?



- a) NS Kannan
- b) Rajive Kumaraswami
- c) Vibha Padalkar
- d) Magma Hemakumar
- e) Alice G.Vaidyan
- Q.44) India along with which country have reviewed bilateral cooperation in various fields, including political, economic and cultural ties, and deliberated on regional and multilateral issues, including cooperation at United Nations and other international fora?
- a) New Zealand                      b) Australia
- c) United States of America
- d) Philippines                      e) Netherlands
- Q.45) Election Commission has deferred the release of whose biopic until further orders?
- a) Rahul Gandhi                      b) Sastri
- c) Sonia Gandhi
- d) Mulayam Singh Yadav    e) Narendra Modi
- Q.46) Election Commission's Order to ban the display of biopic comes under which article that prohibits display/exhibit any biopic/publicity material when Model Code of Conduct is in force?
- a) Article 34                      b) Article 129
- c) Article 243                      d) Article 76
- e) Article 324
- Q.47) CR Anandavally who died recently was a famous \_\_\_\_ ?
- a) Politician                      b) Dubbing Artist
- c) Cricketer                      d) Social Worker
- e) Philanthropist
- Q.48) Elriesa Theunissen Fourie who passed away recently was a \_\_\_\_\_?
- a) Politician                      b) Dubbing Artist
- c) Cricketer                      d) Social Worker
- e) Philanthropist
- Q.49) Who has set a new record as world's oldest soccer player?
- a) Drace Yardley                      b) Isaak Hayik
- c) John Jehrimber
- d) Mohammed Ibrahim    e) Wayne Bruce
- Q.50) Who won the Men's Singles Title in the CELCOM AXIATA Malaysia Open 2019?
- a) Sai Praneeth                      b) Lin Dan
- c) Lee Chong Wei                      d) Chen Long
- e) Sameer Verma
- Q.51) Who won the Women's Singles Title in the CELCOM AXIATA Malaysia Open 2019?
- a) Nozomi Okuhara                      b) Ratchanok Intanon
- c) Carolin Marin                      d) Saina Nehwal
- e) Tai Tzu-Ying
- Q.52) Who took oath as the New Chief Justice of Bombay High Court?
- a) Navaneeth krishnan                      b) Pradeep Nandrajog
- c) Joseph Kurien                      d) Rakesh Astana
- e) Eric Johansen
- Q.53) Who took over as the new Pawan Hans Interim CMD?
- a) BP Sharma                      b) AD Singaleela
- c) Rajesh Chopra                      d) Usha Padhee
- e) Akash Chopra

- Q.54) Which Educational Institution has topped the HRD's National Ranking of Institutes?
- a) IIT Mumbai                      b) IIT Kharagpur
- c) IIM Bengaluru                      d) IIT Madras
- e) IIT Delhi
- Q.55) Which of the following country has agreed to increase the co-operation in security and Defence Spheres with India?
- a) Singapore                      b) Malaysia
- c) Sri Lanka                      d) Myanmar
- e) Bangladesh
- Q.56) The Mini Hornbill Festival is celebrated in which of the following state?
- a) Sikkim                      b) Nagaland
- c) Meghalaya                      d) Arunachal Pradesh
- e) Tripura
- Q.57) A music and poetry festival titled 'Jashn-e-Ittihaad' was held at which of the following city?
- a) Mathura                      b) Lucknow
- c) New Delhi                      d) Kolkata
- e) Mumbai
- Q.58) Meteorological Department has issued "Yellow" Weather warning for which of the following state?
- a) Sikkim                      b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Nagaland                      d) Tamil Nadu
- e) Himachal Pradesh
- Q.59) Which Railway Station became the First Railway Station to get ISO certification in India?
- a) Chennai MGR Central Railway Station
- b) Guwahati Railway Station
- c) Mumbai Railway Station
- d) Delhi Railway Station
- e) Kolkata Railway Station
- Q.60) Who is the Governor of Assam?
- a) P Sathasivam                      b) Jagadish Mukhi
- c) B.D.Mishra                      d) Lalji Tadon
- e) Anandiben Patel
- Q.61) Who was appointed as the NBCC Chairman and Managing Director?
- a) Sreedharan                      b) Shiv Das Meena
- c) Deepak Yadhav                      d) Jones Rupert
- e) Chitra Banerjee
- Q.62) Drupad Borgohain who died recently was a famous?
- a) Sports Personality                      b) Writer
- c) Scientist                      d) Politician
- e) Economist
- Q.63) Who has been named as the recipient of the New Zealand Prime Minister's Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship for 2019?
- a) Sunil Chettri                      b) Deepa Malik
- c) Suresh Prabhu                      d) Saina Nehwal
- e) Sandeep Narwal
- Q.64) Who was the First Indian Women to earn a medal at the Paralympics Games?
- a) Bhimrao Kesarkar
- b) Deepa Malik
- c) Varuna Singh Bhati
- d) Girisha Nagarajegowda
- e) Joginder Singh Bedi
- Q.65) Who is the Prime Minister of New Zealand?

- a) Simon Bridges                      b) Clare Curran
- c) Bill English                      d) Jacinda Arden
- e) Helen Clark
- Q.66) Which Technological Startup has bagged the "Next Billion Edtech Prize 2019"?
- a) Byjus                      b) Freshworks
- c) Halli Labs                      d) Khan Academy
- e) Dost Education
- Q.67) Where did the "Global Water Summit" held?
- a) Beijing                      b) New Delhi
- c) Tokyo                      d) Moscow
- e) London
- Q.68) Which Flagship Programme was felicitated with the coveted "Public Water Agency of the Year" award at the Global Water Summit?
- a) Proven Water                      b) Namami Ganga
- c) Fresh Water Lakes                      d) Clean Water Rivers
- e) Clean Brahmaputra
- Q.69) Which Country and India have launched a joint programme that will work towards addressing a range of challenges around smart cities and clean technologies among others?
- a) Russia                      b) Japan
- c) Poland                      d) Netherlands
- e) Sweden
- Q.70) Which Constituency is likely to enter Guinness book for Maximum Number of EVMs used?
- a) Guwahati                      b) Nizamabad
- c) Pragyag                      d) Lucknow
- e) Varanasi
- Q.71) Who released the booklet of "Selected Speeches of Dr.Bhimarao Amedhkar in Constituency Assembly"?
- a) Prakash Kapoor
- b) Srinivasan Narayanan    c) Narendra Modi
- d) Surya Prakash                      e) Vedh Krihnan
- Q.72) When was the First National Panchayati Raj Day observed?
- a) 24th April 2008                      b) 24th April 2009
- c) 24th April 2010                      d) 24th April 2011
- e) 24th April 2012
- Q.73) Who has won India's First Gold Medal at the Asian Wrestling Championship?
- a) Sushil Kumar                      b) Yogeshwar Dutt
- c) Dara Singh                      d) Bajrang Punia
- e) Pawan Kumar
- Q.74) Which Organization has been given the Swacchta Pakhwada Awards-2019?
- a) ONGC                      b) BHEL
- c) AIR                      d) ISRO
- e) SEBI
- Q.75) Who was named as the Brand Ambassador of Indo - American Arts Council (IAAC) recently?
- a) Sanjeev Kapoor                      b) Vikas Khanna
- c) Ranveer Brar                      d) Saransh Goila
- e) Shivesh Bhatia
- Q.76) UK Varma who was the secretary-general resigned from which organization recently?
- a) SEBI                      b) ASSOCHAM
- c) RBI                      d) NHAI
- e) NCERT

- Q.77) Which Organization will modernize more than 1.5 Lakhs Post Offices in India?  
 a) Wipro                      b) Infosys  
 c) Tech Mahindra        d) TCS  
 e) Cognizant
- Q.78) Which Organization has inked pact with Welingkar Institute of Management to support startups in Exports?  
 a) NHAH                      b) FIEO  
 c) SKIE                      d) IMIA  
 e) FSSAI
- Q.79) Which Country has successfully tested the World's first Nuclear Power plant?  
 a) Germany                b) Japan  
 c) China                    d) Russia  
 e) England
- Q.80) Which country has Released Special Ramayana Themed Stamp to Mark 70 Years of Diplomatic Ties with India?  
 a) Germany                b) Sri Lanka  
 c) Maldives                d) Nepal  
 e) Indonesia
- Q.81) Which Country has decided to name a town after Donald Trump?  
 a) Palestine                b) Iraq  
 c) Slovenia                d) Israel  
 e) North Korea
- Q.82) What is the theme of World Immunization Week?  
 a) Protected Week: We Work Together  
 b) Work Week: Protect All Together  
 c) Protected Work: Work & Protect Everyone  
 d) Protected Together: Vaccines Work  
 e) We Together: Everything Works
- Q.83) When is the World Malaria Day observed?  
 a) April 21                    b) April 22  
 c) April 23                    d) April 24  
 e) April 25
- Q.84) What is the theme of World Malaria Day?  
 a) Ready to beat malaria  
 b) End Malaria For Good  
 c) Invest in the future: defeat malaria  
 d) Sustain Gains, Save Lives: Invest in Malaria  
 e) Zero malaria starts with me
- Q.85) Who will become the first woman to referee a Ligue 1 match and will take charge of Amiens Vs Strasbourg?  
 a) Violet Renice Palmer    b) Moyer-Gleich  
 c) Violet Palmer            d) Dee Kantner  
 e) Stephanie Frappart
- Q.86) When is the World Intellectual Property Day observed?  
 a) April 22                    b) April 23  
 c) April 24                    d) April 25  
 e) April 26
- Q.87) What is the theme of the World Intellectual Property Day 2019?  
 a) Creating the Future Today  
 b) Get Up, Stand Up. For Music  
 c) Innovation – Improving Lives  
 d) Powering Change: Women in Innovation and Creativity

- e) Reach for Gold: IP and Sports
- Q.88) Which country has secured the ODI Status for the First Time?  
 a) Philippines              b) Japan  
 c) China                      d) Russia  
 e) USA
- Q.89) Who has secured the country's fourth Olympic quota place in shooting by winning a silver in 10m air rifle event in the ISSF World Cup in Beijing, China?  
 a) Anjunathan Chopra      b) Roop Singh  
 c) Divyaansh Singh Pawar  
 d) Dheeraj Malhotra        e) Gagan Narang
- Q.90) Who won the Bronze medal in the Women's 200m Asian Athletics Championship 2019?  
 a) Prachi                      b) Sarita Gayakward  
 c) Poovamma                d) Parul Chaudhary  
 e) Dutee Chand
- Q.91) Who won the Gold medal in the Women's 1500m Asian Athletics Championship 2019?  
 a) Gomathi Marimuthu      b) Sarita Gayakward  
 c) P.U Chitra                d) Parul Chaudhary  
 e) Dutee Chand
- Q.92) Who was conferred with the National IP Award 2019?  
 a) Vijay Shekar  
 b) Manohar Sinha  
 c) Benny Antony  
 d) Jagjivan Singh Bhatia  
 e) Ben Thomas Kurup
- Q.93) Who was named as the IPI's 71st World Press Freedom Hero?  
 a) Raghu Karnad              b) Cyril Almeida  
 c) Reshma Singh            d) Trent Shelton  
 e) Jagan Mohan
- Q.94) Who has been appointed as India's next high commissioner to Seychelles, a country which is of strategic importance to India in the Indian Ocean region?  
 a) Manjeev Singh Puri      b) Vikram Misri  
 c) Nina Tshering La        d) Ravi Bhangar  
 e) Dalbir Singh Suhag
- Q.95) Who addressed the Naval Commanders Conference held in New Delhi?  
 a) Narendra Modi            b) Ram Nath Kovind  
 c) Suresh Prabhu            d) Sushma swaraj  
 e) Nirmala Sitharaman
- Q.96) Which of the following ministry has inked an MoU with CSIR recently?  
 a) Ministry of HRD            b) Ministry of Finance  
 c) Ministry of Sports        d) Ministry of Science and Technology  
 e) Ministry of Ayush
- Q.97) India and which of the following country has held an anti-submarine warfare drill in Indian Ocean?  
 a) Iran                        b) Iraq  
 c) China                      d) USA  
 e) Canada
- Q.98) Former deputy election commissioner Vinod Zutshi appointed as special observer for which of the following state?

- a) Nagaland                      b) Arunachal Pradesh  
 c) Sikkim                        d) Meghalaya  
 e) Tripura
- Q.99) Who was appointed as the New Indian MD of Twitter?  
 a) Amit Jain                    b) Sandeep Yadav  
 c) Manish Maheshwari      d) deepak Chopra  
 e) Pierre Gasly
- Q.100) Who is the present CEO of Twitter?  
 a) Mark Zuckerberg        b) William Hampsfield  
 c) Yerevan Sharni            d) Jack Dorsey  
 e) Amit Jain
- Q.101) Whose named chair in Inequality Studies will be created in honour of that person in the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)?  
 a) Narendra Modi            b) Manmohan Singh  
 c) Priyanka Gandhi  
 d) Venki Ramakrishnan      e) Amartya Sen
- Q.102) Which team won the Santosh Trophy Football Tournament title this year?  
 a) Railways                    b) Tamil nadu  
 c) Karnataka                d) Services  
 e) Baroda
- Q.103) Who won the First Masters Crown in Monte Carlo Masters 2019?  
 a) Tsitsipas                    b) Fognini Fabio  
 c) Alexander Zverev        d) Paul McDonald  
 e) Paul Anderson
- Q.104) When is the World Book and Copyright Day observed?  
 a) April 20                    b) April 21  
 c) April 22                    d) April 23  
 e) April 24
- Q.105) Which newly built coast guard vessel will be commissioned into the service at Vizhinjam Harbour?  
 a) INS VIKRANT 2.0        b) IRAS Indrajith  
 c) ICGS C-441                d) Indian Garnier  
 e) Indian Mail Service
- Q.106) Where did the World's 1st Malaria Vaccine launched?  
 a) Beijing                      b) Manila  
 c) Moscow                    d) Malawi  
 e) Eritrea
- Q.107) Which of the following country has set up coordinating council to attract Indian investments?  
 a) Russia                      b) Ukraine  
 c) Albania                    d) Kazakhstan  
 e) China
- Q.108) Which of the following country will set up border "reaction force" after attacks with Iran?  
 a) China                        b) Iraq  
 c) Saudi Arabia              d) Pakistan  
 e) Malta
- Q.109) Which country has been nominated as the "Guest of Honour" country at the 29th edition of the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF) in UAE?  
 a) India                        b) China  
 c) Japan                        d) Singapore

e) Myanmar  
 Q.110) Who is appointed as the new MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank?  
 a) Karma Shekhar      b) Rosalline Demello  
 c) Karnam Sekar      d) Dhivya Sekhar  
 e) Deepa Yadav  
 Q.111) Which country is set to host the World's first Artificial Intelligence Summit to empower global dialogue on the future of government, business and society?  
 a) India      b) China  
 c) US  
 d) United Arab Emirates      e) Japan  
 Q.112) Who took over as the 52nd Contoller General of Defence Accounts?  
 a) Sanjiv Mittal      b) Anuradha Mitra  
 c) Avinash Dikshit      d) T K Hangzo  
 e) Rajendra Kumar Nayak  
 Q.113) Shaji Farooq has resigned recently from the President position of a Famous IT Firm's BFSI Unit?  
 a) Cognizant      b) Infosys  
 c) Wipro      d) TCS  
 e) Tech Mahindra  
 Q.114) Who was adjudged as the "Best Sportsperson" by Calcutta Sports Journalists' Club?  
 a) Sandeep Jhingan      b) Gregory Nelson  
 c) Sunil Chhetri      d) Virat Kohli  
 e) Hima Das  
 Q.115) Valletta is the capital of which of the following country?  
 a) Cyprus      b) Gibraltar  
 c) Malta      d) Serbia  
 e) Hungary  
 Q.116) Rama Sengupta Paul Who passed away recently was a famous?  
 a) Politician      b) Sports Personality  
 c) Mountaineer      d) Economist  
 e) Nobel Laurate  
 Q.117) When is the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace observed?  
 a) April 20      b) April 21  
 c) April 22      d) April 23  
 e) April 24  
 Q.118) Who will be taking the head position of the Uber Asia Pacific Business?  
 a) Amit Jain  
 b) Sameet Maheshwari  
 c) Senthil Narayanan  
 d) Rahul Ravindran  
 e) Pierre-Dimitri Gore-Coty  
 Q.119) Where is the Headquarters of Dena Bank?  
 a) New Delhi      b) Mumbai  
 c) Chennai      d) Kolkata  
 e) Mangaluru  
 Q.120) Which of the following Social entrepreneur from India, who was ranked 45th in the Fortune magazine's 2019 list of the world's greatest leaders for inventing low cost pad making machine?

a) Arunachalam Muruganantham  
 b) Sandeep Ahuja      c) Naveen Krishna  
 d) Smita Ram      e) None of these  
 Q.121) Name the deceased director, who was the first African American and the youngest-ever filmmaker nominated in Oscar Awards.  
 a) Denise LaSalle  
 b) Frankie Muse Freeman      c) John Singleton  
 d) Edwin Hawkins      e) None of these  
 Q.122) International Dance Day is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) 29<sup>th</sup> April      b) 28<sup>th</sup> April  
 c) 27<sup>th</sup> April      d) 26<sup>th</sup> April  
 e) 25<sup>th</sup> April  
 Q.123) Which country has received the One Day International (ODI) status after USA and Oman recently?  
 a) Nepal      b) Papua New Guinea  
 c) Namibia      d) UAE  
 e) None of these  
 Q.124) Indian Army and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited, has signed MoU to build four underground tunnels along the borders of which country?  
 a) Bangladesh      b) China  
 c) Pakistan      d) All the above  
 e) Both b and c  
 Q.125) Who was the author of the biography of diplomat-politician V K Krishna Menon titled "Chequered Brilliance: The Many Lives of V K Krishna Menon"?  
 a) Ruskin Bond      b) Jairam Ramesh  
 c) Arundhati Roy      d) Salman Rushdie  
 e) None of these  
 Q.126) Who won the Corporate Excellence Award 2019 in the Manufacturing Industry, from Enterprise Asia of Malaysia for 2019?  
 a) Andreas Dulger      b) Thomas Koetzing  
 c) Prasanna Kumar Rao      d) Rainer Dulger  
 e) None of these  
 Q.127) Who won the gold medal in 52-kg Category by defeating Kim Inkyu in Asian Boxing Championship 2019?  
 a) Amit Panghal      b) Deepak Singh  
 c) Satish Kumar      d) Shiva Thapa  
 e) Nodirjon Mirzahmedov  
 Q.128) Who has become the first woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI in the final match of ICC World Cricket League 2?  
 a) Claire Polosak      b) Meg Lanning  
 c) Nicola Carey      d) Ashleigh Gardner  
 e) None of these  
 Q.129) Who will be the head of the Defence Cyber Agency (DCA), which is set to be operational soon?  
 a) Rear Admiral G. S. Pabby  
 b) Rear Admiral M. S. Pawar  
 c) Rear Admiral Mohit Gupta  
 d) Rear Admiral G. Ashok Kumar  
 e) None of these

Q.130) Who has become the first Indian to break into top-25 of International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Rankings?  
 a) Yuki Bhambri      b) Rohan Bopanna  
 c) Leander Paes  
 d) Sathiyam Gnanasekaran  
 e) None of these  
 Q.131) Who is the author of the book titled "Politics of Jagaad: The Coalition Handbook" which speaks about the possibility of coalition government after the 2019 Lok Sabha polls?  
 a) Amitav Ghosh      b) Vikram Seth  
 c) Saba Naqvi      d) Anita Desai  
 e) None of these  
 Q.132) Name the Metro Rail Corporation, which has implemented a new initiative to become the world's first fully solar-powered metro.  
 a) Jaipur Metro Rail Corporation (JMRC)  
 b) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)  
 c) Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC)  
 d) Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL)  
 e) None of these  
 Q.133) Which department has proposed change in the methodology for taxing multinational companies, including digital firms?  
 a) Income Tax department  
 b) Department of Information Technology  
 c) Department of Consumer Affairs  
 d) Department of Revenue  
 e) None of these  
 Q.134) Who was appointed as the technical director for All India Football Federation (AIFF)?  
 a) Manvendra Singh      b) Doru Isac  
 c) Gairoz Darsadze      d) Subrata Dutta  
 e) None of these  
 Q.135) Where was the ADMM-Plus Maritime Security Field Training Exercise (FTX) held?  
 a) Shanghai, China  
 b) Tashkent, Uzbekistan  
 c) Beijing, China  
 d) Busan, South Korea  
 e) None of these  
 Q.136) At what percent of life insurer's premium income was grown for the year 2019, as per Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?  
 a) 15%      b) 14%  
 c) 13%      d) 11%  
 e) 18%  
 Q.137) Where was the Asian Road Para-Cycling Championships 2019 held recently?  
 a) Tashkent, Uzbekistan  
 b) Ashgabat, Turkmenistan  
 c) Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan  
 d) Dushanbe, Tajikistan  
 e) None of these  
 Q.138) Which of the following ministry has distributed around 3,120 special kits termed 'SAECK's (The Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits) to collect blood and semen samples?  
 a) Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
 b) Union Ministry of Home Affairs

- c) Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
 d) Union Ministry of Women and Child Development  
 e) None of these
- Q.139) What was the theme of the second edition of Belt and Road Forum (BRF) held in Beijing, China?  
 a) Theme – “Belt and Road Cooperation: Shaping a Brighter Shared Future”  
 b) Theme – “Belt and Road Cooperation: Think equal, build smart, innovate for change”  
 c) Theme – “Belt and Road Cooperation: Wetlands and Climate Change”  
 d) Theme – “Belt and Road Cooperation: Circular Economy for Productivity & Sustainability”  
 e) None of these
- Q.140) In which year, does the United Nations (UN) recognized 21st April as World Creativity and Innovation Day?  
 a) 2014  
 b) 2015  
 c) 2017  
 d) 2016  
 e) 2019
- Q.141) Who was appointed as the Exclusive Corporate Ambassador to the Indian Business Community of Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ)?  
 a) Ravi Shastri  
 b) Suru Nayak  
 c) Arun Lal  
 d) Manoj Prabhakar  
 e) None of these
- Q.142) Jeremy Lalrinnunga won the India's first gold at the Youth Olympics 2019, he belongs to which sport?  
 a) Wrestling  
 b) Weightlifting  
 c) Shooting  
 d) Boxing  
 e) Athletics
- Q.143) Who was honoured with 'Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant Award 2019' for writing 'Samvidhan Kavya', a poetic version of the Indian Constitution?  
 a) Lal Bahadur Sastri  
 b) Sampurnanand  
 c) Sunil Kumar Gautam  
 d) Kailash Nath Katju  
 e) None of these
- Q.144) International Jazz Day is observed globally on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) 30th April  
 b) 29th April  
 c) 28th April  
 d) 27th April  
 e) 25th April
- Q.145) Name the Malayalam film that won the best cinematography award at Beijing International Film Festival.  
 a) Ain  
 b) Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum  
 c) Bhayanakam  
 d) Pathemari  
 e) None of these
- Q.146) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) launched Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA) in order to eliminate the disease from India by which year?  
 a) 2040  
 b) 2030  
 c) 2020  
 d) 2025

- e) 2028
- Q.147) Which country topped the medal tally of 2019 ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Cup that held in Beijing, China?  
 a) Japan  
 b) India  
 c) China  
 d) Russia  
 e) Bahrain
- Q.148) Name the NASA astronaut, who is set to create record for longest spaceflight by a woman by spending 328 days in space after surpassing Peggy Whitson's record.  
 a) Ellen Ochoa  
 b) Christina Koch  
 c) Anna Lee Fisher  
 d) Mary L. Cleave  
 e) None of these
- Q.149) Which university's Intellectual Property Rights cell (IPR cell) has been selected for the National Intellectual Property Award 2019 for its contributions in Geographical Indications and promotion of registered GI?  
 a) Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi  
 b) National University of Educational Planning and Administration  
 c) Indian Agricultural Research Institute  
 d) Kerala Agricultural University  
 e) None of these
- Q.150) Which economic corridor was excluded from the Belt and Road Forum (BRF) recently?  
 a) China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC)  
 b) China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)  
 c) Nepal-China-India Economic Corridor (NCIEC)  
 d) Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor (BCIM)  
 e) None of these
- Q.151) Which IT service management company has launched the real-time voice banking platform to provide customers with personalized banking interactions?  
 a) Aspire Systems  
 b) Sensiple Software Solutions  
 c) Financial Software Services  
 d) ExcelaCom Technologies Private Limited  
 e) None of these
- Q.152) Name the Indian American Professor, who was inducted into 2019 Cleveland International Hall of Fame for his contribution towards applications in systems biology, global issues and sustainable development.  
 a) Akram Boutros  
 b) Sree N Sreenath  
 c) Richard Fleischman  
 d) Marilyn Madigan  
 e) None of these
- Q.153) Which intergovernmental organization has released a report titled “No Time to Wait: Securing the future from drug-resistant infections”, stating that if no action is taken, by 2050, drug-resistant diseases could cause 10 million deaths?  
 a) World Bank  
 b) World Health Organization  
 c) United Nations  
 d) North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
 e) None of these

- Q.154) Who was appointed as head of 13 member committee formed by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) to review regulatory framework on micro insurance?  
 a) Adnan Mahmood  
 b) Suresh Mathur  
 c) M. Rajyalakshmi Rao  
 d) Goraknath Agarwal  
 e) None of these
- Q.155) In which city the Indian Coast Guard offshore patrol vessel 'Veera' commissioned?  
 a) Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh  
 b) Mumbai, Maharashtra  
 c) Kochi, Kerala  
 d) Ennore, Tamil Nadu  
 e) None of these
- Q.156) Which entity has appointed Ravinder Kumar Passi as Chairman?  
 a) India Trade Promotion Organisation  
 b) Export Promotion Council for Handicraft  
 c) Federation of Indian Export Organisations  
 d) UK Trade & Investment  
 e) None of these
- Q.157) Which country launched two Tianhui II-01 satellites for scientific experiments, land resource and geographic survey, and mapping?  
 a) India  
 b) Russia  
 c) Japan  
 d) China  
 e) None of these
- Q.158) Which country topped in the global startup ecosystem for the year 2018, as per the report “Startup Ecosystem Ranking 2019” released by StartupBlink?  
 a) Norway  
 b) UK  
 c) USA  
 d) India  
 e) China
- Q.159) Which of the following rocket launched the Cygnus Cargo Ship to International Space Station from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia?  
 a) Thor-Delta  
 b) Rehbar-I  
 c) Scout  
 d) Antares Rocket  
 e) None of these
- Q.160) Who has become the first Manchester City player to win the Football Writers' Association (FWA) Footballer of the Year 2019?  
 a) Raheem Sterling  
 b) David de Gea  
 c) Marcus Rashford  
 d) Lee Grant  
 e) None of these
- Q.161) What was the theme of the Earth Day 2019?  
 a) Theme – ‘Conserve the Earth’  
 b) Theme – ‘Protecting Our Species’  
 c) Theme – ‘Go Green to conserve Earth’  
 d) Theme – ‘Protect Our Earth’  
 e) None of these
- Q.162) Which European country has recently elected the Political Neophyte and Comedian Volodymyr Zelensky as its President?  
 a) Iceland  
 b) Moldova  
 c) Ukraine  
 d) Belarus  
 e) None of these
- Q.163) Name the insurance product launched by Canara Bank in association with its life insurance

partner, Canara HSBC Oriental Bank to provide various facilities to its customers recently.

- a) Pragati
- b) Webassurance
- c) SBI Exclusif
- d) Cyber Insurance
- e) None of these

Q.164) Name the indigenously designed and constructed guided missile destroyer launched by Navy chief Admiral Sunil Lamba recently.

- a) INS Chennai
- b) INS Imphal
- c) INS Kochi
- d) INS Kolkata
- e) None of these

Q.165) Which country is set to abolish its exit visa system for all foreign workers by the end of 2019 as per the United Nation's International Labour Organization (ILO)?

- a) Kuwait
- b) Yemen
- c) Oman
- d) Qatar
- e) Syria

Q.166) Under which scheme does, Central Government has made compulsory for Electric Vehicle (EV) manufactures in India to locally source at least 50% components for receiving subsidies?

- a) Jago Grahak Jago
- b) Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana
- c) FAME I
- d) FAME II
- e) None of these

Q.167) Which Indian accident was inducted into the International Labour Organisation (ILO) report titled "The Safety and the Health at the Heart of the Future of Work- Building on 100 years of Experience"?

- a) Bhopal Gas Tragedy
- b) Floods in Tamil Nadu
- c) Heatwaves in Andhra Pradesh
- d) Bihar Nor' wester Storm
- e) None of these

Q.168) Who was appointed as the head of the Indo-Pacific Wing, which is set by Minister of External Affairs recently?

- a) Vijay Gokhale
- b) Sushma Swaraj
- c) Vikram Doraiswami
- d) Narendra Modi
- e) None of these

Q.169) Which of the following country was penalized worth "1,70,000 Euros" by the International Hockey Federation for disrespecting Pro League commitments?

- a) Russia
- b) India
- c) Pakistan
- d) Sri Lanka
- e) None of these

Q.170) Which country's border trade route was suspended from Jammu & Kashmir LOC by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) of Indian government recently?

- a) Bhutan
- b) Pakistan
- c) Bangladesh
- d) China
- e) None of these

Q.171) Gelete Burka won the 43rd edition of the Paris Marathon in women's category, she is from which country?

- a) Kenya
- b) Ethiopia
- c) Nigeria
- d) Eritrea

e) None of these

Q.172) Where was the first-ever talks between Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un held?

- a) Khabarovsk, Russia
- b) Pyongyang, North Korea
- c) Vladivostok, Russia
- d) Kaesŏng, North Korea
- e) None of these

Q.173) Name the deceased paranormal investigator who is well known for horror movies like 'Amityville Horror' and 'Conjuring'.

- a) George Estabrooks
- b) Joseph Banks Rhine
- c) William Seabrook
- d) Lorraine Warren
- e) None of these

Q.174) Who was the first Indian female scientist to be elected as a Fellow of the royal Society (FRS) in the UK?

- a) Tessy Thomas
- b) Rohini Godbole
- c) Aditi Pant
- d) Gagandeep Kang
- e) None of these

Q.175) Who was appointed as the chairman of India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) for the year 2019-20?

- a) Rajesh Ram Mishra
- b) Veerappan
- c) Jitendra Chaddah
- d) Satya Gupta
- e) None of these

Q.176) Name the institute, that launched 5G use cases lab for altering the 2G-enabled technologies and applications, including point of sale (PoS) machines in the banking sector.

- a) Central Warehousing Corporation
- b) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation
- c) Industrial Investment Bank of India
- d) Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology
- e) None of these

Q.177) What is the name of the book containing English translation of the 100 year old classic Punjabi poem about Jallianwala Bagh massacre?

- a) Drummer Hodge
- b) Jallianwala Bagh massacre
- c) Poems about war
- d) Khooni Vaisakhi
- e) None of these

Q.178) To which country, India has appointed Jaideep Sarkar as High Commissioner?

- a) Armenia
- b) South Africa
- c) Brunei
- d) Bahrain
- e) None of these

Q.179) Who became the first Indian Wrestler, invited by the American governing body to fight at New York's Iconic Madison Square Garden?

- a) Yogeshwar Dutt
- b) Sushil Kumar
- c) Bajrang Punia
- d) Saurav Gurjar
- e) None of these

Q.180) Which Arab city is set to host 15th edition of G20 Summit in the year 2020, which will be the first G20 Summit in Arab world ?

- a) Algiers, Algeria
- b) Damascus, Syria
- c) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- d) Rabat, Morocco
- e) None of these

Q.181) Which department has issued a notice period of 12 months to monetise non-core assets of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and immovable enemy properties?

- a) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)
- b) Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)
- c) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)
- d) Department of Public Enterprises (DPE)
- e) None of these

Q.182) Researchers from which institute, used a multi-lingual Optical Character Recognition (OCR) scheme to develop a method for reading documents in Bharati script?

- a) IIT Roorkee
- b) IIT Madras
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) IIT Kanpur
- e) None of these

Q.183) Which city is selected as the World Book Capital for the year 2019?

- a) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- b) Sharjah, UAE
- c) Jerusalem, Israel
- d) Ankara, Turkey
- e) None of these

Q.184) Who won the Women's singles title in the 42nd edition of Porsche Tennis Grand Prix, that held in Porsche Arena in Stuttgart, Germany?

- a) Anna-Lena Friedsam
- b) Anett Kontaveit
- c) Petra Kvitova
- d) Mona Barthel
- e) None of these

Q.185) Name the airport complex, which has opened the World's tallest indoor waterfall of 131 foot (40 metres) tall recently.

- a) Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport complex, France
- b) Los Angeles International Airport complex, California
- c) Changi Airport complex, Singapore
- d) Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport complex, Georgia
- e) None of these

Q.186) Which country topped the medal tally in 39th edition of Badminton Asia Championship or Badminton Asia Championship 2019?

- a) India
- b) Indonesia
- c) China
- d) Japan
- e) None of these

Q.187) Name the quasi-cryptocurrency, launched by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for better understanding of blockchain technology and the function of crypto assets.

- a) Monero
- b) Litecoin
- c) Ethereum
- d) Learning Coin
- e) None of these

Q.188) Who was appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador of Street Child Cricket World Cup 2019?

- a) M.S. Dhoni
- b) Sourav Ganguly
- c) Mithali Dorai Raj
- d) Virat Kohli
- e) None of these

- Q.189) Which play won the Pulitzer Prize 2019 for the category "drama"?
- "The New Negro" by Jeffrey C. Stewart
  - "Fairview" by Jackie Sibblies Drury
  - "The Overstory" by Richard Powers
  - "Frederick Douglass" by David W. Blight
  - None of these
- Q.190) In which city, the first African artificial Intelligence (AI) laboratory launched by tech giant Google?
- Monrovia, Liberia
  - Bamako, Mali
  - Abuja, Nigeria
  - Accra, Ghana
  - None of these
- Q.191) Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of redBus?
- Allu Arjun
  - Mahendra Singh Dhoni
  - Amitabh Bachchan
  - Mahesh Babu
  - None of these
- Q.192) Name the first Indian, who was inducted into the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) of US recently.
- Prashant Joshi
  - Sanjay Kumar
  - Narayanan
  - Anamika Das
  - None of these
- Q.193) Name the Padma Bhushan awardee, who was honoured by inducting into the 2019 list of new fellows of the UK's Royal Society.
- Yusuf Hamied
  - Manjul Bhargava
  - Anant Parekh
  - Akshay Venkatesh
  - None of these
- Q.194) Former President, Negasso Gidada Solon passed away recently, he belongs to which country?
- Djibouti
  - Ethiopia
  - Eritrea
  - Nigeria
  - None of these
- Q.195) Which country has become the first East African nation to launch the world's first malaria vaccine RTSS also known as Mosquirix?
- Mali
  - Malawi
  - Mozambique
  - Zimbabwe
  - None of these
- Q.196) Who was appointed as the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon?
- Lakshmi Kant Jha
  - Asaf Ali
  - Sanjiv Arora
  - Dr. Suhel Ajaz
  - None of these
- Q.197) Which country's peacekeepers were honoured with UN Medal for their service in UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)?
- South Sudan
  - USA
  - India
  - Bangladesh
  - Sri Lanka
- Q.198) Name the head of the committee, who propose the concept of Regulatory Sandbox (RS).
- Viral V Acharya
  - Chetan Ghate
  - Pami Dua
  - Sudarshan Sen
  - None of these
- Q.199) What was the theme of World Day for Safety and Health at Work (WDSHW) 2019?
- "Safety and Health and the Future of Work"

- "OSH vulnerability of young workers"
  - "Optimize the collection and use of OSH data"
  - "Workplace Stress: A collective challenge"
  - None of these
- Q.200) Name the Indian Naval Ship (INS) that has accompanied INS Kolkata for participating in ADMM-Plus Maritime Security Field Training Exercise (FTX).
- INS Shakti
  - INS Sumitra
  - INS Sukanya
  - INS Sharada
  - None of these

### VOCABULARY BUILDER

#### 1) Appease

Meaning: Pacify or placate (someone) by acceding to their demands.

Synonyms: Conciliate, Placate

Antonyms: Provoke, Inflamm

#### 2) Nuance

Meaning: A subtle difference in or shade of meaning, expression, or sound.

Synonyms: Fine distinction, Shade

#### 3) Deteriorated

Meaning: Become progressively worse.

Synonyms: Worsen, Get worse

Antonyms: Improve

#### 4) Standoff

Meaning: A deadlock between two equally matched opponents in a dispute or conflict.

Synonyms: Deadlock, Stalemate

#### 5) Pivot

Meaning: A person or thing that plays a central part in a situation or enterprise.

Synonyms: Centre, Focal point

#### 6) Ridiculous

Meaning: Deserving or inviting derision or mockery; absurd.

Synonyms: Laughable, Absurd

Antonyms: Serious, Sensible

#### 7) Strictures

Meaning: A restriction on a person or activity.

Synonyms: Constraint, Restriction

Antonyms: Freedom

#### 8) Crisscrossed

Meaning: Form a pattern of intersecting lines or paths on (a place) .

#### 9) Trappings

Meaning: The outward signs, features, or objects associated with a particular situation, role, or job.

Synonyms: Accessories, Trimmings

#### 10) Curtailed

Meaning: Reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on.

Synonyms: Reduce, Cut

Antonyms: Increase, Lengthen

#### 11) Bustling

Meaning: (Of a place) be full of activity.

Synonyms: Busy, Crowded

Antonyms: Deserted, Inactive

#### 12) Exiles

Meaning: The state of being barred from one's native country, typically for political or punitive reasons.

Synonyms: Banishment, Expulsion

Antonyms: Return

#### 13) Tenuous

Meaning: Very weak or slight.

Synonyms: Slight, Insubstantial

Antonyms: Convincing, Substantial

#### 14) Stern

Meaning: (Of a person or their manner) serious and unrelenting, especially in the assertion of authority and exercise of discipline.

Synonyms: Serious, Unsmiling

Antonyms: Genial, Friendly

#### 15) Limbo

Meaning: An uncertain period of awaiting a decision or resolution; an intermediate state or condition.

Synonyms: In abeyance, Unattended to

Antonyms: In hand, Under way

#### 16) Looms

Meaning: Appear as a vague form, especially one that is large or threatening.

Synonyms: Emerge, Appear,

#### 17) Incarnation

Meaning: A person who embodies in the flesh a deity, spirit, or quality.

Synonyms: Embodiment, Personification,

#### 18) Groomed

Meaning: Prepare or train (someone) for a particular purpose or activity.

Synonyms: Prepare, Prime

#### 19) Retained

Meaning: Continue to have (something) ; keep possession of.

Synonyms: Keep possession of,

Antonyms: Give up, Lose

#### 20) Mystery

Meaning: Something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain.

Synonyms: Puzzle, Enigma

#### 21) Cryptic

Meaning: Having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure.

Synonyms: Enigmatic, Mysterious

Antonyms: Straightforward, Clear

#### 22) Pursue

Meaning: Continue to investigate or explore (an idea or argument) .

Synonyms: Conduct, Undertake

Antonyms: Give up

#### 23) Radical

Meaning: (Especially of change or action)

Synonyms: Thoroughgoing, Thorough

Antonyms: Superficial

#### 24) Misgivings

Meaning: A feeling of doubt or apprehension about the outcome or consequences of something.

Synonyms: Qualm, Doubt

Antonyms: Confidence

**25) Restive**

Meaning: (Of a person) unable to remain still, silent, or submissive, especially because of boredom or dissatisfaction.

Synonyms: Restless, Fidgety

Antonyms: Calm, Biddable

**26) Rallies**

Meaning: A mass meeting of people making a political protest or showing support for a cause.

Example: "A banned nationalist rally"

Synonyms: Meeting, Mass meeting

**27) Referendum**

Meaning: A general vote by the electorate on a single political question which has been referred to them for a direct decision.

Synonyms: Public vote, Plebiscite

**28) Apex**

Meaning: The top or highest part of something, especially one forming a point.

Synonyms: Tip, Peak, Summit

Antonyms: Bottom

**29) Steer**

Meaning: Guide the movement Synonyms: Guide, Conduct

**30) Endorsement**

Meaning: The action of endorsing someone or something.

Synonyms: Support, Backing

Antonyms: Opposition

**31) Dubious**

Meaning: Morally suspect.

Synonyms: Suspicious, Suspect

Antonyms: Trustworthy

**32) Propaganda**

Meaning: Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view.

Synonyms: Information, Promotion

**33) Potent**

Meaning: Having great power, influence, or effect.

Synonyms: Powerful, Strong

Antonyms: Weak, Impotent

**34) Corrosive**

Meaning: Tending to cause corrosion.

Synonyms: Caustic, Abrasive

**35) Legitimate**

Meaning: Conforming to the law Synonyms: Legal, Lawful

Antonyms: Illegal, Illegitimate

**36) Accusations**

Meaning: A charge or claim that someone has done something illegal or wrong.

Example: "accusations of bribery"

Synonyms: Allegation, Charge

**37) Salient**

Meaning: Most noticeable or important.

Synonyms: Important, Main

Antonyms: Unimportant, Inconspicuous

**38) Perception**

Meaning: Intuitive understanding and insight.

Synonyms: Insight, Sharpness

**39) Rampant(ly)**

Meaning: (of something bad) getting worse quickly and in an uncontrolled way.

Synonyms: Increasing, Uncontrolled

**40) Harass**

Meaning: To continue to annoy or upset someone over a period of time.

Synonyms: Cause feeling, Anger

**41) Atrocity**

Meaning: An extremely wicked or cruel act, typically one involving physical violence or injury.

Synonyms: Horror, Obscenity

**42) Liberty**

Synonyms: Independence, Freedom

Antonyms: Dependence, Subjugation

**43) Stringent**

Meaning: strict, precise, and exacting.

Synonyms: Strict, Rigid

Antonyms: Lenient, Flexible

**44) Tendency**

Meaning: An inclination towards a particular characteristic or type of behaviour.

Synonyms: Propensity, Proclivity

**45) Adverse**

Meaning: Preventing success or development; harmful; unfavourable.

Synonyms: Unfavourable, Untimely

Antonyms: Favourable, Beneficial

**46) Bystanders**

Meaning: A person who is present at an event or incident but does not take part.

Synonyms: Onlooker, Passer-by

Antonyms: Participant

**47) Agitate**

Meaning: Make (someone) troubled or nervous.

Synonyms: Upset, Perturb

Antonyms: Calm

**48) Dissuade**

Meaning: Persuade (someone) not to take a particular course of action.

Synonyms: Discourage, Deter

Antonyms: Persuade, Encourage

**49) Gruelling**

Meaning: Extremely tiring and demanding.

Synonyms: Exhausting, Tiring

**50) Chaos**

Meaning: Complete disorder and confusion.

Synonyms: Disorder, Disarray

Antonyms: Order, Orderliness

**51) Abound**

Meaning: Exist in large numbers or amounts.

Synonyms: Be plentiful, Be abundant

Antonyms: Be scarce, Meagre, scanty

**52) Exodus**

Meaning: A mass departure of people.

Synonyms: Mass departure, Withdrawal

**53) Shackled**

Meaning: Restrain; Limit.

Synonyms: Restrain, Restrict

Antonyms: Give someone free rein

**54) Patchwork**

Meaning: A thing composed of many different elements so as to appear variegated.

Synonyms: Assortment, Miscellany

**55) Whims**

Meaning: A sudden desire or change of mind, especially one that is unusual or unexplained.

Synonyms: Impulse, Urge

**56) Aversion**

Meaning: A strong dislike or disinclination.

Synonyms: Dislike of, Distaste for

Antonyms: Liking, Inclination, Desire

**57) Diversify**

Meaning: (Of a company) enlarge or vary its range of products or field of operation.

Synonyms: Branch out, Vary output, Expand

**58) Laudable**

Meaning: (Of an action, idea, or aim) deserving praise and commendation.

Synonyms: Praiseworthy, Commendable

Antonyms: Blameworthy, Shameful

**59) Leasing**

Meaning: Grant (property) on lease; let.

Synonyms: Rent out, Rent

Antonyms: Sell

**60) Aides**

Meaning: An assistant to an important person, especially a political leader.

Synonyms: Assistant, Helper

**61) Trimming**

Meaning: Reduce the size, amount, number, or cost of.

Synonyms: Reduce, Decrease

**62) Detain**

Meaning: Keep (someone) from proceeding by holding them back or making claims on their attention.

Synonyms: Delay, Hold up

**63) Amending**

Meaning: Make minor changes to (a text, piece of legislation, etc.) in order to make it fairer or more accurate, or to reflect changing circumstances.

Synonyms: Revise, Alter

**64) Uproar**

Meaning: A public expression of protest or outrage.

Synonyms: Outcry, Furore

Antonyms: Acquiescence

**65) Bearing on**

Meaning: To be connected or related to something.

Synonyms: Affecting, Influencing

**66) Unremitting**

Meaning: Never relaxing or slackening; incessant.

Synonyms: Relentless, Continual

Antonyms: Intermittent, Spasmodic

**67) Right-wing**

Meaning: Conservative or reactionary.

Synonyms: Conservative, Rightist

Antonyms: Radical, Left-wing

**68) Mustered**

Meaning: (of a group of people) gather together.

Example: "reporters mustered outside her house"

Synonyms: Congregate, Assemble

69) **Undeniable**

Meaning: Unable to be denied or disputed.

Synonyms: Indisputable, Indubitable

Antonyms: Debatable, Questionable

70) **Contesting**

Meaning: Engage in competition to attain (a position of power) .

Example: "she declared her intention to contest the presidency"

Synonyms: Enter, Battle in

71) **Patchy**

Meaning: Not of the same quality throughout; inconsistent.

Synonyms: Deficient, Rudimentary

Antonyms: Complete, Comprehensive

72) **Disbanding**

Meaning: (with reference to an organized group) break up or cause to break up.

Synonyms: Disperse, Dissolve

Antonyms: Assemble

73) **Legitimate**

Meaning: Conforming to the law or to rules.

Synonyms: Legal, Lawful

Antonyms: Illegal, Illegitimate

74) **Sympathetic**

Meaning: Showing approval of or favour towards an idea or action.

Example: "he was sympathetic to evolutionary ideas"

Synonyms: Encouraging, Supporting

Antonyms: Unsympathetic, Unfeeling

75) **Assassinated**

Meaning: Murder (an important person) for political or religious reasons.

Synonyms: Execute, Eliminate

76) **Sceptical**

Meaning: Not easily convinced; having doubts or reservations.

Synonyms: Dubious, Doubtful

Antonyms: Certain, Convinced

77) **Dispiritingly**

Meaning: Not feeling much hope about a particular situation or problem.

Synonyms: Not hopeful

78) **Destined**

Meaning: Intended (for a particular purpose) .

Synonyms: Planning, Expecting

79) **Concedes**

Meaning: To admit, often unwillingly, that something is true

Synonyms: Admit, Accept

Antonyms: Deny

80) **Dominance**

Meaning: Power and influence over others.

Synonyms: Supremacy, Dominion

Antonyms: Subservience, Subjugation

81) **Mooted**

Meaning: Raise (a question or topic) for discussion; suggest (an idea or possibility) .

Synonyms: Raise, Broach

82) **Alliance**

Meaning: A union or association formed for mutual benefit, especially between countries or organizations.

Synonyms: Association, Union

83) **Like-minded**

Meaning: Having similar tastes or opinions.

Example: "a radio ham with like-minded friends all over the world"

84) **Coalition**

Meaning: A temporary alliance for combined action, especially of political parties forming a government.

Synonyms: Alliance, Union

85) **Instances**

Meaning: An example or single occurrence of something.

Example: "a serious instance of corruption"

Synonyms: Example, Occasion

86) **Hastily**

Meaning: With excessive speed or urgency; hurriedly.

Synonyms: Quickly, Hurriedly

Antonyms: Slowly, Carefully

87) **Dilemma**

Meaning: A situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives, especially ones that are equally undesirable.

Synonyms: Quandary, Predicament

88) **Prospects**

Meaning: A person regarded as likely to succeed or as a potential customer, client, etc.

Example: "Norwich's unbeaten heavyweight prospect"

Synonyms: Candidate, Possibility

89) **Squarely**

Meaning: Directly, without deviating to one side.

Example: "Ashley looked at him squarely"

90) **Coherent**

Meaning: (Of an argument, theory, or policy) logical and consistent.

Example: "They failed to develop a coherent economic strategy"

Synonyms: Logical, Reasoned

Antonyms: Incoherent, Muddled

91) **Glib**

Meaning: (Of words or a speaker) fluent but insincere and shallow.

Synonyms: Slick, Pat

Antonyms: Sincere, Thoughtful

92) **Bickering**

Meaning: Argue about petty and trivial matters.

Synonyms: Squabble, Argue

Antonyms: Agree

93) **Provocations**

Meaning: Action or speech that makes someone angry, especially deliberately.

Synonyms: Incitement, Rousing

94) **Battalions**

Meaning: A large organized group of people pursuing a common aim.

Synonyms: Crowd, Army, Mob

95) **Cadres**

Meaning: A small group of people specially trained for a particular purpose

Synonyms: Small group, Body, Team

96) **Harping**

Meaning: Talk or write persistently and tediously on (a particular topic) .

Synonyms: Keep on about, Go on about

97) **Stipulated**

Meaning: Demand or specify (a requirement) , typically as part of an agreement.

Synonyms: Specify, Set down

98) **Divisive**

Meaning: Tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people.

Synonyms: Alienating, Estranging

Antonyms: Unifying

99) **Plenary**

Meaning: Unqualified; Absolute.

Synonyms: Unconditional, Unlimited

100) **Tirade**

Meaning: A long, angry speech of criticism or accusation.

Synonyms: Diatribe, Invective

101) **Scam**

Meaning: A dishonest scheme; a fraud.

Synonyms: Fraud, Swindle

102) **Posited**

Meaning: Put forward as fact or as a basis for argument.

Synonyms: Postulate, Put forward

103) **Inevitably**

Meaning: As is certain to happen; unavoidably.

Synonyms: Naturally, Automatically

104) **Granular**

Meaning: Including small details.

105) **Thesis**

Meaning: A statement or theory that is put forward as a premise to be maintained or proved.

Synonyms: Theory, Contention

106) **Clamour**

Meaning: A loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting.

Synonyms: Din, Racket

Antonyms: Silence

107) **Cess**

Meaning: A curse on.

Example: "Bad cess to the day I joined that band!"

108) **Fostering**

Meaning: Encourage the development of (something, especially something desirable) .

Synonyms: Encourage, Promote

Antonyms: Neglect, Suppress

109) **Rewarding**

Meaning: Providing satisfaction; gratifying.

Synonyms: Satisfying, Gratifying

Antonyms: Unrewarding

110) **Couched**

Meaning: Express (something) in language of a specified style.

Example: "The assurances were couched in general terms"



Synonyms: Express, Phrase

111) **Pragmatic**

Meaning: Dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations.

112) **Profoundly**

Meaning: In a profound way; greatly.

Synonyms: Extremely, Very, Deeply

113) **Precedent**

Meaning: an earlier event or action that is regarded as an example or guide to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances.

synonyms: model, exemplar

114) **Humiliating**

Meaning: Make (someone) feel ashamed and foolish by injuring their dignity and pride.

Synonyms: Embarrass, Mortify

Antonyms: Aggrandize, Glorious

115) **Misogyny**

Meaning: Dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women.

Example: "She felt she was struggling against thinly disguised misogyny"

116) **Cult**

Meaning: A relatively small group of people having religious beliefs or practices regarded by others as strange or as imposing excessive control over members.

Synonyms: Sect, Religious group, Denomination

117) **Elusive**

Meaning: Difficult to find, catch, or achieve.

Synonyms: Evasive, Slippery

118) **Bizarre**

Meaning: Very strange or unusual.

Synonyms: Strange, peculiar

Antonyms: Ordinary, Normal

119) **Consensus**

Meaning: A general agreement.

Synonyms: Agreement, Harmony

Antonyms: Disagreement, Minority view

120) **Allegedly**

Meaning: Used to convey that something is claimed to be the case or have taken place, although there is no proof.

Synonyms: Reportedly, Supposedly

121) **Insinuation**

Meaning: An unpleasant hint or suggestion of something bad.

Synonyms: Implication, Inference

122) **Salacious**

Meaning: Having or conveying undue or indecent interest in sexual matters.

Synonyms: Pornographic, Obscene

123) **Dossier**

Meaning: A collection of documents about a particular person, event, or subject.

Example: "We have a dossier on him"

Synonyms: File, Report

124) **Indictment**

Meaning: A formal charge or accusation of a serious crime.

Synonyms: Charge, Accusation

Antonyms: Acquittal

125) **Maim**

Synonyms: to injure very badly

126) **Unwitting**

Meaning: (Of a person) not aware of the full facts.

Synonyms: Unknowing, Unconscious

Antonyms: Witting, Knowing

127) **Constitutes**

Meaning: Give legal or constitutional form to (an institution) ; establish by law.

Synonyms: Inaugurate, Initiate

128) **Bipartisan**

Meaning: Of or involving the agreement or cooperation of two political parties that usually oppose each other's policies.

Example: "The reforms received considerable bipartisan approval"

129) **Retaliation**

Meaning: The action of returning a military attack; counter-attack.

Synonyms: Revenge, Vengeance

130) **Oblige**

Meaning: Make (someone) legally or morally bound to do something.

Example: "Doctors are obliged by law to keep patients alive while there is a chance of recovery"

Synonyms: Require, Compel

131) **Reconciliation**

Meaning: The restoration of friendly relations.

Synonyms: Reuniting, Reunion

Antonyms: Estrangement, Alienation

132) **Rivalry**

Meaning: Competition for the same objective or for superiority in the same field.

Synonyms: Competitiveness, Competition

133) **Tactical**

Meaning: Showing adroit planning; aiming at an end beyond the immediate action.

Synonyms: Calculated, Planned

Antonyms: Unwise, Spontaneous

134) **Allegations**

Meaning: A claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically one made without proof.

Synonyms: Claim, Assertion

135) **Invaded**

Meaning: Enter (a place, situation, or sphere of activity) in large numbers, especially with intrusive effect.

Synonyms: Permeate, Pervade

136) **Elite**

Meaning: A select group that is superior in terms of ability or qualities to the rest of a group or society.

Synonyms: Best, Pick

Antonyms: Dregs

137) **Pugnacious**

Meaning: Having quarrelsome or Combative nature.

Synonyms: Belligerent

138) **Cogent**

Meaning: Very Clear and easy for the mind to accept and believe

Synonyms: Valid

139) **Scorched**

Meaning: Burn the surface of (something) with flame or heat.

Example: "Surrounding houses were scorched by heat from the blast"

synonyms: Burn, Sea

140) **Rival**

Meaning: A person or thing competing with another for the same objective or for superiority in the same field of activity.

Synonyms: Competitor, Opponent

Antonyms: Partner, Ally

141) **Imprint**

Meaning: Fix (an idea) firmly in someone's mind.

Synonyms: Fix, Establish

142) **Onus**

Meaning: Something that is one's duty or responsibility.

Synonyms: Burden, Responsibility

143) **Theocratic**

Meaning: Relating to or denoting a system of government in which priests rule in the name of God or a god.

Example: "A theocratic state"

144) **Enthusiasm**

Meaning: Intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval.

Synonyms: Eagerness, Keeness

Antonyms: Apathy

145) **Pamphlets**

Meaning: A small booklet or leaflet containing information or arguments about a single subject.

Synonyms: Brochure, Leaflet

146) **Denial**

Meaning: A statement that something is not true.

Synonyms: Contradiction, Counterstatement

Antonyms: Confirmation

147) **Corrode**

Meaning: Destroy or damage (metal, stone, or other materials) slowly by chemical action.

Example: "Acid rain poisons fish and corrodes buildings"

Synonyms: Wear away, Wear down

148) **Rendered**

Meaning: Provide or give (a service, help, etc.) .

Synonyms: Give, Provide

149) **Illegitimate**

Meaning: Not authorized by the law; not in accordance with accepted standards or rules.

Synonyms: Illegal, Unlawful

Antonyms: Legitimate, Lawful

150) **Treason**

Meaning: The crime of betraying one's country, especially by attempting to kill or overthrow the sovereign or government.

Synonyms: Treachery, Lese-majesty

Antonyms: Allegiance, Loyalty

151) **Diktats**

Meaning: An order or decree imposed by someone in power without popular consent.

Example: "a diktat from the Bundestag"

152) **Out of the blue**

Meaning: Without warning; unexpectedly.

153) **Looting**

Meaning: Steal (something) from someone.

Synonyms: Ransack, Sack

154) **Widening**

Meaning: Make or become wider.

Synonyms: Broaden, Stretch

Antonyms: Narrow, Restrict

155) **Chasm**

Meaning: A profound difference between people, viewpoints, feelings, etc.

Synonyms: Breach, Gulf

156) **Hefty**

Meaning: Large and heavy.

Synonyms: Heavy, Sturdy

Antonyms: Slight, Gaunt

157) **White lies**

Meaning: A harmless or trivial lie, especially one told to avoid hurting someone's feelings.

158) **Swirl**

Meaning: A quantity of something moving in a twisting or spiralling pattern.

Example: "swirls of dust swept across the floor"

159) **Ousted**

Meaning: Drive out or expel (someone) from a position or place.

Synonyms: Expel, Remove

160) **Coterie**

Meaning: A small group of people with shared interests or tastes, especially one that is exclusive of other people.

Synonyms: Clique, Crowd

161) **Incessant**

Meaning: (of something regarded as unpleasant) continuing without pause or interruption.

Synonyms: Constant, Continual

Antonyms: Intermittent, Occasional

162) **Paradigm**

Meaning: A typical example or pattern of something; a pattern or model.

163) **Rooted**

Meaning: Establish deeply and firmly.

Example: "vegetarianism is rooted in Indian culture"

Synonyms: Fixed, Ineradicable

164) **Hawkish**

Meaning: Advocating an aggressive or warlike policy, especially in foreign affairs.

165) **Stance**

Meaning: The attitude of a person or organization towards something; a standpoint.

Synonyms: Attitude, Stand

166) **The negotiating table**

Meaning: A situation or place in which people formally discuss something in order to reach an agreement.

167) **Impediment**

Meaning: A hindrance or obstruction in doing something.

Synonyms: Hindrance, Obstruction

Antonyms: Benefit

168) **Concurrence**

Meaning: The fact of two or more events or circumstances happening or existing at the same time.

Example: "the incidental concurrence of two separate tumours"

169) **Glean**

Meaning: Obtain (information) from various sources, often with difficulty.

Synonyms: Obtain, Get

170) **Churn**

Meaning: To move something.

Example: The Sea was churned up by heavy winds.

171) **Came to light**

Meaning: If facts come to light, they become known publicly.

Synonyms: Reveal, Disclose

172) **Unleashing**

Meaning: Cause (a strong or violent force) to be released or become unrestrained.

173) **Parlance**

Meaning: A particular way of speaking or using words, especially a way common to those with a particular job or interest.

Example: "dated terms that were once in common parlance"

174) **Delinquent**

Meaning: (typically of a young person) tending to commit crime, particularly minor crime.

Synonyms: Lawless, Criminal

Antonyms: Well-behaved, Conformist

175) **Fiasco**

Meaning: A complete failure, especially a ludicrous or humiliating one.

Synonyms: Failure, Disaster

Antonyms: Success

176) **Cahoots**

Meaning: Colluding or conspiring together secretly.

Synonyms: Conniving, Allied

177) **Eloquent**

Meaning: Clearly expressing or indicating something.

Synonyms: Expressive, Suggestive

178) **Knee-jerk reactions**

Meaning: (of a response) automatic and unthinking.

Example: "a knee-jerk reaction"

179) **Blame games**

Meaning: A situation in which one party blames others for something bad or unfortunate rather than attempting to seek a solution.

180) **Omnibus**

Meaning: Comprising several items.

Example: "omnibus editions of novels"

181) **Conducted**

Meaning: Lead or guide (someone) to or around a particular place.

Synonyms: Escort, Guide

182) **Flurry**

Meaning: A sudden short period of activity or excitement.

Synonyms: Burst, Outbreak

183) **Gleeful**

Meaning: Exuberantly or triumphantly joyful.

Example: "She gave a gleeful chuckle"

Synonyms: Delighted, Pleased

Antonyms: Gloomy

184) **Metaphor**

Meaning: A thing regarded as representative or symbolic of something else.

185) **Marched**

Meaning: Walk quickly and with determination.

Synonyms: Stalk, Strut

186) **Brandish**

Meaning: Wave or flourish (something, especially a weapon) as a threat or in anger or excitement.

Synonyms: Flourish, Wave

187) **Sacrilege**

Meaning: an act of treating a holy place or object in a way that does not show proper respect.

Synonyms: Defilement.

188) **Scant**

Meaning: Barely sufficient or adequate.

Synonyms: Little, Little or no

Antonyms: Abundant, Ample

189) **Purveyors**

Meaning: A person who sells or deals in particular goods.

Example: "A purveyor of large luxury vehicles"

Synonyms: Seller, Vendor

190) **Ostensibly**

Meaning: As appears or is stated to be true, though not necessarily so; apparently.

Synonyms: Apparently, Seemingly

Antonyms: Genuinely, Really, Truly

191) **Pale**

Meaning: Seem or become less important.

Synonyms: Decrease in importance, lose significance

192) **Articulating**

Meaning: Express (an idea or feeling) fluently and coherently.

Example: "They were unable to articulate their emotions"

Synonyms: Express, Give expression to

Antonyms: Bottle up

193) **Affinity**

Meaning: A natural liking for and understanding of someone or something.

Example: "He had a special affinity with horses"

Synonyms: Empathy, Rapport

Antonyms: Dislike, Aversion

194) **Austerity**

Meaning: Difficult economic conditions created by government measures to reduce public expenditure.

195) **Panacea**

Meaning: A solution or remedy for all difficulties or diseases.

Synonyms: Universal cure, Cure-all

196) **Contemporary**

Meaning: Dating from the same time.

Synonyms: Contemporaneous, Concurrent

197) **Staunchest**

Meaning: Very loyal and committed in attitude.

Synonyms: Stalwart, Loyal

Antonyms: Disloyal, Unfaithful, Unreliable

198) **Lure**

Meaning: The strongly attractive quality of a person or thing.

Synonyms: Temptation, Enticement

199) **Oppression**

Meaning: Prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or exercise of authority.

Synonyms: Persecution, Abuse

Antonyms: Freedom, Democracy

200) **Animus**

Meaning: Motivation to do something.

Example: "The reformist animus came from within the Party"

201) **Sprouted**

Meaning: Appear or develop suddenly and in large numbers.

202) **Sagacious**

Meaning: Having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgement; wise or shrewd.

Synonyms: Wise, Clever

Antonyms: Stupid, Foolish

203) **Intuitive**

Meaning: Using or based on what one feels to be true even without conscious reasoning; instinctive.

Synonyms: Instinctive, Intuitional

204) **Locus**

Meaning: A particular position or place where something occurs or is situated.

205) **Encroach**

Meaning: Intrude on (a person's territory, rights, personal life, etc.) .

Synonyms: Intrude, Trespass

206) **Diminishing**

Meaning: Make or become less.

Synonyms: Decrease, Decline

Antonyms: Increase, Flare up

207) **Palette**

Meaning: The range of colours used by a particular artist or in a particular picture.

208) **Heart-rending**

Meaning: Causing great sadness or distress.

Synonyms: Distressing, Disturbing

Antonyms: Comforting

209) **Vulnerable**

Meaning: Exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.

Synonyms: Endangered, Unsafe

Antonyms: Invulnerable, Resilient

210) **Triggered**

Meaning: Cause (an event or situation) to happen or exist.

Synonyms: Precipitate, Prompt

211) **Imperative**

Meaning: Of vital importance; crucial.

Synonyms: Vital, Exigent

Antonyms: Unimportant, Optional

212) **Underscored**

Meaning: Emphasize.

213) **Enhanced**

Meaning: Intensify, increase, or further improve the quality, value, or extent of.

Synonyms: Increase, Intensify

Antonyms: Diminish, Mar

214) **Reciprocated**

Meaning: Respond to (a gesture or action) by making a corresponding one.

215) **Coherence**

Meaning: The quality of being logical and consistent.

Synonyms: Consistency, Soundness

Antonyms: Incoherence

216) **Civilisation**

Meaning: The stage of human social development and organization which is considered most advanced.

Synonyms: Progress, Edification

217) **Discomfort**

Meaning: Worry or embarrassment.

Synonyms: Embarrassment, Unease

218) **Eclipsed**

Meaning: Deprive (someone or something) of significance or power.

Synonyms: Outshine, Overshadow

219) **Myopic**

Meaning: Lacking foresight or intellectual insight.

Synonyms: Unimaginative, Uncreative

Antonyms: Far-sighted

220) **Reams**

Meaning: Froth or overflow.

221) **Hackneyed**

Meaning: (Of a phrase or idea) having been overused; unoriginal and trite.

Synonyms: Overused, Overworked

Antonyms: Original, Fresh

222) **Trotted out**

Meaning: To show someone or something in public in order to get attention.

223) **Aspiring**

Meaning: Directing one's hopes or ambitions towards becoming a specified type of person.

224) **Seldom**

Meaning: Not often; rarely.

Synonyms: Rarely, Infrequently

Antonyms: often, frequently

225) **Mundane**

Meaning: Lacking interest or excitement; dull.

Synonyms: Humdrum, Dull

Antonyms: Extraordinary, Imaginative

226) **Status quoist**

Meaning: The existing state of affairs, especially regarding social or political issues.

227) **Owes**

Meaning: Have an obligation to pay or repay (something, especially money) in return for something received.

Synonyms: Be in debt (to) , Be indebted

Antonyms: Settle up

228) **Tactics**

Meaning: An action or strategy carefully planned to achieve a specific end.

Synonyms: Strategy, Scheme

229) **Exemplifies**

Meaning: Be a typical example of.

Synonyms: Typify, Epitomize

230) **Intents**

Meaning: Intention or purpose.

Example: "With alarm she realized his intent"

Synonyms: Aim, Purpose

231) **Perhaps**

Meaning: Used to express uncertainty or possibility.

Synonyms: Maybe, For all I know

232) **Pragmatic**

Meaning: Dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations.

233) **Apparatchik**

Meaning: A member of a Communist Party apparat.

234) **Tussle**

Meaning: A vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically in order to obtain or achieve something.

Example: "There was a tussle for the ball"

Synonyms: Scuffle, Fight

235) **Onslaught**

Meaning: A fierce or destructive attack.

Synonyms: Assault, Attack

236) **Wither**

Meaning: Fall into decay or decline.

Synonyms: Diminish, Dwindle

Antonyms: Grow

237) **Decimated**

Meaning: Kill, destroy, or remove a large proportion of.

238) **Jettison**

Meaning: Abandon or discard (someone or something that is no longer wanted) .

Synonyms: Dump, Drop

Antonyms: Load, Keep, Retain

239) **Trample**

Meaning: Tread on and crush.

Example: "The fence had been trampled down"

Synonyms: Tread, Tramp

240) **Muddle**

Meaning: Bring into a disordered or confusing state.

Synonyms: Confuse, Mix up, Jumble

241) **Annulled**

Meaning: Declare invalid (an official agreement, decision, or result) .

Antonyms: Restore, Enact

242) **Ruse**

Meaning: An action intended to deceive someone; a trick.

Synonyms: Ploy, Stratagem

**243) Scuttle**

Meaning: Run hurriedly or furtively with short quick steps.

Synonyms: Scamper, Scurry

**244) Veracity**

Meaning: Conformity to facts; accuracy.

Synonyms: Truthfulness, Truth

Antonyms: Falsity

**245) Conspiracy**

Meaning: A secret plan by a group to do something unlawful or harmful.

Synonyms: Plot, Scheme

**246) Implications**

Meaning: The conclusion that can be drawn from something although it is not explicitly stated.

Synonyms: Suggestion, Inference

Antonyms: Explicit statement

**247) Ordeal**

Meaning: A very unpleasant and prolonged experience.

Synonyms: Trial, Tribulation

**248) Volition**

Meaning: The faculty or power of using one's will.

**249) Impeded**

Meaning: Delay or prevent (someone or something) by obstructing them; hinder.

Synonyms: Hinder, Obstruct

Antonyms: Facilitate

**250) Besieged**

Meaning: Be inundated by large numbers of requests or complaints.

Synonyms: Overwhelm, Inundate

**BANKING AWARENESS QUIZ**

Q.1) Reliance Mutual Fund has partnered with which of the following Global Conglomerate to launch Voice – Based Financial Transactions?

- a) Apple
- b) Goldman Sachs
- c) Samsung
- d) Xiaomi
- e) Google

Q.2) Which becomes the first lender to levy charges on UPI Transactions?

- a) Bank of Baroda
- b) State Bank of India
- c) Karnataka Bank
- d) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- e) ICICI Bank

Q.3) Which of the following company has signed an MoU to setup integrated customer services and optimize value for customers along with Tata Power?

- a) Hindustan Petroleum
- b) Bharat Petroleum
- c) Indraprastha Gas Limited
- d) Ratnagar Gas Limited
- e) Shell Gas

Q.4) Rajan Anandhan who was the Vice President for South East Asia & MD for the Biggest Conglomerate in India stepped down recently, Name the Global Conglomerate?

- a) Apple
- b) Google
- c) Samsung
- d) Duck Duck Go

e) Tesla

Q.5) Which Organization has cut India's Growth Rate to 7.2% in 2019-2020?

- a) World Bank
- b) FISCH Ratings
- c) ADB
- d) IMF
- e) European Central Bank

Q.6) Where is the headquarters of the Asian Development Bank?

- a) Geneva
- b) Manila
- c) New York
- d) Vienna
- e) Jakarta

Q.7) Who has assumed charge as the new managing director of LIC?

- a) VK Sharma
- b) Vipin Anand
- c) NR Chandrasekaran
- d) Subhash Chandra Garg
- e) Girish Chandra Garg

Q.8) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in consultation with the government of India has set the limits for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the first half of the financial year 2019-20 (April 2019 to September 2019) at Rs which of the following rate?

- a) Rs.10000 Crore
- b) Rs.25,000 Crore
- c) Rs.50,000 Crore
- d) Rs.75,000 Crore
- e) Rs.85,000 Crore

Q.9) Which of the following Organizations have received the SEBI Approval to start stockbroking?

- a) ET Money
- b) Zerodha
- c) Kite
- d) Sharekhan
- e) Paytm Money

Q.10) Which is the sole Indian institute featured in the QS EMBA Rankings 2019?

- a) Indian Institute of Management Calcutta
- b) Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore
- c) Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
- d) Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee
- e) None of these

Q.11) Which of the following Technological App has launched Tip Line to Curb Fake News?

- a) Khimbo
- b) Line
- c) Share Chat
- d) Facebook
- e) Whatsapp

Q.12) Which Bank has signed pact with the Bharati AXA for distribution of latter's life insurance products?

- a) Axis Bank
- b) Karnataka Bank
- c) Yes Bank
- d) HDFC Bank
- e) KVB

Q.13) What is the tagline of Karnataka Bank which has it's headquarters in Mangalore?

- a) The Bank for the changing world
- b) A Premier Private Sector Bank
- c) Serving to Empower
- d) Let's Make Money Simple
- e) Your Family Bank, Across India

Q.14) Bombay Stock Exchange(BSE) and India International Exchange (India INX) have signed a memorandum of understanding with which international exchanges to connect investor community and companies in both countries besides allowing a capital formation platform?

- a) NASDAQ
- b) Euronext
- c) TMX Group
- d) MOEX
- e) DOW Jones

Q.15) RBI has provided how many percentage liquidity window to the lenders by tweaking liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) norms?

- a) 1 Percentage
- b) 2 Percentage
- c) 3 Percentage
- d) 4 Percentage
- e) 5 Percentage

Q.16) Which Organization has altered the bad loan divergence rule for banks which aims at improving transparency in asset classification and preventing under-reporting of bad loans?

- a) SIDBI
- b) Ministry of Finance
- c) ADB
- d) NABARD
- e) RBI

Q.17) Who was named as the Managing Director of IL&FS?

- a) C S Rajan
- b) Manoj Sisodia
- c) Naveen Thiruvikram
- d) Meghana Nayar
- e) Sudhir Barghav

Q.18) What is the name of the chatbot making startup which was acquired by Reliance Jio Digital?

- a) Ixigo
- b) Hike Messenger
- c) Haptik
- d) Halli Labs
- e) Gradestack

Q.19) Which of the following organization has signed a memorandum of understanding with IIT Delhi to collaborate in the field of Standardisation and conformity assesment?

- a) BIS
- b) SBI
- c) NABARD
- d) NHAI
- e) SAIL

Q.20) Where is the headquarters of General Insurance Corporation of India?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Chennai
- c) Cochin
- d) Bengaluru
- e) Mumbai

Q.21) Which Country Stock Market overtook Japan as the World's Third Largest Stock market?

- a) China
- b) India
- c) Myanmar
- d) Singapore
- e) Hong Kong

Q.22) TMX Group is the Stock exchange of which of the following country?

- a) Canada
- b) Japan
- c) Russia
- d) Spain
- e) Hungary

Q.23) According to the 1st Edition of Forbes World's Best Bank Survey, which bank has been recognised as the number 1 bank by customers in INDIA?

- a) SBI
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) Syndicate Bank
- d) YES Bank
- e) HDFC Bank

Q.24) Which Bank took the second spot in the 1st Edition of the Forbes World's Best Bank Survey?

- a) SBI
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) Syndicate Bank
- d) YES Bank
- e) AXIS Bank

Q.25) Which of the Following Bank's tagline is "We understand your world"?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) IDBI Bank
- c) HSBC
- d) HDFC Bank
- e) SBI

Q.26) Which City's air quality is ranked third on the WHO's List of 15 most polluted Cities?

- a) Agra
- b) New Delhi
- c) Mumbai
- d) Kolkata
- e) Varanasi

Q.27) Which technological Software giant has partnered with Google Cloud to build industry-specific cloud solutions?

- a) WIPRO
- b) Infosys
- c) TCS
- d) Tech Mahindra
- e) Cognizant

Q.28) According to the Reserve Bank data released, bank credit rose to many percentages to Rs 97.67 lakh crore for the fortnight to March 29?

- a) 8.9%
- b) 13.48%
- c) 13.24%
- d) 18.13%
- e) 24.34%

Q.29) Which firm has signed its first co-origination loan agreement with SBI?

- a) Cognizant
- b) Zoho
- c) Freshworks
- d) Testpress Limited
- e) Paisalo Digital

Q.30) According to World Bank, India is expected to grow at \_\_\_\_\_ % in 2019 – 2020?

- a) 8.3%
- b) 8.6%
- c) 9.4%
- d) 7.2%
- e) 7.5%

Q.31) Which Bank has tied up with Credit vidya for improving customer experience?

- a) Yes Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) Axis Bank
- e) RBL Bank

Q.32) India's population grew at what percentage average annual rate between 2010 and 2019?

- a) 1.8%
- b) 1.3%
- c) 1.2%
- d) 1.5%
- e) 1.7%

Q.33) At what percentage The government has retained the interest rate for the General Provident Fund (GPF) and other related schemes for the April-June quarter?

- a) 7%
- b) 8%
- c) 9%
- d) 10%
- e) 11%

Q.34) What is the name of the Google's newly launched Cloud Platform?

- a) Thanos
- b) Anthos
- c) Terrano
- d) Paybill
- e) Dropship

Q.35) According to the Stanford Study, How many percentages of Indian Economy shrank due to Global Warming?

- a) 17%
- b) 19%
- c) 27%
- d) 31%
- e) 48%

Q.36) Central Government has authorized which of the following bank to raise Rs.8,000 Crores?

- a) Punjab National Bank
- b) Allahabad Bank
- c) Syndicate Bank
- d) Maharashtra Bank
- e) Bank of India

Q.37) Mallikarjuna Rao is the CEO of which of the following bank?

- a) Punjab National Bank
- b) Allahabad Bank
- c) Syndicate Bank
- d) Maharashtra Bank
- e) Bank of India

Q.38) According to BOA Merrill Lynch, How many Billions are in Excess Reserve of RBI?

- a) \$35 Billion
- b) \$43 Billion
- c) \$15 Billion
- d) \$74 Billion
- e) \$49 Billion

Q.39) Which Bank has signed an MoU with BEML for financing earthmoving and construction equipment?

- a) Bank of India
- b) Union Bank of India
- c) Bank of Baroda
- d) State Bank of India
- e) Syndicate Bank

Q.40) RBI has divested its entire stake in which of the following banks?

- a) SBI & BOB
- b) NHB & NABARD
- c) BOB & NABARD
- d) NHB & Bank of India
- e) BOM & Bandhan Bank

Q.41) RBI approves the proposal of HDFC for holding 9.9% stake in which of the following bank?

- a) Yes Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) IndusInd Bank
- d) Dhanlaxmi Bank
- e) Bandhan Bank

Q.42) Which Organization has granted approval for IndusInd Bank and Bank Financial Inclusion Ltd Merger?

- a) RBI
- b) SEBI
- c) NHEI
- d) CBT
- e) NCLT

Q.43) Which organization has reduced the minimum subscription requirement for REITs & InvITs?

- a) RBI
- b) SEBI
- c) NHEI
- d) CBT
- e) NCLT

Q.44) Which Bank has launched debit card – based e-mandate on NPCI's API platform?

- a) AXIS Bank
- b) YES Bank
- c) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- d) HDFC Bank
- e) IndusInd Bank

Q.45) Which company has introduced First Indian Platform for Wholesale Cryptocurrency trading?

- a) Unocoin
- b) Bytex
- c) Crapei
- d) Simply Wall Street
- e) BuyUcoin

Q.46) Aegon Life Insurance along with which leading Fintech Company have joined hands to launch Rs.20 Smart Digital Insurance Product?

- a) Freecharge
- b) Paytm
- c) Mobikwik
- d) Oxygen

e) Dream Team

Q.47) Wirecard, digital financial technology provider, announced an expanded partnership with which of the following Bank to promote financial inclusion in India?

- a) YES Bank
- b) AXIS Bank
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) RBL Bank
- e) Bank of India

Q.48) Which company has launched the total health secure global plan?

- a) PNB Paribas
- b) LIC
- c) Bajaj Allianz
- d) United India Insurance
- e) Bank Bazaar

Q.49) Which Organization has tied up with Network Intelligence, a global cybersecurity services provider & CERT-IN empanelled vendor to provide cybersecurity services to its members in line with the cybersecurity framework set?

- a) NSE
- b) BSE
- c) RBI
- d) SEBI
- e) CBT

Q.50) Name the digital payments platform that became the first company to launch a special keyboard that will allow users to do transactions easily and securely using Android Mobile Phone.

- a) PhonePe
- b) Paytm
- c) FreeCharge
- d) MobiKwik
- e) None of these

Q.51) What is the rank of INDIA in the index of cancer Preparedness 2019 released by The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)?

- a) 10
- b) 15
- c) 19
- d) 26
- e) 35

Q.52) Which country topped the 2019 Index of Cancer Preparedness?

- a) Singapore
- b) Norway
- c) Switzerland
- d) Australia
- e) Russia

Q.53) Which bank becomes the 3rd largest bank after it merged with Dena Bank & Vijaya Bank?

- a) State Bank of India
- b) Indian Bank
- c) Union Bank of India
- d) Bank of Baroda
- e) Bank of India

Q.54) Which of the following company first Indian Asset Management Company tied up with google to launch voice-based financial transactions?

- a) Axis Asset Management Company Ltd.
- b) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Ltd.
- c) Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management
- d) Baroda Pioneer Asset Management Company Ltd
- e) None of these

Q.55) Which global IT Service company has acquired 75% stake in Starter NV, a subsidiary of Dutch based ABN AMRO Bank for \$144 million (approx. Rs 999 crore)?

- a) Google
- b) Microsoft
- c) Infosys
- d) IBM
- e) None of these

Q.56) BNP Paribas Cardif has sold 5 crore shares of which life insurance company for Rs 2,889 crore?  
 a) Max Life Insurance  
 b) SBI Life Insurance  
 c) Bharti AXA General Insurance  
 d) HDFC Life  
 e) None of these

Q.57) According to U.S based Health Effects Institute(HEI)'s State of Global Air 2019 report, which of the following factor is the third highest cause of death in India?  
 a) Water Pollution                      b) Poverty  
 c) Food Crisis                              d) Air pollution  
 e) None of these

Q.58) Which bank becomes the first lender to impose charges On UPI transactions, namely, Paytm, Google Pay, PhonePe?  
 a) ICICI Bank                              b) HDFC Bank  
 c) Kotak Mahindra Bank      d) Lakshmi Vilas Bank  
 e) None of these

Q.59) Name the investment and wealth management platform of the mobile payments company, which received SEBI approval for Stock Broking recently.  
 a) Paytm Money                      b) Amazon Payments  
 c) WorldPay                              d) WePay  
 e) None of these

Q.60) Which bank has received a capital of Rs. 205 crore by the government in lieu of preferential allotment of shares?  
 a) State Bank of India  
 b) Bank of Maharashtra      c) Indian Bank  
 d) Canara Bank                      e) None of these

Q.61) Name the organization, which release the report on food crises titled "Global Report on Food Crises" annually.  
 a) International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)  
 b) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)  
 c) Food Corporation of India (FCI)  
 d) Food Security Information Network (FSIN)  
 e) None of these

Q.62) What is the limit of Ways and Means Advances (WMA) set up by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the first half of the financial year 2019-20?  
 a) Rs.85000 crore                      b) Rs.75000 crore  
 c) Rs.50000 crore                      d) Rs.35000 crore  
 e) None of these

Q.63) Reserve Bank of India has reduced its key policy rate by \_\_\_\_\_ basis point in order to enhance the growth and private investment?  
 a) 0.10 basis point                      b) 0.25 basis point  
 c) 0.20 basis point                      d) 0.50 basis point  
 e) None of these

Q.64) What is the new Repo Rate revised by the six-member monetary policy committee chaired by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das?  
 a) 6.00 %                              b) 6.25 %  
 c) 5.75 %                              d) 6.50 %  
 e) None of these

Q.65) According to the 1st Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2019-20, GDP growth of India is projected to \_\_\_\_\_ per cent by Reserve Bank of India(RBI)?  
 a) 7.1%                                      b) 7.4%  
 c) 7.2%                                      d) 7%  
 e) None of these

Q.66) According to the new norms of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), banks require to disclose their provision if divergence of assessed NPA exceeds \_\_\_\_\_ per cent of profit prior to provision and contingencies?  
 a) 15 %                                      b) 10 %  
 c) 20 %                                      d) 25 %  
 e) None of these

Q.67) Who has chaired the High-level discussion on 'Fiscal Relations across levels of Government' organised by 15th Finance Commission in partnership with the World Bank, OECD, and ADB?  
 a) Antony Cyriac                              b) Ravi Kota  
 c) N.K.Singh                              d) Arvind Mehta  
 e) None of these

Q.68) Which of the following Bank has signed agreement with Bharti Axa Life Insurance Company Ltd to sell its life insurance products?  
 a) Nainital Bank                              b) RBL Bank  
 c) Kotak Mahindra Bank      d) Karnataka Bank  
 e) None of these

Q.69) Which of the following became the first Indian stock exchanges to sign MoU with Moscow exchange(MOEX) to connect investor community and companies?  
 a) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)  
 b) India International Exchange (INX)  
 c) NSE International Exchange  
 d) National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)  
 e) Both a and b

Q.70) Which telecom company has granted with In-Flight Connectivity license from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT)?  
 a) Vodafone Idea Limited  
 b) Reliance Jio Communications  
 c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited  
 d) Bharti Airtel Limited  
 e) None of these

Q.71) Which think tank, along with Rocky Mountain Institute(RMI) have released a report titled 'India's Electric Mobility Transformation: Progress to Date and Future Opportunities'?  
 a) World Development Forum  
 b) South Asia Analysis Group (SAAG)  
 c) NITI Aayog  
 d) National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS)  
 e) None of these

Q.72) RBI has altered the LCR norms to offer an additional 2% window to lenders. What does C stands for in LCR?  
 a) Crisil                                      b) Coverage  
 c) Compatible                              d) Credit  
 e) None of these

Q.73) Name the bank recently approved the merger of the private sector lender with Indiabulls Housing Finance (IBH).  
 a) HDFC Bank                              b) City Union Bank  
 c) Federal Bank                              d) Lakshmi Vilas Bank  
 e) None of these

Q.74) Which of the following Indian regulatory body has approved 'Airport Specific Fund' titled "Taking off to the future airport fund" worth Rs. 10,000 crore for the first time?  
 a) Advertising Standards Council of India  
 b) Securities and Exchange Board of India  
 c) Small Industries Development Bank of India  
 d) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority  
 e) None of these

Q.75) What is the new seller-funding programme launched by Amazon India to help the small businesses and entrepreneurs to raise funds through the crowd funding platform?  
 a) Amazon Go                              b) Amazon Inspire  
 c) Amazon Wings                              d) Amazon Business  
 e) None of these

Q.76) Which steel company won the 'Global Slag Company of the Year' award at the 14th Global Slag Conference and Exhibition 2019, for development of new applications for Steel by-products (Slag)?  
 a) Tata Steel  
 b) Essar Steel  
 c) Steel Authority of India Limited  
 d) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited  
 e) None of these

Q.77) Which of the following organisation has received the approval from Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire Bengaluru-based IT services firm Mindtree?  
 a) Microsoft                              b) Larsen and Toubro  
 c) Infosys                              d) Wipro  
 e) None of these

Q.78) Which bank has signed a term loan Pact of Rs. 2,000 crore for part financing of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) recently?  
 a) Indian overseas Bank      b) State Bank of India  
 c) Canara Bank                              d) Bank of Baroda  
 e) Bank of India

Q.79) What is the revised GDP growth of India for the fiscal year 2019-20, as projected by World Bank in its recent report on South Asia?  
 a) 7.2%                                      b) 7.3%  
 c) 7.4%                                      d) 7.5%  
 e) 7.6%

Q.80) According to the Published National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2019 and Atal Ranking of Institutions for Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2019 ranking for higher educational institutes in India, Which institution had been spotted top in the overall category?  
 a) Miranda House, Delhi  
 b) Indian Institute of Technology Madras  
 c) Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru  
 d) Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

e) Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Q.81) Whom did the National Green Tribunal (NGT) appoint head of the committee which helps to examine the alleged erosion of Yamuna floodplain due to movement of heavy vehicles in Sonapat district in Haryana?

a) Amithabh Chaudhri      b) Adarsh Kumar Goel  
c) Dr.R.B.Barhman      d) Dr.V.Kamakoti

e) Hemant Bhargava

Q.82) Where was the 17th edition of Middle East and North Africa (MENA) World Economic Forum held?

a) Spitzkoppe, Namibia  
b) Makgadikgadi Pans, Botswana  
c) Dead Sea, Jordan  
d) Lake Malawi, Malawi  
e) None of these

Q.83) Reserve Bank of India gave some guidelines which based upon the recommendations of the "Committee on Currency Movement" (CCM) for banks to set up new currency chests. Who is the chairman of CCM?

a) DK Mohanty      b) Dr. Bimal Jalan  
c) N.K. Singh      d) M.P. Bezbarauah

e) Ajay Narayana Jha

Q.84) Which of the following private bank has signed an agreement to strengthen the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) startup platform?

a) HDFC Bank      b) Bank of India  
c) IDBI      d) ICICI Bank  
e) SBI

Q.85) Which of the following report of the World Bank stated that India retained its position as the world's top recipient in 2018?

a) Human Capital Index  
b) Ease of Doing Business  
c) Global Financial Stability Report  
d) Migration and Development Brief  
e) None of these

Q.86) India has met the revised fiscal deficit target of \_\_\_\_\_ of gross domestic product in fiscal year 2018-2019.

a) 3.7%      b) 3.4%  
c) 3.9%      d) 3.5%  
e) 3.2%

Q.87) Which of the following parent company of Wing, that has launched its first commercial drone service in Canberra, Australia.

a) Microsoft      b) IBM  
c) Alphabet Inc.      d) Intel  
e) TCS

Q.88) What is the growth rate of India for the year 2019 as per the World Economic Outlook (WEO) report released by International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

a) 7.3 %      b) 7.5 %  
c) 7.1 %      d) 7.7 %  
e) 7.6 %

Q.89) Which of the following bank in the world to launch chat banking facility for its customer via Whatsapp?

a) National Bank of Abu Dhabi

b) Emirates Islamic bank  
c) Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank  
d) Dubai Islamic Bank  
e) None of these

Q.90) Name the Asset Management Co., that has topped in terms of average Assets Under Management (AUM) as per the AMFI ?

a) Reliance Nippon Life  
b) ICICI Prudential Asset Management Co. Ltd  
c) HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd  
d) Birla Sun Life Asset Management  
e) Bharthi AXA life Insurance company Pvt Ltd

Q.91) What is the estimated growth of steel demand as per the Indian Steel Association for the year 2019?

a) 7.2%      b) 7.5%  
c) 7.3%      d) 7.1%  
e) 7.6%

Q.92) By what percent, average annual rate of Indian population grew between 2010 and 2019, as per the United Nations Population Fund?

a) 1.3%      b) 1.4%  
c) 1.2%      d) 1.5%  
e) 1.7%

Q.93) Who chaired the panel, for setting up Central Monitoring Committee to enforce a national plan for reducing river pollution?

a) Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel  
b) Justice Jawad Rahim  
c) Justice Raghuvendra Singh Rathore  
d) Justice Sonam Phintso Wangdi  
e) None of these

Q.94) What is the revised interest rate of General Provident Fund(GPF), Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) and other schemes for April-June, 2019-20?

a) 7.3%      b) 7.5%  
c) 8%      d) 8.2%  
e) 7.6%

Q.95) Which private sector bank has associated with AI-based credit underwriting platform CreditVidya to enhance the customer experience?

a) Axis Bank      b) Nainital Bank  
c) Karnataka Bank      d) RBL Bank  
e) ICICI Bank

Q.96) Which city became the most polluted city in the world as per the WHO report titled "Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014-2019"?

a) Patna      b) Gaya  
c) Kanpur      d) Faridabad  
e) None of these

Q.97) According to Reserve Bank of India, bank credit rose to \_\_\_\_\_ percent for the fortnight to March 29?

a) 13.24%      b) 11.42%  
c) 12.31%      d) 14.21%  
e) 15.32%

Q.98) Which bank has recognised as the number 1 bank by customers in India as per the first Forbes World's Best Bank survey?

a) DBS Bank      b) ICICI Bank

c) HDFC Bank      d) IDFC Bank  
e) Axis Bank

Q.99) SBI has signed its first Co-Origination Loan Agreement with which banking entity for enhancing 'Agri', 'MSME segment' and small businesses?

a) Tangerine  
b) PAISALO Digital Limited  
c) First Direct      d) USAA  
e) None of these

Q.100) Which is the biggest stock market in the world?

a) US Stock Market      b) China Stock Market  
c) Hong Kong Stock Market  
d) Japan Stock Market      e) None of these

Q.101) Where was the 21st ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) held to strengthen maritime sector between Indian and the ASEAN countries?

a) Vientiane, Laos      b) New Delhi, India  
c) Jakarta, Indonesia  
d) Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
e) None of these

Q.102) Which product can be procured using Google Pay after its partnership with Bullion refiner MMTC-PAMP India?

a) Gold      b) Foreign bonds  
c) Shares      d) High-yield bonds  
e) None of these

Q.103) Name the digital payment entity that acquired a US-based financial technology, Wibmo for USD 70 million.

a) PayU      b) PayPal  
c) Razorpay      d) Paytm  
e) Phonepe

Q.104) Largest insurance company, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), has received \_\_\_\_\_ years to reduce 10% of its stake in IDBI?

a) 10 Years      b) 12 Years  
c) 14 Years      d) 15 Years  
e) 20 Years

Q.105) Reserve Bank of India has permitted Re-insurance and Composite Insurance brokers to open which account for undertaking transactions?

a) NRI Account  
b) Recurring Deposit Account  
c) DEMAT Account  
d) Foreign Currency Accounts  
e) NRE Account

Q.106) Find the mobile app, which was launched by Bharti Airtel in collaboration with FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) to assist for women safety ?

a) Shout      b) Help  
c) My Circle      d) Reach  
e) None of these

Q.107) Where was the 4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress 2019 organised by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) held?

a) Kolkata      b) Pune  
c) Mumbai      d) New Delhi

e) Chennai

Q.108) Name the financial service company which has launched a unique proposition to pay electricity bill on EMIs.

a) Muthoot Finance            b) Bajaj Finserv  
c) Capital First                d) Rupee Power  
e) Gurh Finance

Q.109) Name the institute, that launched 5G use cases lab for altering the 2G-enabled technologies and applications, including point of sale (PoS) machines in the banking sector.

a) Central Warehousing Corporation  
b) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation  
c) Industrial Investment Bank of India  
d) Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)  
e) None of these

Q.110) Which of the following Private sector bank launched the paperless account opening facility for NRIs residing in Financial Action Task Force (FATF) member countries?

a) ICICI Bank                    b) IDBI Bank  
c) HDFC Bank                  d) Axis Bank  
e) KVB Bank

Q.111) Which country received the highest ever sovereign loans worth USD 3 billion from Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

a) US                              b) Australia  
c) India                          d) Russia  
e) South Africa

Q.112) Name the organization, which owed USD 38 million(highest amount)to India for peacekeeping operations.

a) United Nation  
b) World Trade Organization  
c) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development  
d) Association of Southeast Asian Nations  
e) None of these

Q.113) In which city, the first African artificial Intelligence (AI) laboratory launched by tech giant Google?

a) Monrovia, Liberia            b) Bamako, Mali  
c) Abuja, Nigeria                d) Accra, Ghana  
e) None of these

Q.114) Name the first Indian small finance bank, which received prestigious Celent Model Bank 2019 Award in Financial Inclusion category, for 'Redesigning Lending to Reach Small Businesses'.

a) ESAF Small Finance Bank  
b) Equitas Small Finance Bank  
c) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank  
d) Fincare Small Finance Bank  
e) AU small Finance Bank

Q.115) In which public sector bank Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi was appointed as the Executive Director?

a) Punjab National Bank      b) Canara Bank  
c) Bank of Baroda                d) Allahabad Bank  
e) Indian Bank

Q.116) Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of redBus?

a) Allu Arjun  
b) Mahendra Singh Dhoni  
c) Amitabh Bachchan  
d) Mahesh Babu  
e) Virat Kohli

Q.117) Which is the first Public Sector Bank in India that has shifted to EMV chip and PIN for card based transactions across the country's vast ATM network?

a) Indian Bank                    b) Canara Bank  
c) Bank of Baroda                d) State Bank of India  
e) None of these

Q.118) Name the quasi-cryptocurrency, launched by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for better understanding of blockchain technology and the function of crypto assets.

a) Monero                        b) Litecoin  
c) Ethereum                      d) Learning Coin  
e) None of these

Q.119) Name the Public sector bank, which has partnered with M1Xchange TReDS platform for MSMEs bill discounting.

a) State Bank of India  
b) Bank of Maharashtra  
c) Central Bank of India  
d) Bank of Baroda  
e) None of these

Q.120) Which financial services app has become first in India to integrate with Unified Payment Interface(UPI)?

a) Acorns                         b) coinbase  
c) Robinhood                    d) ETMONEY  
e) None of these

Q.121) Which of the following bank has got the approval from Competition Commission of India (CCI) for the acquisition of Gruh Finance, an arm of HDFC?

a) Karnataka Bank                b) DCB Bank  
c) Bandhan Bank                 d) RBL Bank  
e) None of these

Q.122) Which Arab city is set to host 15th edition of G20 Summit in the year 2020, which will be the first G20 Summit in Arab world ?

a) Algiers, Algeria                b) Damascus, Syria  
c) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia        d) Rabat, Morocco  
e) None of these

Q.123) Which country topped the World Press Freedom Index 2019?

a) Norway                         b) Denmark  
c) Sweden                         d) Finland  
e) Germany

Q.124) What is the rank of India as per the World Press Freedom Index 2019?

a) 138                                b) 140  
c) 141                                d) 150  
e) None of these

Q.125) Name the airport complex, which has opened the World's tallest indoor waterfall of 131 foot(40 metres) tall recently.

a) Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport complex, France

b) Los Angeles International Airport complex, California  
c) Changi Airport complex, Singapore  
d) Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport complex, Georgia  
e) None of these

Q.126) Which Public sector bank has tied up with city-based Srei Equipment Finance Ltd to offer joint loans for infrastructure equipment through iQuippo?

a) Canara Bank                    b) Indian Bank  
c) State Bank of India         d) Bank of Baroda  
e) None of these

Q.127) Which department has issued a notice period of 12 months to monetise non-core assets of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and immovable enemy properties?

a) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)  
b) Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)  
c) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)  
d) Department of Public Enterprises (DPE)  
e) None of these

Q.128) Name the international organization, which has released the guidelines on the usage of digital health technology to boost health of the people.

a) Union of International Associations  
b) United Nations  
c) UNESCO  
d) World Health Organization  
e) None of these

Q.129) Which general insurance company is set to participate in 12th Astana Economic Forum 2019?

a) United India Insurance  
b) New India Assurance  
c) General Insurance Corporation  
d) Life Insurance Corporation  
e) None of these

Q.130) Which country received loan worth 267\$ million (appx.) from EXIM Bank of India to implement various projects viz agriculture,road projects etc.,?

a) Rwanda                         b) Uganda  
c) Burundi                         d) Tanzania  
e) None of these

Q.131) Which type of startup was allowed to test the regulatory sandbox or live-testing of innovative products and services in segments as per the draft named "Enabling Framework for Regulatory Sandbox"?

a) Buyable startups                b) Scalable startups  
c) Fintech startups                d) Lifestyle startups  
e) None of these

Q.132) Name the head of the committee, who propose the concept of Regulatory Sandbox (RS).

a) Bhagawan Lal srivatsa      b) Chetan Ghate  
c) Pami Dua                        d) Sudarshan Sen



e) Hesmunk adhia

Q.133) Which insurance company has received ISO 31000:2018 certification by TUV India?

- a) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- b) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Limited
- c) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited
- d) New India Assurance Co. Ltd.
- e) None of these

Q.134) Which of the following helpline number is used by 16 states and UTs form a pan India network of single emergency helpline number ?

- a) 100
- b) 102
- c) 116
- d) 101
- e) 112

Q.135) Name the Metro rail corporation(MRC),which has implemented a new initiative to become the world's first fully solar-powered metro.

- a) Jaipur Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.
- b) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)
- c) Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC)
- d) Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL)
- e) None of these

Q.136) How much percent of life insurer's premium income was grown for the year 2019, as per Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?

- a) 15%
- b) 14%
- c) 13%
- d) 11%
- e) 16%

Q.137) Which Payment Bank has joined hands with Bharti AXA General Insurance for a two-wheeler insurance product ?

- a) Paytm Payments Bank
- b) Airtel Payments Bank
- c) India Post Payments Bank
- d) Aditya Birla Payments Bank
- e) Fino Payments Bank

Q.138) Name the General Insurance company, which has received preliminary approval and R1 approval from regulator IRDAI to foray into non-life business.

- a) HDFC ERGO General Insurance
- b) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- c) Indiabulls General Insurance
- d) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- e) None of these

Q.139) Under which act, does CRISIL has transferred its Rating business to its subsidiary?

- a) Section 240 to 242 of the Companies Act, 2013
- b) Section 210 to 212 of the Companies Act, 2013
- c) Section 220 to 222 of the Companies Act, 2013
- d) Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013
- e) None of these

Q.140) Which entity has become India's first retail company to cross Rs.1 lakh crore annual revenue milestones?

- a) Reliance Retail
- b) Future Group
- c) Aditya Birla Retail
- d) Avenue Supermarts Ltd

e) None of these

Q.141) Who was appointed as the chief executive officer of Deutsche Bank for India Operations?

- a) Garth Ritchie
- b) Christian Sewing
- c) Ravneet Gill
- d) Kaushik Shaparia
- e) None of these

Q.142) Who has been appointed as the Paytm payments Bank's Board of Directors?

- a) Vaibhav Goel
- b) Sundararajan
- c) Sairee Chahal
- d) Ashit Ranjit Lilani
- e) Lal Srivatsa

Q.143) Which country topped in the global startup ecosystem for the year 2018, as per the report "Startup Ecosystem Ranking 2019" released by StartupBlink?

- a) Norway
- b) UK
- c) US
- d) India
- e) Australia

Q.144) Name the special counsel, who has submitted a report on the "Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 presidential election".

- a) Rod Rosenstein
- b) Robert Mueller
- c) William Barr
- d) Chuck Schumer
- e) None of these

Q.145) What is the rank of India as per the "Startup Ecosystem Ranking 2019" released by StartupBlink?

- a) 12th
- b) 10th
- c) 15th
- d) 17th
- e) 19th

Q.146) Which entity has projected, India's business sentiments declined by 7.7% for 2nd quarter in 2019 in its report titled "Composite Business Optimism Index"?

- a) Dun & Bradstreet (D&B)
- b) National Stock Exchange of India
- c) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- d) India ratings and research
- e) None of these

Q.147) Which country topped the Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP) for the year 2019 released by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)?

- a) Australia
- b) Netherlands
- c) Germany
- d) Romania
- e) USA

Q.148) What is the rank of India as per Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)'s 2019 Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP)?

- a) 21
- b) 20
- c) 18
- d) 19
- e) 22

Q.149) Which insurance company has launched a new product "cyber defence insurance", to protect businesses from financial and reputational losses due to cyberattacks?

- a) National Insurance Company Limited
- b) United India Insurance
- c) Star Health and Allied Insurance
- d) SBI General Insurance
- e) Bharthi AXA Life Insurance Company

Q.150) Name the first product that is launched by the combination of "Health Guard policy" of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and "iSecure policy"of Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance.

- a) Total Health Secure Goal
- b) Secure Health
- c) Policy on Health Secure
- d) Health Secure Guard
- e) None of these

Q.151) Which stock exchange has signed MoU with Network Intelligence to provide cyber security services to its members?

- a) OTC Exchange of India
- b) India International Exchange
- c) National Stock Exchange
- d) Bombay Stock Exchange
- e) None of these

Q.152) Under which scheme does,Central Government has made compulsory for Electric Vehicle (EV) manufactures in India to locally source at least 50% components for receiving subsidies?

- a) Jago Grahak Jago
- b) Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana
- c) FAME I
- d) FAME II
- e) None of these

Q.153) As per the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)'s new notification from which year does, visually disabled students can use magnifying glasses and portable video magnifiers during the Class X final examination?

- a) 2020
- b) 2021
- c) 2022
- d) 2023
- e) None of these

Q.154) Which public sector bank's authorized capital was increased by the central government in consultation with RBI recently?

- a) Canara Bank
- b) State Bank of India
- c) Bank of Baroda
- d) Allahabad Bank
- e) Union Bank of India

Q.155) Who is the head of the expert committee, that is formed to identify the excess reserves that RBI holds?

- a) Mavalankar
- b) Bimal Jalan
- c) Rajendra Prasad
- d) Pattabhi Sitaramayya
- e) None of these

Q.156) Name the public sector bank, which has signed BEML Limited (Bharat Earth Movers Limited) for financing Earth Moving and Construction Equipment.

- a) Bank of Baroda
- b) UCO Bank
- c) Syndicate Bank
- d) Punjab National Bank
- e) Canara Bank

Q.157) As per the Stanford study published in the journal "Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences", Indian Economy shrunk by \_\_\_\_\_ percent due to global warming?

- a) 50%
- b) 31%
- c) 40%
- d) 65%
- e) 76%

Q.158) Which entity has collaborated with India Post for digitizing 1.5 lakh post offices in India, for creating World's Biggest EPostal Network?

- a) TCS                                  b) Microsoft  
c) IBM                                  d) Intel  
e) Infosys

Q.159) As per RBI's recent approval, HDFC Bank is permitted to hold \_\_\_\_\_ percent stake in Bandhan bank following the Gruh Finance deal?

- a) 5%                                      b) 7.5%  
c) 9.9%                                d) 12%  
e) None of these

Q.160) Which private sector bank has launched the industry's first debit card based authentication solution on National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI's) e-Mandate Application Program Interface(API) platform?

- a) ICICI Bank  
b) Kotak Mahindra Bank  
c) HDFC Bank  
d) Axis Bank  
e) Canara Bank

Q.161) According to credit rating agency Fitch, which became the first central bank in the Asia-Pacific region (APAC) to begin an interest rate easing cycle floated by benign food inflation and easier global financial condition?

- a) Bank of Japan  
b) Central Bank of Armenia  
c) Reserve Bank of Fiji  
d) Reserve Bank of India  
e) Bank of China

Q.162) Name the Cryptocurrency Exchange in India, that has launched the first Indian Platform for Wholesale Cryptocurrency Trading.

- a) Zebpay                                b) Belfrics  
c) BuyUcoin                            d) Coinsecure  
e) UPI

Q.163) Name the regulatory body, which has reduced the minimum subscription requirement for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs)?

- a) Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO)  
b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)  
c) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)  
d) Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)  
e) Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI)

Q.164) Name the private sector bank which has received National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) nod to merge with a microfinance company, Bharat Financial Inclusion (BFIL).

- a) IndusInd Bank                      b) Axis Bank  
c) Federal Bank                      d) HDFC Bank  
e) ICICI Bank

Q.165) Which of the following financial institutions are now fully owned by central government of India after RBI divested its entire stake?

- a) National Housing Bank (NHB)

b) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

d) Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)

e) Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO)

Q.166) Name the private sector bank, which has partnered with Germany based global provider of digital payments and commerce solutions, Wirecard to promote financial inclusion in India.

- a) HDFC Bank                        b) ICICI Bank  
c) IDBI Bank                        d) RBL Bank

e) Axis Bank

Q.167) Name the digital financial services company that has collaborated with Aegon Life Insurance and launched a insurance product "Aegon Life Group Term Plus Plan" for providing death and accident related disability cover up to Rs 2 lakh?

- a) Mobikwik                            b) Paytm  
c) FreeCharge                        d) PhonePe

e) Paytm

Q.168) Under the recommendation of which committee's report, RBI has divested its entire stake in National Housing Bank (NHB) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to the central government?

- a) Second A C Shah Committee report  
b) Second Narasimham committee report  
c) Second A Ghosh Committee report  
d) Second Adhyarjuna Committee report  
e) None of these

Q.169) Which public sector bank has launched India's first 'Green Car Loan' (Electric Vehicle) to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles?

- a) Bank of Baroda                    b) Canara Bank  
c) State Bank of India (SBI)

d) Indian Bank  
e) Bank of Maharashtra

Q.170) Which ministry has distributed around 3,120 special kits termed 'SAECKs' (The Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits) to collect blood and semen samples?

- a) Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
b) Union Ministry of Home Affairs  
c) Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
d) Union Ministry of Women and Child Development  
e) None of these

Q.171) Who was appointed as the head of 8-member committee constituted by Central Works Public Department (CPWD) to chart out a policy for buildings and infrastructure development?

- a) Bimal Jalan  
b) Ravindra Kumar Thathu  
c) Prabhakar Singh  
d) M K Sharma  
e) None of these

Q.172) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) launched Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA) in order to eliminate the disease from India by which year?

- a) 2040                                  b) 2030  
c) 2020                                  d) 2025

e) None of these

Q.173) According to "State of the internet/security" report, released by Akamai Technologies, which country was most targeted nation by hackers in 2018?

- a) USA                                  b) Russia  
c) India                                 d) Japan

e) None of these

Q.174) Where was the 5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness held?

- a) Beijing, China                    b) Jakarta, Indonesia  
c) Kathmandu, Nepal              d) New Delhi, India

e) None of these

Q.175) What was the theme of the 5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness?

- a) Theme - "Innovative Solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable production and consumption"  
b) Theme - "Focus on occupational safety and health has largely been confined to four sectors"  
c) Theme - "For procurement and marketing support to MSMEs"

d) Theme - "Media Solutions for Sustainable Future: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities"  
e) None of these

Q.176) Which is the sole Indian institute featured in the QS EMBA Rankings 2019?

- a) Indian Institute of Management Calcutta  
b) Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore's (IIM-B)  
c) Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad  
d) Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee  
e) None of these

Q.177) Which organization has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to implement e-mandates (electronic mandates) for internet banking and debit cards to automatically deal with their recurring payments?

- a) National Payments Corporation of India  
b) Immediate Payment Service  
c) UIDAI  
d) Indian Banks' Association  
e) None of these

Q.178) Which tech giant has become the world's third entity to cross worth \$1 trillion?

- a) Amazon                              b) Microsoft  
c) Apple                                d) IBM  
e) Infosys

Q.179) Who has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of LIC Housing Finance?

- a) Koteswara Rao                    b) Jagdish Capoor  
c) Siddhartha Mohanty            d) Savita Singh

e) None of these

Q.180) Which organization has signed the Letter of Intent (LOI) with NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to promote participation, skill and empowerment among young children?

- a) Child Rights International Network India
- b) Children International India
- c) United Nations Children Fund India
- d) Save the Children India
- e) None of these

Q.181) Which industry body has released a report titled "Cyber Insurance in India- Mitigating Risks amid Changing Regulations and Uncertainties" stating that the Indian cyber insurance market grew by 40% in the year 2018?

- a) Centre for Internet and Society
- b) Data Security Council of India
- c) Cloud Security Alliance
- d) Internet and Mobile Association of India
- e) None of these

Q.182) Which country is set to abolish its exit visa system for all foreign workers by the end of 2019 as per the United Nation's International Labour Organization(ILO)?

- a) Kuwait
- b) Yemen
- c) Oman
- d) Qatar
- e) Dubai

Q.183) Who was appointed as head of 13 member committee formed by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) to review regulatory framework on micro insurance?

- a) Adnan Mahmood
- b) Suresh Mathur
- c) M.Rajyalakshmi Rao
- d) Goraknath Agarwal
- e) None of these

Q.184) Which private sector bank has collaborated with India's health insurance company, Max Bupa to launch 'AnyTimeHealth machines' for distributing health insurance products?

- a) Axis Bank
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) IndusInd Bank
- e) None of these

Q.185) Asset size of over how much crore for non-deposit taking Non-banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) has extended the coverage of Ombudsman Scheme by Reserve Bank of India(RBI) recently?

- a) 100 crore
- b) 50 crore
- c) 20 crore
- d) 75 crore
- e) None of these

Q.186) Which motif is depicted in the back side of the new Rs.20 denomination note?

- a) Mangalyaan
- b) Ellora caves
- c) Hampi with Chariot
- d) Sanchi Stupa
- e) None of these

Q.187) What is the revised interest rate of Employee's Provident Fund (EPF) for 2018-19?

- a) 8.45%
- b) 8.55%
- c) 8.35%
- d) 8.65%
- e) 8.75%

Q.188) Name the eminent chef, who was appointed as the brand ambassador of Indo-American Arts Council (IAAC)?

- a) Ranveer Brar
- b) Vikas Khanna
- c) Sanjeev Kapoor
- d) Saransh Goila
- e) None of these

Q.189) Name the money lending platform, which has launched an application that offers loan to salaried professionals within 5 minutes with flexible repayment options.

- a) Peerform
- b) Funding Circle
- c) Money Loji
- d) Upstart
- e) None of these

Q.190) Which insurance company has launched a new product "cyber defence insurance", to protect businesses from financial and reputational losses due to cyberattacks?

- a) National Insurance Company Limited
- b) United India Insurance
- c) Star Health and Allied Insurance
- d) SBI General Insurance
- e) None of these

Q.191) Which Intergovernmental Organization has released a report indicating one million world species are at risk of extinction due to human activity?

- a) Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
- b) European Union
- c) North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- d) United Nations
- e) None of these

Q.192) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently proposed the rules on opening and processing which account of corporate borrowers to prevent diversion of funds?

- a) Recurring Deposit Account
- b) Current Account
- c) Deposit account
- d) Fixed Deposit Account
- e) None of these

Q.193) What is the custom duty of wheat, which is revised by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) recently?

- a) 20%
- b) 50%
- c) 30%
- d) 40%
- e) 35%

Q.194) Who was appointed as the head of the committee, formed by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MOEFCC) to implement the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to handle the major issue of air-pollution in India?

- a) C K Mishra
- b) Harsh Vardhan
- c) Mahesh Sharma
- d) Siddhanta Das
- e) None of these

Q.195) To honour which Nobel laureate, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) has created the Chair in Inequality Studies?

- a) Kailash Satyarthi
- b) Amartya Sen
- c) Gregory Winter
- d) Paul Romer
- e) None of these

Q.196) Military expenditure of the world rise by what percent to reach 1.82 \$ trillion in 2018, as per the report from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)?

- a) 2.3%
- b) 2.6%
- c) 2.5%
- d) 2.8%
- e) 2.7%

Q.197) Name the General Insurance Company which has collaborated with Wishfin insurance to become the first company to sell 2-wheeler policies via WhatsApp.

- a) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- b) HDFC ERGO General Insurance
- c) National Insurance Company Limited
- d) SBI General Insurance Company Ltd
- e) None of these

Q.198) Which Indian e-commerce payment system and digital wallet company has launched a new option of recurring payments for its merchants?

- a) MobiKwik
- b) PhonePe
- c) FreeCharge
- d) Paytm
- e) Amazon

Q.199) Who was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Overseas Bank?

- a) Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- b) Karnam Sekar
- c) T.C.A. Ranganathan
- d) K. Swaminathan
- e) None of these

Q.200) Which transport firm has recently appointed Pierre-Dimitri Gore-Coty as head of Asia-Pacific region?

- a) Lyft
- b) Cabify
- c) Uber
- d) Ola
- e) None of these

**SIMPLIFICATION:**

D.1-100) Find the value of x in each of the following questions.

- Q.1)  $450 + 798 + 27 = x/10$   
 a) 12750      b) 12350      c) 18950  
 d) 13450      e) 17250
- Q.2)  $5643 + 13\% \text{ of } 200 = x - 890$   
 a) 6449      b) 6559      c) 7449  
 d) 7500      e) 6500
- Q.3)  $45 \times 20 + 360/15 = x \times 3$   
 a) 308      b) 488      c) 368  
 d) 408      e) 324
- Q.4)  $67.5 + 89.5 + 45.5 + 95.5 = x/10$   
 a) 2900      b) 2870      c) 2880  
 d) 3180      e) 2980
- Q.5)  $\frac{4}{3} + \frac{3}{9} + \frac{5}{27} = \frac{x}{27}$   
 a) 48      b) 51      c) 34  
 d) 50      e) None of these
- Q.6)  $35\% \text{ of } 300 + 45\% \text{ of } 400 = x + 30$   
 a) 245      b) 255      c) 260  
 d) 250      e) 210
- Q.7)  $47.5 \times 3 + 25\% \text{ of } 350 = x$   
 a) 240      b) 230      c) 270  
 d) 290      e) None of these
- Q.8)  $400 + 498 + 689 = x + 739$   
 a) 838      b) 948      c) 858  
 d) 868      e) 848
- Q.9)  $890 + 560 - 540 + 1082 = x + 272$   
 a) 1870      b) 1720      c) 1470  
 d) 1560      e) 1640

- Q.10)  $45\% \text{ of } 300 + 25\% \text{ of } 500 = x + 130$   
 a) 260                      b) 250                      c) 130  
 d) 120                      e) 140
- Q.11)  $789.6 + 10.4 + 41 = x^2$   
 a) Both 29 and -29  
 b) 29                      c) 841  
 d) 831                      e) None of these
- Q.12)  $4233 + 8957 + 9843 = x + 8537 + 10\% \text{ of } 1280$   
 a) 14368                      b) 15348                      c) 12358  
 d) 12138                      e) 13248
- Q.13)  $48\% \text{ of } 500 + 250\% \text{ of } 100 = x - 123$   
 a) 367                      b) 613                      c) 713  
 d) 723                      e) 739
- Q.14)  $\frac{918}{3} + \frac{1236}{6} + \frac{448}{4} + \frac{117}{13} = x$   
 a) 733                      b) 634                      c) 646  
 d) 633                      e) 621
- Q.15)  $938 + 90 \times 25 + 148/4 = 1894 + x$   
 a) 1335                      b) 1115                      c) 1675  
 d) 1331                      e) 1125
- Q.16)  $\left(\frac{34}{7} + \frac{17}{14}\right) \times 28 = \frac{x}{10}$   
 a) 1600                      b) 1900                      c) 1700  
 d) 1650                      e) None of these
- Q.17)  $450 + 789 + 67\% \text{ of } 300 = x$   
 a) 1540                      b) 1230                      c) 1440  
 d) 1680                      e) 1120
- Q.18)  $78 \times 300 + 100 \times 24 = x + 75 \times 200$   
 a) 6040                      b) 5040                      c) 10800  
 d) 12080                      e) 11800
- Q.19)  $7845 + 9053 + 1099 + \sqrt{529} = x - 20$   
 a) 18040                      b) 17000                      c) 19000  
 d) 21000                      e) 15000
- Q.20)  $765 + 784.5 + 450.5 = x + 450$   
 a) 1650                      b) 1500                      c) 1550  
 d) 1700                      e) 1800
- Q.21)  $400 + 5050 + 670 + \sqrt{729} = x - 13$   
 a) 5160                      b) 6150                      c) 6260  
 d) 6160                      e) 6170
- Q.22)  $\sqrt{576} + \sqrt[3]{1728} = x^2$   
 a) 5                      b) 6                      c) -6  
 d) 36                      e) Either b or c
- Q.23)  $78 \times 15 + 140 \times 20 + \frac{480}{12} = x$   
 a) 4120                      b) 3230                      c) 4010  
 d) 4020                      e) 3990
- Q.24)  $34 \times 50 + 25 \times 150 + 100 = x + 800$   
 a) 4350                      b) 4750                      c) 4550  
 d) 4250                      e) None of these
- Q.25)  $8398 + 1092 + 594 + 400 = x$   
 a) 12848                      b) 10484                      c) 11484  
 d) 9484                      e) 12128
- Q.26)  $100 + 400 + 500 + 900 + \sqrt[3]{3375} + x = 4000$   
 a) 2185                      b) 2385                      c) 2475  
 d) 2085                      e) 2175
- Q.27)  $9090 \times 2 + 125 \times 100 + 450 + x = 45000$   
 a) 18730                      b) 18370                      c) 17830  
 d) 13870                      e) 12380
- Q.28)  $895.44 + 789.56 + 9839 = x$   
 a) 12434                      b) 11524                      c) 13244  
 d) 12354                      e) 13450
- Q.29)  $456 + 950 + 790 + 68.5 = x$   
 a) 2265.5                      b) 2275.5                      c) 2274.5  
 d) 2254.5                      e) 2264.5

- Q.30)  $60 \times 20 + 40 \times 30 + 40 \times 15 = x$   
 a) 2000                      b) 4000                      c) 2500  
 d) 3500                      e) 3000
- Q.31)  $7485 + 9400 + 1500 = x + 13500$   
 a) 5775                      b) 4885                      c) 4995  
 d) 4355                      e) 4915
- Q.32)  $56\% \text{ of } 200 + 39\% \text{ of } 300 = x - 45\% \text{ of } 400$   
 a) 509                      b) 529                      c) 429  
 d) 409                      e) 419
- Q.33)  $500\% \text{ of } 200 + 50\% \text{ of } 200 + 10\% \text{ of } 200 = x$   
 a) 1210                      b) 1020                      c) 1220  
 d) 1120                      e) 1230
- Q.34)  $80\% \text{ of } 800 + 64\% \text{ of } 300 + 40\% \text{ of } 1250 = x$   
 a) 1223                      b) 1225                      c) 1330  
 d) 1332                      e) 1335
- Q.35)  $680 + 500 + 450 = x + 750$   
 a) 770                      b) 850                      c) 880  
 d) 890                      e) 780
- Q.36)  $\sqrt{361}\% \text{ of } 200 + \sqrt[3]{3375}\% \text{ of } 1000 = x - 20\% \text{ of } 500$   
 a) 278                      b) 288                      c) 298  
 d) 308                      e) 268
- Q.37)  $8495 + 9005 + 4500 = x + 3400$   
 a) 9300                      b) 10300                      c) 17800  
 d) 18600                      e) 19200
- Q.38)  $89 \times 20 + 75 \times 4 + 400 = x$   
 a) 2580                      b) 2470                      c) 2360  
 d) 2560                      e) 2480
- Q.39)  $890 + 6790 + 9005 + 1000 = x$   
 a) 17685                      b) 16895                      c) 14565  
 d) 18965                      e) 17865
- Q.40)  $78 \times 30 + 40\% \text{ of } 3500 + 50 \times 50 = x$   
 a) 5350                      b) 6530                      c) 8900  
 d) 6140                      e) 6240
- Q.41)  $75\% \text{ of } 200 + 39\% \text{ of } 500 + 40\% \text{ of } 300 = x$   
 a) 475                      b) 375                      c) 425  
 d) 465                      e) 445
- Q.42)  $80\% \text{ of } 480 + 52\% \text{ of } 500 = x + 35\% \text{ of } 500$   
 a) 459                      b) 449                      c) 479  
 d) 399                      e) 469
- Q.43)  $8956 + 8948 + 9304 = x + 14500$   
 a) 12708                      b) 13608                      c) 11508  
 d) 12408                      e) 11108
- Q.44)  $\frac{\sqrt{1089}}{11} + \frac{\sqrt{2304}}{16} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{729}}{3} = 3^x$   
 a) 9                      b) 3                      c) 2  
 d) 1                      e) 0
- Q.45)  $8900 + 6890 + 6500 + \sqrt{14400} = x$   
 a) 23410                      b) 23120                      c) 21340  
 d) 22310                      e) 22410
- Q.46)  $75\% \text{ of } 2500 + 35\% \text{ of } 7000 + 255\% \text{ of } 2000 = x$   
 a) 9355                      b) 9325                      c) 9265  
 d) 9465                      e) 9425
- Q.47)  $800 \times 25 + 1600 + 15\% \text{ of } 400 = x$   
 a) 22660                      b) 21660                      c) 22560  
 d) 21560                      e) 23540
- Q.48)  $47^2 + 28^2 + 11^3 = x$   
 a) 4335                      b) 4435                      c) 4235  
 d) 4324                      e) 4500

- Q.49)  $6700 + 40\% \text{ of } 6800 + 45 \times 20 = x$   
 a) 7872                      b) 10320                      c) 11430  
 d) 10120                      e) 7782
- Q.50)  $\frac{54 \times 39 \times 49 \times 79}{9 \times 13 \times 98} = 79 \times x$   
 a) 49                      b) 54                      c) 79  
 d) 9                      e) 98
- Q.51)  $4500 - 678 + 8900 - 1578 = x + 3420$   
 a) 8834                      b) 7734                      c) 7474  
 d) 7724                      e) 7234
- Q.52)  $56\% \text{ of } 2000 + 27\% \text{ of } 3000 + 45 \times 60 = x$   
 a) 4740                      b) 4340                      c) 4640  
 d) 4580                      e) 4630
- Q.53)  $789 + 908 - 875.5 + 465 = x + 779.5$   
 a) 407                      b) 509                      c) 527  
 d) 577                      e) 507
- Q.54)  $\frac{323}{19} \times \frac{221}{13} \times \frac{272}{16} \times \frac{238}{14} = 17^x$   
 a) 17                      b) 3                      c) 17^4  
 d) 4                      e) 1
- Q.55)  $66.66 + 666.6 + 6.06 + 606.6 + 0.60 = x$   
 a) 1356.52                      b) 1246.52                      c) 1256.52  
 d) 1346.52                      e) 1256.58
- Q.56)  $9800 + 9093 + 8909 + 9580 = 15\% \text{ of } 60000 + x$   
 a) 38382                      b) 28384                      c) 28942  
 d) 29832                      e) 28382
- Q.57)  $6500 + 1500 + 5000 + 2350 = x + 1000$   
 a) 13450                      b) 14350                      c) 12350  
 d) 12450                      e) None of these
- Q.58)  $48\% \text{ of } 600 + 65\% \text{ of } 900 - 55 \times 6 = x$   
 a) 563                      b) 753                      c) 663  
 d) 543                      e) 533
- Q.59)  $650 + 755.5 + \sqrt{3481} - 545.5 = x + 450$   
 a) 479                      b) 449                      c) 459  
 d) 469                      e) 359
- Q.60)  $\frac{4500}{67} \times \frac{134}{900} \times \frac{357}{17} = 3x$   
 a) 210                      b) 3                      c) 63  
 d) 70                      e) 330
- Q.61)  $455.5 + 758 + 905.5 - 45.4 = x + 68.6$   
 a) 2017                      b) 2010                      c) 2003  
 d) 2001                      e) 2005
- Q.62)  $25\% \text{ of } 4000 + 85 \times 2 + 4000 = x$   
 a) 5170                      b) 5270                      c) 5370  
 d) 5470                      e) 5560
- Q.63)  $\frac{34 \left(\frac{5}{2} + 1.5\right)}{17 \left(\frac{3}{4} + 2.25\right)} = x$   
 a) 262                      b) 289                      c) 272  
 d) 269                      e) 294
- Q.64)  $58\% \text{ of } 2000 + 36\% \text{ of } 3000 + 78\% \text{ of } 4000 = x$   
 a) 5470                      b) 5360                      c) 5570  
 d) 5230                      e) 5260
- Q.65)  $897 + 908 + 458 + 4983 = x + 3049$   
 a) 4197                      b) 4287                      c) 4377  
 d) 4187                      e) 4097
- Q.66)  $30\% \text{ of } 6800 + 28\% \text{ of } 7000 + \frac{496}{16} = x + 45\% \text{ of } 8000$   
 a) 531                      b) 431                      c) 441  
 d) 521                      e) 511
- Q.67)  $4598 + 938 + 9304.5 = 4500.5 + x$   
 a) 10340                      b) 11240                      c) 12330  
 d) 10240                      e) 12030

- Q.68)  $65 \times 30 + 150 \times 20 + 39 \times 40 = x + 30$   
 a) 6470      b) 6360      c) 6580  
 d) 6480      e) 6260
- Q.69)  $9384 + 9340 + 8230 + x = 45\% \text{ of } 65000$   
 a) 2396      b) 2496      c) 2296  
 d) 2096      e) 2196
- Q.70)  $40\% \text{ of } 6450 + 55\% \text{ of } 7500 + 65\% \text{ of } 2400 = x$   
 a) 8365      b) 8465      c) 8265  
 d) 8345      e) 8450
- Q.71)  $76\% \text{ of } 3000 + 85\% \text{ of } 4000 - 900 = x$   
 a) 4790      b) 5780      c) 4770  
 d) 5770      e) 4780
- Q.72)  $7838 - 9384 + 9238 - 9458 = x - 2498$   
 a) 842      b) 948      c) 742  
 d) 732      e) 752
- Q.73)  $45 \times 72 - 89 \times 20 - \sqrt{9801} = x$   
 a) 1471      b) 1371      c) 1281  
 d) 1361      e) 1461
- Q.74)  $88 \times 70 + 99 \times 80 = x + 45\% \text{ of } 10000$   
 a) 8590      b) 8870      c) 9580  
 d) 9670      e) 9360
- Q.75)  $40^3 + 45^2 - 30^3 = x + 39\% \text{ of } 2000$   
 a) 37345      b) 38345      c) 37845  
 d) 38245      e) None of these
- Q.76)  $8934 - 9834 + 9348 - 9054 = x - 7873$   
 a) 7267      b) 7497      c) 7347  
 d) 7487      e) 7357
- Q.77)  $15\% \text{ of } 780 + 25\% \text{ of } 980 = x - 35\% \text{ of } 4300$   
 a) 1777      b) 1877      c) 1857  
 d) 1837      e) 1867
- Q.78)  $890 \times 15 - 780 \times 25 + 6788 = x$   
 a) 538      b) 638      c) 528  
 d) 548      e) 648
- Q.79)  $9300 + 2980 + 3892 + 9380 = x + 97^2$   
 a) 17143      b) 16243      c) 15143  
 d) 15773      e) 16143
- Q.80)  $3\frac{6}{7} + 4\frac{3}{2} - 6\frac{4}{3} = x$   
 a)  $2\frac{1}{42}$       b)  $1\frac{1}{42}$       c)  $1\frac{2}{42}$   
 d)  $2\frac{2}{42}$       e)  $1\frac{3}{42}$
- Q.81)  $1\frac{3}{2} + 4\frac{5}{4} - 2\frac{5}{3} = x$   
 a)  $2\frac{1}{12}$       b)  $3\frac{1}{12}$       c)  $4\frac{3}{12}$   
 d)  $4\frac{1}{12}$       e) None of these
- Q.82)  $75\% \text{ of } 4500 + 65\% \text{ of } 7500 - \frac{420}{0.3} = x$   
 a) 6750      b) 7850      c) 7750  
 d) 6850      e) None of these
- Q.83)  $8938 + \frac{340}{0.017} - 4500 = x + \frac{680}{0.17}$   
 a) 21338      b) 20438      c) 25348  
 d) 23458      e) 19438
- Q.84)  $9834 + 92^2 + 4500 = x + 101^2$   
 a) 13497      b) 14397      c) 12597  
 d) 12497      e) 12347
- Q.85)  $\frac{51 \times 71}{61} + 4560 + 3400 = x + 45^2$   
 a) 7665      b) 6775      c) 5775  
 d) 5875      e) 7275
- Q.86)  $9239 + 3409 + 9842 + 9734 = x + 23980$   
 a) 8948      b) 8334      c) 8224  
 d) 8244      e) 8324
- Q.87)  $4500 + 5550 + 5000 = x + 3400$   
 a) 12550      b) 13550      c) 11650

- d) 12350      e) 13250
- Q.88)  $15\% \text{ of } 1000 + 25 \times 200 + \frac{4500}{9} = x$   
 a) 5750      b) 5550      c) 5250  
 d) 5950      e) 5650
- Q.89)  $4\frac{2}{3} + 2\frac{2}{9} - 5\frac{12}{27} = x$   
 a)  $1\frac{1}{27}$       b)  $1\frac{4}{9}$       c)  $1\frac{2}{27}$   
 d)  $\frac{2}{9}$       e)  $1\frac{3}{27}$
- Q.90)  $8\frac{4}{5} + 2\frac{4}{2} - 9\frac{12}{10} = x$   
 a) 2.6      b) 0.6      c) 1.6  
 d) 2.4      e) None of these
- Q.91)  $5680 + 3490 + 3049 = x + 6500$   
 a) 5629      b) 5319      c) 5719  
 d) 4379      e) 5219
- Q.92)  $95\% \text{ of } 10000 - 32\% \text{ of } 30000 + 35 \times 20 = x$   
 a) 500      b) 400      c) 300  
 d) 600      e) 700
- Q.93)  $\frac{9100}{70} + \frac{980}{\sqrt{2401}} + \frac{\sqrt{625}}{5} = x$   
 a) 145      b) 155      c) 175  
 d) 165      e) 150
- Q.94)  $30\% \text{ of } 5000 + 40\% \text{ of } 6000 + 10\% \text{ of } 7500 = x$   
 a) 5650      b) 4650      c) 4560  
 d) 5550      e) 6560
- Q.95)  $12^2 + 24^2 + 3^2 = 9^x$   
 a) 729      b) 2      c) 9  
 d) 3      e) None of these
- Q.96)  $67 \times 22 + \frac{6700}{25} - 75\% \text{ of } 1000 = x$   
 a) 1092      b) 892      c) 992  
 d) 1024      e) 924
- Q.97)  $6400 - 9090 + 3500 = x - 3480$   
 a) 4390      b) 4290      c) 4490  
 d) 4340      e) 4440
- Q.98)  $\sqrt{1225} + \frac{\sqrt{2304}}{\sqrt{576}} + 20\% \text{ of } 350 = x$   
 a) 97      b) 107      c) 104  
 d) 94      e) 114
- Q.99)  $9000 + 68\% \text{ of } 2000 + \frac{7500}{15} = x$   
 a) 10860      b) 11760      c) 10660  
 d) 12680      e) None of these
- Q.100)  $3500 + 4500 + 6800 - 15000 = x - 3000$   
 a) 2600      b) 3800      c) 3200  
 d) 2800      e) 3000

**D.101-250) What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following questions?**

101.  $1\frac{6}{7} \times 1\frac{5}{6} \times 1\frac{4}{5} \div 6\frac{9}{70} = \frac{1}{5}x$  ?  
 a) 1      b) 2  
 c) 3      d) 4      e) 5
102.  $65536 = (4^?)^2$   
 a) 6      b) 2  
 c) 8      d) 4      e) 5
103.  $(1.212)^2 + (8.12)^3 + \frac{7.9823}{2.04} \times 9.24 = ?$   
 a) 450      b) 550      c) 620  
 d) 730      e) 510
104.  $1\frac{7}{9} + 2\frac{5}{3} + 3\frac{1}{9} - 4\frac{1}{5} = ?$   
 a)  $2\frac{13}{45}$       b)  $3\frac{17}{45}$       c)  $4\frac{16}{45}$   
 d)  $2\frac{13}{45}$       e) None of these
105.  $\{\sqrt{2}x(79)\}^2 + \{\sqrt{2}x(49)\}^2 = ?$

- a) 15484      b) 16384  
 c) 17284      d) 18184      e) 19484
106.  $\frac{0.673^3 + 1.327^3}{0.673^2 + 1.327^2 - 0.673 \times 1.327} = 2^2 \times (?)^{-1}$   
 a) 1      b) 2  
 c) 4      d)  $2^{-1}$       e)  $2^{-2}$
107.  $5\frac{2}{7} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \div 10\frac{23}{32} \times 1\frac{36}{111} = ?$   
 a) 2.3      b)  $2\frac{2}{7}$       c)  $3\frac{3}{7}$   
 d) 3.5      e) None of these
108.  $\frac{2.484 \times 3.693 \times 5.786}{1.72 \times 6.67 \times 4.38} = ?$   
 a) 8      b) 9      c) 7  
 d) 1      e) 12
109.  $24 \times \{(3/5)^2(4/8)^2(5/6)^2\} = ?$   
 a) 1      b) 1.5  
 c) 2      d) 2.5      e) 3
110.  $(27)^{1/3} + (125)^{1/3} + (64)^{1/3} = (? \sqrt{7})^{2/3}$   
 a) 169      b) 144  
 c) 60      d) 134      e) 12
111.  $(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{2}) + (\frac{3}{2} + \frac{29}{2}) = 2^{-2} \times ?$   
 a) 63      b) 71  
 c) 77      d) 79      e) 83
112.  $\frac{41.97 \times 8.97 + 5.03 \times 6.02}{\sqrt[3]{7.96 \times 8.985}} = ?$   
 a) 68      b) 58      c) 132  
 d) 125      e) 95
113.  $(73)^2 - (41)^2 + (129)^2 = ?$   
 a) 20299      b) 19289      c) 20189  
 d) 21049      e) None of these
114.  $\sqrt{12544} \div 64 \times ? = 43.75$   
 a) 30      b) 15      c) 25  
 d) 40      e) None of these
115.  $3^{7.2} \times 9^{2.4} \div 27^5 = (3)^?$   
 a) -0.2      b) 9.8  
 c) -0.8      d) 3      e) -3
116.  $\frac{(78-32)^2}{2^3} + \frac{2}{5} \text{ of } \frac{16020}{120} = ?$   
 a) 316.9      b) 317.9      c) 318.9  
 d) 315.9      e) None of these
117.  $72\% \text{ of } 143.6 + 34\% \text{ of } 170 - 2.9\% \text{ of } 540 = ?$   
 a) 70      b) 150      c) 180  
 d) 220      e) 90
118.  $(2^3)^2 \times 2^3 \times 4^3 = 8^{13} \div 8^{(?)}$   
 a) 4      b) 8      c) 5  
 d) 6      e) None of these
119.  $\frac{23}{25} \div \frac{115}{125} \div \frac{138}{150} = (?)$   
 a) 1      b)  $\frac{5}{6}$       c)  $1\frac{1}{5}$   
 d)  $\frac{24}{25}$       e) None of these
120.  $77112 \div \sqrt{7} = 54 \times 34$   
 a)  $44^2$       b) 2116  
 c) 1936      d) 1664      e)  $42^2$
121.  $[(84)^2 - (44)^2] = (?)^2 - 8^2$   
 a) 164      b) 68  
 c) 72      d) 76      e) 80
122.  $(8)^2 + \sqrt{31684} \times 16 - 69 + (3)^3 = ?$   
 a) 2780      b) 3270  
 c) 2870      d) 2760      e) 2670
123.  $\frac{4624}{\sqrt{16}} + \frac{\sqrt{256}}{\sqrt{4}} = (?)^3 + (4 \times 2)^2 + (8 \times 1.25)^2$   
 a) 12      b) 10      c) 14  
 d) 16      e) 20
124.  $2 + (56 \div 4) + 8(7-4) + 15 = \sqrt[3]{125} + ? \times 12\frac{1}{47}$

- a)  $5\frac{5}{113}$       b)  $4\frac{18}{113}$   
 c)  $8\frac{5}{93}$       d)  $5\frac{5}{93}$       e) 1
125.  $\frac{[(2.5)^2+18+(3.6)^2]-[3.7 \times 2\frac{7}{11} \times 2.2]}{(2.5)^2+(3.6)^2} = ?$   
 a) 1.82      b) 0.82  
 c) 12.82      d) 11.82      e) 9.82
126.  $\frac{20}{27}$  of  $729 \div 30 + 343 - 49 = ?$   
 a) 311      b) 310      c) 313  
 d) 322      e) None of these
127.  $\sqrt{31.36} \div \sqrt{0.64} \times 252 = ?^2 \times 36$   
 a) 81      b) 64      c) -8  
 d) 7      e) 9
128.  $(1.69)^4 \div (2197 \div 1000)^3 \times (0.13 \times 10)^3 = (1.3)^{?^2}$   
 a) 6      b) 2      c) 4  
 d) 0      e) None of these
129.  $(3.5 \times 16) + (9.4 \times 15) - \sqrt{(?)} = (14)^2$   
 a) 9      b) 3      c) 1  
 d) 2      e) 4
130. The value of  $\sqrt{\frac{9.5 \times 0.085}{0.0017 \times 0.19}}$  is equal to:  
 a) 50      b) 500      c) 0.05  
 d) 5      e) None of these
131.  $\sqrt{12^2 \times 24 \div 5 - (6)^3 + 149.8} = (?)^2$   
 a)  $\sqrt{5}$       b) 25      c) 5  
 d) 625      e) None of these
132. Find the value of "?" in  $\sqrt{(? \times 7)} \times 18 = 84$   
 a) 3.11      b) 3.12  
 c) 3.13      d) 3.14  
 e) None of these
133.  $(17^2 \times (1.2 + 2.8)) - (16^2 \times \frac{1}{0.5}) = (?) + (11 \times 4)$   
 a) 300      b) 350      c) 400  
 d) 450      e) 600
134.  $\frac{3\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{5}{6} \div \frac{5}{6}}{4\frac{1}{3} \div \frac{1}{5} \times (\frac{3}{10} + 21\frac{1}{5})}$  is equal to  
 a)  $\frac{1}{6}$       b)  $2\frac{7}{12}$       c)  $15\frac{1}{2}$   
 d)  $21\frac{1}{2}$       e) None of these
135.  $6\frac{2}{3}$  of  $7.26 \div 0.45$  of ? =  $8\frac{32}{117}$   
 a)  $\frac{1}{13}$       b) 13      c)  $13\frac{1}{9}$   
 d)  $13\frac{2}{3}$       e) None of these
136.  $\sqrt{\frac{9.5 \times 0.085 \times 18.9}{0.017 \times 1.9 \times 0.021}} = ?$   
 a) 120      b) 135  
 c) 150      d) 145      e) 140
137.  $\sqrt{[(12.1)^2 - (8.1)^2] \div [(0.25)^2 + (0.25)(19.95)]} = ?$   
 a) 1      b) 2      c) 3  
 d) 4      e) 5
138. If  $\sqrt{1369} + \sqrt{0.0625 X} = 37.025$ , then ? is equal to:  
 a)  $10^{-1}$       b)  $10^{-2}$   
 c)  $10^{-3}$       d)  $10^{-4}$       e) 1
139.  $28\sqrt{?} + 1426 = \frac{3}{4}$  of 2872  
 a) 576      b) 676      c) 1296  
 d) 1444      e) None of these
140. Simplify:  
 $\frac{3}{10} \div \frac{3}{7}$  of  $(2\frac{3}{10} + 2\frac{3}{5}) + \frac{1}{5} \div 1\frac{2}{5} - \frac{2}{7}$   
 a) 1      b) 2  
 c) 0      d) 3  
 e) None of these
141.  $\frac{5}{6} \div \frac{6}{7} \times ? - \frac{8}{9} \div 1\frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{3} = 2\frac{7}{9}$

- a)  $\frac{7}{6}$       b)  $\frac{6}{7}$       c) 1  
 d)  $\frac{1}{2}$       e) None of these
142.  $\frac{\frac{64}{8} - \frac{9}{11}}{\frac{121}{11} - \frac{64}{8}} = ?$   
 a)  $\frac{88}{31}$       b)  $\frac{31}{88}$       c)  $\frac{41}{99}$   
 d)  $\frac{99}{41}$       e) None of these
143.  $560 \times 4\frac{1}{5} + 3\frac{1}{2} \div 2\frac{1}{3} = ?$   
 a)  $2353\frac{1}{2}$       b)  $2354\frac{1}{2}$   
 c) 2434      d)  $2353\frac{1}{3}$       e) 2453
144.  $\frac{391}{19} \times \frac{513}{23} + (?)^2 - 2^3 = (2.5 \times 200)$   
 a) 4      b) 5      c) 9  
 d) 8      e) 7
145.  $\frac{1}{7} \times [\frac{7}{9} - (\frac{3}{9} + \frac{2}{9}) - \frac{2}{9}] = ?$   
 a)  $\frac{1}{9}$       b)  $\frac{3}{7}$       c)  $\frac{2}{9}$   
 d)  $\frac{1}{7}$       e) None of these
146.  $\frac{0.01^2 + 0.22^2 + 0.333^2}{0.001^2 + 0.022^2 + 0.0333^2}$  is  
 a)  $\frac{1}{10}$       b) 10      c) 100  
 d) 1000      e) None of these
147.  $\sqrt{\frac{0.85 \times (0.105 + 0.024 - 0.008)}{0.022 \times 0.25 \times 1.7}}$  is  
 a)  $\sqrt{11}$       b)  $\sqrt{1.1}$       c) 11  
 d)  $\sqrt{0.11}$       e) None of these
148. 12.5% of 860 + 32.5% of 740 =  $(7 \times (?)) - \sqrt{4}$   
 a) 50      b) 70      c) 90  
 d) 96      e) 54
149. The simplification of  $\frac{(0.87)^3 + (0.13)^3}{(0.87)^2 + (0.13)^2 - (0.87)(0.13)}$   
 a) 0.13      b) 0.74      c) 0.87  
 d) 1      e) None of these
150.  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.2 + 0.04 \times 0.04 \times 0.04}{0.4 \times 0.4 \times 0.4 + 0.08 \times 0.08 \times 0.08}} = ?$   
 a) 0.5      b) 0.25      c) 0.75  
 d) 0.125      e) None of these
151.  $1164 \times 128 \div 8.008 + 969.007 = ?$   
 a) 18800      b) 19000  
 c) 19600      d) 19200      e) 18400
152.  $873.595 + 37.0949 \times 41.769 \div 59.572 = ?$   
 a) 910      b) 890  
 c) 905      d) 900      e) 908
153.  $6\sqrt{2} + 14.275 = ?$  of 190.35  
 a)  $\frac{1}{3}$       b)  $\frac{1}{4}$   
 c)  $\frac{1}{8}$       d)  $\frac{1}{5}$       e)  $\frac{1}{2}$
154.  $[(4444 + 333 + 22 + 1) \div (2.5 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5)] \times 15.94 = ?$   
 a) 532      b) 540  
 c) 490      d) 525      e) 512
155.  $9654 \div 21 + 7638 \div 44 = ?$   
 a) 633      b) 600  
 c) 643      d) 621      e) 598
156.  $2.365 + 2.25 \times 1.2 - (?) = \sqrt[3]{27} + 0.065$   
 a) 8      b) 2      c) 3  
 d) 4      e) 5
157.  $\frac{5}{8}$  of 4011.33 +  $\frac{7}{13}$  of 3419.22 = ?  
 a) 4250      b) 4450  
 c) 4350      d) 4340      e) 4400
158. 37.5% of 7585 + 83.3% of 5737 = ?  
 a) 7600      b) 7610  
 c) 7510      d) 7520      e) 7620
159.  $\sqrt[3]{74093} \times 7.81 + 225\%$  of 736 = ?

- a) 1995      b) 1985  
 c) 1885      d) 1975      e) 2000
160.  $4374562 \times 64 = ? \times 7777$   
 a) 360      b) 3600  
 c) 36000      d) 360000      e) 3600000
161.  $6\frac{2}{5}$  of 248.65 = ? of 2398.59  
 a)  $\frac{2}{5}$       b)  $\frac{1}{4}$   
 c)  $\frac{1}{2}$       d)  $\frac{1}{3}$       e)  $\frac{2}{3}$
162. 39% of 695 = 10 % of ? + 201% of 49.754  
 a) 1720      b) 1750  
 c) 1700      d) 1725      e) 1680
163.  $\frac{27}{7} \times \frac{13}{40} + \frac{268}{412} \div \frac{316}{512} = ?$   
 a) 2.5      b) 3  
 c) 1.75      d) 2.75      e) 3.25
164.  $\frac{340}{20.002} \div \frac{29.997}{510} \times \frac{179.909}{59.919} = ?$   
 a) 760      b) 800  
 c) 690      d) 870      e) 780
165.  $43931.03 \div 2111.02 \times 401.04 = ?$   
 a) 8800      b) 7600  
 c) 7400      d) 9000      e) 8350
166.  $(2.5)^2 \times (0.8)^3 \div (1.9)^2 = ?$   
 a) 1.5      b) 1  
 c) 0.10      d) 0.6      e) 1.3
167. 40% of 8420 - (?)% of 10250 =  $(12)^3$   
 a) 14      b) 12      c) 20  
 d) 16      e) 8
168. 115% of 624 +  $\frac{12}{7}$  of 419 = ?  
 a) 1445      b) 1440  
 c) 1365      d) 1435      e) 1450
169. 180% of 25501 + 50% of 28999 = ?  
 a) 62400      b) 64000  
 c) 60400      d) 64200      e) 61600
170.  $1247 \div 49 \times 1193 - 1299 = ?$   
 a) 25450      b) 27950  
 c) 29900      d) 29960      e) 28700
171.  $18.345 \times 19.068 \times ? = 11538.93375$   
 a) 46      b) 61  
 c) 27      d) 33      e) 55
172.  $(4576 + 3286 + 5639) \div (712 + 415 + 212) = ?$   
 a) 18      b) 22  
 c) 34      d) 10      e) 46
173.  $(1.2)^2 + (3.16 \times 3) + (?) = \sqrt{121}$   
 a) 0.09      b) 0.04      c) 0.08  
 d) 0.12      e) 0.003
174.  $1440.1203 \div 23.999 \times 2.5 \times 3.5 = ?$   
 a) 530      b) 525  
 c) 550      d) 520      e) 535
175. 2.55% of 440 - 0.366% of 4880 = ?  
 a) 23      b) 29  
 c) -7      d) -10      e) 10
176. 0.2% of 356 x 0.8% of 779 = ?  
 a) 2      b) 14  
 c) 16      d) 4      e) 10
177.  $136 \div (\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{5}{3}) = ?$   
 a) 750      b) 760  
 c) 780      d) 770      e) 790
178.  $333.333 + 3.003 + 0.333 + 1.3 = ?$   
 a) 333      b) 330  
 c) 347      d) 329      e) 338
179.  $(7895641 \div 2795 \div 123) \times 345 \div 456 = ?$

- a) 17                      b) 25  
 c) 30                      d) 10                      e) 40  
 180. 185% of 1359 + 18.5% of 1319 = ?  
 a) 2760                      b) 2630  
 c) 2780                      d) 2890                      e) 3025  
 181.  $(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{8} + \frac{8}{16} - \frac{1}{16}) \times 2.432 = ?$   
 a) 5                      b) 6  
 c) 4.5                      d) 4.4                      e) 7.5  
 182. 79% of 3770 ÷ 67% of 553 = ?  
 a) 6                      b) 7  
 c) 9                      d) 8.5                      e) 8  
 183.  $\frac{(1.1 \times 1.1) + (2.2 \times 2.2) + (3.3 \times 3.3)}{3.3 + 2.2 + 1.1} = ?$   
 a) 1.2                      b) 2.5  
 c) 5.2                      d) 3.8                      e) 4.6  
 184. (333 % of 856) × 49.95 = ?  
 a) 155000                      b) 141500  
 c) 142500                      d) 142000                      e) 140000  
 185. 15% of 264 + (?) = (1.4 × 5)<sup>2</sup>  
 a) 8.4                      b) 13.7                      c) 12.6  
 d) 9.4                      e) 12.4  
 186. 12.25 × ? × 21.6 = 3545.64  
 a) 20                      b) 12  
 c) 15                      d) 13                      e) 17  
 187.  $\sqrt{749} \times 12.56 + 14.38 = ?$   
 a) 350                      b) 375  
 c) 380                      d) 300                      e) 410  
 188. 18.965 × 19.068 × ? = 17688.93375  
 a) 41                      b) 39  
 c) 59                      d) 49                      e) 69  
 189.  $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{7}{8} \times \frac{17}{19} \div \frac{6}{5} = ?$   
 a)  $2\frac{1}{2}$                       b)  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 c) 1                      d)  $\frac{3}{4}$                       e)  $\frac{9}{11}$   
 190. 564.666 + 82.5091 × 44.581 - 34.111 = ?  
 a) 28450                      b) 4000  
 c) 1600                      d) 14225                      e) 4210  
 191.  $\sqrt{5466} \times \sqrt{2120} \div \sqrt{450} = ?$   
 a) 150                      b) 155  
 c) 180                      d) 160                      e) 170  
 192. 18.5% of 425 + 16.2% of 388 = ?  
 a) 141                      b) 224  
 c) 116                      d) 183                      e) 215  
 193. 2.22 + 22.22 + 2.222 + 2.2 × 2.2 = (?)  
 a) 34.950                      b) 30.256                      c) 28.125  
 d) 31.502                      e) 32.504  
 194.  $[(\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{11}{2}) \div (\frac{28}{3} \times \frac{21}{5})] \% \text{ of } 4400 = ?$   
 a) 1.50                      b) 2.2  
 c) 0.16                      d) 2.75                      e) 3.125  
 195. 88.25% of 450 = ? % of 530  
 a) 70                      b) 68  
 c) 75                      d) 80                      e) 65  
 196. 89.988% of 699.9 + 50.002 % of 949.99 - 170.015 = ?  
 a) 940                      b) 938  
 c) 930                      d) 935                      e) 932  
 197. (21.5% of 999)<sup>1/3</sup> + (43% of 601)<sup>1/2</sup> = ?  
 a) 18                      b) 22  
 c) 26                      d) 30                      e) 33  
 198. 39.897% of 4331 + 58.779% of 5003 = ?  
 a) 4300                      b) 4500  
 c) 4700                      d) 4900                      e) 5100

199. 17% of 760 + 57% of 78.99 + 77.77 = ?  
 a) 238                      b) 242  
 c) 248                      d) 252                      e) 256  
 200.  $\sqrt[3]{54871} \times (303 \div 8) = (?)^2$   
 a) 48                      b) 38  
 c) 28                      d) 18                      e) 58  
 201. (47% of 1442 - 36% of 1412) / 63 = ?  
 a) 4                      b) 5  
 c) 3                      d) 6                      e) 1  
 202. 63.5% of 8924.2 + ? % of 5324.4 = 6827.5862  
 a) 36                      b) 22  
 c) 17                      d) 31                      e) 19  
 203. (11.49)<sup>4</sup> = ?  
 a) 13344                      b) 16729  
 c) 18443                      d) 17490                      e) 19031  
 204. 3 × 23 + (?) × 2.5 + (8.125 × 8) = (14 - 1)<sup>2</sup>  
 a) 16                      b) 15                      c) 14  
 d) 17                      e) 19  
 205. (21.98)<sup>2</sup> - (25.02)<sup>2</sup> + (13.03)<sup>2</sup> = ?  
 a) 25                      b) 35  
 c) 40                      d) 20                      e) 44  
 206.  $\sqrt{2498} \times \sqrt{643} \div \sqrt{97} = ?$   
 a) 110                      b) 90  
 c) 200                      d) 150                      e) 125  
 207. ? % of 45.999 × 16% of 83.006 = 116.073  
 a) 20                      b) 18  
 c) 24                      d) 25                      e) 11  
 208.  $[(13)^2]^{3^2} = 2197$   
 a) -3                      b)  $\frac{1}{3}$   
 c) 0.5                      d) -4                      e) 4  
 209. 185% of 1359 + 18.5% of 1319 = ?  
 a) 2510                      b) 2630  
 c) 2760                      d) 2890                      e) 3025  
 210. 43.03 × 27.96 + 11.98 ×  $\sqrt[4]{42870} = ?$   
 a) 1625                      b) 1705  
 c) 1775                      d) 1815                      e) 1855  
 211. 339% of 803 + 77.8 % of 1107 = ?  
 a) 3475                      b) 3520  
 c) 3580                      d) 3510                      e) 3570  
 212. 66% of 4995.60 - 32.30% of 6895.58 = (?)<sup>2</sup>  
 a) 32                      b) 37  
 c) 43                      d) 47                      e) 54  
 213. 126.99% of 1539.98 + 5.5% of 149.99 + 103.98% of 7 = ?  
 a) 1960                      b) 1970  
 c) 1955                      d) 1950                      e) 1980  
 214.  $\sqrt{727.9995} + (5.1961)^2 = ? \times \frac{2}{10.8960}$   
 a) 253                      b) 254  
 c) 290                      d) 236                      e) 270  
 215. 69.99% of  $\frac{3}{7}$  of  $\frac{2}{5}$  of  $\frac{7}{3}$  of 734.965 = 218.8 - ?  
 a) 13                      b) 23  
 c) 8                      d) 18                      e) 3  
 216. (15.96)<sup>2</sup> + 75% of 285 - 8.33% of 325 = ?  
 a) 440                      b) 485  
 c) 435                      d) 420                      e) 470  
 217. 36.5% of 140 ÷ 12.6% of 80 = ?  
 a) 11                      b) 9  
 c) 7                      d) 5                      e) 3  
 218. 23% of 4011 +  $\frac{1}{7}$  of 5555 = ?  
 a) 1600                      b) 1780

- c) 1620                      d) 1720                      e) 1750  
 219. 24% of 1560 + (?)% of 120 = (97.35 × 4)  
 a) 125                      b) 12.9                      c) 8.25  
 d) 12.5                      e) 10.25  
 220. (24.99)<sup>2</sup> + (31.05)<sup>2</sup> = (?)<sup>2</sup>  
 a) 45                      b) 36  
 c) 32                      d) 30                      e) 40  
 221.  $(\sqrt{0.0625} + \sqrt{0.25} + \sqrt[3]{0.004096}) \times 2.321 = ?$   
 a) 8                      b) 6  
 c) 2                      d) 4                      e) 9  
 222.  $\sqrt{\sqrt{20800}} + \sqrt{\sqrt{65540}} = ?$   
 a) 12                      b) 20  
 c) 30                      d) 24                      e) 28  
 223.  $\sqrt[3]{3480.9998} \times \frac{178}{19.99} = 1009.9 - ?$   
 a) 455                      b) 450  
 c) 500                      d) 480                      e) 550  
 224. 6.885% of 1321 + 64.878% of 4001 = ?  
 a) 2692                      b) 3016  
 c) 3192                      d) 3092                      e) 3348  
 225.  $\sqrt{\frac{4032}{63}} \times \sqrt[3]{\frac{945}{35}} = (?)^2 \times 6$   
 a) 5                      b) 4                      c) 3  
 d) 2                      e) 7  
 226.  $\sqrt[3]{5826} + 456 = ? \div 31.001$   
 a) 14690                      b) 15632  
 c) 13740                      d) 17572                      e) 18174  
 227.  $\frac{5}{4}$  of 2001.33 +  $\frac{7}{5}$  of 17056.2 = ?  
 a) 25810                      b) 24980  
 c) 25890                      d) 26380                      e) 26840  
 228.  $\sqrt{898} \times (12.005)^2 + ? = 5000$   
 a) 680                      b) 720  
 c) 750                      d) 620                      e) 630  
 229. 39.897% of 4331 + 58.779% of 5003 = ?  
 a) 4530                      b) 4500  
 c) 4680                      d) 4700                      e) 5100  
 230. 15.1% of 729 × 12.8% of 649 = ?  
 a) 9050                      b) 9510  
 c) 9530                      d) 9750                      e) 9350  
 231. (6.26)<sup>3</sup> - (7.77)<sup>2</sup> + (17.67)<sup>2</sup> - (4.4)<sup>2</sup> = (?)<sup>2</sup>  
 a) 16                      b)  $\sqrt{16}$   
 c) 18                      d) 20                      e) 22  
 232. If  $\sqrt{7} = 2.65$  then  $\frac{33\sqrt{7}}{7} + 2.55 = ?$   
 a) 11.5                      b) 12  
 c) 18.5                      d) 15                      e) 9.5  
 233. (32.13)<sup>2</sup> + (23.96)<sup>2</sup> - (17.11)<sup>2</sup> = ?  
 a) 1270                      b) 1420  
 c) 1450                      d) 1360                      e) 1310  
 234.  $5\frac{8}{9}\%$  of 7290 +  $3\frac{3}{4}\%$  of ? =  $4\frac{1}{3}\%$  of 17325  
 a) 4656                      b) 7824  
 c) 6364                      d) 8572                      e) 9536  
 235.  $\frac{29}{143}$  of 14.3% of  $\frac{36}{300}$  of ? = 28  
 a) 8300                      b) 8480  
 c) 8020                      d) 9260                      e) 6350  
 236.  $\frac{(17 \times 23)}{(?)} = (4.25 \times 2.875)$   
 a) 36                      b) 35                      c) 16  
 d) 32                      e) 64  
 237.  $(74090)^{\frac{1}{3}} + (59300)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt{?}$   
 a) 81<sup>2</sup>                      b) 9<sup>2</sup>  
 c) 81                      d)  $\sqrt{81}$                       e) 5041  
 238.  $\sqrt{6.25 \times 0.16}$  of  $\frac{15}{7} = ?$

- a) 4.9                      b) 5.76  
 c) 5.20                      d) 2                      e) 2.5  
 239.  $3.5^2 + 4.32^2 + 5.29^2 = ?$   
 a) 66                      b) 51  
 c) 69                      d) 59                      e) 74  
 240.  $\left[\left(\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{14}{2}\right) \div (2.5 - 0.8)\right]^2 = ?$   
 a) 1.6                      b) 2.4  
 c) 5.2                      d) 4.1                      e) 46  
 241.  $\frac{0.2^2 + 6.3^2}{2 + 16 \div 2} = ?$   
 a) 6                      b) 8  
 c) 5                      d) 10                      e) 4  
 242.  $35.99\sqrt{7} + 32.0032\sqrt{7} = \frac{68}{10.998} \times ?$   
 a) 81                      b) 72  
 c) 121                      d) 169                      e) 144  
 243.  $\sqrt[3]{2197} \times (0.125 \times 16) = \sqrt{(?)} \times 13$   
 a) 8                      b) 7                      c) 6  
 d) 5                      e) 4  
 244.  $\sqrt[3]{1860860} + 5.012^3 = ?$   
 a) 154                      b) 250  
 c) 260                      d) 275                      e) 244  
 245.  $12^3 + 1.2^2 + 1.02^1 + 1.002^0 = ?$   
 a) 1720                      b) 1731  
 c) 1743                      d) 1847                      e) 1648  
 246.  $\frac{9999+999-99-9}{1111+111-11-1} \times 12.12 = ?$   
 a) 120                      b) 125  
 c) 100                      d) 99                      e) 110  
 247.  $\frac{(10008.99)^2}{10009.001} \times \sqrt{3589} \times 0.4987 = ?$   
 a) 3000                      b) 300000  
 c) 3000000                      d) 5000                      e) 9000000  
 248. 37.6% of 6481  $\times$  125% of 0.125 = ?  
 a) 400                      b) 570  
 c) 270                      d) 480                      e) 510  
 249.  $[(1.3)^2 \times (4.2)^2] \div 2.7 = ?$   
 a) 7                      b) 21  
 c) 18                      d) 11                      e) 16  
 250. (682% of 782)  $\div$  856 = ?  
 a) 4.50                      b) 10.65  
 c) 6.25                      d) 8.75                      e) 5.25

**SIMPLIFICATION**

**Answer Key:**

1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (e) 5. (d) 6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (e)  
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**CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ**

**Answer Key:**

1. (b) 2. (e) 3. (d) 4. (c) 5. (b) 6. (c) 7. (c) 8. (e)  
 9. (d) 10. (c) 11. (a) 12. (b) 13. (d) 14. (e) 15.  
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**BANKING AWARENESS**

**Answer Key:**

1. (e) 2. (d) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (c) 6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (d)  
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