JULY CURRENT AFFAIRS

NATIONAL NEWS

- Ravi Shankar Prasad to launch commemoration of four years of Digital India initiative
- Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad planned to launch the commemoration of four years of Digital India initiative in New Delhi.
- The main aim of this initiative is to bridge the digital divide and create awareness about Information Technology. These digital services are offered by the government as well as the private sector.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched various initiative of Digital India on 1st of July, 2015. It works under Bharat Net Project to promote e-governance.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

- 'Swachhata Pakhwada’
- The campaign inaugurated by Secretary, MNRE Shri Anand Kumar. The Minister participated in tree plantation drive in CGO Complex, New Delhi.
- The MNRE various initiatives like Shramdan (cleanliness drive), "Swachhata Pledge", organization of Seminar on Biogas/Biomass/Waste energy

- Telangana is hosting the triennial International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Congress in Hyderabad
- The triennial International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Congress in Hyderabad. ISTA congress is being held for the first time in Asia. The Congress is being held from 26 June to 3 July 2019.
- Tamil Nadu declared ‘Tamil Yeoman’ or ‘Tamil Maravan’ as its state butterfly
- ‘Tamil Yeoman’, a kind of butterfly found in Western Ghats. It is declared as Tamilnadu state butterfly. It is also known as ‘Tamil Maravan’. Tamil Nadu is the fifth state in the country to announce its state butterfly.
- Maharashtra the first to declare Blue Mormon (Papilio polygnestor) as its state butterfly. It is followed by Uttarakhand (Common peacock), Karnataka (Southern bird wings) and Kerala (Malabar banded peacock).

Tamil Yeoman

- Scientific name - Cirrochroa thais. It is known as Tamil Maravan means ‘warrior’
- Five-year vision plan EQUIP finalised and released by HRD Ministry
- Prime Minister of India finalized a five-year vision plan for each Ministry.
- The Department of Higher Education of HRD Ministry finalized and released a five-year vision plan named Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP).

Lok Sabha passed the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers Cadre) Bill 2019

- The Lok Sabha passed the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers’ Cadre) Bill 2019 in 1 July 2019. The Bill seeks to replace an Ordinance which was issued in March.
- The Bill will reiterate the government’s commitment towards reservation and to give equal opportunity to all as per the Constitution.
- The Bill will help fill about 7,000 existing vacancies in 41 Central universities. It aims to provide for reservation in appointments by direct recruitment of persons belonging to the SC, ST, Socially and Economically Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) to the teachers’ cadre in certain Central Education Institution.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi gives a clarion call for water conservation
- #JanShakti4JalShakti initiative taken by the people for water conservation in many parts of the country to deal with water crisis throughout the country.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Reviews National Film Heritage Mission Project

- Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar reviewed the National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM) Project in a meeting held at National Film Archives in Pune. The broader objectives under NFHM are to undertake film condition assessment and preventive conservation of around 150,000 film reels.
- The project has taken by the Modi Government and has allotted budget of Rs.600 crore rupees for the project. The Film Institute has given 3-acre land to create a new volt where films can be stored safely.

Uttar Pradesh State government has started DASTAK campaign against communicative diseases Acute Encephalitis Syndrome

- Uttar Pradesh State government has started DASTAK campaign against communicative diseases Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) and Japanese Encephalitis (JE) disease on 1 July in the State.
- DASTAK campaign will run from 1st to 31st July. This campaign is part of the State’s comprehensive Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) strategy.
- The campaign was started with an aim to create awareness about the communicable diseases JE and AES. It will also ensure the availability of clean drinking water, initiate sanitation drive, and ensure vaccination and early treatment so that disease should be nipped in the bud.

Asian Development Bank approved $350 Million Loan for Chhattisgarh Road Improvement Project

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved $350 million in loans to rehabilitate and upgrade two state highways. There are around 23 major district roads totalling about 850 kilometres in Chhattisgarh.
- They improve the connectivity and access to basic services in the state. The overall total cost of the project is $521.69 million. The state government of Chhattisgarh to provide $171.69 million.
- It is the largest producer of minerals like coal and iron ore. The data of 2011 census reveals the poverty levels in the state were at the 38% of the total population. The number of registered vehicles doubled from 2.1 million in 2009 to 4.8 million in 2016.
- ADB extended loan amount of $180 million for 1,700 km state highways and $300 million. This was granted in 2012. It covered additional 916 km state highways.

Asian Development Bank

- President: Takehiko Nakao
- Founded: 19 December 1966
- Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Manila, Philippines

Union Cabinet approved the Code on Wages Bill on Wednesday

- The Union Cabinet approved the Code on Wages Bill, draft legislation, on 3 July. The Bill seeks to mandate minimum wages fixed by the central government which will be implemented by states for all occupations. It is a first step towards reviving the labour law reform process.
- The Code on Wages Bill was tabled in Lok Sabha in August 2017. But the Bill lapsed after the dissolution of the 16th Lok Sabha. The Bill proposed to empower the states to fix different minimum wages based on geography, skill and occupation. The plan, along with a national-level minimum wage which will act as a floor.
Ministry of Labour and Employment: Headquarters: New Delhi
Minister: Santosh Gangwar (independent charge)

UIDAI has operationalised its first Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) in Delhi and Vijayawada

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has operationalised the first Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) in Delhi and Vijayawada. UIDAI has planned to set up 114 such centres by the end of 2019. This has been implemented under ambitious plan of UIDAI to cover 53 cities across India at an estimated project cost of Rs.300-400 crore.
- The Delhi centre is located at Akshardham metro station premises. The centre has a capacity to handle 1,000 enrolment/updation requests a day.

Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASK):
- ASK is owned by UIDAI. It is currently being run by banks and post offices.
- Aadhaar Seva Kendras are similar to the concept of Passport Seva Kendras. These Aadhaar centres will facilitate enrolment, updation and other activities. It will be closed on Tuesday and public holidays only.

Cabinet approved proposal to lease out 3 airports to Adani Enterprises Ltd.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union Cabinet approved the proposal to lease out airports at Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangaluru to Adani Enterprises Ltd. on 3 July. In February 2019, the Adani group had also won the bids to operate the Jaipur, Guwahati and Thiruvananthapuram airports, owned by the AAI.
- Adani Enterprises Ltd. will run five of the six airports, the operations of which are being privatised. It will now be India’s largest airport operator outside government control.
- The Adani Enterprises has offered Rs.177, Rs.174, Rs.171, Rs.168 and Rs.115, respectively, for the Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Thiruvananthapuram and Mangaluru airports as revenue per passenger. It would pay the Airport Authority of India (AAI) in exchange for a 50-year concession agreement to run these airports.

First Ever IICTF to be held in New Delhi from October 11-13, 2019
- The first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF). It is held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The event to be held in the month of October 11-13, 2019. It is a unique initiative for taking farmers, artisans and other members of cooperatives directly to the international trade arena.
- This main event is organized by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDRC).

Cooperative Sector Exports Promotion Forum to double the farm exports by 2022
Minister Piyush Goyal
- The union government announced that an export-promotion forum for the cooperative sector.
- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar planned to establish a framework to double farm exports from Rs 2.75 trillion to about Rs 7 trillion by 2024-25.
- There are more than 800,000 cooperative institutions in India, around 94 percent of 1.5 million farmers in the country.
- The government unveiled an ambitious agriculture export policy to double agriculture exports to $60 billion by 2022

Special Rhino Protection Force (SRPF) has been currently deployed across the Kaziranga National Park
- The Special Rhino Protection Force (SRPF) has been currently deployed across the Kaziranga National Park. A first ever batch of 82 constables of a SRPF has been deployed in various parts of UNESCO World Heritage Site Kaziranga National Park in Assam.
- The force consists of 74 men and 8 women who underwent 43 weeks of training. The constables assumed their duties across the national park to protect one horned rhino.
- This is the first time a special force that has been dedicated to keep a check on rhino poaching and related activities in the Kaziranga National Park.

Union Cabinet approved the Organised Group A Service status to senior officers of the CAPF
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has granted the Organised Group A Service status to senior officers of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).
- The cabinet approved the extension of benefit of Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU) and Non-Functional Selection Grade (NFSG) to the group A service officers of these paramilitary forces.
- The move comes after a Supreme Court order asked the government to extend the benefits, which are already available to IPS, IAS, IRS and IFS officers, to CAPF officers.
- CAPF refers to a combination of seven security forces in India. It functions under the authority of Ministry of Home Affairs.

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- Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi flags off 1st batch of Haj pilgrims
- The first batch of Haj pilgrims flagged off by Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi from Indira Gandhi International Airport. Around 2 lakh Indian Muslims are going to Haj this year.
- He chaired the 112th governing body and 65th general body meetings of Maulana Azad Education Foundation at Antyodaya Bhawan.

Government has increased the budget for drug de-addiction measures to Rs 135 crore
- The union government increased funds allocation for drug de-addiction measures to Rs 135 crore from Rs 33 crore in 2014. Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot on increasing instances of drug addiction among school children in various parts of the country.
- The actions are taken by the government to curb the drug addiction menace
- Gehlot prepared a National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) for the period 2018-2025.
- As part of the NAPDDR, the ministry is undertaking focused intervention programs in 127 high-risk districts. The Government provided Rs 135 crore for the National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC) for 2019-20.
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- The Central Educational Institutions (Reservations in Teachers’ Cadre) Bill, 2019 passed by the Parliament. The Rajya Sabha passed the Bill after it got passed in Lok Sabha on 1st July 2019.

Gujarat FM presents the state's highest budget pegged at over Rs 2 lakh crore
- The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers’ Cadre) Ordinance, 2019”. The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers’ Cadre) Bill, 2019 holds as one unit restoring earlier reservation system.
- The main aim of the bill is to implement a 200-point reservation system instead of 13-point roster system will pave the way for filling more than 7,000 teaching jobs.

Finance Minister of Gujarat Nitin Patel presented the Budget size of Rs 2,04,815 crore for the year 2019-20 for the state. The budget indicates the overall surplus of Rs 572 crore.
- An additional tax income of Rs 287 crore is added to it. This is the first time the State's budget crossed Rs.2 lakh crore.
- The budget estimates around Rs 1,54,732 crore revenue expenditure of Rs 1,51,858 crores for the year 2019-20, and provide tap water to every household by 2022. The state government allotted Rs. 4,500 crores for this purpose.

Hyderabad’s Rajiv Gandhi International Airport is set to launch the face-recognition facility under Digi Yatra Policy
- For the first time in India Hyderabad’s Rajiv Gandhi International Airport is set to launch the face-recognition facility under the Centre’s Digi Yatra Policy. Trials began on July 1 and will continue for a month.
- The face-recognition technology will remove the Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF) physically checking passengers’ government issued identification documents at the airport entrance.

BPR&D, Morarji Desai National Institute Yoga signed MOU for Yoga education and training programs
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) and Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) for yoga education to help with the police personnel in order to overcome stress in
daily professional and personal lives and help improve their productivity of services towards the nation.

Centre Raised Its Foreign Aid To Nepal From Rs.750 Crore to Rs. 1,050 Crore In the 2019-20 Budget
- The Indian government has raised the foreign aid to Nepal from Rs.750 crores in 2018 to Rs. 1,050 crores in the 2019-20 Budget. Due to the 2015 Madhesi agitation, anti-India sentiments are growing in Nepal. Despite this, India never faltered its aids to Nepal. During a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Nepal PM K.P. Sharma Oli in May, India is engaged in creating Arun-III, a 900-MW hydroelectric project, in Nepal.

India and Nepal are also partners in various road connectivity projects under BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation), SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) and BBIN (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal Initiative).

AYUSH, Meity Ministries Collaborates for Digitisation of AYUSH Sector:
- Ministry of AYUSH (MOA) and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) signed MOU at New Delhi for collaborating with each other for the digitization of AYUSH Sector leading to transformation in the field of health care delivery at all levels.

• MOU was done by Secretary AYUSH Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha. It is a portal for the various social sectors including Health. It offers information in 23 languages.

South Central Railway Has Commissioned The Longest Electrified Tunnel
- South Central Railway has commissioned the longest electrified tunnel. It measures 6.6 Kms between Cherlopalli and Rapuru stations of Andhra Pradesh. The tunnel is a part of the recently completed Obulavaripalli–Venkataghatam new railway line.

• It is constructed in the shape of 'Horse Shoe'. New Australian Tunneling Method (NATM) is used and the cost incurred is Rs.460 crores. The length of the tunnel is 6,600 meters and it is in straight alignment.

'Fashion Nova', India’s First Design Development Centre Launched in Surat, Gujarat

• The aim is to promote the city in the field of the fashion design sector. Anupam Goyal – the founder of Fashion Nova Design Development.

Rajya Sabha Passed The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill 2019
- The Rajya Sabha passed the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

• The Bill was introduced by Health Minister Harsh Vardhan. It allows for the supercession of the Medical Council of India (MCI) by a Board of Governors for a two-year period from 2018 till 2020.

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Jaipur Enters The UNESCO World Heritage Site List
- The walled city of Jaipur has entered into the UNESCO World Heritage Site list on last week. Jaipur is well known for its iconic architectural legacy.

• It has become the second city of the country to enter into the UNESCO World Heritage Site after Ahmedabad.

Indian Government To Introduce An Indian Sovereign Bond To The World
- The government has a tentative plan to introduce an Indian sovereign bond to the world. It can be used to mop up at least $10 billion, or about Rs 70,000 crore.

• The total sovereign debt at the end of March 2019 stood at $103.8 billion. It was a 3.8% of the GDP. India’s external debt to gross domestic product (GDP) is among the lowest globally at less than 5%. This will also have beneficial impact on demand situation for the government securities in domestic market.

• The Finance Bill showed that the net borrowing would be Rs.4.73 trillion, and the gross borrowing would be Rs.7.10 trillion.

NASSCOM & NSDC Launches “World Skills India”- International Cloud Computing Challenge 2019

• The challenge initiated in the presence of the minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey aimed at recognizing the best practices from the world in the areas of cloud computing.

• India along with nine other countries including New Zealand, Belgium, Japan, China, South Korea, Russia, Oman and Ireland are participating in the competition.

• The finalists further taking part in the 45th World Skills Competition in Kazan, Russia which scheduled in August 2019. According to NASSCOM in the Asia-Pacific region, India secured second to China.

Telangana Government Has Introduced The Miyawaki Method Of Afforestation
- Telangana government has introduced the Japanese Miyawaki method of afforestation to grow urban forests and expand the green cover as well as to meet the stipulated plantation target under the Telanganaku Haritha Haaram (TKHH).

Miyawaki:
- Miyawaki is a Japanese technique introduced by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki, that helps build dense, native forests in a short time. Miyawaki method helps to create a forest in just 20 to 30 years, while through conventional methods takes anywhere between 200 to 300 years.

• It has revolutionised the concept of urban afforestation by turning backyards into mini-forests. This method includes planting trees, only native species, as close as possible in the same area.

• The approach ensures that plant growth is 10 times faster and the resulting plantation is 30 times denser than usual. Miyawaki method helps to create a forest in just 20 to 30 years, while through conventional methods takes anywhere between 200 to 300 years.

PM Narendra Modi Unveiled Statue Of Former PM Of India Lal Bahadur Shastri At Varanasi Airport
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled statue of former PM of India Lal Bahadur Shastri at Varanasi airport on 6 July. He unveiled the statue during his visit to Varanasi to launch BIPs membership drive.

• PM Modi launched a tree plantation drive after unveiling the Statue. The second Prime Minister of Independent India was Lal Bahadur Shastri. The slogan of “Jai Jawan Jai Kisan” which means “Hail the soldier, Hail the farmer” was introduced by him.

• Lal Bahadur Shastri died on 11 January, 1966 due to heart attack. He was awarded the Bharat Ratna, the India's highest civilian award, posthumously in 1966.

India To Train 1800 Bangladeshi Civil Servants At Mussoorie
- Eighteen hundred Bangladeshi mid-career civil servants trained at the National Centre for Good Governance (NCCG) in Mussoorie. They are under training between 2019-2025.

• The first batch of 30 civil servants leaving for a two-week long training programme in Mussoorie. They are paid for a visit to the Indian High Commission in Dhaka. The Bangladeshi civil servants are trained at the National Centre for Good Governance.

• The trainings provide an opportunity to share experiences of administration between civil servants of the two countries. The civil servants of India and Bangladesh help foster deeper ties between the two countries.

Maharashtra State Government Has Decided To Inter-Link Rivers To Solve The Crisis Of Drought
- The Maharashtra state government has decided to inter-link rivers to solve the crisis of drought. The Damanganga-Pinjal River linking project of Maharashtra will fulfill Mumbai’s water needs till 2060. The Detailed Project Report for this is being prepared.

• The Damanganga-Pinjal River linking project proposes to divert excess water from reservoirs in the Damanganga basin to Mumbai through the Pinjal dam, built on the Pinjal River.
Fourth Anniversary Of Skill India Mission Being Observed Today

- The fourth anniversary of the Skill India Mission is being observed on 15th July 2019.
- The main function will be held in New Delhi where Home Minister Amit Shah will deliver the keynote address. Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Narendra Singh Tomar, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Mahendra Nath Pandey and RK Singh will also be present on the occasion.
- National Skill Development Mission also known as Skill India Mission was launched on this day in 2015. Nearly One Crore youth are being currently imparted skills training annually under the mission.

Eleventh Edition Of Mekong Ganga Cooperation Meet 2019 Held In New Delhi

- The 11th Mekong Ganga Cooperation Senior Officials’ Meeting (11th MGC SOM) held in New Delhi. The meeting was attended by Senior Officials from all 6 MGC Member States Ms. Vijay Thakur Singh, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs and H.E. Ms. Doan Phuong Lan, Deputy Director General, Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
- The meeting reviewed the progress of the 9th MGC ministerial meeting held in Singapore on August 2, 2018. It includes all seven areas of cooperation tourism and culture, education, science and technology, traditional medicine and health, agriculture and allied sectors, water resources management, transportation and communication, and small and medium enterprises.
- It discussed about the draft MGC Plan of Action (2019-22) to be adopted at the 10th MGC ministerial meeting in Bangkok on August 1, 2019.

KSUM To Host Women Startup Summit 2019 On August 1 In Kochi

- Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) in association with the Indian Women Network floated by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) host a one-day event ‘Women Startup Summit 2019’.
- The event will take place at the Integrated Startup Complex, Kochi and Kerala on August 1, 2019. The theme of the event is “Developing an Inclusive Entrepreneurship Ecosystem”.
- The main aim is to encourage aspiring women professionals to take up their entrepreneurial journey and develop an inclusive entrepreneurship ecosystem.
- Nearly 20 women startups are shortlisted for the summit from the “She Loves Tech 2019 Global Startup Competition”.

Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill Introduced In Lok Sabha

- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari introduced the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2019 in the Lok Sabha on 15th July 2019.
- The Bill seeks to amend the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988. Increasing penalties of traffic violations, address issues on third-party insurance, regulation of cab aggregators, road safety are among the changes proposed in the amendment.
- The amendment Bill proposes to omit a clause of the Motor Vehicle Act to decide how to maintain their registers for driving licenses, to centralize vehicle registration data and achieve standardization. It also proposes a National Transportation Policy for ushering guidelines on the transportation of goods and passengers.
- Surrogacy Regulation Bill Tabled In Lok Sabha
- Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan introduced the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019 in the Lok Sabha on 15th July 2019.
- The Bill aims to prohibit commercial surrogacy in India. The Bill proposes to regulate surrogacy in the country by establishing a National Surrogacy Board at the central level and state surrogacy boards and appropriate authorities in the state and Union Territories.
- The purpose of the Bill is to ensure effective regulation of surrogacy, prohibit commercial surrogacy, and allow ethical surrogacy.

NIA (Amendment) Bill Moved In Lok Sabha

- The National Investigation Agency (Amendment) bill 2019 was moved in the Lok Sabha on 15th July 2019 by Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy.
- The amendment will strengthen the investigation agency and speed up trials in terrorism-related cases. Further the agency will be able to investigate terrorist acts against our embassies or assets abroad and take up cases of drug, arms and women trafficking apart from cyber terrorism.
- Speaking on the amendment bill, Manish Tiwari from Congress warned that additional powers to NIA may create police state as there are possibilities of using the agency for political vendetta.
- The amendment, he noted, should not curtail the rights of the citizens under article 14, 19 and 21.

TVS Motor Launches India’s First Ethanol Based Motorcycle TVS Apache RTR 200 Fi E100

- The main aim is to help reduce crude imports and reduce air pollution. It is available in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka at a price of Rs 1.20 lakh. It was first showcased in Auto Expo 2018 in Delhi.
- The decision comes after the government plans to convert three-wheelers to EVs (Electric vehicles) by 2023 and 2-wheelers below 150cc (Cubic Centimetre) by 2025.
- The motorcycle launched by Shri. Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport and Highways of India & Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Shri. Amitabh Kant, CEO of NITI Aayog, and Shri. Venu Srinivasan, Managing Director, TVS Motor Company.

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Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani Flags Off CRPF Cycle Rally

- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani today flagged off the Central Reserve Police Force cycle rally as a part of the celebrations of the 81st Foundation Day which will be held at the national capital on 27th July.
- The rally has taken place at a crucial time when the nation is celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of father of the Nation. The cycle rally is being flagged off from the birth place and work place of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Five women officers along with 20 other cyclists will travel a distance of 982 kilometres on cycle from Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad to India Gate, New Delhi.
- The CRPF was established on 27th July, 1939. Today, it is a family of more than three lakh brave soldiers.

IFFI Has Been Scheduled To Be Held From 20-28 November 2019 In Panaji, Goa

- The Golden Jubilee Edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) has been scheduled to be held from 20-28 November 2019 in Panaji, Goa. The Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar announced the schedule regarding IFFI 2019.
- IFFI 2019 is to be organised jointly by the Directorate of Film Festivals and state-run Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG) in Panaji.
- The celebrations in the year 2019 will mark the 50th edition of IFFI. Russia is to partner with IFFI.

International Film Festival of India (IFFI):

- IFFI was founded in 1952. IFFI is being organised in Goa since 2004 under the leadership of Chief Minister of Goa.
- World Bank Planned To Offer $250 Million To Kerala
- World Bank would offer a loan of $250 million to the Kerala Government for the Resilient Kerala project.
- The main aim is at enhancing the state’s resilience against the impacts of natural disasters and climate change in the wake of last year’s floods.

Kerala

- Governor: P. Sadasivam
- Chief Minister: Pinarayi Vijayan
Govt Plans To Set Up 4,200 Ayush Wellness Centres In Ongoing Fiscal

Ayush Minister Shripad Yesso Naik informed the Rajya Sabha that 2,500 new centres are planned to be opened within the first four months of the present government.

The government also provided financial assistance to set up integrated Ayush hospitals in 85 districts across various states, and has plans to add more and is trying to modernise Ayush hospitals across the country and increasing the number of doctors. It is also modernising postgraduate AyUSH medical colleges.

The government provided around Rs 53,000 crore for Ministry of Health and Rs 1,686 crore for Ministry of Ayush for the last fiscal. Standing Committee asked to increase the budget for the Ministry of Ayush.

Over 1.28 Lakhs Gram Panchayats Linked With Optical Fibre Under Bharat Net

Union Panchayat Raj Minister Narendra Singh Tomar informed Lok Sabha that over one lakh 28 thousand Gram Panchayats linked with optical fibre under Bharat Net programme.

Two lakh 19 thousand Gram Panchayats have uploaded their Development plan and the details of 16 lakhs works taken up by them are on the website ensuring transparency.

More Than 3 Crores Beneficiaries Receive 2nd Instalment Under PM KISAN

• Three crores ten lakh 77 thousand 444 beneficiaries have received the second instalment under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, PM-KISAN scheme till 5th of this month with a cost of over 6,215 crore rupees.

• Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said around 7,121 crore rupees is already credited into the bank accounts of 3 crores 56 lakh three thousand 344 beneficiaries as the first instalment.

• The government has also approved a pension scheme for all Small and Marginal Farmers in the country. The scheme provides for payment of a minimum fixed pension of three thousand rupees per month to the eligible farmers on attaining the age of 60 years with minimal or no savings.

Assam Govt. To Plant Sapling Spread Over 1000 Km Across NH

• The Assam Government is to plant sapling spread over one thousand kilometres across the National Highways, State Forest and Environment Minister Parimal Suklabaidya announced that this initiative is being taken to improve green coverage in the state.

• The National Highway Authority of India has sanctioned the plantation at 810 kilometres area.

Google India’s ‘Internet Saathi’ Programme To Empower Rural Women

• Google India’s ‘Internet Saathi’ programme aimed to empower rural women on how to use the Internet has now added two more states, Punjab and Odisha. With this, the programme has now reached 2.6 lakh villages in 20 states.

• It has Launched as a pilot project in 2015, along with Tata Trusts, ‘Internet Saathi’ programme focuses on educating women on how to use the Internet. These women, in turn, impart training to other women in their community and neighbouring villages.

• In the four-year journey, trained 70,000 “Internet Saathis” are using the Internet to drive positive change in their communities and have already benefited over 2.6 crore fellow women.

• “Internet Saathi” Incharge:
  - Chief Internet Saathi, Google India- Neha Barjatya
  - Head of Strategy at Tata Trusts-Raman Kalyanakrishnan,

CCEA Approves 2880 MW Dibang Multipurpose Project In Arunachal Pradesh

• Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA has approved 2880 Megawatt Dibang Multipurpose Project in Arunachal Pradesh at the cost of 1600 crore rupees.

• This will be the highest dam in the country with a height of 278 metres, once completed.

• The estimated completion period for the project will be nine years. On completion, Arunachal will get 12 per cent free power from the project.

Union Cabinet Has Approved National Medical Commission Bill, 2019

• The Union Cabinet has approved National Medical Commission Bill, 2019. The bill provides for setting up of a National Medical Commission in place of Medical Council of India and repeal the Indian Medical Council Act 1956.

• The features of the bill include, the Common final year MBBS Exams will be known as National Exit Test which would serve as Licentiate Exam, for entrance to Post Graduate medical course and as screening test of foreign medical graduates.

• The Commission will regulate fee and all other charges for 50 percent seats in private medical colleges and deemed universities. These measures will ensure a transparent admission process and also bringdown admission fee.

Govt To Increase Coal Production To One Billion Ton By 2022-23

• There is a plan to increase the total production of coal in the country to one billion ton by 2022-23. Coal minister Prahlad Joshi informed the Lok Sabha.

• The gap between demand and supply of coal cannot be bridged completely as there is insufficient domestic availability of coking coal.

• All India raw coal production has increased its production from over 462 Metric tonnes in 2013-14 to around 730 metric tonnes in 2018-19 and 14 dedicated corridors are being developed for the transportation of coal and plans are being made to improve transportation of coal through conveyor belts.

Two New Districts To Be Formed In Tamil Nadu; Taking Total To 35

• In Tamil Nadu, two new districts are going to be formed, taking the total number of districts in the state to 35.

• Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswamy announced Tenkasi District would be carved out of Tirunelveli and Chengalpet District would be established by splitting Kanchipuram district.

• State Revenue Minister R.B. Udhayakumar told the Assembly, creating a few more districts by splitting bigger revenue units is being considered. He hinted that a new district with Kumbakonam as its headquarters would be announced very soon.

10th Jagran Film Festival Inaugurated In New Delhi

• Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the 10th Jagran Film festival at Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi.

• Jagran Film Festival, JFF is an initiative by the Jagran Prakashan Group towards creating a culture of cinema appreciation and an honest and sincere attempt to create a platform that connects great content with audiences across the country.

Union Government To Build India-Based Neutrino Observatory (INO) At Pottipuram In Theni District, Tamil Nadu

• Union Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge) Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS Prime Minister’s Office (PMO), Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh informed that the India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO) to set up at Pottipuram in Theni District, Tamil Nadu.

• The main aim of the project is to set up a 51000 ton Iron Calorimeter (ICAL) detector.

• The detector is placed to observe naturally occurring atmospheric neutrinos at the end of an approximately 2 km long tunnel in a mountain.

• It is the first neutrino detector in India. It will measure cosmic rays and neither release any radiation nor radioactive substance.

Supreme Court Form Panel To Frame Emergency Plan To Save Two Indian Birds From Extinction

• The Supreme Court has formed a high powered committee to urgently frame and implement an emergency response plan for the protection of the two Indian birds, Great Indian Bustard and the Lesser Florican from extinction.

• The sudden decline of the species has alarmed the nation. Wildlife Protection Act 1972 of India. The court sought responses from the Centre and state governments where these two species of birds are prominently found.

• It said that over the last 50 years, the population of the Great Indian Bustard has recorded a decline of over 82% and the population of the Lesser Florican has been reduced by 80%.

Union Cabinet Extends 15th Finance Commission’s Term Up To Nov 30

• The union cabinet approved the extension of the term of Fifteenth Finance Commission up to 30th November this year. This enables the commission to examine various comparable estimates for financial projections.
• The reforms and the new realities to finalise its recommendations for the period 2020-2025. The proper amendment to enable the Fifteenth Finance Commission to address serious concerns regarding the allocation of adequate, secure and non-lapsable funds. Amendment of Fifteenth Finance Commission. The Fifteenth Finance Commission constituted by the President on 27th November 2017. The report on the basis of its Terms of Reference by 30th October. It covers a period of five years from 1st April 2020.

IEA Appreciates Ujjwala Scheme For Providing Free Cooking Gas Connection To Poor
• Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Ujjwala scheme for providing free cooking gas connection to poor came in for appreciation from the International Energy Agency (IEA).
• Speaking at a conference in New Delhi, IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol appreciates, providing access to LPG across India by 2020 is a major achievement. It is not an energy issue, it is an economic issue and it is a social issue.

This was Launched by Modi on May 1, 2016, in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) aims to safeguard the health of women and children by providing free cooking gas (LPG) connection to poor families.

INS Sagardhwani Starts On Mission Sagar Maitri
• Marine Acoustic Research Ship (MARS), INS Sagardhwani started its two-month-long second mission Sagar Maitri from Southern Naval Command in Kochi, Kerala.
• It was flagged off by Southern Naval Commander Vice Admiral A.K. Chawla and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chairman G. Satheesh Reddy.
• It is an indigenously built Marine Acoustic Research Ship (MARS). It was commissioned in the year 1994. It is owned by Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory. It is operated by the Indian Navy.
• The ship carried out intensive oceanographic observational programmes and research over the years. They celebrated their silver jubilee on July 30, 2019.

MHA Launched Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) For 2018-2020
• Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) launched a scheme ‘Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)’ for the period 2018-2020.
• The main aim is to combat cybercrime in India in a coordinated and effective manner.
• It is launched to enable the citizens to report online content pertaining to Child Pornography (CP)/ Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) or sexually explicit content such as Rape/Gang Rape (CP/RGR).

Haryana Govt. And BSE Ink Pact To Facilitate MSMEs Raise Capital
• Government of Haryana and India’s leading Bombay stock exchange (BSE) signed a pact to encourage and support state’s Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to raise capital.
• The tie-up will enable SMEs (Small and medium-sized enterprises) to raise funds through the platform "BSE SME".
• The partnership creates MSMEs as major employment providing sectors in the Haryana state.

BSE: Founded: 9 July 1875
Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
Chairman: Vikramajit Sen
MD & CEO: Ashish Kumar Chauhan

Culture Minister Inaugurated Architectural Illumination Of Saffdarjung Tomb
• Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated the architectural illumination of the historic Saffdarjung Tomb in New Delhi.
• Around 213 technologically advanced LED lights have been used to highlight the 17th-century monument. The consumption of LED lights is approximately 62 percent less than conventional light fixtures.
• The main aim is to showcase the monuments during late evenings and enhance the experience of visitors and tourists.

Ministry Of Health And Family Welfare Launched Jan Jagruti Abhiyaan In New Delhi
• The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched a special campaign named Jan Jagrutra Abhiyaan in New Delhi.
• The campaign aimed to sensitize and mobilise the community on measures for prevention and control of Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs).
• It also aimed to make the community a partner for checking vector/mosquito breeding across Delhi.
• Jan Jagrutra Abhiyaan was a people movement campaign as there was active involvement of people’s representatives, officers from Government of India, Government of NCT Delhi, all three Delhi Municipal Corporations, and New Delhi Municipal Council, Railways and Cantonment board and other stakeholders.

India And China To Hold An Annual HIH Combat Exercise At Meghalaya In December 2019
• India and China plans to hold an annual “Hand-in-Hand” (HIH) combat exercise at Umroi, near Shillong, Meghalaya in December 2019.
• In the exercise, India and China will be focusing on counter-terrorism operations, human assistance and disaster management. The countries will discuss the operationalization of the high level communications between their militaries.
• The exercise aims to manage the troop confrontations along Line of Actual Control (LAC) by implementing better CBMs, additional border personnel meeting (BPM) points and greater interaction between local commanders on the ground.

Around 7 Crore 32 Lakh Farmer Families Received First Two Instalments Of Under PMKSNY Scheme Benefits
• Around 7 crore 32 lakh farmer families across the country received the first and second instalments of 2 thousand rupees under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana. The total cost will be around 14 thousand 646 crore rupees.
• Uttar Pradesh around two crores twenty lakh farmer families topped the list followed by Andhra Pradesh. The farmers who got benefited 72 lakh and Maharaashtra 50 lakh farmers.
• The scheme approximately covers around 14 crore 50 lakh beneficiaries across the country subject to exclusion criteria.

Pradhan Mantri KISAN Samman Nidhi Scheme:
• This scheme is introduced by the PM Narendra Modi Government. The scheme got effective from 01.12.2018.
• To supplement the financial needs of the farmers and plan to ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields and plan towards the diet.

Eleventh DefExpo India- 2020 To Be Held In Lucknow
• The 11th DefExpo India-2020 is scheduled to be held for the first time in Uttar Pradesh’s capital Lucknow.
• The main theme of the DefExpo India-2020 will be ‘India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub’ and focus will be on ‘Digital Transformation of Defence’
• DefExpo would provide a unique platform for Defence Industry Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), exhibitors and to display their latest innovations and capabilities in the field.

UNION MINISTER PIYUSH GOYAL TO LAUNCH GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX 2019
• Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal planned to launch the Global Innovation Index (GII) on July 24.
• The theme of the event is “Evaluating the Medical Innovation Scenario of the Next Decade”.
• They will be launched in the presence of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Director General Francis Gurry.
• The launch of GII mainly shows the innovation rankings of economies and findings for this corresponding fiscal year.

India’s First Dragon Blood-Oozing Tree Discovered In Assam
• Researcher discovers DraacaenaCambodia a dragon tree species in Assam’s West Karbi Anglong district.
• It is a plant that yields a dragon’s blood. It is a bright red resin used in ancient times as a medicine, body oil, varnish, incense, and dye. The sap turns bright red after coming in contact with air. This is for the first time that a dragon tree species reported from India.
• Draacaena cambodiabelonging to the family Asparagaceae. It is the only true dragon tree species. It is an important medicinal plant as well as an ornamental tree. It is a major source of dragon’s blood, a precious traditional medicine in China.

The Celestial Object Has Landed In A Village Of Madhubani, Bihar
• A celestial object has landed in a village of Madhubani, Bihar. The object weighs more...
than 10 kilograms. It has magnetic properties.

- The object looks like a piece of rock. It glitters much more than that of an unpolished stone.

Lok Sabha Passed The 2019 Muslim Women (Protection Of Rights On Marriage) Bill

- Lok Sabha passed the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 on 25 July.
- The Bill was introduced by the Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad. The Bill is for the justice, respect and dignity of women.

Provisions of the Bill:

- The Bill criminalises instant triple talaq among Muslims. It also approves a jail term of three years for the husband.
- The Bill will replace the ordinance passed by the previous government in February. It should be noted that around 20 Muslim countries in the world, including Pakistan and Malaysia, have banned the triple talaq.

The Companies Amendment Bill, 2019 Introduced In Lok Sabha

- The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2019 has been introduced in Lok Sabha on 25 July. The Bill was introduced by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Lok Sabha Cleared The Unlawful Activities Prevention (Amendment) Bill, 2019

- Lok Sabha cleared the Unlawful Activities Prevention (Amendment) Bill, 2019. The Bill aims to end terrorism.

Provisions of the Bill:

- The Bill will now empower the government to designate individuals as terrorists. If any person commits or participates in acts of terrorism or involved in terrorist, he/she can be designated as terrorist.
- The Director-General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) can now grant approval of seizure or attachment of property when the case is investigated by the agency.

Rajya Sabha Passed The Protection Of Children From Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2019

- The Rajya Sabha passed the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (POCSO Bill).
- The Bill will now be sent to Lok Sabha for its approval. The Bill was introduced by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- It was presented by the Minister of Women and Child Development Smriti Irani.

Provisions of the Bill:

- The Bill provides death penalty to the culprits for sexual assault on children. It also proposes strict punishments for other crimes that are committed against children.
- The Bill also aims to check the increasing cases of child sexual abuse. The Act imposes fines and imprisonment to restrain child pornography.

Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa Wins Trust Vote In Assembly

- Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa proved his majority in the Legislative Assembly today.
- Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar declared that the Motion of Confidence moved by the Chief Minister has been passed by a voice vote. Later, the House passed the Appropriation Bill and Supplementary estimates for three months.
- After concluding the day’s business, Speaker Ramesh Kumar tendered his resignation. He handed over his resignation letter to Deputy Speaker Krishna Reddy.

Uttarakhand: Himalayan Conclave Being Held In Mussoorie

- In Uttarakhand, a Himalayan Conclave is being held in Mussoorie.
- The main objective is to discuss various issues related to the development of Himalayan States.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is attending the conclave as the chief guest.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat declared the main agenda for the conclave is water conservation.
- President Kovind Embarks On Tri-Nations African Tour

- President Ram Nath Kovind has left on an official visit to three African countries - Benin, The Gambia and Guinea. Union Minister Pratap Chandra Sarangi and Member of Parliament Dilip Ghosh are accompanying the President.
- During the visit to The Gambia, Mr Kovind will hold delegation-level talks with President Adama Barrow in the capital, Banjul, on Wednesday.
- On the last leg of his visit, the President will arrive in Conakry, the capital of Guinea on 1st August. Mr Kovind will hold delegation-level talks with his counterpart on 2nd August.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan Launches New Website Of India Meteorological Department

- Earth Sciences Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has announced the Ministry is making a significant contribution to the betterment of the country through weather forecasting. Dr.Vardhan also launched a new website of India Meteorological Department www.mausam.imd.gov.in on the occasion.
- The website will provide all information related to weather. The Minister said the weather department is doing a good job by providing information related to rain and floods.

14 MLAs Of Congress, JD(S) Disqualified By Karnataka Assembly Speaker

- The Karnataka Legislative Assembly Speaker, K R Ramesh Kumar, has disqualified the entire 14 rebel MLAs who had submitted their resignation letters to him. Among the disqualified MLAs, 11 are from Congress and three from JD(S).
- Addressing the media in Bengaluru today, the Speaker announced that all of them have incurred disqualification under rule 2(1) an of the 10th schedule of the constitution.
- He made it clear that they are disqualified till the end of the tenure of 15th Assembly ending in

2023 and they cannot get re-elected to the House till then.

National Conference On E-Governance To Be Held On 8-9 August

- They will organize the 22nd National Conference on e-Governance 2019 on 8-9th August 2019 at Shillong.
- The conference will be held with the theme “Digital India: Success to Excellence”.

Odisha Gets GI Tag For Its Version Of Rasgulla After West Bengal

- The Geographical indicator (GI) granted to Odisha for the ‘Odisha rasgulla’, more than two years after West Bengal won its own GI tag for the delectable eastern sweet.
- A GI tag helps in the branding and marketing of a local product and can attract penalties outside that geographical region.

PM Narendra Modi Released The All India Tiger Estimation Report

- PM Narendra Modi released the All India Tiger Estimation Report 2018. The massive tiger census is conducted every four years. India now has 2,967 tigers.
- The growth in the 4th cycle of the Tiger Census has been a 33%. India has achieved the target of doubling tiger population before the deadline, which is 2022.
- In 2014, the population of tigers in India was 2,226. According to the latest Tiger census report, it rose to 2,967, which are 33%, in 2018.

Pink Coaches Introduced For Women By The Northeast Frontier Railway Zone

- Indian Railways Northeast Frontier Railway zone started an initiative to bring a special portion of the SLR coach with pink colour.
- It is mainly introduced in order to bring women passengers with better safety and security. This special colour will help the women passenger to easily identify the coach in rush hours.
- Around eight trains in Rangiya division of the Northeast Frontier Railway has begun operations with some pink coaches.

Union Government To Begin Fieldwork For 7th Economic Census From Tripura

- The government plans to conduct the Seventh Economic Census.
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) intends to conduct the Seventh Economic Census of India 2019 by extensively leveraging Information Technology.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sri Lanka Inaugurated Its First Model Village Built With Indian Assistance At Ranidu Gama In Gampaha

- A model village built with the Indian assistance as part of a housing project meant for
war-affected people and estate workers inaugurated in Sri Lanka.
- India partnered with the Ministry of Housing and Construction and Cultural Affairs to build 100 model villages. It consists of a total of 2,400 houses all across Sri Lanka. The Indian grant of Rs 1,200 million (USD 17.5 million).
- These 2,400 houses are in addition to the 60,000 accommodations built. They are under the Indian Housing Project meant for war affected people in northern and Sri Lanka and the estate workers in the plantation areas.

Nepal’s Effective Measures To Clean Up The Mount Everest
- Nepal conducted a month-long cleaning campaign to clean the trash in Mount Everest by collecting over 10,000 kg of rubbish from the region.
- The historical mega clean-up campaign was coordinated by government and non-government agencies of Nepal. A dedicated Sherpa team from the base camp to four higher camps collected waste from the roof of the world.
- Instead of sending solid waste to dump in the landfill site near Kathmandu, the items were segregated, processed and recycled as raw materials for various products. The collected materials were segregated in different categories like plastic, glass, iron, aluminium and textile.
- Among 10 tonnes of waste received, 2 tonnes have been recycled while the remaining eight were soil mixed with wrappers and semi-burnt items, which could not be recycled.

Italy’s Prosecco Hills Added To UNESCO World Heritage List
- Italy’s Prosecco hills northeast of Venice cultivated for centuries added to the World Heritage list by the UN cultural Organization. The grapes produce the famous prosecco sparkling wine are grown.
- The landscape is characterized by hoggback hills, cigioni and small plots of vineyards on narrow grassy terraces, forests, small villages and farmland. The region became Italy’s 55th World Heritage site.
- The prosecco sparkling white has the highest classification available to Italian wine. It is produced in a territory spread over nine provinces in Italy’s northeast. The sales of the wine rose six per cent in 2018 to 460 million bottles.

Abu Dhabi to host first ISA’s joint security exercise ISALEX19
- Representatives of 50 law enforcement agencies of the International Security Alliance are taking part in the first joint security exercise in Abu Dhabi beginning today.
- The participants include representatives from tactical teams, rapid intervention units, communications, civil defence, and explosive ordnance disposal, teams.
- The International Security Alliance, launched in 2017 in Abu Dhabi, is an international working group to confront organised, transnational and extremist crimes.
- The alliance now comprises nine countries, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco, France, Italy, Spain, Senegal, Singapore, and the Slovak Republic.

US deploys F-22 stealth fighters to Qatar for 1st time
- The United States has deployed F-22 stealth fighters to Qatar for the first time, its military said yesterday. The announcement adds to a build up of US forces in the Gulf amid tensions with Iran.
- The US Air Forces Central Military Command stated that the Air Force F-22 Raptor stealth fighters have been deployed to defend American forces and interests. The number of hi-tech planes sent was not specified.
- Tehran and Washington have been locked in an escalating standoff since US President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew from a multi-party 2015 nuclear deal with Iran and reimposed sanctions on the Islamic republic.

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Terrorist (SDGT). BLA remains a proscribed entity in Pakistan since 2006.

WHO launches its first guidelines on self-care interventions for health

- World Health Organization introduced its first guideline on self-care interventions for health named "WHO Consolidated Guideline on Self-Care Interventions for Health".
- The main focus which depends on sexual and reproductive health and rights. The definition of self-care is the ability of individuals, families and communities to promote health, prevent disease, maintain health, and cope with illness and disability with or without the support of a health-care provider.
- There will be a shortage of 18 million health workers. Currently, 130 million people are deprived of humanitarian assistance. About 450 million people lack access to the most essential health services. At least 100 million people face poverty due to the high costs of healthcare expenses.
- The theme of 2019 World Health Assembly (72nd session) was "Universal Health Coverage". The main focus depends on primary health care. It was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 20-28 May 2019. WHO announced the launch of "Self-Care Month" during World Health Assembly from June 24 to 24 July.

WHO:

Establishment: 7 April 1948
Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
Head: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

IAEA reported that Iran has exceeded the limit on the amount of enriched uranium.
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the United Nations' atomic watchdog, reported that Iran has exceeded the limit on the amount of enriched uranium in its stockpile set out in the 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.
- It verified that 300kg (660lb) limit had been exceeded. In May, Iran has stepped up production of enriched uranium which is used to make reactor fuel but also potentially nuclear bombs.
- Iran was exercising its right to respond to a unilateral US withdrawal from the agreement in 2018 and reimposed punishing sanctions on Tehran. Hence Iran's the accumulation of more enriched uranium than permitted under the deal was not a violation of the pact.
- IMF approves $6 billion loan for cash-strapped Pakistan
- International Monetary Fund Executive board sanctioned a three-year $6 billion loan package for Pakistan. The main aim is to rein in mounting debts and stave off a looming collapse of payments crisis.
- The Board approved the immediate disbursement of around $1 billion with the remainder to be phased in over the period of the programme. Pakistan decided to agree to tough conditions for the coming three years.
- The package made an approval $38 billion from Pakistan’s international partners over the programme period. The programme requires “decisive fiscal consolidation” and a multi-year plan to strengthen Pakistan’s weak tax system.
- The central bank controls the currency hiked interest rates to 12.25% and slashed the rupee to historic lows against the dollar.

Russia withdrew from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty
- The Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a bill that suspends Russia's participation in the nuclear arms treaty. Putin's decree formalizes the withdrawal of Russia from the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty (INF) with the United States.
- The move comes after the withdrawal of US from the pact. Russia's withdrawal from INF treaty is a response to the U.S. withdrawal from the key arms control pact signed by the Soviet Union and the United States in 1987.
- US accused Russia of violating the treaty with impunity, covertly developing and fielding a prohibited missile system that poses a direct threat to the allies and troops abroad. The U.S. and Europe said that the range of new cruise missiles from Russia violate the treaty. Russia denied the accusations.

U.S. Senate passed the National Defence Authorisation Act (NDAA) to advance the U.S.-India strategic partnership
- The U.S. Senate has passed a legislative provision, the National Defence Authorisation Act (NDAA) for the fiscal year 2020.
- The Bill aims to advance the U.S.-India strategic partnership and will bring India as America’s North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) ally for increased defence cooperation and countries like Israel and South Korea for increasing defence cooperation.
- It facilitates the provisions for increased U.S.-India defence cooperation in the Indian Ocean in the areas of humanitarian assistance, counterterrorism, counter-piracy and maritime security.

A volcano on the Italian island of Stromboli has erupted
- A volcano on the Italian island of Stromboli has erupted on 3 July. The Volcanic eruption killed a person. Stromboli is known as the “Lighthouse of the Mediterranean” and has a population of around 500.
- The volcano is one of the most active on the planet and has been under a regular state of eruption since 1932. The last major eruption was in 2002, when a blast destroyed local buildings and piers, injuring six.

Christine Lagarde was nominated to become the next president of the European Central Bank
- Christine Lagarde, the MD of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), was nominated to become the next president of the European Central Bank by the European Union Council.
- Lagarde will step down two years before the end of her second five-year term at IMF.
- Lagarde, 63, is a French lawyer, politician and economist. She has a good leadership and institutional experience as well as political and economic experience. She is the Chairwoman of IMF since 2011.

EU Central Bank:
Established on: 1 June 1998
Headquarters: Frankfurt, Germany
President: Mario Draghi
Currency: Euro

Pakistan’s Prime Minister Imran Khan Is To Meet The US President Donald Trump On July 22
- Pakistan’s Prime Minister Imran Khan is to meet the US President Donald Trump on July 22. This will be Khan’s first visit to the US since coming to power in 2018. Khan’s visit is after the invitation extended by the US President Trump.
- The visit focus will be on further improving the ties between the two countries and important regional matters. The meeting of the two leaders were confirmed after the US State Department designated the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) as a global terrorist group.
- Before the meeting, the top 13 leaders of the banned Jamaat-ud Dawa (JuD), including its chief and Mumbai terror attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed, were booked in nearly two dozen cases of terror financing and money laundering. Also, Pakistan helped the United States in the ongoing US-Taliban dialogue.

French Lawmakers Approve 3% Tax On Online Giants
- France, the lower house of parliament approved a small, pioneering tax on internet giants like Google, Amazon and Facebook. The French government hopes that other countries will follow suit.
- The bill foresees a 3 per cent tax on the French revenues of digital companies with global revenues of more than 750 million Euros. The companies pay nearly no tax in countries where they have large sales like France. The bill adopted by the National Assembly sent to the Senate.

France
Capital: Paris
President: Emmanuel Macron

Bahrain To Partner With UK To Pilot New AI Guidelines
- Bahrain has announced that it is to pilot new guidelines by the World Economic Forum (WEF) Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The announcement was made during the WEF Annual Meeting of the New Champions in Dalian, China on 3 July.
- The Country aims that the project with WEF will build a global knowledge-base that can be used by other governments as AI can deliver huge benefits to citizens.

Bahrain
Capital: Manama
Crown Prince: Salman Bin Hamad Al Khalifa
Prime Minister: Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa
Currency: Bahraini dinar

Deutsche Bank Announced Its Exit From Global Equities And Trading Business
- Deutsche Bank, the German bank, announced that it is to pull out of global equities sales and trading, scale back investment banking. It plans to reduce adjusted costs by a quarter to 17 billion euros ($19 billion) over the next several years.
- The decision of the bank will cut down 18,000 jobs for a global headcount of around 74,000 employees by 2022. The move comes after the departure of the chief Garth Ritchie by mutual agreement.

Deutsche Bank:
Founded on: 10 March 1870
Headquarters: Frankfurt, Germany
Chairman: Paul Achleitner
CEO: Christian Sewing

Kuwait Supports India In Countering Terror
- Kuwait completes its two-year term as the non-permanent member in the UNSC (United Nations Security Council) played a major role at 3eM chief Masood Azhar a global terrorist and in UNSC condemnation of Pulwama terror strike.
- They support India’s global ambitions including investments. In the 8543rd United Security Council meeting held on June 11, 2019, Kuwait proposed draft resolution 2474.
- Its main aim is protecting civilians that deals with the matter of persons reported missing during armed conflicts. State of Kuwait engages in the sessions of the United Nations and the Security Council.

Kuwait:
Capital: Kuwait City
Currency: Kuwaiti dinar

Hong Kong To Fund USD 900,000 For The Cyclone Hit Odisha
- The Hong Kong government has approved a relief fund and rehabilitation work in Odisha after Cyclone Fani. It will benefit around 45,100 victims in Odisha.
- The fund will be used to provide hygiene kits, kitchen kits, water kits, education kits, household items, and shelter kits. The government has approved three grants totalling 7,032 million Hong Kong dollars (about USD 902,278) from Hong Kong’s Disaster Relief Fund to three agencies.
- The Indian Relief agencies have been asked to evaluate reports and audited accounts on the use of the grants. This is to ensure that the money is used for the designated purposes. The accounts will be submitted after the completion of the project.

Hong Kong:
Hong Kong Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China, is a special administrative region located in southern China.
Chief Executive: Carrie Lam
Chief Secretary: Matthew Cheung
Financial Secretary: Paul Chan
Currency: Hong Kong dollar

China To Impose Sanctions On U.S. Companies That Are Involved In A Potential Arms Sale Worth $2.2 Billion To Taiwan
- China has announced that it is to impose sanctions on U.S. companies that are involved in a potential arms sale worth $2.2 billion to Taiwan.
- China cited the reason as to safeguard national interests. The U.S. arms sale to Taiwan has severely violated the basic norms of international law and international relations.
- The planned weapons sale between US and Taiwan comes amidst the trade war between US and China. China views Taiwan as part of its territory and has vowed to one day seize it, by force if necessary.
- China demanded the U.S. to immediately cancel the sale but, US shrugged off China’s complaints. The US said that the equipment would contribute to peace and stability in Asia.

China’s Economic Growth Slows To 6.2 Per Cent In 2nd Quarter
- China’s economic growth slowed to a record low of 6.2 per cent in the second quarter of this year.
- This is the weakest growth rate in nearly three decades for the world’s second-largest economy, in the midst of a trade war with the United States and weakening global demand. Government data showed that Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth slid from 6.4 per cent in the first quarter to 6.2 per cent.
- China’s GDP expanded 6.3 per cent year-on-year in the first half of 2019 to about 6.56 trillion US Dollars.
- The growth, however, was in line with the government’s annual target range of 6.0-6.5 per cent for the whole year, down from the 6.6 per cent growth China put up in 2018.

Cycle Rally In South Africa To Celebrate Gandhi’s 150th Birth Anniversary
- Indian diplomats in South Africa participated in a cycle rally along with scores of people to promote greater awareness of Mahatma Gandhi’s ideals of non-violence and satyagraha to celebrate his 150th birth anniversary.
- Conceived by Indian Consul-General in Johannesburg Dr K Srinivas, the event was co-ordinated by the Gandhi Walk Committee.
- First Global Conference For Media Freedom Held In London
- First Global Conference for Media Freedom 2019, hosted by the United Kingdom (UK) and Canada, was held on July 10-11, 2019 in London, UK.
- It is co-hosted by Chrystia Freeland, Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Jeremy Hunt, the UK Foreign Secretary. The conference is structured around 4 themes.
- The four themes are protection and prosecution, including impunity, national frameworks and legislation, building trust in the media and building confidence in media and media sustainability.
- Indian delegation led by Prasad Bharati Chairman Surya Prakash. The UK government committed 18 million pounds. Their main aim is to improve media freedom across the world.
- The new Global Media Defence Fund, administered by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), will support, train and provide legal support to journalists in the most dangerous parts of the world.

India, Italy To Set Up Fast-Track Mechanism To Facilitate Investment
- A fast-track system would be set up for companies and investors of India and Italy to facilitate investment proposals in both countries.
- The main aim is to facilitate Italian companies and investors in India and Indian companies and investors in Italy and to decide to establish a fast-track system for companies and investors of both countries.
India-Uzbekistan Hold Meet On Counter-Terrorism

The 8th meeting of India-Uzbekistan Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism was held in New Delhi on 16th July.

The Group discussed measures to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the sphere of counter-terrorism through information sharing, mutual capacity building and sharing of best practices.

Cooperation in multilateral fora including UN, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation’s Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure and EAG was also discussed.

The Joint Working Group reviewed threats posed by terrorist groups worldwide and in their respective regions including cross border terrorism.

The next meeting of the Joint Working Group will be held in Uzbekistan on a mutually convenient date.

First Ever Use Of Indian Waterway To Transport Cargo From Bhutan To Bangladesh

In the first ever use of an Indian waterway to transport cargo from Bhutan to Bangladesh via India, a shipment of stone aggregates was today formally received at Narayanganj by the Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Riva Ganguli Das, along with Ambassador of Bhutan to Bangladesh Sonam T. Rabgye.

The Indian cargo ship MV AAI carrying stone aggregates from Bhutan arrived in Narayanganj in Bangladesh on Tuesday through the Indo-Bangladesh protocol route.

SAUDI ARABIA INTERCEPTS DRONE LAUNCHED BY YEMEN REBELS

• Saudi military intercepted a drone launched at the kingdom’s southern border by Iranian-backed rebels in Yemen.

• The drone launched by the Houthis rebels from Yemen’s Governorate of Saana toward the Saudi city of Jizan.

• A Saudi-led coalition allied with Yemen’s Government has been at war with the Houthis since 2015. The fighting killed tens of thousands of Yemenis, with Saudi-led airstrikes blamed for many civilian deaths.

• Saudi Arabia
Currency: Saudi riyal
Capital: Riyadh
Palau Became The 76th Country To Join The International Solar Alliance (ISA)

• Palau, an archipelago of more than 500 islands in Oceania, has become 76th signatory country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

• The agreement was opened for signature during COP22 at Marrakech, Morocco on 15 November 2016. ISA member countries: Countries which have signed agreement until now include India, United Kingdom (UK), Japan, France, Australia, United Arab Emirates (UAE), amongst others.
International Solar Alliance (ISA):

• ISA is a group of 122 solar resource-rich nations. It was jointly launched by India and France on November 2015. It is headquartered at campus of National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) in Haryana, India.

• The organisation aims to deploy more than 1,000 gigawatts of solar energy and mobilise over $1,000 billion into solar power by 2030 as per United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Former Pakistan PM Shahid Khaqan Abbasi Arrested In LNG Case

• Pakistan’s anti-graft body today arrested former Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi in a multi-billion-rupee case related to the award of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) import contract.

• Abbasi, who served as the prime minister from August 2017 to May 2018, had reached Lahore from Islamabad to hold a press conference but was arrested before reaching the venue of the event.

Mumbai Terror Attack Mastermind Hafiz Saeed Arrested In Pakistan

• Mumbai terror attack mastermind and Jama’at-ud-Da’wah Chief Hafiz Saeed was today arrested by the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) of Pakistan’s Punjab Province.

• The US Department of the Treasury designated Saeed as a Specally Designated Global Terrorist, and since 2012, has offered a 10 million US dollars reward for information that brings Saeed to justice.

Enormous Potential For Growth In Relations With India: US

• There is an enormous potential for growth in its relations with India and trade issues can be resolved due to friendly ties.

• State Department spokesperson Morgan Ortagus was talking to reporters in Washington when she was asked whether the Trump administration was satisfied with the recent visit of two Office of US Trade Representative (USTR) officials to New Delhi for trade talks.

• Last week, a US delegation headed by Assistant USTR for India Christopher Wilson was in New Delhi for a meeting with Indian officials. After the talks, India said the engagement was constructive.

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi had met US President Donald Trump in Osaka on the sidelines of G20 Summit last month.

FB Needs ‘Very High Standard’ For Libra Coin: US Treasury

• US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has declared Facebook must meet a very high standard before it moves ahead with its planned digital currency, Libra.

• US regulators have already expressed concerns to the social media giant about the plan for a global cryptocurrency, noting that these kinds of virtual coins have in the past been associated with money laundering and illicit activities. Whether they are banks or non-banks, they are under the same regulatory environment.

• Facebook last month unveiled its plans for Libra, widely regarded as a challenger to bitcoin. Expected to launch in the first half of 2020, Libra is designed to be backed by a basket of currency assets to avoid the wild swings of bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies.

International Court Of Arbitration Has Imposed A Penalty Of Over $5 Billion On Pakistan.

• International Court of Arbitration has imposed a penalty of over $5 billion on Pakistan as it unlawfully denied a mining lease to a company called Tethyan Copper Company for Reko Diq project in 2011. This penalty is one of the biggest in the history of cash-strapped Pakistan.

• In 2012, Tethyan Copper Company (TCC) filed claims for international arbitration to the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) of World Bank after the Pakistan government rejected a leasing request from company in 2011.

International Court of Arbitration:

• The International Arbitration Court is an institute that arbitrates international commercial disputes. It is a part of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

• ICC headquarters is in Paris, France. The court consists of more than 100 members from about 90 countries.

World Celebrates 50th Anniversary Of Apollo 11 Moon Landing

• World is celebrating the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 moon landing today, when American astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to set foot on the Moon.

• Their lunar module, named Eagle, touched down on 20th July, 1969. A little over six hours later, Armstrong placed his left foot on the lunar surface, declaring that “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

• Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were on the surface, ex-fighter pilot Collins remained in lunar orbit, where he was in touch with ground control, providing them on his position.

• An event watched on television by half a billion people. Mr Collins has remained the most active of the surviving Apollo veterans and frequently shares lyrical recollections of the mission.

Motihari-Amlekhgunj Oil Pipeline Ready For Commercial Operation

• The landmark Motihari-Amlekhgunj petroleum products pipeline between India and Nepal has been completed and ready for commercial operation.

• Indian Oil Corporation and Nepal Oil Corporation successfully completed testing transfer of the pipeline yesterday. Motihari-Amlekhgunj is the first transnational petroleum pipeline from India and first South Asian oil pipeline corridor. It is also the first oil pipeline in Nepal.
French Tycoon Bernard Arnault Overtakes Bill Gates To Become 2nd Richest Person In The World: Bloomberg

According to Bloomberg, Arnault’s increased 39 billion dollars to his fortune in 2019, the highest individual gain on the 500-member index.

In 2018, his LVMH, the world’s largest maker of luxury goods, collected more than 53 billion dollars in revenue. Bill Gates is the world’s 2nd richest person.

Bill Gates is the world’s third-richest person with $107 billion as compared to second-richest person Arnault’s $108 billion wealth.

Jeff Bezos remains the richest person in the world with a net worth of $124 billion.

France

Capital: Paris
President: Emmanuel Macron
Prime Minister: Edouard Philippe.

Benjamin Netanyahu Becomes The Longest Serving Prime Minister Of Israel

Benjamin Netanyahu became the longest serving Prime Minister of Israel. He overthrew the record set by David Ben-Gurion, Israel’s founding father and first leader.

Netanyahu has spent 4,876 days, more than 13 years, in office as on 20 July, 2019. Netanyahu is the Israel’s youngest-ever Prime Minister has won his first election in 1996, at the age of 46.

Israel:
President: Reuven Rivlin
Prime Minister: Benjamin Netanyahu
Capital: Jerusalem
Currency: New shekel.

The US And South Korean Military Exercises To Be Held In August Despite Warning From North Korea

The 19-2 Dong Maeng (alliance) exercise, an annual military exercise between the US and South Korean military exercises, will be held in the month of August, despite the warning from North Korea.

The announcement was made by Choi Jong-kun, the secretary for peace planning to South Korean President Moon Jae-in.

Earlier, the United States and South Korea had suspended a large-scale exercise and it also cancelled a second exercise after the Singapore summit in June 2018.

CNSA Destructed Tiangong-2, Experimental Space Station Over The Pacific

Chinese National Space Administration (CNSA), the Chinese space agency, destroyed Tiangong-2, CNSA’s 9-tonne experimental space station Tiangong-2.

CNSA destroyed the space station through a controlled re-entry to Earth which burned it up. Despite CNSA’s plan to burn it in the atmosphere, a small amount of the debris fell into a designated South Pacific Ocean security area.

Tiangong-2 was China’s second experimental station. It was planted into the orbit in 2016. The mission aimed at testing China’s orbital technologies. It had completed all of its experiments.

Tiangong-2 was orbiting Earth 16,209 times and spent more than 1,000 days in space. In April 2018, Tiangong-1 was destroyed in an uncontrolled re-entry.

Pakistan PM Imran Khan On Maiden Trip To US

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan is in the US on his maiden trip to the country during which he will hold talks with US President Donald Trump.

Mr Khan will try to reboot bilateral ties that were hit after the US president publicly criticised Islamabad, cancelled military aid and asked it to do more to fight terrorism.

American leadership is likely to press him to take decisive and irreversible actions against terrorist and militant groups operating from Pakistani soil and facilitate peace talks with the Taliban.

Nawaz Sharif was the last Pakistani prime minister to visit the US on an official trip in October 2015.

Ukraine Election: President Zelensky’s Party Set For Big Win

President Volodymyr Zelensky looks set to be the first Ukrainian leader since the fall of communism to command an overall majority in parliament.

The TV sitcom that made him famous, has won 42.7% of the vote with more than 70% of results counted. The party says it is on course to win about 250 of parliament’s 450 seats. A decisive win for Mr Zelensky’s party will make it easier for him to push through reforms and tackle corruption. It will also be the best result by any party in Ukraine’s post-1991 history.

Since he triumphed in April’s presidential poll, Mr Zelensky, 41, has been unable to appoint the ministers he wants.

Sri Lanka Extends Emergency For Another Month

Sri Lanka has extended another month, the state of emergency imposed after the Easter Sunday attacks.

This is the fourth time emergency provisions have been imposed after the attacks which killed 268 people including 45 foreigners. A gazette notification, issued by President Maithripala Sirisena.

The emergency was initially imposed on 22nd April, a day after the attacks and extended on two occasions. Government has claimed that the emergency provisions are to grant armed forces necessary powers to act against terrorist activities and doesn’t affect normal life.

Plastic-Like Jute Material Developed In Bangladesh

Scientists in Bangladesh developed a method to convert jute fibre into low cost biodegradable cellulose sheets named Sonali. It is used to wrap material along with a carry bag.

Mubarak Ahmad Khan Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) developed the new ‘sonali’. It denotes the physical qualities of the invented jute fibre and plastic are quite similar. The Eco-friendly jute poly bags made up of Sonali can be used in garments and food packaging work.

The commercial production of these bags is likely to start by the year end. Government of Bangladesh approved 9 lakh dollars in April to help in large-scale production of these bags.

The main challenge in the large scale adoption of Sonali sheet is the relatively high cost of production which is almost doubles that of polythene.

Bangladesh

Capital: Dhaka
Prime minister: Sheikh Hasina

Mark Esper Sworn In As The US Secretary Of Defence

Mark Esper sworn in as the US secretary of defence after receiving Senate confirmation on July 24.

He was an army veteran and former defence industry lobbyist. Esper was selected by a vote of 90-8. His appointment comes after a seven-month vacancy.

He joined in the post at the White House by the Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito in a ceremony attended by Donald Trump.

WHO Says Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal & Thailand Achieve Hepatitis B Control

Bangladesh along with Bhutan, Nepal and Thailand in South-East Asia Region has been able to achieve Hepatitis B control.

The prevalence of the deadly disease has come down to less than one per cent among five-year-old children says the WHO in its report published on Friday. Reviewing the immunisation data for the 2nd region, WHO found that Bangladesh has consistently provided above 90 percent immunisation to infants for Hepatitis B over the last many years leading to the control of the disease.

Preventing Hepatitis B infection in infancy substantially reduces chronic infections and cases of liver cancer and cirrhosis in adulthood. According to WHO data viral hepatitis kills 4,10,000 people every year, in the eleven South-East Asian countries where it is running its programme.

Hindu Economic Forum Launches Its Nepal Chapter

Hindu Economic Forum (HEF) has launched its Nepal Chapter. Nepal’s Minister of State for Health and Population Dr. Surendra Kumar Yadav inaugurated the Chapter in Kathmandu last evening.

Member of Parliament from Rajya Sabha and Former Union Minister Dr. CP Thakur also graced the event.
India Nepal Logistics Summit 2019 Was Held In Kathmandu, Nepal
• India-Nepal Logistics Summit 2019 was held in Kathmandu, Nepal. The summit was inaugurated by Nepal Prime minister KP Sharma Oli.

The theme of the Logistics Summit 2019 was 'Transforming Logistics Landscape'.

In this summit all trade community and government representatives from both Nepal and India represented the whole summit function.

**BANKING & FINANCE**

State Bank of India & NIIF tie-up to finance infrastructure projects

- State Bank of India (SBI) and India’s sovereign wealth fund, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) to provide financing solutions to the infrastructure sector.
- The tie-up helped in equity investments, project funding, bond financing, renewable energy support, and take-out finance for operating assets. The concerns related to the availability of equity and long-term debt leads to large scale projects.
- SBI made extended loans of about 51 crores to 47 infrastructure projects during the financial year of 2018-19. During the last financial year, SBI through its specialised Project Finance & Structuring Business Unit

**NIIF**

Establishment: 2015

Headquarters: Mumbai

CEO: Sujay Bose

ICICI partnering with Indostar Capital to finance commercial vehicles

ICICI Bank sailed up with non-banking financial company Indostar Capital for vehicle financing. Indostar originate and provide service through the customers through the entire loan life-cycle including sourcing, documentation, collection and loan servicing.

Indostar originate customers in tier-II, III, IV cities. There is a branch network of 322 branches. The partnership will leverage upon the bank’s efficient lending mechanism.

**ICICI Bank**

Founded: 5 January 1994

Chairman: Girish Chandra Chaturvedi MD & CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi

Karnataka Bank launches web tool for NPA recovery process named ‘Vasool So-Fi’

- Karnataka Bank launched a web tool named VASOOL SO-FI (VASOOL SOFAST) for digitizing NPA recovery process. The tool will enable easy & faster processing, real-time information and immediate decision making in the recovery area.
- The digital tool for the recovery of stressed assets will provide an end-to-end digital solution. The faster processing and real time information and immediate decision making in the recovery area.

Airtel Payments Bank ties up with Bharti AXA Life Insurance to offer the Bharti AXA Life POS Saral Jeevan Bima Yojana

- Airtel Payments Bank partnered with Bharti AXA Life Insurance to offer Bharti AXA Life POS (Point of Sale). Saral Jeevan Bima Yojana, a pure life term insurance decided to plan up to Rs. 5 lakh.
- The scheme is aimed at the under-insured and uninsured segments in India. The policy available at all the Airtel Payments Bank’s 25,000 retail outlets. It will be expanded to cover over 60,000 banking points
- The customers are offered the option of life cover between 3-5 lakh. The scheme further extended up to Rs 25 lakh. Airtel Payments Bank partnered with Bharti AXA Life Insurance to offer the scheme Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY).
- Airtel Payment Bank
  - CEO: Anubrats Biswas
  - Headquarters: New Delhi
- Founded: 2016

IL&FS board sets up sub-committee to oversee disinvestment process

- The Reserve Bank of India on circular on the resolution of bad loans. The debt-ridden Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd is constituting a sub-committee to oversee the process of divestment of its assets.
- The decision was taken during its board meeting held on June 28. The six-member committee will comprise of 4 directors namely Vineet Nayyar, CS Rajan, Bijay Kumar, N Srinivasan, and COO N Sivaraman. They will discuss and finalize the asset-wise framework of resolution with lenders.
- LIC is the IL&FS biggest shareholder with a more than 25% stake while Japan’s ORIX Corp has a 23.54% stake and Abu Dhabi Investment Authority with 12.56%.
- IL&FS
  - Founded: 1987
  - Headquarters: Mumbai
  - Chairman - Uday Kotak
- Govt. to celebrate 2 years of GST on July 1st
  - Government of India organized an event on July 1 to celebrate the second anniversary of Goods and Services Tax (GST). The event will be addressed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
  - The event will be held in Ambedkar Bhawan.
  - The event will be attended by senior officers of the central and state tax authorities. The two years presentation of GST and the road ahead for the indirect tax regime will be published.
  - The pilot of new return filing replaces the current system of GSTR-3B (summary returns) and GSTR-1 (supplies return) launched on July 1, 2019. The generation of e-way bill for transporting goods over Rs 50,000.
- GST has 17 local levies rolled out on the intervening night of June 30 and July 1, 2017. GST transformed India into ‘One Nation, One Tax’ that binds the country an economic union.

RBI fines 4 Public Sector Banks for violating KYC norms

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs 1.75 crore on four public sector banks. The banks which includes PNB and UCO Bank for non-compliance with KYC requirements and norms. This concept is used for opening of current accounts.

- Punjab National Bank, Allahabad Bank and UCO Bank fined Rs 50 lakh each. The penalty of Rs 25 lakh imposed on Corporation Bank. Reserve Bank of India penalty imposed for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions issued by it on Know Your Customer and uninsured segments.

- The anti-money laundering standards and opening of current accounts are being carried out in the manner are being tagged here. This action is mainly based on the deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement.

**Reserve Bank of India**

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Established: 1 April 1935

Governor: Shaktikanta Das

Ola Electric invests $250million funding from Softbank

- Softbank invested around $250 million in Ola Electric Mobility. The electric vehicle unit Ola becomes the newest unicorn from India. The likes of Flipkart, Zomato, Paytm in the parent company are with the Registrar of Companies.

- Ola Electric issued 4,326 fully and compulsorily convertible series B preference shares of face value of Rs 10 each having the privileges and preferences. Japanese investor paid a total of Rs. 1,725.04 crore (around $250 million).

- The Softbank funding was received on Tuesday in light of a special resolution passed by the board of Ola Electric on June 25. Tata Sons’ Chairman Emeritus Ratan Tata invested an undisclosed amount in Ola Electric.

Economic Survey for 2018-19 predicted a 7 percent GDP growth for financial year 2019-20


- The Economic Survey was prepared by Chief Economic Advisor KV Subramanian.

- In the Second term of the NDA govt. PM Modi laid a goal to bring Indian economy to a $5 trillion economy by 2024-25. According to the Economic Survey, India needs to sustain a real GDP growth rate of 8%.

- The report also said that India continued to remain the fastest-growing major economy in the world in 2018-19, despite a slight moderation in gross domestic product (GDP) growth from 7.2% in 2017-18 to 6.8% in 2018-19.
**Centre Announces RBI As The Regulator Of Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)**

- Centre has announced that the Reserve Bank of India will now be the regulator of housing finance companies (HFCs). The HFCs were regulated by the National Housing Bank.
- It aims to strengthen oversight of the shadow banks and improve their access to funding by providing guarantees for purchases of their assets.
- The government has announced to provide a one-time partial credit guarantee for loan losses to state banks if the bank buy Rs.1 trillion ($14.6 billion) of high-rated pooled assets of non-banking finance companies (NBFCs).

**RBI Form Panel To Review Supervisory Framework For Core Investment Companies**

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a six-member working group to review the regulatory and supervisory framework for core investment companies (CICs).
- The panel will be headed by Tapan Ray, Non-Executive Chairman, CBI. The move comes as the corporate group structures becomes more complex and layered. The working group has been asked to submit its report by October 31, 2019.
- In August 2010, RBI introduced a separate framework for the regulation of systemically important CICs after recognising the difference in the business model of a holding company compared to other non-banking financial companies (NBFCs).

**Other members of the working group:**

- Lily Vadera: Executive Director, RBI
- Amarjeet Singh: Executive Director, SEBI
- T Rabishankar: Chief General Manager, Financial Markets Regulation Department, RBI
- HK Jena: Deputy Managing Director, SEBI
- NS Venkatesh: Chief Executive, Association of Mutual Funds in India.

**RBI Board Finalised Uttrakhand 2022 To Improve Regulation And Supervision**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) board has finalized Uttrakhand 2022, a medium term strategy, to improve regulation and supervision, among other functions of the central bank.
- The decision was made by RBI’s board that met in New Delhi. It finalized the 3-year medium-term strategy document which covered inter-alia, its mission and vision statement.
- The board approved the RBI’s budget for the July 2019-June 2020 period. The board also discussed issues relating to currency management and payment systems headed by the outgoing Deputy Governor Viral Acharya. The committee will identify issues that needed to be addressed over the next three years.

**Centre Fixes Price For Sovereign Gold Bonds At Rs. 3,443 Per Gram**

- The union government fixed the price at Rs 3,443 per gram for the new series of sovereign gold bonds (SGBs). RBI decided to allow a discount of Rs 50 per gram from the issue price to those investors who apply online.
- The payment is made through digital mode. The issue price of gold bond will be Rs 3,393 per gram of gold. The bonds issued every month from June 2019 to September 2019.

**Gold Bond Scheme**

- The sovereign gold bond scheme launched in November 2015.
- The main objective to reduce the demand for physical gold and shift a part of the domestic savings. It is used for financial savings.
- The minimum investment in the bonds is one gram with a maximum limit of subscription of 500 grams per person per fiscal year (April-March). The maximum limit of subscription is 4 kg for an individual. The Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) for 20 kg for trusts and similar entities per fiscal (April-March).
- Punjab & Sind Bank Sets Up Centralised Hub Cen-MARG To Process Retail And MSME Loans
- Punjab & Sind Bank set up a centralized hub named “Centralised MSME & Retail Group” (Cen-MARG) for processing retail and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) loans for better efficiency of branches in business acquisition. It is headquartered in New Delhi.
- It will ensure qualitative improvement in credit appraisal, improved turnaround time, uniform documentation, and efficient monitoring. Cen-MARG linked with Pan-India branches of the bank in a phased manner. The bank is main aim to bring about much-enhanced customer satisfaction through this initiative.
- The launch of Cen-MARG and retail credit will be performed at the Cen-MARG. They will help branches focus better on lead generation for retail lending and MSME and enhanced customer service.

**Punjab & Sind Bank:**

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- MD & CEO: S Harisankar
- Tag line: Where service is a way of life YES Bank Acquires 9.47% Stake In Eveready Industries By Invoking Pledged Shares

**YES Bank acquired a 9.47 % stake in dry cell battery maker, Eveready Industries India by invoking shares pledged by McLeod Russel.**

- The acquisition comes after the Indian tea company McLeod Russel on repayment of credit facilities, McLeod’s debt is about Rs. 1,800 – 2,000 crores.
- The bank acquired 68,80,149 equity shares. They have a nominal value of Rs 5 per share constitutes around 9.47% of the post-issue. Eveready and McLeod are part of the BM Khaitan Group.

**Tata Steel Kalinganagar Included In WEF’s Global Lighthouse Network**

- Tata Steel Kalinganagar (TSK) in World Economic Forum’s (WEF) Global Lighthouse Network a community of manufacturers showing leadership in applying Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies to drive financial and operational impact.
- TSK in Odisha’s Jajpur district is the first and the only Indian manufacturing plant to be included in the WEF’s Lighthouse Network, it said. The addition of 10 new factories including TSK to its Global Lighthouse Network carried out. The factory joins a network of 16 existing lighthouses across multiple geographies and industries.

**Tata Steel:**

- Founded: 25 August 1907, Jamshedpur
- Headquarters: Mumbai

**CEO:** T. V. Narendra

**Ola Gets Green Light For London Taxi Business**

- India’s Ola Cabs received approval from London’s transport regulator to start private hire vehicles (PHV) in the capital city of the UK. It is the first-ever platform to offer both PHVs and black cabs in the UK.
- Ola UK Pvt. Ltd received a one-year carryage licence from TfL to operate “PHV vehicles” across London. It is required to apply for a licence and list their vehicle as a privately registered vehicle for hire.
- Ola would become the biggest threat to Uber in the UK, since it has raised far more capital than the rest of the app-based taxi operators. It is raised around $190 million to $280 million in funding Ola’s massive war chest of $3.8 billion.

**SBI To Waive Off The Charges On NEFT, RTGS And IMPS**

- State Bank of India (SBI) has waived the charges on National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) and Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions through YONO, Internet, and mobile banking.
- The move will be effective from July 1. The move comes after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to waive off the charges with an aim to move the country towards cashless economy.
- Before July 1, SBI used to charge between Rs.1 and Rs.5 for transactions through NEFT, and Rs.5 to 50 for RTGS transactions.
- SBI has also decided to do away with the charges on fund transfer using the Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) through mobile phones. It will be effective from August 1.
- The bank has reduced NEFT and RTGS charges for customers transacting through branch network by 20% across all slabs.
- Real Time Gross Settlement System. The RTGS system is used for large value transactions.
- The minimum amount that can be remitted through RTGS is Rs 2 lakhs with no upper or maximum ceiling.
- NEFT:
  - National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) is a nation-wide payment system that facilitates one-to-one funds transfer. NEFT system is used for fund transactions of up to Rs.2 lakhs.
- AIIB Provides $100 Million To L&T Finance Arm For Wind And Solar Infrastructure Projects
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) provide $100 million loan to L&T (Larsen & Toubro) Infrastructure Finance Company (LTIF) for wind and solar infrastructure projects.
- This is the first time AIIB is extending loan to a non-banking finance company (NBFC). It is collaborated with AIIB to explore the international market for green finance.
- The project mainly helps to increase the supply of renewable energy in India. It helps to reduce the carbon intensity by 30-35 percent of the 2005 levels by 2030 which was India’s commitment under the Paris agreement.
- India set a target to install 175 Gigawatt (GW) of renewable energy capacity by 2022,
of which a total of 80.04 GW of renewable energy capacity installed in the country till May 2019.

AITB

Headquarters: Beijing, China
President: Jin Lijun
Formation: January 16, 2016

L&T

Headquarters: Mumbai
Founders: Henning Holck-Larsen, Søren Kristian Toubro
MD & CEO: S.N. Subramanian

RBI Imposed Fine On SBI And Union Bank Of India For Violating Certain Regulatory Guidelines

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed fine on State Bank of India (SBI) and Union Bank of India for violating certain regulatory guidelines.
- RBI fined Rs.7.7 crores as SBI did not comply with the directions issued by the RBI on Income Recognition and Asset Classification (IRAC) norms, code of conduct for opening and operating current accounts and reporting of data on Central Repository of Information on Large Credits (CRILC), and fraud risk management and classification and reporting of frauds.
- RBI also fined Rs.10 lakhs on Union Bank for non-compliance with the directions on the cyber security framework in banks issued by the RBI. The RBI accused Union Bank of India that it failed to carry out the cyber security framework in 2016. RBI’s examination revealed reports of generation of seven fraudulent messages worth $171 million through the SWIFT system of the bank.

No Changes Made In ITR Forms After April 1 2019: CBDT

- Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has announced no changes have been made in any of the Income-tax Return (ITR) forms since the notification made on 1st April this year.
- There were reports in social media that the taxpayers were facing difficulties in filing return of income in ITR-2 and ITR-3 due to large scale changes in the ITR form.
- The impression that the taxpayers are not able to file a return due to changes in ITR form is not correct as over 1 crore 38 lakh taxpayers have already filed their returns till date. The software utility for e-filing of all the ITR forms has been released long back.

HDFC Bank, CSC Launch Credit Card For Village Entrepreneurs And Small Traders

- HDFC Bank and Common Services Centres (CSCs) launched a co-branded ‘Small Business Money-Back Credit Card’ for small traders and village-level entrepreneurs (VLEs).
- The credit card is designed for VLEs and VLE-sourced customers. The users give easy access to credit for their day-to-day business expenses, according to a statement.
- The card launched by HDFC Bank MD Aditya Puri and CSC Chief Dinesh Kumar Tyagi. The personalized cards were handed out to a few women entrepreneurs. CSC as access points for delivery of various services and there are 3.6 lakh such centers are operating across the country.

HDFC Bank

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Chairperson: Shyamala Gopinath
Managing Director: Aditya Puri

Muthoot Mini Financiers Ltd And HDFC ERGO Entered Bancassurance Corporate Agency Agreement

- India’s leading private sector general insurance company, HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company entered into a corporate agency partnership with Kerala based Muthoot Mini Financiers Limited.
- A non-deposit taking systemically important NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company) to provide comprehensive general insurance for the customers through its network branches.
- The association with Muthoot Mini Financiers Ltd. is a milestone in our growth strategy. Their network will help us establish our grip, especially in the southern part of our country.

HDFC ERGO:

- Headquarters: Mumbai
- CEO: Mr. Ritesh Kumar
- Executive Director: Anuj Tyagi

SIDBI Introduced Web-Based Application System For Contribution From FFS

- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) introduced a web-based application system for contribution from the Fund for Funds for Start-ups (FFS).
- The applications from various Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) accepted online and the status of the same shall be accessible to applicants.

Start-up India

- The Start-up India initiative, launched by the Modi government in 2016. Around 30 percent (Rs 3,123.7 crore) of the Rs 10,000 crore corpus that was supposed to be deployed over the 14th and 15th Finance Commission cycles.
- The FFS (Fund of Funds for Start-ups) was set up at SIDBI. They contribute to various Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).
- It is registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), which in turn extends funding support to start-ups.

India Permits 1,239 Tonnes Raw Sugar Export To US

- The government has permitted the export of 1,239 tonnes raw sugar under its tariff-rate quota (TRQ) to the US, which enables shipments to enjoy relatively low tariff.
- TRQ is a quota for a volume of exports that enter the US at relatively low tariffs.
- The additional quantity of 1,239 tonnes of raw cane sugar to be exported to US under TRQ up to September 30, 2019 has been notified. The country enjoys duty-free sugar exports to the US for up to 10,000 tonnes annually under preferential quota arrangement.

Andhra Bank Rolls-Out AI Chatbot ‘ABHI’ In Telangana

- Andhra Bank launched its AI (Artificial Intelligence) interactive assistant called ‘ABHI’ at a function in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- It uses new-age technologies include to understand the customer query. They fetch the relevant information from the possible knowledge base in a matter of milliseconds.
- ABHI is powered by AI startup Floatbot.ai (Bangalore). They are in partnership with IT (Information Technology) company Netxcell Limited (Hyderabad).
- Customers will be able to get the information instantaneously 24x7, anytime by using ABHI & can also connect and know details from ABHI through (www.andhrabank.in) over Mobile/Desktop browser Facebook Messenger and over voice using Google Assistant.
- ABHI enable banking services such as balance check, ordering a cheque book, view mini statement, recent transactions in future.

Andhra Bank:

- Headquarters: Hyderabad
- Founded: 20 November 1923
- MD & CEO: J Packiramasay

SEBI Opposed Centre’s Proposal To Transfer Surplus Money To The Consolidated Fund

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the capital markets regulator, has opposed the Centre’s proposal to transfer surplus money to the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI).
- SEBI cited that the proposal would make it to compromise its autonomy and its ability to function effectively towards the progress and development of the Indian securities market.
- The fund is audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India Rajiv Mehrishi and the reports will be submitted to the Union legislatures. CFI of Centre was established under Article 267 of the Indian Constitution and State Government’s was established under Article 266 of the Indian Constitution.

ABD Reduced India’s Growth Forecast For The Current Financial Year To 7 Per Cent

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has reduced India’s growth forecast for the current financial year to 7%. Earlier, it had announced a growth estimation of 7.2%. It reported in its Asian Development Outlook 2019.
- The Manila-based multilateral institution has lowered the country’s forecast for 2019-20 from 7.6% to 7.2% in April, 2019. It cited moderate global demand and shortfall in revenue on the domestic front.
- Now, India is expected to grow by 7% in 2019 and 7.2% in 2020, slightly slower than projected in April due to the less the fiscal 2018 outturn fell short.
- It also revised India’s inflation forecast by 0.2% points to 4.1% in FY20 and 4.4% in FY21.

FDI Inflow Registered Growth Of 79% During Last 6 Years

- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow has increased during the last six years from 36.05 billion US Dollars in 2013-14 to 64.38 billion US Dollars in 2018-19, registering a growth of 79 per cent.

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Giving details about the FDI inflow, sources in the Commerce Ministry said it has been the endeavour of the government to put in place an enabling and investor-friendly FDI policy.

The intent is to make the FDI policy more investor-friendly and remove the policy bottlenecks that have been hindering investment inflow into the country.

India’s Forex Reserves Fall By USD 1.113 Bn To USD 428.797 Bn

- India’s foreign exchange reserves declined by USD 1.113 billion to USD 428.797 billion in the week to July 12 - the first fall after four consecutive weeks of gains - due to a fall in foreign currency assets.
- According to the latest weekly RBI data, foreign currency assets, which are a major component of the overall reserves, slipped by USD 1.11 billion to USD 399.697 billion.
- The central bank said that despite on-going massive rally in gold prices, the country’s gold reserves remained unchanged at USD 24.304 billion. It stated that the Special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund fell by USD 1.2 million to USD 1.345 billion.
- The country’s reserve position with the fund also declined by USD 1.5 million to USD 3.345 billion.

Asian Development Bank Sanctions Rs 1,925 Cr Power Project In Tripura

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) sanctioned Rs 1,925 crore projects for up-grading of power generation and distribution in Tripura, Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma.
- The amount was recently sanctioned to the Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL) after the state government had sought the ADB’s assistance, Dev Varma who is also the power minister.
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- They modernised Gunti Hydro Electric Project at an estimated cost of Rs 1225.88 crore. Rokhia project is located at West Tripura district.
- North East Council approved sanction of Rs 12.7 crore for an overhaul of the 49.15 km-long Ambassa-Gandacherra power transmission line.

PayPal Opens New Centre In Hyderabad, To Have Around 100 Techies

- American digital payments firm PayPal announced expansion of its India footprint with the launch of third global technology centre.
- PayPal India house involves 100 engineers across roles including risk management and operations.
- Their main aim is to provide cutting-edge digital payments solutions to customers around the world. The expansion follows the acquisition of fraud prevention platform in 2018.
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- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the proposal in respect of Determination of ‘Fair and Remunerative Price’ (FRP) of sugarcane payable by sugar mills for 2019-20 sugar season.
- The Cabinet kept the FRP at Rs 275 per quintal. The FRP is based on the recommendation of the Commission of Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP).
- As per its report of August 2018 on the price policy for sugarcane for the 2019-20 season. The CCEA approved to provide a premium of Rs. 2.75 per QTL for every 0.1% increase above 10% in the recovery.

RBI Slaps Rs 26 Lakh Fine On Mobikwik And Hip Bar
- The Reserve Bank has imposed a fine of about 26 lakh rupees on two online payment solutions providers for non-compliance of regulatory guidelines.
- The central bank said in a release that Mobikwik Systems Private Limited has been slapped a fine of 15 lakh rupees while Hip Bar Pvt Ltd faced a fine of 10.85 lakh rupees.
- It stated that these two prepaid payment instrument (PPI) issuers were levied a monetary penalty for non-compliance of regulatory guidelines.

Apple To Acquire Intel’s Smartphone modem Business For A Transaction Value Of $1 Billion
- Apple announced the acquisition of chipmaker Intel’s smartphone modem business for $1 billion.
- There are around 2,200 Intel employees will join Apple along with intellectual property, equipment and leases, the Cupertino-based iPhone. The transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2019.
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According to the survey, “The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for 2017-18” which is conducted by National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) The overall unemployment rate is around 6.1. Nagaland has the highest unemployment rate among the states with the percentage of 21.4%. It is followed by Goa (13.9%) and Manipur (1.6%).

Maharashtra ranked first in NITI Aayog’s AM FMR Index

Maharashtra got first rank in NITI Aayog launched plan "Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index (AMFFRI)". The index ranks states based on the degree of reforms they have undertaken in agricultural marketing.

Maharashtra

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

Tata Becomes India’s Most Valuable Brand For 2019 According To Brand Finance India 100 2019 Report

According to the London-based consultancy Brand Finance annual report, “Brand Finance India 100 2019”, “Tata” become India’s most valuable brand for the second straight year in 2019 the brand value of $19.6 billion followed by LIC (Life Insurance Corporation) (2nd) with $7.3 billion and Infosys (3rd) $6.5 billion.

Founder: Jamsetji Tata
Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra,
Chairman: Natarajan Chandrasekaran

Kohli, Bumrah Retain Top Spots In ICC ODI Rankings

Indian skipper Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah today retained their number one position in the ICC batsmen and bowlers’ rankings for the One-Day Internationals, following the conclusion of the World Cup.

Another notable gainer in the rankings for batsmen is Ravindra Jadeja, whose valiant knock of 77 against New Zealand has lifted him 24 places to 108th position.

Committees

Andhra Pradesh government has formed a committee on the Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)

- The Andhra Pradesh government has formed a committee on the Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) on 1 July. The committee will review, negotiate and reduce the high wind and solar power purchase prices and submit its report in 45 days.
- The Power Distribution Companies (DISCOMS) in Andhra Pradesh State are in financial crisis as the power purchase dues amounted to 20,000 crore. The crisis is due to the abnormally priced wind and solar PPAs entered in the recent years.
- The committee will provide affordable power to consumers and pull DISCOMS of the crisis.

Telecom Ministry constituted a committee to revive Telecom sector

- Union Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad had constituted a committee chaired by Telecom Secretary Aruna Sundararajan to spell out revival plans for Telecom sector.
- The committee will review levies, including spectrum usage charge (SUC), and promote Ease of Doing Business (EDB) in telecom sector. Reduction of levies and fees, as licence fee, SUC and universal service levy, has been a long-standing demand of Telecom industry.
- The committee would also look into previous recommendations provided by sectoral regulator TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India) on the issue.
- UP govt to set up Committees in all 25 districts situated on the banks of river Ganga
- State Government of Uttar Pradesh decided to set up Ganga Committees in all 25 districts. It is situated on the banks of river Ganga. This is part of the large scale program to clean the holy river.
- Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat discussed issues like water conservation, revival of dry rivers, rainwater harvesting and plantation drive.
- The state has listed 15 rivers which gone dry in recent years.
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The Governor of Nagaland, K.N. Ravi

The private secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vivek Kumar

The Governor of Gujarat, Acharya Devvrat

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The Director General (DG) of Border Security Force (BSF), VK John

The Director General of Military Operations (DGMO), Lt Gen Paramjit Singh

July 28
World Hepatitis Day
Test, Treat, Hepatitis

July 29
International Tiger Day

Books & Authors

Dr. Krishna Saksena’s book ‘Whispers of Time’ launched by Smriti Irani in New Delhi

- Minister of Textiles and Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani launched new book “Whispers of Time”. It is written by Dr. Krishna Saksena (91) at the India International Centre in New Delhi.
- The book was published by Prabhat Prakashan. It is the ninth book of Saksena. She tells about her experiences and observations in her long life of ninety years.

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Vice President Of India Venkaiah Naidu Released A Book Titled Vivekadeepini

- Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled Vivekadeepini, a concise book of aphorisms. It was initially written by Adi Shankaracharya who is one of India’s greatest spiritual and literary geniuses. Vivekadeepini: Vivekadeepini is a summary of Prashnottara Ratnamalika written by Adi Shankaracharya. The book has compiled a select 36 verses drawn from 67 verses of Prashnottara Ratnamalika.
- The verses are written in Question-Answer format. It contains universal truths and is the starting point for reflection.

Author Rachna Bisht Rawats New Book Titled Kargil: Untold Stories From The War Released


“Kargil: Untold stories from the War”
- The book is based on Rawat’s interviews with war survivors and martyrs’ families take the readers to the treacherous Himalayan Mountains.
- The war lasted for nearly three months, initiated in May of 1999 in an effort to displace Pakistani soldiers from the peaks they had occupied on the Indian side of the Line of Control (LoC).
- This book is a tribute to their courage and that of their families, who have faced their loss with such dignity. The publishers wanted to honour the 527 Brave hearts who gave up their lives for the country. The book has been published by Penguin Random House.

A Coffee Table Book Showcasing The History And Achievements Of The Fire & Fury Corps Released In Leh

- A book showcasing the history and achievements of the Fire and Fury Corps. It guards the Line of Control (LoC) and Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir.
- It is as a tribute to the symbiotic relationship shared by the Indian Army and the people of Ladakh region.
- The book was released in Leh by Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh.

PM Narendra Modi Releases Book On Former PM Chandra Shekhar

- PM Narendra Modi released the book “Chandra Shekhar – The Last President of India, The Judge Of SICC”. The book was released on the 20th anniversary of the passing of Chandra Shekhar, former Prime Minister of India.
- The Prime Minister presented the first copy of the book to the Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu.
- Former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar would have been present to read the book. The book was published by Konark Publishers Pvt Ltd, New Delhi. The book explains about a distinguished career in the Indian navy.

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Global Excellence Award 2019

| Honorary Doctorate By Melbourne’s La Trobe University | Shah Rukh Khan |
| Best Feature Film at SAARC film festival 2019 | Kaushik Ganguly’s Bengali film Nagarkirtan |
| Best Short Film SAARC film festival 2019 | Na Boe Wo Haram directed by Nitishe Patankar, |
| Best Actor award SAARC film festival 2019 | Riddhi Sen |
| Special Jury award SAARC film festival 2019 | ‘Walking with the Wind’ directed by Praveen Morchhale. |
| Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) of Thailand. | Padma Shri Awardee Raghu Ram |
| Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships | Tabla Maestro Zakir Hussain and dancer Sonal Mansingh |
| ICC Hall Of Fame | Sachin Tendulkar along with South African pace legend Allan Donald. |

The project will utilise vacant roofs of their buildings to harness solar energy and to cater part of their electricity demand through the generated green energy. The project would result in significant reduction on electricity bill payments of the Delhi Police.

CCMB Signed A MoU With CDFD To Treat Of Genetic Disorders
- CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD) on 3 June.
- The MoU aims to enable better ways of diagnosis and treatment of genetic disorders.
- CCMB and CDFD, the premier national institutes, are involved in the cutting edge biological research in the area of genetic disorders. It has been estimated that more than 50 lakh babies are born each year with genetic disease in India. Most of these disorders are presently untreatable and for those which can be treated, the treatment is very expensive.

ISRO Signs Contract With Glavkosmos For The Selection Support, Medical Examination And Space Training
- Indian Space Agency, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has signed a contract with Glavkosmos, a Russian company
- The agreement aims for the selection support, medical examination and space training of Indian astronauts for the country’s proposed manned manned space mission Gaganayana.
- The signing of the contract was done by Glavkosmos’ first Deputy Director General Natalia Lokoetva and S Unnikrishnan Nair, Director of Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) of ISRO.

Third Edition Of International Sunflower Seed And Oil Conference (LSSOC) 2019 Will Be Held In Mumbai
- Third edition of International Sunflower Seed and Oil Conference (LSSOC) 2019 will be held in Mumbai. The function will take place in Maharashtra, Mumbai.
- The main aim is to encourage better communications among sunflower oil producers, and industry groups. The event presented by the Solvent Extractors’ Association of India (SEA).
- It is organized by International Sunflower Oil Association (ISOA). Around 300 delegates from across the world who have interests in sunflower seed, oil, and meal.

Indian Army & NeGD Signed MOU To Develop Revamped App
- Indian Army and the National eGovernance Division (NeGD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop a revamped application.
- They are the part of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). They will maintain the centralised database for personnel, equipment and major stores to provide management-related information to Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army).

Agreement between ISRO and Glavkosmos
- Anil Kapoor, Director General of Information Systems and M S Rao, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National e-Governance Division signed the MOU in the presence of Shri TP Singh, Director, Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG).
- The development work started at Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG), Gingrichan.

Reliance Jio Partners With Facebook To Launch Literacy Drive Digital Udaan For First-Time Internet Users In India
- Indian mobile network operator, Reliance Jio partnered with Facebook to launch a digital literacy initiative named “Digital Udaan”.
- The main aim is to empower first-time internet users with digital literacy and understanding of the Internet in real time.
Elavenil Valarivan Won The Gold Medal In 10m Women’s Air Rifle At ISSF World Cup 2019

• Indian archer Elavenil Valarivan won the gold medal in 10m women’s air rifle event of the season’s first junior ISSF World Cup 2019 on 4 July. She defeated Chinese Taipei’s Lin Ying-Shinto win the title.

• She shot 249.8 in the women’s final. Her 631.4 in the qualification was a new world record. China’s Wang Zeru managed to win the bronze medal with a score of 228.4 in her first World Cup appearance.

• Elavenil Valarivan is a sport shooter from Cuddalore, Tamilnadu. She had also won a bronze medal at the FISU World Shooting Sport Championship 2019.

Pakistan Cricketer Shoaib Malik Announced His Retirement From ODI

• Pakistan cricketer Shoaib Malik announced his retirement from One Day International (ODI) cricket after the country’s final league clash against Bangladesh in World Cup 2019. He will now focus on the T20Is.

• Shoaib Malik is a Pakistani cricketer and former captain of the Pakistan national cricket team from 2007 to 2009. He is an occasional captain of Pakistan ODI cricket. He made his One-Day International debut in 1999 against the West Indies and his Test debut in 2001 against Bangladesh.

Archery: Indian Archers Falter At World Cup Stage IV

• Indians put up a disappointing show in the Archery World Cup Stage IV here Thursday, crashing out in all the team and individual events of the recurve and compound sections.

• India’s medal hope from the season-ender World Cup will now be from the mixed pair events of the recurve and compound sections.

• Star Indian sprinter Hima Das won the women’s 200m gold, while national record holder shot putter Tajinder Pal Singh Toor bagged a bronze in the Poznan Athletics Grand Prix in Poland.

• Hima, the world junior champion and national record holder in 400m who has been struggling with a back problem for the past few months, smashed the 23.65s on her way to the 200m gold.

• This was Hima’s first competitive 200m race of the year. Asian champion Toor won the men’s shot put bronze with a best effort of 19.62m, his national record while winning Asian Games gold last year stands at 20.75m.
U.S. Women’s National Soccer Team Won The FIFA Women’s World Cup 2019

The U.S. women’s national soccer team (USWNT) won the FIFA Women’s World Cup for a record-extending fourth time on July 7 in Lyon, France. The team defeated the Netherlands and secured 2-0 to win the women’s World Cup.

This win is a record-extending fourth time for the U.S. women’s national soccer team. The dignitaries who included FIFA’s president, Gianni Infantino, and France’s president, Emmanuel Macron presented the winners’ medal and trophy.

The Head coach of USWNT is Jill Ellis. The captains of the team are Carli Lloyd, Alex Morgan and Megan Rapinoe. USWNT won its first World Cup in 1991 in China.

Arinjeeta Dey Won A Silver Medal For India In World Youth Cup 2019

Karate girl, Arinjeeta Dey (Barasat, West Bengal) won a silver medal under the 12 category in the World Youth Cup 2019. The competition was held in Umag, Croatia (from July 1 to July 5, 2019).

It was organized by World Karate Federation affiliated to the International Olympic Association. A total of 35 countries participated in this competition.

He won 3 times in national championship junior level category (2017 KAI SUB Junior National gold medalist, 2018 KAI SUB Junior National gold medalist, 2019 KAI SUB Junior National Gold and Silver Medalist).

She belongs from Barasat in West Bengal. She has been a student of Hanshi Premjit Sen. She is the president of Premjit Sen Martial Art Academy in West Bengal.

India Vs New Zealand World Cup 2019 Semi-Final Match: India Look To Set The Record

India’s World Cup 2019 semi-final match New Zealand is expected to be the semi-final match between India and New Zealand. India won seven out of their nine matches in the World Cup 2019 league stage.

They defeated Pakistan and the West Indies. India and New Zealand involved in World Cup matches since 1975. India head coach, Ravi Shastri supports the team well.

Virat Kohli Retains Top Position Among Batsmen In Latest ICC Rankings

Team India skipper Virat Kohli has retained the top position among batsmen in the latest ICC rankings.

His deputy Rohit Sharma bridged the gap at No. 2 following his record five World Cup tons. Pakistan’s Babar Azam has come up to the third place. Australia opener David Warner has re-entered the top 10 at number six.

New Zealand’s Trent Boult remained in the second spot. Bangladesh’s Shakib Al Hasan has retained the top spot among all-rounders. In the ICC ODI Team Rankings, England remains in first position at 123 points but only ahead of India on decimal points.

England Lift ICC Cricket World Cup

England lifted their maiden ICC World Cup cricket trophy beating New Zealand in a nerve-wracking final that was decided via a dramatic Super Over in London last night.

The match is to be decided in the fifth set.

England’s Ben Stokes is named player of the match for a heroic knock of 84 not out from 54 balls, while New Zealand’s skipper Kane Williamson was adjudged player of the tournament for his excellent returns with the bat and inspiring leadership.

Vinesh Phogat Wins Gold At Yasar Dogu International

India wrestler Vinesh Phogat has won gold in the 53kg category at Yasar Dogu International in Istanbul.

Phogat beat her Russian opponent Ekaterina Poleschuk 9-5 in the final match to bag the gold medal.

It was third gold in the women’s competition for India after Seema (50kg) and Manju (50kg) triumphed in their respective categories.

Djokovic Won Federer To Win Fifth Wimbledon 2019 Title

Novak Djokovic won his fifth Wimbledon title. He defeated Swiss tennis ace Roger Federer 7-6, 1-6, 7-6, 4-6, 13-12 in a match that lasted for more than four hours.

The match is to be decided in the fifth set.

This is Djokovic’s 16th Grand Slam and 5th Wimbledon title. He is level with Bjorn Borg as a five-time Wimbledon winner.

Novak Djokovic

He is a Serbian professional tennis player who is currently ranked world No. 1 in men’s singles tennis by the Association of Tennis Professionals.

Simona Halep Won The Wimbledon Championship 2019 Title

Simona Halep won the Wimbledon Championship 2019 title. She created Wimbledon history by becoming the first Romanian to win the Grand slam 2019 title.

She secured 6-2, 6-2 and defeated seven-time champion Serena Williams.

2019 Wimbledon Championships Date: 1-14 July Edition: 133rd Category: Grand Slam (ITF) Prize money: £ 38,000,000 Surface: Grass Location: London, United Kingdom Venue: All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club UK

Lewis Hamilton Wins Sixth British Grand Prix

Lewis Hamilton made a thrilling victory in the Silverstone circuit to win his sixth British Grand Prix, his seventh victory in ten races in 2019.

Hamilton’s Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas looked all set for victory, but a safety car intervention helped Hamilton to seal the victory.

Bottas had an early lead from pole position and he fought off Hamilton’s challenge in the starting laps.

Hamilton somehow managed to edge ahead in the race later and from there he controlled the race.

India Bags 2 Gold Medals At ISSF Junior World Cup In Germany

India bagged two Gold and one Silver medal in the Women’s 10-metre Air Rifle event at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany.

In the Individual section of the category, Eleveni Valarivan claimed the top honours with a total score of 251.5, while another Indian Mehuil Ghosh settled for Silver with 250.2 points.

India also clinched Gold in the team section by creating a junior world record.

The effort ensured that India remain at the top of the medals tally with 14 medals, six Gold, six Silver and two Bronze. China is second with two Gold and a total of six medals.

Indians Bagged 6 Gold, 3 Silver And 1 Bronze At Kladoon Memorial Athletics Meet At Kladno

Hima Das won the women’s 200m event for her third international triumph in 11 days at the Kladoon Memorial Athletics Meet at Kladno, Czech Republic.

At Kladno, the Indian trio of Vipin Kasana, Abhishek Singh and Davinder Singh Kang took the top three spots in men’s javelin final with efforts of 82.51m, 77.32m and 76.80m respectively.

In men’s shot put event, national record holder Tejinder Pal Singh Toor managed a creditable best throw of 20.36m to win the bronze. He holds the national record of 20.75m.

In the women’s 400m race, VK Visnaya clocked her personal best of 52.54 seconds to win the ‘A’ race. Sarithaben was third with 53.37.

Meanwhile, in the XXII International Memorial Competition in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Indians also bagged 6 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze, with national record holder M Sreeeshankar winning the long jump event with a creditable 7.97m.

Amir Khan Clinched The WBC International Welterweight 2019 Title In Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

British-Pakistani boxer Amir Khan clinched the WBC International Welterweight 2019 title in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The Olympic silver medalist defeated the Australian boxer Billy Dib.

The event was organized by Khan’s Super Boxing League in association with the General Sports Authority of Saudi Arabia, Arabian Boxing Federation and British-Pakistani boxing champion Amir Khan. The league is organized and supported by the World Boxing Council and Professional Boxing Organization India.

India Is To Host The ISSF Combined World Cup From March 15-26, 2020
India is to host the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Combined World Cup from March 15-26, 2020. The events will be held in New Delhi, India. ISSF finalised and approved the final dates of the events. The ISSF Combined World Cup includes events in rifle, pistol and shotgun. In 2020’s event of shooting, the World Cup provides golden platform to hit in Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

India has hosted a World Cup in February 2019, which offered Olympic quota places for Tokyo.

**ISSF:**
The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) was founded on 1907. It is headquartered at Munich, Germany. The President of ISSF is Vladimir Lisin.

Deepika Kumari Clinches Silver In Tokyo Olympic Test Event

India’s top-ranked woman archer Deepika Kumari today clinched a silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games test event after going down to 18-year-old Korean An San in straight sets.

The Indian women’s team are yet to qualify for the next year’s Olympics but Deepika said the exposure will help. This was Deepika’s first individual final in a world event since she won a gold at the third stage of the World Cup in Salt Lake City in June, 2018.

In the men’s category, India had a forgettable outing with country’s top-ranked Atanu Das making a second round exit, losing to Bae Jaehyeon of Korea 4-6. Army duo of Tarundeep Rai and Pravin Jadhav lost in their respective first round matches.

Vijayveer Wins His 3rd Gold At Junior Shooting World Cup

Vijayveer Sidhu picked up his third gold medal of the ongoing ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany, combining with Rajkaranwar Singh Sandhu and Adarsh Singh to clinch the men’s 25m pistol event, for Adarsh, it was his second gold of the competition.

India maintained its top spot at the medal standings after day three with 7 gold 7 Silver and 2 Bronze in a total of 16 medals won so far. China is second with 5 Gold 3 Silver and 5 bronze.

The day’s second medal came in the men’s 10m Air Rifle with the trio of Hriday Hazarika, Yashvardhan and Paarth Makhija winning the team silver with a combined score of 1877.4, which was just 0.4 less than the gold-winning Chinese team’s score.

Junior world champion Hriday, however, endured a heartbreak in the 10m Air Rifle individual competition as he slides down to fourth finishing on a score of 207.3. Russian Grigori Shakamov won gold with a score of 250.0.

Sarabjot Singh Wins India’s Ninth Gold In ISSF Junior World Cup

In Shooting, extending India’s dominance at the ISSF Junior World Cup, Sarabjot Singh shot a 239.6 to bag the men’s 10 metres air pistol gold.

This is India’s ninth yellow metal at the event in Suhl, Germany.

Sarabjot’s effort meant that India swept both the men’s and women’s 10 metres air pistol crowns with 14-year-old Esha Singh winning the women’s event yesterday.

After six days of top-class shooting and with one more day to go, India remain on top of the medal standings with nine gold, nine silver and four bronze for a total of 22 medals.

**ICC Suspends Zimbabwe Cricket With Immediate Effect**

The International Cricket Council, ICC has suspended Zimbabwe Cricket with immediate effect over violation of global body’s constitution which doesn’t allow any government intervention.

The current elected members of Zimbabwe Board were suspended by government agency Sports and Recreation Committee (SRC) which was a violation of relevant articles of ICC Constitution.

The Croatia, Morocco and Zambia Cricket Union have both also been suspended for continuing to be non-compliant.

**Indian Secured The First Spot In The Medal Tally Of Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship**

Indian team secured the first spot in the medal tally of Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship 2019 held at Samoa, a country in Oceania.

17 Indian players participated in the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship in Apia, Samoa.

India won 35 medals including 22 golds, 10 silvers and 3 bronze medals in the youth, junior, and senior categories.

India also broke a total of 22 records in all 3 age groups in World, Asian, Commonwealth and National level as well as set a new junior record in all Commonwealth and National level.

**Top wins of India:**
- Mirabai Chanu won gold in women’s 49 kg with a total lift of 191 kg. She is gold medalist at 2018 Commonwealth Games and 2018 Khet Ratna awardee.
- Jeremy Lalrinnunga competing in 67 kg male event broke a youth world record with lift of 136 kg in snatch. This same lift also set new youth record at Asian.
- Jhilli Dalabehera won gold in women’s 45kg event. She set 6 records with a clean and jerk lift of 94 kg and total lift of 164 kg at Commonwealth (Senior and Junior) and Junior National level.

**Indian Men & Women’s Teams Win Commonwealth Table Tennis Title**

In Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship held in Cuttack 19th July, India made a record by winning gold in both men’s and women’s category.

The Indian men won the final match defeating England 3-2. The Indian women team defeated England 3-0 in final match.

The Indian women team won the gold for the first time in the history in the commonwealth games.

**Shooting Junior World Cup: Aishwarya Prapat Singh Clinches Gold In Rifle 3-Position Event**

In the Shooting Junior World Cup, Aishwarya Prapat Singh Tomar clinched gold with a junior world record in the final of rifle 3-position event in Suhl Germany, yesterday.

**Facing a top-class field in the finals with multiple ISSF medallists and Russian Grigori Shamakov, the reigning Youth Olympic Games champion in the mix as well, Aishwarya began strongly and finished with a resounding victory.**

**After qualifying in the fourth place with a total of 1171, Tomar with a score of 459.3 score beat Zalan Pekler of Hungary by 4.5 points for the gold.**

India finished the ISSF tournament on top of the table with 10 gold, 9 silver and five bronze for a total of 24 medals.

**Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju Launches AIFF Golden Baby Leagues Handbook**

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju launched the All India Football Federation’s Golden Baby Leagues handbook 2019-20. The book is based on the sidelines of the Intercontinental Cup.

The function took place in Ahmedabad. The launch marked the renaming of the ‘AIFF Baby Leagues’ to ‘AIFF Golden Baby Leagues’, with emphasis being laid for ages under 6 to under 12 both for girls and boys.

The handbook is a guide to organise the Golden Baby League. The Leagues aim to provide access to football in localities irrespective of gender, religion, economic background.

All India Football Federation

Foundation: 23 June 1937

Headquarters: Dwarka, Delhi

President: Praful Patel

**Sports Person P T Usha Nominated For IAAF Veteran Pin**

Former Olympic track and field athlete P T Usha nominated for the International Association of Athletics Federations Veteran Pin.

The Olympic track for her long and meritorious service to the cause of World Athletics.

She will receive the pin during the opening ceremony of the 52nd IAAF Congress in Doha.

P. T. Usha born in the village of Payyoli, Kozhikode District, Kerala

**Awards:** Padma Shri, Arjuna Award for Athletics

**Indian Bodybuilder Ravinder Malik Clinches Mr South Asia Title**

Indian bodybuilder Ravinder Malik has clinched Mr South Asia title. He has crowned the overall champion at 12th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship in Kathmandu.

Malik, the winner of 80 kg category, was adjudged best bodybuilder among the winners of nine senior men’s weight categories.

Afghanistan won team championship by securing a top position with 535 points. Host Nepal finished second with 445 points, while India remained third with 380 points.

**North Korea Won Intercontinental Cup Title**

North Korea triumphed in the second edition of Intercontinental Cup football. They defeated Tajikistan in the final.

The finalists were the two lowest-ranked teams of the four-nation tournament. The other participants are India and Syria.

India and Syria in the league stage to seal their places in the final. The Tajikistan (120) and North Korea (122) entered the game on a
confident note. The champions got richer by USD 50000 while the runners-up received USD 25000.

North Korea
Capital: Pyongyang
President of Assembly Presidium: Choe Ryong-hae

Arjun Bhati Of India Won Junior World Golf Championship 2019
- Fourteen-year-old Arjun Bhati represented India at the FGC CALLAWAY Junior World Golf Championship. He bagged the first position against Taiwan’s Jeremy Chen.
- They completed the three-day final match in Palm Desert. Out of the 637 players from 40 counties they participated in the tournament. Arjun secured the first position for India.
- He finished at 17-under par for three rounds. Arjun played the best score. He is 13-18 age categories.

Prithu Gupta Of Delhi Selected As India’s 64th Grandmaster
- Delhi’s Prithu Gupta becomes India’s 64th Grandmaster. He got Elo around 2500 points.
- He defeated IM Lev Yankelevich in the fifth round of the Portuguese League 2019. He received his first GM norm at the Gibraltar Masters.
- He achieved his second norm at the Biel Masters on the same year. He got the final norm at the Porticco Open and finally achieved the required ELO points.

P V Sindhu Loses To Akane Yamaguchi In Indonesia Open Final
- In Badminton, P V Sindhu’s hopes of breaking a seven-month title drought came crashing down as the Indian lost in straight games to Akane Yamaguchi in the finals of Indonesia Open BWF Tour Super 1000 tournament in Jakarta today.
- She lost to the Japanese 15-21 16-21 in a lopsided summit clash that lasted 51 minutes.
- The Men’s Singles title match between Taiwan’s Tien Chen Chou and Denmark’s Anders Antonsen is underway.

Hima Das Wins Gold In 400m Race, 5th In A Month
- Indian sprinter Hima Das won a gold medal in the 400-meter race with a season-best time of 52.09 seconds at Nove Mesto in the Czech Republic.
- It was Hima’s fifth gold medal since July 2 when she ran her first competitive race in Europe.
- Hima has already won gold in 200 meters race at the Poznan Athletics Grand Prix and Kuto Athletics Meet in Poland earlier this month.
- She won her third 200 meters gold at the Klodno Athletics Meet and fourth gold at the Tabor Athletics Meet in the Czech Republic.

Table Tennis Championships: G Sathiyan-Archana Kamath Win Mixed Doubles Gold
- India’s G Sathiyan and Archana Kamath won the mixed doubles.
- Sathiyan and Archana Kamath won 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship.
- They bagged the mixed doubles title at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium

Tennis: Women’s World Rankings Unchanged
- In Tennis, the women’s world rankings were unchanged today with Ashleigh Barty of Australia at number one.
- Japan’s Naomi Osaka is second with Karolína Plíšková of the Czech Republic third and Romania’s Wimbledon champion Simona Halep fourth. Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands rounds out the top five.

India A Win Final One-Day Against West Indies A To Clinch Series 4-1
- In Cricket, India-A defeated West Indies-A by eight wickets in the fifth and final unofficial one-day was completing a 4-1 series triumph in Antigua yesterday.
- Electing to bat first, West Indies-A were all out for 236 in 47.4 Overs. India-A made 237 for the loss of two wickets with 102 balls to spare.

Adam Peaty Breaks 57 Seconds Barrier And100m Breaststroke World Record
- British swimmer Adam Peaty breaks the world record in the men’s 100-meter breaststroke at the World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea.
- He compensated the previous record of 57.10 seconds. This record was made by at last year’s European Championships.
- He won the semi-finals in 56.88 seconds. Adam Peaty won the event 1.4 seconds faster in history.
- He is the first man to break the 57-second barrier in the event. Peaty finished with the gap of two seconds ahead of China’s Yan Zibei.
- He finished the first semi-final in second place in 58.67. He got the third position with 58.83 points.

Boxing Legend Manny Pacquiao Won WBA Super Welterweight Title 2019
- Manny Pacquiao (40) won the WBA (World Boxing Association) welterweight championship 2019.
- He defeated Keith Thurman of US at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, United States. Two judges scored it 115-112 in favour of Pacquiao.
- The one judge scored it 114-113 to Thurman.
- The eight-division world champion Pacquiao improved to 62-7-2 score with 39 knockouts.
- He won the “Best Fighter ESPY Award”. He currently ranks No. 4 in Boxer’s ranking of the greatest pound for pound boxers of all time.

Kristof Miláš Created A New World Record In The 200 Metres Butterfly At The 2019 FINA World Championship
- Hungarian swimmer Kristof Miláš created a new world record in the 200 metres butterfly at the FINA world championship 2019 in Gwangju, South Korea.
- He broke the record set by Michael Phelps who clocked 1:51.51 in an event in Rome 2009.

Max Verstappen Won Crazy German Grand Prix
- Max Verstappen clinched German Grand Prix with Mercedes’ Formula One leader Lewis Hamilton starting the race from the pole position and failing to finish the race due to a spinoff.
- The extraordinary race of constantly changing fortunes, multiple pitstops and endless drama, Ferrari’s Sebastian Vettel started from last place.
- The race was shortened by three laps after the safety car had led the field away before a standing start.
- Valtteri Bottas crashed out with six laps remaining to leave the gap between the two unchanged at 39 points after 11 of 21 races.

Chandigarh Receives Affiliation From BCCI; To Have Its Own Cricket Team
- After nearly four decades, Chandigarh has finally received affiliation from the Board of Control for Cricket in India, thus providing an opportunity for the city cricketers to play in BCCI tournament.

This was stated by Union Territory Cricket Association (UTCA) President Sanjay Tandon.

- The city can also now have their own team in the Ranji Trophy and other domestic tournaments organised by the BCCI. Delhi is the only other Union Territory with BCCI affiliation.

India Tallied 9 Medals At The 23rd Presidents Cup In Labuan Bajo, Indonesia
- She defeated Australian April Franks and secured 5-0.
- In the event India won 9 medals. It comprised of seven gold and two silver medals.

- 2018 World Championships bronze winner Simranjit Kaur also won a gold in the event.

Other Winners:
- Assam’s Jamuna Boro defeated eutan boxers Giulia Magana and secured 5-0 to win in the 54Kg category.
- Dinesh Dagar won a silver medal in the event. He lost to Indonesia’s Samada Saputra and secured 0-5.
- Monika won gold in the 48Kg category by defeating Indonesia’s Endang and secured (5-0).

Khelo India Youth Games To Be Held In Guwahati Next Year
- The third edition of Khelo India Youth Games will be held in Guwahati next year.
- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju announced the decision on his official Twitter handle today.
- It will be conducted in partnership with Indian Olympic Association, School Games Federation of India & Assam as host state.
- The inaugural edition was held in New Delhi, while Pune hosted the second one this year.

ICC Launches World Test Championship
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) today officially launched the inaugural
World Test Championship (WTC), which will get underway on Thursday.

- To be played over two years, the World Test Championship will witness the top nine Test teams in the world compete in 71 Test matches across 27 series.

- The two top teams will then go head to head in the World Test Championship final to be held in the United Kingdom in 2021.

- Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and the West Indies are the nine teams that will battle it out for the top honours in the World Test Championship.

OBITUARIES

1. Carlin Dunne – Motorbike racer
2. B.K. Birla - Industrialist
3. Hussain Muhammad Ershad - Bangladesh's Former Military Dictator
4. Fernando Corbato - Father of computer password
5. Sheila Dikshit - Former Delhi C.M
6. Ram Chandra Paswan - Lok sabha MP
7. Yukiya Amano - Former IAEA Chief
8. Jaipal Reddy - Former Union Minister and Senior Congress leader
9. Prince Bandar - Saudi Arabia king's elder brother

JULY CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

Q.1) NASA announced a new mission called __________ to explore this fascinating world with a helicopter drone.
   a) Grey Eagle b) Fire Scout c) Global Hawk d) Snow Goose e) Dragon Fly

Q.2) National Doctor’s day is observed on __________ to commemorate the services of doctors and individuals for the community.
   a) July 02nd b) June 29th c) June 30th d) July 01st e) July 07th

   a) A D Choudhary b) S P Manoharan c) V G Siddhartha d) T R Somsundar e) N K Laxmanan

Q.4) ___________, a kind of butterfly found in Western Ghats, declared as Tamil Nadu state butterfly which is also known as ‘Tamil Maravan’.
   a) Sir James Mathew b) Dalip Tripathi c) Veer Chotrani d) Nikil Joshi e) Velavan Senthilkumar

Q.5) The ____________ government appointed senior IAS officer Keshin Anand Arora as the State’s new Chief Secretary.
   a) Sushma Swaraj b) Nirmala Sitharaman c) Smriti Rani d) Menaka Gandhi e) Harsimrat Kaur Badal

Q.6) Founder of the Café Coffee Day chain who went missing over the Netravati river bridge yesterday has been found dead.
   a) A D Choudhary b) S P Manoharan c) V G Siddhartha d) T R Somsundar e) N K Laxmanan

Q.7) Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has elected __________ as its new president.
   a) Ram Kumar Durai b) Sharath Babu Reddy c) Guru Mohrith Nathan d) Sharad Kumar Saraf e) Kalayan Vinayaka Moorthi

Q.8) West Bengal Government launched a crop insurance scheme, _________ to protect farmers from losses due to natural disasters.
   a) Mizoram b) Assam c) Tripura d) Uttarakhand e) Nagaland

Q.9) ____________ has the highest unemployment rate among the states with the percentage of 21.4% conducted by National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO).
   a) Mizoram b) Assam c) Tripura d) Uttarakhand e) Nagaland

Q.10) The United States has deployed F-22 stealth fighters to ___________ for the first time.
     a) Pakistan b) Iran c) Qatar d) Israel e) Afghanistan

Q.11) American Athlete ___________ set new world record in the 400m hurdles women's athletics at the U.S. Championships athletics.
     a) Dalliah Muhammad b) Amelia Boone c) Jepkosgei Kekony d) Erba Gelana e) Allyson Felix

Q.12) to host first ISA’s Joint International security Alliance exercise ISALEX19.
     a) Mumbai b) Abu Dhabi c) Berlin d) Moscow e) Dubai

Q.13) ____________ is hosting the triennial International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Congress in its capital.
     a) Tamil Nadu b) Madhya Pradesh c) Telangana d) West Bengal e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.14) Who is the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh?
     a) Charan Das Mahant b) P L Punia c) Ajit Jogi d) Raman Singh e) Bhupesh Baghel

Q.15) ___________ and pull DISCOMS of the crisis.
     a) Affordable power b) Affordable electricity c) Affordable water d) Affordable gas e) Affordable housing

Q.16) ___________ government has formed a committee on the PPPs, will provide affordable power to consumers and pull DISCOMS of the crisis.
     a) Tamil Nadu b) Andhra Pradesh c) Telangana d) Maharashtra e) Odisha

Q.17) ____________ government formed a committee chaired by Telecom Secretary ___________ to spell out revival plans for Telecom sector.
     a) Aruna Sundararajan b) Vaani Boominathan c) Hema Dinesh d) Lalitha Duraisamy e) Nivedha Kumari

Q.18) ____________. The 14th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on India-China Border Affairs held in
     a) New Delhi b) Shanghai c) Beijing d) Mumbai e) Hangzhou

Q.19) Saudi Arabia increased India's Hajj quota by ___________, Indians get a chance to visit annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca.
     a) 10,000 b) 20,000 c) 30,000 d) 40,000 e) 50,000

Q.20) ___________ created history by becoming the first civil servant and IPS officer to achieve the incredible and rare feat of completing ‘7 Summits’ challenge.
     a) Sanjana Rawat b) Aparna Kumar c) Dhariani Priya d) Rathna Kumari e) Kanchana Tagore

Q.21) Who is the present President of United Nations General Assembly?
     a) Miroslav Lajčák b) Peter Thomson c) Sam Kahamba Kutesa d) Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser e) María Fernanda Espinosa

Q.22) San Francisco Bay Area topped in “Women Entrepreneur Cities Index 2019” sponsored by ___________ and conducted by London-based global information provider, IHS Markit.
     a) Intel b) Apple c) Microsoft d) Google e) Dell

Q.23) Indian Test opener ___________ has been suspended by the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI) till November 15, 2019, for a doping violation.
     a) Rishabh Pant b) Prithvi Shaw c) Ishant Sharma d) Shardul Thakur e) Umesh Yadav

Q.24) All eyes are on ___________ government for Telecom sector.
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Q.26) ____________ President of United Nations General Assembly?
     a) Sam Kahamba Kutesa b) Liam Malpass c) Miroslav Lajčák d) Navanethem Pillay e) Miroslav Lajčák

Q.27) Veteran British journalist ___________ was conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award 2019 at UK-India Awards in London.
     a) Sir James Mathew b) Sir Mark Antony c) Sir Andrew Thomson d) Sir Mark Tully e) Sir Margaret Johnny

Q.28) An Indian engineer, ____________ won the Commonwealth Secretary-General's Innovation for Sustainable Development Award 2019.
     a) Rajesh Kumar Yadav b) Suresh Kumar Reddy c) Rajeev Kumar Shankar d) Dinesh Kumar Mukherjee e) Nitesh Kumar Jangir

Q.29) Former Navy Chief Admiral ____________ authored a book named “A Prime Minister to Remember- Memories of a Military Chief” got released.
Q.40) The government

Q.39) ___________ and CSC has launched a co

d) Pakistan

Q.37) India and __________ signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on defence co-operation accompanied by a high-level delegation from the country defence services.

Q.36) __________ resumed commercial whaling for the first time in more than three decades after its capital's controversial decision.

Q.35) __________ officially banned single-use plastic shopping bags recently and introducing hefty fines for business.

Q.34) India pledged __________ in 2019 to the UN Palestine refugee agency and called for ensuring sustained fiscal support for its work.

Q.33) President Ramnath Kovind was warmly welcomed by the Gambian President with military honour at the Banjul Airport.

Q.32) government has started DASTAK campaign against communicative diseases Acute Encephalitis Syndrome andJapanese Encephalitis disease.

a) Uttar Pradesh
b) Bihar
c) Andhra Pradesh
d) Jharkhand
e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.31) Minister of Information an

c) Lewis Hamilton
d) Sebastian Vettel

Q.30) Red Bull's __________ won the 2019 Austrian Grand Prix, by defeating the Ferrari's, Charles Leclerc.

a) Valtteri Bottas
b) Max Verstappen
c) Lewis Hamilton
d) Sebastian Vettel
e) Daniel Ricciardo

Q.31) Minister of Information ans

c) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
d) Ramesh Pokhriyal

Q.29) __________, has unfortunately suffered a fatal crash while on his attempt at this year's Pikes Peak Hill Climb.

a) Carlin Dunne
b) Marco Melandri
c) Michael vander
d) Tom Sykes
e) Chaz Davies

Q.26) A first ever batch of 82 constables of a SRPF has been deployed in various parts of UNESCO World Heritage Site __________ in Assam.

a) Dibrugarh
b) Sibsagar

c) Nameri National Park
d) Manas National Park
e) Kaziranga National Park

Q.25) NASA, __________ and Global Financial company Mastercard's CEO and President, __________ examined central government set a target to achieve "100% Digitization of Waqf properties across the country in its 1st 100 days.

a) Wadhah Abduallah Hussain
b) Abdulateef Al Sudairi
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e) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

Q.24) Indian multinational corporation Wipro's Chairman, __________ and Global Financial services company Mastercard's CEO and President, __________ chosen for 2019 Global Excellence Award.

a) Davide Rowland & Kumar Birla
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Q.61) The Union Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) has recommended for the survey and exploration of uranium in Amrabad Tiger Reserve, _______.

- Andhra Pradesh
- Tamil Nadu
- Karnataka
- Madhya Pradesh
- Telangana

Q.62) _______ to host the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2019, the government signed a MoU with Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI).

- Gujarat
- Haryana
- Karnataka
- Tamil Nadu
- Uttar Pradesh

Q.63) One of the most exciting batsmen to represent India, __________, announced his retirement from all forms of cricket on Wednesday.

- Ambati Rayudu
- Virat Kohli
- Ajinkya Rahane
- Kuldeep Yadav
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Q.64) _______ a solar physicist from Indian Institute of Astrophysics, selected by NASA’s Space Administration for its PUNCH mission.

- Dibyendu Nandi
- Abarn Nai Choudhuri
- Ramesh Deena Dayal
- Dikshant Banerjee
- Sathish Sivamoorthi

Q.65) Minister of Textiles and Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Irani launched a new book ‘Whispers of Time’ is written by ____________, announced his retirement from all forms of cricket on Wednesday.

- Arundhati Roy
- Krishna Saksema
- Shashi Deshpande
- Chitra Banerjee
- Gyaneshwar K Singh

Q.66) Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved ___________ as an additional charge secretary to the Ministry of Textiles to Secretary, _______.

- Subhash Chandra Garg
- Vijay Bansal
- Rabindra Panwar
- Gyaneshwar K Singh
- Rajani Rashmi

Q.67) Under the Central Sector Scheme Government of India implementing through Central Silk Board with a total outlay of Rs. 2161.68 crore for three years (2017-2020).

- Sunamgali Silk
- Silk Samagra
- Bharat Silk
- Silk Samudrika
- Poorna Silk

Q.68) Pune based National Film Archive of India (NFAI) acquired rare footage of the 1948 Marathi film _______.

- Vande Mataram
- Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- Jaihind
- Bharat Sudesi
- Mere Swarej

Q.69) The_________ has passed a legislative provision, the National Defence Authorisation Act (NDAA) for the fiscal year 2020.

- U.S Senate
- British Parliament
- European Union
- African Union
- Government of India

Q.70) _______ announced its partnership with Paisabaazar.com, an online marketplace for financial products in India.

- IBM
- Cisco
- Intel
- Samsung
- Nokia

Q.71) The USA designated _________ Army as a terror organization on Chinese assets amid an ongoing civil war like situation in Pakistan’s biggest province.

- Karachi Liberation
- Lahore Federation
- Khyber Liberation
- Muzafrazah Federation
- Baloch Liberation

Q.72) The first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF) is held at _________, and event to be held in the month of October 11-13, 2019.

- Mumbai
- Kolkata
- New Delhi
- Chennai
- Hyderabad

Q.73) The sixth ship of the Landing Craft Utility (LCU) MK IV class, IN LCU L56, was commissioned into the Indian Navy held at Naval Dockyard, _______.

- Goa
- Mumbai
- Visakhapatnam
- Cochin
- Chennai

Q.74) The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has operationalised the first Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) in _______ and _______.

- Amritsar and Hyderabad
- Mumbai and Mathura
- Nasik and Bangalore
- Delhi and Vijayawada
- Agra and Jhansi

Q.75) Who is the Minister (Independent charge) of Labour and Employment?

- Rao Inderjit Singh
- Santosh Kumar Gangwar
- Mansukh L. Mandaviya
- Shripad Yesso Naik
- Kiren Rijiju

Q.76) The _______ is well known for its iconic architectural legacy has entered into the UNESCO World Heritage Site list.

- Jaipur
- Madurai
- Agra
- Nagpur
- Madras

Q.77) A model village built with the Indian assistance as part of a housing project meant for war-affected people and estate workers inaugurated in _______.

- Bangladesh
- India
- Sri Lanka
- Vietnam
- Nepal

Q.78) The Border Security Force (BSF) launched _______ a massive exercise, with an aim to fortify the anti-infiltration grid along the Pakistan border.

- Operation Vinayak
- Operation Nalan
- Operation Thendral
- Operation Parivar
- Operation Sudarshan

Q.79) In Saudi Arabia, King Salman’s elder half-brother, ________, who was the tenth son of the country’s founding monarch, has died at the age of 96.

- Wadiah bint Muhammad
- Tarfa bint Abdulah bin
- Abdulateef Al Sheekh
- Hussa Ahmed Al Sudairi
- Bandar bin Abdulaziz

Q.80) India-Nepal Logistics Summit 2019 was held in Kathmandu, Nepal the summit was inaugurated by Nepal Prime minister _______.

- Khadga Pr Sharma Oli
- Lotay Tshering
- Sheikh Hasina
- Malcolm Turnbull
- Ekojo Widdo

Q.81) _______ conducted a month-long cleaning campaign to clean the trash in Mount Everest by collecting over 10,000 kg of rubbish from the region.

- Bangladesh
- Indonesia
- Sri Lanka
- Maldives
- Nepal

Q.82) __________ is one of the country’s five best-performing states under the National Programme Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme.

- Karnataka
- Tamil Nadu
- Uttar Pradesh
- West Bengal
- Jharkhand

Q.83) ISRO has signed a contract with ________, a Russian company for the selection support, medical examination and space training of Indian astronauts.

- Glavkosmos
- Surgutnetefazg
- Bashnetflow
- Gazpromit
- Jannispro

Q.84) The Central government appointed ________, Additional Director of CBI as the Director General of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guard.

- D Subbha Rao
- R Damothara Reddy
- V Vedanayagam
- M Mageswar Rao
- T K Rajendra

Q.85) Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled ________, a concise book of aphorisms.

- Mahaswapanva
- Vivekadepini
- Gokulamatha
- Vedhapromothi
- Suryanishanth

Q.86) Union Government to begin fieldwork for 7th Economic Census from ________.

- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- Sikkim
- Assam
- Tripura
- Mizoram
- Nagaland

Q.87) World’s largest burn and plastic surgery institute named Sheikh Hasina National Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute inaugurated in ________.

- Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Jakarta, Indonesia
- Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Kathanmandu, Nepal
- Manila, Philippines

Q.88) Karate girl, _________ (Barasat, West Bengal) won a silver medal under the 12 category in the World Youth Cup 2019 held in Umag, Croatia.

- Aanshi Dipankar
- Aavileshka Gangajal
- Labani Ojailka
- Manisha Nabanita
- Arinjeeta Dev

Q.89) ____________ conducted a month long journey to explore the Baloch Liberation from the region.

- India’s _________ hills northeast of______

- Agra and Jhansi
- Nasik and Bangalore
- Mumbai and Mathura
- Karnaphuli
- Manipur

Q.90) Who is the President of Iraq?

- Hassan Rouhani
- Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
- Sergio Mattarella
- Giuseppe Conte
- Tahsin Al-Sindi

Q.91) The U.S. women’s national soccer team (USWNT) won the FIFA Women’s World Cup for a ________ time.

- Second
- Third
- Fourth
- Fifth
- Sixth

Q.92) Lahori Onalika _______ with the FIFA Women’s World Cup ________.

- Poorna silk
- Bharat Silk
- Silk Samudrika
- Silk Samagra
- Poorna silk

Q.93) Italy’s _________ hills northeast of ________.

- Assam
- East Timor
- West Bengal
- Kerala
- Mizoram

Q.94) The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has operationalised the first Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) in _______ and _______.

- Jaipur
- Madurai
- Agra
- Nagpur
- Madras
Q.92) The ___________ state government has decided to inter-link rivers to solve the crisis of drought.

Q.93) Conceived and prioritised under smart city development plan, a bicycle sharing scheme, is to be introduced in ___________ in a couple of months.

a) Maharashtra  b) Tamil Nadu  

c) Rajasthan  d) Karnataka

e) Kerala

Q.94) India’s ___________ received approval from London’s transport regulator to start private hire vehicles (PHV) in the capital city of the UK.

a) Ola Cabs  b) Uber Taxi  c) My Auto  d) Fastrack Service  e) Taxi Wala

Q.95) ___________ in Odisha’s Jajpur district, Kalinganagar is the first and the only Indian manufacturing plant to be included in the WEF’s Lighthouse Network.

a) Reliance Industries  b) Hebei Iron  c) Nippon Group  d) Tata Steel  e) Adani Enterprises

Q.96) Eminent fashionista _________ won with the prestigious “Indian Women of Influence” award at the House of Lords, T_________ for the pilgrims have easy, smooth, secure and safe access.

a) Ganpatipule corridor  b) Kartarpur corridor  c) Alibaug Anjarle  d) Emergency Anjarle  e) Sabeeka Bint

Q.97) Set up a centralized hub named “Centralised MSME & Retail Group” (CEN-MARG) for processing retail and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) loans.


Q.98) Third edition of International Sunflower Seed and Oil Conference (ISSOC) 2019 will be held in ___________.

a) New Delhi  b) Mumbai  c) Chennai  d) Kolkata  e) Bangalore

Q.99) ___________ won the inaugural Tribute Actor award in Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), as the most nominated actor in Academy Award.

a) Ariana Grande  b) Tracy Chapman  c) Janet Gaynor  d) Meryl Streep  e) Sabeeka Bint

Q.100) Indian Railways Northeast Frontier Railway zone started an initiative to bring a special portion of the SLR coach with ___________ colour will help the women passenger.

a) Green  b) Magenta  c) Sky Blue  d) Pink  e) Violet

Q.101) The ___________ state government has decided to inter-link rivers to solve the crisis of drought.

a) Tamil Nadu  b) Maharashtra  c) Rajasthan  d) Karnataka  e) Kerala

Q.102) Eighteen hundred Bangladeshi mid-career civil servants trained at the National Centre for Good Governance (NGCG) in _________ under training between 2019-2025.

a) Kedarnath  b) Tehri  c) Joshimath  d) Haridwar  e) Mussoorie

Q.103) Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled statue of former PM of India Lal Bahadur Shastri at _________ during his visit to launch BJP’s membership drive.

a) Patna railway Station  b) Mumbai bus terminal  c) Varanasi airport  d) Chennai metro Station  e) Hyderabad airport

Q.104) Government has introduced the Japanese Miyawaki method of afforestation to grow urban forests and expand the green cover.

a) Telangana  b) Haryana  c) Karnataka  d) Jharkhand  e) Andhra Pradesh


a) New Skill India  b) India’s Skills by Indian  c) World Skills India  d) Indian Skills Energy  e) Indian Skills by Indian

Q.106) External Affairs Ministry builds a state-of-the-art passenger terminal building ___________ for the pilgrims have easy, smooth, secure and safe access.

a) Ganpatipule corridor  b) Kartarpur corridor  c) Alibaug Anjarle  d) Emergency Anjarle  e) Sabeeka Bint

Q.107) India won ___________ medals on the opening day of the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship is held in Apia, Samoa.

a) 15  b) 21  c) 17  d) 25  e) 13

Q.108) ___________ won gold medal in the 53 kg category at the Grand Prix of Spain 2019 at Madrid, Spain.

a) Babita Kumari  b) Sakshi Malik  c) Vinesh Phogat  d) Kavita Devi  e) Dikya Kakran

Q.109) The International Olympic Committee (IOC) removed the ban on the ___________ Olympic Committee and permitted to compete in the 2020 Olympics.

a) Kuwait  b) Russia  c) Brazil  d) Japan  e) China

Q.110) ___________ beats Peru in the final to lift the Copa America 2019 title is held at Estadio do Maracana in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

a) Argentina  b) Bolivia  c) Chile  d) Brazil  e) Equador

Q.111) Film-maker Zoya Akhtar’s directorial ___________ has won the Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema Award at the 23rd Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival in South Korea.

a) Honest Girl  b) Horror Women  c) Gully Boy  d) Sacrifice Mother  e) Delhi Man

Q.112) _____________, the Indian sand artist and Padma Awardee, has won the People’s Choice Award at the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival in Boston, US.

a) Sudarsan Pattnaik  b) Catherine Gallibera  c) Dhuran Rajaram  d) Siddharth Modi  e) Gunal Tripathy

Q.113) General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs of Sharjah granted the first golden card visa to an Indian expat businessman, ____________, Chairman & MD of Kingston Holdings.

a) James Mathew  b) Lalu Samuel  c) Moses Atal  d) Joshua Thomas  e) Solomon King

Q.114) ___________ breached a uranium enrichment cap set by a troubled 2015 nuclear deal and warned Europe against taking retaliatory measures.

a) Iraq  b) Kuwait  c) Russia  d) Palestine  e) Iran

Q.115) Union Minister of Commerce and Industry ___________ held a bilateral meeting with Indonesian Minister of Trade Enggartiasto Lukita in New Delhi.

a) Ram Vilas Paswan  b) Thaawar Chand Gehlot  c) Piyush Goyal  d) Smriti Irani  e) Nirmala Sitharaman

Q.116) ___________ Cultural Landscape in south-west Victoria has received UNESCO’s World heritage list; it is the first in Australia to be in the list.

a) Madari Perifita  b) Budj Bim  c) Ennedi Masif  d) Bamiyan Valley  e) Konso Relicto

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Q.119) Six Sigma health care has proposed to set up a High Altitude institute of mountain medicine, training and research centre Rudraprayag district of Uttarakhand.

a) Assam  b) Jharkhand  c) Meghalaya  d) Haryana  e) Himachal Pradesh

Q.120) Who is the Minister of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFC)?

a) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank  b) Dharmendra Pradhan  c) Mahendra Nath Pandey  d) Prakash Javadekar  e) Ravi Shankar Prasad

Q.121) ___________ State government is planning to make HIV tests mandatory before the registration of marriages, the announcement was made by Health Minister Vishwajit Rane.

a) Haryana  b) Jharkhand  c) Goa  d) Puducherry

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Q.122) Microsoft-owned LinkedIn appointed _______ as its new country manager for India effective from September 2, 2019.

Q.123) The National Museum of Indian Cinema will give several educational institutions and students of media studies named _______ is located in Maharashtra.

Q.124) Lieutenant General Shailesh Sadashiv Tinaikar has been newly appointed as the Force Commander of the UN mission in _______.

Q.125) India's first elephant rehabilitation center will be set up in ecotourism village of Kottoor by the _______ State Government.

Q.126) __________ Railway won the 'Best Innovation Award' for unique strategy adopted to keep wild elephants away from the train tracks.

Q.127) Who is the Union Minister of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting?

Q.128) ___________ became the only second Indian player to reach the 350 year old sprinter _________.

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Q.130) India’s first ________ motorcycle TVS Apache RTR 200 Fi E100 launched by Shri. Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister and Shri. Amitabh Kant, CEO of NITI Aayog. 

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Q.132) Former India captain _________ has been appointed as the Head of Cricket at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru.

Q.133) Who is the Union Minister of ministry of Defence?

Q.134) World Population Day is observed on ______ every year established by the United Nations Development Programme in 1989.

Q.135) _______________ of New Democratic were newly appointed as office bearers of party.

Q.136) India's first ________ motorcycle TVS Apache RTR 200 Fi E100 launched by Shri. Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister and Shri. Amitabh Kant, CEO of NITI Aayog.

Q.137) _____________ conferred with an Honorary Degree, Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) from La Trobe University at the 10th edition of Indian Film Festival of Melbourne in Australia.

Q.138) Madiya Pradesh, the first international flight from _________ International Airport of Indore left for Dubai today with 153 passengers on board.

Q.139) Kaushik Ganguly's Bengali film _________ won the Wimbledon Championship 2019 title and she created Wimbledon history by becoming the first Russian to win the Grand Slam.

Q.140) Gujarat Chief Minister ________ flagged off the Central Reserve Police Force cycle rally as a part of the celebrations of the 81st Foundation Day.

Q.141) ________, observed as the World Snake Day, is an ideal occasion to know and understand many things about these carnivorous reptiles.

Q.142) First Global Conference for Media RACE Institute _______ was the new Prime Minister of Greece?

Q.143) Popular breast surgeon and Padma Shri awardee _______ bagged with Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) of Thailand.

Q.144) Indian skipper _________ and _________ retained their number one position in the ICC batsmen and bowlers' rankings for the One-Day International.

Q.145) India wrestler _________ has won gold in the 53kg category at Yasar Dogu International in Istanbul.

Q.146) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) provide $100-million loan to ________ Finance Company for wind and solar infrastructure projects.

Q.147) ________ won the Wimbledon Championship 2019 title and she created Wimbledon history by becoming the first Romanian to win the Grand Slam.

Q.148) ________ State government with Oil India Limited and GAIL signed an agreement for setting up of a new company for implementation of the City Gas Distribution network in _______.

Q.149) ________ made a thrilling victory in the Silverstone circuit to win his sixth British Grand Prix, his seventh victory in ten races in 2019.

Q.150) Former leader of opposition Chandrakant Kavlekar has been appointed as the deputy chief minister of _______.

Q.151) The Republic of Singapore Chief Halimah Yacob appointed ________ as an international judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC).

Q.152) The ________ Government is to plant sapling spread over one thousand kilometres across the National Highways with the help of NHAI.

Q.153) Google India's ________ programme aimed to empower rural women on how to use
the Internet has now added two more states, Punjab and Odisha.

1. **Internet Saathi**
   - b) Teelenet Sathi
2. **Onenet Sakthi**
   - d) Intranet Sakshi
3. **EtherNeth Saathi**

**Q.154** Film Divisions will launch __________, a documentary film club in Films Division Complex, Mumbai.

- **a) FDCM**
- **b) KSHTIJ**
- **c) TNFAS**
- **d) HRITG**
- **e) GSHHT**
- **Q.155** is to host the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Combined World Cup from March 15-26, 2020.

- **a) China**
- **b) Malaysia**
- **c) Thailand**
- **d) India**
- **e) Japan**

**Q.156** On every year __________ is observed as Nelson Mandela Day seeks to celebrate the political and social achievements of former South African President Nelson Mandela.

- **a) July 14**
- **b) July 16**
- **c) July 18**
- **d) July 20**
- **e) July 22**

**Q.157** Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) rolled out an initiative in the form of courses to pursue a heightened sense of self-governance and strengthen the practicing side of company secretaries.

- **a) IUIDAE**
- **b) BSSAD**
- **c) INTER**
- **d) NDERT**
- **e) UDIN**

**Q.158** The bilateral trade between India and the US could reach USD 238 billion by __________.

- **a) 2023**
- **b) 2025**
- **c) 2030**

**Q.159** India's top-ranked woman archer __________ clinched a silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games test event.

- **a) Dola Banerjee**
- **b) Bombayla Devi Laishram**
- **c) Chekrovolu Swaro**
- **d) Deepika Kumari**
- **e) Deepika Padukone**

**Q.160** The __________ school was launched by the Govt. of India to provide connectivity to unconnected Habitats as part of a poverty reduction strategy.

- **a) PMJAY**
- **b) PMTAY**
- **c) PMGSY**
- **d) PMGSY**
- **e) PMJAY**

**Q.161** picked up his third gold medal of the ongoing ISSF Junior World Cup to clinch the men's 25m pistol event in Suhl, Germany.

- **a) Gagan Narang**
- **b) Ronjan Sodhi**
- **c) Sagar Maitri**
- **d) Sathiyan Sathiyan**
- **e) Vivasvan Sathiyan**

**Q.162** Retail inflation increased marginally to __________ in June over the previous month, mainly due to the rise in food prices.

- **a) 1.35 per cent**
- **b) 3.18 per cent**
- **c) 2.27 per cent**
- **d) 5.49 per cent**
- **e) 4.51 per cent**

**Q.163** Table Maestro __________ who have been selected for the prestigious Sangteet Natok Akademi Fellowships in the field of performing arts.

- **a) Sonal Mansingh**
- **b) Jatin Goswami**
- **c) Zakir Hussain**
- **d) Kalyanasundaram Pillai**
- **e) Saranya Maya Kannan**

**Q.164** Mumbai terror attack mastermind and Jama`at-ud-Dawa'wah Chief __________ was arrested by the Counter-Terrorism Department of Pakistan's Punjab Province.

- **a) Abdullah Yusuf Azzam**
- **b) Mustafa Setmariam Nasar**
- **c) Abu Faraj al-Libi**
- **d) Hafiz Muhammad Saeed**
- **e) Hasan Izaz-AI-Din**

**Q.165** Pakistan's Authority arrested former Prime Minister __________ in a multi-billion-rupee case related to the award of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) import contract.

- **a) Shahid Khakan Abbasi**
- **b) Raja Pervaiz Ashraf**
- **c) Yousaf Raza Gillani**
- **d) Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain**
- **e) Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali**

**Q.166** Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the 10th Jagran Film Festival at Siri Fort Auditorium in __________.

- **a) Panaji**
- **b) Chennai**
- **c) Kolkata**
- **d) New Delhi**
- **e) Mumbai**

**Q.167** ranked best in the field of education among all the states report by Performance Grading Index 2017-18.

- **a) Haryana**
- **b) Jharkhand**
- **c) Chandigarh**
- **d) Nagaland**
- **e) Chhattisgarh**

**Q.168** Former India football goalkeeper __________ played for the Tamil Nadu men's team in the senior Nationals passed away recently.

- **a) B.D. Ramasy**
- **b) S.T. Thomas Vellai**
- **c) D.S. Karthickeyan**
- **d) C.A. Royappan**

**Q.169** Union Government to build India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO) to set up a 51,000 tonnes Iron Calorimeter (ICAL) detector in __________.

- **a) Gujarat**
- **b) Karnataka**
- **c) Telangana**
- **d) Nagaland**
- **e) Maharashtra**

**Q.170** The doctrine of Humanity, India holds first ever six-week-long Artificial Limb Fitment Camp in __________ which benefited over 500 differently abled persons.

- **a) South Africa**
- **b) Tanzania**
- **c) Azerbaijan**
- **d) Kyrgyzstan**
- **e) Somalia**

**Q.171** Indian weightlifter __________ has won Gold in 81 kg category at the Commonwealth Championships in Apia, city of Samoa.

- **a) Ajay Singh**
- **b) Papul Changmai**
- **c) Neeraj Chopra**
- **d) Hima Das**
- **e) Vikas Thakur**

**Q.172** The ________ Cabinet approved a four-fold increase in the financial assistance given to families of martyred and disabled soldiers hailing from the state.

- **a) Madhya Pradesh**
- **b) Gujarat**
- **c) Telangana**
- **d) Maharashtra**
- **e) Haryana**

**Q.173** Delhi govt. plans to spot of the defunct power plant capacity of 135 MW operated by JPJGC, into solar park.

- **a) Rajghat thermal**
- **b) Badarpur thermal**
- **c) Kiaga thermal**
- **d) Naora thermal**
- **e) Kakrapur thermal**

**Q.174** In __________, the Indian pair of G. Sathiyan and Anthony Amalraj won the bronze at the World Tour Platinum Australian Open at Melbourne.

- **a) Badminton**
- **b) Lawn Tennis**
- **c) Chess**
- **d) Table Tennis**
- **e) Carrom**

**Q.175** In the first ever use of an Indian waterway to transport cargo from ______ to Bangladesh via India, a shipment of stone aggregates was formally received at Narayangunj.

- **a) Pakistan**
- **b) Bangladesh**
- **c) Sri Lanka**
- **d) Nepal**
- **e) Bhutan**

**Q.176** Indian batting icon __________ has been inducted into the International Cricket Council’s Hall of Fame alongside South African pace legend Allan Donald.

- **a) Sachin Tendulkar**
- **b) Virat Kohli**
- **c) Anil Kumble**
- **d) Rahul Dravid**
- **e) Sourav Ganguly**

**Q.177** Saudi military intercepted a drone launched at the kingdom's southern border by Iranian-backed rebels in ______ by the Houthis rebels from Sanaa.

- **a) Oman**
- **b) Iran**
- **c) Palestine**
- **d) Yemen**
- **e) Iraq**

**Q.178** In Shooting, extending India's domination at the ISSF Junior World Cup, __________ shot a 239.6 to bag the men's 10 metre's air pistol gold.

- **a) Mehuli Ghosh**
- **b) Sarabjit Singh**
- **c) Elavenil Valaravin**
- **d) Udhayveer Sidhu**
- **e) Sanjay Chaudhry**

**Q.179** ________ an archipelago of more than 500 islands in Oceania, has become 76th signatory country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

- **a) Fiji**
- **b) Samoa**
- **c) Vanuatu**
- **d) Haiti**
- **e) Palau**

**Q.180** The ICC has suspended ________ Cricket with immediate effect over violation of global body's constitution which doesn't allow any government intervention.

- **a) Romania**
- **b) Uzbekistan**
- **c) Zimbabwe**
- **d) Lebanon**
- **e) Lebanon**

**Q.181** India's largest public broadcasting agency, Prasar Bharti signed a MoU with ________, for boosting research activities in the broadcasting field.

- **a) IIT, Bombay**
- **b) IIT, Madras**
- **c) IIT, Kolkata**
- **d) IIT, Kanpur**
- **e) IIT, Delhi**

**Q.182** Who is the Minister (I/C) of Ministry North-Eastern region development?

- **a) Dr. Kiren Rijiju**
- **b) Shripad Yesso Naik**
- **c) Rao Inderjit Singh**
- **d) Santosh Kumar Gangwar**
- **e) Dr. Jitendra Singh**

**Q.183** Leading fitness brand Reebok has announced Bollywood actor and wellness enthusiast, ________, as their new brand ambassador in India.

- **a) Priyanka Chopra**
- **b) Deepika Padukone**
- **c) Katrina Kaif**
- **d) Vidya Balan**
- **e) Kangana Ranaut**

**Q.184** Marine Acoustic Research Ship (MARS), INS Sagardhwani started its two-month-long second mission ________ from Southern Naval Command in Kochi, Kerala.

- **a) Sagar Maitri**
- **b) India Kaiad**
- **c) Raju Samudrha**
- **d) Sagar Mithra**
- **e) Telenet Sathi**
Q.185) ___________ and IRCON International Limited, under the Ministry of Railways, signed $91.26 million agreement for the upgradation of 130 km rail track.

a) Indonesia   b) Bangladesh  

c) Nepal   d) Sri Lanka

e) Pakistan

Q.186) Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy launched a scheme ‘Indian Cyber

Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)’ for the period of

a) 2018-2021   b) 2021-2023  

c) 2022-2025   d) 2019-2022

e) 2018-2020

Q.187) Indian Foreign Service officer ______________ appointed as private secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

a) Vivek Kumar   b) Bhaskar Raj  

c) Abhinav Gore   d) Rakesh Yadav

e) Laxman Reddy

Q.188) World is celebrating the 50th anniversary of moon landing 20th July, when American astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin started in the Indira Gandhi Agriculture University

a) August 7   b) Apollo 11  

c) Munich 13   d) Niel 10

e) Apollo 17

Q.189) The 20th anniversary of the Kargil War a new book titled, “Kargil: Untold stories from the War” authored by Rachna Bishi Rawat released in

a) Varanasi   b) Kolkata  

c) New Delhi   d) Trivandrum

e) Indore

Q.190) The landmark Motahari-Amlekhgunj petroleum products pipeline between India and has been completed and ready for commercial operation.

a) Bangladesh   b) Bhutan  

c) Indonesia   d) Nepal

e) Sri Lanka

Q.191) In Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship held in __________, India made a record by winning gold in both men’s and women’s category.

a) Patna   b) Cuttack  

c) Kanpur   d) Aurangabad

e) Dibrugarh


a) Mark Zuckerberg   b) Elon Musk  

c) Jeff Bezos   d) Jack Ma

e) Bernard Arnault

Q.193) In the Shooting Junior World Cup, ___________ clinched gold with a junior world record in the final of rifle 3-position event in Suhl, Germany.

a) Rituraj Singh   b) Zalan Pekler  

c) Aishwarya Pratap Singh   d) Grigorii Shamakov

e) Yasashwini Singh Deswal

Q.194) Agri-Business Incubation Centre has started in the Indira Gandhi Agriculture University of __________, Chhattisgarh.

a) Panaji   b) Raipur  

c) Nasik   d) Ranchi

e) ImpHAL

Q.195) Sports Minister ___________ launched the All India Football Federation’s Golden Baby

Leagues handbook 2019-20 based on the

a) Ashwini Kumar Choubye   b) Ramdas Athawale  

c) Anurag Thakur   d) Kiren Rijiju

e) Prahalad Singh Patel

Q.196) Senior diplomat Sanjeev Kumar Singla is appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to the official confirmation by ACC.

a) Italy   b) Lebanon  

c) Palestine   d) Egypt

e) Israel

Q.197) The 11th DefExpo India-2020 is scheduled to be held for the first time in Uttar Pradesh's capital ___________.

a) Patna   b) Lucknow  

c) Noida   d) Hazarapur

e) Ranchi

Q.198) Two-time Olympic gold medallist will be conferred the ‘Mohun Bagan Ratna’ during its annual day celebrations on the 29th of this month.

a) Abishek Kulna   b) Kalyan singh  

c) Sunil Gupta   d) Keshav Dutt

e) Naresh Patyala

Q.199) ___________ became the first state in India to ensure the conservation of water and have own water policy following a nod given by the State Cabinet.

a) Sikkim   b) Tripura  

c) Nagaland   d) Assam

e) Meghalaya

Q.200) India’s ___________ and ___________ won the mixed doubles in 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship at Cuttack, Odisha.

a) L Rakesh & Sunitha Nair   b) T Laxman & Sankari Yanis  

c) G Sathiyann & Archana Kamath   d) K Jawahar & Geetha Harini

e) S Deepak & Nalini Sivam

Q.201) President ___________ looks set to be the first Ukrainian leader since the fall of communism to command an overall majority in parliament.

a) Shavkat Mirziyoyev   b) Gurbanguly Berdymuhame  

c) Tayyip Erdogan   d) Mette Frederiksen

e) Volodymyr Zelensky

Q.202) In Tennis, the women’s world rankings were unchanged on 23rd July 2019 with of Australia at number one.

a) Ashleigh Barty   b) Naomi Osaka  

c) Karolina Pliskova   d) Simona Halep

e) Kiki Bertens

Q.203) ___________ has extended by another month, the state of emergency imposed after the Easter Sunday attacks.

a) Russia   b) Sri Lanka  

c) Saudi Arabia   d) Bahrain

e) Pakistan

Q.204) In Cricket, India-A defeated by eight wickets in the fifth and final unofficial one-day was completing a 4-1 series triumph in Antigua.

a) New Zealand-A   b) England-A  

c) West Indies-A   d) Pakistan-A

e) Australia-A

Q.205) Former Japanese diplomat and International Atomic Energy Agency Chief ___________ died at 72, the IAE agency announced.

a) Claire Bouteille   b) Achim Steiner  

c) Mohammad Barkindo   d) Yukiya Amano

e) Gurria Sanusi

Q.206) Britain swimmer ___________ breaks the world record in the men’s 100-meter breaststroke at the World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea.

a) Michael Phelps   b) Katie Ledecky  

c) Leisel Jones   d) Grant Hackett

e) Adam Peaty

Q.207) Honorable ___________ released the All India Tiger Estimation Report 2018 the massive tiger census is conducted every four years.

a) Venkiah Naidu   b) Ram Nath Kovind  

c) Edappadi Palaniswami   d) Rajiv Shankar Prasad

e) Narendra Modi

Q.208) ___________ is National Broadcasting day.

On this day in 1927, the first ever radio broadcast in the country went on the air from the Bombay Station.

a) July 21st   b) July 25th  

c) July 22nd   d) July 23rd

e) July 24th

Q.209) President of India appointed ___________ as Joint Secretary Who is a Gujarati batch IAS officer.

a) Ajay Bhadoo   b) Barani Lal  

c) Nitin Patel   d) Harshala Das

e) Sunameth Reddy

Q.210) ISRO Chairman ___________ congratulated the Team ISRO for the remarkable achievement of a historic journey Chandrayaan-2 by the nation to the moon.

a) Dr S Kiran Kumar   b) Dr G Madhavan Nair  

c) Dr Kailasavadivoo Sivan   d) Dr K Kasturirangan

Q.211) In __________, __________ declared himself as a new Governor of the state, acting Chief Justice of state High Court administered the oath.

a) Madhya Pradesh   b) Telangana  

c) Chhattisgarh   d) Gujarat

e) Jharkhand

Q.212) India and ___________ plans to hold an annual “Hand-in-Hand” (HiH) combat exercise at Umroi, near Shillong, Meghalaya on December 2019.

a) China   b) Japan  

c) Thailand   d) USA

e) Sri Lanka

Q.213) Delhi’s ___________ becomes India’s 64th Grandmaster defeated IM Lev Yanevich in the fifth round of the Portuguese League 2019.

a) Girish Koushik   b) Swayam Mishra  

c) Prithu Gupta   d) Gokesh Insiyan

e) Visakh Venkatraman

Q.214) ___________ and Facebook-owned WhatsApp announced a partnership to support the growth of a robust ecosystem to promote women entrepreneurs in India.

a) Finance Commission   b) NITI Aayog  

c) Ministry Women & Child Development   d) Human Rights Commission

e) Nishthaya NGD

Q.215) In Badminton, lost in straight games to Akane Yamaguchi in the finals of Indonesia Open BWF Tour Super 1000 tournament in Jakarta.

a) Saina Nehwal   b) P V Sindhu  

c) Aswini Ponnappa   d) Jwala Gutta

e) Aparna Popat
Q.216) The 19-2 Dong Maeng (alliance) exercise, an annual military exercise between the _______ and South Korean military exercises, will be held in the month of August.

a) UK  

b) Japan  

c) USA  

d) China  

e) North Korea

Q.217) Indian sprinter _________ won a gold medal in the 400-meter race with a season-best time of 52.09 seconds at Nove Mesto in the Czech Republic.

a) Hima Das  

b) Jyotirmoyee Sikdar  

c) Anagha Deshpande  

d) Jhulan Goswami  

e) Anjali Bhagwat

Q.218) Chinese National Space Administration (CNSA), the space agency, destroyed _________

a) Tiangong-3  

b) Vigsantpoo-3  

c) Gowindthar-1  

d) Tiangong-2  

e) Kankanass-2

Q.219) Lok Sabha member ___________, younger brother of Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan, died at the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in New Delhi.

a) Rama Lingam Paswan  

b) Ravi Chandra Paswan  

c) Ram Kummar Paswan  

d) Ravi Kumar Paswan  

e) Ram Chandra Paswan

Q.220) Pakistan Prime Minister _________ is in the US on his maiden trip to the country during which he will hold talks with US President Donald Trump.

a) Shahid Khaqan Abbasi  

b) Imran Khan  

c) Yousaf Raza Gillani  

d) Nawaz Sharif  

e) Shaukat Aziz

Q.221) Who is the present Speaker of Lok Sabha,

a) Sumitra Mahajan  

b) Shashi Tharoor  

c) Somnath Chatterjee  

d) Nandha Modi  

e) Shaukat Aziz


a) Shillong  

b) Imphal  

c) Agartala  

d) Guwahati  

e) Dehradun

Q.223) India and ________ have held high-level talks in New Delhi to elevate bilateral co-operation in India's maiden human space flight mission ‘Gaganyaan’.

a) France  

b) Germany  

c) Russia  

d) USA  

e) Italy

Q.224) The veteran leader and Rajya Sabha MP _________ was appointed General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (CPI) at CPI National Council.

a) C A Kurien  

b) Moti Lal  

c) C R Bakshi  

d) Bijoy Narayan  

e) D Raja

Q.225) _________, a NBFC – MFI awarded for outstanding performance in terms of Self-Help Group (SHG) linkage in Tamil Nadu for 2018-19 from NABARD.

a) Muthoot Finance  

b) Kaminattam Finance  

c) Repco Micro Finance  

d) Manappuram Finance  

e) Best Money Gold

Q.226) In badminton, Indian shuttlers P V Sindhu and _________ advanced to the quarterfinals of the Japan Open singles event in Tokyo.

a) H S Prannoy  

b) Parupalli Kashyap  

c) Srikanth Kidambi  

d) Ashok Adithi  

e) Sai Praneeth

Q.227) _________ tops Forbes Celebrity 100 list, becomes highest-paid star with over $185 Mn-earning over the past year.

a) Kylie Jenner  

b) Lionel Messi  

c) Taylor Swift  

d) Kanye West  

e) Cristiano Ronaldo

Q.228) Former Australian Davis Cup tennis star and Wimbledon doubles champion _________ has died aged 64, prompting a flood of tributes.

a) Ken Rosewall  

b) Peter McNamara  

c) Margaret Court  

d) Patrick Rafter  

e) Brent Larkham

Q.229) Union Culture Minister ________ inaugurated the architectural illumination of the historic Safdarjung Tomb in New Delhi.

a) Ramdas Athawale  

b) Prahlad Singh Patel  

c) Anurag Thakur  

d) Kiren Rijiju  

e) Ashwini Kumar Choubey

Q.230) Indian bodybuilder ________ has clinched Mr South Asia title has crowned the overall champion at 12th South Asian Bodybuilding Championship in Kathmandu.

a) Sangram Chaugule  

b) Thakur Anupam Singh  

c) Premchand Degra Khan  

d) Amit Chhetri  

e) Ravinder Kumar Malik

Q.231) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched a special campaign named Jan Jagrukta Abhiyaan in ________.

a) Meerut  

b) Indore  

c) Palam Desert  

d) Amrit Chhetri  

e) Ravinder Kumar Malik

Q.232) ________ triumphed in the second edition of Intertelcontinental Cup football by defeated Tajikistan in the final.

a) South Korea  

b) Kyrgyzstan  

c) North Korea  

d) New Delhi  

e) Uzbekistan

Q.233) _________ became the longest serving Prime Minister of Israel has spent 4,876 days, more than 13 years, in office as on 20 July, 2019.

a) Benjamin Netanyahu  

b) Martin Luther David  

c) James Malachi King  

d) Patna Patel  

e) Shaukat Aziz


a) Remu Kargi  

b) Arjun Bhati  

c) Vandha Modi  

d) Virat Dev Gore  

e) Hari Jana Desi

Q.235) Israel Aerospace Industries has signed a major deal worth _________ with Indian Navy to supply complementary Medium Range Surface-to-air missile (MRSAM) systems.

a) USD 10 million  

b) USD 20 million  

c) USD 30 million  

d) USD 40 million  

e) USD 50 million

Q.236) Veteran Congress leader and former Delhi Chief Minister _________ will be cremated in National capital.

a) Sahib Singh Verma  

b) Madan Lal Khurana  

c) Sheila Dikshit  

d) Chaudhary Brahman  

e) Prakash Dheriwal

Q.237) Digitalization of archaeological museum is being done through special software developed with specific purpose, union culture minister informed the Lok Sabha.

a) UDANI  

b) CMUTA  

c) DMTA  

d) JATAN  

e) NUCMS

Q.238) Senior diplomat ________ has been appointed as Secretary, Overseas Indian Affairs, according to an order issued by the Personnel Ministry.

a) Vivek Mithra  

b) Vijaya Shankar  

c) Vikas Swarup  

d) Vinay Rajeev  

e) Vishal Menon

Q.239) The ________ government has launched Student Police Cadet (SPC) scheme, a Police training program, for class 8 and 9 students to curb rising adolescence delinquency.

a) Maharashtra  

b) Rajasthan  

c) Tamil Nadu  

d) Karnataka  

e) Gujarat

Q.240) ________ is an Indian lunar mission that will boldly go where no country has ever gone before, the Moon South Polar Region in 2019.

a) Mangalyaan 1  

b) Chandrayaan 1  

c) Mangalyaan 2  

d) Bhaskara-3  

e) Chandrayaan 2

Q.241) India’s first Dragon blood tree ‘Draacaena Cambodia’ discovered in West Karbi Anglong district, ________.

a) Mizoram  

b) Haryana  

c) Assam  

d) Meghalaya  

e) Sikkim

Q.242) NASA prepares to send first woman and next man on Moon in ________, the US space agency is preparing to take its next giant leap with the ambitious ‘Artemis’ program.

a) 2025  

b) 2021  

c) 2023  

d) 2022  

e) 2024


a) 31st  

b) 52nd  

c) 73rd  

d) 24th  

e) 65th

Q.244) Recently a celestial object has a magnetic property has landed in a village of Madhubani, ________.

a) Bihar  

b) Jharkhand  

c) Haryana  

d) Karnataka  

e) Odisha

Q.245) Congress party leader ________ appointed as the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

a) Kuruppayserkeryy Thomas  

b) Vishnu Dayal Ram  

c) Rahul Rashmeshewale  

d) Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury  

e) Subhash Chandra Baheria

Q.246) Lok Sabha passed the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 was introduced by the Law Minister ________.

a) Sadanand Gowda  

b) Ravi Shanker Prasad  

c) Prakash Javadekar  

d) Harsh Vardhan  

e) Ram Vilas Paswan

Q.247) A Coffee Table Book showcasing the history and achievements of the ________ released in Leh, covers the serenity and mysticism of Ladakh and its people.

a) Fire & Ice Corps  

b) Fest & Fury Corps  

c) First & Last Corps  

d) Fire & Ice Corps  

e) First & Last Corps

Q.248) India has allotted $51 million to ________ to build a training program, for class 8 and 9 students to supply complementary Medium Range Surface-to-air missile (MRSAM) systems.

a) USD 10 million  

b) USD 20 million  

c) USD 30 million  

d) USD 40 million  

e) USD 50 million
e) **Fire & Fury Corps**
Q.248) PM Narendra Modi released the book “The Last Icon of Ideological Politics” and presented the first copy of the book to the Vice President of India.

1. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
2. Mammanoh Singh
3. **Chandra Shekhar**
4. Narasimha Rao
5. Rajiv Gandhi

**Q.249) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** delivered a _____ helicopter, that helicopter is scheduled to be held in the Indian Navy.

1. Mahavir
2. Abhimanyu
3. Bhima
4. Chetak
5. Rajdhani

**Q.250) The Rajya Sabha passed the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (POCSO Bill)** was introduced by the Ministry of.

1. Women and Child Development
2. Health and Family Welfare
3. Commerce and Industry
4. Information and Broadcasting
5. North-East Development

**Q.251) Boxing Legend __________ won WBA Super Welterweight title 2019** defeated Keith Thurman of US at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, United States.

1. Trevor Bryan
2. **Manny Pacquiao**
3. Dillian Whyte
4. John L. Sullivan
5. **20252) Scientists in _____ developed a method to convert Jute into low cost biodegradable cellulose sheets named ‘Sonali’ to replacing plastic bags.**

1. India
2. Sri Lanka
3. Bangladesh
4. Pakistan
5. Indonesia

**Q.253) Hungarian swimmer _____ created a new world record in the 200 metres butterfly at the FINA world championship 2019 in South Korea.**

1. Michael Phelps
2. Caeleb Dressel
3. Kosuke Hagino
4. Grant Hackett
5. **Kristof Milak**

**Q.254) An army veteran and former defence industry lobbyist _____ is sworn as the US secretary of defense after receiving Senate confirmation.**

1. Mark Esper
2. Steven Mnuchin
3. Wilbur Ross
4. Elisabeth Devos
5. Mike Pompeo

**Q.255) The Geographical indicator (GI) granted to _____ for the Rasculla, more than two years after West Bengal won its own GI tag for the delectable eastern sweet.**

1. Jharkhand
2. **Bihar**
3. Odisha
4. Andhra Pradesh
5. **Q.256) The country will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Kargil Vijay Diwas _____ on this day in 1999, the Kargil War, formally came to an end.**

1. July 23rd
2. July 24th
3. **July 25th**
4. July 26th
5. July 27th

**Q.257) IPS officer _____ appointed as the next Director General (DG) of Border Security Force (BSF) is issued by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).**

1. VK Johri
2. HS Baisul Khan
3. SM Daroed
4. **BN Burra Pandey**
5. TM Sunil Meta

**Q.258) In _____, a Himalayan Conclave being held is being used in Mussoorie to discuss various issues related to the development of Himalayan States.**

1. Uttarakhand
2. **Himachal Pradesh**
3. Jharkhand
4. Uttarakhand
5. Haryana

**Q.259) Lt Gen _______ is appointed as the next Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Indian Army.**

1. Laxmana Dev
2. **Paramjot Singh**
3. Earnest Raj
4. Sruivatsava Reddy
5. Hussen Jordan

**Q.260) President has left on an official visit to three African countries- Benin, The Gambia and Guinea.**

1. Narendra Modi
2. Venkaih Naidu
3. Pinarayi Vijayan
4. Pranab Mukherjee
5. **Ram Nath Kovind**

**Q.261) Belgian-Dutch racing driver _____ won a chaotic German Grand Prix to take his second win of the season.**

1. Lewis Hamilton
2. Sebastian Vettel
3. **Max Verstappen**
4. Daniil Kvyat
5. Lance Stroll

**Q.262) Earth Sciences Minister ____ launched a new website of India Meteorological Department www.mausam.imd.gov.in on the occasion.**

1. Nitin Gadkari
2. **Harshvardhan**
3. Sadanand Gowda
4. Ravi Shankar Prasad
5. Prakash Javadekar

**Q.263) ____ has finally received affiliation from the BCCI, thus providing an opportunity for the city cricketers to play in BCCI tournament.**

1. Punjab
2. Andaman & Nicobar
3. New Delhi
4. **Chandigarh**
5. Rajasthan

**Q.264) The __________ Legislative Assembly ____ has finally received affiliation from the BCCI, thus providing an opportunity for the city cricketers to play in BCCI tournament.**

1. Karnataka
2. Tamil Nadu
3. Kerala
4. **Gujarat**
5. Maharashtra

**Q.265) India tallied 9 medals including Mary Kom and Simranjit Kaur at the 23rd Presidents Cup in __________.**

1. Labuan Bajo,
2. Bangladesh
3. **Vietnam**
4. Indonesia
5. Pakistan

**Q.266) Bangladesh along with Bhutan, Nepal and Thailand in South-East Asia Region has been able to achieve ____ the control report by WHO.**

1. HIV
2. Tuberculosis
3. **Heart fail**
4. Swine flu
5. **Hepatitis B**

**Q.267) Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju announced the third edition of Khelo India Youth Games will be held in ____ next year 2020.**

1. Guwahati
2. **Itanagar**
3. Gangtok
4. Agartala
5. Shillong

**Q.268) Country’s Minister of State for Health and Population Dr. Surendra Kumar Yadav inaugurated the Hindu Economic Forum’s ___________ Chapter in Kathamandu.**

1. Bhutan
2. **Thailand**
3. Bangladesh
4. Nepal
5. Indonesia

**Q.269) 7-time MP and 4-term MLA along with former Union Minister & senior Congress leader ____ passes away in Hyderabad.**

1. Govind Reddy
2. **Jaipal Reddy**
3. Mohan Reddy
4. Varadaraj Reddy
5. Kalyan Reddy

**Q.270) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister approved the FRP at _____ per quintal for Sugarcane.**

1. Rs 175
2. **Rs 200**
3. Rs 225
4. Rs 250
5. Rs 275

**Q.271) Every year, ____ is celebrated as International Tiger Day in order to spread awareness on the conservation and promotion of the protection of the natural tiger.**

1. July 26th
2. **July 27th**
3. July 29th
4. July 28th
5. July 27th

**Q.272) BJP leader from Madhya Pradesh, ____ is appointed as the governor of Chhattisgarh by Rashtrapati Bhavan.**

1. Yashwant Sinha
2. **Jana Krishnamurthi**
3. Murlu Manohar Joshi
4. Anusuiya Uikey
5. Kushbhu Thakre

**Q.273) The Golden Jubilee Edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) has been scheduled to be held from 20-28 November 2019 in __________.**

1. Goa
2. **Karnataka**
3. Maharashtra
4. Gujarat
5. **Jharkhand**

**Q.274) Former India’s wicket keeper-batsman, ____ takes charge as the interim coach of the senior USA cricket team.**

1. Saba Karim
2. **Vijay DIahiya**
3. Kiran More
4. Deep Dasgupta
5. Ajay Ratra

**Q.275) Labs, the technology arm of the US retail giant acquire hired tech health start-up FloCare and B2B trading platform BigTrade undisclosed amount.**

1. Intel
2. **Wal-Mart**
3. Microsoft
4. **Cisco**
5. IBM

**Q.276) FanMojo, a fantasy sports platform, owned by mobile tech company U2opia Global has appointed _____ as its brand ambassador.**

1. Sameer Dighe
2. **Prithvi Shaw**
3. MSK Prasad
4. Parthiv Patel
5. Rahul Dravid

**Q.277) Every year on 17th ____ World Day for International Justice is observed all around the world to promote international criminal justice.**

1. July 13
2. July 14
3. **July 17**
4. July 19
5. July 16

**Q.278) Over 1.28 lakh Gram Panchayats linked with optical fiber under ______ is uploading photographic evidence assistance given to the beneficiaries.**

1. Bharat Fiber programme
2. **Hindustan Optical programme**
3. Ek Bharat Ek Net programme
4. Bharat Net programme
5. **One India Net programme**

**Q.279) A fast-track system would be set up for companies and investors of India and ______ to facilitate investment proposals in both countries.**

1. **Italy**
2. Russia
3. France
4. Germany
5. China

**Q.280) _____ won the women’s 200m event for her third international triumph in 11 days at the Kladno Memorial Athletics Meet at Kladno, Czech Republic.**

1. Sahil Silwal
2. **Hima Das**
c) Vipina Kasan  d) Sarita ben  
Q.281) The 8th meeting of India-Uzbekistan Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism was held in ___________.
   a) Gurgaon  b) Panaji  c) Dehradun  d) Pune  
  e) New Delhi

   a) Karambir Singh  b) Imam Ramse  c) Salim Ali Das  d) Amir Khan  
   e) Jinnah Hamirh

Q.283) The UNDP has released its Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2019, as per report __________ people are multi-dimensionally poor.
   a) 1.3 billion  b) 1.9 billion  c) 1.7 billion  d) 2.1 billion  
   e) Shahnawaz

Q.284) Whose work on computer time-sharing in the 1960s helped pave the way for the personal computer, as well as the computer password, died recently.
   a) Gregory Chaitin  b) Alberto Ciaramella  c) Nello Cristianini  d) Michael Dertouzos  
   e) Lili Das

Q.285) President Ram Nath Kovind appointed ___________ who is a BJP leader from Odisha, as the governor of Andhra Pradesh.
   e) Bidhan Chandra Das

Q.286) Who is the present Chairperson of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?
   a) Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar  b) Pramod Chandra Mody  c) Karambir Singh  d) Prahalad Singh Patel  
   e) Bidhan Chandra Das

Q.287) Union Ministry of ___________ launched a lightweight bullet proof jacket Bhabha Kavach, which were especially for the Paramilitary Forces and Indian armed forces.
   a) Home Affairs  b) Defence  c) Civil Aviation  d) Space & Atomic energy  
   e) Earth Sciences

Q.288) The Supreme Court extended the deadline for publication of final National Register of Citizens, NRC, in Assam by a month, from July 31 to ___________.
   a) September 31  b) October 1  c) August 31  d) September 1  
   e) November 1

Q.289) World Chess Champion ___________ of Norway won the 2019 Croatia Grand Chess Tour title by defeating Wesley So of United States.
   a) Vladimir Kramnik  b) Garry Kasparov  c) Rustam Kasimdzhanov  d) Magnus Carlsen  
   e) Alexander Khalifman

Q.290) The victory flame was kindled at National War Memorial in ___________ and flagged off for Kargil War Memorial in Drass of Kargil District.
   a) Mumbai  b) New Delhi  c) Pune  d) Kolkata  
   e) Gandhi Nagar

Q.291) External Affairs Minister ___________ arrived UK to attend the 19th Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers’ Meeting to discuss the future strategy of the grouping.
   a) Jaishankar  b) Sadananda Gowda  c) Ram Vilas Paswan  d) Harsh Vardhan  
   e) Nirmala Sitharaman

Q.292) The government has set a target for the installation of Rooftop Solar projects of 40,000 Megawatt by __________ in the country.
   a) 2025  b) 2021  c) 2024  d) 2023  
   e) 2022

Q.293) ___________ becomes First State to Reserve 75% Private Jobs for Local Youths by state assembly passed the Employment of Local Candidates Act, 2019.
   a) Madhya Pradesh  b) Jharkhand  c) Andhra Pradesh  d) Jharkhand  
   e) Himachal Pradesh

Q.294) Jal Shakti Minister ___________ gave a presentation to BJP MPs on water conservation in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
   a) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat  b) Shripad Yesso Naik  c) Rao Inderjint Singh  
   d) Prahalad Singh Patel  e) Shiva Thapa

Q.295) The FIFA has awarded the hosting rights for the 10th edition of the Under-20 Women’s World Cup to be held in 2020, to ___________.
   a) South Korea  b) India  c) North Korea  d) Nigeria  
   e) Japan

Q.296) ___________ was elected as the Conservative Party leader and Britain’s new Prime Minister today as announced by his party in London.
   e) George Grenville

Q.297) Asian medallist ___________ became India’s first gold medallist at the President’s Cup boxing tournament in the finals in Astana, Kazakhstan.
   a) Shiva Thapa  b) Dingko Singh  c) Vijender Singh  d) Akhil Kumar  
   e) Druv Janarth

Q.298) A new ___________ bilateral pilot scheme has been launched to support foreign universities to collaborate with partners to send its students to India during their studies.
   a) India-USA  b) India-Japan  c) India-UK  d) India-France  
   e) India-UAE

Q.299) Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) will observe and celebrate the 159th Income Tax Day ‘Aayakar Divas’ on ___________.
   a) July 21st  b) July 25th  c) July 22nd  d) July 23rd  
   e) July 24th

Q.300) Indian Air Naval Squadron (INAS) 313 it is the ___________ aircraft squadron commissioned into the Indian Navy by Admiral Karambir Singh at Chennai.
   a) 2nd Dornier  b) 5th Dornier  c) 7th Dornier  d) 4th Dornier  
   e) 3rd Dornier

Q.301) India skipper ___________ has retained his number one position in the latest ICC Test batsmen’s rankings as per report.
   a) Cheteshwar Pujara  b) Ravindra Jadeja  c) Ravichandran Ashwin  d) Virat Kohli  
   e) Rohit Sharma

Q.302) L&T Technology Services (LTTS) selected as a strategic partner by United Technologies Corporation (UTC) for Collins ___________.
   a) Shipping  b) Mines  c) Water management  d) Aerospace  e) Electricity

Q.303) ___________ announced the acquisition of chip-maker Intel's smartphone modem business for $1 billion to focus on developing technology for the 5G network.
   a) Microsoft  b) Google  c) IBM Service  d) Facebook  
   e) Apple

Q.304) British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has appointed the 47-year-old leader Indian origin ___________ as the country Home Secretary.
   a) Manisha Aggarwal  b) Sunita Modi  c) Ragini Gulab  d) Janani Singh  
   e) Priiti Patel

Q.305) India’s fastest train __________ successfully completed its test run from New Delhi to Katra in eight hours, the train can run up to a maximum speed of 160 km/hour.
   a) Shatabdi  b) Antyodaya  c) Rustam Kasimdzhanov  d) Vande Bharat  
   e) Vande Bharat

Q.306) Amid the political crisis in the state, ___________ Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy resigned from the post after meeting Governor Vajubhai Vala.
   a) Taminalu  b) Karnataka  c) Kerala  d) Puducherry  
   e) Telangana

Q.307) US regulators formalized a record ___________ fine on Facebook for violation of users’ privacy in the Cambridge Analytica data scandal involving 87 million users.
   a) 5 billion USD  b) 4 billion USD  c) 3 billion USD  d) 2 billion USD  
   e) 1 billion USD

Q.308) Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) appointed the Canadian ___________ as the head coach of the Indian table tennis team.
   a) Niranjana Ferrari  b) Michael Doris  c) Dejan Papic  d) Dominic Haleb  
   e) Benjamin Laathe

BANKING AWARENESS

Q.1) Government of India, Canara Bank General Manager (GM), ___________ assumed charge as the National Housing Bank (NHB) Managing Director.
   a) Babu Shankar Rao  b) Sarada Kumar Hoti  c) Narayana Moorthi  d) Rakesh K Yadav  
   e) Deena Raj Mukherjee

Q.2) The annual banking statistics report compiled by the Swiss National Bank (SNB), India slipped to ___________ place in terms of money with Swiss banks.
   a) 38th  b) 53rd  c) 65th  d) 74th  
   e) 81st

Q.3) Government of India organized an event on ___________ to celebrate the second anniversary of Goods and Services Tax (GST).
   a) July 2  b) June 30  c) June 29  d) July 1  
   e) July 5

Q.4) Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved ___________ in loans to rehabilitate and upgrade two state highways in Chhattisgarh.
   a) $150 million  b) $200 million  c) $250 million  d) $300 million  
   e) $350 million

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Q.5) India pledged ___________ in 2019 to the UN Palestine refugee agency and called for ensuring sustained fiscal support for its work.
   a) USD 1 Million  b) USD 3 Million
   c) USD 5 Million  d) USD 2 Million
   e) USD 4 Million

Q.6) ___________ and India’s sovereign wealth fund, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIIF) signed a MoU to provide financing solutions to the infrastructure sector.
   a) State Bank of India  b) Bank of Baroda
   c) Federal Bank  d) Indian Overseas Bank
   e) Canara Bank

Q.7) Transparency in political funding, ___________ were introduced in 2018, are alternative to cash donations made to political parties.
   a) Masala bonds  b) Green bonds
   c) Electoral bonds  d) Overseas bonds
   e) Energy bonds

Q.8) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), a public sector bank appointed ___________ as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
   a) Arjit Basu  b) Karmam Sekar
   c) Rajnish Kumar  d) Padmaja Chauduru
   e) Zhekar Ghosh

Q.9) ___________ has signed ___________ deal with Russia to acquire Strum Ataka, the anti-tank missile will be added to the fleet of Mi-35 attack choppers of Indian Air Force.
   a) Rs.100 crore  b) 150 crore
   c) 200 crore  d) 250 crore
   e) 300 crore

Q.10) Central government’s ambitious project of “One Nation One Card” beneficiary scheme will begin on ___________.
   a) 1st April 2020  b) 1st May 2020
   c) 1st July 2020  d) 1st June 2021
   e) 1st April 2021

Q.11) IMF Executive board sanctioned a three-year ___________ loan package for Pakistan to rein in mounting debts and stave off a looming balance of payments crisis.
   a) $2 billion  b) $5 billion
   c) $8 billion  d) $7 billion
   e) $6 billion

Q.12) ___________ launched a web tool will enable easy & faster processing named VASOOL SO-FT for digitizing NPA recovery process.
   a) Federal Bank  b) Indian Bank
   c) Karnataka Bank  d) Allahabad Bank
   e) Canara Bank

Q.13) ___________ partnered with Bharti AXA Life Insurance to offer Bharati AXA Life POS (Point of Sale) Saral Jeewan Bima Yojana, a pure life term insurance.
   a) Airtel Payments Bank  b) India Post Payments Bank
   c) Jio Payments Bank  d) Fino Payments Bank
   e) Paytm Payments Bank

Q.14) ___________, Managing Director of Arohan Financial Services, is appointed as the Chairman of Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN).
   a) Manick Gnana Kumar  b) Manoj Kumar Namibi
   c) Mahendra Verma  d) Mathru Rashmi Khan
   e) Mahesh Tripathi

Q.15) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of ___________ on four public sector banks for non-compliance with KYC requirement and norms.
   a) Rs 1.50 crore  b) Rs 2.75 crore
   c) Rs 1.15 crore  d) Rs 2.25 crore
   e) Rs 1.75 crore

Q.16) ___________ gets extension by one year as RBI deputy governor with the approval from RBI and Government of India.
   a) B P Kanungo  b) Viral V Acharya
c) S S Mundra  d) M K Jain
   e) N S Vishwanathan

Q.17) ___________ invested around $250 million in Ola Electric Mobility, the electric vehicle unit, Ola becomes the newest unicorn from India.
   a) NABARD  b) Deutsche Bank
c) Bank of China  d) Soft Bank
   e) Barclays Bank

Q.18) Who is the Director general of the World Health Organization?
   a) Roberto Azevedo  b) Tedros Adhanom
   c) Audrey Azoulay  d) Irina Bokova
e) Guy Ryder

Q.19) Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union Cabinet approved the proposal to lease out airports at Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangaluru to ___________.
   a) Adani Enterprises  b) Reliance Industries
c) Tata & sons  d) Vedanta Groups
   e) Arena Industries

Q.20) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) board has finalized ___________, a medium term strategy, to improve regulation and supervision.
   a) Upkarish 2020  b) Uttarakar 2022
c) Uttesh 2025  d) Upper 2023
   e) Ujjain 2021

Q.21) The union government fixed the price at ___________ per gram for the new series of sovereign gold bonds (SGBs), from June 2019 to September 2019.
   a) Rs 3,842  b) Rs 3,173
c) Rs 3,511  d) Rs 3,443
   e) Rs 3,637

Q.22) Indian mobile network operator, ___________ partnered with Facebook to launch a digital literacy initiative named “Digital Udyan”.
   a) Airtel network  b) Reliance Jio
c) Vodafone  d) Idea Cellular
   e) BSNL Bharath

Q.23) ___________ acquired a 9.47 % stake in Ola Electric Mobility, the electric vehicle unit of Ola, becoming the newest unicorn from India.
   a) Apollo Munich  b) Bajaj Allianz
c) HDFC Ergo  d) ICICI Bank
   e) HDFC Bank

Q.24) The government has approved a relief fund and rehabilitation work in over of USD 900,000 for the Cyclone-hit Odisha.
   a) Japan  b) Australia
   c) Hong Kong  d) Russia
   e) USA

Q.25) ___________ is the ninth most expensive office location in the world; the annual report is done by CBRE.
   a) Chandani Chowk  b) Rashtrapati’s Bhavan
c) Connaught Place  d) Agrasen Ki Baoli
   e) Pandara Road

Q.26) New Delhi’s ___________ is the ninth most expensive office location in the world; the annual report is done by CBRE.
   a) Union Cabinet  b) Supreme Court
c) National Green Tribunal  d) Delhi High Court
   e) Central Commission of Animal Welfare

Q.27) International Monetary Fund, IMF Chief ___________ has resigned ahead of a decision on her nomination to become head of the European Central Bank, ECB.
   a) Cathy Bessant  b) Marianne Lake
   c) Christine Lagarde  d) Barbara Desoer
   e) Anne Finucane

Q.28) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA has approved 2880 Megawatt Dibang Multipurpose Project in ______ at the cost of 1600 crore rupees.
   a) Madhya Pradesh  b) Himachal Pradesh
c) Andhra Pradesh  d) Uttar Pradesh
   e) Arunachal Pradesh

Q.29) There is a plan to increase the total production of coal in the country to one billion tonne by 2022-23. Coal minister ___________ informed the Lok Sabha.
   a) Giriraj Singh  b) Prahlad Joshi
c) Arvind Sawant  d) Piyush Goyal
   e) Suresh Sinha

Q.30) International Court of Arbitration has imposed a penalty of over $5 billion on ___________ as it compulsorily sold a major chunk to a company Tethyan Copper.
   a) Pakistan  b) Bangladesh
   c) Sri Lanka  d) China
   e) Indonesia

Q.31) ___________ and Common Services Centre’s (CSC) launched a co-branded “Small Business Money-Back Credit Card” for small traders and village-level entrepreneurs.
   a) Union Bank of India  b) HDFC Bank
   c) Indian Overseas Bank  d) ICBIC Bank
   e) Central Bank of India

Q.32) The 60-year-old German Defence Minister ___________ has been elected as the European Commission’s first female president.
   a) Ursula von der Leyen  b) Horst Seehofer Mass
   c) Olaf Scholz Heiko  d) Altmayer Barely Hel
   e) Katarina Hubertus Peter

Q.33) India’s leading private sector general insurance company, ___________ entered into a corporate agency partnership with Kerala based Muthoot Mini Financiers Limited.
   a) Apollo Munich  b) HDFC Ergo
   c) Bajaj Allianz  d) Cigna TTK
e) Bharti AXA

Q.34) The ___________ launched a web-based application system for contribution from the Fund of Funds for Start-ups (FFS).
   a) SEBI  b) NABARD
c) SIDBI  d) CSIR
   e) RBI

Q.35) The ___________ has formed a high powered committee to urgently frame and implement an emergency response plan for the protection of the two Indian birds.
   a) Union Cabinet  b) Supreme Court
c) National Green Tribunal  d) Delhi High Court
   e) Central Commission of Animal Welfare

Q.36) The union cabinet approved the extension of the term of 15th Finance Commission up to ___________.
   a) Union Cabinet  b) Supreme Court
c) National Green Tribunal  d) Delhi High Court
   e) Central Commission of Animal Welfare

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this year to finalise its recommendations for the period 2020-2025.

Q.37) Union Health Ministry has signed a MoU with Ministries of Ayush, Defence and Railways to strengthen the efforts towards a TB-Free India by ______.

a) 2020  b) 2030  c) 2025  d) 2022  e) 2027

Q.38) __________, the capital markets regulator, has opposed the Centre’s proposal to transfer surplus money to the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI).

a) RBI  b) SEBI  c) NABARD  d) BRBNMPL  e) SIDBI

Q.39) Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s ______ scheme for providing free cooking gas connection to poor came in for appreciates from the International Energy Agency (IEA).

a) Uday  b) Jan Dhan  c) Mudra  d) Jal Shakti  e) Ujjwala

Q.40) The new e-challan system and the e-payment gateway for the use of ______ Traffic Police, the scheme was launched by its Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik.

a) Chennai  b) Kolkata  c) Delhi  d) Bangalore  e) Mumbai

Q.41) Andhra Bank launched its AI (Artificial Intelligence) interactive assistant called _______, powered by Floatabot.ai at a function in Hyderabad, Telangana.

a) ABHI  b) SIMA  c) niAB  d) SSwap  e) SwaP

Q.42) Minister of Commerce and Industry ______ planned to launch the Global Innovation Index (GII) on July 24 in the presence of the WIPO.

a) Piyush Goyal  b) Suresh Prabhu  c) Murail Manohar  d) Prakash Javadekar  e) Ramvilas Paswan

Q.43) An Inter-Ministerial Committee has recommended ban on ______ in India and imposing fines and penalties for carrying on any activities connected with it.

a) Share Market  b) Crypto Currencies  c) Bullion Rupees  d) Mutual Fund  e) Sovereign Gold bond

Q.44) Around 7 crore 32 lakh farmer families across the country received the first and second instalments of 2 thousand rupees under the Pradhan Mantri ______ Yojana.

a) Krishi Sinchayee  b) Jeevan Jyoti Bima  c) Bullion Rupees  d) Mutual Fund  e) Transparency

Q.45) FDI inflow has increased during the last six years from 36.05 billion US Dollars in 2013-14 to ______ US Dollars in 2018-19, registering a growth of 79%.

a) 64.38 billion  b) 57.17 billion  c) 46.31 billion  d) 33.35 billion  e) 29.96 billion

Q.46) AIIB is a new multilateral financial institution founded to bring countries together to address the daunting infrastructure needs across Asia, AIIB stands for?

a) Association Infrastructure Investment Bank  b) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank  c) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

d) Association International Investment Bank  e) Association International Investment Bank

Q.47) NIBM, an autonomous academic institution, is governed by a Board, its highest policy-making body, the headquarters of NIBM is?

a) Kolkata, West Bengal  b) Pune, Maharashtra  c) Chennai, Tamilnadu  d) Hyderabad, Telangana  e) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Q.48) Government of ______ and India’s leading Bombay stock exchange (BSE) signed a MOU to encourage & support its micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs) to raise capital.

a) Haryana  b) Jharkhand  c) Tamilnadu  d) Maharashtra  e) Rajasthan

Q.49) According to the London-based consultancy Brand Finance annual report, “Brand Finance India 100 2019”, ______ becomes India’s most valuable brand for the second straight year.

a) Reliance  b) LIC  c) Infosys  d) Tata  e) ONGC

Q.50) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has reduced India’s growth forecast for the current financial year to ______ earlier, it had announced a growth estimation of 7.2%.

a) 7.0%  b) 6.9%  c) 6.7%  d) 7.1%  e) 6.5%

Q.51) Who is the present Chairman of India’s leading Bombay stock exchange (BSE)?

a) Sumit Bose  b) Umakant Jayaram  c) Jayshree Vyas  d) Vikramajit Sen  e) Surey Nagayam

Q.52) Asian Development Bank (ADB) sanctioned Rs 1,525 crore projects for up-grading of power generation and distribution in ______.

a) Jharkhand  b) Tripura  c) Uttarakhand  d) Manipur  e) Odisha

Q.53) American digital payments firm ______ expansion of its India footprint with the launch of the third global technology centre in Hyderabad.


Q.54) The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2019 has been introduced in Lok Sabha was introduced by ______ Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

a) Home Affairs  b) Defence  c) Commerce & Industry  d) Finance  e) Railways

Q.55) World Bank would offer a loan of ______ to the Kerala Government for the Resilient Kerala project.

a) $100 million  b) $150 million  c) $175 million  d) $200 million  e) $250 million

Q.56) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed fine on ______ and ______ for violating ICAC, CRILC and cyber security framework guidelines.


Q.57) The World Bank dropped a loan proposal for ______ project continues to support Andhra Pradesh with an over one billion USD program.

a) Hyderabad  b) Vijayawada  c) Visakapatnam  d) Tirupati  e) Amaravati

Q.58) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a new report; ______ state topped around 233 cases of ATM fraud in 2018-19.

a) Tamilnadu  b) Gujarat  c) Kerala  d) Maharashtra  e) Karnataka

Q.59) Finance Minister ______ will chair the 36th meeting of the GST Council through video conferencing in New Delhi.

a) Nirmala Sitharaman  b) Amit Shah  c) Piyush Goyal  d) Suresh Prabhu  e) Smt. Rani

Q.60) The RBI assigned Deputy Governor ______ to run the monetary policy portfolio after the resignation of fellow Deputy Governor Viral Acharya.

a) BP Kanungo  b) SS Mundra  c) MK Jain  d) NS Vishwanathan  e) FH Michael

Q.61) The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and JCB International, along with domestic banks launched ______ JCB Global Cards.

a) Mastercard  b) Visa  c) RuPay  d) Creditcard  e) Paymentcard

Q.62) Industrial output growth slipped to ______ in May on account of subdued performance of mining and manufacturing sectors.

a) 3.1 per cent  b) 1.7 per cent  c) 2.9 per cent  d) 3.5 per cent  e) 2.3 per cent

Q.63) ______, Managing Director of State Bank of India has been appointed as MD and Chief Financial Officer of the World Bank.

a) Kaushi Ram  b) Jaya Menon  c) Deepti Jay  d) Anshula Kant  e) Barkavi Pillai

Q.64) ______ is to impose a tax of up to €18 on plane tickets for all flights from airports in its terminal to fund less polluting transportation projects, effect from 2020.

a) Germany  b) Italy  c) Spain  d) Greece  e) France

Q.65) The RBI has imposed a fine of about 26 lakh rupees on two online payment solutions providers’ ______ and ______ for non-compliance of regulatory guidelines.

a) Braintree and Amex  b) PayUmoney and Razorpay  c) Instamojo and E-Billing Solutions  d) Mobikwik and Hip Bar  e) DirecPay and Cashfree

Q.66) Senior IAS officer ______ will be the new Finance Secretary, the approval was given by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

a) Rajiv Kumar  b) Mahesh Jain  c) Rakesh Taman  d) Arjun Vendhana  e) Ram Bagawath

Q.67) PNB Housing Finance Ltd has raised $100 million from International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of World Bank Group, to finance the purchase of affordable housing projects.

a) $300 million  b) $150 million  c) $200 million  d) $100 million  e) $250 million
Q.68) The maximum period of maturity prescribed for Commercial Paper (CP) is?
   a) 2 years
   b) 6 years
   c) 3 years
   d) 1 year
   e) 5 year

Q.69) Which of the following Bank has signed a pact with the Bank of China to boost business opportunities recently?
   a) Indian Overseas Bank
   b) ICICI Bank
   c) Central Bank of India
   d) State Bank of India
   e) Bank of India

Q.70) Reserve Bank of India was nationalised in?
   a) 1934
   b) 1947
   c) 1935
   d) 1949
   e) None of these

Q.71) RBI is headed by Governor and not more than ______ Deputy Governors.
   a) Five
   b) Four
   c) Three
   d) Six
   e) Two

Q.72) The GST Council has decided to reduce GST Rate on Electrical Vehicles from 12% to ________.
   a) 7%
   b) 3%
   c) 5%
   d) 6%
   e) 10%

Q.73) According to data released by the government, Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections narrowly missed crossing ______ Rs. in June 2019.
   a) 2 lakh crore
   b) 4 lakh crore
   c) 6 lakh crore
   d) 1 lakh crore
   e) 3 lakh crore

Q.74) Reserve Bank of India has constituted a Working Group of six members to Review Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Core Investment Companies Which is headed by?
   a) A.K. Misra
   b) M. Viswanathan
   c) Tapan Roy
   d) Ujit Patel
   e) Anshula kant

Q.75) Who has been appointed as the Director of Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) for a period of three years?
   a) Pravin Kumar Purwar
   b) Anupam Shrivastava
   c) Nalin Shinghal
   d) Karmam Sekar
   e) Harideesh Kumar

Q.76) Who has been appointed as the additional director on the board of Jammu and Kashmir by RBI?
   a) Babu Narayan
   b) Basant Kumar Birla
   c) Nalin Shinghal
   d) Lakshmi Mittal
   e) Sunil Kumar

Q.77) How much amount has been approved by the Union government for Implementation of Agriculture Export Policy in 2019-20?
   a) 296.80 crore
   b) 269.25 crore
   c) 117.46 crore
   d) 3 lakh crore
   e) 100 lakhs

Q.78) Bank branches are established under ______ of Banking Regulations.
   a) Section 20
   b) Section 21
   c) Section 22
   d) Section 23
   e) None of these

Q.79) What is D in BSBDA?
   a) Drawee
   b) Drawer
   c) Deposit
   d) Debit
   e) None of these

Q.80) Who is the Independent director general of FINO Payments Bank?
   a) Narendra Kumar Ambwani
   b) Amit Jain
   c) Ganesh Natarajan
   d) Prof N Venkiteswaran
   e) Dr Punita Kumar Sinha

Q.81) Who has been redesignated Kotak Mahindra Bank's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer?
   a) Prakash Apte
   b) S Mahendra Dev
   c) Shankar Acharya
   d) Uday Kotak
   e) Uday Chander Khanna

Q.82) HDFC Bank launched IRA 2.0, its interactive humanoid at the Koramangala Branch in ______.
   a) Hyderabad
   b) Pune
   c) Bengaluru.
   d) Mumbai
   e) Delhi

Q.83) Where is the headquarters of Oriental Bank of Commerce?
   a) Hyderabad
   b) Kolkata
   c) Chennai
d) Haryana
   e) Mumbai

Q.84) What is the abbreviation of SGL?
   a) Secured General Ledger
   b) System General Ledger
   c) Subordinate General Ledger
   d) Statistics General Ledger
   e) Scheduled General Ledger

Q.85) ______ is the difference between the value of a country’s imports and exports for a given period.
   a) Capital Market
   b) Balance of Trade
   c) Balance of Payments
   d) Money Market
   e) Letter of Credit

Q.86) What is the abbreviation of FTA?
   a) Foreign Truncated Agreement
   b) Fluctuation Trade Agreement
   c) Fund Trade Agreement
   d) Fiscal Trade Agreement
   e) Foreign Trade Agreement

Q.87) KCC (Kisan Credit Card) was launched in which year?
   a) 1989
   b) 1998
   c) 1999
   d) 1982
   e) 2019

Q.88) When was the PMMY (Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMYY) launched?
   a) 8th March 2015
   b) 8th April 2015
   c) 10th May 2015
   d) 15th April 2015
   e) 26th May 2015

Q.89) Aex is the stock exchange of which of the following countries?
   a) India
   b) China
   c) Canada
   d) Brazil
   e) Amserdam

Q.90) NASDAQ is the stock exchange of which of the following countries?
   a) Jakarta
   b) United states
   c) Mexico
   d) Hong Kong
   e) French

Q.91) BoP is the record of all international financial transactions made by a country's residents. What is the abbreviation of B in BoP?
   a) Portfolio
   b) Paper
   c) Price
   d) Payments
   e) Plan

Q.92) Which of the following bank is all set to invest a sum of Rs 80 billion in Nepal's Arun-III hydropower project?
   a) bank of Baroda
   b) Bank of India
   c) State Bank of India
   d) Indian Bank
   e) UCO Bank

Q.93) Ebix has announced the acquisition of travel portal Yatra Online for $337.8 million recently. Ebix belongs to?
   a) USA
   b) UAE
   c) Russia
   d) Japan
   e) Singapore

Q.94) YONO is an integrated digital banking platform offered by State Bank of India (SBI) YONO stands for?
   a) You Only Need Only
   b) You Only Never One
c) You Only Need One
d) You Only Nation One
e) You Need Only One

Q.95) A micro enterprise is an enterprise where investment in plant and machinery does not exceed Rs ______ lakhs.
   a) Rs. 20 lakhs
   b) Rs. 100 lakhs
c) Rs. 25 lakhs
   d) Rs. 35 lakhs
   e) Rs. 50 lakhs

Q.96) Which of the following is not the Priority Sector categories?
   a) Education
   b) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
   c) Housing
   d) Roadways
e) Renewable energy sectors

Q.97) Fitch has lowered India’s growth forecast to ______ percent for the current fiscal from 6.8 per cent projected earlier, as manufacturing and agriculture sectors showed signs of slowing down over the past year.
   a) 6.2
   b) 6.4
c) 6.60
   d) 6.20
e) 6.70

Q.98) The Number of regional offices of Reserve Bank of India is?
   a) 28
   b) 31
c) 24
   d) 27
e) 34

Q.99) Which organisation has sanctioned a Rs 1,925 crore project for upgradation of power generation and distribution in Tripura?
   a) AIIB
   b) IMF
c) World Bank
   d) ADB
e) IFC

Q.100) Name the company/bank, which has agreed to offer Rs 1.25 trillion Line of Credit by 2024, to fund highway projects.
   a) BOB
   b) GIC
c) SIB
   d) LIC
e) PNB

ENGLISH VOCABULARY

1) latent
   Meaning : (of a quality or state) existing but not yet developed or manifest; hidden or concealed.
   Synonyms : inherent
   Antonyms : active

2) prowess
   Meaning : skill or expertise in a particular activity or field(n).
   Synonyms : dexterity
   Antonyms : inability

3) overwhelm
   Meaning : bury or drown beneath a huge mass of something, especially water(v).
   Synonyms : deluge
   Antonyms : encourage

4) surmise
   Meaning : suppose that something is true without having evidence to confirm it.
   Synonyms : assumption
   Antonyms : certainty

5) staking
6) dwell
Meaning: think, speak, or write at length about (a particular subject, especially one that is a source of unhappiness, anxiety, or dissatisfaction).
Synonyms: deliberate, ponder, scrutinize.
Example: "I think about the possibility of moving to a new city".
Antonyms: ignore, disregard.

7) deterrence
Meaning: the action of discouraging an action or event through instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.
Synonyms: dissuasion, prevention.
Example: "The government implemented tough deterrence against terrorist activities".
Antonyms: enticement, encouragement.

8) indulge
Meaning: allow oneself to enjoy the pleasure of.
Synonyms: revel, revel in.
Example: "I indulge in watching my favorite TV shows".
Antonyms: reprove, scold.

9) concern
Meaning: relate to; be about.
Synonyms: relate, pertain.
Example: "The story concerns a friend of mine".
Antonyms: ignore, neglect.

10) amiss
Meaning: not quite right; inappropriate or out of place.
Synonyms: wrong, improper.
Example: "I amiss something about his calculations".
Antonyms: correct, right.

11) plank
Meaning: a fundamental point of a political or other programme.
Synonyms: foundation, cornerstone.
Example: "The central plank of the bill is the curb on industrial polluters".
Antonyms: weakness, flaw.

12) reverberations
Meaning: prolongation of a sound; resonance.
Synonyms: echo, reverb.
Example: "The reverberations of the bell echoed through the hall".
Antonyms: silence, quiet.

13) recognise
Meaning: acknowledge the existence, validity, or legality of.
Synonyms: acknowledge, accept.
Example: "I recognise the importance of education".
Antonyms: deny, ignore.

14) blatant
Meaning: (of bad behaviour) done openly and unashamedly.
Synonyms: open, obvious.
Example: "The blatant lies of the politician".
Antonyms: concealed, subtle.

15) stance
Meaning: the way in which someone stands, especially when deliberately adopted (as in cricket, golf, and other sports); a person's posture.
Synonyms: position, pose.
Example: "She altered her stance, resting all her weight on one leg".

16) amidst
Meaning: surrounded by; in the middle of.
Synonyms: in the middle, surrounded.
Example: "Our dream home is amidst the magnificent rolling countryside".
Antonyms: outside, remote.

17) precedent
Meaning: an earlier event or action that is regarded as an example or guide to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances.
Synonyms: example, guide.
Example: "There are substantial precedents for using interactive media in training".
Antonyms: novelty, exception.

18) debilitated
Meaning: in a very weakened and infirm state.
Synonyms: weak, frail.
Example: "Despite his debilitated state, he still managed to complete the marathon".
Antonyms: healthy, robust.

19) consensus
Meaning: in a very weakened and infirm state.
Synonyms: agreement, approval.
Example: "The consensus was that the new policy was a step in the right direction".
Antonyms: disagreement, conflict.

20) conflicts
Meaning: be incompatible or at variance; clash.
Synonyms: clash, contradiction.
Example: "Parents' and children's interests sometimes conflict".
Antonyms: agreement, harmony.

21) brink
Meaning: the extreme edge of land before a steep slope or a body of water.
Synonyms: edge, verge.
Example: "The brink of disaster".
Antonyms: safety, security.

22) imperilling
Meaning: put at risk of being harmed, injured, or destroyed.
Synonyms: endanger, peril.
Example: "They imperilled the safety of all those on board".
Antonyms: protect, save.

23) prodded
Meaning: poke with a finger, foot, or pointed object.
Synonyms: prod, poke.
Example: "The prodded her in the ribs".
Antonyms: stroke, touch.

24) rescue
Meaning: save (someone) from a dangerous or difficult situation.
Synonyms: save, aid.
Example: "Firemen rescued a man trapped in the river".
Antonyms: abandon, neglect.

25) Scavengers
Meaning: an animal that feeds on carrion, dead plant material, or refuse.
Synonyms: carrion eater, scavenger.
Example: "Carcasses are usually quickly disposed of by scavengers".
Antonyms: clean, pure.

26) repossessed
Meaning: retake possession of (something) when a buyer defaults on payments.
Synonyms: reclaim, rescue.
Example: "565 homes were repossessed for non-payment of mortgages".
Antonyms: keep, own.

27) enacted
Meaning: make (a bill or other proposal) law.
Synonyms: institute, pass.
Example: "Legislation was enacted to attract international companies".
Antonyms: reject, opposition.

28) truant
Meaning: another way of saying play truant.
Synonyms: absent, truuant.
Example: "She altered her stance, resting all her weight on one leg".
Antonyms: present, regular.

29) tentacles
Meaning: something resembling a tentacle in shape or flexibility.
Synonyms: appendage, extension.
Example: "Trailing tentacles of vapour".
Antonyms: body, trunk.

30) fugitive
Meaning: a person who has escaped from captivity or is in hiding.
Synonyms: absconder, evader.
Example: "If my daughter had been truanting from school I would have been informed".
Antonyms: captured, admitted.

31) despite
Meaning: contumacious treatment or behaviour; outrage.
Synonyms: resistance, refusal.
Example: "Despite the offer, he refused to sign the contract".
Antonyms: consent, agreement.

32) recalcitrant
Meaning: having an obstinately uncooperative attitude towards authority or discipline.
Synonyms: obstinate, resistant.
Example: "A class of recalcitrant fifteen-year-olds".
Antonyms: obedient, compliant.

33) perished
Meaning: (of rubber, food, etc.) lose its normal qualities; rot or decay.
Synonyms: deteriorate, perish.
Example: "An abandoned tyre whose rubber had perished".
Antonyms: improve, maintain.

34) cumulative
Meaning: increasing or increased in quantity, degree, or force by successive additions.
Synonyms: aggregate, accumulate.
Example: "The cumulative effect of two years of drought".
Antonyms: decrease, diminish.

35) litigated
Meaning: resort to legal action to settle a matter; be involved in a lawsuit.
Synonyms: prosecute, argue.
Example: "The plaintiff is prepared to litigate".
Antonyms: settle, resolve.

36) prosecute
Meaning: institute or conduct legal proceedings against (a person or organization).
Synonyms: litigate, sue.
Example: "The firm is prosecuted for illegal activities".
Antonyms: acquit, dismiss.
Antonyms: arraign
Example: “they were prosecuted for obstructing the highway”

37) reluctant
Meaning: unwilling and hesitant; disinclined.
Tamil Meaning: அந்திணம்
Synonyms: averse
Antonyms: careless
Example: “today, many ordinary people are still reluctant to talk about politics”

38) innovation
Meaning: the action or process of innovating.
Tamil Meaning: வைணவம்
Synonyms: contraption
Antonyms: stagnation
Example: “innovation is crucial to the continuing success of any organization”

39) indigenous
Meaning: originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.
Tamil Meaning: இன்றைய
Synonyms: endemic
Antonyms: alien
Example: “the indigenous peoples of Siberia”

40) sanitation
Meaning: conditions relating to public health, especially the provision of clean drinking water and adequate sewage disposal.
Tamil Meaning: உள்நாட்டுக்கண்டுபிடிப்பு
Synonyms: hygiene
Antonyms: dirtiness
Example: “they could afford to erect new dwellings with a reasonable standard of construction and sanitation”

41) regime
Meaning: a government, especially an authoritarian one.
Synonyms: administration
Antonyms: anarchy
Example: “ideological opponents of the regime”

42) spell
Meaning: be a sign or characteristic of.
Synonyms: indicate
Antonyms: abuse
Example: “they could afford to erect new dwellings with a reasonable standard of construction and sanitation”

43) subsidy
Meaning: a sum of money granted by the state or a public body to help an industry or business keep the price of a commodity or service low.
Synonyms: assistance
Antonyms: forfeit
Example: “a farm subsidy”

44) reliability
Meaning: the quality of being trustworthy or of performing consistently well(n).
Tamil Meaning: கைதற்செயல்
Synonyms: accuracy
Antonyms: falsehood
Example: “the car’s background gives me every confidence in its reliability”

45) indebtedness
Meaning: the condition of owing money(n).
Tamil Meaning: வைத்தியானை
Synonyms: liability
Antonyms: asset
Example: “the industry is taking steps to reduce indebtedness and cut costs”

46) menial
Meaning: (of work) not requiring much skill and lacking prestige(adj).
Synonyms: boring
Antonyms: moral
Example: “menial factory jobs”

47) spur
Meaning: a thing that prompts or encourages someone; an incentive.
Synonyms: actuation
Antonyms: deterrent
Example: “wars act as a spur to practical invention”

48) disincetive
Meaning: a factor, especially a financial disadvantage, that discourages a particular action.
Synonyms: hindrance
Antonyms: benefit
Example: “spiralling house prices are beginning to act as a disincentive to development”

49) mitigated
Meaning: make (something bad) less severe, serious, or painful.
Tamil Meaning: மட்டுப்படுத்தப்படுகிைது
Synonyms: alleviate
Antonyms: aggravate
Example: “drainage schemes have helped to mitigate this problem”

50) massive
Meaning: large and heavy or solid.
Synonyms: enormous
Antonyms: dwarfed
Example: “a massive rampart of stone”

51) precedent
Meaning: an earlier event or action that is regarded as an example or guide to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances.
Tamil Meaning: முன்மனாடி
Synonyms: criterion
Antonyms: after
Example: “there are substantial precedents for using interactive media in training”

52) prudent
Meaning: acting with or showing care and thought for the future.
Tamil Meaning: உள்நாட்டுகண்டுபிடிப்பு
Synonyms: cautious
Antonyms: careless
Example: “no prudent money manager would authorize a loan without first knowing its purpose”

53) lethality
Meaning: the capacity to cause death or serious harm or damage.
Synonyms: necrosis
Antonyms: survival
Example: “embryonic lethality observed in mice with a mutation”

54) alacrity
Meaning: brisk and cheerful readiness.
Synonyms: alertness
Antonyms: coolness
Example: “she accepted the invitation with alacrity”

55) imposing
Meaning: grand and impressive in appearance.
Synonyms: imperial
Antonyms: ignoble
Example: “an imposing 17th-century manor house”

56) acclaim
Meaning: praise enthusiastically and publicly.
Synonyms: applause
Antonyms: criticism
Example: “the conference was acclaimed as a considerable success”

57) resolute
Meaning: admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering.
Synonyms: adamant
Antonyms: agreeable
Example: “he was resolute in his fight to uphold liberal values”

58) endorsed
Meaning: declare one’s public approval or support of.
Synonyms: approved
Antonyms: cancelled
Example: “the report was endorsed by the college”

59) massacre
Meaning: an indiscriminate and brutal slaughter of many people.
Synonyms: carnage
Antonyms: protection
Example: “reports of massacres by government troops”

60) rampage
Meaning: move through a place in a violent and uncontrollable manner.
Tamil Meaning: விமவகமுள்ள
Synonyms: binge
Antonyms: harmony
Example: “several thousand demonstrators rampaged through the city”

61) maiming
Meaning: wound or injure (a person or animal) so that part of the body is permanently damaged.
Synonyms: castrate
Antonyms: assist
Example: “100,000 soldiers were killed or maimed”

62) affirmed
Meaning: state emphatically or publicly.
Tamil Meaning: தறடயாக
Synonyms: confirm
Antonyms: forget
Example: “he affirmed the country’s commitment to peace”

63) rampage
Meaning: move through a place in a violent and uncontrollable manner.
Synonyms: destruction
Antonyms: calm
Example: “several thousand demonstrators rampaged through the city”

64) deterrent
Meaning: a thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something.
Tamil Meaning: காயப்படுத்துவதிலும்
Synonyms: hindrance
Antonyms: assistance
Example: “cameras are a major deterrent to crime”

65) prompt
Meaning: (of an event or fact) cause or bring about (an action or feeling).
Tamil Meaning: நிற்பத்திலும்
Synonyms: efficient
Antonyms: delayed
Example: “the violence prompted a wave of refugees to flee the country”

66) relevant
Meaning: closely connected or appropriate to what is being done or considered(adj).
Synonyms: applicable
Antonyms: improper
Example: "what small companies need is relevant advice"

67) implement
Meaning: a tool, utensil, or other piece of equipment that is used for a particular purpose.
Synonyms: appliance
Antonyms: exempt
Example: "garden implements"

68) enacting
Meaning: make (a bill or other proposal) law(v).
Tamil Meaning: அறிவுதருவிய
Synonyms: execute
Antonyms: prevent
Example: "legislation was enacted to attract international companies"

69) impact
Meaning: action of one object coming forcibly into contact with another.
Tamil Meaning: வெளிப்பு
Synonyms: crunch
Antonyms: failure
Example: "there was the sound of a third impact"

70) incur
Meaning: become subject to (something unwelcome or unpleasant) as a result of one’s own behaviour or actions.
Synonyms: arouse
Antonyms: forfeit
Example: "I will pay any expenses incurred"

71) precision
Meaning: the quality, condition, or fact of being exact and accurate(n).
Synonyms: rigor
Antonyms: disregard
Example: "the deal was planned and executed with military precision"

72) enactment
Meaning: the process of passing legislation.
Synonyms: depiction
Antonyms: neglect
Example: "the enactment of equal pay legislation"

73) pile
Meaning: a heap of things laid or lying one on top of another.
Synonyms: assortment
Antonyms: ditch
Example: "the books in a neat pile"

74) estimates
Meaning: roughly calculate or judge the value, number, quantity, or extent of.
Tamil Meaning: கணி மாக
Synonyms: estimation
Antonyms: ignorance
Example: "the aim is to estimate the effects of macroeconomic policy on the economy"

75) resolve
Meaning: settle or find a solution to (a problem or contentious matter)(v).
Synonyms: firmness
Antonyms: wavering
Example: "the firm aims to resolve problems within 30 days"

76) nexus
Meaning: a connection or series of connections linking two or more things.
Synonyms: core
Antonyms: exterior
Example: "the nexus between industry and political power"

77) hostile
Meaning: showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly.

Synonyms: adverse
Antonyms: aiding
Example: "a hostile audience"

78) gratifying
Meaning: give (someone) pleasure or satisfaction(v).
Tamil Meaning: எதிருமுறை
Synonyms: enchant
Antonyms: depress
Example: "she was gratified to see the shock in Jim’s eyes"

79) perverse
Meaning: contrary to the accepted or expected standard or practice(adj).
Synonyms: wicked
Antonyms: agreeable
Example: "in two general elections the outcome was quite perverse"

80) acquittal
Meaning: a judgement or verdict that a person is not guilty of the crime with which they have been charged(n).
Synonyms: clearance
Antonyms: hiring
Example: "the trial resulted in an acquittal"

81) allegiance
Meaning: loyalty or commitment to a superior or to a group or cause.
Synonyms: adherence
Antonyms: dishonor
Example: "those wishing to receive citizenship must swear allegiance to the republic"

82) claimed
Meaning: formally request or demand; say that one owns or has earned (something).
Synonyms: assert
Antonyms: abandon
Example: "if no one claims the items, they will become Crown property"

83) fraternity
Meaning: a group of people sharing a common profession or interests.
Synonyms: sorority
Antonyms: mob
Example: "members of the hunting fraternity"

84) outrage
Meaning: an extremely strong reaction of anger, shock, or indignation(n).
Synonyms: violence
Antonyms: favor
Example: "the voice trembled with outrage"

85) substantially
Meaning: to a great or significant extent.
Tamil Meaning: முக்கியமாக
Synonyms: essentially
Antonyms: slightly
Example: "profits grew substantially"

86) feeding
Meaning: be engaged in a prolonged and bitter quarrel or dispute(v).
Synonyms: bickering
Antonyms: accord
Example: "Hoover fed with the CIA for decades"

87) hirelings
Meaning: a person employed to do menial work.
Synonyms: aide
Antonyms: dismiss
Example: "the poorly paid hirelings in their shabby clothes"

88) depositing
Meaning: remove from office suddenly and forcefully.
Synonyms: dismiss
Antonyms: allow
Example: "he had been deposed by a military coup"

89) prosecution
Meaning: the institution and conducting of legal proceedings against someone in respect of a criminal charge.
Synonyms: pursuit
Antonyms: defeat
Example: "the organizers are facing prosecution for noise nuisance"

90) cadre
Meaning: a small group of people specially trained for a particular purpose or profession(n).
Synonyms: organization
Antonyms: edge
Example: "a cadre of professional managers"

91) intent
Meaning: determined to do (something).
Tamil Meaning: தேவையுடனே
Synonyms: decided
Antonyms: flexible
Example: "the government was intent on achieving greater efficiency"

92) opposite
Meaning: apt in the circumstances or in relation to something.
Tamil Meaning: தேவையுடனே
Synonyms: germane
Antonyms: inappropriate
Example: "an apposite quotation"

93) revealed
Meaning: make (previously unknown or secret information) known to others.
Synonyms: announce
Antonyms: conceal
Example: "Brenda was forced to reveal Robbie's whereabouts"

94) flimsy
Meaning: insubstantial and easily damaged.
Synonyms: decrepit
Antonyms: heavy
Example: "a flimsy barrier"

95) tampering
Meaning: interfere with (something) in order to cause damage or make unauthorized alterations.
Tamil Meaning: எதிருமுறை
Synonyms: meddling
Antonyms: improve
Example: "someone tampered with the brakes of my car"

96) enormous
Meaning: very large in size, quantity, or extent(adj).
Tamil Meaning: மையாளம்
Synonyms: excessive
Antonyms: miniature
Example: "enormous sums of money"

97) indicative
Meaning: serving as a sign or indication of something.
Synonyms: ominous
Antonyms: concealing
Example: "having recurrent dreams is not necessarily indicative of any psychological problem"

98) intimidation
Meaning: serving as a sign or indication of something.
Synonyms: suggestive
Antonyms: defeat
Example: "having recurrent dreams is not necessarily indicative of any psychological problem"

99) prevailed
Meaning: prove more powerful or superior.
Synonyms: prove
Antonyms: forfeit
Example: "it is hard for logic to prevail over emotion"

100) sordid
Meaning: involving immoral or dishonourable actions and motives; arousing moral distaste and contempt(adj).
Synonyms: nasty
Antonyms: reputable
Example: "the story paints a sordid picture of bribes and scams"

101) nexus
Meaning: a connection or series of connections linking two or more things(n).
Synonyms: connection
Antonyms: exterior
Example: "the nexus between industry and political power"

102) gratifying
Meaning: giving pleasure or satisfaction(adj).
Synonyms: delightful
Antonyms: disagreeable
Example: "the results were gratifying"

103) aside
Meaning: a remark or passage in a play that is intended to be heard by the audience but unheard by the other characters in the play(n).
Synonyms: alone
Antonyms: middle
Example: "Shakespeare's use of asides and soliloquies"

104) acqittal
Meaning: a judgement or verdict that a person is not guilty of the crime with which they have been charged.
Tamil Meaning: விடுதறை
Synonyms: amnesty
Antonyms: hiring
Example: "the Prime Minister claimed that he was concerned about Third World debt"

105) claimed
Meaning: state or assert that something is the case, typically without providing evidence or proof.
Synonyms: assert
Antonyms: desert
Example: "the Prime Minister claimed that he had been deposed by a military coup"

110) lethal
Meaning: sufficient to cause death.
Synonyms: destructive
Antonyms: harmless
Example: "a lethal cocktail of drink and pills"

111) apposite
Meaning: apt in the circumstances or in relation to something(adj).
Tamil Meaning: அமனமான
Synonyms: relevant
Antonyms: inappropriate
Example: "an apposite quotation"

112) hostile
Meaning: showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly(adj).
Synonyms: adverse
Antonyms: aiding
Example: "a hostile audience"

113) revealed
Meaning: make (previously unknown or secret information) known to others(n).
Tamil Meaning: தெய்வப்படுத்திய
Synonyms: concede
Antonyms: contradict
Example: "Brenda was forced to reveal Robbie's whereabouts"

114) forensic
Meaning: relating to or denoting the application of scientific methods and techniques to the investigation of crime.
Synonyms: debatable
Antonyms: theoretical
Example: "forensic evidence"

115) tampering
Meaning: interfere with (something) in order to cause damage or make unauthorized alterations.
Tamil Meaning: வலுப்படுத்தியது
Synonyms: tinker
Antonyms: improving
Example: "someone tampered with the brakes of my car"

116) wielded
Meaning: hold and use (a weapon or tool).
Tamil Meaning: வாய்ந்த
Synonyms: employ
Antonyms: misuse
Example: "a masked raider wielding a handgun"

117) enormous
Meaning: very large in size, quantity, or extent.
Tamil Meaning: வலைத்தரும
Synonyms: excessive
Antonyms: common
Example: "enormous sums of money"

118) denied
Meaning: state that one refuses to admit the truth or existence of.
Synonyms: contradict
Antonyms: support
Example: "both firms deny any responsibility for the tragedy"

119) sordid
Meaning: involving immoral or dishonourable actions and motives; arousing moral distaste and contempt.
Synonyms: sleazy
Antonyms: decent
Example: "the story paints a sordid picture of bribes and scams"

120) denying
Meaning: state that one refuses to admit the truth or existence of.
Synonyms: oppose
Antonyms: accept
Example: "both firms deny any responsibility for the tragedy"

121) diverse
Meaning: showing a great deal of variety; very different.
Synonyms: disparate
Antonyms: conforming
Example: "a culturally diverse population"

122) Despite
Meaning: contumacious treatment or behaviour; outrage.
Tamil Meaning: விடுதறை
Synonyms: although
Antonyms: exalt
Example: "the despite done by him to the holy relics"

123) recuperate
Meaning: recover from illness or exertion.
Synonyms: convalesce
Antonyms: deteriorate
Example: "she has been recuperating from a knee injury"

124) looming
Meaning: appear as a vague form, especially one that is large or threatening.
Synonyms: imminent
Antonyms: distant
Example: "vehicles loomed out of the darkness"

125) reinforced
Meaning: strengthen or support (an object or substance), especially with additional material.
Tamil Meaning: செல்லும்
Synonyms: fortified
Antonyms: undermine
Example: "the helmet has been reinforced with a double layer of cork"

126) asserted
Meaning: state a fact or belief confidently and forcefully.
Synonyms: affirm
Antonyms: conceal
Example: "the company asserts that the cuts will not affect development"

127) contender
Meaning: a person or group competing with others to achieve something.
Synonyms: adversary
Antonyms: associate
Example: "a presidential contender"

128) contest
Meaning: an event in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity, or in a quality.
Synonyms: sport
Antonyms: agreement
Example: "a tennis contest"

129) refrained
Meaning: stop oneself from doing something.
Tamil Meaning: காண்பத்தை
Synonyms: abstain
Antonyms: continue
Example: "she refrained from comment"

130) sought
Meaning: attempt or desire to obtain or achieve (something).
Synonyms: desired
Antonyms: outcast
Example: "the new regime sought his extradition"

131) gesture
Meaning: a movement of part of the body, especially a hand or the head, to express an idea or meaning.
Synonyms: expression
Antonyms: speech
Example: "Alex made a gesture of apology"

132) intact
Meaning: not damaged or impaired in any way; complete.
Synonyms: perfect
Antonyms: broken
Example: "the church was almost in ruins but its tower remained intact"

133) assertion
Meaning: a confident and forceful statement of fact or belief.
Tamil Meaning: வாய்ப்பட்டை
Synonyms: contention
Antonyms: desertion
Example: "his assertion that his father had deserted the family"

134) disconcerting
Meaning: make (someone) feel uneasy or embarrassed.
Synonyms: discontent
Antonyms: assist
Example: "he was not noticeably disconcerted by her tone"

135) debacle
Meaning: a sudden and ignominious failure; a fiasco.
Tamil Meaning: மகாடியபுரணம்
Synonyms: collapse
Antonyms: attainment
Example: "the only man to reach double figures in the second-innings debacle"

136) endemic
Meaning: (of a disease or condition) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area.
Synonyms: regional
Antonyms: exotic
Example: "complacency is endemic in industry today"

137) outbreak
Meaning: a sudden occurrence of something unwelcome, such as war or disease.
Synonyms: eruption
Antonyms: calm
Example: "the outbreak of World War II"

138) prevent
Meaning: keep (something) from happening.
Synonyms: avoid
Antonyms: allow
Example: "action must be taken to prevent further accidents"

139) merely
Meaning: just; only.
Synonyms: hardly
Antonyms: indefinitely
Example: "Gary, a silent boy, merely nodded"

140) hitch
Meaning: move (something) into a different position with a jerk.
Synonyms: impediment
Antonyms: assistance
Example: "she hitched up her skirt and ran"

141) formidable
Meaning: inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.
Tamil Meaning: முக்கியமானதாக
Synonyms: dangerous
Antonyms: calm

Example: "a formidable opponent"

142) rarely
Meaning: remarkably well.
Synonyms: barely
Antonyms: frequently
Example: "you can write rarely now, after all your schooling"

143) anxious
Meaning: feeling or showing worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome.
Synonyms: afraid
Antonyms: brave
Example: "she was extremely anxious about her exams"

144) evasive
Meaning: tending to avoid commitment or self-revelation, especially by responding only indirectly.
Synonyms: deceptive
Antonyms: definite
Example: "she was evasive about her phone number"

145) upsurge
Meaning: an upward surge in the strength or quantity of something; an increase.
Synonyms: recovery
Antonyms: downturn
Example: "an upsurge in vandalism and violent crime"

146) acquittal
Meaning: a judgement or verdict that a person is not guilty of the crime with which they have been charged.
Synonyms: clearance
Antonyms: conviction
Example: "the trial resulted in an acquittal"

147) travesty
Meaning: a false, absurd, or distorted representation of something.
Synonyms: distortion
Antonyms: seriousness
Example: "the absurdly lenient sentence is a travesty of justice"

148) heinous
Meaning: (of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked.
Tamil Meaning: மகாவாய்ப்பட்டை
Synonyms: adhorent
Antonyms: delightful
Example: "a battery of heinous crimes"

149) evoke
Meaning: bring or recall (a feeling, memory, or image) to the conscious mind.
Tamil Meaning: நாக்குதல்
Synonyms: conjure
Antonyms: deaden
Example: "the sight evoked pleasant memories of his childhood"

150) resolve
Meaning: settle or find a solution to (a problem or contentious matter)(v).
Synonyms: firmness
Antonyms: weakness
Example: "the firm aims to resolve problems within 30 days"

151) probe
Meaning: a thorough investigation into a crime or other matter.
Synonyms: exploration
Antonyms: city hall corruption
Example: "a probe into city hall corruption"

152) acquitted
Meaning: free (someone) from a criminal charge by a verdict of not guilty.
Synonyms: discharge
Antonyms: accuse
Example: "she was acquitted on all counts"

153) avenge
Meaning: inflict harm in return for (an injury or wrong done to oneself or another).
Synonyms: vindicate
Antonyms: comfort
Example: "he vowed in silent fervour to avenge their murders"

154) revealed
Meaning: make (previously unknown or secret information) known to others.
Tamil Meaning: தெரிகிற்றை எழுதி எழுதி
Synonyms: affirm
Antonyms: conceal
Example: "Brenda was forced to reveal Robbie’s whereabouts"

155) confession
Meaning: a formal statement admitting that one is guilty of a crime.
Synonyms: assertion
Antonyms: denial
Example: "he signed a confession to both the murders"

156) retraction
Meaning: the action of drawing something back or back in.
Synonyms: disclaimer
Antonyms: confirmation
Example: "they are grasped between the jaws upon tongue retraction"

157) hostile
Meaning: showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly.
Tamil Meaning: வெற்றிப்போன்
Synonyms: contrary
Antonyms: helpful
Example: "a hostile audience"

158) conviction
Meaning: a formal declaration by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge in a court of law that someone is guilty of a criminal offence.
Tamil Meaning: கைழை வைரல்
Synonyms: feeling
Antonyms: distrust
Example: "she had a previous conviction for a similar offence"

159) swept
Meaning: clean (an area) by brushing away dirt or litter.
Synonyms: brush
Antonyms: dirty
Example: "I've swept the floor"

160) embrace
Meaning: hold (someone) closely in one's arms, especially as a sign of affection.
Synonyms: grasp
Antonyms: free
Example: "Aunt Sophie embraced her warmly"

161) curtailed
Meaning: reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on.
Synonyms: decrease
Antonyms: develop
Example: "civil liberties were further curtailed"

162) precluded
Meaning: prevent from happening; make impossible.
Tamil Meaning: விளக்கானது
Synonyms: cease
Antonyms: assist
Example: "the church was almost in ruins but its tower remained intact"
Example: "the secret nature of his work precluded official recognition"

163) **diplo\-matic**

Meaning: of or concerning diplomacy.

Tamil Meaning: இந்தியா

Synonyms: gracious

Antonyms: rude

Example: "diplomatic relations with Britain were broken"

164) **plunge**

Meaning: jump or dive quickly and energetically.

Tamil Meaning: எறும்

Synonyms: submersion

Example: "our little daughters whooped as they plunged into the sea"

165) **estimates**

Meaning: roughly calculate or judge the value, number, quantity, or extent of.

Synonyms: appraisal

Antonyms: ignorance

Example: "the aim is to estimate the effects of macroeconomic policy on the economy"

166) **distinctive**

Meaning: characteristic of one person or thing, and so serving to distinguish it from others (adj).

Tamil Meaning: தனித்துவமான

Synonyms: weird

Antonyms: normal

Example: "juniper berries give gin its distinctive flavour"

167) **regimes**

Meaning: a government, especially an authoritarian one.

Tamil Meaning: செலுத்தும்

Synonyms: reign

Antonyms: against

Example: "ideological opponents of the regime"

168) **blaming**

Meaning: feel or declare that (someone or something) is responsible for a fault or wrong.

Synonyms: charge

Antonyms: absolve

Example: "he swayed slightly on his feet"

169) **despite**

Meaning: contemptuous treatment or behaviour; outrage.

Tamil Meaning: தோன்றும்

Synonyms: against

Antonyms: spite

Example: "the despite done by him to the holy relics"

170) **variant**

Meaning: a form or version of something that differs in some respect from other forms of the same thing or from a standard.

Tamil Meaning: வேறு

Synonyms: derived

Antonyms: agreeing

Example: "clinically distinct variants of malaria"

171) **reinforce**

Meaning: strengthen or support (an object or substance), especially with additional material.

Tamil Meaning: வருட்சம்

Synonyms: bolster

Antonyms: diminish

Example: "the helmet has been reinforced with a double layer of cork"

172) **sway**

Meaning: move or cause to move slowly or rhythmically backwards and forwards or from side to side.

Tamil Meaning: வலுவாட்

Synonyms: authority

Antonyms: inability

Example: "he swayed slightly on his feet"

173) **reveal**

Meaning: make (previously unknown or secret information) known to others.

Tamil Meaning: காட்டும்

Synonyms: concede

Antonyms: conceal

Example: "Brenda was forced to reveal Robbie's whereabouts"

174) **endorse**

Meaning: declare one's public approval or support of.

Synonyms: approve

Antonyms: attack

Example: "the report was endorsed by the college"

175) **impression**

Meaning: an idea, feeling, or opinion about something or someone, especially one formed without conscious thought or on the basis of little evidence.

Synonyms: impact

Antonyms: beginning

Example: "his first impressions of Manchester were very positive"

176) **intact**

Meaning: not damaged or impaired in any way; complete.

Tamil Meaning: காணித்தும்

Synonyms: unbroken

Antonyms: broken

Example: "the church was almost in ruins but its tower remained intact"

177) **perception**

Meaning: the ability to see, hear, or become aware of something through the senses.

Synonyms: attention

Antonyms: ignorance

Example: "the normal limits to human perception"

178) **garner**

Meaning: gather or collect (something, especially information or approval).

Synonyms: reap

Antonyms: dispense

Example: "the police struggled to garner sufficient evidence"

179) **infuse**

Meaning: fill; pervade.

Tamil Meaning: பலி

Synonyms: impart

Antonyms: discourage

Example: "her work is infused with an anger born of pain and oppression"

180) **implications**

Meaning: the conclusion that can be drawn from something although it is not explicitly stated.

Tamil Meaning: முற்பாட்டு

Synonyms: connotation

Antonyms: proof

Example: "the implication is that no one person at the bank is responsible"

181) **prevailing**

Meaning: existing at a particular time; current.

Tamil Meaning: செங்கு

Synonyms: uncommon

Antonyms: predominant

Example: "the unfavourable prevailing economic conditions"

182) **distort**

Meaning: pull or twist out of shape.

Tamil Meaning: மாற்றும்

Synonyms: disfigure

Antonyms: preserve

Example: "a grimace distorted her mouth"

183) **aftermath**

Meaning: the consequences or after-effects of a significant unpleasant event.

Synonyms: impact

Antonyms: source

Example: "food prices soared in the aftermath of the drought"

184) **indiscretion**

Meaning: behaviour or speech that is indiscreet or displays a lack of good judgement.

Synonyms: misuse

Antonyms: correction

Example: "he knew himself all too prone to indiscretion"

185) **deploy**

Meaning: move (troops or equipment) into position for military action.

Synonyms: expand

Antonyms: conclude

Example: "forces were deployed at strategic locations"

186) **regime**

Meaning: a government, especially an authoritarian one.

Synonyms: reign

Antonyms: disorder

Example: "ideological opponents of the regime"

187) **excluding**

Meaning: not taking someone or something into account; except.

Synonyms: refuse

Antonyms: accept

Example: "the holiday cost £180, excluding accommodation"

188) **fewer**

Meaning: used to emphasize how small a number of people or things is.

Synonyms: scattering

Antonyms: useful

Example: "he had few friends"

189) **pursuit**

Meaning: the action of pursuing someone or something.

Synonyms: hunt

Antonyms: retreat

Example: "the cat crouched in the grass in pursuit of a bird"

190) **afflictions**

Meaning: a cause of pain or harm.

Synonyms: disorder

Antonyms: benefit

Example: "a crippling affliction of the nervous system"

191) **insulate**

Meaning: protect (something) by interposing material that prevents the loss of heat or the intrusion of sound.

Synonyms: seclude

Antonyms: mingle

Example: "insulate and draught-proof your home"

192) **restrained**

Meaning: characterized by reserve or moderation; unemotional or dispassionate.

Tamil Meaning: கண்டம்

Synonyms: discreet

Antonyms: extroverted

Example: "his restrained, gentlemanly voice"

193) **sceptics**

Meaning: characterized by reserve or moderation; unemotional or dispassionate.
Meaning: a person inclined to question or doubt accepted opinions.
Synonyms: dissenter
Antonyms: believer

194) contribute
Meaning: give (something, especially money) in order to help achieve or provide something.
Synonyms: devote
Antonyms: hold
Example: taxpayers had contributed £141.8 million towards the cost of local services

195) contest
Meaning: an event in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity, or in a quality.
Tamil Meaning: முறையும்
Synonyms: match
Antonyms: agreement
Example: "a tennis contest"

196) outfits
Meaning: provide with a set of clothes.
Synonyms: apparatus
Antonyms: individuals
Example: "warders outfitted in special suits"

197) stark
Meaning: severe or bare in appearance or outline.
Tamil Meaning: முயன்று
Synonyms: blunt
Antonyms: covered
Example: "the ridge formed a stark silhouette against the sky"

198) scarce
Meaning: (especially of food, money, or some other resource) insufficient for the demand.
Tamil Meaning: முடுக்கி
Synonyms: deficit
Antonyms: adequate
Example: "as raw materials became scarce, synthetics were developed"

199) stalled
Meaning: stop or cause to stop making progress.
Synonyms: interrupt
Antonyms: aid
Example: "his career had stalled, hers taken off"

200) patronage
Meaning: the support given by a patron
Tamil Meaning: பிரச்றிறனக்குரிய
Synonyms: auspices
Antonyms: blockade
Example: "the arts could no longer depend on private patronage"

201) accelerating
Meaning: increase in rate, amount, or extent.
Tamil Meaning: நிறைப்பாடு
Synonyms: advance
Antonyms: block
Example: "inflation started to accelerate"

202) backdrop
Meaning: lie behind or beyond; serve as a background to.
Tamil Meaning: முழுக்குமை
Synonyms: scenery
Antonyms: adequate
Example: "the rolling hills that backdropped our camp"

203) conflict
Meaning: be incompatible or at variance; clash.
Tamil Meaning: முறையும்
Synonyms: clash
Antonyms: truce
Example: "parents’ and children’s interests sometimes conflict"

204) envisaged
Meaning: contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event.
Synonyms: conceive
Example: "the Rome Treaty envisaged free movement across frontiers"

205) elusive
Meaning: difficult to find, catch, or achieve.
Synonyms: subtle
Antonyms: definite
Example: "success will become ever more elusive"

206) enacting
Meaning: make (a bill or other proposal) law.
Tamil Meaning: முடிக்கப்படும்
Synonyms: execute
Antonyms: hinder
Example: "legislation was enacted to attract international companies"

207) concerned
Meaning: worried, troubled, or anxious.
Synonyms: distressed
Antonyms: composed
Example: "the villagers are concerned about burglaries"

208) disputed
Meaning: argue about (something).
Tamil Meaning: முடிக்கப்படும்
Synonyms: contend
Antonyms: agree
Example: "the point has been much disputed"

209) imposed
Meaning: force (an unwelcome decision or ruling) on someone.
Tamil Meaning: முடிக்கப்படும்
Synonyms: establish
Antonyms: disorder
Example: "the decision was theirs and was not imposed on them by others"

210) stance
Meaning: the way in which someone stands, especially when deliberately adopted (as in cricket, golf, and other sports); a person's posture.
Tamil Meaning: நிறைப்பாடு
Synonyms: posture
Antonyms: trucy
Example: "she altered her stance, resting all her weight on one leg"

211) prevailing
Meaning: existing at a particular time; current.
Tamil Meaning: நிறைப்பாடு
Synonyms: prevalent
Antonyms: limited
Example: "the unfavourable prevailing economic conditions"

212) posture
Meaning: the position in which someone holds their body when standing or sitting.
Synonyms: aspect
Antonyms: angular
Example: "I got out of the car in an alert posture"

213) invocations
Meaning: the action of invoking someone or something.
Synonyms: appeal
Antonyms: revocation
Example: "his invocation of the ancient powers of Callanish"

214) sought
Meaning: attempt to find (something).
Tamil Meaning: தேடும்
Synonyms: desired
Example: "they came here to seek shelter from biting winter winds"

215) distinct
Meaning: readily distinguishable by the senses.
Synonyms: definite
Antonyms: indistinct
Example: "a distinct smell of nicotine"

216) enacted
Meaning: make (a bill or other proposal) law.
Synonyms: execute
Antonyms: hinder
Example: "legislation was enacted to attract international companies"

217) barring
Meaning: except for; if not for.
Synonyms: excepting
Example: "barring accidents, we should win"

218) eminent
Meaning: (of a positive quality) present to a notable degree.
Synonyms: esteemed
Antonyms: inferior
Example: "the book’s scholarship and eminent readability"

219) awaiting
Meaning: (of an event or circumstance) be in store for (someone).
Synonyms: pending
Antonyms: doubt
Example: "many dangers await them"

220) pertained
Meaning: be appropriate, related, or applicable to.
Synonyms: relate
Antonyms: disconnect
Example: "matters pertaining to the organization of government"

221) verdict
Meaning: a decision on an issue of fact in a civil or criminal case or an inquest.
Synonyms: decree
Antonyms: accusation
Example: "the jury returned a verdict of not guilty"

222) viable
Meaning: capable of working successfully; feasible.
Tamil Meaning: முறையும்
Synonyms: feasible
Antonyms: impossible
Example: "the proposed investment was economically viable"

223) besides
Meaning: in addition; as well.
Tamil Meaning: முலை
Synonyms: beyond
Antonyms: better
Example: "I’m capable of doing the work, and a lot more besides"

224) impact
Meaning: the action of one object coming forcibly into contact with another.
Tamil Meaning: திண்டு
Synonyms: brute
Antonyms: avoidance
Example: "there was the sound of a third impact"

225) aggression
Meaning: feelings of anger or antipathy resulting in hostile or violent behaviour; readiness to attack or confront.
Tamil Meaning: ஆட்சிக் கையேடு
Synonyms: assault
Antonyms: protection

Example: "they came here to seek shelter from biting winter winds"
Example: “his chin was jutting with aggression”

226) **reviving**

Meaning: restore to life or consciousness.

Tamil Meaning: இயற்றுவது

Synonyms: **invigorate**

Antonyms: depress

Example: “both men collapsed, but were revived”

227) **Indigenous**

Meaning: originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.

Tamil Meaning: புதுப்பிக்கும்

Synonyms: confusing

Antonyms: simple

Example: “a long, involved conversation”

229) **terrains**

Meaning: a stretch of land, especially with regard to its physical features.

Tamil Meaning: கடுறமயான

Synonyms: contour

Antonyms: seas

Example: “they were delayed by rough terrain”

231) **strident**

Meaning: (of a sound) loud and harsh; grating.

Tamil Meaning: கடுறமயான

Synonyms: harsh

Antonyms: break

Example: “she regarded London as her base”

232) **contradiction**

Meaning: the action or process of intervening.

Tamil Meaning: தறையீடு

Synonyms: handy

Antonyms: lengthened

Example: “the town is accessible by bus”

233) **debate**

Meaning: a public declaration of policy and aims, usually on an electric light

Tamil Meaning: தீர்மானிக்க

Synonyms: changed

Antonyms:Sans

Example: “I may fudge key issues in the Labour manifesto”

235) **ethnicity**

Meaning: the fact or state of belonging to a social group that has a common national or cultural tradition.

Tamil Meaning: இருக்கும்

Synonyms: alter

Antonyms: useless

Example: “the town is accessible by bus”

236) **creaking**

Meaning: making a harsh, high-pitched sound when being moved or when pressure or weight is applied.

Tamil Meaning: கைவுதல்

Synonyms: groan

Antonyms: innocent

Example: “the boards a creaking wooden boat”

237) **dismal**

Meaning: causing a mood of gloom or depression.

Tamil Meaning: வணிக

Synonyms: depressing

Antonyms: cheerful

Example: “the dismal weather made the late afternoon seem like evening”

238) **lapses**

Meaning: a brief or temporary failure of concentration, memory, or judgement.

Tamil Meaning: வணிக

Synonyms: breach

Antonyms: accuracy

Example: “a lapse of concentration in the second set cost her the match”

239) **reform**

Meaning: make changes in (something, especially an institution or practice) in order to improve it.

Tamil Meaning: வணிக

Synonyms: amend

Antonyms: kept

Example: “the Bill will reform the tax system”

240) **determined**

Meaning: having made a firm decision and being resolved not to change it.

Tamil Meaning: தீர்மானிக்க

Synonyms: decisive

Antonyms: irresolute

Example: “the Bill will reform the tax system”

241) **prolonged**

Meaning: having made a firm decision and being resolved not to change it.

Tamil Meaning: தீர்மானிக்க

Synonyms: decisive

Antonyms: irresolute

Example: “the Bill will reform the tax system”

242) **besides**

Meaning: in addition; as well.

Tamil Meaning: தீர்மானிக்க

Synonyms: also

Antonyms: kept

Example: “the Bill will reform the tax system”

243) **interventions**

Meaning: the action or process of intervening.

Tamil Meaning: தீர்மானிக்க

Synonyms: mediation

Antonyms: kept

Example: “the Bill will reform the tax system”

244) **accessible**

Meaning: (of a place) able to be reached or entered.

Tamil Meaning: தீர்மானிக்க

Synonyms: prefer

Antonyms: deprivitize

Example: “the department has failed to prioritize safety within the oil industry”

246) **suspect**

Meaning: have an idea or impression of the existence, presence, or truth of (something) without certain proof.

Tamil Meaning: தீர்மானிக்க

Synonyms: open

Antonyms: innocent

Example: “the boards a creaking wooden boat”

247) **apparently**

Meaning: as far as one knows or can see.

Tamil Meaning: வணிக

Synonyms: possibly

Antonyms: unlikely

Example: “the child nodded, apparently content with the promise”

248) **influenced**

Meaning: have an influence on.

Tamil Meaning: வணிக

Synonyms: concerned

Antonyms: disloyal

Example: “he was a devoted husband”

250) **manifesto**

Meaning: a public declaration of policy and aims, especially one issued before an election by a political party or candidate.

Tamil Meaning: தீர்மானிக்க

Synonyms: platform

Antonyms:Sans

Example: “he may fudge key issues in the Labour manifesto”

**SIMPLIFICATION:**

D.1-250) What will come in place of question mark in the following questions:

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<td>980 + (75 + 18) + (21 + 4) × 180 + 1989 = ?</td>
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<td>b) 1544</td>
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<td>Q.5</td>
<td>100 + 15 × 1400 = ?</td>
<td>a) 1241</td>
<td>b) 1416</td>
<td>c) 1412</td>
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<td>200 + 420 = ?</td>
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<td>7 + 15 + 26 + 1975 + 2185 + 23 + 178 = ?</td>
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<td>b) 1599</td>
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<td>Q.8</td>
<td>1594 × 16 + 85 = ?</td>
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<td>(2 + 3 + 6) × 2.5 = ?</td>
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<td>20% of 500 + 60% of 240 + 30% of 360 = ?</td>
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Answer Key:

1. a) 232.9  b) 178.9  d) 230.7
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3. a) 1250  b) 800  c) 600  d) 500
4. a) 506  b) 456  c) 406  d) 356
5. a) 274902  b) 274911  c) 274910  d) 274909
6. a) 273  b) 274  c) 275  d) 276
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