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NATIONAL NEWS

PM addresses Arogya Manthan marking one year of Ayushman Bharat; Launches a new mobile application for Ayushman Bharat

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will preside over the valedictory function of **Arogya Manthan** in **New Delhi** a two-day event organized by the National Health Authority to mark the completion of **one year of Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)**.

➤ Mr Modi will launch a **new mobile application** of Ayushman Bharat and **Ayushman Bharat Start-Up Grand Challenge Saal Ek - Ayushman Anek** and also release a commemorative stamp. Ayushman Bharat was launched on **September 2018**.

➤ The purpose of Arogya Manthan is to provide a platform to meet all important stakeholders of PM-JAY and discuss challenges faced in the implementation of the scheme in the past year.

➤ It also **aims to** forge a new understanding and create pathways towards improving implementation.

Govt issues notification for minimum stipend payable to trade apprentices

➤ The Government has issued a notification regarding minimum stipend payable to trade apprentices.

➤ Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, **Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey** announced at the State Ministers' Conference on Skill Development in **New Delhi**.

➤ He said a minimum stipend will be given based on one's qualification and it will be in the range of **five thousand to nine thousand rupees** per month from now onwards.

➤ He further said that employers having four or more workers are eligible to engage apprentices. The minister stressed the need to create a new structure of **Kaushal Vikas Mitra** from State to village level.

6th Edition of International Conference MASCRAGE 2019 Organised by FICCI in New Delhi

➤ The 6th edition of International Conference **Mascrade 2019 (Movement against Smuggling and Counterfeit Trade)** was held on 26-27, September 2019 in New Delhi.

➤ The event was organised by **FICCI CASCADE** (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy), a dedicated forum of FICCI.

➤ The **theme** for MASCRAGE 2019 was '**Containing Counterfeiting, Smuggling and Piracy: A Winning Strategy**'.

Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Dasna-Hapur section of the expressway.

➤ The 14-lane **Delhi-Meerut Expressway** will be ready in the next six months, road transport and highways minister **Nitin Gadkari** said while inaugurating the **Dasna-Hapur section** of the expressway.

➤ The much awaited **82 km Delhi-Meerut Expressway** will reduce the commuting between

the two cities from four hours to 45 minutes, once completed and will also decongest Delhi.

➤ As much as 8,346 crore is likely to be spent on the project, which was signed in March, 2016.

Raksha Mantri Excellence Awards for employees of Defence Accounts Department was given on its annual day.

➤ Defence Accounts Department, one of the oldest Departments under Government of India, is going to celebrate its annual day on October 1.

➤ **Rajnath Singh** will be **Chief Guest** at the celebrations, which will take place at Manekshaw Centre in Delhi Cantt. **Shripad Naik** will be the Guest of Honour.

PM addresses the 56th Convocation of Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

➤ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** attended the **56th Convocation** of the **Indian Institute of Technology, Madras**.

➤ Addressing the gathering Prime Minister said, "In front of me is both a mini-India and the spirit of New India. There is energy, vibrancy and positivity."

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded his address by adding that education and learning is a continuous process.

Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina inaugurated 3 bilateral projects via video link and exchange MOUs.

➤ Bangladesh Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** arrived in New Delhi on a four day visit to India. She will be attending the India Economic Summit of the **World Economic Forum in Delhi**.

➤ This is the first visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina after assuming office for the third consecutive term and in the second term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

➤ During the visit Sheikh Hasina will hold bilateral talks with Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and call on President **Ram Nath Kovind**.

➤ The two Prime Ministers will jointly inaugurate 3 bilateral projects via video link and exchange MOUs.

Amit Shah flagged off the Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express from the New Delhi Railway Station

➤ Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** flagged off the **Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express** from the New Delhi Railway Station and said it was a "big gift" for Jammu and Kashmir's development.

➤ The high-speed train will bring down the travel time between Delhi and Katra, the last station on way to the **Vaishno Devi temple**, to 8 hours from the current twelve hours.

➤ The first commercial run of the train will be on 5th of this month and booking of tickets is now open on the IRCTC website.

➤ The first Vande Bharat Express was started between Delhi to Varanasi in February this year.

PM Modi emphasised to eradicate single-use plastic by 2022 on 'Swachh Bharat Diwas'

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➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called upon people to eradicate single-use plastic from the country **by 2022**.

➤ Mr Modi said, plastic is a major threat to environment and we have to achieve the goal to eradicate single-use plastic from the country.

➤ Prime Minister was speaking at a '**Swachh Bharat Diwas**' programme in **Ahmedabad** on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

➤ Mr Modi said, the Centre plans to spend 3 lakh crore rupees on the ambitious "**Jal Jivan Mission**" aimed at water conservation.

➤ Prime Minister also released **commemorative 150 rupees coins** to mark the occasion

Nationwide "Paryatan Parv 2019" to promote tourism to be inaugurated in New Delhi

➤ The nationwide Paryatan Parv, 2019 to promote tourism to be inaugurated in New Delhi.

➤ The **aim** is to propagate the message of **Dekho Apna Desh** to encourage people to visit tourist destinations of the country and also spread the message of Tourism for All.

➤ The parv was jointly inaugurated by Information and Broadcasting Minister **Prakash Javadekar**, Petroleum Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** and **Tourism Minister Prahalad Singh Patel** at Rajpath lawns in New Delhi.

Mahatma's 150th Birth Anniversary was celebrated on Oct 2

➤ **October 2** is celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

➤ One of the biggest political figures in India's struggle for independence in 1947, Gandhi was the man behind the Satyagraha movement and the civil disobedience, based on non-violence.

➤ This year marks the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Nation remembers former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on his birth anniversary@

➤ The Nation also remembers Former **Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri** on his birth anniversary.

➤ President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Vijay Ghat, the samadhi of Shastriji in the national capital and offered floral tributes.

➤ Lal Bahadur Shastri National Memorial Trust will organise a programme of devotional and patriotic songs by noted singer Sapna Bhatnagar on the **115th birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister**.

NSA Doval and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman held bilateral relations in several areas FILE PIC: PTI

➤ National Security Advisor **Ajit Doval** held detailed discussions with Saudi Crown Prince **Mohammed Bin Salman** on bilateral, regional and international issues.

➤ Mr Doval is on a two-day visit to the Kingdom, a statement by the Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia said the two sides also reviewed the strong and fraternal ties, besides discussed exploring ways and means to further strengthen and consolidate the bilateral relations in several areas.

➤ Saudi Arabia and India are set to establish a Strategic Partnership Council which will be co-chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman

Governor gives assent to Jammu and Kashmir National Law University Bill (FILE PIC)

➤ Jammu and Kashmir Governor **Satya Pal Malik** has given assent to the **Jammu and Kashmir National Law University Bill** thereby paving way for the establishment of a National Law University in Jammu and Kashmir.

➤ Enactment of the Jammu and Kashmir National Law University Act will pave way for setting up of a National Law University in Jammu and Kashmir.

Four crore rupees worth of black money seized since declaration of Maharashtra Assembly Elections: DGIT (Investigation)

➤ The Directorate General of Income Tax (Investigation) is working 24*7 to curb the use of black money and cash inducement in the ongoing Assembly Elections in the state, said Director General of Income Tax (Investigation), **Shri Nitin Gupta** in Mumbai.

➤ Addressing a press conference in Mumbai the Director General said that **illegal cash worth 4 crore rupees** approx. has been seized by the Department, since the declaration of Model Code of Conduct by the Election Commission of India, on September 21, 2019.

Thaawarchand Gehlot flags off 'Walkthan' for Senior Citizens to mark International Day of Older Persons

➤ Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment **Thaawarchand Gehlot** flagged off a "Walkthan" for older persons and senior citizens to mark the International Day of Older Persons at Commonwealth Games Village Stadium, near Akshardham Mandir.

➤ The Walkthan was organised by the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in collaboration with Confederation of Senior Citizens Association of Delhi.

Students of Lucknow simultaneously read literature of Gandhi to create a world record in Lucknow.

➤ In Uttar Pradesh, A unique initiative by Governor **Anandiben Patel** brought together around 10 lakh students to read literature of Gandhi to create a world record in Lucknow.

➤ To set a new world record more than 10 lakh students from schools and colleges of Lucknow simultaneously read books for 45 minutes as part of '**Padhe Lucknow, Badhe Lucknow**' campaign initiated by Governor Anandiben Patel.

Rajasthan has become the third state after Maharashtra and Bihar to ban pan masala

➤ The Rajasthan government announced a ban on pan masala containing magnesium carbonate, nicotine, tobacco, mineral oil and flavoured '**supari**' in the state.

➤ "All such products will now be banned in the state under the **Food Safety Act**. This is an important decision taken to curb addiction among youth,"

➤ Production, storage, distribution and sale of these products will not be allowed in the state.

➤ **Rajasthan has become the third state** after Maharashtra and Bihar to announce such a move, according to a release in Jaipur.

Piyush Goyal flagged off 'Sarbat Da Bhala Express' train in New Delhi GRAB

➤ Union Ministers **Piyush Goyal, Harsh Vardhan and Harsimrat Kaur Badal** flagged off '**Sarbat Da Bhala Express**' train at New Delhi railway station.

➤ The **renamed New Delhi-Ludhiana Intercity Express** will ply from New Delhi to Lohian Khas via holy city Sultanpur Lodhi.

➤ The request to rename the train was made by Mrs Badal on the occasion of the **550th Parkash Purb**.

➤ Speaking on the occasion, Dr Harsh Vardhan said, several trains have been started by the government to facilitate people but this train will have blessings of Guru Nanak ji.

UP CM Yogi Adityanath flags off India's first 'private' train.

➤ **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister** Yogi Adityanath **flagged off** the country's first corporate run train **Lucknow-Delhi Tejas Express**. The flagging off function was held at the **Lucknow Junction**.

➤ Tejas Express is a more premium version of the Shatabdi Express category of air-conditioned chair cars. A whopping **Rs 25 lakh free insurance** will be provided for each and every passenger.

17 Chinese hand grenades recovered from J&K's Poonch district

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➤ In Jammu and Kashmir Army and police recovered **17 Chinese hand grenades** from **Khara Gali area** in Loran block of border district of **Poonch in Jammu Division**.

➤ SSP Poonch **Rames Kumar Angral** told that on specific information Army and Police launched joint search operation and recovered these grenades from a hideout which was later destroyed.

Dwarka-Najafgarh corridor was inaugurated by Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri

➤ Delhi Metro's **Dwarka-Najafgarh corridor** will be opened for service.

➤ Over four kilometre long, the Grey Line will connect urban village area of Najafgarh to the rapid transit network.

➤ The corridor consists of three stations Dwarka, Nangli and Najafgarh.

➤ The corridor will be inaugurated by Housing and Urban Affairs Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** and Delhi Chief Minister **Arvind Kejriwal**.

➤ With the opening of this section, the Delhi Metro network will expand to 377 km with 274 stations including the Noida-Greater Noida Aqua Line.

Assam govt will make its state free from arsenic & fluoride in next 2 years@

➤ **Assam** government has said that it will make the state free from **arsenic and fluoride** in the next 2 years.

➤ Public Health Engineering Minister **Rihon Daimari** said that some areas in 23 districts are affected by arsenic while fluoride found in some places of 12 districts.

➤ The Minister has said that steps are being taken to make those areas free from arsenic and fluoride.

India Gets Its First-ever Floating Basketball Court In Mumbai

➤ The National Basketball Association has brought the first-ever floating basketball court to India.

➤ This was installed in the Arabian Sea near the Bandra-Worli Sealink accompanied by the **NBA legend Jason Williams**, some sports enthusiasts were seen enjoying the floating court.

➤ The NBA India Games 2019 has been prepared to feature the Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers, who will play two pre-season games on October 4 and 5 at the **Dome, NSCI, SVP Stadium**.

National Basketball Association:

Founded on: June 6, 1946

Countries: United States (29 teams), Canada (1 team)

Headquarters: New York City

Indian Oil builds a road to tackle plastic menace

➤ Indian Oil Corporation built **850 metres of road** using **16 metric tonnes** of single-use plastic waste in bitumen concrete, and has invited 'expression of interest' from various parties and aggregators to consistently supply commercial quantities of such waste.

➤ The move by Indian Oil aims to utilize single-use plastic waste.

➤ About the road: For the construction of the road, around 16 million tonnes of waste plastic from single-use carry bags and packaging film waste were used.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived Aizawl to inaugurate North East Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition @

➤ Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** will arrive in Aizawl on a day-long tour to **Mizoram**.

➤ Mr Shah will inaugurate the **North East Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition** at Government Mizoram High School field at **Zarkawt in Aizawl**.

➤ Mizoram Chief Minister **Zoramthanga** and Union Minister of State for DoNER Dr. Jitendra Singh will be present on this occasion.

➤ This first-ever three-day **North-East Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition** is fully funded by the North Eastern Council and hosted by Mizoram government.

Cabinet approves new strategic disinvestment process expediting privatization of selected PSUs

➤ The Cabinet has approved a new process of strategic disinvestment with a view to expediting privatization of selected PSUs.

➤ The Cabinet approved the new policy under which the **Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, DIPAM** under the Ministry of Finance has been made the nodal department for the strategic stake sale.

➤ **DIPAM and NITI Aayog** will now jointly identify PSUs for strategic disinvestment. The decision has been taken with a view to streamlining and speeding up the process.

➤ Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** had announced about increasing the divestment target from **90 thousand crore rupees to 1.05 lakh crore rupees** for the current fiscal year.

Chhattisgarh HC stays congress govt decision to enhance reservation for OBCs to 27%

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➤ Chhattisgarh High Court has stayed the Congress government decision to enhance **reservation for OBCs to 27%** that took the overall reservation quota to **82% in the state**.

➤ The division bench of Chief Justice **P R Ramachandra Menon** and Justice **Parth Prateem Sahu** stayed the reservation order after hearing a bunch of petitions filed by **Ved Prakash Singh Thakur, Kunal Shukla** and others, challenging enhancing the reservation to 82%.

J&K govt proposes to set up centres of excellence for floriculture

➤ Jammu and Kashmir Government is proposing to set up centres of excellence for floriculture, one each in Jammu and Kashmir division, to train and guide growers in floriculture, production of bulbs and cut flowers, perfumery and propagation of aromatic and medicinal plants.

➤ The Government will provide **30 lakh rupees** each to the two agricultural universities of the State for training and capacity building of floriculture farmers.

PM pays tributes to freedom fighter Shyamji Krishna Varma on his 162nd birth anniversaryFILE PIC

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to freedom fighter **Shyamji Krishna Varma** on his **162nd birth anniversary**.

➤ Shyamji Krishna Varma founded the Indian Home Rule Society, India House and The Indian Sociologist in London. He was born on this day in 1857 at **Mandvi in Gujarat**.

Union Consumer Affairs Minister Shri Ram Vilas Paswan showcases Bullet Resistant Jackets made under PM Modi's 'Make in India' initiative

➤ Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution **Shri Ram Vilas Paswan** showcased the **Bullet Resistant Jackets** being made under the **'Make in India'** initiative of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

➤ The Jackets have been made using standard (IS 17051: 2018) set by the **Bureau of India Standard (BIS)** which was notified in December, 2018.

➤ India has now joined selected League of Nations such as US, UK & Germany to have its own standard for Bullet Resistant Jackets.

➤ The Minister said that these jackets are light weight weighing **between 5 kilograms to 10 kilograms** depending on the threat level and are of the best quality in the world.

➤ Talking about the prices of the jackets it was informed that these jackets range from **Rs. 70,000 to 80,000** which is considerably lesser than the price of the jackets which were being procured earlier.

Prakash Javadekar announced that the 50th IFFI 2019 to be held in Goa

➤ The **50th International Film Festival of India, IFFI 2019**, will be held from November 20-28 in **Goa**. Over 200 best films from 76 countries, 26 feature films and 15 non-feature films in the Indian Panorama section will be screened at the film festival.

➤ This was announced by Information and Broadcasting Minister **Prakash Javadekar** in **New Delhi**. The Minister said in a first, films with audio deion will be screened for the visually impaired.

➤ Mr Javadekar said **Dadasaheb Phalke Award winner Amitabh Bachchan's** outstanding contribution to cinema will be honoured

➤ This year, the Feature Film Jury was headed by acclaimed filmmaker and screenwriter Priyadarshan.

➤ The Jury has chosen **Gujarati film HELLARO** as the Opening Feature Film of Indian Panorama, 2019. The Non-Feature Jury selected the film **Nooreh** as the Opening non-feature film of Indian Panorama.

Nirmala Sitharaman to inaugurate National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) in New Delhi

➤ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will inaugurate **National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) in New Delhi**.

➤ The setting up of **(NeAC)** of the Income Tax Department is a momentous step towards larger **objectives** of better taxpayer service, reduction of grievances in line with the Prime Minister's vision of Digital India and promotion of ease of doing business.

➤ There would be no physical interface between taxpayers and tax officers.

➤ Under the new system, taxpayers have received notices on their registered emails as well as on registered accounts on the web portal **<www.incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in>**, with real-time by way of SMS on their registered mobile number, specifying the issues for which their cases have been selected for scrutiny.

Vice President attended the 39th World Congress of Poets

➤ **Vice President** inaugurated the valedictory ceremony of **39th World Congress of Poets at Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.

➤ It was held from October 2-6, 2019 under the theme **'Compassion through Poetry'**.

➤ He said, poetry can serve as a powerful catalyst that could hasten the process of social transformation.

India, Bangladesh sign MoU for setting up Coastal Surveillance Radar System in BangladeshPIB

➤ India and Bangladesh have signed an MoU that **will enable Delhi to set up coastal surveillance system radar in Bangladesh**.

➤ The two countries signed **seven agreements in New Delhi** after talks between Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and his Bangladesh counterpart **Sheikh Hasina**.

➤ The coastal surveillance system will pave way for **Indo-Bangladesh White Shipping Agreement** in future. This will be useful amid growing terror threats via seas.

➤ Other agreements signed by the two countries include MoU for Standard Operating Procedure on the use of **Chattogram and Mongla Ports** and MoU on withdrawal of **1.82 cusecs of water from Feni River** by India for drinking water supply scheme for Sabroom town in Tripura.

Former PMC Bank chairman Waryam Singh arrested in connection with the alleged 4,355 crore rupees scam

➤ The Economic Offences Wing of Mumbai Police has arrested **Waryam Singh, former chairman of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank**, in connection with the alleged **4,355 crore rupees scam** at the bank.

➤ This is a fourth arrest in the case. In another development, former managing director of the bank, **Joy Thomas**, has been remanded to police custody till 17th of October.

Supreme Court ruled that the road traffic offences can be prosecuted under the Indian Penal Code alsoPTI

➤ Supreme Court has ruled that road traffic offences can be prosecuted under the Motor Vehicles Act as well as the **Indian Penal Code (IPC)**.

➤ The apex court also set aside a Guwahati High Court order to prosecute offenders of road accidents under motor vehicle act only.

➤ The punishment for offenders of motor vehicle accidents under the IPC is stricter compared to the Motor Vehicles Act.

➤ A bench comprising Justices **Indu Malhotra and Justice Sanjiv Khanna** said the sentence imposed by courts should be commensurate with the seriousness of the offence and should have a deterring effect on wrongdoers.

CSIR develops green crackers keeping in view pollution and health hazardsPTI

➤ The **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** has come up with new and improved formulations in the manufacture of sound-emitting crackers and other fireworks keeping in view the pollution hazard and health risks.

➤ Health and Family Welfare Minister **Harsh Vardhan** displayed some of the popular products like flower pots, pencils, chakkar and sparklers, developed by CSIR, at a press conference in New Delhi

➤ **Dr. Rakesh Kumar**, Director, said CSIR has developed new formulations for reduced emission light and sound emitting crackers with a 30 per cent reduction in particulate matter using Potassium Nitrate as an oxidant.

Squadron Leader Ravi Khanna added to National War MemorialFILPHOTO

➤ The name of Squadron Leader **Ravi Khanna**, who was killed by JKLf terrorists in 1990, has been added to the **National War Memorial** after it was approved by the Indian Air Force.

➤ Squadron Leader Khanna and three other IAF personnel were killed in January 1990 in Kashmir allegedly by JKLf founder **Yasin Malik**.

Dharmendra Pradhan to visit Mongolia for Mongol Refinery project.

➤ Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas **Dharmendra Pradhan** will pay a three-day visit to **Mongolia**.

➤ The Minister will participate in the opening ceremony of infrastructure that Mongolia has already constructed for the Indian funded, **Mongol Refinery project**.

➤ The Mongol Refinery project is being developed under a line of credit of **1.236 billion US dollars**

India to shift to BS VI vehicular emission norms by April

➤ The Supreme Court of India has ruled that no Bharat Stage IV vehicle shall be sold across the country with effect from **April 1, 2020**.

➤ Instead, the **Bharat Stage VI (or BS-VI)** emission norm would come into force from April 1, 2020 across the country.

➤ A three-judge bench ruled that the need of the hour was to move to a cleaner fuel. In 2016, the Centre announced that the country would skip the BS-V norms altogether and adopt BS-VI norms by 2020.

Revenue Secretary inaugurates National e-Assessment CentrePIB

➤ Revenue Secretary **Ajay Bhushan Pandey** inaugurated **National E-Assessment Centre and Regional E-Assessment Centers**.

➤ The National E-Assessment Center is situated **in Delhi** while Regional E-Assessment Centers are in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Pune, Bangalore, Delhi and Hyderabad.

➤ The centres have been established to implement the faceless assessment system for Income Tax Return.

➤ The establishment of such centres is **aimed at** eliminating the interface between Assessing Officer and Assessee to ensure greater transparency and accountability in the system.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to visit France to hold the Annual Defence Dialogue @

➤ Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** will leave for **France** on a two-day visit.

➤ Mr Singh will meet French President **Emmanuel Macron**. Later, the Minister will participate in the Rafale fighter aircraft handing over ceremony at Merignac along with French Minister of Armed Forces, Florence Parly.

➤ The Minister is also scheduled to hold the **Annual Defence Dialogue** with the French Minister of Armed Forces.

➤ He will address the CEOs of the French Defence industry during which he is likely to urge them to participate in "Make in India" and the **DefExpo** to be held in **Lucknow** in February next year.

➤ **Defence minister Rajnath Singh approves 4-fold increase to families of battle casualties**

➤ Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has approved a four-fold hike in assistance to the next of kin for all categories of battle casualties from **Rs 2 lakh to Rs 8 lakh**.

➤ The amount will be granted under the **Army Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (ABCWF)**.

➤ "Earlier, there was a provision of financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh to the battle casualties which are fatal, 60 per cent and above disability, battle casualties invalidated out due to disability and Rs 1 lakh to disability less than 60 per cent.

➤ It was in addition to liberalised family pension, financial assistance from Army Group Insurance, Army Welfare Fund and ex-gratia amount. The

ABCWF was instituted in **July 2017** and was implemented with effect from April 2016.

63rd Dhammachakra Pravartan Din was celebrated in NagpurIR PIC

➤ In Maharashtra, **63rd Dhammachakra Pravartan Din** will be celebrated at Deekshabhoomi in Nagpur.

➤ Buddhist followers from the different parts of the country and abroad are reaching at the venue to pay homage to the Architect of Indian Constitution **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar** at Deekshabhoomi.

Army's biggest mountain combat exercise 'Him Vijay' begins in Arunachal Pradesh

➤ The Indian Army's biggest ever mountain combat exercise in **Arunachal Pradesh** ahead of China President **Xi Jinping's** visit to India this month is reported to have irked Beijing, which considers large parts of Arunachal Pradesh as part of South Tibet.

➤ **'Him Vijay'** is the first ever such drill that the military is holding in the northeastern state. Three battle groups, each comprising 4,000 soldiers, are participating in the exercise at a height of 14,000 feet – 100 kms away from the **Line of Actual Control (LAC)**.

➤ The **key focus** of the exercise is to test mobility, communication and coordination of fast-moving troops in difficult terrain.

HRD minister lays foundation stone for IIM campus in Amritsar@

➤ Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank laid the foundation stone of the campus of the Indian Institute of Management in **Amritsar's Manawala**.

➤ He said the allocation of **350 crore rupees** has been sanctioned for the first phase of the construction while an additional amount of **250 crore rupees** would be allocated for the project.

➤ The IIM campus would come up on 60,000 sq metres and have state-of-the-art facilities in the library, academic block and hostels, said Pokhriyal.

IAF celebrates its 87th anniversary on October 8

➤ The Indian Air Force, IAF, is celebrating its **87th anniversary**. The IAF was founded on **October 8, 1932**.

➤ A grand function was held at the Air Force Station Hindan near Ghaziabad to celebrate the day. A scintillating air display by various aircraft was the hallmark of the Air Force Day Parade-cum-Investiture Ceremony.

➤ The display commenced with flag bearing skydivers of the famous **AKASH GANGA Team** dropping out of an AN-32 aircraft in their colourful canopies.

➤ The Chiefs of the three Services visited the National War Memorial in New Delhi on the Indian Force Day .Air Chief Marshal, **R K S Bhaduria**, Army Chief **Bipin Rawat** and Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral **Karambir Singh** paid tributes at the memorial.

Delhi CM launches Farishte Dilli Ke initiative for citizens who take accident victims to hospitals.

➤ Delhi Chief Minister **Arvind Kejriwal** launched **Farishte Dilli Ke'**, a new initiative aimed at **felicitating citizens who take accident victims to hospitals**.

➤ The government will bear all the expenses related to a road accident. At the launch of the initiative, Kejriwal said more than 3,000 lives have been saved during the trial run of this project in the past one and a half years.

➤ Farishte Dilli Ke' scheme was launched in **February 2017**, by the state government as a pilot project.

➤ Under the scheme, the government provides a reward of **Rs 2,000** and a certificate to a good

Samaritan for taking the accident victims to a hospital.

First Rafale jet to be received by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in French port city of BordeauxFILE PHOTO

➤ Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** will meet French President **Emmanuel Macron** in Paris and receive the first of the 36 Rafale aircraft in the French port city of **Bordeaux**.

➤ His visit to France is aimed at expanding the existing strategic partnership between both the countries.

➤ India had ordered **36 Rafale fighter jets from France** in a deal worth **59,000 crore rupees in September 2016**. While the formal handover ceremony takes place this week, the first batch of four Rafale jets will fly to their home base in India by **May 2020**. All 36 jets are expected to arrive in India by **September 2022**. **India International Cooperative Trade Fair to be held in New Delhi**.

➤ A three-day **India International Cooperative Trade Fair** will be held in **New Delhi**.

➤ The first-ever such fair is **aimed at** promoting cooperative to cooperative trade within India and abroad leading to enhanced rural and farm prosperity.

➤ Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** representatives from over 150 cooperative societies and 35 countries including, Australia, Japan, China, Brazil, US, UK, Germany and Iran are going to participate in the fair.

➤ The event will offer a huge opportunity for the industry and business houses from India and abroad to build an alliance, business networking, product sourcing and interact with primary producers of a wide range of products and service providers.

➤ This will be **India's first and the largest international cooperatives trade fair** promising to usher in a new era of cooperative excellence.

Thailand FM arrives in New Delhi to boost bilateral relations.

➤ Thailand Foreign Minister, **Don Pramudwinai** arrived in New Delhi on a three-day visit to India with an **aim to boost bilateral relations**.

➤ **Mr. Pramudwinai** will hold a meeting with External Affairs Minister **Dr. S Jaishankar**.

➤ The visiting dignitary is also scheduled to attend **the 8th Joint Commission Meeting between India and Thailand**. Several agreements are also likely to be signed following the Meeting.

V Prez visits Comoros & Sierra Leone will hold a detailed bilateral meeting with country's President Azali Assoumani. FILPIC

➤ Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** will embark on a five-day visit to **Comoros and Sierra Leone** .It will be the first high-level visit from India to the two African countries.

➤ Mr. Naidu will reach in Moroni, the capital of Comoros and will hold a detailed bilateral meeting with country's President **Azali Assoumani**.

➤ A number of MoUs and agreements are expected to be signed during the visit. New Delhi has extended concessional lines of credit of **41.6 million US Dollars** for setting up an **18 MW power plant in Moroni**.

➤ The bilateral trade is modest and reached 47.11 million US Dollars in 2018-19.

➤ On the second leg of his visit, Mr. Naidu will arrive in Free Town, **Sierra Leone**; he will have a detailed bilateral meeting with country's President **Julius Maada Wonie Bio** and will meet

Speaker of **Sierra Leone** Parliament **Chernor Bundu** as well as country's Foreign Minister **Nabeela Farida Tunia**.

Second Informal Summit between PM Modi, Chinese Prez Xi Jinping to be held in TamilnaduFILE

➤ **Mamallapuram** in Tamil Nadu is getting decked up for the second informal meeting between Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and China's President **Xi Jinping**.

➤ After the success of **first informal meeting** between the two leaders in **Wuhan** in **April 2018**, this meet has raised the expectations of exploring new possibilities.

➤ The old seaport town of **Mahabalipuram**, now known as Mamallapuram, is a **UNESCO World Heritage site** and the meeting between the two leaders can open the doors for exploring the historical and cultural connection between **Mamallapuram and China**.

Pradhan Mantri Innovation Learning Programme 'DHRUV' starts at ISRO in Bengaluru@

➤ The ambitious **Pradhan Mantri Innovation Learning Programme DHRUV** will kick start at **ISRO in Bengaluru** and conclude on 24th of this month at **IIT, Delhi**.

➤ Sixty brightest and talented students from Science, Mathematics and Performing Arts have been chosen for the programme.

➤ It **aims** to further sharpen innovative imagination, skills and knowledge of the students who are expected to contribute to bringing solutions to socio-economic, political and environmental issues in the country.

MP Tourism Board to organize City Walk Festival in 11 cities rism.mp.gov.in

➤ In a unique way to promote tourism, **Madhya Pradesh** Tourism Board will organize a month long **City Walk Festival** in 11 cities from October 12 to till November 10. Local, national and international tourists of all age groups will participate in the festival.

➤ In this festival, the tourists will be acquainted with the rich heritage, natural beauty, glorious history, traditions and ancient heritage of the **Madhya Pradesh**. The event will also provide employment opportunities to local people.

➤ The City Walk Festival will be organized in Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Panna, Vidisha, **Khajuraho, Chanderi, Jabalpur, Burhanpur and Orchha**.

Garbage Cafe' in Chhattisgarh's Ambikapur to provide free meal in exchange of plastic wasteAIR

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➤ The first-of-its-kind **'Garbage Cafe'** commenced in **Ambikapur city of Chhattisgarh**. The café is being run by the Ambikapur municipal corporation.

➤ In this unique Cafe', poor people and rag pickers will **get free food in exchange for one kilogram of plastic**, while breakfast will be provided if half a kilogram of plastic is brought to the cafe.

➤ The cafe inaugurated by **Health Minister of Chhattisgarh T. S. Singh Deo** said that this is a very unique and innovative step towards cleanliness to mark the **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**.

Leh: SC judge inaugurates first govt operated day care for senior Citizens

➤ Supreme Court Judge, **Justice S. Abdul Nazeer**, inaugurated the **first government-sponsored and operated Day Care-cum-Recreation Centre for senior citizens in Leh**

in presence of Chief Justice Jammu and Kashmir, **Gita Mittal**.

➤ It will be one-stop-shop for entertainment, medical services and legal aid for the aged people of the region.

PM Modi pays tribute to Nanaji Deshmukh on his birth anniversary

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has paid tribute to veteran social worker and **RSS leader Nanaji Deshmukh** on his birth anniversary.

➤ Mr Modi said, Nanaji dedicated his entire life for the welfare of farmers and rural masses, his contributions to the nation-building will always inspire the people.

➤ Mr Modi also paid tribute to **Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan** on his birth anniversary.

Piyush Goyal to attend 9th RCEP Intersessional Ministerial Meeting in ThailandPic Tweeted By @AIR

➤ Commerce Minister **Piyush Goyal** will attend the **9th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, RCEP** Intersessional Ministerial meeting beginning at **Bangkok in Thailand**.

➤ This will be the last Ministerial before the 3rd Leaders Summit to be held on 4th of next month in Bangkok.

➤ During the two day meeting, Mr Goyal will also hold a series of bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Japan, Singapore, China, Australia and New Zealand during the Bangkok Ministerial.

First National Hindi Science writers conference begins in LucknowPic t

➤ In **Uttar Pradesh**, the first 2-day long National **Hindi Science writers conference** will start in Lucknow with an **aim** to release science writing from the clutches of English and to promote use of Hindi and other Vernacular languages.

➤ More than one thousand science writers from across the country are expected to take part in this conference which is aimed to bring all Hindi and vernacular language science writers at one platform and to promote Hindi in the field of science writing.

➤ A dedicated website **WWW.VIGYANLEKHAN.COM** has been prepared for this event.

Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurates 'AngiKaar' campaign@

➤ In Tripura, Chief Minister **Biplab Kumar Deb** inaugurated the '**AngiKaar**' campaign for the state in a formal function held at the city's town hall,

➤ He said, with the state's target of making **26 lakh Ayushman Bharat cards by March 2020**, at least 71 percent of Tripura's population will be benefited under the health scheme.

➤ The objective of the '**AngiKaar**' campaign is to bring the beneficiaries of **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U)** under one fold of other central government implemented scheme.

Kiren Rijju addresses India Sports Summit in New Delhi; stresses on need for building a sports culture@

➤ Union Minister for Sports Kiren Rijju has said that if every Indian starts paying attention to sports, every sport will become an industry. Addressing **India Sports Summit** in **New Delhi**.

➤ Mr Rijju stressed on the need for building a sports culture, creating opportunities for the youth, partnerships between Ministries and corporates to leverage the potential of 10 billion dollar fitness industry.

POSHAN atlas to map local crops, food grains for tackling malnutrition

➤ In a bid to tackle malnutrition, government is developing an **Atlas** to map the crops and food grains grown in different regions of the country

so that nutritious protein rich food in local areas can be promoted.

➤ The ministry of **Women and Child Development (WCD)** in association with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Deendayal Research Institute is developing a **POSHAN atlas** under POSHAN abhiyan, government's multi-ministerial convergence mission with the vision to ensure attainment of malnutrition free **India by 2022**.

Prez Kovind, PM Modi extend ceremonial welcome to Netherlands King Willem-Alexander, Queen Maxima

➤ President **Ram Nath Kovind** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** extended a ceremonial welcome to the King of **Netherlands Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima**.

➤ Their five-day state visit to India will **focus on** areas such as water technology and maritime development, healthcare, sustainable agriculture, social initiatives and cultural heritage and to further build on the strong Indo-Dutch strategic partnership.

➤ They also met External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar**. Earlier, King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima paid homage at the Samadhi of **Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat**.

India to have first-ever Olympic Hospitality House during Tokyo Game

➤ India will have its first-ever Olympic Hospitality House in Tokyo during the Summer Games next year.

➤ The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and **JSW Group** announced a partnership to build the facility.

➤ Many of the Olympic participating countries have their own hospitality houses during the Games but this will be the first time India will be having one to showcase its culture and heritage.

➤ The official India House logo was unveiled by Sports Minister **Kiren Rijju** in the presence of IOA President **Narinder Batra** and Secretary General **Rajeev Mehta**.

President Kovind to embark on week-long visit to Philippines, Japan@

➤ President **Ram Nath Kovind** will embark on a week-long visit to the **Philippines and Japan**. Mr Kovind will attend the **Enthronement Ceremony** of the Emperor of **Japan**, His Majesty Naruhito.

➤ The President is visiting the Philippines at the invitation of his Philippines counterpart **Rodrigo Roa Duterte**.

➤ The state visit is taking place on the occasion of 70 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

➤ On the second leg of the tour, Mr Kovind will visit Japan on the 21st of this month. Along with participating in a community event, the President will visit a **Buddhist temple** and plant a sapling from the sacred **Bodhi Tree in Gaya** to highlight **India and Japan's historical and cultural linkages** based on Buddhism.

➤ The visit to the two countries reaffirms India's commitment to strengthen its bilateral ties based on traditional bonds of friendship and mutual understanding.

Union Minister Mahendra Nath Pandey unveils plans to set up 14 Authorized World Skills India Training Centres.

➤ Union Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Mahendra Nath Pandey unveiled plans to set up 14 Authorized World Skills India Training Centres across 9 cities for media and entertainment sector.

➤ The Cities are Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Indore, Mumbai, Pune, Shillong and Trivandrum.

➤ The new institutes will be set up for advanced skill training of candidates in media and entertainment sector and to further develop skilling eco-system for training candidates for the international market.

Air India becomes first airline in world to use Taxibot on A-320 aircraftScreen Grab

➤ **Air India** has become the **first airline** in the world to use a **Taxibot** on an **A-320 aircraft** with passengers on board.

➤ Taxibot is a **robot-used aircraft tractor** for taxiing an aircraft from parking bay to runway and vice-versa. Air India Chairman and Managing Director **Ashwani Lohani** flagged off flight **AI665** and it was carried to runway using Taxibot at Terminal 3 of the **Delhi Airport - to Mumbai**. It is a pilot-controlled semi-robotic towbar-less aircraft tractor used as alternate taxiing equipment.

➤ Mr Lohani said it is the first such usage on any Airbus aircraft worldwide. Taxibots will be used for departing flights only.

MoS External Affairs V Muraleedharan on a 2-day official visit to UAER

➤ Minister of State for External Affairs **V Muraleedharan** will be on a two day official visit to **UAE**.

➤ Besides the bilateral meeting, the Minister is expected to participate in the ministerial level meeting of the **Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD)** The Minister is also scheduled to participate in the Indian Community function being held in **Sharjah**.

➤ The **Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD)** was established in 2008 as a forum for dialogue and cooperation between Asian countries of labour origin and destination.

India Ministerial Dialogue held at Third India Energy Forum by CERAWEEK; India will lead global energy transition,

➤ **India Ministerial Dialogue** was held at third India Energy Forum by CERAWEEK here in which Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, **Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel**, Shri Piyush Goyal, **Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry**, Shri Pralhad Joshi, **Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs**, and Shri R.K. Singh, **Minister of State (I/C) of Power and New & Renewable Energy**

➤ He said "Hon'ble Prime Minister has given us a target to transform the Indian economy to a **5 trillion dollar** in the next five years. We are making concerted efforts and taking all necessary steps to make this a reality. Energy sector will be fuelling India's journey towards this stated goal of a **5 trillion dollar** economy.

Railways to be 'net zero' carbon emitter by 2030, says Piyush Goyal

➤ Railway minister **Piyush Goyal** said that the Indian Railways is going to become a **net zero-carbon emitter by 2030**, given that the current action plan has proposed **100% electrification** of the rail network, besides introducing renewable strategies. He added that the electrification in 2017-18 has increased seven times.

➤ The minister also said that the railways would procure around 100,000 additional wagons over the next five years, of which half of the wagon requirement will be by Coal India Limited.

Government imposes ban on tricolour import

➤ The government has **banned** the **import of National Flag** from across the border by amending the import policy. The move by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Government aimed to support khadi artisans. Ban on import of

National Flag is because the importers are violating import policy norms by importing machine-made flags.

➤ According to the specifications under Part 1, Section 1.2 of **Flag Code of India, 2002**, the National Flag of India must be made of hand-spun and handwoven wool, cotton, silk khadi bunting.

➤ The ban on the import of the National Flag will help **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)**. KVIC reported that the sale of the National Flag was going down. The Khadi had sold National Flags for **Rs.3.69 crore** in the year **2017-18**. This has registered a decline of **more than 14% to Rs.3.16 crore** in **2018-19**.

Shirui Lily Festival inaugurated in Manipur

➤ Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism and Culture **Prahlad Singh Patel** inaugurated **Shirui Lily Festival, 2019** at Shirui Vangayan Ground of **Ukhrul in Manipur**.

➤ Mr Patel along with State Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated the Strength of Unity Statue as a mark of opening the third edition of the four-day state festival.

Textiles Secretary Inaugurates IHGF-Delhi Fair at Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

➤ Delhi Textiles Secretary, Ravi Capoor, inaugurated the 48th edition of the Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair (IHGF) at the India Expo Centre & Mart at **Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh**.

➤ He further said that with the skills of Indian artisans and the crafts heritage of India the handicrafts industry has the potential to achieve greater growth for not only the sector but for the artisans and the exporters and increase the handicrafts exports of India to Rs. 100,000 crore from the exiting Rs. 26,590 crore.

5th edition of World Coffee Conference comes to India for the first time

➤ **International Coffee Organization (ICO)** under the aegis of United Nations is organizing its **5th Edition of World Coffee Conference** to be held at **Bengaluru** from September 7th to 9th 2020. The Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India will host the 3-day event themed, '**Sustainability Through Consumption**' that will celebrate all things of coffee in an immersive experience.

➤ WCC 2020 will address the challenges that farmers across the world are battling with such as climate change, increasing cost of production and falling prices and will focus on economic, agriculture, commercial, environmental, social & cultural impact of Coffee.

Five-day youth festival 'Sangam 2019' concluded in Jammu

➤ The 5-day Youth Festival '**SANGAM 2019**' organized by **Jammu University** concluded with the multi-dimensional cultural bonanza and distribution of prizes among the winners and participants on the final day of the mega event, here.

➤ The SANGAM 2019, with the tag line of '**Let's Build Our Nation**' was organized by Bhadarwah Campus in collaboration with Rastryia Rifles based at Bhadarwah, to promote everlasting peace and prosperity in the Chenab Valley and to also give youth a platform and exposure to showcase their skills in different fields.

India on course to be 5 trillion economy by 2024: PM Modi

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asserted that his government is on course to **make India a five-trillion dollar economy** in the next five years despite apprehensions being expressed by experts and the opposition.

➤ It is the government's resolve to make India a 5 trillion dollar economy by **2024**. Prime Minister said, Indian economy is full of

opportunities for the youth and the recent policy decisions will further boost its growth.

➤ Mr Modi said, the government is also planning to pump in over 100 lakh crore rupees in infrastructure projects. Prime Minister said, the nature of employment is changing and skill upgradation is the key.

G Kishan Reddy inaugurates 20th All India Conference of Directors of Fingerprint Bureaus being organised by NCRB

➤ The Minister of State for Home, **Shri G. Kishan Reddy** inaugurated the **20th All India Conference of Directors of Fingerprint Bureaus**, being organised by NCRB, (National Crime Records Bureau).

➤ The conference was attended among others by Director, NCRB, **Shri Ram Phal Pawar**, Joint Secretary (Women Safety) MHA Smt. Punya Salila Srivastava and senior police officers from central police organisations/ States/UTs.

➤ Around 80 Fingerprint experts/delegates from across the country attended the inaugural function. The importance of fingerprints in crime investigation in the efforts of NCRB in rolling out the **National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS)**.

Interpol to hold general assembly in India in 2022Tweeted by AIR

➤ **India** will host the **91st Interpol General Assembly in 2022** after a proposal received the overwhelming support of member countries at this year's congregation at Santiago in Chile.

➤ A proposal in this regard was given to Interpol **Secretary General Jurgen Stock** by Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** when the two met in New Delhi during Mr Stock's official visit.

➤ The 91st Interpol General Assembly in India in the year 2022 will be held as part of celebrations of the **75th anniversary of Indian Independence**.

➤ **Rishi Kumar Shukla**, the director of the **CBI** represents Interpol in India as the country's national central bureau, moved the proposal in the ongoing **88th general assembly** in Santiago following which it was put to vote.

➤ Interpol in **Lyon, France**, is an international police cooperation organisation with **194 member states** and 100 years of experience of international cooperation in policing.

Rajnath Singh allows girls admission in Sainik Schools

➤ Defence Ministry allows admitting of girl students in **Sainik School Chhingchhip in Mizoram**.

➤ "The decision is in line with the objective of the government towards greater inclusiveness, gender equality, enabling greater participation of women in Armed Forces and strengthening the motto of '**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**', propagated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," said a defence ministry statement.

➤ There are 33 Sainik Schools across the country. Sainik School had opened admission to girl students in 2017, with the induction of six girls, in accordance with the pilot project undertaken by the Central government.

Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurates 11th Nuclear Energy Conclave

➤ The Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (I/C), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, **Dr Jitendra Singh** at the inauguration of **11th Nuclear Energy Conclave**, said that we have been able to fulfil the vision of Homi Bhabha. The Government has diversified the applications of nuclear energy in various social fields.

➤ The Chairman, **Nuclear Energy Group**, India Energy Forum and Chancellor Homi Bhabha National Institute, **Dr. Srikumar Banerjee** said

that nuclear energy is what we can claim to be totally indigenous.

➤ The Theme of the Conclave is "**Economics of Nuclear Power- Innovation towards Safer & Cost Effective Technologies**

Satya Pal Malik inaugurates J&K Bazar for promoting J&K specific products @

➤ **Satya Pal Malik** has inaugurated J&K Bazar, a retail showroom of authentic Jammu Kashmir Handicrafts, Handlooms, Silk, Agro-based products and Restaurant serving Authentic Kashmiri Cuisine at J&K House in **New Delhi**.

➤ The newly constructed state-of-the-art showroom is for promoting J&K specific products of **handicrafts and authentic cuisine**. The project has been completed over a short period of time.

DNA Technology Regulation Bill referred to parliamentary standing committee

➤ The **DNA Technology Regulation Bill** that seeks to control the use of DNA technology for establishing the identity of a person, has been referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for examination.

➤ The bill has been referred to the Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests by Rajya Sabha Chairman **M Venkiah Naidu**.

➤ The bill that seeks to control the use and application of the DNA technology for establishing the identity of certain categories of persons, including offenders, victims, suspects and under-trials, was passed by the Lok Sabha in July this year. The bill provides for the establishment of DNA data banks at the national and regional levels.

Amit Shah paid tribute to martyred police personnel on Police Commemoration Day

➤ Home Minister **Amit Shah** said the country is moving ahead on the path of progress as police personnel are doing their duty with responsibility.

➤ He said, be it border security, fighting against terrorism and Naxalism, the police have a pivotal role in maintaining peace and law and order in the country, after paying tribute to martyred police personnel, on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day at National Police Memorial.

➤ The Police Commemoration Day is observed on this day every year in memory of the policemen martyred at Hot Springs in Ladakh by Chinese troops on **21st October, 1959**.

AYUSH Minister inaugurated Ayurveda Palliative Care Unit at base Hospital

➤ Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH and Defence **Shripad Yesso Naik** inaugurated **Ayurveda Palliative Care Unit** at Palliative Care Centre, base Hospital, Delhi Cantt, **New Delhi**.

➤ On this occasion, a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was also signed between **Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Defence for the Integration of AYUSH** under the health establishments of Directorate General of Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS).

Dr Harsh Vardhan shares PM Modi's vision for inclusive health at G20 Okayama Health Ministers' Conference

➤ India has highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of '**Sab Ka Saath - Sab Ka Vikas - Sab Ka Vishwas**' for inclusive health along with scheme -- Ayushman Bharat, at the on-going two-day **G20 Okayama Health Ministers' Conference in Japan**.

➤ Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, who represented India at the conference in Okayama City, also highlighted Mr Modi's vision of **FIT India Movement and Eat Right campaigns**.

➤ The deliberations of the G20 Health Ministers **focused** on four major global health issues like the achievement of Universal Health Coverage,

response to population ageing, management of health risks and health security management including Anti-Microbial Resistance and its containment.

➤ Dr Vardhan said that New Delhi is on the path to Universal Health Coverage and will contribute effectively in sustaining UHC at the global level.

➤ On Response to population ageing, Dr. Vardhan, during his intervention, shared India's vision for its projected 20 per cent **elderly population by 2050**.

Smriti Irani visits Amethi, participates in 'Gandhi Sankalp Padyatray

➤ Union Minister for **Textiles and Women & Child Development Smriti Jubin Irani** took part in various programmes including '**Gandhi Sankalp Padyatra**' in **Amethi, Uttar Pradesh**.

➤ Ms Irani participated in programmes on cleanliness, plantation and maintaining a healthy environment. Benefits of government's welfare schemes including **Ayushman Bharat, Swachh Bharat Mission, Kisan Samman Yojana** are reaching to the people.

➤ The Union Minister also planted a sapling at Jagdishpur and led a sanitation campaign at railway station **Nihalgarh on Lucknow - Varanasi** route.

Rajnath Singh to inaugurate Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu in Ladakh

➤ Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** left for **Ladakh** .He will attend the inaugural ceremony of Col. **Chewang Rinchen Setu** which has been constructed at an altitude of 14,650 feet in the forward area of Ladakh region. This bridge has been built by the **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**.

➤ This Bridge is built on the strategically important road **Durbuk Shyok Daulat Beg Oldie** in sub sector north in eastern Ladakh.

➤ The Bridge , which is 1400 feet span, is constructed by the Border Road Organization.

➤ **Chewang Rinchan** who was one of the highly decorated officer in the Indian Army from Ladakh and he was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra twice.

PM Modi congratulates Indonesia's Prez on commencement of his 2nd term in office
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➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated Indonesia's President **Joko Widodo** on the commencement of his second term in office.

➤ Mr Modi said he is confident that under Joko Widodo's dynamic leadership, India-Indonesia friendship and comprehensive strategic partnership will deepen further.

Govt Attempt to Build the World's Biggest Facial Recognition System Sparks Privacy Fears

➤ In an ambitious plan to curb soaring crime rates, the government is in the works of building the world's largest facial recognition system – a centralized database – accessible to police across all states of the country that would match images from the network of CCTV cameras against a database encompassing criminal records.

➤ Authorities in many states, including Andhra Pradesh and Punjab, had adopted the facial recognition technology in 2018 to fight crime.

➤ This new facial recognition pattern will play a "very vital role in improving outcomes" of solving crime cases and help in "**detect crime patterns**" while also aid in crime prevention, will also enable the police to initiate searches based on photos uploaded from newspapers, images in the public domain and even give access to artist sketches of suspects.

➤ It would recognize faces on closed-circuit cameras and "generate alerts if a blacklist match is found,"

India to sign Agreement on Kartarpur Asks Pak to consider waiving fee on pilgrims: PTI

➤ New Delhi told Islamabad that it is ready to sign the Agreement on **Kartarpur Sahib Corridor** but termed Pakistan's continuous insistence on levying a service fee of USD **20** per pilgrim per visit to the **Gurudwara Kartarpur Sahib** as a matter of disappointment.

➤ It also said that in view of the long-pending demand of the pilgrims to have visa-free access to Gurudwara Kartarpur Sahib and in the interest of operationalization of the corridor in time before the **550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak**.

➤ Pakistan has been once again urged to reconsider its insistence to levy service fee on pilgrims. It said India will be ready to amend the Agreement accordingly at any time.

Govt employees of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh to get salaries as per 7th Pay Commission

➤ The Central Government has approved the proposal of payment of Seventh Central Pay Commission allowances to the government employees of **Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh**.

➤ The two new Union Territories will come into existence from 31st of this month. Parliament, on 5th of August this year, approved a resolution abrogating special status to Jammu & Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution and a bill for splitting the state into two Union Territories.

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on 8th of August this year and announced that all the financial facilities being given to the employees of other Union Territories as per the recommendations of **7th CPC**, will soon be extended to the employees of UT of Jammu and Kashmir and UT of Ladakh. The move will benefit 4.5 Lakh Government employees who are working in Jammu & Kashmir.

Heads of 91 Foreign Missions visit Golden Temple@

➤ The delegation of the Heads of **91 Foreign Missions** in India reached at **Amritsar** to pay obeisance at Shri Har Mandir Sahib in connection to celebrations of **550th Prakash Purab of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji**.

➤ They were welcomed at **Shri Guru Ram Das Airport**, Rajasansi by Punjab Cabinet Minister **Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria**.

➤ The visit has been organized by the **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)** in collaboration with the State Government of Punjab and the Shiromani Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee. Union Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** and ICCR President **Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe** are accompanying the Heads of Missions.

PV Sindhu, Deepika Padukone support PM Modi's 'Bharat Ki Laxmi' movement

➤ During the '**Mann Ki Baat**' Programme Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** had urged people to highlight the achievements of daughters by using **#BharatKiLaxmi** on social media. He had said daughters are regarded as Laxmi in Indian culture and asked people to organize programmes to felicitate daughters in villages, towns and cities.

➤ India's badminton star **PV Sindhu** has supported Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharat Ki Laxmi movement. Ms Sindhu and Actress **Deepika Padukone** through a video appealed people to honour daughters who have made a mark with their achievements in various fields for the public good.

Piyush Goyal launches Jaipur-Sikar- DEMU Passenger Service

➤ Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, **Piyush Goyal** inaugurated 79603/04 **Jaipur-Sikar-JaipurDEMU** (6 days a week) Service between Jaipur and Sikar through Video-conferencing today.

➤ Member of Parliament from Sikar Shri SumedhanandaSaraswati participated in the

inaugural ceremony from Ringus. This service will operate on the newly Gauge converted Jaipur - Ringus section.

Govt. to set up 1 lakh digital villages in next few years: Ravi Shankar Prasad @

➤ Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad said that the government will set up **one lakh digital villages** in the country in the next few years at the **MeitY Start-Up Summit 2019 in New Delhi**, Mr Prasad appealed to the concerned stakeholders to patronize and mentor these digital villages in their own way. He said these villages will be the centres for promoting entrepreneurship.

➤ The Minister also stressed on the **need for digital mapping** of all enterprise and entrepreneurship happening in the far corner of the country.

➤ Mr Prasad also launched MeitY Starting **Hub-MSH and BHIM 2.0** and Indian Software Product Registry.

8,000-Year-Old, World's Oldest Pearl Will Be Displayed In An Exhibition In Abu Dhabi

➤ The world's oldest pearl has been found by archaeologists, who say that it is the world's oldest which is **8,000-years-old**. It will be displayed in **Abu Dhabi**, according to the authorities. The authorities also said that the oldest pearl is the proof that "**the objects were traded since Neolithic times**".

➤ During excavations, the natural pearl was found in the floor of a room at **Marawah Island**, which is off the capital of the United Arab Emirates, which is also the earliest structure in the country. "The layers from which the pearl came have been **carbon dated to 5800-5600 BC**, during the Neolithic period,"

Indian Railways instal most advanced Electronic Interlocking System on Grand Chord route

➤ Indian Railways has installed the most advanced **Electronic Interlocking System** on the **Grand Chord route**. The measure is expected to help Indian Railways speed up trains and achieve the objective of reducing the travel time between Delhi and Howrah to about 12 hours from the existing 17 to 19 hours.

➤ **Grand Chord** is part of the Howrah-Gaya-Delhi line and Howrah-Allahabad-Mumbai line. It acts as a link between Sitarampur in West Bengal and Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Junction, Uttar Pradesh, and covers a stretch of 450 kilometres falling in North Central Railway Zone.

➤ The new Electronic system has replaced outdated 65-year old mechanical signalling system at **Tundla Junction** in Uttar Pradesh on the route.

IAF fires two BrahMos missiles at Trak Island in Andaman Nicobar

➤ Two **BrahMos surface to surface missiles** were fired by Indian Air Force at **Trak Island in the Andaman Nicobar** group of islands. The twin firings have been carried out as a part of the routine operational training.

➤ Indian Air Force said, the missile engaged the designated mock targets close to **300 Kilometres away**. A direct hit on the target was achieved in both cases.

➤ The firing of the missiles has enhanced Air force capability to engage the grounds targets with pinpoint accuracy from a mobile platform.

First India-Bangladesh Stakeholders' meet emphasises on better trade and connectivity

➤ Bangladesh Commerce Minister **Tipu Munshi** has said that Bangladesh and North East India could benefit from improved physical connectivity and people-to-people contact. Participating in the **India-Bangladesh stakeholders' meeting in Guwahati**, Mr **Munshi** said better connectivity would enhance consumers' welfare through

access to goods at competitive prices and enhance opportunities for exporters.

- The Minister requested India to **withdraw the ban on the export of onions**. He said India is the second-largest trading partner of Bangladesh and both the countries registered impressive growth in recent years.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the Fertilizer Application Awareness Program at Pusa in New Delhi.

- In order to disseminate knowledge to farmers on optimum usage of fertilizer nutrients based on various parameters **to sustain agricultural productivity** and to make farmers aware of new developments in the field of fertilizer usage and management, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare **Narendra Singh Tomar** along with Union Minister for Chemical and Fertilizers **D. V. Sadananda Gowda** jointly inaugurated the bi-annual Fertilizer Application Awareness Program at **Pusa** in New Delhi.
- The event is organised jointly by both the Ministries before Kharif and Rabi season each year with the help of State Governments.

Vice President's visits Azerbaijan to participate in the 18th NAM Summit

- Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu will lead the Indian delegation at the **18th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan** on 25-26 October, 2019.
- The **theme for the Summit is "Upholding the Bandung Principles to ensure concerted and adequate response to the challenges of contemporary world"**. Vice President will deliver India's National Statement during the plenary meeting of the NAM Summit. He is also expected to hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts from other NAM member countries on the sidelines of the Summit.
- President Kovind lays foundation stone for Sri Sathya Sai Sanathana Samskruti Project in Japan**
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** laid the foundation stone for **Sri Sathya Sai Sanathana Samskruti Project** at Sai no Sato, **Kakegawa, Japan**.
- Sai no Sato will be developed as a temple on the lines of Akshardham and Swaminarayan Temple **to promote Indian traditional culture**. The President also attended a banquet hosted in his honour by Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe** of Japan.

EAM Jaishankar meets his Iranian counterpart on sidelines of NAM Ministerial Meeting

- External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** met his Iranian counterpart, **Javad Zarif** on the sidelines of the **Non-Aligned Movement Ministerial Meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan**. The two leaders discussed issues of mutual and regional interest. They earlier met on the sidelines of UN General Assembly Session in September.
- Mr. Jaishankar also met Afghanistan's **National Security Advisor Hamdullah Mohib**, his Malaysian counterpart **Saifuddin Abdullah** and Myanmar's Minister for International Cooperation **U Kyaw Tin**
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- The **theme for the Summit is -Upholding the Bandung Principles to ensure concerted and adequate response to the challenges of the contemporary world**.

- The theme is significant as it relates to the **forthcoming 65th anniversary of Bandung Principles** in 2020 and the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Movement in 2021.

- The Summit **will focus** on a whole gamut of contemporary issues such as Terrorism, threats to peace and security, UN reform, climate change, sustainable development, economic governance and south-south cooperation.

- India is one of the founding members of the Non-Aligned Movement which was established in 1961 with 29 members. It has since grown to **120 members** to become one of the largest groupings of nation-states.

Indian Army to conduct 2019 "Sindhu Sudarshan" exercise 2019 in Rajasthan deserts

- The Indian Army (IA) is to conduct exercise codenamed **"Sindhu Sudarshan"** for the year 2019 in the **deserts of Rajasthan** from November 29 to December 4, 2019.

- The **aim of** this exercise is to evaluate the capability of the defence services in an integrated air-land battle.

President Kovind to visit Rajgir for Golden Jubilee celebration of Vishwa Shanti Stupa@

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** will visit Rajgir in Bihar to inaugurate day long golden jubilee celebrations of **Vishwa Shanti Stupa (World Peace Pagoda)** in **Rajgir**.

- More than 300 Buddhist monks, devotees and eminent personalities from Japan, Thailand, Srilanka, Bhutan, Nepal, US and other countries have arrived to take part in the function the Vishwa Shanti Stupa has completed 50 years of its establishment.

- Situated on Ratnagiri hillock, this iconic structure was constructed by Japanese Buddhist monk popularly known as **Fujii Gururji** in 1969.

Tamil Nadu may get six new medical colleges by 2020

- The number of government medical colleges in Tamil Nadu will soon increase from **24 to 30**, as the Union Health Ministry has granted approval to start **six more medical colleges** in the State with 150 MBBS seats in each of them.

- "The Centre has given approval for the new medical colleges under the **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)** scheme.

- As per the scheme, six government district headquarters' hospitals, in **Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Nilgiris, Dindigul, Tirupur and Namakkal**, will be upgraded as medical college hospitals."

- "While the Centre will sanction 60 per cent of the total expenditure for the facilities, the State will contribute the remaining, 40 per cent. With the approval, the number of MBBS seats in Government medical colleges is likely to go up from **3,350 to 4,250**. **Tamil Nadu** has the highest number of government MBBS seats in the country,".

Air India depicts 'Ik Onkar' on tail to mark 550th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak DevAIR

- In a unique gesture to mark **550th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji**, Air India has depicted Sikh religious symbol **'Ik Onkar'** on the tail of one of its aircraft.

- The flight is set to fly from Amritsar to Stansted in the United Kingdom on **Air India** will fly its aircraft thrice a week on the Mumbai-Amritsar-Stansted route.

- Punjab Chief Minister **Amarinder Singh** hailed the Air India's initiative and said that it is heartwarming.

PM Modi reaches Riyadh in Saudi Arabia with aim to boost bilateral ties @

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** reached **Riyadh in Saudi Arabia** with an **aim** to boost bilateral ties between the two countries in key sectors, including **energy and finance**.

- After landing in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia meet Prince **Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud**, Energy Minister, Prince **Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud**, the new Foreign Affairs Minister of Saudi Arabia.

- Prime minister will hold bilateral discussions with King **Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud**. In his departure statement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that defence, security, trade, culture, education and people-to-people contacts are the important areas of bilateral cooperation with Saudi Arabia.

- The **Future Investment Initiative (FII)Forum** also called the **Davos of the Desert**, hopes to attract potential investors to India. At least **12 Agreements** are likely to be signed during the visit covering areas like civil aviation, security-related matters, defence, infrastructure & non-renewable energy sector.

- Prime Minister will also launch the **RuPay Card** during this visit. The Rupay card is expected to benefit not only the large Indian community but also **Hajj and Umrah pilgrims**. Saudi Arabia is the **third country** in the West Asia where RuPay will be launched.

India-France joint Army exercise to begin from Oct 31Pic tweeted by

- The bilateral **'Exercise SHAKTI'** between the armies of **India and France** will be conducted from 31st October to 13th November 2019 at Foreign Training Node in Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, **Rajasthan**.

- The joint exercise will **focus on counter terrorism** operations in semi-desert terrain.

- The exercise **aims** at enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the two armies.

Lucknow school bags Guinness World Record title for having 55,547 students

- **Lucknow**-based school has won the Guinness World Record for becoming the **'world's largest school'** in terms of strength of students.

- **City Montessori School (CMS)** has won the global award **for having 55,547 students** in 2019-20, as stated by CMS founder, Jagdish Gandhi.

- Currently, the CMS has 18 branches and **approximately 56,000 students** all over the city.

'Dial 112': UP Changes Police Emergency Number 100, Integrates Additional Fire, Ambulance Services

- The Uttar Pradesh government has changed its emergency response number **100 to 112**, integrating with it additional services such as fire, ambulance and state disaster relief.

- The new integrated emergency response hotline was launched by UP Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath**

- Officials have, however, said the emergency response service numbers currently in place, including fire (101) and ambulance (102,108), will continue to work till "112" becomes popular enough.

- Speaking on the occasion of the launch, Adityanath imposed his faith in technology as means of "winning the trust of the people." He explained that **the aim** for introducing a holistic emergency number is to reduce the response time in providing "immediate assistance to people in emergency situations."

Pakistan to issue tourist visas to non-Indian Sikhs for Kartarpur visit

➤ The Pakistan government will issue **tourist visas to non-Indian Sikhs** visiting the **Kartarpur corridor** and other **gurdwaras** in the country during the **550th birth anniversary celebrations** of Guru Nanak Dev.

➤ Under the Kartarpur Corridor agreement between India and Pakistan, pilgrims coming from India for one day would not require visa but they can only visit **Gurudwara Baba Guru Nanak**. However, those coming from other countries will need a visa and be free to visit other religious places.

➤ The Pakistan government will issue tourist visas to (non-Indian) Sikhs coming from Europe, Canada and America for their visit to the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, Kartarpur.

➤ India and Pakistan signed the historic Kartarpur corridor agreement on October 24. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the Indian side of the corridor on 9th November.

Chenani Nashari Tunnel renamed after Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee

➤ Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSME Shri **Nitin Gadkari** and Shri Jitendra Singh, MoS (I/C) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space announced renaming of **Chenani Nashari Tunnel** on NH 44 in **Jammu & Kashmir** as **Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Tunnel** in an event in New Delhi.

➤ This 9 km tunnel is the longest such state of art tunnel in the country, connecting Udhampur to Ramban in Jammu. Constructed at a cost of **Rs 2500 crore**, it cuts down 31 km of travel distance and reduces the travel time between the two points by about two hours, in addition to substantial saving in fuel cost.

New Delhi to Host First "Global Bio-India 2019" Summit

➤ The **Global Bio-India 2019**, one of the largest biotechnology stakeholders conglomerate will be held for the first time in India at New Delhi.

➤ The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said "India for the first time is hosting a mega event for the biotech community to attract investments, showcase our indigenous strengths and more importantly fuel the hopes and aspirations of the indigenous talent pool".

Indian Army to conduct exercise 'Sindhu Sudarshan' in the deserts of Rajasthan

➤ Indian Army to conduct exercise codenamed as '**Sindhu Sudarshan**' in the deserts of **Rajasthan** from 29 November to 4 December 2019. More than 40,000 troops will be participating in an all-arms battle array of Divisions and Brigades carrying out offensive operations in deserts.

➤ The military exercise will witness Indian Army assessing operational efficiency of Strike Corps to fight in desert terrain as well as Indian Air Force (IAF) to provide intimate support in terms of destruction of targets and airlifting troops.

Govt plans 'Indradhanush 2.0' for recapitalisation of public sector banks

➤ Government plans to come out with '**Indradhanush 2.0**', a comprehensive plan for recapitalisation of public sector lenders, with a view to make sure they remain solvent and fully comply with the global capital adequacy norms, **Basel-III 'Indradhanush 2.0'** will be finalised after completion of the **Asset Quality Review (AQR)** by the Reserve Bank, which is likely to be completed by March-end.

Assam: Starting 2021, no govt jobs for those with more than two kids

➤ **The Assam** Cabinet decided that no government jobs will be given to persons having more than two children after **January 1, 2021**.

➤ The important decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting that also adopted a **New Land Policy**, which will give **three bighas** of agricultural land to landless indigenous people and **half a bigha** for constructing a house.

➤ A communique from the Chief Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal's** public relations cell stated that those having more than two children will not be considered for government jobs with effect from **January 1, 2021** as per the small family norm.

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Brahmos supersonic cruise missile with major indigenous systems test-fired successfully

➤ Brahmos supersonic cruise missile featuring Indian propulsion system, airframe, power supply and other major indigenous components, was successfully test-fired.

➤ "The missile was successfully test-fired at 10.20 am today from **Chandipur in Odisha** for its full range of **290-km** during the launch jointly conducted by DRDO and BrahMos Aerospace,"

Palestine issues commemorative stamp to honour Gandhi on 150th birth anniversary

➤ Palestine has released a commemorative postage stamp on Mahatma Gandhi, honouring his legacy and values, to mark the 150 birth anniversary of the world leader.

➤ Palestinian Authority's Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology **Ishaaq Seder** released the stamp in Ramallah.

US stops imports of goods from five countries for suspected forced labour

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➤ The United States has announced that it is stopping imports from five countries for suspected forced labour.

➤ The US **Customs and Border Protection (CBP)** department said that it has ordered immediate detention of goods coming from companies based in **Brazil, China, Malaysia, Congo, and Zimbabwe** at US ports of entry for further investigation.

PM Modi, Mauritian counterpart jointly inaugurate projectsPIB

➤ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Mauritian Prime Minister **Pravind Jugnauth** jointly inaugurated two landmark projects in Mauritius. These are Phase-1 of the Metro Express and a new ENT Hospital.

➤ Mr Modi said, both these projects will serve the people of Mauritius and they are symbols of India's strong commitment to the development of the Island nation.

Send All-Party Delegation Led by Manmohan Singh for Kartarpur Ceremony: Singhvi Tells Modi Govt

➤ Pakistan's Foreign Minister **Shah Mahmood Qureshi** said that his country has decided to invite **Manmohan Singh** to attend the inaugural ceremony of the Kartarpur Corridor.

➤ The corridor will connect Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur in Pakistan with the Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Gurdaspur district of Punjab, and facilitate visa-free movement of Indian pilgrims, who will only have to obtain a permit to visit the revered Kartarpur Sahib.

➤ Pakistan is scheduled to open the Kartarpur Corridor for Indian Sikh pilgrims on November 9, days ahead of the **550th birth anniversary** of first **Sikh guru Baba Nanak** on November 12

North Korea says it successfully tested new submarine-launched ballistic missile

➤ North Korea had successfully test-fired a new submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) from the sea to contain external threats and bolster

self-defence, ahead of fresh nuclear talks with the United States.

➤ The new type of SLBM, called **Pukguksong-3**, was "fired in vertical mode" in the waters off the eastern city of Wonsan confirming an assessment by South Korea's military that the missile was launched on a lofted trajectory.

US widens trade war with tariffs on Airbus planes, French cheese, Scotch whisky

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➤ The United States has said it would enact **10% tariffs** on European-made Airbus planes and **25% duties** on French wine, Scotch, Irish whiskies and cheese from across the continent as punishment for illegal EU aircraft subsidies.

➤ The announcement came after the World Trade Organization gave Washington a green light to impose tariffs on **7.5 billion dollars** worth of EU goods annually in the long-running case, a move that could ignite a tit-for-tat transatlantic trade war.

➤ The US target list for EU tariffs, set to take effect on Oct. 18, includes large Airbus planes made in France, Britain, Germany and Spain for 10% tariffs.

Curtain raiser Indo Maldives joint Ex Ekuverin – 19 at Aundh Mil Stn, Pune

➤ Tenth edition of the Joint Military **Exercise Ekuverin** between the **Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force** will be organised from 07 to 20 October 2019 at Aundh Military Station in Pune, **Maharashtra**.

➤ The Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Forces have been conducting Exercise **Ekuverin meaning 'Friends'** in the Dhivehi language since 2009. The 14 days Joint Exercise held alternatively in India and Maldives.

➤ The **focus** of the exercise will be on sharing of best practices and acquainting each other with the operating procedures being followed while undertaking counter insurgency and counter-terrorism operations.

Ecuador to leave OPEC in 2020 due to fiscal problems – ministry

➤ Ecuador will withdraw from the 14-nation Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (**OPEC**) from **January 1, 2020** because of fiscal problems, the country's energy ministry said on Tuesday.

➤ The Andean nation is attempting to increase its production of crude oil in a bid to raise more income and has on multiple occasions not complied with the output quota fixed by OPEC.

➤ The country will continue to support efforts to stabilize the world oil market, the ministry said in a statement.

➤ Ecuador rejoined the organization in 2007, after withdrawing in 1992.

Indo-Mongolian Joint Exercise Nomadic Elephant 2019

➤ 14th edition of Indo – Mongolian joint military training, Exercise Nomadic Elephant-XIV, being conducted over a period of 14 days, will commence from 05 Oct 2019.

➤ The exercise will be conducted from 05 Oct 19 to 18 Oct 19 **at Bakloh**. Nomadic Elephant-XIV is **aimed** at training troops in counter insurgency & counter terrorism operations under United Nations mandate.

➤ The Joint Exercise will enhance defence co-operation and military relations between the two nations.

Mahatma Gandhi figures on postage stamp issued in France

➤ A postage stamp bearing the image of Mahatma Gandhi was issued by French postal service company La Poste to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of the Mahatma.

➤ Similar postage stamps were issued in Uzbekistan, Turkey, Palestine and other countries around the globe on Gandhi Jayanti

PM Modi Met Minister for Finance of Singapore Heng Swee Keat

➤ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has expressed happiness at growing investment and trade relations between India and Singapore.

➤ Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance of Singapore **Heng Swee Keat**, who called on him in New Delhi, Mr Modi said, the launch of **RuPay Card and BHIM app in Singapore** has greatly enhanced the ease of financial transactions.

➤ He also noted the successful organization of the **second Joint Hackathon in Chennai** with the participation of Singaporean students.

➤ The Prime Minister said, all these developments symbolizes the close community, business and innovation partnership between the two countries.

➤ Mr Modi also expressed his appreciation for the participation of Singapore Prime Minister **Lee Hsien Loong** on the special event to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at the United Nations in New York last month.

INS Tarkash arrives at Reunion Island in France

➤ As part of Indian Navy's overseas deployment to Africa, Europe and Russia, **Indian Naval Ship Tarkash** arrived at **St Denis, Reunion Island, France**.

➤ The ship is a potent frontline frigate of the Indian Navy equipped with a versatile range of weapons and sensors.

➤ The ship is part of the Indian Navy's Western Fleet and under the Operational Command of Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, based at Mumbai.

Goa Maritime Conclave- 2019 Inaugurated

➤ The **Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC)-2019** was inaugurated by the National Security Advisor, **Shri Ajit Kumar Doval**, at Goa on 4th October 2019.

➤ It focuses areas which would pose both opportunities and challenges for the future and hoped that engagements during the GMC would help build up on the opportunities and overcome challenges.

➤ The **31st edition of the Naval War College Journal** was also released by the NSA on the occasion.

➤ The **theme** for the conclave is **"Common Maritime Priorities in IOR and need for Regional Maritime Strategy"**.

Global Firepower ranked India in the fourth position in its military firepower index – behind the US, Russia and China.

➤ India's military is placed **fourth** on a global index that has ranked 133 countries on the basis of their global military prowess, trailing behind only the US, Russia and China in that order.

➤ India's western neighbour **Pakistan ranks 13** on the Global Firepower (GFP) list 2017.

➤ In South Asia, according to GFP 2019, India topped the list with 4th position, Pakistan 15th, Bangladesh 45, Afghanistan 74th, Sri Lanka 19th, Nepal 120th and Bhutan 137th in the GFP Index 2018.

➤ The top 5 countries in GFP 2019 are: United States, Russia, China, India and France.

Uber makes JFK airport helicopter taxis available to all users

➤ Ride-hailing company **Uber Technologies Inc** is taking to the air in New York City where users with a little cash to spare will soon be able to **book helicopter flights to John F. Kennedy International airport** through their apps.

➤ The company announced its Uber Copter offer saying flights to and from Lower Manhattan will become available to all Uber users on Oct. 7. Uber made the feature available to its premium members in June.

➤ The roughly eight-minute flight will cost between **\$200 and \$225** per person and include ground transportation on either side of the trip.

Scotland becomes first UK country to ban smacking

➤ **Scotland** has become the **first country in the UK** to make it a criminal offence for parents to smack their children. The ban on all physical punishment was backed overwhelmingly by 84 votes to 29 by the Scottish Parliament.

➤ The move will give children in Scotland the same protection from assault as adults when it comes into force. Parents and carers are currently allowed to use "reasonable" physical force to discipline their children.

➤ The smacking ban bill was introduced by **Scottish Greens MSP John Finnie**, a former police officer, who won the support of the SNP, Labour and Lib Dems as well as his own party and many children's charities.

India, Mexico agree to work together on multilateral issues

➤ The **fifth round** of Foreign Office Consultations between **India and Mexico** were held in New Delhi.

➤ The Indian side was led by Secretary (East) **Vijay Thakur Singh** and Mexican side was led by Deputy Minister of External Affairs of **Mexico Julian Ventura Valero**.

➤ The two sides reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation, including political, trade and economic cooperation.

➤ Both sides underscored the need to hold a regular dialogue in these areas through the established bilateral mechanisms.

WTO to host first World Cotton Day celebrations in Geneva

➤ World Trade Organisation, WTO will host the **first World Cotton Day (WCD) celebrations in Geneva**.

➤ Union Textiles Minister **Smriti Irani** is representing India in the five-day event of World Cotton Day being observed at Geneva beginning today. The plenary session will be attended by heads of states, heads of international organisations and executives from the private sector.

➤ A **sculpture of Mahatma Gandhi** made out of cotton will be displayed to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation.

Southeast Asia's net economy to top \$100 billion this year

➤ Southeast Asia's internet economy is on track to exceed **\$100 billion** this year before tripling by **2025**, becoming one of the **world's fastest-growing arenas** for online commerce according to a research report by **Google, Temasek Holdings and Bain & Co**.

➤ Total of 6 countries namely Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam were surveyed.

➤ Indonesia's internet economy is the largest in the region, estimated at \$40 billion in 2019, is expected to reach **\$133 billion mark by 2025**. Vietnam's internet economy is forecast to reach \$12 billion in 2019 and up to \$43 billion in 2025.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan declared 'Muslim Man of the Year'

➤ Pakistan Prime Minister **Imran Khan** has been declared as **Muslim Man of the Year 2020** by **Jordan's Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre**.

➤ Imran won the title in the recent list of the most persuasive Muslims in the world issued by the Centre.

➤ Pakistan Prime Minister Imran has also become the **sixth most popular world leader on Twitter**, boasting 10.5 million followers on the social media platform.

➤ The Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre (RISSC) is an autonomous research entity with the Royal Aal Al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought in Jordan.

Singapore will ban ads for sugary drinks in bid to tackle diabetes

➤ **Singapore** will become the **first country** in the world to ban advertisements for the most unhealthy sugary drinks. The health ministry called the ban its latest move to combat rising diabetes rates.

➤ It said, products deemed **"less healthy"** must now display labels grading their nutritional and sugar content. Additionally, those considered to be **most unhealthy** will be banned from appearing in ads across all media platforms, including broadcast, print and online channels.

➤ The move **aims** to reduce the influence of such advertisements on consumer preferences.

Prez Xi Jinping second Chinese leader to visit Mamallapuram after Zhou Enlai

➤ The visit of Chinese President **Xi Jinping** to Mamallapuram near Chennai renews the memory of the people of a nearby village to the visit by the erstwhile Premier of China, **Zhou Enlai**, in December 1956.

➤ The village known as **Kuzhipanthandalam**, some 15 kilometres off Mamallapuram, has witnessed the Chinese leader inaugurating a newly-built health centre.

➤ Mr Xi Jinping would be the **second leader to visit Mamallapuram**, after **Mr Zhou**, reviving the traditional links between the ancient port town of India and China.

Sri Lanka: Jaffna international airport to commence its operations

➤ In Sri Lanka, **the Jaffna international airport**, located in Tamil-majority North and built with Indian assistance, will commence its operations President **Maithripala Sirisena** and Prime Minister **Ranil Wickremesinghe** along with other dignitaries are scheduled to grace the inaugural event.

➤ The airport has been developed afresh and runway length has been extended from 950 to 1400 metres to facilitate ATR 72 Aircraft carrying 70 passengers. Sri Lankan government is also planning to develop **Batticalao** airport in eastern province to improve connectivity.

Pak on verge of strong action by FATF; likely to be put in 'Dark Grey' list

➤ Pakistan is on the verge of strong action by the international terror financing watchdog **FATF** and the country may be put in the **'Dark Grey' list**. Officials attending the on-going plenary of the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** in Paris said, as per indications, Pakistan will be isolated by all members for not doing enough. Sources said, Pakistan given its inadequate performance and has managed to pass in only 6 of the 27 items.

➤ According to FATF rules, there is one essential stage between **'Grey'** and **'Black'** lists, referred to as **'Dark Grey'**. An official said, Dark Grey means issuance of a strong warning, so that the country concerned gets one last chance to improve.

Union Culture Minister Shri Prahlad Singh Patel participates in BRICS Culture Ministers' Meet at Curitiba, Brazil

➤ Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism **Prahlad Singh Patel** participated in

BRICS Culture Ministers' meeting held in Curitiba, Brazil.

➤ Mr Patel asserted that BRICS for India is a valuable forum for consultation, coordination and cooperation on contemporary global issues of mutual interest.

Russian President Vladimir Putin arrives in UAEIR P

➤ Russian President **Vladimir Putin** arrived in UAE, to what is being termed as a 'historic visit', to a warm welcome.

➤ **Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, Crown Prince of **Abu Dhabi** and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces received him at the Presidential Airport. This is Putin's **first visit** to the UAE after 2007.

➤ The two leaders later witnessed the signing of several agreements including **trade and investment, and sustainability and environment**, intending to develop strategic partnerships between the UAE and Russia and a memoranda of understanding between the UAE and Russia.

➤ At a delegation-level meeting at the **Qasr Al Watan** or the Presidential Palace, Mr Putin said bilateral relations between Russian and the UAE are developing in a friendly and constructive atmosphere.

Duke and Duchess of Cambridge William, Kate Middleton arrive on five-day visit arrive at Pakistan's national monument

➤ The **Duke of Cambridge** has proved the exception to that rule on the first full day of his trip to **Pakistan**, when he arrived for a reception hosted in his honour wearing traditional Pakistani clothing.

➤ To complete the tribute to their host country, the couple were ferried to the steps of the Pakistan national monument in a brightly painted, three-wheeler rickshaw.

➤ The reception held by the British High Commission followed a day spent going back to school, visiting a conservation project where camera traps help monitor endangered leopards, and catching up with an old family friend Imran Khan.

India halved its poverty rate since 1990s: World Bank

➤ India has halved its **poverty** rate since the 1990s and achieved a seven plus growth rate over the last 15 years, the World Bank said on October 15.

➤ India's rapidly growing economy needs investment in infrastructure, an estimated **8.8 percent of GDP or \$343 billion** a year until **2030**, it said. Second, sustained growth will also need to accelerate inclusion, especially to create more and better jobs. While an estimated 13 million people enter the working age population each year, only three million new jobs are being generated on an annual basis, the financial institution said.

➤ The World Bank said a particular challenge lies in **India's declining female labour force participation**, which at **27%** is among the lowest in the world despite overcoming gender gaps in education.

Next year's G7 summit to take place in US Prez Trump's Florida golf club

➤ Next year's **G7 summit** will take place in one of US President Donald **Trump's Florida golf clubs**. This was informed by the President's acting chief of staff **Mick Mulvaney** Mr Trump had previously suggested hosting the summit at one of his own golf clubs, drawing immediate criticism that he is profiteering from his presidency.

➤ Mr Mulvaney also told that climate change will not be on the agenda of next year's G7 summit.

India-US Bilateral Defence Trade to Reach \$18 Billion This Year

➤ Ahead of the ninth **India-US Defence Technologies** and Trade Initiative or DTTI group meeting in New Delhi, the bilateral defence **trade** between the two countries is expected to reach **\$18 billion** by year end.

➤ Undersecretary of Defence for Acquisition and Sustainment Ellen M Lord said the US is committed to strengthen its partnership with India while furthering military-to-military relationships and cooperation.

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➤ Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Smt. **Nirmala Sitharaman**, led the Indian delegation at **G20 Finance Ministers** and Central Bank Governors as well as the BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meetings held in **Washington D.C.**

➤ **The focus of discussions in the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting was on the current challenges to the global economy and possible responses to mitigate them.** She gave a clarion call for concerted action in the face of global slowdown.

➤ Smt. Sitharaman indicated that India has reduced the **Corporate tax** from **30% to 22%** thereby making India one of the lowest corporate tax imposing countries in the world. She also highlighted that the emerging market economies, in particular, face the challenge of achieving economic growth and inclusive development while pursuing sustainable financing.

Sri Lanka removed from FATF's Grey List

➤ Sri Lanka has been removed from the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** list of countries at risk for money laundering.

➤ Minister of Finance **Mangala Samaraweera** said in a statement that FATF in Paris informed the removal of Sri Lanka's name from the blacklist commending the new measures taken by the country on financial security.

➤ Sri Lanka was first included in the blacklist in 2011. By 2012, Sri Lanka was listed in the list as a dangerous country with no commitment to the financial security plan.

➤ The government together with the Central Bank and other financial institutions, has taken several measures since 2016 to ensure the financial security of the country. As a result, Sri Lanka has declared a cooperating state in 2016 and the FATF put Sri Lanka on a grey list from November 2017.

Japan's Emperor Naruhito completes his ascension to throne

➤ **Japan's** new Emperor **Naruhito** completed his ascension to the ancient Chrysanthemum throne in a solemn, ritual-bound ceremony performed before hundreds of dignitaries in the Imperial Palace.

➤ Mr Naruhito officially assumed his duties as emperor on May 1, the day after his father became the first Japanese monarch to abdica two centuries.

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➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit **Riyadh, Saudi Arabia** later this month for a bilateral visit. He will also attend the **third edition of the Future Investment Initiative (FII)**, an annual investment forum being held on October 29-31, 2019, under the **theme - What Is Next for Global Business'.**

➤ This would be Narendra Modi's second visit to the Gulf nation. Being organised by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund, this is a high-level platform to engage with Saudi decision-makers and global business representatives. The meet comes at a crucial time when India is still trying to get its message across on the issue of Kashmir.

Canada Elections 2019: Trudeau's Liberal Party wins but loses majorityScreen Grab

➤ Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party** held onto power in a nail-biter of a **Canadian General Election**, Television projections declared the Liberals winners or leading in **157 of the nation's 338** electoral districts, versus 121 for his main rival Andrew Scheer and the Conservatives, after polling stations across six time zones closed.

➤ The **Bloc Quebecois** came back from a ruinous 2015 election result, tapping into lingering Quebec nationalism to take **32 seats**, while the New Democratic Party (NDP) won 25 seats, according to projections.

➤ **Israel President to give Blue and White party next chance to form new govt@**

➤ Israel's President **Reuven Rivlin** has said that he would give Blue and White party leader **Benny Gantz** the next chance to form a new government.

➤ Rivlin is expected to formally announce his decision within 72 hours. Gantz will have 28 days to form a government. The statement came after long-standing Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** informed the President of his inability to form a new government. His attempts to form a coalition government with Gantz's party failed repeatedly.

➤ Any lawmaker with a majority of at least 61 members would be able to form a government in 120 member assembly.

Tunisia election: Kais Saied to become president

➤ Retired academic **Kais Saied** is set to become Tunisia's next president after a landslide victor.

➤ The electoral commission announced that the former law professor, 61, secured 73% of votes in the run-off election.

➤ He was up against media **mogul Nabil Karoui**, 56, who had campaigned from prison after being arrested on charges of money laundering and tax fraud.

Brazil says it will no longer require visas from Chinese, Indian citizens

➤ Brazilian President **Jair Bolsonaro** said the South American nation will drop its requirement that visiting Chinese and Indian tourists or business people obtain visas.

➤ Bolsonaro, a far-right politician, came to power at the beginning of the year and has made it a policy to reduce visa requirements from a number of developed countries. But the announcement, made during an official visit to China, is the first he has made expanding that policy to the developing world.

➤ Earlier this year, the Brazilian government ended visa requirements for tourists and business people from the **United States, Canada, Japan and Australia**. Those countries, however, have not in return dropped their visa requirements for Brazilian citizens.

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RBI announces contests to promote innovations, ideas in payment@RBI

➤ **Reserve Bank of India** has announced two contests to promote innovations and ideas in the payment and settlement systems.

➤ Shortlisted participants will get an opportunity to present their ideas before a jury of eminent persons while outstanding innovators will be awarded prizes and citations.

➤ The contest will be organised through **Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), Hyderabad.**

RBI cuts repo rate by 25 basis points

➤ Reserve Bank of India has today cut the repo rate by 25 basis points, from **5.40% to 5.15%.**

➤ **Reverse repo rate** has been adjusted to **4.90%** and **bank rate at 5.40 %**, accordingly.
 ➤ Announcing its fourth bimonthly monetary policy for current fiscal, RBI has revised the **GDP outlook for 2019-20 to 6.1%, from 6.9%** in previous Monetary Policy committee meet.
 ➤ For **2020-21**, RBI has revised the GDP outlook to **7.2%**.

RBI to announce bi-monthly monetary policy for current fiscal

➤ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will announce its **fourth bi-monthly policy** for the current fiscal.
 ➤ There is widespread expectation that RBI's **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** headed by Governor **Shaktikanta Das** will slash benchmark interest rate to give a fillip to the economy.

Two HDIL directors arrested in PMC Bank scam

➤ The Economic Offences Wing of Mumbai police has arrested two directors of the **Housing Development Infrastructure Limited (HDIL)** for their alleged involvement in the **Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank** scam.
 ➤ **Rakesh Wadhawan and his son Sarang Wadhawan**, accused of loan default were arrested after detailed interrogation.
 ➤ Properties worth **3,500 crore** rupees of HDIL have also been frozen.

SBI, Bank of Baroda Limit Cash Withdrawals from Micro-ATMs of Other Banks: Report

➤ State Bank of India (SBI) and **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** have limited the number of cash withdrawals for customers using micro-ATMs of other banks to just up to **four times** a month.
 ➤ Micro ATMs are the handheld point of sale terminals used to disburse cash in remote locations where bank branches cannot reach. Through micro-ATMs, banks can remotely connect to their core banking system and help customers undertake basic financial transactions.
 ➤ Bank of Baroda has modified its rules to allow customers to just do four transactions a month in case he/she uses the micro-ATM terminal of another bank, while **SBI has limited it to just one**. However, SBI account holders who are not part of the government's direct benefit transfer scheme are allowed to do five such transactions a month

SBI

Headquarters: Mumbai

Chairman: Rajnish Kumar

Tagline: The Banker to Every Indian; With you all the way; Pure Banking Nothing Else; The Nation banks on us.

BoB

Headquarters: Vadodara, Gujarat

Tag line: India's International Bank

CEO & MD: P S Jayakumar

RBI does away with single-use plastic products

➤ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has decided to impose a ban on single-use plastic. The announcement was made by RBI **Governor Shaktikanta Das** on 5 October.

➤ There were reports of a nationwide ban on single-use plastic products from October 2, Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, was the starting point of a mass movement to remove single-use plastic, to achieve the target by 2022.
Uco Bank announces launch of 3 new digital products

➤ Uco Bank, which recently became the regional bank for the east, launched three new digital products in **Kolkata**.

➤ The new products launched by the bank's managing director and **CEO, A K Goel**, were **UCash, Digilocker and an app**.

➤ UCash enables customers to withdraw money from ATMs through mobile banking without using debit card, a statement issued by the bank.

➤ **Digilocker** aims to eliminate the use of physical documents and enables sharing of verified electronic documents.

➤ The third product, the new mobile app, integrates four existing apps of the bank - **UCO Mbanking, UCO UPI, UCO Mpassbook and UCO Secure-** in a single interface, the statement added.

Axis Bank launches short-term online fixed deposits

➤ Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector bank, announced the launch of '**Express FD**', a **digital fixed deposit (FD)** product that allows a customer to open an FD account in **three minutes** through the digital mode without opening a savings account with the bank.

➤ 'Express FD' offers attractive interest rates, **zero issuance fees** and **no penalty on premature withdrawal of up to 25% of the amount**, the bank said.

➤ A customer can open an Express FD account by investing a minimum **Rs 5,000 up to Rs 90,000**, for tenure of 6 to 12 months.

Bandhan Bank, Gruh Finance to merge on October 17

➤ Kolkata-based Bandhan Bank and Ahmedabad-based Gruh Finance said that all the regulatory hurdles have been overcome for their merger, with the **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** clearing the scheme of amalgamation.

➤ The scheme has been approved by **NCLT's Kolkata and Ahmedabad benches**. October 17 has been fixed as the record date following the effectiveness of scheme for determining shareholders of the merged entity.

SBI lowers lending rates by ten basis points for term deposits under 1 lakh

➤ State Bank of India has lowered its lending rates by **ten basis points** across all tenors. It has also revised their **savings rate by 25 basis points** for term deposits under **one lakh**.

➤ The new **Marginal Cost Of Funds-Based Lending (MCLR)** rate will be effective while the revision in savings bank deposits rates will be from 1st November.

➤ SBI, which controls a fifth of the system, has also slashed its **retail term deposits 10 basis points** and **bulk term deposits rates by 30 basis points** for one-year to less than two-years effective **10th October**.

Fintech start-up Shubh Loans gets NBFC licence from RBI

➤ Fintech start-up Shubh Loans said it has received a licence from the Reserve Bank of India to set up a non-banking financial company.

➤ Shubh Loans receives NBFC licence through subsidiary Ekagrata of its parent company Datasigns Technologies.

➤ Shubh Loans says it has already raised series A2 funding of Rs34 crore from Omidyar Network India.

Shubh Loans:

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

CEO & Founder: Monish Anand

PayPal pulls out of Facebook's Libra cryptocurrency

➤ **PayPal** has become the first company to **drop out of Facebook's Libra** cryptocurrency, as the embattled project continues to face queries from regulators around the world.

➤ Libra is technically an association backed by 28 - now 27 - multinational companies and nonprofits, although Facebook takes the lead, and a Facebook subsidiary, Calibra, is intended to be the main way consumers will interact with the project. Each of the companies involved had to pledge \$10m (£8m) into a common pot to join.

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WTO gives nod to US to impose trade sanctions on EU goods worth 7.5 bn USD

➤ The World Trade Organization, **WTO**, has formally given the go-ahead for the United States to impose trade sanctions on up to **7.5 billion dollars** worth of **European Union goods**. This follows a ruling that European planemaker Airbus received illegal subsidies.

➤ The move by the WTO's dispute settlement body was largely a formality after the long-awaited ruling by a WTO arbitration panel on the 2nd of this month.

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➤ The report points out that its economy is likely to maintain growth above 7 per cent, supported by a robust macroeconomic framework, political stability, and strong public investments.

➤ Bangladesh has reduced the current account deficit due to rising export and remittances which was above dollar **15.5 billion in 2018**.

RBI issues guidelines on 'on tap' authorisation on payment systems

➤ Reserve Bank has issued guidelines on '**on tap**' authorisation of payment systems, including minimum net worth criteria for different players, with an **aim** to encourage innovation and competition.

➤ In a circular, the RBI said it has been decided to offer on-tap authorisation for **Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU)**, **Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS)** and **White Label ATMs (WLAs)**.

➤ For entities desirous to function, operate, or provide platforms for **BBPOU**, the RBI said they should have a **100 crore rupees** net worth and should be maintained at all times.

➤ In case of TReDS, the **minimum paid up equity capital** should be **25 crore rupees**. The minimum net worth for entities desirous of entering the WLA segment should be 100 crore rupees.

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Reserve Bank of India (RBI) stopped Printing of Rs 2,000 notes to Curb black money

➤ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced that it has **stopped** the printing of **Rs.2,000 currency notes**.

➤ The Central Bank also revealed that not even a single Rs.2,000 note had been printed in the current financial year, FY 2019-20.

➤ In the financial year 2016-17, the RBI printed **3,542.991 million notes**. In the financial year 2017-18, the RBI reduced the printing of the Rs.2000 currency notes to **111.507 million note**.

➤ In the financial year 2018-19, the central bank printed **46.690 million notes**. **No Rs.2000 currency notes** were printed in the financial year 2019-20.

SBI launches contactless mobile payment facility for credit card holders

➤ The SBI Card on Wednesday launched '**SBI Card Pay**', a payment feature based on **Host Card Emulation (HCE)** technology for faster, convenient and more secure card payments using mobile phones.

➤ "SBI Card Pay is aimed at redefining the payments experience for our customers. Using cutting-edge technologies such as HCE.

STPI to invest Rs 40 crore to set up startup facility in Goa

➤ The Goa government's **Information Technology Corporation** signed an **MoU** with the **Software Technology Park of India** to set up a start-up centre in the coastal state at the **Vibrant Goa Global Expo and Summit 2019**.

➤ As per the MoU, 14,000 square metres land is given to the **STPI** to initiate a start-up centre which will be a boost to the IT industry in Goa.

Italy to introduce web tax on digital giants from 2020

➤ **Italy** approved a new tax on digital companies, including U.S. tech giants, as part of its **2020 draft budget** a move that could draw threats of retaliation from Washington.

➤ The levy, due to be introduced from next year, will oblige companies such as **Facebook, Google and Amazon, to pay a 3% levy on internet transactions**, according to a text of the draft budget. The Italian scheme is expected to yield about **600 million euros (\$662 million)** a year.

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➤ India's livestock population has increased to over **535 million** showing an increase of **4.6 per cent over** Livestock Census-2012.

➤ The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying released the **20th Livestock Census - 2019**. As per the livestock census, the share of cattle is around **36 per cent**, goat is over **27 per cent**, buffaloes is over **20 per cent**, sheep around 14 per cent and pigs around two per cent.

➤ The cow population is over 145 million, increasing by 18 per cent over the previous census. Among the states, **West Bengal** reported the highest increase of over in **23 per cent** livestock population, followed by Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

BSE joins hands with FICCI to boost MSME sector

➤ To enhance MSME and startup environment, leading stock exchange BSE in association with FICCI organised a brainstorming session to identify gaps in the existing policies and make suggestions for robust policies.

➤ Besides, the session was organised to promote **Udyam Saathi** and **Udyam Sakhi** initiatives to foster the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) sector.

Bombay Stock Exchange

Headquarters: Mumbai Maharashtra

MD and CEO: Ashishkumar Chauhan

Southeast Asia's net economy to top \$100 billion this year

➤ Southeast Asia's internet economy is on track to exceed **\$100 billion** this year before tripling by **2025**, becoming one of the **world's fastest-growing arenas** for online commerce according to a research report by **Google, Temasek Holdings and Bain & Co.**

➤ Total of 6 countries namely Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam were surveyed.

➤ Indonesia's internet economy is the largest in the region, estimated at \$40 billion in 2019, is expected to reach **\$133 billion mark by 2025**. Vietnam's internet economy is forecast to reach \$12 billion in 2019 and up to \$43 billion in 2025. **Industrial output declines by 1.1% in August**

➤ Industrial output declined by **1.1 per cent** in August due to poor performance by manufacturing, power generation and mining sectors.

➤ The **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)** had expanded by 4.8 per cent in August 2018.

➤ The overall IIP growth during April-August period was 2.4 per cent, down from 5.3 per cent in the corresponding period of the last fiscal.

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➤ World Bank's Chief Economist for South Asia **Hans Timmer** has said that India is a fast-growing economy with lot of potential despite being hit by the recent global slowdown.

➤ Mr Timmer said, the World Bank in its estimates has found that **80 per cent of the slowdown** in India could be coming from the international causes. In its latest edition of the South Asia Economic Focus, the World Bank said that **India's growth rate** is projected to fall to **6 per cent** this fiscal. However, it said the country was expected to gradually recover to **6.9 per cent in 2021** and **7.2 per cent in 2022**.

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➤ Finance Ministry said, the agreement was signed to upgrade 754 kilometres of state

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➤ The agreement was signed between **Sameer Kumar Khare**, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance and **Mr Kenichi Yokoyama**, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission.

SBI to now charge processing fees on home loans, top-ups

➤ After reducing deposit rates for its customers, State Bank of India has now decided to charge **processing fees for home loans**, top-up plans and loans to corporates and real estate companies.

➤ The bank will now charge around **0.4 per cent** processing fee in the range of **Rs 10,000-Rs 30,000** for individual borrowers, the daily quoted sources as saying, adding the bank would charge **Rs 5,000** from builders.

Post Office Double money guaranteed Turn Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh in 113 months

➤ The Indian post office near you is probably the only place that can guarantee to double your money.

➤ The investments in stocks and mutual funds can also **double the money**, probably in less time; risks associated with them keep small and vulnerable investors away.

➤ The investment in the Small Savings Scheme enjoys a sovereign guarantee the money deposited in small savings.

➤ Currently if you invest **Rs 50,000 in KVP**, it will mature and double in **113 months, or 9 years and 5 months**. The minimum amount one can invest in KVP is **Rs 1000** and thereon in multiples of Rs 1000.

➤ There is no upper limit of investment. The interest rate on KVP is **7.6 percent**. This is higher than the interest rates offered on 10-year FDs by SBI and HDFC Bank.

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➤ Oil-to-telecom major **Reliance Industries (RIL)** became the **first company in India** to hit the market capitalisation of **Rs 9 lakh crore**. RIL was also the first company to reach **Rs 8 lakh crore** mark in August last year.

➤ The market-cap of Mukesh Ambani-led Company stood at **Rs 9.03 lakh crore** when the stock traded at **Rs 1,428**, up 2 per cent at 10.45 hours (IST) September quarter earnings due later in the day. This rise in share price helped the company.

Adani partners UAE's Adnoc, Germany's BASF for \$4 billion chemical venture

➤ Billionaire **Gautam Adani-run Adani Group** has forged a partnership with UAE's oil firm **Adnoc**, German chemical giant **BASF** and Austria's **Borealis** to study the feasibility of setting up a **USD 4 billion** chemical complex at Mundra in **Gujarat by 2024**.

➤ The four firms have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to "engage in a joint feasibility study to further evaluate a collaboration for establishment of a chemical complex in Mundra, Gujarat,".

➤ In January this year, Adani Group had announced plans to set up a **Rs 16,000 crore** chemical factory at Mundra in partnership with BASF.

Adani awards \$68.30 mn contract to Australian rail firm to support thermal coal mine

➤ India's **Adani Enterprises** has awarded a contract to an **Australian rail company** as the conglomerate steps up infrastructure spending to support its new thermal coal mine in **Queensland State**.

➤ The **A\$100 million (\$68.30 million)** contract was awarded to privately held **Martinus Rail**, based in the regional city of Rockhampton.

➤ Adani Mining Chief Executive **Lucas Dow** said more than A\$450 million worth of contracts had already been awarded on the **Carmichael Project**, the majority to regional Queensland areas.

MMTC offers discount on India Gold Coin to mark 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

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➤ The Public sector **Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation of India (MMTC)** is offering a **three per cent discount** on the **India Gold Coin** to mark the celebrations of the **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**.

➤ MMTC Chairman **Ved Prakash** said that despite the global slowdown, MMTC witnessed a record selling of gold. MMTC is geared up to cater to the city's festive season demand of gold and silver with a brand new edition of its festival of Gold Exhibition-cum-sale.

Government hikes minimum support price of Rabi crops for 2020-21PI

➤ The Union Cabinet has decided to hike Minimum Support Price, MSP, for Rabi crops for marketing season **2020-21**.

➤ Information and Broadcasting Minister **Prakash Javadekar** said, MSP of **wheat** has been increased by **85 rupees per quintal to 1,925 rupees** per quintal.

➤ While MSP of **Gram** has been increased by **255 rupees**, barley **85 rupees**, mustard oil **225 rupees** and sunflower **270 rupees** per quintal. Javadekar said, the move will help increase farmers' income.

BSNL, MTNL to be merged as part of a 56,000 crore rescue plan

➤ The 56,000 crore merger and revival plan for **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL)** and **Mahanagar Telecom Nigam Ltd (MTNL)** was approved by the Union cabinet. MTNL operates in Delhi and Mumbai, and BSNL in the rest of India.

➤ The turnaround plan would include the allotment of spectrum for fourth-generation or **4G services at 2016 prices** to the two companies with the costs borne by the government and issue of sovereign bonds worth **15,000 crore** to be serviced by the two companies.

➤ In addition, assets worth **38,000 crore** will be monetised over the next four years and a voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) will be introduced to cut employee costs.

Govt accords 'Maharatna' status to Hindustan Petroleum, Power Grid Corp

➤ The government accorded **'Maharatna' status** to state-owned **Hindustan Petroleum and Power Grid Corporation**, thus giving them greater operational and financial autonomy.

➤ Two separate orders to this effect were issued by the Department of Public Enterprises, under the Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises.

➤ The grant of Maharatna status to the PSUs will impart enhanced powers to their Boards to take financial decisions.

World Bank Group President David Malpass calls on PM Narendra Modi

➤ The **President** of the World Bank Group **David Malpass** called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi. Mr Malpass is on a four-day visit to India. He delivered the keynote address on the role of the financial sector in development at the **fifth edition of the NITI Aayog Lecture series in New Delhi**.

Indian Overseas Bank unveils health insurance policy with Universal Sampo

➤ Public sector Indian Overseas Bank unveiled an healthcare insurance policy through online platform in association with **Universal Sampo General Insurance Company Ltd**.

➤ The policy offered on real time basis to customers at the branches of Indian Overseas Bank through integration of technology of the two institutions.

➤ The co-branded healthcare policy designed by **Universal Sampo General Insurance** is offered with a sum insured from **Rs.50,000 to 15 lakh**, The one of its kind family floater policy where the premium is charged as per the

age of the proposer with **no medical checkup up to the 50 years of age**.

➤ Indian Overseas Bank Managing Director and **CEO Karnam Sekar** formally launched the policy in the presence of Universal Sampo General Insurance, Chairman, **O N Singh** here recently. **ICICI Bank crosses 3 trillion market cap for the first time**

➤ Shares of **ICICI Bank Ltd** crossed the **Rs 3 trillion** market capitalisation for the first time making it the country's fourth lender to achieve this milestone.

➤ ICICI Bank's stock has gained 6.6%, while year-to-date it has advanced 28%.

➤ HDFC Bank remains India's most valued bank with market cap of ₹6.70 trillion followed by Kotak Mahindra Bank with Rs 3.02 trillion.

Tata Sons board Okays Rs 6,500 cr equity infusion in Tata Motors

➤ Tata Motors Ltd on Friday said its board has approved an equity infusion of Rs 6,500 crore from its promoter Tata Sons Pvt. Ltd. Tata Motors will allot ordinary shares and warrants to the promoter in return, subject to shareholder approval.

➤ The board also approved raising Rs.3,500 crore via external commercial borrowing, which will be used to refinance its existing debt.

AGREEMENTS AND MOUS

National e Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) signed an MoU with The National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal

➤ National eGovernance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) & The National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal have signed a MoU at **New Delhi** to implement an **'Online Capacity Building Programme on Cyber Law, Crime Investigation and Digital Forensics** through NeGD Learning Management System (LMS)'.

➤ The **goal** of this programme is to enable Police Officers, State Cyber Cells, Law Enforcement Agencies, Prosecutors and Judicial Officers to acquire the requisite skills to deal with Cyber Forensics cases efficiently & effectively as per the Indian Cyber Law while adopting global best practices, standards and guidelines.

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➤ This MoU lays down the basis on which banking services would be provided by Bank of Baroda to serving and retired personnel of the Indian Army.

➤ The ceremony was chaired by Lieutenant General **Ashwani Kumar**, Adjutant General.

➤ Some salient features of this MoU include Free Personal Accident Insurance (Death & Permanent Total Disability) cover of **Rs 30 lakhs**, Free Air Accident Insurance (AAI) cover of **Rs 15 lakhs to Rs 50 lakhs** and overdraft facility upto three times of monthly net salary. The features are also applicable for pensioners of Indian army upto the age of **70 yrs**.

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Shri Rajnath Singh reaffirms Government's aim to achieve \$26 billion Indian defence industry by 2025

➤ Shri Rajnath Singh has called for an increased and active participation of the private sector in defence manufacturing to achieve the Government's target of making the Indian defence industry worth \$26 billion by 2025.

➤ He was addressing the captains of industry at the **22nd India International Security Expo, 2019**.

➤ Shri Rajnath Singh reaffirmed the Government's aim of inclusive growth and making India a \$5 trillion economy by 2025, adding that the defence sector will play a pivotal role in achieving this goal.

India - Bangladesh Business forum meets in New Delhi

➤ India and Bangladesh are not competitors but collaborators in making both countries prosperous and ensuring a better future for their people said the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways, Piyush Goyal at the **India - Bangladesh Business Forum held in New Delhi**.

➤ On this occasion two **Governments to Business (G2B) MoUs** were signed between Start up Bangladesh and Tech Mahindra and Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority and Adani Ports and SEZs.

India, Sierra Leone sign six agreements including 30 mn dollar line of credit for rice cultivation

➤ India and Sierra Leone signed **six agreements** including extending a credit line of 30 million US Dollars for rice cultivation. Vice President **Venkaiah Naidu** and Sierra Leone President **Julius Maada Bio** committed to further strengthening bilateral relations.

➤ The two sides agreed that the United Nations need to be reformed to reflect the realities of today and address current global challenges.

Nepal signs rail, road link deals with China during Xi visit

➤ Chinese President **Xi Jinping** pledged to help Nepal realise its dream of becoming a "land-linked" country, The two countries signed a preliminary pact on a long-awaited rail link connecting the Tibetan capital **Lhasa** to Nepal's capital Kathmandu as well as **19 other agreements**, during Xi's visit.

➤ He said a feasibility study of the **trans-Himalayan railway link** would begin soon and a more reliable facility with easier connectivity between the two countries would be established.

➤ He said China will provide assistance to the tune of **56 billion (Nepalese) rupees** over the next two years to help Nepal's development programmes.

IHMCL, GSTN to ink pact to link FASTag with GST e-way bill system

➤ The Indian Highways Management Company Ltd (**IHMCL**) and **Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN)** will sign a memorandum of understanding for integration of FASTag with GST e-way bill system.

➤ The memorandum of understanding (**MoU**) will be inked at the '**One Nation, One FASTag**' conference, which will be inaugurated by Road Transport and Highway Minister **Nitin Gadkari**.

➤ FASTag is a simple to use, reloadable tag which enables automatic deduction of toll charges and lets vehicle pass through toll plaza without stopping for cash transaction.

➤

India, Bangladesh sign MoU for setting up Coastal Surveillance Radar System in Bangladesh

➤ India and Bangladesh have signed an MoU that **will enable Delhi to set up a coastal surveillance system radar in Bangladesh**.

➤ The two countries signed **seven agreements in New Delhi** after talks between Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and his Bangladesh counterpart **Sheikh Hasina**.

➤ Both Prime Ministers welcomed the initiatives for the development of closer Maritime Security Partnership and establishment of Coastal Surveillance Radar System in Bangladesh.

➤ The coastal surveillance system will pave way for **Indo-Bangladesh White Shipping Agreement** in future. This will be useful amid growing terror threats via seas.

➤ Other agreements signed by the two countries include MoU for Standard Operating Procedure on the use of **Chattogram and Mongla Ports** and MoU on withdrawal of **1.82 cusecs of water from Feni River** by India for drinking water supply scheme for Sabroom town in Tripura.

DRDO signs 30 agreements on Technology Transfer

➤ **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has signed **30 licensing agreements for Transfer of Technology (ToT)** with 16 Indian companies, including three start-ups, at **Vibrant Goa Global Expo and Summit 2019**, which is being held at Goa University, Taleigao, Goa.

➤ The DRDO develops technologies for the Armed Forces and has been carrying out ToT of these technologies to the defence industry for end use of the Armed Forces.

➤ Indian Armed Forces are procuring ready-to-eat meals, survival ration and emergency flying ration products from companies which have acquired ToT from DRDO.

Dr Harsh Vardhan co-chairs 1st Joint Committee Meeting under 2nd Memorandum of Cooperation signed on healthcare, in Tokyo

➤ **Harsh Vardhan**, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare co-chaired the **1st Joint Committee Meeting (JCM)** in Tokyo along with **Dr. Hiroto Izumi**, Special Advisor to Prime Minister under the 2nd Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) signed on Healthcare and Wellness in October 2018 during the visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Japan in context of Ayushman Bharat of India and **Asia Health and Well-Being Initiative (AHWIN)** of Japan.

➤ The Joint Committee reviewed the status of ongoing activities under the MOC and noted with satisfaction the progress on these activities which are meant to promote mutual benefit for the peoples of both the countries.

DAC approves procurement of indigenous equipment worth over Rs 3,300 cr for armed forces

➤ The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** has accorded approval for Capital Procurement for the Defence forces amounting to over **3,300 crore** rupees of indigenously designed and developed equipment. Maintaining its impetus on the Make in India initiative, the DAC accorded approval for **three projects** to be indigenously designed, developed and manufactured by the Indian industry.

➤ The projects will be progressed under the **Make-II Category** and will provide a boost to indigenous research and development in the

Private Sector. With this, for the first time the Ministry of Defence has offered complex Military equipment to be designed, developed and manufactured by the Indian private industry.

India, South Korea look to boost business, defence ties

➤ **New Delhi India and South Korea** are looking to boost their business and defence ties through two upcoming meetings, including a **"Strategic Economic Dialogue"** this week that will serve as the umbrella for all economic cooperation.

➤ People familiar with developments said **Amitabh Kant, CEO of NITI Aayog**, the Indian government's policy think tank, and **Lee Ho-seung, advisor on economic affairs** to the South Korean president, will lead the dialogue in Delhi on October 24.

➤ By the yearend, the two sides are expected to hold their first official-level **"2+2" dialogue** between their defence and foreign ministries. The two initiatives dovetail with India's "Act East" policy and South Korea's "New Southern Policy" and are aimed at giving fresh impetus to economic and security ties.

India and the US signed pact on Science and Technology

➤ India, US close to inking industrial security pact, will unlock key defence technology sharing.

➤ PM Narendra Modi led Union Cabinet approved the proposal for **Agreement on Science & Technology Cooperation between India and the US**.

➤ Under the agreement, both sides agreed to strengthen bilateral relations by a significant convergence of mutual interests in science and technology. Seminars and meeting will be held to deepen Science and Technology Cooperation.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

AP govt to give self-employed auto and taxi drivers annual incentive of Rs. 10,000 under 'YSR Vaahana Mitra' scheme

➤ The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP)-run Andhra Pradesh government announced that it will give a cash incentive of **Rs.10, 000** to car and auto drivers every year in the state.

➤ The **'YSR Vahana Mitra'** scheme will be launched on **4 October** and self-employed auto and taxi drivers will be eligible under it.

➤ The decision to start the scheme was based on **chief minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's** and "The motto of '**YSR Vahana Mitra**' is that the amount could be useful for the drivers to repair, vehicle fitness, insurance expenses,"

Hardeep Singh Puri launches Swachhata Hi Seva India Plog Run@

➤ Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs **Hardeep Singh Puri** launched **Swachhata Hi Seva India Plog Run** in **New Delhi** to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of the Mahatma Gandhi.

➤ The objective was to spread awareness on the harmful effects of plastic waste and enlist citizens support to eliminate.

CBDT launches unique document identification number for taxpayers

➤ Marching forward towards '**Digital India**', the Central Board of Direct Taxes (**CBDT**) implemented a computer-generated **Document Identification Number (DIN)** which will ensure greater transparency and accountability in tax administration.

➤ The DIN system, which becomes operative from **1 October 2019**, will apply to all kind of communications from the income tax department, whether it is related to assessment, appeals, investigation, penalty, and rectification among other things.

Nitin Gadkari launches cow dung soaps, bamboo bottles

➤ Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari** launched soaps made of cow dung and bamboo water bottles manufactured by Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

➤ The minister said he is a proponent of organic farming and its benefits at a function ahead of the Gandhi Jayanti.

Govt launches portal for monitoring coal supply to power plants

➤ Power Minister **RK Singh** and Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Minister **Pralhad Joshi** have jointly launched **PRAKASH - Power Rail Koyla Availability through Supply Harmony**- portal in New Delhi.

➤ The portal **aims** at bringing better coordination for coal supplies among all stakeholders.

➤ This is an important step in ensuring adequate availability and optimum utilization of coal at thermal power plants. The portal is designed to help in mapping and monitoring entire coal supply chain for power plants.

Dr Harsh Vardhan launches FSSAI's 'Trans-Fat Free' logo; gives a boost to "Eat Right India" Movement

➤ Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the "**Trans Fat Free**" logo of **Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**, at the **8th International Chefs' Conference (ICC VII)**.

➤ "The 'Eat Right India' movement of FSSAI takes inspiration from the vision of the Hon. Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** of giving to the people of this country a '**New India**' by **2022** that includes health, social security and nutrition.

➤ The Union Health Minister said that "Trans fats are the worst type of fats with known health risks. Dr Harsh Vardhan released a **slogan 'Chefs 4 Trans Fat Free'**, under which more than 1,000 chefs from different parts of the country took a pledge to use trans-fat free oils in their recipes and work towards their elimination from the diets of Indian populace at large.

➤ India is committed to eliminating it from the food supply and is progressing towards its objective of trans fat elimination by **2022**; a year ahead of the global target by WHO.

Dr Harsh Vardhan launches eDantseva website and mobile application, a big step in digital health

➤ **Dr Harsh Vardhan**, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the **eDantseva website** and **mobile application**, the first ever national digital platform on oral health information and knowledge dissemination,

➤ This marks an important milestone as e-DantSeva will reach out to more than one billion people with one click in the form of a dedicated website and mobile application.

➤ The Union Health Minister also released the **Braille booklet** and Voice over on Oral Health Education for the **visually impaired individuals**, along with the oral health posters for pregnant women and children.

Cabinet doubles honorarium for Asha workers; to open 40,000 wellness centres under Ayushman Bharat Scheme

➤ Union Cabinet has doubled honorarium for ten lakh ASHA workers from the existing **1000 rupees to 2000 rupees per month**.

➤ Mr. Javadekar said the government will open **40,000 wellness centres** across the country this year under **Ayushman Bharat Scheme**.

➤ The government also announced **five per cent Dearness Allowance (DA) for Central Government employees and pensioners**. Mr Javadekar said, it will benefit 50 lakh Central Government employees and 65 lakh pensioners.

➤ The Cabinet has also approved **relaxation of the mandatory requirement of Aadhaar-seeded data** as a pre-condition for release of funds to the beneficiaries under the **PM-Kisan scheme**. The relaxation will be till **30th November this year**. The scheme provides income support of 6,000 rupees per year to landholding families, subject to certain exclusions.

Mylan working with DCGI to launch new TB drug in India

➤ Multinational pharmaceutical company **Mylan** is working with **Drug Controller General of India (DCGI)** to launch **pretomanid**, a medicine used to treat drug-resistant tuberculosis (TB).

➤ Non-profit drug developer **TB Alliance** and **Mylan NV** had in April announced a global collaboration to make the experimental drug pretomanid for cure of pulmonary tuberculosis.

Food Safety Mitra scheme launched on the World Food Day

➤ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan launched **Food Safety Mitra Scheme, Eat Right Jacket and Eat Right Jhola**. Addressing a gathering in **New Delhi** he said, **Eat Right India and Fit India Campaign** can prove to be a big success with the right strategy and implementation.

➤ Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has introduced **scheme of Food Safety Mitra (FSM)** through which it plans to engage motivated individuals with the food safety ecosystem at ground level.

➤ A FSM is an individual professional certified by **FSSAI** who assists in compliances related to FSS Act, Rules & Regulations with three avatars- **Digital Mitra, Trainer Mitra and Hygiene Mitra** depending upon their respective roles and responsibilities.

➤ During the event, the Minister also launched **Eat Right Jhola** which is a reusable, washable and bio-degradable bag. **Eat Right Smart Jacket** has been introduced to giving an identity to FSSAI staff to ensure transparent inspection. It is embedded with an RFID tag and QR code. It is linked to software to capture entry of inspection staff into premise for monitoring.

Govt launches app for filing consumer complaints

➤ The government launched a mobile app to help consumers register complaints easily and get redressal within 60 days.

➤ The complaints which are simple in nature will be resolved within 15 days, while complicated ones will be redressed in 60 days, it said.

➤ The '**Consumer App**' is available for free in two languages including **English and Hindi**. It can be downloaded on Android and iOS platforms

Facebook launches second phase of digital literacy project for tribal girls

➤ **Facebook** is extending a programme **aimed** at inspiring, guiding and encouraging **tribal girls** from across India to become village-level digital young leaders for their communities for a second phase with a partnership with the **ministry of Tribal Affairs**. Called **GOAL (Going Online as Leaders)**, the programme was launched in March this year and connects underprivileged young women from tribal areas with senior expert mentors in the areas of business, fashion and arts to learn digital and life.

➤ Union Minister of Tribal Affairs **Shri Arjun Munda** launched the **Van Dhan** Internship Programme. It was organized by the **Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)** under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The program will help the tribal population to become self-reliant and entrepreneurs.

Indian Railways launches 09 'Sewa Service' Trains

➤ Indian Railways launches **09 'Sewa Service' Trains** to connect smaller towns around major cities.

➤ These services were launched by the Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, **Shri Piyush Goyal** along with Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** and Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**, from New Delhi by inaugurating Delhi-Shamli passenger train.

➤ These Sewa trains will provide connectivity to the far-flung areas where stoppages of premiere trains were not possible.

Dr. Jitendra Singh hails Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY as unique health scheme

➤ Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office **Dr. Jitendra Singh** has hailed the **Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana** as a unique and successful health insurance scheme at the **Asia Health-2019 conference in New Delhi**.

➤ Over **50 lakh people** have been benefited from this scheme and the government is taking health-care protection to a new aspirational level. He said, it is the **world's largest government funded health-care programme** targeting more than 50 crore beneficiaries.

Mastercard ambassador MS Dhoni launches 'Team Cashless India' to push digital payments

➤ Payment technology major **Mastercard** and its **brand ambassador MS Dhoni** kicked-off 'Team Cashless India' campaign to bring more merchants and customers on board **with an aim to boost digital payments in India**.

➤ The campaign - Team Cashless India - brings consumers and merchants to forefront of the digital payments dialogue, Mastercard said.

➤ It encourages all Indians to nominate one or more merchants who currently do not accept digital payments.

➤ Mastercard will work together with **Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT)**, acquirer banks and finance technology companies to support nominated merchants to deploy digital payments acceptance infrastructure.

Govt to bring all medical devices under CDSCO lens to improve safety & quality

➤ The government plans to bring all medical devices, including implants and contraceptives, under the lens of the Central Drugs and Standard Control Organisation so as to improve their safety and quality.

➤ Once finalised, the import, manufacture and sale of all medical devices will need to be certified by the **Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)**. Manufacturers will also have to seek licences from the **Drug Controller General of India (DCGI)**.

➤ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said it plans to define all medical devices, which were earlier not under the purview of the apex drug controller, as drugs under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act effective **December 1**.

NCERT course to be implemented in Class ninth and tenth in all govt schools in Madhya Pradesh

➤ In Madhya Pradesh, **NCERT** course will be implemented in **Class ninth and tenth standard in all government schools** of the state from the next academic session.

➤ School Education Minister **Dr Prabhuram Chaudhary** said that in order to improve the standard of education in government schools, Parents-Teachers Association meetings will be

held once in every three months, in which parents and teachers will have an open discussion on students' education and their problems.

➤ Dr. Chaudhary said that **Madhya Pradesh is the first state** in the country, where the tradition of transfer of teachers as per their convenience has been started online.

TechSagar, national repository of India's cyber tech capabilities launched

➤ The **National Cyber Security** Coordinator's office in partnership with **Data Security Council (DSCI)** of India launched **TechSagar** – a platform to discover India's technological capability through a portal.

➤ The portal will list business and research entities from the IT industry, startups, academia, and individual researchers.

➤ As India aspires to become a trillion dollar digital economy, the repository will facilitate new opportunities for businesses and academia to collaborate, connect and innovate in future.

➤ Launched by Lt. Gen (Dr) **Rajesh Pant**, National Cyber Security Coordinator of India, TechSagar is a consolidated and comprehensive repository of India's cyber tech capabilities which provides actionable insights about capabilities of the Indian Industry.

CCI approves infrastructure development worth 25000 crores for Arunachal Pradesh

➤ The **Cabinet Committee for Infrastructure (CCI)** met for the second time under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister **Pema Khandu** and approved proposals worth **Rs 25000 crore** for infrastructure development in the state.

➤ The approved proposal is for taking up capital works pertaining to various departments across the state.

➤ The State has decided to introduce ten electric buses between Itanagar and Naharlagun on a pilot basis in partnership with NTPC.

Railways to implement Rs 18,000-crore project to run trains at 160 kmph

➤ The Indian Railways will implement a **Rs 18,000-crore project** to operate trains at a speed of **160 kmph** on the busy **Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Kolkata routes** by upgrading infrastructure, Railway Board Chairman **VK Yadav**.

➤ Once the project begins, it will take at least four years to complete, he said after inaugurating the **International Rail Conference-2019** and the **13th International Railway Equipment Exhibition**. The events have been organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with the Railways at Aerocity here.

➤ The Indian Railways's target is to operate high speed trains in two categories -- at 160 kmph on the Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Kolkata routes, and up to 320 kmph under the ongoing **bullet train project** between **Mumbai-Ahmedabad**

Prakash Javadekar launches first national protocol to enumerate snow leopard population in India

➤ Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched the **first national protocol** to enumerate the **snow leopard population** in the country on the occasion of **International Snow Leopard Day**. The Day is celebrated on **October 23** every year to protect and conserve the snow leopards.

➤ At the Inaugural session of the 4th steering committee meeting of the **Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program in Delhi**, He expressed happiness that **2,967 tigers** reside in India, which is **77 per cent** of the world tiger population.

➤ Snow leopards play a critical role in their ecosystem as top predators. India is believed to have **400 to 700** snow leopards spread across Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim,

Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

IIM K, MRPL To Support Women Entrepreneurs Under La Eve Initiative

➤ IIM Kozhikode and Mangalore Refineries and Petrochemicals Ltd. (MRPL) have announced a special drive to support women entrepreneurs in the country. Labelled as La Eve (meaning The Woman)

➤ This initiative aims to identify innovative, promising women founded start-ups to provide a comprehensive start-up support programme.

Govt plans 'Indradhanush 2.0' for recapitalisation of public sector banks

➤ Government plans to come out with **'Indradhanush 2.0'**, a comprehensive plan for recapitalisation of public sector lenders, with a view to make sure they remain solvent and fully comply with the global capital adequacy norms, **Basel-III 'Indradhanush 2.0'** will be finalised after completion of the **Asset Quality Review (AQR)** by the Reserve Bank, which is likely to be completed by March-end.

Social welfare initiative 'Odisha-Mo Parivar' launched by Naveen Patnaik

➤ Chief Minister and BJD supremo Naveen Patnaik launched **'Odisha-Mo Parivar'**, a social service initiative of the party aimed at encouraging environment protection, blood donation and the welfare of Odias in distress.

➤ The Chief Minister said under the programme, party leaders will dedicate themselves to protect the environment and undertake extensive planting of trees, and create awareness among the public. Naveen appointed former Mumbai Police Commissioner and BJD leader **Arup Patnaik** as convenor of the programme for its implementation.

➤ The programme will focus on three major areas - environment, health care services and assistance to poor and deprived people. Under the programme, the BJD will undertake massive plantation drive by creating awareness among people about environment protection.

Yogi Adityanath launches Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana

➤ **Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana** was launched in **Uttar Pradesh** by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

➤ The programme **aims at** empowering the girl child for which an amount of **15 thousand rupees** will be provided to every family in which a girl child takes birth.

RANKING AND INDEX

Kerala Tops Niti Aayog's School Education Quality Index in List of 20 States, UP at the Bottom

➤ Kerala has emerged on top among 20 large states in terms of quality of school education, followed by Rajasthan and Karnataka.

➤ The report, titled 'The Success of Our Schools-School Education Quality Index' (**SEI**) and jointly released by the Niti Aayog, Ministry of Human Resource Development and the World Bank.

➤ While the most-populous Uttar Pradesh was ranked at the bottom position during 2016-17, according to a report released by the Niti Aayog.

➤ The overall performance score for the large states ranged from 76.6 per cent for Kerala to 36.4 per cent for Uttar Pradesh.

Cleanliness survey: Jaipur, Jodhpur, Durgapura emerge top three ranking railway station

➤ Three railway stations in Rajasthan bagged top honours in the railways' cleanliness survey unveiled on Wednesday by Railway Minister **Piyush Goyal**.

➤ **Jaipur, Jodhpur and Durgapura** were the top three ranking railway stations among 720 stations.

➤ Andheri, Virar and Naigaon railway stations were the top three among 109 suburban stations.

➤ North Western Railway followed by South East Central Railway and East Central Railway are the top three railway zones.

Jaipur cleanest railway station in India, Jodhpur ranks as 2nd best: SurveyFILE PIC

➤ Under **Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat cleanliness assessment 2019**, Jaipur Junction has top the tally among 720 stations covered all over the country.

➤ **Jodhpur** bagged second place where sub urban station of Jaipur **Durgapura** has been places third.

Karnataka tops first ever India Innovation Index launched by NITI Aayog

➤ The first-ever India Innovation Index was launched by **NITI Aayog** in **New Delhi** in order to promote competitiveness among the states.

➤ **Karnataka** has emerged the topper among major states. **Tamil Nadu** is **second** and **Maharashtra** is on the third position followed by Telangana, Haryana, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. Jharkhand finished last in the list of 17 major states.

➤ Among the **North-Eastern** states, **Sikkim** and among Union Territories Delhi has occupied the **top** spot.

➤ **The aim** of innovation index is to move states from competitive populism to competitive good governance

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Panchayati Raj Minister to confer National Panchayat Awards 2019Pic tweeted by AI

➤ Minister of Panchayati Raj **Narendra Singh Tomar** will confer the National Panchayat Awards 2019 at a function in **New Delhi**. The Awards will be given to awardee Panchayats and States in various categories.

➤ As many as 246 awards will be given out of which **195 awards** will be given in **Deen Dayal Upadhyay** Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar category and **six states** will be awarded in **e-Panchayat Puraskar category**.

➤ The awards are given to the best performing Panchayats in recognition of their good work at different levels including the delivery of services and sanitation.

Alice Walton of the Walmart dynasty topped as the richest woman in the world in the 2019 edition of the Forbes 400 list

➤ **Forbes** released its **2019 edition of the Forbes 400 list** that ranks the wealthiest people in America.

➤ **Alice Walton** of the Walmart dynasty topped as the richest woman in the world. She has a net worth of **\$51.4 billion**.

➤ The Waltons are the wealthiest family dynasty in the US. To make it into the list, the individuals need a minimum net worth of **\$2.1 billion**.

➤ **Julia Koch** stood second with a net worth of \$41 billion and **MacKenzie Bezos** stood 3rd with a net worth of \$41 billion.

India slips 10 places on global competitiveness index; Singapore on top

➤ **India** has moved down 10 places to rank **68th on an annual global competitiveness index**, largely due to improvements witnessed by several other economies, while **Singapore** has replaced the US as the **world's most competitive economy**.

➤ India, which was ranked 58th in the annual Global Competitiveness Index 2018 compiled by Geneva-based World Economic Forum (WEF), is among the worst-performing BRICS nations along with Brazil (ranked even lower than India at 71st this year).

Top 5 countries of the list:

- 1) Singapore
- 2) The US
- 3) Hong Kong SAR
- 4) Netherlands
- 5) Switzerland

Forbes India Rich List 2019: Mukesh Ambani retains top position for 12th straight year; Adani leaps eight spots to 2nd rank

➤ Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) Chairman **Mukesh Ambani** has once again bagged the **number one spot** with **\$51.4 billion net worth** on **Forbes' list** of richest Indians for the year **2019**.

➤ Infrastructure tycoon **Gautam Adani** came a close second as he jumped 8 spots on the list with a net worth of **\$15.7 billion**.

➤ This is the **12th consecutive year** that Ambani has topped the list despite being a **'challenging year'** for the Indian economy, according to the American business magazine.

India jumps to 7th spot in Brand Finance Nation ranking

➤ India jumped two levels to **7th position in the Brand Finance Nation ranking** of 2019 despite the reduction in the overall economic growth due to slowdown in the manufacturing and construction sectors.

➤ Last year, **Canada** was at the 7th position which has dropped to 8th position. **South Korea**, which was at the 10th position last year, has managed to jump a level up to reach the 9th position.

➤ **Italy**, which was at 8th position last year, slipped to the 10th, while the US, **China** and **Germany** continued to be the top three nations, respectively even in 2019.

➤ **Japan and the UK** swapped positions with the former jumping to 4th, while the latter falling to 5th position as against its ranking last year.

Mumbai 12th wealthiest city in the world, New York number one with 65 billionaires

➤ Mumbai is the **12th richest city** in the world with a total wealth of **\$960 billion**, according to a report by **New World Health**.

➤ It is the only Indian city to feature in the top 20 list of wealthiest cities in the world.

➤ **Delhi** is on 22nd position and second Indian city after Mumbai on the wealth intelligence firm's 'The Wealthiest Cities Worldwide in 2019' list.

Bangalore is on 26th spot while **Hyderabad** came last at 28.

Tata Consultancy Services most outstanding company

➤ **Tata Consultancy Services** most outstanding company in India's IT services sector in **Asiamoney's 2019** in Asia's outstanding companies poll.

World Bank cuts India's growth projection to 6%

➤ After a broad-based deceleration in the initial quarters of this fiscal year, **India's growth rate** is projected to fall to **6%**.

➤ In 2018-19, the growth rate of the country stood at **6.9%**. However, the bank in its latest edition of the **South Asia Economic Focus** said the country was expected to gradually recover to **6.9% in 2021** and **7.2% in 2022** as it assumed that the monetary stance would remain accommodative, given benign price dynamics.

➤ In **2018-19**, it stood at **6.8%**, down from **7.2% in the 2017-18** financial year.

India Slips to 102nd Place on Global Hunger Index, Pakistan, Nepal Far Better at Feeding their Citizens

➤ India has been classified as a country with 'serious' levels of hunger according to this year's **Global Hunger Index (GHI)**, slipping from **95th rank in 2010 to 102nd in 2019**. The country with the severest problem of hunger at rank **117 is the Central African Republic**.

➤ The annual report says among the 117 countries ranked, 47 countries are in 'serious' and 'alarming' hunger levels and one in 'critically alarming'.

➤ India's dismal performance on hunger is directly linked to the high levels of child undernourishment. Neighbouring countries like **Nepal (73rd)**, **Sri Lanka (66th)**, **Bangladesh (88th)**, **Myanmar (69th)** and **Pakistan (94th)**, although all in the 'serious' hunger category are better at feeding its citizens than India, according to this index. **China (25th)** has moved to a 'low' severity category and Sri Lanka is in the 'moderate' severity.

India ranked 82nd in the 2019 World Giving Index (WGI)

➤ **India** ranked **82nd** in the **2019 World Giving Index (WGI)**. The survey ranking was released by the **Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)**, an international organization.

➤ It aims to promote giving to transform lives and communities across the World.

➤ As per the WGI report, India showed that **34%** of people helped a stranger, **24%** donated money, and **19%** volunteered or donated their time.

➤ **USA** topped the WGI 2019 list. It is followed by Myanmar, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Canada, UK, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia. Nepal ranked 53, and Pakistan ranked 69.

➤ The bottom three countries on the list are Yemen, Greece, and China.

Charities Aid Foundation (CAF):

Founded: UK, 1974

Headquarters: Kent, UK

CAF is a registered **UK charity**. It promotes general donation to charities.

With 21 unicorns, India third on list of billion-dollar tech start-ups; US, China lead

➤ **India**, with 21 unicorns, stands a distant **third** to China and the US in the inaugural **Hurun Global Unicorn List 2019**, a ranking of the world's billion-dollar tech start-ups compiled by the China-based Hurun Research Institute.

➤ China, with **206 unicorns** and the **US**, with **203**, dominate the list with over 80% of the world's known unicorns, despite representing only half of the world's GDP and a quarter of the world's population.

Hailakandi becomes the first district in Assam to introduce a digital system

➤ **Hailakandi** has become the **first district in Assam** to introduce a digital system and the state government employees will need to file their leave applications online.

➤ The government employees working under the district administration can proceed on leave only after getting a digital approval as henceforth no leave application on paper will be accepted; District Deputy Commissioner Keerthi Jalli inaugurated the new online leave module at her office. Each employee has been allotted a login ID and password to apply for leave in the **'Manav Sampada'** website.

Delhi Lives Up to Its Reputation, Registers Highest Number of Crimes Against Women

➤ **Uttar Pradesh** topped the list of states with most number of crimes against women, according to the annual report of the **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)** for 2017. **Assam**, on

the other hand, registered the **highest total rate of crime against women**.

➤ Delhi lived up to its reputation of being the city with the highest number of crimes against women. **Lucknow** topped the charts with the **highest total rate of crime**.

➤ India registered a **6.16%** rise in crimes against women in 2017 when compared to 2016. With **5,562 cases**, the highest number of rape incidents were registered in **Madhya Pradesh**.

➤ The list reported **Assam as Most Unsafe State** and **Lucknow as Most Unsafe City**. The lowest rate of crimes committed against women was recorded in **Nagaland**. Seven women faced crimes for every one lakh of them. It is followed by Sikkim with 17 cases and Mizoram with 25 cases.

IIT Bombay tops QS India university rankings 2020

➤ The **Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)** has topped the **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)** India University Rankings 2020 released. Six other IITs have also made it to the list of top 10 institutes.

➤ Bengaluru's **Indian Institute of Science** has been ranked **second** followed by the IITs in Delhi, Madras, Kharagpur, Kanpur, Roorkee, and Guwahati.

➤ The University of Hyderabad (8) and the University of Delhi (7) are the only two central varsities among the top 10 institutes. Last year, the University of Delhi was ranked 7 and the University of Hyderabad 8.

Global Wealth Report 2019: Global wealth rises by 2.6% driven by US & China, despite trade tensions

➤ **Credit Suisse** Research Institute publishes its **tenth edition** of the Global Wealth Report, the most comprehensive and up-to-date source of information on global household wealth.

➤ Global wealth grew during the past year by **2.6% to USD 360tn** and wealth per adult reached a new record high of **USD 70,850, 1.2%** above the level of mid-2018. US, China and Europe contributed the most towards global wealth growth with USD 3.8tn, USD 1.9tn and USD 1.1tn respectively.

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates overtook Jeff Bezos to once again become the world's richest person.

➤ Amazon chief Jeff Bezos is no longer the wealthiest man on the planet, according to reports. That privilege now belongs to **Microsoft founder Bill Gates**, 63, who has retaken his place as the man with the most money on the planet.

➤ Amazon founder and CEO **Jeff Bezos** lost the title as the world's richest man to Bill Gates, after losing nearly \$7 billion in stock value leaving his net worth to **\$103.9 billion**.

➤ Microsoft co-founder **Bill Gates** is currently worth **\$105.7 billion**.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) has developed Eye in the Sky, an Artificial Intelligence (AI)

➤ A team of engineering students from Centre For Innovation (CFI) **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M)** have developed **Eye in the Sky**, an Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Computer vision-based technology.

➤ It is used for disaster management and aid services. The technology utilizes drones with swarm intelligence for collecting data and analyzing it in real-time.

➤ The technology aims to develop an end-to-end solution to identify accurate and critical

information on people who trapped in disaster-hit areas.

New Russian telescope at ISS records first flashes in Earth's atmosphere

> An ultraviolet telescope created by Russia with international participation to study short flashes in Earth's atmosphere has begun its work on the **International Space Station (ISS)**.

> It has already collected its first data, **Skobel'syn Institute of Nuclear Physics of Lomonosov Moscow State University (SINP MSU)**.

> The telescope was delivered to the ISS aboard the unmanned Soyuz MS-14 spacecraft back in August.

> The telescope was created by SINP MSU staff, MSU physics students and their Italian colleagues from the Tor Vergata University as part of the JEM-EUSO international collaboration.

Giant Meat-Eating Dinosaur Which Lived 145 Million Years Ago Discovered in Thailand

> A new species of predatory dinosaur that was four times bigger than a velociraptor and lived around 145 million years ago has been unearthed in Thailand.

> The 26 feet long dinosaur is an early member of a widespread group of dinosaurs called **Carcharodontosaurids**. Carcharodontosaurids included some of the largest land predators ever known: Giganotosaurus, Mapusaurus, Carcharodontosaurus, and Tyrannosaurus.

> The findings were published in the **scientific journal PLOS One**. The remains included skull, backbone and hip fossils that came from belonged to four individuals of the new species, dubbed **Siamraptor suwati**.

> The fossilised remains were found in the Thai province of **Nakhon Ratchasima** and were analysed by Palaeontologists Duangsuda Chokchaloemwong of the Nakhon Ratchasima Rajabhat University.

International Astronomical Union names asteroid after Pandit Jasraj

> The **International Astronomical Union (IAU)** has named an asteroid, discovered in 2006, after Indian classical singer **Pandit Jasraj**.

> The asteroid, or more formally known as a minor planet, is located between Mars and Jupiter, and was discovered on November 11, 2006, by the Catalina Sky Survey, whose telescopes are based in Arizona in the **United States**.

First-of-Its-Kind Satellite Servicing Spacecraft Launches on Russian Rocket

> The robotic **Mission Extension Vehicle-1 (MEV-1)** launched atop a **Russian Proton rocket** from Baikonur Cosmodrome in **Kazakhstan**.

> **MEV-1**, which was built by Virginia-based Company **Northrop Grumman**, launched along with the **Eutelsat 5 West B** communications satellite. If all goes according to plan, both spacecraft will deploy into a supersynchronous transfer orbit about 16 hours after liftoff.

NASA launches satellite Icon to explore space

> NASA launched a satellite to explore the mysterious, dynamic region where air meets space. The satellite - called **Icon**, short for **Ionospheric Connection Explorer**- rocketed into orbit following a two-year delay.

> It was dropped from a plane flying over the Atlantic off the Florida coast. Five seconds after the satellite's release, the attached **Pegasus rocket ignited**, sending Icon on its way. A NASA satellite launched **Gold**, last year, is also studying the upper atmosphere, but from much higher up.

NIN postal stamp to commemorate its centenary celebrations

> Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan released a postal stamp to

commemorate the centenary celebrations of the city-based **ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition (NIN)** at a function held at Indian Council of Medical Research in New Delhi.

> ICMR Director **Balram Bhargava** and NIN Director **R. Hemalatha** were present on the occasion.

> The postal stamp has been brought out under the '**Corporate My Stamp**' scheme of India Posts.

> A one-time award instituted to commemorate NIN's centenary called the '**ICMR-NIN-Centenary Award**' was also conferred on **C. Gopalan**, the legendary nutrition scientist who passed away at the age of 101 on October 3.

"Biodiversity Hotspot": 6 New Lizard Species Discovered In Western Ghats

> Six new lizard species of "**Dravidogecko**" family have been identified in the **Western Ghats** by a group of scientists, who claim this to be a significant development as only one species of the genus was known so far.

> "**Dravidogecko anamallensis**" evolved around 58 million years ago when the Indian sub-continent was separated from the African land, Pune-based Foundation for Biodiversity Conservation's director **Varad Giri**, who was also part of the research team.

IIT Kharagpur graduate develops device to curb air pollution

> An IIT Kharagpur graduate **Debayan Saha**, invented a device called "**PM 2.5**" which he claimed when fitted near the silencer pipe in vehicles will curb air pollution. One car fitted with the device can neutralise the pollution emitted from 10 cars in its vicinity.

> "The technology developed by us uses a combination of electric energy and wave energy to influence the pollutants like PM 2.5 such that they act like magnet attracting other particulate pollutants from the ambient atmosphere to get attached to it.

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> German Scientists have discovered the **world's fastest ant** which runs at speeds equivalent of 360mph in humans.

> **The Saharan silver ant** - named after where it lives - can put in 50 strides a second, covering a distance of nearly a metre (85.5cm). To put this in perspective Usain Bolt does four strides a second.

> The ants scavenge the corpses of other creatures during the hottest part of the day where temperatures can reach 60C.

In Odisha's first robotic restaurant, two humanoid robots to serve customers

> A restaurant in **Bhubaneswar** opened its doors to customers claiming to be the first eatery in eastern India where two indigenously developed robots will serve customers.

> '**Champa**' and '**Chameli**', the two **humanoid robots** rolled on the floor of the "**Robo Chef**" restaurant in Chandrasekharpur area of Bhubaneswar served food to the waiting customers.

> After serving them food, the two robots even chimed "**Apana mane khushi to**" (Are you happy), a phrase popularised by chief minister **Naveen Patnaik** during his 2019 election campaign.

NASA's All-Women Spacewalk Makes History: "One Giant Leap For Womankind"

> Two NASA astronauts, **Christina Koch** and **Jessica Meir**, set history by performing an **all-female spacewalk**.

> Christina Koch and Jessica Meir space-walked outside the **International Space Station**

(ISS) to make an urgent repair to its power system.

> They concluded the spacewalk 7 hours and 17 minutes around 3 p.m. This move of the astronauts had also set a milestone by officially completing human space exploration.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

K Siva Reddy to to be conferred the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018

> Telugu poet **K Siva Reddy** is to be conferred the prestigious **Saraswati Samman, 2018**, for his collection of poems titled **Pakkaki Ottigilite** (Turning Aside While Lying Down).

> The award, instituted by the **KK Birla Foundation**, is given annually for an outstanding literary work written in any official Indian language and published during the preceding 10 years.

> It is the highest recognition in the field of Indian literature and carries a cash purse of Rs 15 lakh, apart from a citation and a plaque.

President Kovind to confer Vayoshreshtha Samman-2019 FILE PIC

> President **Ram Nath Kovind** will confer the **Vayoshreshtha Samman-2019** on the eminent senior citizens and institutions in recognition of their services towards the cause of the elderly persons.

> The award will be given a function in New Delhi. The Vayoshreshtha Samman is a Scheme of awards instituted by the **Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry** and gradually upgraded to the status of National Awards for institutions involved in rendering distinguished service for the cause of elderly persons.

> These awards are presented as part of the celebration of the **International Day of Older Persons on 1st October**.

M Venkaiah Naidu presents Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award to K Parasaran

> Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu presented Most Eminent **Senior Citizen Award** to legal luminary and former Attorney General **K. Parasaran** at a function in **New Delhi**.

> Mr Parasaran was honoured with the award on the occasion of the Elder's Day celebration of Age Care India, an organization working for the welfare of the elderly.

Sachin Tendulkar gets most effective Swachhata Ambassador Award

> President **Ram Nath Kovind** presented the most effective **Swachhata Ambassador** award to cricketer **Sachin Tendulkar** on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

> Addressing the **India Today Safaigiri Summit** in New Delhi, he said, in the past five years, the sanitation drive launched in the country had truly become a mass movement.

England's Ben Stokes wins Players' Player of the Year at Professional Cricketers' Association awards

> England all-rounder Ben Stokes has been voted Players' Player of the Year at the Professional Cricketers' Association awards.

> The 28-year-old then repeated his heroics with a superb match-winning 135 not out in the third Ashes Test against Australia.

Azizbek Ashurov, a lawyer, has been selected as the 2019 winner of the UN Refugee Agency's Nansen Refugee Award.

> **Azizbek Ashurov, a lawyer**, whose work has supported the efforts of the **Kyrgyz Republic** in becoming the first country in the world to end statelessness, has been selected as the 2019 winner of the **UN Refugee Agency's Nansen Refugee Award**.

> The prestigious annual prize honours individuals, groups and organizations who go to

extraordinary lengths to protect refugees, displaced and stateless people around the world. **Scientist trio from UK, US bags Nobel Medicine Prize for research on how cells sense oxygen**

- US researchers **William Kaelin** and **Gregg Semenza** and Britain's **Peter Ratcliffe** shared the Nobel Medicine Prize **for discoveries on how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability**, the Nobel Assembly said.
 - "They established the basis for our understanding of how oxygen levels affect cellular metabolism and physiological function," the jury said.
 - Their research has "paved the way for promising new strategies to fight anemia, cancer and many other diseases."
 - The three will share the Nobel Prize sum of **nine million Swedish kronor** (about USD 914,000).
 - They will receive their prize from **King Carl XVI Gustaf** at a formal ceremony in Stockholm on December 10, the anniversary of the 1896 death of scientist **Alfred Nobel** who created the prizes in his last will and testament.
- Nobel Prize in physics for three scientists for their discoveries in cosmology** Tweeted

- Nobel Prize 2019 for Physics has been announced. Three scientists, **James Peebles**, **Michel Mayor** and **Didier Queloz** have won the Prize for their contribution to the **understanding of the evolution of the universe and earth's place in the cosmos**.
- One half of the award was given to James Peebles for theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology and the other half jointly to Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz for the discovery of an exoplanet orbiting a solar-type star.
- They will share a **9-million kronor cash award**, a gold medal and a diploma. The laureates will receive them at a ceremony in Stockholm on December 10.

Chemistry Nobel Prize 2019 goes to Goodenough, Whittingham, Yoshino for development of lithium-ion batteries

- Three scientists were awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their **contributions to the development of lithium-ion batteries**, which have reshaped energy storage and transformed cars, mobile phones and many other devices in an increasingly portable and electronic world.
- The prize went to **John B. Goodenough** of the University of Texas; **M. Stanley Whittingham** of the State University of New York at Binghamton; and **Akira Yoshino** of Asahi Kasei Corporation and Meijo University in Japan. **Goodenough**, at 97, becomes **the oldest winner** of a Nobel prize.

PepsiCo India wins US award for saving more than 17 billion litres of water

- The United States named **PepsiCo India** for the 2019 **Secretary of State's Award for Corporate Excellence (ACE)**, recognising its efforts to save more than **17 billion litres of water** through community water programs and positively impacting 60,000 community members. ACE was established in **1999**.
- IFS officer Ramesh Pandey selected for Asia Environmental Enforcement Award by UNEP**
- Senior Indian Forest Service officer **Ramesh Pandey** has been selected for the **prestigious Asia Environmental Enforcement Award** by the United Nations Environment Programme.
- The 1996-batch IFS officer, posted as Chief Conservator Forests in Lucknow and Secretary, UP State Bio-diversity Board, is known for his

investigation and intelligence gathering on poachers.

- Pandey will receive the award on November 13 at the United Nations Conference Centre in **Bangkok**.

Nobel Prize in Literature awarded to Polish writer Olga Tokarczuk for 2018 and to Austrian author Peter Handke for 2019

- The 2019 Nobel Prize in Literature has been announced along with the 2018 Prize. The Swedish Academy said, **Austrian author Peter Handke** has won the 2019 Prize while Polish writer **Olga Tokarczuk** has received the 2018 Prize.
- Handke was honoured for an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience. His notable works include **"Short Letter, Long Farewell"** and **"A Sorrow Beyond Dreams"**.
- **Tokarczu** first novel, "The Journey of the People of the Book," was released in 1993. She has also won the **Booker International Prize for her 2007 novel "Flights"**.
- **Tokarczuk** becomes just the 15th woman to have won the prestigious distinction, out of 116 literature laureates honoured since 1901. Tokarczuk and Handke each take home a cheque worth **nine million kronor**, or **912,000 US dollars**.
- Nobel Peace Prize: Ethiopia PM Abiy Ahmed wins**
- The **2019 Nobel Peace Prize** has been awarded to Ethiopian Prime Minister **Abiy Ahmed** who made peace last year with bitter foe Eritrea.
- He was awarded the prize for his efforts to "achieve peace and international cooperation".
- Mr Abiy's peace deal with Eritrea ended a 20-year military stalemate following their 1998-2000 border war.
- He was named as the winner of the **100th Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo**, where he will receive the award in December.
- It is worth some nine million Swedish crowns (about £730,000; \$900,000).
- Indian-American Abhijit Banerjee, Wife Esther Duflo Win Nobel Prize For Economics**
- The **2019 Nobel Prize for Economics** has been jointly won by **Indian-American Abhijit Banerjee**, his wife, **Esther Duflo**, and **Michael Kremer** of the **United States for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty**.
- The President, the Vice President and the Prime Minister have extended their congratulations to **Abhijeet Banerjee**, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer on winning the Nobel Prize in Economics for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** said their research has helped economists better understand how to fight poverty in India and the world.

Margaret Atwood and Bernardine Evaristo jointly win Booker Prize

- **Margaret Atwood** and **Bernardine Evaristo** have jointly won the **2019 Booker Prize** after judges flout the rules by declaring a tie. British Indian novelist Salman Rushdie's tragicomic **'Quichotte'** was among the six books shortlisted for the prize.
- The Booker rules say the prize must not be divided, but the judges insisted they could not separate Atwood's - **'The Testament'** and **'Girl, Woman, Other'** by **Evaristo**, who is the **first black woman** to win the prestigious award since its creation in 1969.

UNESCO honours conservation of 3 Mumbai icons

- This is a moment of pride for Mumbai and India, as three landmarks from the city - **Flora Fountain**, **Gloria Church at Byculla** and **Keneseth Eliyahoo Synagogue at Kala Godha** - have won the **UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards** for Cultural Heritage Conservation this year!.
- Conservation architect **Vikas Dilwari** and his team who restored Flora Fountain, received the award under the category **'Honourable Mention.'**
- The Jewish **Synagogue** restored by **Abha Narain Lambah** was given the **'Award of Merit'** and **Gloria Church** restored by **David Cardoz** and **Ainsley Lewis** received the same award.

GoAir bags 'Best Airline' award at Andaman Tourism Award 2019

- GoAir has received the **'Best Airline'** award by **Andaman Tourism Award - 2019** in its first edition for its leadership in attaining on-time performance for 12 consecutive months.
- Andaman Tourism Award was organised at **Port Blair** in association with the tourism ministry and Andaman Association of Tour Operators.
- Andaman Association of Tour Operators President **M Vinod** and actor **R Sarath Kumar** presented the award to General Manager - Airports Sarvesh Tiwari and Airport Manager, Port Blair Aman Kohli of GoAir.

Jennifer Aniston to receive People's Icon Award 2019

- **Jennifer Aniston** the actress-producer is set to receive the People's Icon Award at the 2019 People's Choice Awards.
- The actress would be the second-ever recipient of the title and will receive the honour at the 2019 People's Choice award. Last year, **Melissa McCarthy** accepted the trophy for the inaugural award. The 'Morning Show' star is best known for her performance in 'Friends'.
- YES BANK WINS DIGITAL PAYMENTS AWARD AT MEITY STARTUP SUMMIT 2019**
- **YES BANK, India's fourth largest private sector bank, won the DigiDhan Mission Digital Payments Award 2018-19 for 'Overall Performance in Digital Payments' at the MeitY Startup Summit 2019 held in Delhi.**

- **The award was presented by Chief Guest, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Communication, Electronics & IT and Law & Justice.**

Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee gets life membership of Mohun Bagan Athletic Club

- The **Mohun Bagan Athletic Club** conferred life membership to Nobel laureate **Abhijit Banerjee**.
- Srinjoy Bose, honorary club assistant general secretary, and other club officials met the economist at his paternal residence here and conferred him with the **life membership of Mohun Bagan Athletic Club**.

E.U.'s Sakharov human rights prize awarded to jailed Uighur intellectual, probably angering China

- The European Union awarded its highest human rights prize to the imprisoned **Uighur intellectual Ilham Tohti** in a move that pointedly rebuked China's treatment of the Muslim ethnic minority and may draw a reprisal from Beijing.
- Tohti, **an economist** who advocated greater autonomy for the Uighurs of Xinjiang in western China, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 2014 on separatism charges. He had spent years criticizing Chinese government restrictions and crackdowns on **Uighur culture** and calling for

dialogue between his people and the Han ethnic majority in China.

> The 2019 Sakharov Prize for **Freedom of Thought**, European Parliament President **David Sassoli** called Tohti "a voice of moderation and reconciliation" and noted that China has detained more than 1 million Uighurs in internment camps since 2017.

Prasar Bharati CEO gives away Rajbhasha Awards**AIR NEWS**

> Prasar Bharati CEO, **Shashi Shekhar Vempati** gave away Rajbhasha Awards to the winners of Hindi Pakhwada competition held at Prasar Bharati secretariat.

> The **theme** of the competition was **Plastic Free India and Cleanliness drive.**

BharatPe wins Innovation in Digital Payments Award at MeitY Start-up Summit in Delhi.

> BharatPe, India's largest merchant fin-tech company has won the **DigiDhan Mission Fin-tech Award 2018-2019** for 'Innovation in Digital Payments through Emerging Technology' at the MeitY Start-up Summit 2019 held in **Delhi.**

> The award was presented by Chief Guest, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Communication, Electronics & IT and Law & Justice.

Sadin-Pratidin's Lifetime Achievement Award to Homen Borgohain

> The **Sixth Sadin-Pratidin Achievers Award** was presented at a function at Sriamanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in the presence of several social leaders drawing from different spheres of the State's social spectrum.

> The Sadin-Pratidin group award is conferred on persons who have excelled in their chosen area of activities ranging from literature to corporate, and from culture to sports.

> The ceremony was attended by Governor Prof **Jagadish Mukhi** and Chief Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal** while former President **Pranab Mukherjee** joined with a video link due to his indisposition.

APPOINTMENTS	
PERSON	DESIGNATION
Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NBCC(National Buildings Construction Corporation)	P K Gupta
Managing Director of Punjab National Bank	S S Mallikarjuna Rao
Executive Director for India at IMF	Surjit S Bhalla
Tata Communications Managing Director and Group Chief Executive Officer	Mr Amur S Lakshminarayanan (Lakshmi)
Prime Minister of Portugal	Antonio Costa
India's next High Commissioner to Australia	Anumula Gitesh Sarma
Judicial commissioner of the Supreme Court of the sultanate (Brunei)	Kannan Ramesh
Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court	Justice Lingappa Narayana Swamy
Governor of Himachal Pradesh	Bandaru Dattatraya

chief operating officer (Yes Bank)	Anita Pai
chief marketing officer (Yes Bank)	Jasneet Bachal
SAP's co-CEOs.	Jennifer Morgan and Christian Klein
New Controller General of Accounts	J.P.S. Chawla
World Steel Association vice chairman	Sajjan Jindal
Director-General of National Security Guard (NSG).	Anup Kumar Singh
Secretary of Department of Investment and Public Asset Management	Tuhin Kanta Pandey
Chairman of Staff Selection Commission	Braj Raj Sharma
Power Secretary.	Sanjeev Nandan Sahai
CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India	Pankaj Kumar
Minority Affairs Secretary	Pramod Kumar Das
Next Ambassador of India to Republic of Guinea Bissau	Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas
Governor of Goa	Satya Pal Malik
Policy advisor in the Ministry of External Affairs	Ashok Malik
Honorary Life Member of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)	Graeme Smith
chairman of Airports Authority of India	Arvind Singh
Chairman of National Highways Authority of India.	Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
Lt. Governor of Jammu-Kashmir	Girish Chandra Murmu
Lt. Governor of Ladakh.	R K Mathur
Governor of Mizoram.	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
India's next Ambassador to Iraq, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)	Birender Singh Yadav
India's next High Commissioner to Samoa.	Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi
47th Chief Justice of India	Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde
Administrator for PMC Bank	Jai Bhagwan Bhorla
Special Observer Haryana assembly election	Vinod Zutshi
Director General of Press Information Bureau.	KS Dhatwalia
Chief Justice of the Guwahati High Court.	Ajai Lamba
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	Rafael Grossi
UNESCO goodwill ambassador for indigenous peoples.	Yalitza Aparicio

OBITUARY
1. Former judge of the Supreme Court (SC), Justice -N Venkatachala
2. Former Foreign Secretary- K P S Menon (Junior)
3. Veteran Carnatic musician and Saxophonist - Kadri Gopalnath
4. Renowned kidney transplant surgeon- Dr. Hargovind Laxmishanker Trivedi
5. Grammy awardee, Drummer - Ginger Baker

BOOKS AND AUTHORS
The Unquiet River: A biography of the Brahmaputra
> A book titled The Unquiet River: A biography of the Brahmaputra by historian Arupjyoti Saikia is to be released in the month of November 2019. The book was published by Oxford University Press (OUP) . The book reimagines the layered history of Assam with the river at the centre.
Dark Feel, Eerie Cities: New Hindi Cinema in Neoliberal India
> The book titled Dark Feel, Eerie Cities: New Hindi Cinema in Neoliberal India , written by Sarunas Paunksnis , was released on 18 October 2019. Oxford University Press published the book.

Bridgital Nation
> Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the book titled Bridgital Nation in New Delhi on 20 October. He presented the first copy of the to Ratan Tata. The book was written by N Chandrasekaran , Chairman of Tata Sons, and Ms. Roopa Purushottam , Chief Economist & Head of Policy Advocacy of Tata Sons.

IMPORTANT DAYS		
DATE	DAY	THEME
October 1	International Day for Older persons	The Journey to Age Equality
October 1	International Coffee Day	
October 1	World Vegetarian Day	
October 1-31	Breast Cancer Awareness Month	
October 2	International Day Of Non Violence Gandhi Jayanti	
October 2-8	Wildlife Week India	Life Below Water: For people and planet
October 3	German Unity Day	
October 4-10	World Space Week	The Moon: Gateway to the Stars
October 4	World Animal Day	
October 5	World Teacher's Day	Young Teachers: The Future of the Profession
October 7	World Cotton Day	
October 7	World Habitat Day	Frontier technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth
October 8	Indian Air force Day	
October 9	World Postal Day	

October 10	World Mental Health Day	Suicide Prevention
October 11	International Girl Child Day	Girl force – Unscripted and unstoppable
October 11	World Obesity Day	
October 11	World Sight Day	Vision First
October 12	World Arthritis Day	Time2Work
October 12	World Egg Day	Eat your egg today and every day
October 12	World Migratory Bird Day	Protect birds – Be the solution to plastic pollution
October 13	World Calamity Control Day (UN) or UN International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction	Reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services
October 14	World Standards Day	Video Standards Create a Global Stage
October 15	Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day	
October 15	Global Handwashing Day	
October 15	World White Cane Day (guiding the blind)	
October 15	World Students Day	
October 15	International Day of Rural Women	Rural Women and girls building climate resilience
October 15	Rashtriya Mahila Diwas	
October 15	Global Handwashing Day	Clean Hands for All
October 15	World Mathematics Day	
October 16	World Food Day	Our Actions are Our Future.
October 17	International Poverty Eradication Day	Acting together to empower children, their families and communities to end poverty.
October 17	World Trauma Day	
October 20	National Solidarity Day	
October 20	National Statistics Day	Better Data, Better Lives
October 20	World Osteoporosis Day	
October 21	Police Commemoration Day	
October 23	Mole Day	

October 24	World Development Information Day	
October 24	United Nations Day	
October 24	World Polio Day	Stories of Progress: Past and present for World Polio Day.
October 25	Ayurveda Day	
October 27	World Audiovisual Day for Heritage	Engage the Past Through Sound and Images
October 30	World Thrift Day	
October 31	Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day	
October 31	World Savings Day	

SPORTS NEWS

Dina Asher-Smith wins World Championships 100m silver; Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce takes gold

➤ Dina Asher-Smith became the first British woman to win an individual sprint medal in World Athletics Championships 2019 held at Khalifa Stadium, Doha, Qatar. She claimed silver in the 100m final with Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce taking gold.

➤ It is the 23-year-old's first 100m global medal outdoors with the 200m to follow, where she is a strong contender for gold.

➤ Jamaica's Fraser-Pryce, 32, powered to 10.71 seconds in Doha for her eighth world title while Asher-Smith's 10.83 is a new British record.

India registers fourth win in Belgium tour, beats host 2-1

➤ In Hockey, the Indian men's team eked out a fighting 2-1 win over reigning World and European champions Belgium to register their fourth consecutive win of the tour in Antwerp, Belgium.

Women's Cricket: India defeat South Africa by 5 wickets in fifth T20@ FILE PIC)

➤ In women's cricket, India defeated South Africa by five wickets in the fifth T20 International taking an unassailable 3-0 lead in the six-match series.

➤ Indian spinners Deepti Sharma (2 for 19) and Radha Yadav (3 for 23) bowled brilliantly and restricted South Africa to 98/8 in 20 overs. Chasing a modest target skipper Harmanpreet Kaur slammed 34 not out off 32 balls as the Women in Blue won in 17.1 overs.

Maj AQ Khan Won Silver Medal in 53rd Asian Body Building and Physique Sports Championship 2019, Indonesia.

➤ Maj Abdul Quadir Khan of the Corps of Signals brought laurels to India by winning a Silver Medal at the prestigious 53rd Asian Body Building and Physique Sports Championship held at Batam, Indonesia

➤ His prowess in the sport took a dramatic turn while at 1 Signals Training Centre at Jabalpur where he benefited immensely from the excellent training infrastructure and accomplished coaches.

Harmanpreet Kaur Becomes First Indian To Play 100 Twenty20 Internationals

➤ Harmanpreet Kaur, India's captain in the shortest format became the first Indian cricketer to play 100 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is) as she took the field against South Africa in Surat.

➤ Harmanpreet Kaur achieved this milestone before MS Dhoni and Rohit Sharma, who have played 98 T20Is for India.

➤ Harmanpreet Kaur made her debut against England in Taunton back in June 2009. The all-rounder has taken 27 wickets and scored 2,003 runs at an average of 28.61 so far in T20Is.

ICC women's ODI rankings: India maintains second position

➤ In the latest ICC women's ODI rankings, India maintained their second position but increased the points lead over third-placed England.

➤ The ICC ranking released said, the Indian women's team is now three points ahead of England. India now has 125 points against England's 122.

➤ In the T20 International ranking, India was placed at the fifth position.

Sunder Singh creates three world records at World Powerlifting C' ship

➤ Sunder Singh of India created three world records at the ongoing World Powerlifting Championship in Berlin, Germany.

➤ Sunder bagged gold medal in 110 kg category, Classic Raw and the Best Lifter Award in Classic Raw and Single Ply.

➤ Three-time World Champion Mukesh Singh went on to add another feather to his cap by winning yet another gold only to be known as 4-time World Champion.

➤ Indian contingent bagged a total of 4 gold and 1 silver medal.

Tennis: Novak Djokovic clinches Japan Open title

➤ World number one Novak Djokovic clinched the Japan Open tennis title today defeating Australian qualifier John Millman 6-3, 6-2 in straight sets.

➤ Djokovic, playing in his first Japanese competition, dominated throughout the game, to claim the trophy at the Ariake Colosseum at Tokyo.

➤ Djokovic grabbed an early break in the first set to take a 3-1 lead with a series of sizzling serves and precision returns that had Millman scrambling across the baseline.

Simone Biles Wins 15th World Gymnastics Championships Title as US Claim Team Gold

➤ US gymnastics star Simone Biles clinched a record-extending 15th world championship gold medal as the Americans won the women's team title in Stuttgart, Germany.

➤ This is Simone Biles' 21st medal at the championships. With this title, she became the most decorated women's gymnast in history. She defeated Russia's Svetlana Khorkina to win the title.

India Women vs South Africa Women: Mithali Raj First Woman Cricketer To Play International Cricket for over Two Decade

➤ Mithali Raj completed 20 years in the international cricket, becoming the first-ever woman cricketer player to achieve this feat.

➤ Mithali Raj achieved the milestone when she stepped on the field during the first One-day International (ODI) against South Africa at the Reliance Stadium in Vadodara.

National Open Athletics Championships: Annu Rani Wins Javelin Throw Gold

➤ Annu Rani bagged the gold medal in the women's javelin throw event at the 59th National Open Athletics Championships.

➤ Annu, who set the national record at 62.43m to enter the women's javelin throw final at the World Championships in Doha earlier this month,

registered a comfortable win at the **Birsa Munda Athletics Stadium.**

Dutee Chand Breaks Her Own 100m Record En Route to Gold at National Open Athletics Championships

➤ **Dutee Chand** shattered the 100-meter national record with a time of 11.22 seconds during the semi-finals at the **National Open Athletics Championships in Ranchi.**

➤ The previous national record was 11.26 seconds, held jointly by Dutee and Rachita Mistry. With the time Dutee Chand also bettered her personal best time. by 0.04 seconds, that she registered at the Asian Athletics Championships back in April this year.

Kenya's Kipchoge becomes first athlete to run sub two-hour marathon

➤ **Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge** made history, busting the mythical two-hour barrier for the marathon on a specially prepared course in a huge Vienna park.

➤ With an unofficial time of **1hr 59min 40.2sec**, the Olympic champion became the first ever to run a marathon in under two hours in the Prater park with the course readied to make it as even as possible.

➤ The 34-year-old already holds the **men's world record** for the distance with a time of **2hr 01min 39sec**, which he set in the flat Berlin marathon on September 16, 2018.

India finish with 4 medals at World Women's Boxing Championships

➤ Debutant **Manju Rani (48kg)** was the lone Indian to enter the final, while six-time champion **M C Mary Kom (51kg)** and two others signed off with bronze medals in the World Women's Boxing Championships.

➤ Mary Kom got third and defeated 1-4 to second seed Cakiroglu, who is the reigning European Championships and European Games gold-medallist.

➤ **Coco Gauff trounces Andrea Petkovic to reach 1st career WTA Final**

➤ American teenager Coco Gauff has become the youngest player to enter to reach a WTA final since Czech Republic's Nicole Vaidisova.

➤ Coco Gauff progressed to her maiden WTA final as she eased past Germany's Andrea Petkovic 6-4 6-4 at the Linz Open.

➤ The 15-year-old Gauff became the youngest player to reach a WTA final since Czech Republic's Nicole Vaidisova won the Tashkent Open in 2004.

India vs South Africa: Virat Kohli 5th Indian to score 250 in a Test innings

➤ **Virat Kohli** became only the **fifth Indian batsman** to score 250 in a Test innings after Virender Sehwag, Karun Nair, VVS Laxman, and Rahul Dravid on the second day of the second Test match against South Africa at the Mumbai Cricket Association Stadium in Pune.

➤ Virat Kohli, who has already scripted his name in record books when he scored a record seventh double hundred of his career, became the first Indian captain to score 250 plus in a single Test inning.

Priyanshu Rajawat claims men's singles title at Bahrain International Series R

➤ Indian shuttler **Priyanshu Rajawat** claimed the **men's singles title** at the Bahrain International Series Badminton at **Isa Town.**

➤ Seventeen year old Rajawat beat top-seed Jason Anthony Ho-Shue from Canada in the finals 16-21, 21-7, 21-12 in the summit clash.

➤ Top-seeded Indian mixed double pair of **Juhi Dewangan and Venkat Gaurav Prasad** also finished at the top. They defeated Thailand's **Pannawat Theerapanitnun and Kanyanat**

Sudchoeichom 21-18, 21-16 in 34 minutes to bag the gold medal.

➤ In women's singles, **Ira Sharma** finished second best. Second seeded Indian men's doubles pair of **Rohan Kapoor and Saurabh Sharma** settled for the runners-up position.

Army Wife Achieves Individual Guinness World Records

➤ **Kiran Uniya**l, w/o a serving Colonel of Indian Army has created Individual Guinness World Records for **"The most full contact knee strikes"** in three minutes (one leg) (female), **263 strikes"** & "The most full contact knee strikes alternate legs in one minute(female),120 strikes". The earlier records were of 177 strikes and 102 in female category respectively.

➤ The **objective** of both her records were to promote **martial arts for girls** and women safety and self-defence. While creating the record for the most full contact knee strikes for three minutes, she surpassed the existing male category record of 226 knee strikes.

World Record: Mumbai's Yashasvi Jaiswal, youngest cricketer to score 200 in One Day cricketPTI

➤ Mumbai teenager **Yashasvi Jaiswal** ed history as he became the **youngest cricketer in the world** to score a **double century** in One Day cricket. His is the ninth instance of an Indian scoring a List A double-ton.

➤ Playing in his debut Vijay Hazare season, the 17-year-old scored 203 off 154 balls against Jharkhand at Alur, Karnataka. His score comprised 12 sixes and 17 fours.

Ayonika Paul won silver in the 10m air rifle at the All India Railway Rifle Shooting Championship at Balewadi stadium

Commonwealth Games' silver medalist, **Ayonika Paul**, representing Central Railway, shot to the **second position** in the individual **10m Air Rifle event** at the **54th All India Railway Rifle Shooting Championship** at the Balewadi Sports Complex .Born and brought up in Mumbai; Ayonika has trained under Austrian coach, **Thomas Farnik.**

Andy Murray won the men's singles title at the **European Open 2019**

➤ **Andy Murray** won the men's singles title at the **European Open 2019.**He defeated Switzerland's **Stan Wawrinka** by scoring 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. This is his 1st ATP title since March 2017.

➤ The European Open is a men's Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tour 250 tournaments. It was held in Antwerp, Belgium.

Raunak Sadhwani, 13, set to become India's 65th Grand Master

➤ Raunak Sadhwani,teen from Nagpur, who had a training stint with former world champion **Vladimir Kramnik** is all set to become India's **65th Chess Grandmaster.**

➤ The Indian has a round to go at the FIDE chess.com Grand Swiss 2019 and technically needs his opponents to show up for the next rounds so that he earns the third and final GM norm.

Canadian Denis Shapovalov wins first ATP title at Stockholm Open

➤ The fourth-seeded Shapovalov, of Richmond Hill, captured the Stockholm Open with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Serbian **Filip Krajinovic.**

➤ The Canadian was **ranked No. 34** in the world prior but will crack the top-30 with this result for the first time.

Rohit Sharma becomes 3rd Indian batsman to reach top 10 in all formats@ImRo45

➤ **Rohit Sharma** has become the **third Indian batsman** to reach the top 10 in all three formats after a memorable series against South Africa in which he donned the new role of Test opener.

➤ Rohit emulated captain Virat Kohli and retired opener Gautam Gambhir as his knock of 212 in the third Test in Ranchi helped him advance 12 places to 10th position in the ICC Test Player Rankings

Praveen Kumar becomes first Indian man to win gold at Wushu World Championships@

➤ **Praveen Kumar** became the first Indian man to win a **Wushu World Championships gold**, beating **Russel Diaz of Philippines** in the 48kg category in **Shanghai.** The Indian saw off his Filipino opponent 2-1 in the men's Sanda event of the 15th World Wushu Championships.

➤ Among other Indians in the fray, Poonam (women's 75kg) and Sanathoi Devi (women's 52kg) secured silver medals while Vikrant Baliyan bagged the bronze in the men's 60kg category.

World Military Games: Anandan Gunasekaran opens India's account, wins two gold medals

➤ Para-athlete **Anandan Gunasekaran** won **two golds** in the disabled men's 100m and 400m IT1 events to open India's medal count at the **7th CISM World Military Games.**

➤ Gunasekaran clocked 12 seconds to win the 100m, India's first medal in the ongoing Games. Peru's Casas Jose was second in 12.65s and Fajardo Pardo Teodicelo of Colombia took bronze in 12.72s.

Jasprit Bumrah, Smriti Mandhana win Wisden India Almanack 'Cricketer of the Year' award

➤ Premier speedster **Jasprit Bumrah** and batswoman **Smriti Mandhana** are the two Indian names among the five winners of the prestigious **Wisden India Almanack Cricketer of the Year award.**

➤ The other winners from Asia are Pakistan's **Fakhar Zaman**, Sri Lanka's **Dimuth Karunaratne** and **Afghanistan Rashid Khan.**

➤ **Cricket Country:** The Untold History of the First All India Team by **Prashant Kidambi** has been adjudged the Wisden India Book of the Year. **Mithun's hat-trick helps Karnataka lift Vijay Hazare Trophy**

➤ **Karnataka win 2019-20 Vijay Hazare Trophy by 60 runs (VJD method) held in Bengaluru.**

➤ Karnataka won their **4th Vijay Hazare Trophy** title with a dominant display against Tamil Nadu.

Piyush Goyal congratulates Prithvi Sekhar for winning gold at World Deaf Tennis Championship

➤ Union Minister of Railways **Piyush Goyal** congratulated **Prithvi Sekhar** for winning a gold medal at the **World Deaf Tennis Championship** which was held in **Turkey.**

➤ Sekhar defeated **Jaroslav Smedek** of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-3 to clinched the gold medal.

OCTOBER LEGEND QUIZ

Q.1) Which state has emerged on top among 20 large states in terms of quality of school education, in a report, titled 'The Success of Our Schools-School Education Quality Index' (SEQI)?

- Rajasthan
- Karnataka
- Kerala**
- Puducherry

e) Jharkhand

Q.2) Air Chief Marshal _____took over as the 26th Chief of the Air Staff at Air Headquarters (Vayu Bhawan).

- BS Dhanoa
- Rajendra Menon
- Subroto Mukherjee
- Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria**
- Anil Kumar

Q.3) _____ government has announced that it will give a cash incentive of Rs.10,000 to car

and auto drivers every year in the state under the YSR Vahana Mitra scheme.

- a) Telangana b) West Bengal
c) Assam d) Meghalaya

e) **Andhra Pradesh**

Q.4) Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said that his country has decided to invite _____ to attend the inaugural ceremony of the Kartarpur Corridor.

- a) Amit Shah b) Rajnath Singh
c) Venkaiah Naidu d) **Manmohan Singh**
e) Ram Nath Govind

Q.5) The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named an asteroid, discovered in 2006, after Pandit Jasraj. Who is he?

- a) Dancer b) **Singer**
c) Social Activist d) Author
e) Film Director

Q.6) Brahmos supersonic cruise missile was successfully test-fired from Chandipur in Odisha with the strike range of _____

- a) 300 km b) 250km
c) 480km d) **290km**
e) 350km

Q.7) World Heart Day is observed every year on 29th September, What is the Theme?

- a) Light Your Heart, Empower Your Life
b) Share the power
c) Heart Choices NOT Hard Choices
d) One World, One Heart, One Home

e) **My Heart, Your Heart**

Q.8) Which of the following has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bank of Baroda, the 2nd largest Public Sector bank, to serve the retired personnel?

- a) **Indian Army**
b) Indian Railways
c) Indian Air Force
d) Central Reserve Police Force
e) Border Security Force

Q.9) Reserve Bank of India has announced contests to promote innovations and ideas in the payment and settlement systems through Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) headquartered in _____

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

Q.10) Annu Rani has become the first Indian to qualify for Women's Javelin Throw Final at World Athletics Championships held in _____

- a) Beijing b) **Doha**
c) Tokyo d) Zurich
e) Moscow

Q.11) The Reserve Bank of India has superseded the Board of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank Limited, Mumbai and appointed _____ as the bank's administrator with all powers of the board.

- a) Waryam Singh b) K. K. Sharma
c) Chandra Pal Singh Yadav
d) Ram Babu shandilya

e) **Jai bhagwan bhorla**

Q.12) International Day for the Elderly person was observed on _____?

- a) 24th September b) 2nd October
c) 29th September d) **1st October**
e) 30 October

Q.13) Who among the following won gold in the 100m event in the 13th World Athletics Championships 2019?

- a) **Allyson Felix** b) Marie-Josée Ta Lou
c) Fraser-Pryce d) Asher-Smith
e) Wilson Singh

Q.14) In which Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Ayushman Bharath scheme?

- a) 2017 b) 2019
c) **2018** d) 2014
e) 2016

Q.15) Union Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship _____ has announced a minimum stipend of five thousand to nine thousand rupees per month will be given based on one's qualification under Apprenticeship Act,

- a) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
b) **Mahendra Nath Pandey**
c) Kiren Rijju
d) Sadanadha Gowda
e) Rajnath Singh

Q.16) Prime Minister called upon people to eradicate single-use plastic from the country by _____ at 'Swachh Bharat Diwas' programme held in Ahmedabad

- a) 2021 b) 2030
c) 2024 d) 2035
e) **2022**

Q.17) Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will be attending the India World Economic Forum Summit to be held in _____

- a) Mumbai b) Uttar Pradesh
c) Ahmedabad d) **New Delhi**
e) Chennai

Q.18) Union Minister for Home affairs _____ flagged off the Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express, the first Vande Bharat Express started between Delhi to Varanasi from the New Delhi Railway Station.

- a) Rajnath Singh b) Narendra Modi
c) **Amit shah** d) Ram Nath Govind
e) Piyush Goyal

Q.19) The nationwide Paryatan Parv, 2019 was jointly inaugurated by Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar, Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to promote _____ sector

- a) Railways b) **Tourism**
c) Agriculture d) Coal and mining
e) Fisheries

Q.20) Which cricketer has been presented with the most effective Swachhta Ambassador award by President Ram Nath Kovind?

- a) Virat Koli b) MS Dhoni
c) Rohit Sharma d) **Sachin Tendulkar**
e) Prithvi Shaw

Q.21) Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs _____ has launched Swachhata Hi Seva India Plog Run in New Delhi to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of the Mahatma Gandhi.

- a) **Hardeep Singh Puri**
b) Dharmendra Pradhan
c) Piyush Goyal
d) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
e) Suresh Prabhu

Q.22) The Directorate General of Income Tax (Investigation) said that illegal cash worth 4 crore rupees approx. has been seized during _____ Assembly Elections

- a) Haryana b) Chhattisgarh
c) **Maharashtra** d) Bihar
e) Tamil Nadu

Q.23) Who implemented a computer-generated Document Identification Number (DIN) which will ensure greater transparency and accountability in tax administration.

- a) ITR b) CBIC
c) CBSE d) UIDAI
e) **CBDT**

Q.24) _____ set a new world record of more than 10 lakh students from schools and colleges simultaneously read books for 45 minutes as part of 'Padhe Lucknow, Badhe Lucknow' campaign.

- a) Arunachal Pradesh b) **Uttar Pradesh**
c) Meghalaya d) Puducherry
e) Kerala

Q.25) How many railway stations in Rajasthan bagged top honours in the railway's cleanliness survey unveiled by Minister Piyush Goyal?

- a) **3** b) 6 c) 4 d) 2 e) 5

Q.26) Which country has released a commemorative postage stamp on Mahatma Gandhi, honouring his legacy and values, to mark the 150 birth anniversary of the world leader.

- a) Israel b) Australia
c) **Palestine** d) South Africa
e) Canada

Q.27) As per the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), Government of India (GoI), _____ has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NBCC (National Buildings Construction Corporation) Limited till September 30, 2023.

- a) Anoop Kumar Mittal
b) Pramod Chandra Mody
c) Subir Gokarn
d) Shanta Rangaswamy

e) **P K Gupta**

Q.28) Name the mobile app _____ launched by the government to help consumers register complaints easily and get redressal within 60 days.

- a) Customer App b) **Consumer App**
c) Redressal App d) PDS App
e) None of these

Q.29) _____ has been appointed the new Managing Director of Punjab National Bank, the country's second largest public sector bank, who was the Managing Director & CEO of Allahabad Bank.

- a) Amitabh Chaudhry
b) P.S. Jayakumar
c) **S S Mallaikarjuna Rao**
d) Aditya Puri
e) A.S.Rajeev

Q.30) Who recently quit the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Cricket Advisory Committee?

- a) **Kapil Dev** b) Rahul Dravid
c) Rahul Johri d) Sourav Ganguly
e) None of these

Q.31) Under Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat cleanliness assessment 2019, _____ Junction has top the tally among 720 stations covered all over the country.

- a) Ahmedabad b) Varanasi
c) **Jaipur** d) Surat
e) Hyderabad

Q.32) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mauritian counterpart jointly inaugurated two landmark projects Metro Express and a new ENT Hospital in Mauritius. Who is the Prime Minister of Mauritius?

- a) Seetanah Lutchmeenaraidoo
b) Navin Ramgoolam
c) Barlen Vyapoory
d) Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

e) **Pravind Jugnauth**

Q.33) Tenth edition of the Joint Military Exercise Ekuverin will be held between the Indian Army and the _____ National Defence Force at Aundh Military Station in Pune, Maharashtra.

- a) Singapore b) Japan
c) **Maldives** d) China
e) Mauritius

Q.34) Which government has launched the Mo Sarkar or My Government initiative that aims at making governance more people-centric and to seek feedback on the kind services they received?

- a) West Bengal b) **Odisha**
c) Maharashtra d) Assam
e) Goa

Q.35) The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) celebrated the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and observed the week as 'Swachhta Hi Seva', Who is the Minister for Electronics and Information Technology?

- a) Piyush Goyal
b) Suresh Prabhu
c) **Ravi Shankar Prasad**
d) Nirmala Sitharaman

e) Ram Vilas Paswan
Q.36) Reserve Bank of India has cut the repo rate by 25 basis points, to _____%
a) 5.25 b) 5.35
c) 5.20 d) **5.15**
e) 5.40
Q.37) Food Minister Ram Vilas Paswan kick-started the inter-state portability of ration card to implement 'One Nation, One Ration Card' across the country by June 1, 2020, between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh as well as Maharashtra and
a) **Gujarat** b) Haryana
c) Punjab d) Rajasthan
e) Tripura
Q.38) Maj Abdul Quadir Khan won Silver Medal at the prestigious 53rd Asian Body Building and Physique Sports Championship held at Batam in _____
a) China b) **Indonesia**
c) Malaysia d) Thailand
e) India
Q.39) Which country will withdraw from the 14-nation Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) from January 1, 2020 because of fiscal problems?
a) USA b) Israel
c) **Ecuador** d) Maldives
e) Singapore
Q.40) Nomadic Elephant-XIV a joint military training exercise will be held between India and Which country?
a) Nepal b) USA
c) Japan d) **Mongolia**
e) Thailand
Q.41) Who won the Players' Player of the Year at Professional Cricketers' Association awards at the Professional Cricketers' Association?
a) John Archer b) Williams Russell
c) **Ben Stokes** d) John Arlott
e) Eoin Morgan
Q.42) State Bank of India (SBI) limited the number of cash withdrawals for customers using micro-ATMs of other banks to just up to _____ a month.
a) 4 b) 3 c) 5 d) **1** e) 2
Q.43) RBI has revised the GDP outlook for October 2019-20 to _____% from 6.9% during the Monetary Policy committee meet.
a) 6.2% b) **6.1%**
c) 6% d) 5.75%
e) 6.4%
Q.44) Which company constructed a 0.85 km of road with plastic waste at Faridabad?
a) ONGC b) **Indian Oil**
c) Bharat Petroleum d) Reliance Petroleum
e) None of these
Q.45) Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath flagged off _____ the country's first corporate run train between Lucknow-Delhi.
a) Shatabdi Express
b) Sampark Kranti Express
c) Ajanta Express
d) **Teja Express**
e) Golden Chariot Express
Q.46) Who has been selected for the UN Refugee Agency's Nansen Refugee Award 2019?
a) Zannah Mustapha b) Evan Atar Adaha
c) Edward Kennedy d) **Azizbek Ashurov**
e) Aqeela Asifi
Q.47) Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan launched _____ logo of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), at the 8th International Chefs' Conference (ICC VII).
a) Stay Fit and Healthy b) **Trans Fat Free**
c) Eat Right India d) Yoga For Fitness
e) Chefs for fat free
Q.48) India's military is placed fourth on a global index that has ranked 133 countries on the basis

of their global military prowess, which country topped the list?
a) Russia b) China
c) **USA** d) France
e) Sri Lanka
Q.49) UCO Bank, recently became the regional bank for the east, launched three new digital products UCash, Digilocker and an app Where is its headquarters?
a) Chennai b) Mumbai
c) New Delhi d) Haryana
e) **Kolkata**
Q.50) Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Tata Communications?
a) **Amur S Lakshminarayanan**
b) Alice Walton
c) Rajesh Gopinathan
d) T. V. Narendran
e) Natarajan Chandrasekaran
Q.51) Which Country topped the IMD smart city index for performing superbly in providing high quality infrastructure, while at the same time adopting technologies in an efficient way?
a) Norway b) Denmark
c) **Singapore** d) Japan
e) Finland
Q.52) What is the theme of the World Space Week as it celebrates the 50th anniversary of humankind's first step on the Moon on 20 July 1969.
a) Space Unites the World
b) **The Moon: Gateway to the Stars**
c) Our Planet, Our Space, Our Time
d) "Exploring New Worlds in Space"
e) Space Technology and Development
Q.53) Who achieved the milestone before MS Dhoni and Rohit Sharma, who have played 98 T20Is for India and becomes first Indian to play 100 Twenty20?
a) Smriti Mandhana
b) **Harmanpreet Kaur**
c) Mithali Raj
d) Anuja Patil
e) Taniya Bhatia
Q.54) Who topped the richest woman in the world in the 2019 edition of the Forbes 400 list?
a) Mackenzie Bezos b) Julia Koch
c) Jacqueline Mars d) **Alice Walton**
e) Susanne Klatten
Q.55) Bandhan Bank and Gruh Finance are going to be merged by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). Gruh Finance is the affordable housing finance arm of which private lender?
a) ICICI b) **HDFC**
c) Axis d) IndusInd
e) Federal
Q.56) The Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC)-2019 was inaugurated by _____?
a) **Ajit Doval** b) Rajnath Singh
c) Narendra Modi d) Bipin Rawat
e) Ram Nath Govind
Q.57) Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public _____ showcased the Bullet Resistant Jackets made under the 'Make in India' initiative of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
a) Suresh Prabhu b) Hasmit Kaur Badal
c) Sadhanada Gowda d) Piyush Goyal
e) **Ram Vilas Paswan**
Q.58) Which High Court has stayed the Congress government decision to enhance reservation for OBCs to 27% that took the overall reservation quota to 82% in the state.
a) **Chhattisgarh** b) Maharashtra
c) Bihar d) Jammu Kashmir
e) Telangana
Q.59) This first-ever three-day North-East Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition was held in?
a) Assam b) Tripura
c) Meghalaya d) **Mizoram**
e) Arunachal Pradesh

Q.60) Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to freedom fighter _____ on his 162nd birth anniversary.
a) Lal Bahadur Shastri b) Mahatma Gandhi
c) Ambedkar d) **Shyamji Krishna Varma**
e) Jawaharlal Nehru
Q.61) The 39th World Congress of Poets based on the theme, "Compassion through Poetry" was held in _____
a) New Delhi b) Hyderabad
c) **Odisha** d) Bihar
e) Jharkhand
Q.62) India and Bangladesh will enable Delhi to set up coastal surveillance system radar. How many MoUs were signed between both the countries?
a) Two b) **Seven**
c) Five d) Two
e) Three
Q.63) Green crackers developed by _____ was displayed by the Health and Family Welfare Minister Harsh Vardhan keeping in view the pollution hazard and health risks.
a) CMBD b) IIT
c) Agriculture University d) **CSIR**
e) Department of Safety and Standards
Q.64) Wildlife Week is celebrated in India from 2nd to 8th October every year. What is the theme for 2019?
a) **Life Below Water: For People And Planet**
b) Listen to the young voices
c) The future of wildlife is in our hands
d) Protect and Preserve Big Cats
e) Forest and Wildlife
Q.65) _____ become the first country to ban smacking as it is a criminal offence for parents to smack their children.
a) Australia b) Canada
c) USA d) **UK**
e) China
Q.66) Name the Indian- Origin Portuguese _____ who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Portugal
a) Aleksandr Martynov b) Henry Puna
c) Timothy Harris d) **Antonio Costa**
e) Mark Rutte
Q.67) Name the English drummer and the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award winner who died recently?
a) Travis Barker
b) **Edward Ginger Baker**
c) Cindy Blackman
d) Larry Mullen Jr.
e) None of these
Q.68) Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the _____ website and mobile application, the first ever national digital platform on oral health information and knowledge dissemination
a) eVidhaan b) eHealthseva
c) eNivaaran d) **eDantseva**
e) eBrailleseva
Q.69) Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas _____ was on a three-day visit to Mongolia and he will participate in the opening ceremony of Mongol Refinery project.
a) Suresh Prabhu b) Piyush Goyal
c) Amit Shah d) Ananth Kumar
e) **Dharmendra Pradhan**
Q.70) The Supreme Court of India has ruled that no Bharat Stage IV vehicle shall be sold across the country with effect from April 1, 2020 Instead, the _____ emission norm would come into force from April 1, 2020 across the country.
a) BS V b) BS VII
c) BS III d) **BS VI**
e) BS VIII
Q.71) Who inaugurated the National E-Assessment Centre and Regional E-Assessment

Center to implement the faceless assessment system for Income Tax Return?

a) Nirmala Sitharaman
b) **Ajay Bhushan Pandey**
c) Rajnath Singh
d) Harsh vardhan
e) None of these

Q.72) The Indian Army's biggest ever mountain combat military exercise Him Vijay was held in?

a) **Arunachal Pradesh** b) Meghalaya
c) Odhisa d) Vishakapatnam
e) Assam

Q.73) Surrender Singh of India created three world records at the World Powerlifting Championship held in_____

a) Russia b) **Germany**
c) France d) UK
e) Poland

Q.74) William Kaelin and Gregg Semenza and_____ won the Nobel Prize for medicine for their discoveries on how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability.

a) Tasuku Honjo b) James P. Allison
c) **Peter Ratcliffe** d) Greta Thunberg
e) Edward Thomas

Q.75) Who won the Japan open title by defeating the Australian qualifier John Millman?

a) Roger Federer b) Rafael Nadal
c) Andy Murray d) Jimmy Connors
e) **Novak Djokovic**

Q.76) What is the rank of India in the annual Global Competitiveness Index 2019?

a) 56 b) **68** c) 36 d) 45 e) 54

Q.77) Justice Lingappa Narayana Swamy was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court. Who is the present Governor of Himachal Pradesh?

a) Satyadev Narayan Arya
b) Satya Pal Malik
c) **Bandaru Dattatreya**
d) Tathagata Roy
e) Pema Kandu

Q.78) _____ won the 2019 Secretary of State's Award for Corporate Excellence (ACE), recognising its efforts to save more than 17 billion litres of water through community water programs.

a) AIR India
b) Tata Communications
c) Larsen and Toubro
d) Reliance Industries
e) **PepsiCo India**

Q.79) Nobel Prize for Physics 2019 was won by James Peebles and Michel Mayor and _____ for their contribution to the understanding of the evolution of the universe and earth's place in the cosmos?

a) John B. Goodenough b) Akira Yoshino
c) Stanley Whittingham d) **Didier Queloz**
e) Greta Thunberg

Q.80) Which international organisation will host the first World Cotton Day (WCD) celebrations to implement the importance of cotton as a global commodity.

a) WHO b) **WTO**
c) UNESCO d) WMO
e) UNICEF

Q.81) Chinese President Xi Jinping will be on a two-day visit to India for the Second Informal Summit to be held at _____

a) **Chennai** b) Goa
c) New Delhi d) Hyderabad
e) Kolkata

Q.82) The Centre has given its green nod for developing a commercial airport in_____, entailing an investment of about Rs 1,400 crore, to be developed by Mundra International Airport Pvt Ltd.

a) **Gujarat** b) Assam
c) Jharkhand d) Uttar Pradesh
e) Tripura

Q.83) Who clinched a record by winning the 21st gold medal at the world championship held in Stuttgart, Germany?

a) Endri Karina b) Katrina Demanov
c) Maria Vardanian d) Sunisa Lee
e) **Simone Biles**

Q.84) Where was the 5th round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Mexico held?

a) Leon, Mexico b) **New Delhi, India**
c) Ahmedabad, India d) Tijuana, Mexico
e) None of these

Q.85) World Post Day is observed every year on October 9 by the Universal Postal Union (UPU), which was established in _____

a) 1894 b) 1872
c) 1857 d) 1950
e) **1874**

Q.86) India celebrated _____ anniversary of Indian Air Force Day on 8th October 2019?

a) 56 b) 72 c) **87** d) 91 e) 65

Q.87) Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 'At Home' Reception of the Indian Air Force, IAF, in New Delhi and a commemorative stamp was released on _____ Marshal of Indian Air Force

a) S. K. Kaul b) Surinder Mehra
c) Shashindra Pal Tyagi d) **Arjan Singh**
e) Pratap Chandra Lal

Q.88) In Which state Justice S. Abdul Nazeer inaugurated the first government-sponsored and operated Day Care-cum-Recreation Centre for senior citizens?

a) Chhattisgarh b) **Jammu Kashmir**
c) Maharashtra d) New Delhi
e) Punjab

Q.89) Who has been declared as Muslim Man of the Year 2020 by Jordan's Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre?

a) Asad Umar b) Mamnoon Hussain
c) Aitzaz Ahsan
d) Shah Mehmood Qureshi
e) **Imran Khan**

Q.90) The government launched a device (GEMINI) that will help provide information related to disaster warnings. GEMINI stands for?

a) **Gagan Enabled Mariner's Instrument for Navigation and Information**
b) Gagan Enabled Monitoring Instrument for Navigation and Information
c) Geo-earth Monitoring Instrument for Navigation and Information
d) Geographic Envision Monitoring Instrument for Navigation and Information
e) None of these

Q.91) A team of students from _____ institute have developed Eye in the Sky, an Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Computer vision-based technology which is used for disaster management and aid services.

a) IBM Bengaluru b) CSIR
c) IIT Kanpur d) TATA Institute
e) **IIT Madras**

Q.92) World Mental Health Day is observed on?

a) October 20 b) October 9
c) **October 10** d) November 6
e) July 15

Q.93) Indian Forest Service Officer Ramesh Pandey has been selected for the prestigious Asia Environmental Enforcement Award by the _____ Organisation

a) UNESCO b) UNCTD
c) WTO d) **UNEP**
e) UNGA

Q.94) Who has become the first company to drop out of Facebook's Libra cryptocurrency, as the embattled project continues to face queries from regulators around the world?

a) Twitter b) Patym
c) **PayPal** d) Google Pay
e) Airtel

Q.95) Fintech start-up Shubh Loans has received a licence from the Reserve Bank of India to set up

a non-banking financial company. Who is CEO and Founder of Shubh Loans?

a) Polali Jayarama Bhat b) **Monish Anand**
c) Dr. N. Kamakodi d) Murali M. Natrajan
e) Shyam Srinivasan

Q.96) Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare launched _____ initiative during the 13th Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi.

a) AROGYA b) SHUBHA
c) **SUMAN** d) THARAN
e) UNNAT

Q.97) Goa government launched _____ as the new integrated emergency number for police, fire and medical emergencies replacing the traditional dial number '100'.

a) 101 b) **112** c) 119 d) 102 e) 115

Q.98) Name the Cafe launched by the Chhattisgarh government for the poor people and rag pickers who will get free food in exchange for one kilogram of plastic?

a) Tasty Food Cafe b) Food Cafe
c) **Garbage Cafe**
d) Food for Garbage Café e) None of these

Q.99) The government has announced _____ percent hike of Dearness Allowance (DA) from the existing 12% for Central Government employees and pensioners.

a) 7 b) 4 c) **5** d) 8 e) 10

Q.100) Which minister was on a five-day visit to Comoros and Sierra Leone. Which will be the first high-level visit from India to the two African countries?

a) Rajnath Singh b) Amit Shah
c) Dharmendra Pradhan d) Narendra Modi
e) **Venkaiah Naidu**

Q.101) The first-ever woman cricketer player to complete 20 years in the international cricket is?

a) Harmanpreet Kaur b) **Mithali Raj**
c) Smriti Mandhana d) Deepti Sharma
e) Punam Yadav

Q.102) The 9th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, RCEP Intersessional Ministerial meeting was held in _____

a) Singapore b) France
c) **Thailand** d) India
e) China

Q.103) Who inaugurated the Angikaar campaign to bring the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U) under one fold of other central government implemented scheme.

a) Nitish Kumar
b) Tathagata Roy
c) Pramod Pandurang Sawant
d) **Biplab Kumar Deb**
e) Ashok Gehlot

Q.104) The ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) developed POSHAN atlas under POSHAN abhiyan to map the crops and food grains grown in different regions of the country. Who is the minister for WCD?

a) Sadanandha Gowda b) **Smriti Irani**
c) Hasmirat Kaur Badal d) Ram Vilas Paswan
e) Ananth Kumar

Q.105) Name the app launched by Shri Hardeep S Puri, Minister of State (I/c) for Housing & Urban Affairs Which is aimed to encourage Public engagement in planting trees and other such Green drives.

a) Medwatch b) mSecure
c) **mHariyali** d) Dishari
e) Arpana

Q.106) National Fertilizers Limited presented dividend of over 28 Crore Rupees to the Government of India for the year 2018-19. Who is the minister for Chemical and Fertilizers?

a) Ananth Kumar
b) **Sadanandha Gowda**
c) Smriti Irani
d) Narendra Singh Tomar
e) Ananth Geete

Q.107) Who won the 2019 Nobel Prize for Literature for his influential work with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience?
a) Olga Tokarczuk b) William G. Kaelin
c) Akira Yoshino d) **Peter Handke**
e) Jim Peebles

Q.108) The 26 feet long Giant Meat-Eating Dinosaur which lived 145 million years ago called Carcharodontosaurids was discovered in which country?
a) Australia b) China
c) Canada d) Japan
e) **Thailand**

Q.109) International Day of the Girl child was observed every year on____?
a) **October 11** b) September 9
c) October 10 d) November 12
e) October 7

Q.110) Who has been appointed as the new Chief marketing officer of Yes Bank?
a) **Anita Pai** b) Rana Kapoor
c) Swetha Jain
d) Archana Sundarajan e) Jasneet Bachal

Q.111) Which aerospace company launched the robotic Mission Extension Vehicle1 (MEV-1)?
a) Boeing Company
b) Lockheed Martin Corporation
c) **Northrop Grumman Corporation**
d) General Dynamics Corporation
e) Space Dynamics Company

Q.112) What is the theme for 2019 International Day of the Girl Child?
a) The Power of Adolescent Girl: Vision for 2030
b) Empower Girls: Before, during and after crises
c) Women and developing nation
d) **Girl Force: Unscripted and Unstoppable**
e) With Her: A Skilled Girl Force

Q.113) Who bagged the gold medal in the women's javelin throw event at the 59th National Open Athletics Championships?
a) Deepa Malik b) Anjali Jain
c) Punam Yadav d) Geeta Singh
e) **Annu Rani**

Q.114) World Obesity day was observed on_____
a) **October 11** b) October 12
c) September 6 d) November 12
e) October 9

Q.115) The India Sports Summit was held in_____
a) Chandigarh b) Assam
c) **New Delhi** d) Jaipur
e) Ranchi

Q.116) The 59th National Open Athletics Championship was held in?
a) Kerala b) Mizoram
c) Bengaluru d) **Ranchi**
e) Hyderabad

Q.117) Which country has become first in the world to ban advertisements for sugary drinks to tackle diabetes
a) Norway b) India
c) Japan d) **Singapore**
e) Canada

Q.118) Which country to host the 2019 First Global DXB Challenge, a large gathering to encourage creative young minds in the fields of robotics and artificial intelligence.
a) France b) **Dubai**
c) Singapore d) India
e) China

Q.119) A three day long festival _____ was celebrated in Bangladesh capital Dhaka to observe the 129th death anniversary of Baul saint Fakir Lalon Shah.
a) Bahu b) **Baul**
c) Lossong d) Wangala
e) Ziro

Q.120) India and Japan will hold a joint military exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN on counter-terrorism was held in?
a) Osaka b) Tokyo
c) Meghalaya d) Arunachal Pradesh
e) **Mizoram**

Q.121) Who retains top position for 12th straight year in the Forbes India Rich list 2019?
a) Ratan Tata b) **Mukesh Ambani**
c) Lakshmi Mittal d) Indra Nooyi
e) Anil Ambani

Q.122) Which bank planned to charge processing fees on home loans, top-ups plans and loans to corporates and real estate companies?
a) HDFC b) ICICI
c) **SBI** d) UCO
e) KVB

Q.123) Which government has taken the initiative to set up a Kanyashree University to ensure that girls study in schools and delay their marriages until the age of 18 years.
a) Haryana b) Kerala
c) Punjab d) **West Bengal**
e) Goa

Q.124) Which institute launches Long-Delayed ICON Space Weather Satellite to Study Earth's Ionosphere?
a) **National Aeronautics and Space Administration**
b) Indian Space Research Organisation
c) Chinese Academy of Sciences
d) French National Centre for Scientific Research
e) None of these

Q.125) What is the Theme for the World Migratory Bird Day observed on October 12th?
a) Birds: Fly with different colors
b) Protect Birds: Environment need to be saved
c) **Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution**
d) Protect Birds: save the country
e) Save Birds and Save water

Q.126) What is the Rank of India in the Brand Finance Nation Ranking 2019?
a) 5th b) 12th c) **7th** d) 10th e) 4th

Q.127) A pioneer in Saxophone also conferred with Sangeetha Nataka Academy Award, died recently. Who is he?
a) Zakir Hussain
b) Sumanth Swaminathan
c) Ravi Shankar
d) **Kadri Gopalnath**
e) Krishnamurthy

Q.128) India and Asian Development Bank, ADB have signed _____ loan agreement for improving road connectivity in Rajasthan.
a) **190** b) 240 c) 130 d) 150 e) 220

Q.129) The minimum amount one can invest in KVP (Kisan Vikas Patra) is _____
a) 2000 b) **1000**
c) 500 d) 3000
e) 150

Q.130) Who secures record by clinching the eighth world medal in Boxers list ?
a) Bajrang Punia
b) Mohammed Ali Qamar
c) Pu Zoramthanga
d) Deepa Malik
e) **Mary Kom**

Q.131) Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism Prahlad Singh Patel participated in the BRICS Culture Ministers meeting which was held in _____?
a) St Petersburg b) Rio de Janerio
c) Sao Paul d) Buenos Aries
e) **Curitiba**

Q.132) Union Minister of Telecom _____ announced that spectrum auction will be done within the current financial year day as the government has given permission to companies for 5G trials.
a) Piyush Goyal

b) Nirmala Sitharaman
c) **Ravi Shankar Prasad**
d) Praful Patel
e) Dharmendra Pradhan

Q.133) WTO, dispute settlement body has formally given the go-ahead for the United States to impose trade sanctions on up to _____ million Worth of European Union goods.
a) 6.2 b) 7.6
c) 8.5 d) 5.8
e) **7.5**

Q.134) Which country has become the second-fastest growing economy in South Asia according to a report released by World Bank?
a) Nepal b) Sri Lanka
c) **Bangladesh** d) India
e) Japan

Q.135) Which country is to set up a high-level group to tackle India's trade deficit?
a) Bhutan b) **China**
c) Japan d) South Korea
e) United States

Q.136) India and Sierra Leone signed MoUs including extending a credit line of 30 million US Dollars for rice cultivation .Who is the president of Sierra Leone?
a) Sooronbay Jeenbekov b) Xi Jinping
c) Francisco Guterres d) Reuven Rivlin
e) **Julius Maada Bio**

Q.137) The _____and Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) will sign a memorandum of understanding for integration of FASTag with GST e-way bill system.
a) Niti Aayog b) CGST
c) Indian Army d) **IHMCL**
e) Railways

Q.138) Who became the youngest American woman to win the WTA title by winning Linz Open 2019?
a) Danielle Rose b) Jennifer Capriati
c) Alison Riske d) **Coco Gauff**
e) Barbora Krejickova

Q.139) World Standards Day was observed on 14th October. What is the Theme?
a) Standards Build Trust
b) International Standards – Creating confidence globally
c) Less waste, better results – Standards increase efficiency
d) **Video Standards create a global stage**
e) None of these

Q.140) Which department has launched the website and mobile application L2Pro India [Learn to Protect, Secure and Maximize Your Innovation] on Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs).
a) Income Tax
b) **DPIIT**
c) Information Technology
d) Science and Technology
e) Agriculture

Q.141) When is the International Day for Rural Women Celebrated?
a) October12 b) October14
c) October 13 d) **October 15**
e) October 16

Q.142) Name the project_____ launched by Union Minister Harsh Vardhan which aims to demonstrate a holistic waste-water management approach that will produce clean water which can be reused for various purposes.
a) Recycle ST b) **LOTUS-HR**
c) CLEAN d) SAVE WATER
e) Urban Sewage

Q.143) With which country China has signed an Mou for connectivity of Road and Railway Project?
a) India b) Bhutan
c) Bangladesh d) **Nepal**
e) Sri Lanka

Q.144) Retail inflation spiked to _____ per cent in September this year mainly due to higher prices of food items.

a) **3.99** b) 5.25
c) 3.28 d) 3.70
e) 2.25
Q.145) Who Won the Nobel Prize for Peace 2019 for his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation?
a) **Abiy Ahmed Ali** b) Esther Duflo
c) Gita Thunberg d) Abhijeet Banerjee
e) Rodrigo Roa Duterte
Q.146) Which government will set-up 50 Public Call Offices (PCOs) in each district of in order to provide free of cost calling facilities to the general public.
a) Uttar Pradesh b) New Delhi
c) Bihar d) **Jammu and Kashmir**
e) Haryana
Q.147) Railway minister Piyush Goyal announced that the Indian Railways is going to become a net zero-carbon emitter by _____ year
a) 2025 b) **2030**
c) 2021 d) 2022
e) 2023
Q.148) Which state launches the Rythu Bharosa a welfare scheme under which financial assistance will be provided to the farmers of the state?
a) West Bengal b) Telangana
c) Chhattisgarh d) Bihar
e) **Andhra Pradesh**
Q.149) Who has been appointed as the new president of BCCI?
a) Shashank Manohar b) Manu shawney
c) **Sourav Ganguly** d) Rahul Dravid
e) Kapil Dev
Q.150) What is the Rank of India in the Global Hunger Index 2019?
a) **102** b) 95 c) 72 d) 89 e) 117
Q.151) Which Airlines bagged the Best Airline award by the Andaman Tourism award 2019?
a) Air India b) Indigo
c) Spice Jet d) Qatar Airways
e) **GoAir**
Q.152) Which country Ranked lowest in the Global Hunger Index 2019 with the severest problem of hunger at rank 117?
a) Pakistan b) Syria
c) Myanmar d) Nepal
e) **Central African Republic**
Q.153) What is the Theme of World Food Day 2019 which is being celebrated on 16th October?
a) Social Protection and Agriculture: Breaking the Cycle of Rural Poverty
b) Change the future of migration. Invest in food security and rural development.
c) **Our Actions Are Our Future. Healthy Diets for A #ZeroHunger World**
d) Working together for an international alliance against hunger
e) None of these
Q.154) Which Company was named the overall most outstanding company in India's IT services sector in Asia money's 2019 outstanding companies poll?
a) Reliance Ltd b) Infosys
c) CTS d) Wipro
e) **TCS**
Q.155) Which TB drug is only the third new anti-TB drug to get approval in more than 40 years from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)?
a) Rifampin b) **Pretomanid**
c) Isoniazid d) Ethambutol
e) Ampicillin
Q.156) World Bank forecasts India's GDP forecast for 2019-20 from 7% to _____?
a) 6% b) 5.75%
c) 6.75% d) **7.2%**
e) 6.9%
Q.157) Under the YSR Rythu Bharosa PM-Kisaan scheme, 54 lakh farmers of Andhra Pradesh will get _____ over three installments.
a) 6,500 b) 7,200

c) **13,500** d) 12,500
e) 9,500
Q.158) Which bank re-entered the top-10 most valued domestic firms?
a) Infosys b) HDFC
c) Kotak Mahindra d) **SBI**
e) Axis
Q.159) Who became the oldest winner of the Man Booker Prize?
a) Toni Morrison b) Mary Angelina
c) Alice Walker d) **Margaret Atwood**
e) Flora Fountain
Q.160) White cane day is observed on which day?
a) **October 15** b) October 12
c) October 16 d) October 17
e) October 13
Q.161) The 5-day Youth Festival 'SANGAM 2019' was organized by _____ university in Bhadarwah Campus in collaboration with Rastryia Rifles based at Bhadarwah, to promote everlasting peace and prosperity in the state.
a) Kolkata b) Madras
c) Bihar d) Assam
e) **Jammu**
Q.162) International Coffee Organization (ICO) under the aegis of United Nations is organizing its _____ Edition of World Coffee Conference to be held at Bengaluru?
a) **Fifth** b) Sixth
c) Twelfth d) Second
e) Fourth
Q.163) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that it has stopped the printing of Rs. _____ currency notes.
a) 500 b) **2000**
c) 1000 d) 20
e) 50
Q.164) _____ in partnership with ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched the programme Called GOAL (Going Online as Leaders), for young women from tribal areas to become self-reliant and entrepreneurs.
a) TCS b) Google
c) **Facebook** d) Microsoft
e) Amazon
Q.165) Name the mobile app _____ the Maharashtra State government has launched to minimize the loss of life by making roads safe for driving?
a) Safe Driving Maharashtra
b) Road-Seva Maharashtra
c) Road safety Maharashtra
d) **MRADMS Maharashtra**
e) e-RServ Maharashtra
Q.166) Who is the President of NASSCOM?
a) Balkrishan Goenka b) Ajith Kumar
c) Praful Patel d) **Debjani Ghosh**
e) Amitabh Kant
Q.167) Who has been appointed as the new controller General of Accounts?
a) Keshav R Murugesh b) Rishad Premji
c) **J.P.S. Chawla** d) Mahendra Kumar
e) Ireneena Vittal
Q.168) Which Country topped the list of the World Giving Index (WGI) 2019?
a) China b) **USA**
c) Ireland d) Japan
e) Australia
Q.169) What is the theme for the 2019 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty?
a) Poverty- A condition to be overcome through education
b) **Acting together to empower children, their families, and communities to end poverty**
c) Poverty: A hinderance to the mental and physical growth of a person, Remove it away
d) Poverty is not a curse; it is just a condition and can be removed completely!
e) Poverty and Children: Primary steps to be taken

Q.170) What is the scheme launched by health and Family minister to strengthen and scale up the Eat Right India movement?
a) Food Security Mitra
b) Food Security Measure
c) **Food Safety Mitra**
d) Food for Healthy
e) Food Safety Measure
Q.171) Which day is observed as the World Mathematics day 2019?
a) October 16 b) October 17
c) **October 15** d) October 16
e) October 19
Q.172) What is the rank of India in the in the 2019 World Giving Index (WGI).The survey ranking was released by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), an international organization.
a) 76th b) **82nd** c) 95th d) 53rd e) 66th
Q.173) The 48th edition of the Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair (IHGF) was held at the India Expo Centre & Mart at _____
a) **Greater Noida** b) Shillong
c) Hyderabad d) New Delhi
e) Chennai
Q.174) Name the Youngest Player in the World who score double century in one day cricket?
a) Hasan Raza
b) Saravana Kumar
c) Sanjay Singh
d) Vijay Kumar Agarwal
e) **Yashasvi Jaiswal**
Q.175) Payment technology major MasterCard started the 'Team Cashless India' campaign to bring more merchants and customers on board with an aim to boost digital payments in India. Who is the Brand Ambassador of Master Card?
a) Virat Koli b) Sachin Tendulkar
c) **M S Dhoni** d) Priyanka Chopra
e) AR Rahman
Q.176) Which district in Assam has become the first district to introduce Online digital technology?
a) **Hailakandi** b) Boitamari
c) Barpeta d) Darrang
e) Goalpara
Q.177) 'ICMR-NIN-Centenary Award' was conferred to the legendary nutrition scientist who passed away recently. Who is he?
a) Vikram Sharma b) Dr. Sanjeev Kumar
c) **C. Gopalan** d) Suresh Jain
e) Prahlad Singh
Q.178) The BETI BACHAO, BETI PADHAO scheme was launched in which state to empower women who belong to remote and far-flung areas of Rajouri district.
a) Assam b) Manipur
c) West Bengal d) **Jammu Kashmir**
e) Odisha
Q.179) _____ has become the first state in the country to provide maternity benefits in the private educational sector.
a) Bihar b) Jharkhand
c) **Kerala** d) Tamil Nadu
e) Goa
Q.180) Name the contactless mobile Payment facility _____ launched by SBI for faster, convenient and more secure card payments using mobile phones.
a) SBI Wave card b) SBI Mobile card
c) SBI Host Card d) SBI Pay
e) **SBI Card Pay**
Q.181) Who has been appointed as the World Steel Association Vice-Chairman?
a) Dinesh Raj b) Vikram Sharma
c) **Sajjan Jindal** d) Anoop Kumar
e) Gopalan
Q.182) Which country to introduce a 3% web tax on digital giants from 2020?
a) USA b) **Italy**
c) Canada d) Brazil
e) Russia

Q.183) Which IIT student has invented a device called "PM 2.5" to Curb Air pollution?
a) IIT Guwahati b) IIT Madras
c) IIT Kanpur d) **IIT Kharagpur**
e) IIT Bombay

Q.184) Which state tops the Innovation Index 2019 launched by the NITI Aayog?
a) Himachal Pradesh b) Tamil Nadu
c) **Kerala** d) Telangana
e) Maharashtra

Q.185) The Goa government's Information Technology Corporation signed an MoU with the Software Technology Park of India to invest _____ crore to set up a start-up centre in the coastal state at the Vibrant Goa Global Expo and Summit 2019.
a) 35 b) **40** c) 60 d) 75 e) 20

Q.186) Which state has reported highest number of Livestock population in India?
a) Kerala b) Andhra Pradesh
c) **Uttar Pradesh** d) West Bengal
e) Jammu Kashmir

Q.187) Asia-Health 2019 conference was held in?
a) Rajasthan b) Goa
c) **New Delhi** d) Chennai
e) Hyderabad

Q.188) The first Robotic restaurant with two humanoids to serve customers is opened in _____?
a) **Odisha** b) West Bengal
c) Goa d) Assam
e) Punjab

Q.189) What is the abbreviation for NCRB?
a) National Crime Register Board
b) **National Crime Records Bureau**
c) National Criminal Bureau
d) National Crime Registry Board
e) None of these

Q.190) Which Country got its approval from UNGA to be added as a member of the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)?
a) Iraq b) India
c) Syria d) **Venezuela**
e) Ecuador

Q.191) The 11th Nuclear Energy Conclave was held in _____?
a) Mumbai b) **New Delhi**
c) Visakhapatnam d) Goa
e) Chennai

Q.192) How many agreements were signed by DRDO on Technology transfer?
a) 25 b) **30** c) 12 d) 16 e) 21

Q.193) Which State Government has tied up with an (artificial and human intelligence)-powered tech firm, to detect and prevent the spread of fake news?
a) Haryana b) Kerala
c) Chandigarh d) **Maharashtra**
e) Odisha

Q.194) The second edition of defence military exercise DANX was conducted by?
a) Puducherry b) Kerala
c) New Delhi d) Chandigarh
e) **Andaman and Nicobar**

Q.195) Which Company became the first in India to hit the market capitalisation of Rs 9 lakh crore ?
a) **Reliance Industries** b) TCS
c) Infosys d) Wipro
e) Tata Communications

Q.196) Where did the Ministry of Defence conduct a pilot project for the admission of girl children in Sainik School Chhingchhip 2 years ago?
a) **Mizoram** b) Manipur
c) Assam d) Bihar
e) Arunachal Pradesh

Q.197) Who is the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?
a) B.T.V. Narendran b) Sathish Kumar
c) Chandrajit Banerjee d) **Vikram Kirloskar**
e) Chandrasekar

Q.198) The bilateral defence trade between India and US is expected to reach _____billion
a) 12 b) **18** c) 20 d) 15 e) 11

Q.199) The G20 Finance Ministers and the Central Bank Governors meetings will be held in _____?
a) UK b) USA
c) **Japan** d) Brazil
e) China

Q.200) What is the Theme for the 11th Nuclear Energy Conclave?
a) Nuclear and Atomic Energy - To build an effective solution to the Changing World
b) Nuclear Energy and developing nations
c) Atomic and Nuclear Energy - A lead to the newer and safer technologies
d) Nuclear Energy for sustainable growth
e) **Economics of Nuclear Power - Innovation towards Safer & Cost-effective Technologies**

Q.201) Which country will host the 91 Interpol General Assembly in 2022?
a) France b) Germany
c) Argentina d) Japan
e) **India**

Q.202) How many member states are there in the UNGA (United Nations General Assembly)?
a) 203 b) 196 c) **194** d) 200 e) 102

Q.203) Who is the President of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)?
a) Tedros Adhanom
b) María Fernanda Espinosa
c) Tijjani Muhammad-Bande
d) **Coly Seck**
e) Gita Gopalan

Q.204) The government plans to bring all medical devices, including implants and contraceptives, under the lens of _____?
a) CDRI b) **CDSO**
c) CBDT d) CRBT
e) CSOD

Q.205) Who was conferred with the Most Eminent senior citizen award by the Vice president?
a) Shri Prem Singh
b) Shri Chhajuram Sharma
c) **Shri K.Parasaran**
d) Vinod Zutshi
e) N Chandrasekaran

Q.206) Union Minister for Textiles and Women & Child Development Smriti Irani took part in 'Gandhi Sankalp Padyatra' held in?
a) Varanasi b) **Amethi**
c) Lucknow d) Mathura
e) Agra

Q.207) Who is the president of Indonesia?
a) Azali Assoumani b) Adama Barrow
c) John Joseph Magufuli d) **Joko Widodo**
e) Rodrigo Roa Duterte

Q.208) Which country has been removed from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) list of countries at risk for money laundering.
a) **Sri Lanka** b) USA
c) India d) UK
e) Indonesia

Q.209) The Public sector Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation of India (MMTC) is offering a three per cent discount on the India Gold Coin. Who is the Chairman of MMTC?
a) Roopa Purushottam b) Harit Nagpal
c) Aman Gupta d) **Ved Prakash**
e) Mangala Samaraweera

Q.210) The United Nations has launched which campaign in India to eradicate hunger?
a) No to Hunger
b) Stop Malnutrition
c) United against hunger
d) **Feed our Future**
e) Feed the Poor

Q.211) Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare co-chaired the 1st Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) under the 2nd Memorandum of

Cooperation (MOC), which was signed on Healthcare and Wellness by PM Modi, was held in?
a) Bengaluru b) Hyderabad
c) **Tokyo** d) Beijing
e) New Delhi

Q.212) Who has been appointed as the Director General of National Security Guard (NSG)?
a) H. T. Sangliana b) Gopika Jahagirdar
c) Vinod Chaubey
d) **Anup Kumar Singh** e) Vinod Zutshi

Q.213) Where was the 40th meetings of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) of International Monetary Fund (IMF) held?
a) New York b) Tokyo
c) **Washington DC** d) Geneva
e) Paris

Q.214) In which state the NCERT course to be implemented in class of ninth and tenth standard in all government schools?
a) **Madhya Pradesh** b) Odisha
c) Jammu Kashmir d) West Bengal
e) Maharashtra

Q.215) Who has been appointed as the head of the European Central Bank (ECB)?
a) Gita Gopinath
b) Kristalina Georgieva
c) David Malpass
d) Sanjeev Kumar
e) **Christine Lagarde**

Q.216) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will attend the inaugural ceremony of Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu bridge which has been constructed at _____?
a) Ludhiana b) Leh
c) **Ladak** d) Jammu Kashmir
e) Mohali

Q.217) Who has been appointed as the special observer for Haryana Assembly elections?
a) Sunil Arora b) **Vinod Zutshi**
c) Sukumar Sen d) Anoop Kumar
e) Nazim Zaidi

Q.218) Who has won silver medal in 10 air rifle the All India Railway Rifle Shooting Championship?
a) Thomas Farnik b) Apurvi Chandela
c) Anjali Bhagwat d) Heena Sindhu
e) **Ayonika Paul**

Q.219) The third edition of the Future Investment Initiative (FII), an annual investment event was held in _____?
a) New Delhi b) China
c) Brazil d) South Korea
e) **Saudi Arabia**

Q.220) The World's oldest pearl has been found by archaeologists of Which Country?
a) China b) USA
c) **UAE** d) Japan
e) India

Q.221) Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology said that the government will set up _____digital villages in the country?
a) Two Lakh b) Five Lakh
c) Seven Lakh d) **One Lakh**
e) Ten Lakh

Q.222) According to the National Crime Records Bureau's (NCRB) list of states with the most number of crimes against women, which State is recorded as the safest State in India?
a) Delhi b) Uttar Pradesh
c) Assam d) Mizoram
e) **Nagaland**

Q.223) What is the service fee that will be charged by Pakistan per pilgrims to Kartarpur Sahib?
a) **USD 20** b) USD 12
c) USD 15 d) USD 50
e) USD 13

Q.224) Ministry of Defence approved _____ Capital Procurement of third-generation Anti-

Tank Guided Missiles and discrete Electronic Warfare system for the use of armed forces.

- a) 5800 b) **3300**
c) 2800 d) 7500

Q.225) India signed an MoU for the Kartarpur corridor with which country?

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

Q.226) Which state topped the list of states with most number of crimes against women, according to the annual report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for 2017?

- a) Nagaland b) Delhi
c) Sikkim d) **Uttar Pradesh**
e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.227) What is the theme of Davos of the Desert Forum where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate?

- a) Global Business and Smart Technology
b) **What is Next for Global Business**
c) World Business and trade investment
d) Trade Welfare for Global Business
e) Trade for Future Growth

Q.228) Who is the Chairman of Rajya Sabha?

- a) Ram Nath Govind b) Narendra Modi
c) **Venkaiah Naidu** d) Rajnath Singh
e) Piyush Goyal

Q.229) Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked people to highlight the achievements of daughters by using _____ movement on social media.

- a) Laxmi ki Saath b) Bharath ki Ladki
c) Lakshmi aaye d) **Bharath ki Laxmi**
e) None of these

Q.230) Heads of 91 Foreign Missions in India reached at Golden Temple in _____to pay obeisance at Shri Har Mandir Sahib in connection to celebrations of 550th Prakash Purab of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

- a) Patiala b) Varanasi
c) **Amritsar** d) Agra
e) Lucknow

Q.231) Who won the European Open Championship title 2019?

- a) Novak Djokovic b) Stan Wawrinka
c) Roger Federer d) **Andy Murray**
e) John Millman

Q.232) Which country unveiled Smart Dragon and Tenglong, the commercial carrier rockets?

- a) **China** b) Japan
c) Russia d) Pakistan
e) South Korea

Q.233) Where did the European Open Championship 2019 held ?

- a) China b) Germany
c) **Belgium** d) France
e) USA

Q.234) Who has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to Republic of Cabo Verde?

- a) Vinay Kumar
b) Sri Kumar Menon
c) Navdeep Suri
d) Gautam Bambawale

e) **Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas**

Q.235) Which Institute has been ranked second in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) India University Rankings 2020?

- a) IIT Bombay
b) IIT Delhi
c) **IISC**
d) University of Hyderabad
e) University of Delhi

Q.236) Which bank has won the DigiDhan Mission Digital Payments Award 2018-19 for 'Overall Performance in Digital Payments' at the MeitY Startup Summit 2019?

- a) IDBI b) SBI
c) HDFC d) **YES**
e) Karnataka Bank

Q.237) Name the actress cum producer _____ who was best known for her performance in 'Friends' chosen for the People's Icon Award 2019

- a) **Jennifer Aniston** b) Melissa McCarthy
c) Alice Watson d) Vladimir Kramnik
e) James Philips

Q.238) Who has been appointed as the new CEO of UIDAI?

- a) Pramod Kumar Das b) Sanjeev Gupta
c) **Pankaj Kumar**
d) Tuhin Kanta Pandey e) Braj Raj Sharma

Q.239) The six new Lizard species of _____ family have been identified in the Western Ghats

- a) Prognathodon b) **Dravidogecko**
c) Aigialosauridae d) Iguanids
e) Varanus rainierguentheri

Q.240) Who has become the India's 65th Chess Grandmaster who was mentored by world champion Vladimir Kramnik?

- a) Filip Krajinovic b) Shapovalov
c) Rahul Jain d) **Raunak Sadhwani**
e) Anjul Sharma

Q.241) The Indian Railways will implement a Rs 18,000-crore project to operate trains at a speed of 160 kmph on the busy Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Kolkata routes. Who is the chairman of Railway Board?

- a) **VK Yadav** b) AK Mittal
c) Sharad Kumar d) Ashwani Lohani
e) T.K. Suresh

Q.242) Who has been appointed as the secretary of the Department of investment and public asset management (DIPAM)?

- a) Neeraj Kumar Gupta
b) Jairam Prateep Singh
c) Tuhin Kanta Pandey
d) **Anil Kumar Khachi**
e) Pankaj Kumar

Q.243) International Rail Conference-2019 was held in India which was organised by _____?

- a) All-India Railwaymen's Federation new (AIRF)
b) Indian Railways
c) **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**
d) Railway Ministry
e) None of these

Q.244) The Cabinet Committee for Infrastructure (CCI) under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Pema Khandu approved proposals worth Rs _____ crore for infrastructure development in the state.

- a) 18000 b) **25000**
c) 30000 d) 10000
e) 45000

Q.245) Who was sworn in as the Prime Minister of Canada in the Canadian General Election 2019?

- a) **Justin Trudeau** b) Bloc Quebecois
c) Reuven Rivlin d) Beny Gantz
e) Benjamin Netanyahu

Q.246) The 18th NAM summit was held in _____?

- a) **Azerbaijan** b) Qatar
c) India d) Malaysia
e) Uzbekistan

Q.247) Who is the Union minister for Agriculture and Panchayatraj?

- a) Prakash Javdekar b) Arjun Munda
c) Piyush Goyal d) **Narendra Singh Tomar**
e) Sadananda Gowda

Q.248) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met his Iranian counterpart, _____ on the sidelines of the Non-Aligned Movement Ministerial Meeting (NAM) summit

- a) Abdulaziz Kamilov b) Darell Leiking.
c) Zhong Shan
d) Abdul Razak Dawood e) **Javad Zarif**

Q.249)The Indian Army (IA) is to conduct Firing exercise codenamed _____will be held in Rajasthan for the year 2019

- a) Dhastak b) Alert
c) Sudarshan d) INDRA
e) **Sindhu Sudarshan**

Q.250) Which state has decided that no government jobs will be given to persons having more than two children after January 1, 2021?

- a) Tripura b) **Assam**
c) Haryana d) Maharashtra
e) Nagaland

Q.251) What is the Rank of India in the Doing Business Report (DBR, 2020) report released by the World Bank ?

- a) 67 b) 77c) **63** d) 75e) 80

Q.252) Who has been appointed as the secretary to the president as a policy advisor in the Ministry of External Affairs?

- a) Varun Bhatia b) Dinesh Sharma
c) Anup Kumar d) Pradeep Singha
e) **Ashok Malik**

Q.253) Nedumangad block panchayat in _____ has won the prestigious Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar for 2019.

- a) **Kerala** b) Tamil Nadu
c) Bihar d) Gujarat
e) Hyderabad

Q.254) India ranks ahead of Bangladesh and Pakistan with mean fixed broadband speed rising by _____ per cent rising to a whopping 87.9% during Q2-Q3 2019?

- a) 12.6 per cent b) **16.5 per cent**
c) 19.25 per cent d) 21.50 per cent
e) 31.26 per cent

Q.255) Every year International Snow Leopard Day is celebrated on _____ to protect and conserve the snow leopards?

- a) **October 23** b) October 24
c) October 25 d) October 14
e) October 12

Q.256) Who won gold at the 48 Kg category in Wushu World Championships 2019?

- a) Kiran Singh b) Amit Kumar Saroha
c) **Praveen Kumar** d) Sushil Kumar
e) Russel Diaz

Q.257) _____ and Mangalore Refineries and Petrochemicals Ltd. (MRPL) have announced a special drive to support women entrepreneurs in the country named La Eve (meaning The Woman)

- a) **IIM Kozhikode** b) IIT Madras
c) IBM Bangalore d) IIT Kanpur
e) IIM Hyderabad

Q.258) World Polio day was observed on?

- a) October 22 b) October 31
c) October 23 d) **October 24**
e) October 25

Q.259) The 4th steering committee meeting of the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program was held in _____?

- a) Himachal Pradesh b) Assam
c) Manipur d) Arunachal Pradesh
e) **New Delhi**

Q.260) The United Nations was established on which year?

- a) 1972 b) 1947
c) **1945** d) 1965
e) 1984

Q.261) Who has become the third Indian batsman to reach the top 10 in all three formats in the ICC Test Player Rankings?

- a) Virat Koli b) MS Dhoni
c) **Rohit Sharma**d) K.L Rahul
e) Shikhar Dhawan

Q.262) Para-athlete _____has won two golds in the disabled men's 100m and 400m IT1 events at the 7th CISM World Military Games.

- a) Fajardo Pardo Teodicelo
b) Vikrant Baliyan
c) **Anandan Gunasekaran**

d) Thangavelu Mariyappan
e) Praveen Kumar
Q.263) Who was sworn in as the new president of Tunisia?
a) Nabil Karoui b) **Kais Saied**
c) Alexander Van der Bellen
d) Taur Matan Ruak e) Joseph Ngute
Q.264) Who was awarded with the lifetime Achievement award at Sriamanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra by Chief Minister Jagadish Mukhi?
a) Dr. Vikram Sarabhai b) Naaz Joshi
c) **Priyam Chatterjee**
d) **Homen Borgohain** e) Ruhan Rajput
Q.265) Who has been appointed as the CEO of Prasar Bharathi?
a) **Shashi Shekhar Vempati**
b) Surya Prakash c) Rahul Sharma
d) Anil Mittal e) Abhijit Kumar
Q.266) National Unity day was observed on _____?
a) October 25 b) October 15
c) **October 31** d) October 29
e) October 2
Q.267) Who is the Union Minister for Jal Shakti?
a) Suresh Prabhu
b) Narendra Singh Tomar
c) Sadananda Gowda d) Smriti Irani
e) **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**
Q.268) The book titled Ten Studies in Kashmir: History and Politics was written by?
a) Ravindhran b) Amitav Ghosh
c) Javed Ali d) **K N Pandit**
e) Arundhati Roy
Q.269) Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Airports Authority of India?
a) Sukhbir Singh Sandhu b) **Arvind Singh**
c) Ashwani Lohani d) Surya Prakash
e) A.K. Mittal
Q.270) According to the Global Wealth Report released by credit Suisse research institute Global wealth grew by _____ percent to USD 360tn
a) 3.2 percent b) 1.5 percent
c) **2.6 percent** d) 1.6 percent
e) 1.8 percent
Q.271) In which state six more medical colleges will be constructed increasing the number of government medical colleges 24 to 30, under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) scheme.
a) Kerala b) Hyderabad
c) Assam d) West Bengal
e) **Tamil Nadu**
Q.272) The fourth Ayurveda Day is set to be organised on October 25 at National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA) in Jaipur, Rajasthan. It is observed on _____ every year?
a) **October 25** b) October 12
c) October 26 d) October 31
e) October 15
Q.273) Which state government has changed its emergency response number from the existing 100 to 112?
a) Odisha b) Bihar
c) Assam d) **Uttar Pradesh**
e) Telangana
Q.274) World Bank president _____ called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address the role of the financial sector in development at the fifth edition of the NITI Aayog Lecture series in New Delhi.
a) Jim Yong Kim b) Jin Liqun
c) **David Malpass** d) Christine Lagarde
e) Audrey Azoulay
Q.275) Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has Launched Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana in a move to empower girl child for which an amount of _____ rupees will be provided to every family in which a girl child takes birth.
a) 12000 b) 11000
c) 16000 d) 10000

e) **15000**
Q.276) _____ India's largest merchant fin-tech company has won the DigiDhan Mission Fin-tech Award 2018-2019 for 'Innovation in Digital Payments through Emerging Technology'.
a) Mobikwik b) Policy Bazaar
c) **Patym** d) ShubhLoans
e) BharatPe
Q.277) Who was sworn in as the chief minister of Haryana for a second consecutive term?
a) Devendra Fadnavis
b) Dushyant Chautala
c) Birender Singh Yadav
d) **Manohar Lal Khattar**
e) P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
Q.278) Which newspaper recently announced to stop its print venture and go digital completely?
a) **Daily News & Analysis**
b) The Statesman
c) The Millennium Post
d) Business Today
e) The Hindu
Q.279) World day for Audiovisual Heritage was observed on 27th of October every year. What is the theme?
a) Your Story is Moving
b) **Engage the Past Through Sound and Images**
c) Integrity - A way of life
d) Discover, remember and share
e) Experience the Joy
Q.280) Who won the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2019-2020 for the Fourth time?
a) Tamil Nadu b) Kerala
c) Jharkhand d) **Karnataka**
e) Maharashtra
Q.281) Who has become the wealthiest man in the world with the net worth of \$105.7 billion?
a) **Bill Gates** b) Jeff Bezos
c) Jack Ma d) Mark Zuckerberg
e) None of these
Q.282) Who has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Samoa?
a) **Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi**
b) Birender Singh Yadav
c) Dushyant Chautala
d) Vikram Misri
e) R K Mathur
Q.283) Cricket Country: The Untold History of the First All India Team a book written by _____ has won the Wisden India Book of the Year award.
a) Jaroslav Smedek b) **Prashant Kidambi**
c) John Arlott d) Stephen Chalke
e) Amitav Ghosh
Q.284) Who has been appointed as the new Governor of Mizoram?
a) Satya Pal Malik
b) Girish Chandra Murmu
c) **P.S. Sreedharan Pillai**
d) Arup Patnaik
e) Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi
Q.285) Who won gold medal at the World Deaf Tennis Championship which was held in Turkey?
a) **Prithvi Sekhar** b) Fakhar Zaman
c) Jafreen Shaik
d) Surrender Singh Yadav e) Rashid Khan
Q.286) Name the joint Military exercise _____ held between India and France that focus on counter terrorism operations which was held in Rajasthan?
a) SURYA SHAKTI b) KHANJAR
c) KHAN QUEST d) SAMPRITI
e) **SHAKTI**
Q.287) The European Union highest human rights prize named Sakharov Prize was given to _____?
a) Vikram Sharma
b) Oleg Sentsov
c) **Ilham Tohti**
d) Syama Prasad Mookerjee
e) David Sassoli

Q.288) The government accorded 'Maharatna' status to state-owned _____ and Power Grid Corporation, by the Department of Public Enterprises and Heavy Industry thus giving them greater operational and financial autonomy.
a) Reliance Petroleum b) ONGC
c) Indian Oil Corporation
d) Bharath Petroleum
e) **Hindustan Petroleum**
Q.289) Which two countries has signed agreements worth Rs 2400 crore to boost trade ties in the field rubber, construction material, food and beverages, logistics?
a) India and Cambodia
b) **Thailand and India**
c) Philippines and India
d) India and Vietnam
e) None of these
Q.290) Which city will hold the 50th edition of World Economic Forum Annual meeting for 2020?
a) Helsinki, Finland
b) Copenhagen, Denmark
c) Stockholm, Sweden
d) **Davos-Klosters, Switzerland**
e) None of these
Q.291) 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary conference for 2019 held which city?
a) Beijing China b) **Kampala, Uganda**
c) New York, US d) London, UK
e) Tokyo, Japan
Q.292) Who among the following persons has been appointed as the new administrator of PMC (Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative) bank by RBI?
a) **Jai Bhagawan Bhorla**
b) Sumit Nagal
c) Yamuna Krishnan
d) Jayant Narlikar
e) Sulabha K.Kulakarni
Q.293) Which Indian Company has won the 2019 Deming Prize for Total Quality Management?
a) Infosys b) Reliance
c) **Elgi Equipments** d) Wipro
e) None of these
Q.294) Who has been appointed as the 47th Chief Justice of India?
a) Justice NV Ramana b) Justice AK Mishra
c) **Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde**
d) Justice RF Nariman
e) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
Q.295) Sathya Pal Malik has been appointed as the new governor of which state?
a) Meghalaya b) Jammu Kashmir
c) Rajasthan d) **Goa**
e) Kerala
Q.296) The 7th edition of Tawang festival was celebrated in which state?
a) Tripura b) Meghalaya
c) Assam d) Himachal Pradesh
e) **Arunachal Pradesh**
Q.297) Who has been appointed as the first Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh?
a) Mridula Sinha
b) PS Sreedharan Pillai
c) Girish Chandra Murmu
d) **Radha Krishna Mathur**
e) Kalraj Misra
Q.298) Which cricketer is set to face an international ban for not reporting a bookie approach on all cricket for two years?
a) Faf Du Plessis b) **Shakib Al Hasan**
c) Steve Smith d) Jonny Bairstow
e) Mashrafe Bin Mortaza
Q.299) Which among the following became the first kerosene-free district of Gujarat?
a) Jamnagar b) Junagadh
c) Porbandar d) **Gandhinagar**
e) Ahmedabad
Q.300) World Statistics day was observed on?
a) October 12 b) October 17
c) October 21 d) October 23

e) **October 20**
Q.301) Name the book released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on positivity, creativity and constructive mindset that can lead to solutions of the problems authored by N Chandrasekaran
a) Bright India b) Future India
c) Digital Nation d) **Bridigital Nation**
e) Powerful Nation

ENGLISH VOCABULARY

1) cited
Meaning : refer to (a passage, book, or author) as evidence for or justification of an argument or statement, especially in a scholarly work.
Synonyms : allege
Antonyms : conceal
Example : "authors who are highly regarded by their peers tend to be cited"
2) tussle
Meaning : a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically in order to obtain or achieve something.(n)
Synonyms : struggle
Antonyms : consensus
Example : "there was a tussle for the ball"
3) clutch
Meaning : a tight grasp.(n)
Synonyms : grasp
Antonyms : abandon
Example : "she made a clutch at his body"
4) bearing
Meaning : a person's way of standing or moving(n).
Synonyms : carriage
Antonyms : irrelevance
Example : "a man of precise military bearing"
5) perceptions
Meaning : the ability to see, hear, or become aware of something through the senses.
Synonyms : notions
Antonyms : ignorances
Example : "the normal limits to human perception"
6) thaw
Meaning : become liquid or soft as a result of warming up.
Synonyms : melt
Antonyms : freeze
Example : "the river thawed and barges of food began to reach the capital"
7) hammered
Meaning : hit or beat (something) repeatedly with a hammer or similar object.(v)
Synonyms : forged
Antonyms : sober
Example : "he hammered the tack in"
8) contentious
Meaning : causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial(adj).
Synonyms : combative
Antonyms : pacifist
Example : "a contentious issue"
9) controversial
Meaning : giving rise or likely to give rise to controversy or public disagreement.
Synonyms : disputable
Antonyms : agreeable
Example : "years of wrangling over a controversial bypass"
10) resolved
Meaning : firmly determined to do something.
Synonyms : determined
Antonyms : undecided
Example : "Constance was resolved not to cry"
11) scrambled
Meaning : make one's way quickly or awkwardly up a steep gradient or over rough ground by using one's hands as well as one's feet."we scrambled over the damp boulders"(v)
Synonyms : jumbled
Antonyms : goodish

Example : "we scrambled over the damp boulders"
12) reinforce
Meaning : strengthen or support (an object or substance), especially with additional material.(v)
Synonyms : strengthen
Antonyms : weaken
Example : "the helmet has been reinforced with a double layer of cork"
13) indeed
Meaning : used to emphasize a statement or response confirming something already suggested.
Synonyms : truly
Antonyms : conversely
Example : "it was not expected to last long, and indeed it took less than three weeks"
14) reclusive
Meaning : avoiding the company of other people; solitary.
Synonyms : secluded
Antonyms : outgoing
Example : "he led a reclusive life"
15) endeared
Meaning : cause to be loved or liked.
Synonyms : dear
Antonyms : outcast
Example : "Flora's spirit and character endeared her to everyone who met her"
16) eminence
Meaning : fame or acknowledged superiority within a particular sphere.
Synonyms : prominence
Antonyms : inferiority
Example : "her eminence in cinematography"
17) disputed
Meaning : argue about (something).
Synonyms : argued
Antonyms : accepted
Example : "the point has been much disputed"
18) breach
Meaning : an act of breaking or failing to observe a law, agreement, or code of conduct.(n)
Synonyms : break
Antonyms : bridge
Example : "a breach of confidence"
19) wilderness
Meaning : a neglected or abandoned area.(n)
Synonyms : desert
Antonyms : region
Example : "the garden had become a wilderness of weeds and bushes"
20) contest
Meaning : engage in competition to attain (a position of power).
Synonyms : struggle
Antonyms : collaborate
Example : "she declared her intention to contest the presidency"
21) creditable
Meaning : (of a performance, effort, or action) deserving public acknowledgement and praise but not necessarily outstanding or successful.
Synonyms : estimable
Antonyms : outrageous
Example : "a very creditable 2-4 defeat"
22) revival
Meaning : an improvement in the condition, strength, or fortunes of someone or something(n).
Synonyms : renewal
Antonyms : suppression
Example : "a revival in the fortunes of the party"
23) gauged
Meaning : estimate or determine the amount, level, or volume of.
Synonyms : assessed
Antonyms : estimated
Example : "astronomers can gauge the star's intrinsic brightness"

24) interpreted
Meaning : explain the meaning of (information or actions).
Synonyms : rendered
Antonyms : distorted
Example : "the evidence is difficult to interpret"
25) infuse
Meaning : fill; pervade.
Synonyms : permeate
Antonyms : boldness
Example : "her work is infused with an anger born of pain and oppression"
26) recompense
Meaning : make amends to (someone) for loss or harm suffered; compensate.
Synonyms : reward
Antonyms : take
Example : "offenders should recompense their victims"
27) citadel
Meaning : a fortress, typically one on high ground above a city.
Tamil Meaning :
Synonyms : fortress
Antonyms : shack
Example : "the garrison withdrew into the citadel"
28) chunk
Meaning : a thick, solid piece of something.
Synonyms : lump
Antonyms : morsel
Example : "huge chunks of masonry littered the street"
29) conceding
Meaning : admit or agree that something is true after first denying or resisting it.
Synonyms : allow
Antonyms : deny
Example : "I had to concede that I'd overreacted"
30) minuscule
Meaning : extremely small; tiny.
Synonyms : diminutive
Antonyms : huge
Example : "a minuscule fragment of DNA"
31) embrace
Meaning : hold (someone) closely in one's arms, especially as a sign of affection.(v)
Synonyms : squeeze
Antonyms : exclude
Example : "Aunt Sophie embraced her warmly"
32) intangible
Meaning : unable to be touched; not having physical presence.
Synonyms : unsubstantial
Antonyms : tangible
Example : "the moonlight made things seem intangible"
33) distress
Meaning : extreme anxiety, sorrow, or pain.(n)
Synonyms : anguish
Antonyms : comfort
Example : "to his distress he saw that she was trembling"
34) solace
Meaning : comfort or consolation in a time of great distress or sadness(n).
Synonyms : comfort
Antonyms : anguish
Example : "she sought solace in her religion"
35) led
Meaning : cause (a person or animal) to go with one by holding them by the hand, a halter, a rope, etc. while moving forward.
Synonyms : directed
Antonyms : prevent
Example : "she emerged leading a bay horse"
36) fortunes
Meaning : chance or luck as an arbitrary force affecting human affairs.
Synonyms : fates
Antonyms : losses

Example : "some malicious act of fortune keeps them separate"

37) vacillations

Meaning : the inability to decide between different opinions or actions; indecision.(n)

Synonyms : hesitations

Antonyms : insistences

Example : "the First Minister's vacillation over the affair"

38) introspect

Meaning : examine one's own thoughts or feelings.

Synonyms : ponder

Example : "what they don't do is introspect much about the reasons for their plight"

39) contributed

Meaning : give (something, especially money) in order to help achieve or provide something.

Synonyms : give

Antonyms : neglect

Example : "taxpayers had contributed £141.8 million towards the cost of local services"

40) despite

Meaning : without being affected by; in spite of.

Synonyms : in spite of

Antonyms : exalt

Example : "he remains a great leader despite age and infirmity"

41) prompted

Meaning : (of an event or fact) cause or bring about (an action or feeling)(v).

Synonyms : efficient

Antonyms : delayed

Example : "the violence prompted a wave of refugees to flee the country"

42) tumbled

Meaning : fall suddenly, clumsily, or headlong(v).

Synonyms : slip

Antonyms : ascend

Example : "she pitched forward, tumbling down the remaining stairs"

43) retail

Meaning : the sale of goods to the public in relatively small quantities for use or consumption rather than for resale(n)

Synonyms : peddle

Antonyms : acquire

Example : "the retail trade"

44) foresees

Meaning : be aware of beforehand; predict.

Synonyms : discern

Antonyms : neglect

Example : "we did not foresee any difficulties"

45) enduring

Meaning : lasting over a period of time; durable(adj).

Synonyms : abiding

Antonyms : temporary

Example : "he formed a number of enduring relationships with women"

46) hover

Meaning : remain in one place in the air.(v)

Synonyms : drift

Antonyms : lie

Example : "Army helicopters hovered overhead"

47) bolstered

Meaning : support or strengthen(v).

Synonyms : buoy

Antonyms : decrease

Example : "the fall in interest rates is starting to bolster confidence"

48) cited

Meaning : refer to (a passage, book, or author) as evidence for or justification of an argument or statement, especially in a scholarly work(v).

Synonyms : indicate

Antonyms : conceal

Example : "authors who are highly regarded by their peers tend to be cited"

49) prognosis

Meaning : the likely course of a medical condition(n).

Synonyms : diagnosis

Antonyms : measurement

Example : "the disease has a poor prognosis"

50) consumption

Meaning : the action of using up a resource.

Synonyms : expenditure

Antonyms : construction

Example : "industrialized countries should reduce their energy consumption"

51) retained

Meaning : continue to have (something); keep possession of.

Synonyms : received

Antonyms : extroverted

Example : "Labour retained the seat"

52) opted

Meaning : make a choice from a range of possibilities(v).

Synonyms : decide

Antonyms : dislike

Example : "consumers will opt for low-priced goods"

53) stance

Meaning : the way in which someone stands, especially when deliberately adopted (as in cricket, golf, and other sports); a person's posture.

Synonyms : attitude

Antonyms : unsteadiness

Example : "she altered her stance, resting all her weight on one leg"

54) remit

Meaning : cancel or refrain from exacting or inflicting (a debt or punishment)(v).

Synonyms : consign

Antonyms : keep

Example : "the excess of the sentence over 12 months was remitted"

55) wary

Meaning : feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems.

Synonyms : attentive

Antonyms : careless

Example : "dogs which have been mistreated often remain very wary of strangers"

56) reckons

Meaning : be of the opinion(v).

Synonyms : surmise

Antonyms : abandon

Example : "he reckons that the army should pull out entirely"

57) perishable

Meaning : (especially of food) likely to decay or go bad quickly(adj).

Synonyms : decaying

Antonyms : endurance

Example : "the storage of perishable foods"

58) escalate

Meaning : increase rapidly(v).

Synonyms : expand

Antonyms : decline

Example : "the price of tickets escalated"

59) marred

Meaning : impair the quality or appearance of; spoil.(V)

Synonyms : harm

Antonyms : assist

Example : "violence marred a number of New Year celebrations"

60) elevated

Meaning : situated or placed higher than the surrounding area(adj).

Synonyms : exalted

Antonyms : depressed

Example : "this hotel has an elevated position above the village"

61) Verdict

Meaning : a decision on an issue of fact in a civil or criminal case or an inquest.(n)

Synonyms : decision

Antonyms : accusation

Example : "the jury returned a verdict of not guilty"

62) opportune

Meaning : (of a time) especially convenient or appropriate for a particular action or event(adj).

Synonyms : auspicious

Antonyms : inappropriate

Example : "he couldn't have arrived at a less opportune moment"

63) prudence

Meaning : the quality of being prudent; cautiousness(n).

Synonyms : austerity

Antonyms : ignorance

Example : "we need to exercise prudence in such important matters"

64) Progressive

Meaning : happening or developing gradually or in stages(adj).

Synonyms : continuous

Antonyms : intermittent

Example : "a progressive decline in popularity"

65) meddling

Meaning : interfere in something that is not one's concern(v).

Synonyms : interrupting

Antonyms : careless

Example : "I don't want him meddling in our affairs"

66) owning

Meaning : have (something) as one's own; possess.(v)

Synonyms : boast

Antonyms : abandon

Example : "his father owns a restaurant"

67) bid

Meaning : offer (a certain price) for something, especially at an auction(v).

Synonyms : offer

Antonyms : denial

Example : "a consortium of dealers bid a world record price for a snuff box"

68) assertion

Meaning : a confident and forceful statement of fact or belief(n).

Synonyms : affirmation

Antonyms : desertion

Example : "his assertion that his father had deserted the family"

69) sovereignty

Meaning : the authority of a state to govern itself or another state.

Synonyms : dominance

Antonyms : submission

Example : "national sovereignty"

70) predictably

Meaning : in a way that can be predicted; as expected.

Synonyms : probably

Antonyms : erratically

Example : "so far the markets have behaved predictably"

71) dispute

Meaning : a disagreement or argument(n).

Synonyms : conflict

Antonyms : accord

Example : "a territorial dispute between the two countries"

72) delicate

Meaning : very fine in texture or structure; of intricate workmanship or quality(adj).

Synonyms : delicious

Antonyms : callous

Example : "a delicate lace shawl"

73) precarious

Meaning : dependent on chance; uncertain(adj).

Synonyms : hazardous

Antonyms : strong

Example : "he made a precarious living as a painter"
74) sought
Meaning : attempt to find (something).
Synonyms : desired
Antonyms : unwanted
Example : "they came here to seek shelter from biting winter winds"
75) leverage
Meaning : the exertion of force by means of a lever.
Synonyms : clout
Antonyms : weakness
Example : "my spade hit something solid that wouldn't respond to leverage"
76) alleged
Meaning : said, without proof, to have taken place or to have a specified illegal or undesirable quality.
Synonyms : supposed
Antonyms : confirmed
Example : "the alleged conspirators"
77) diplomatic
Meaning : of or concerning diplomacy.
Synonyms : considerate
Antonyms : impolite
Example : "diplomatic relations with Britain were broken"
78) overt
Meaning : done or shown openly; plainly apparent.
Synonyms : manifest
Antonyms : covert
Example : "an overt act of aggression"
79) clout
Meaning : a heavy blow with the hand or a hard object.(n)
Synonyms : influence
Antonyms : failure
Example : "a clout round the ear"
80) rivalries
Meaning : competition for the same objective or for superiority in the same field(n).
Synonyms : contests
Antonyms : cooperations
Example : "there always has been intense rivalry between the clubs"
81) trapping
Meaning : trick or deceive (someone) into doing something contrary to their interests or intentions.
Synonyms : ambush
Antonyms : blessing
Example : "I hoped to trap him into an admission"
82) unscrupulous
Meaning : having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair.
Synonyms : dishonest
Antonyms : moral
Example : "unscrupulous landlords might be tempted to harass existing tenants"
83) exploiting
Meaning : make full use of and derive benefit from (a resource).(v)
Synonyms : using
Antonyms : wasting
Example : "500 companies sprang up to exploit this new technology"
84) desperate
Meaning : feeling or showing a hopeless sense that a situation is so bad as to be impossible to deal with.(adj)
Synonyms : daring
Antonyms : afraid
Example : "a desperate sadness enveloped Ruth"
85) remunerative
Meaning : pay (someone) for services rendered or work done.(v)
Synonyms : accord
Antonyms : deny

Example : "they should be remunerated fairly for their work"
86) tunnels
Meaning : dig or force a passage underground or through something.(v)
Synonyms : channel
Antonyms : bridges
Example : "he tunnelled under the fence"
87) incumbent
Meaning : necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility.(adj)
Synonyms : necessary
Antonyms : unnecessary
Example : "the government realized that it was incumbent on them to act"
88) rescue
Meaning : save (someone) from a dangerous or difficult situation(v).
Synonyms : delivery
Antonyms : failure
Example : "firemen rescued a man trapped in the river"
89) adequate
Meaning : satisfactory or acceptable in quality or quantity.(adj)
Synonyms : capable
Antonyms : inappropriate
Example : "this office is perfectly adequate for my needs"
90) kin
Meaning : one's family and relations.
Synonyms : affinity
Antonyms : unrelated
Example : "many elderly people have no kin to turn to for assistance"
91) rigour
Meaning : the quality of being extremely thorough and careful.(n)
Synonyms : harshness
Antonyms : agility
Example : "his analysis is lacking in rigour"
92) extraction
Meaning : the action of extracting something, especially using effort or force(n).
Synonyms : eradication
Antonyms : addition
Example : "mineral extraction"
93) flawed
Meaning : having or characterized by a fundamental weakness or imperfection.(adj)
Synonyms : erroneous
Antonyms : accurate
Example : "a fatally flawed strategy"
94) incorporating
Meaning : take in or contain (something) as part of a whole; include(v).
Synonyms : absorb
Antonyms : disperse
Example : "he has incorporated in his proposals a number of measures"
95) displaced
Meaning : take over the place, position, or role of.(v)
Synonyms : deranged
Antonyms : reinstated
Example : "he believes that books may be displaced by the electronic word"
96) remiss
Meaning : lacking care or attention to duty; negligent.
Synonyms : derelict
Antonyms : careful
Example : "it would be very remiss of me not to pass on that information"
97) massive
Meaning : large and heavy or solid.(adj)
Synonyms : colossal
Antonyms : common
Example : "a massive rampart of stone"
98) keen

Meaning : having or showing eagerness or enthusiasm.(adj)
Synonyms : anxious
Antonyms : apathetic
Example : "a keen gardener"
99) teetering
Meaning : move or balance unsteadily; sway back and forth.
Synonyms : falter
Antonyms : stabilize
Example : "she teetered after him in her high-heeled sandals"
100) slump
Meaning : sit, lean, or fall heavily and limply.(v)
Synonyms : collapse
Antonyms : increase
Example : "she slumped against the cushions"
101) convening
Meaning : come or bring together for a meeting or activity; assemble.(v)
Synonyms : gather
Antonyms : disperse
Example : "he had convened a secret meeting of military personnel"
102) interpreted
Meaning : explain the meaning of (information or actions).
Synonyms : explained
Example : "the evidence is difficult to interpret"
103) brewing
Meaning : make (beer) by soaking, boiling, and fermentation.
Synonyms : boil
Antonyms : dehydrate
Example : "within five years the company will brew as much beer in China as in Australia"
104) contributing
Meaning : give (something, especially money) in order to help achieve or provide something(v).
Synonyms : commit
Antonyms : hold
Example : "taxpayers had contributed £141.8 million towards the cost of local services"
105) panic
Meaning : sudden uncontrollable fear or anxiety, often causing wildly unthinking behaviour.(n)
Tamil Meaning :
Synonyms : confusion
Antonyms : bravery
Example : "she hit him in panic"
106) indices
Meaning : in a book or set of books) an alphabetical list of names, subjects, etc. with reference to the pages on which they are mentioned.
Synonyms : ratio
Example : "clear cross references supplemented by a thorough index"
107) uptrend
Meaning : an upward tendency, especially a rise in economic value.
Synonyms : rise
Antonyms : decline
Example : "the uptrend in sales and profits is expected to be sustained in the October-March period"
108) despite
Meaning : without being affected by; in spite of.
Synonyms : against
Example : "he remains a great leader despite age and infirmity"
109) comfortably
Meaning : in a physically relaxed way that is free from constraint.(adv)
Synonyms : easily
Antonyms : insufficiently
Example : "he lounges comfortably in an armchair"
110) midst
Meaning : the middle part or point.(n)
Synonyms : bosom

Antonyms : exterior
Example : "he left his flat in the midst of a rainstorm"
111) gauge
Meaning : estimate or determine the amount, level, or volume of.(v)
Synonyms : indicator
Antonyms : extreme
Example : "astronomers can gauge the star's intrinsic brightness"
112) colloquially
Meaning : (of language) used in ordinary or familiar conversation; not formal or literary.
Synonyms : vernacular
Antonyms : formal
Example : "colloquial and everyday language"
113) gradual
Meaning : taking place or progressing slowly or by degrees.(adj)
Synonyms : creeping
Antonyms : intermittent
Example : "the gradual introduction of new methods"
114) struggled
Meaning : make forceful or violent efforts to get free of restraint or constriction.(v)
Synonyms : cope
Antonyms : forget
Example : "before she could struggle, he lifted her up"
115) derail
Meaning : obstruct (a process) by diverting it from its intended course.
Synonyms : crash
Antonyms : aid
Example : "the plot is seen by some as an attempt to derail the negotiations"
116) robust
Meaning : strong and healthy; vigorous.
Synonyms : booming
Antonyms : fragile
Example : "the Caplan family are a robust lot"
117) insisted
Meaning : demand something forcefully, not accepting refusal.(v)
Synonyms : assert
Antonyms : abandon
Example : "she insisted on carrying her own bag"
118) mandate
Meaning : an official order or commission to do something.(n)
Synonyms : decree
Antonyms : breach
Example : "a mandate to seek the release of political prisoners"
119) era
Meaning : a long and distinct period of history(n)
Synonyms : generation
Example : "his death marked the end of an era"
120) normalised
Meaning : bring or return to a normal or standard condition or state.(v)
Synonyms : assign
Antonyms : disorder
Example : "the two countries normalized diplomatic relations in 1995"
121) intractable
Meaning : hard to control or deal with.
Synonyms : ungovernable
Antonyms : obliging
Example : "intractable economic problems"
122) reconcile
Meaning : restore friendly relations between.(v)
Synonyms : accommodate
Antonyms : confuse
Example : "the king and the archbishop were publicly reconciled"
123) prospective
Meaning : expected or expecting to be the specified thing in the future.
Synonyms : view

Example : "she showed a prospective buyer around the house"
124) reaped
Meaning : harvest the crop from (a piece of land).(v)
Synonyms : pick
Antonyms : sow
Example : "farmers agreed to continue reaping the land by traditional means"
125) stakes
Meaning : support (a plant) with a stake or stakes.(v)
Synonyms : share
Antonyms : defund
Example : "the gladioli were staked in gaudy ranks"
126) enabled
Meaning : give (someone) the authority or means to do something; make it possible for.(v)
Synonyms : permit
Antonyms : prevent
Example : "the evidence would enable us to arrive at firm conclusions"
127) squeeze
Meaning : firmly press (something soft or yielding), typically with one's fingers.(v)
Synonyms : permit
Antonyms : prevent
Example : "Kate squeezed his hand affectionately"
128) persuaded
Meaning : induce (someone) to do something through reasoning or argument.(v)
Synonyms : induce
Antonyms : unsell
Example : "it wasn't easy, but I persuaded him to do the right thing"
129) contest
Meaning : engage in competition to attain (a position of power).(v)
Synonyms : friction
Antonyms : harmony
Example : "she declared her intention to contest the presidency"
130) denies
Meaning : state that one refuses to admit the truth or existence of.
Synonyms : repudiate
Antonyms : espouse
Example : "both firms deny any responsibility for the tragedy"
131) despite
Meaning : contemptuous treatment or behaviour; outrage.
Synonyms : contempt
Antonyms : tolerance
Example : "the despite done by him to the holy relics"
132) deployed
Meaning : bring into effective action.
Synonyms : redistribute
Example : "small states can often deploy resources more freely"
133) tactics
Meaning : an action or strategy carefully planned to achieve a specific end(n).
Synonyms : technique
Example : "the minority attempted to control the Council by a delaying tactic"
134) extradition
Meaning : the action of extraditing a person accused or convicted of a crime.(n)
Synonyms : refoulement
Example : "they fought to prevent his extradition to the US"
135) fugitive
Meaning : a person who has escaped from captivity or is in hiding.
Synonyms : elusive
Antonyms : enduring
Example : "fugitives from justice"

136) throes
Meaning : intense or violent pain and struggle, especially accompanying birth, death, or great change.
Synonyms : agony
Antonyms : comfort
Example : "he convulsed in his death throes"
137) controversy
Meaning : prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion.
Synonyms : bickering
Antonyms : harmony
Example : "the design of the building has caused controversy"
138) tussle
Meaning : a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically in order to obtain or achieve something.
Synonyms : brawl
Antonyms : agreement
Example : "there was a tussle for the ball"
139) susceptibility
Meaning : the state or fact of being likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing.
Synonyms : awareness
Antonyms : insensitivity
Example : "lack of exercise increases susceptibility to disease"
140) perception
Meaning : the ability to see, hear, or become aware of something through the senses.
Synonyms : approach
Antonyms : concrete
Example : "the normal limits to human perception"
141) appalling
Meaning : causing shock or dismay; horrific.
Synonyms : alarming
Antonyms : beautiful
Example : "the cat suffered appalling injuries during the attack"
142) inmates
Meaning : a person living in an institution such as a prison or hospital.
Synonyms : convict
Example : "inmates of the Louisiana State Penitentiary"
143) appeal
Meaning : make a serious, urgent, or heartfelt request.(v)
Synonyms : claim
Antonyms : answer
Example : "police are appealing for information about the incident"
144) intention
Meaning : a thing intended; an aim or plan.
Synonyms : hope
Antonyms : discouragement
Example : "she was full of good intentions"

145) fleeing
Meaning : run away from a place or situation of danger.
Synonyms : depart
Antonyms : arrive
Example : "to escape the fighting, his family fled from their village"
146) consortium
Meaning : the right of association and companionship with one's husband or wife.
Synonyms : conference
Antonyms : separation
Example : "the amount awarded for loss of consortium must be included"
147) defunct
Meaning : no longer existing or functioning.
Synonyms : obsolete
Antonyms : alive
Example : "the now defunct Somerset & Dorset railway line"
348) portray

Meaning : depict (someone or something) in a work of art or literature.
Synonyms : depict
Antonyms : confuse
Example : "the ineffectual Oxbridge dons portrayed by Evelyn Waugh"
149) victim

Meaning : a person harmed, injured, or killed as a result of a crime, accident, or other event or action.
Synonyms : casualty
Antonyms : criminal
Example : "victims of domestic violence"
150) verdict
Meaning : a decision on an issue of fact in a civil or criminal case or an inquest.
Synonyms : award
Antonyms : accusation
Example : "the jury returned a verdict of not guilty"
151) reinforces
Meaning : strengthen or support (an object or substance), especially with additional material.
Synonyms : bolster
Antonyms : diminish
Example : "the helmet has been reinforced with a double layer of cork"
152) predicament
Meaning : a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation.
Synonyms : deadlock
Antonyms : advantage
Example : "the club's financial predicament"
153) beset
Meaning : (of a problem or difficulty) trouble (someone or something) persistently.
Synonyms : embarrass
Antonyms : explain
Example : "the social problems that beset the UK"
154) aviation
Meaning : the flying or operating of aircraft.
Synonyms : navigation
Example : "the aviation industry"
155) profligate
Meaning : recklessly extravagant or wasteful in the use of resources.
Synonyms : promiscuous
Antonyms : moral
Example : "profligate consumers of energy"
156) disbursement
Meaning : the payment of money from a fund.
Synonyms : spending
Antonyms : deposit
Example : "they established a committee to supervise the disbursement of aid"
157) subsequent
Meaning : coming after something in time; following.(adj)
Synonyms : consecutive
Antonyms : preceding
Example : "the theory was developed subsequent to the earthquake of 1906"
158) disbursement
Meaning : the payment of money from a fund.
Synonyms : expenditure
Antonyms : deposit
Example : "they established a committee to supervise the disbursement of aid"
159) laundering
Meaning : wash and iron (clothes or linen).
Synonyms : rinse
Antonyms : dirty
Example : "he wasn't used to laundering his own bed linen"
160) Liabilities
Meaning : the state of being legally responsible for something.
Synonyms : obligation
Antonyms : asset

Example : "once you contact the card protection scheme your liability for any loss ends"
161) implement
Meaning : a tool, utensil, or other piece of equipment that is used for a particular purpose(n).
Synonyms : achieve
Antonyms : ignore
Example : "garden implements"

162) trials
Meaning : a formal examination of evidence by a judge, typically before a jury, in order to decide guilt in a case of criminal or civil proceedings.
Synonyms : effort
Antonyms : abstention
Example : "the newspaper accounts of the trial"
163) intimidation
Meaning : the action of intimidating someone, or the state of being intimidated.
Synonyms : coercion
Antonyms : encourage
Example : "the intimidation of witnesses and jurors"
164) undue
Meaning : unwarranted or inappropriate because excessive or disproportionate(adj).
Synonyms : extreme
Antonyms : appropriate
Example : "this figure did not give rise to undue concern"
165) abysmal
Meaning : extremely bad; appalling.
Synonyms : complete
Antonyms : low
Example : "the quality of her work is abysmal"
166) convictions
Meaning : a firmly held belief or opinion.
Synonyms : feeling
Antonyms : distrust
Example : "she takes pride in stating her political convictions"
167) hostile
Meaning : showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly.
Synonyms : adverse
Antonyms : agreeable
Example : "a hostile audience"
168) acquittals
Meaning : a judgement or verdict that a person is not guilty of the crime with which they have been charged(n).
Synonyms : absolution
Antonyms : retention
Example : "the trial resulted in an acquittal"
169) tardy
Meaning : delaying or delayed beyond the right or expected time; late.
Synonyms : belated
Antonyms : early
Example : "please forgive this tardy reply"
170) gratifying
Meaning : give (someone) pleasure or satisfaction(v).
Synonyms : enchant
Antonyms : depress
Example : "she was gratified to see the shock in Jim's eyes"
171) proactive
Meaning : (of a person or action) creating or controlling a situation rather than just responding to it after it has happened(adj).
Synonyms : aggressive
Antonyms : idle
Example : "employers must take a proactive approach to equal pay"
172) deserves
Meaning : do something or have or show qualities worthy of (a reaction which rewards or punishes as appropriate(v).
Synonyms : earn

Antonyms : fail
Example : "the referee deserves a pat on the back"
173) minutiae
Meaning : the small, precise, or trivial details of something.
Synonyms : incidental
Antonyms : generality
Example : "the minutiae of everyday life"
174) efficacy
Meaning : the ability to produce a desired or intended result.(v)
Synonyms : competence
Antonyms : inadequacy
Example : "there is little information on the efficacy of this treatment"
175) competent
Meaning : having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully(adj).
Synonyms : adequate
Antonyms : impotent
Example : "a highly competent surgeon"
176) proximate
Meaning : nearly accurate; approximate.
Synonyms : direct
Antonyms : distant
Example : "he would try to change her speech into proximate ladylikeness"
177) testimony
Meaning : a formal written or spoken statement, especially one given in a court of law.(n)
Synonyms : affidavit
Antonyms : denial
Example : "the testimony of an eyewitness"
178) concealing
Meaning : not allow to be seen; hide.
Synonyms : obscure
Antonyms : disregard
Example : "a line of sand dunes concealed the distant sea"
179) vulnerable
Meaning : exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.(adj)
Synonyms : accessible
Antonyms : protected
Example : "we were in a vulnerable position"
180) pose
Meaning : present or constitute (a problem or danger)(v).
Synonyms : posture
Antonyms : reality
Example : "the sheer number of visitors is posing a threat to the area"
181) tottering
Meaning : move in a feeble or unsteady way.
Synonyms : suspect
Antonyms : strong
Example : "a hunched figure tottering down the path"
182) Paradoxically
Meaning : in a seemingly absurd or self-contradictory way.(adv)
Synonyms : incongruously
Antonyms : logically
Example : "the strength of capitalism is, paradoxically, also its weakness"
183) swept
Meaning : clean (an area) by brushing away dirt or litter.
Synonyms : broom
Antonyms : dirty
Example : "I've swept the floor"
184) escalated
Meaning : increase rapidly.
Synonyms : heighten
Antonyms : decrease
Example : "the price of tickets escalated"
185) deferred

Meaning : put off (an action or event) to a later time; postpone(v).
Synonyms : delayed
Antonyms : advanced
 Example : "they deferred the decision until February"
 186) levy
Meaning : impose (a tax, fee, or fine).
Synonyms : excise
Antonyms : displace
 Example : "a tax of two per cent was levied on all cargoes"
 187) induce
Meaning : succeed in persuading or leading (someone) to do something.(v)
Synonyms : convince
Antonyms : destroy
 Example : "the pickets induced many workers to stay away"
 188) reinstating
Meaning : restore (someone or something) to their former position or state(v).
Synonyms : renew
Antonyms : destroy
 Example : "the union threatened strike action if Owen was not reinstated"
 189) intended
Meaning : the person one intends to marry; one's fiancé or fiancée(n).
Synonyms : contracted
Antonyms : unfixed
 Example : "she used to be my intended"
 190) reinforce
Meaning : strengthen or support (an object or substance), especially with additional material(v).
Synonyms : bolster
Antonyms : diminish
 Example : "the helmet has been reinforced with a double layer of cork"
 191) shone
Meaning : (of the sun or another source of light) give out a bright light(v).
Synonyms : gleam
Antonyms : darken
 Example : "the sun shone through the window"
 192) concessions
Meaning : a thing that is granted, especially in response to demands.(n)
Synonyms : privilege
Antonyms : denial
 Example : "the government was unwilling to make any further concessions"
 193) constrained
Meaning : compel or force (someone) to follow a particular course of action(v).
Synonyms : strained
Antonyms : freed
 Example : "children are constrained to work in the way the book dictates"
 194) radar
Meaning : a person's capacity for intuitive perception; a special sensitivity for factors, trends, etc.
Synonyms : sonar
 Example : "keep your radar tuned to changes at work"
 195) concern
Meaning : make (someone) anxious or worried.
Synonyms : involvement
Antonyms : fun
 Example : "the roof of the barn concerns me because eventually it will fall in"
 196) pitted
Meaning : having a hollow or indentation on the surface(adj).
Synonyms : contend
Antonyms : agree
 Example : "his jowled and pitted face"
 197) combat
Meaning : fighting between armed forces.(n)

Synonyms : conflict
Antonyms : harmony
 Example : "five Hurricanes were shot down in combat"
 198) rallying
Meaning : having the effect of calling people to action.(adj)
Synonyms : assemble
Antonyms : disenchant
 Example : "a rallying cry"
 199) Conversely
Meaning : introducing a statement or idea which reverses one that has just been made or referred to.
Synonyms : contrarily
 Example : "he would have preferred his wife not to work, although conversely he was also proud of what she did"
 200) prospects
Meaning : the possibility or likelihood of some future event occurring.(n)
Synonyms : expectation
Antonyms : impossibility
 Example : "there was no prospect of a reconciliation"

SIMPLIFICATION:

D.1-250) What will come in place of question mark in the following questions:

- Q.1) $5.6 \div 0.7 + 20\% \text{ of } 420 + 2.5 \times 2.4 = ?$
 a) 86 b) 90 c) 84
 d) 98 e) 96
- Q.2) $\left(\frac{80.25}{0.03}\right) + \left(\frac{79.2}{0.9}\right) + \left(\frac{581.25}{0.75}\right) = 1989 + ?$
 a) 1560 b) 1544 c) 2645
 d) 3163 e) 1549
- Q.3) $50\% \text{ of } 1200 + 30\% \text{ of } 480 + 49\% \text{ of } \frac{5}{7} \text{ of } 1400 = ?$
 a) 1241 b) 1416 c) 1412
 d) 1234 e) 1254
- Q.4) $\frac{120}{100} \times \frac{630}{72} \times \frac{8}{54} \times (?) = 11200$
 a) 7200 b) 6400 c) 8100
 d) 6300 e) 7500
- Q.5) $15\frac{1}{3} + \frac{60\% \text{ of } 400}{6} - 5\frac{1}{18} = (?) + \frac{5}{18}$
 a) 54 b) 55 c) 50
 d) 67 e) 60
- Q.6) $44\% \text{ of } 850 + 60\% \text{ of } 1025 = ? + 35\% \text{ of } 1880$
 a) 331 b) 421 c) 298
 d) 357 e) 341
- Q.7) $? = 15 + 26 + 19 \times 75 - 2185 \div 23 + 178$
 a) 1498 b) 1599 c) 1627
 d) 1549 e) 1613
- Q.8) $\frac{120 \times 16 - 9 \times 30}{130 \times 7 + 5 \times 38} = ?$
 a) 2.8 b) 1.5 c) 1.9
 d) 2.1 e) 1.2
- Q.9) $\left(\frac{9}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \times 2.5 = ?$
 a) 4 b) 8 c) 10
 d) 15 e) 6
- Q.10) $? = 2\frac{1}{5} + 3\frac{2}{10} - 4\frac{3}{5} + 2\frac{2}{3}$
 a) $2\frac{5}{14}$ b) $3\frac{7}{15}$ c) $3\frac{9}{14}$
 d) $2\frac{4}{15}$ e) None of these
- Q.11) $20\% \text{ of } 500 + 60\% \text{ of } 240 + 30\% \text{ of } 360 = ?$
 a) 288 b) 256 c) 352
 d) 289 e) 320
- Q.12) $(343)^{\frac{1}{3}} \times (49)^{-2} \times (\sqrt{49})^{-3} \times (2401)^{-\frac{1}{4}} = 7^?$
 a) -9 b) -7 c) -8
 d) -6 e) -10
- Q.13) $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{5}{7} \times \frac{9}{11} \times (?) = 90$
 a) 121 b) 221 c) 251
 d) 231 e) 211
- Q.14) $\frac{\sqrt{6.25} \times \sqrt{49} \times 63}{\sqrt{1296} \times 12 \times 7^2} \times 216 = ?$
 a) 10.25 b) 10.75 c) 11.25
 d) 12.50 e) 11.75

- Q.15) $\sqrt{6 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{43 + \sqrt{31 + \sqrt{19 + \sqrt{36}}}}} = ?$
 a) 6 b) 3 c) 9
 d) 2 e) 4
- Q.16) $(\sqrt{5} - 2)^2 - \sqrt{9} = -\sqrt{20} + ? - \sqrt{49}$
 a) $13 - \sqrt{5}$ b) $13 - 3\sqrt{2}$ c) $13 - 2\sqrt{5}$
 d) $\sqrt{13} - 2\sqrt{3}$ e) None of these
- Q.17) $(3 \times 4)^3 \div (9 \times 16)^2 \times (64 \times 27)^2 \times 12^2 = 12^?$
 a) 4 b) 9 c) 6
 d) 7 e) 11
- Q.18) $\left(\frac{2}{5}\% \text{ of } 6500\right) \times \left(1\frac{1}{3} \text{ of } 84\right) + 2841 = ? + 2014$
 a) 3793 b) 3649 c) 3749
 d) 3639 e) 3739
- Q.19) $7^2 \times \sqrt{196} + 389.28 + 2902.43 = ? + 421.42$
 a) 4109.30 b) 3556.29 c) 3290.22
 d) 3109.29 e) 3212.38
- Q.20) $12 \times 13 + 219 \div 3 + \sqrt{841} - 12\% \text{ of } 560 = ?$
 a) 178.5 b) 119.4 c) 190.8
 d) 178.9 e) 180.9
- Q.21) $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{49} \div \frac{25}{121}} = ?$
 a) $\frac{11}{35}$ b) $\frac{11}{70}$ c) $\frac{11}{65}$
 d) $\frac{4}{35}$ e) $\frac{11}{45}$
- Q.22) $13^{3.5} \times 169^{4.2} \times 4^8 \div 2^{4.1} = ?$
 a) 13^{16} b) $16^{11.5}$ c) $26^{11.9}$
 d) 13^6 e) $26^{11.5}$
- Q.23) $20\% \text{ of } 225 + 22.5\% \text{ of } 200 = ? \text{ of } 450$
 a) 10% b) 15% c) 25%
 d) 20% e) 35%
- Q.24) $\frac{3}{7} \text{ of } \frac{4}{9} \text{ of } \frac{7}{5} \text{ of } 425 = ?$
 a) 133.33 b) 111.33 c) 333.33
 d) 123.33 e) 113.33
- Q.25) $\frac{1800}{24} + 770 = 645 + ?$
 a) 170 b) 200 c) 210
 d) 190 e) 185
- Q.26) $? = 145\% \text{ of } 280 + 1\frac{1}{3} \text{ of } 24 - 20\% \text{ of } 150$
 a) 432 b) 428 c) 430
 d) 408 e) None of these
- Q.27) $? = 434 \times 25 \div 35 - 128 \div 2^2 + \sqrt{324}$
 a) 278 b) 296 c) 292"
 d) 312 e) 288
- Q.28) $? = \frac{4}{9} \times 819 + \frac{7}{13} \times 104 - \frac{3}{10} \times 520 + \frac{4}{11} \times 198$
 a) 336 b) 424 c) 344
 d) 418 e) 396
- Q.29) $\frac{7}{11} = 425 \div 25 \div 17 \times 24$
 a) 255 b) 258 c) 264
 d) 222 e) None of these
- Q.30) $? = 69 + 13^2 \times 3 \div \sqrt{289} \times 34 - 26^2$
 a) 412 b) 423 c) 457
 d) 407 e) None of these
- Q.31) $\frac{1860}{15} + \frac{123}{15.375} + (?) = (2.6 \times 5)^2$
 a) 36 b) 37 c) 47
 d) 17 e) 15
- Q.32) $131 \times 4 + 143 \times 3 + (?) = (8 \times 1.375)^3$
 a) 478 b) 248 c) 568
 d) 378 e) 380
- Q.33) $1310 + 123 + 510 \times 2 + 1 + 320 = (?) \times 2 + 424 + 31 \times 3 + 3.5 \times 2$
 a) 2250 b) 1365 c) 1525
 d) 1125 e) 1105
- Q.34) $[14\% \text{ of } 645 + 28\% \text{ of } 340] \times 2 - (?) = 7^3$
 a) 28 b) 29 c) 18
 d) 10 e) 12
- Q.35) $4.44 + 444.404 + 404.44 + 40.4044 = (?) + 44.04 + 400.404 + 4.24 + 5.0044$
 a) 456 b) 480 c) 420
 d) 440 e) 340
- Q.36) $? = 45\% \text{ of } 180 + 33\% \text{ of } 200 - 12\% \text{ of } 350 + 23\% \text{ of } 400$
 a) 185 b) 197 c) 188
 d) 213 e) 208
- Q.37) $(122 \times 42 \div 12 + 72 \div 36 \times 25) \div 3 = ? + 24$
 a) 142 b) 135 c) 120
 d) 145 e) None of these
- Q.38) $? = (12^2 + 44 - 8^2) \div \sqrt[3]{64} \times 6^2 - 11^2 + 28$

a) 1203 b) 1017 c) 1066
d) 1023 e) None of these
Q.39) $? = \sqrt{324} \times \sqrt{256} \div \sqrt[3]{216} \times \sqrt[3]{512}$
a) 284 b) 312 c) 384
d) 288 e) 326
Q.40) $? = 2\frac{2}{3} - 3\frac{5}{6} + 5\frac{1}{4} + 4\frac{3}{8}$
a) $7\frac{17}{60}$ b) $9\frac{1}{20}$ c) $6\frac{3}{20}$
d) $8\frac{11}{24}$ e) None of these
Q.41) $238.5 + 28^2 \div \sqrt[3]{512} - 156.3 = ? + 22.2$
a) 123 b) 158 c) 168
d) 193 e) 201
Q.42) $24 \times 86 + 98 - 188 \div 4 = ?$
a) 2115 b) 3129 c) 1090
d) 3901 e) 2091
Q.43) 24% of 5460 + 15% of 9995 + 287 = ?
a) 3908.53 b) 3095.54 c) 3096.65
d) 3920.23 e) 3298.32
Q.44) $87932 + 49230 - 39239 + 3292 - 9281 - 23123 + 12 = ?$
a) 68879 b) 48920 c) 67053
d) 68823 e) 68738
Q.45) $\frac{78 \times 184 \times 33}{\sqrt[3]{529} \times \sqrt[3]{2197}} = ?$
a) 1783 b) 2189 c) 1893
d) 1839 e) 1584
Q.46) $\frac{11x - 42 + 343 \times 49}{13 \times 48 + 78} = 2$
a) 8 b) 1 c) 0.5
d) 2 e) 3
Q.47) 36% of $1800 \div 15\%$ of $720 - 480\%$ of $260 \div 80\%$ of 2390 = x + 2
a) 1 b) 4 c) 2
d) 8 e) 6
Q.48) $6^2 \times 44 \div 4^2 \times 2^3 \div 33 = x + 120 \div 8$
a) 29 b) 19 c) 10
d) 13 e) 9
Q.49) $3\frac{3}{4} - 8\frac{1}{3} + 6\frac{3}{5} = x + \frac{7}{20}$
a) $2\frac{4}{7}$ b) $2\frac{1}{3}$ c) $1\frac{2}{3}$
d) $1\frac{1}{5}$ e) None of these
Q.50) $x = 12 \times 484 \div 66 + 23^2 - \sqrt{729} \div 3^2$
a) 529 b) 620 c) 537
d) 614 e) None of these
Q.51) $\sqrt[2]{67.24} + \sqrt{7.84} + \sqrt{(?)} = (32 \times 0.375)$
a) 9 b) 4 c) 2
d) 1 e) 16
Q.52) $(3.125 \times 5) - (2 \times 6.225) = \frac{203.2}{(?)^2}$
a) 1 b) 2 c) 4
d) 6 e) 8
Q.53) $13 \times 21 \times 0.5 + 0.5 + 169 = [(2.1 \times 7) + 0.3] \times (?)$
a) 22.8 b) 20.4 c) 26.2
d) 18.1 e) 18.4
Q.54) $\frac{810}{16.2} \times \frac{24.25}{12.125} = (?)^2$
a) 18 b) 12 c) 10
d) 16 e) 14
Q.55) $16^2 - (1.6 \times 5) + 13 = (?) \times 3 + (9)^2$
a) 19 b) 40 c) 50
d) 60 e) 62
Q.56) 50% of 240 + 25% of 360 + 40% of 400 + x% of 200 = 410
a) 20 b) 10 c) 15
d) 25 e) 24
Q.57) $\frac{\sqrt{841}}{116} \times \frac{64}{169} \times \frac{338}{\sqrt{1024}} = (?)$
a) 2 b) 1 c) 16
d) 32 e) 8
Q.58) $\frac{0.125}{\sqrt{0.25}} \times \frac{0.216}{\sqrt{0.36}} \times (0.1296)^{-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = (?)$
a) $\frac{1}{2}$ b) $\frac{2}{5}$ c) $\frac{1}{4}$
d) $\frac{3}{5}$ e) $\frac{3}{4}$
Q.59) $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{17}{19} \times \frac{285}{272} = (?)$
a) $-\frac{1}{2}$ b) 1 c) 2
d) 0.5 e) 2.5
Q.60) $234 + 2454 + 351 + 136.34 + 461.35 - 36.69 = (?)^2$
a) 50 b) 3600 c) 36
d) 216 e) 60
Q.61) $11x + 25 \times 340 + 24\% \text{ of } 300 = 9001$
a) 42 b) 39 c) 45

d) 54 e) 48
Q.62) $45\% \text{ of } 3500 + 40\% \text{ of } 2400 = x^2 + 35$
a) 51 b) 52 c) 53
d) 55 e) 50
Q.63) $\sqrt{4761} + \sqrt[3]{9261} - \sqrt{7569} = x^2 - 1$
a) 3 b) 4 c) 5
d) 2 e) 6
Q.64) $15\% \text{ of } 2560 + 34 \times 48 = 8x$
a) 272 b) 324 c) 252
d) 221 e) 232
Q.65) $272.72 + 34.34 + 5.252 + 4737.3 + 0.388 = x$
a) 5049 b) 5048 c) 5051
d) 5050 e) 5052
Q.66) $11\% \text{ of } 2400 + \frac{684}{19} + \sqrt{625} = x\% \text{ of } 25$
a) 1300 b) 1500 c) 2400
d) 2600 e) None of these
Q.67) $450 + 750 + 200 + 40\% \text{ of } 3000 = 13x$
a) 300 b) 400 c) 500
d) 200 e) 350
Q.68) $428 + 237 + 339 + 197 + \frac{4500}{36} = x + 789$
a) 537 b) 598 c) 542
d) 582 e) 524
Q.69) $65\% \text{ of } 1800 - 45\% \text{ of } 2400 = x + 80$
a) 20 b) 30 c) 10
d) 25 e) None of these
Q.70) $1200 + 1400 + 1600 + 2500 + 2300 = x + (\sqrt{1521}) \times 100$
a) 4900 b) 5100 c) 5400
d) 5700 e) 6100
Q.71) $\sqrt{\frac{(26)^2}{4}} \times (?) = (15^2 + 10^2)$
a) 25 b) 24 c) 39
d) 34 e) 30
Q.72) $30\% \text{ of } 2540 + (?)\% \text{ of } 15000 = (170.25 \times 8)$
a) 12 b) 10 c) 4
d) 6 e) 8
Q.73) $2434 + 4324 + 3423 - 434 + 42 - 434 = (?)$
a) 7235 b) 5560 c) 5235
d) 8955 e) 9355
Q.74) $3.213 + 231.23 - 64.324 + 42.354 = (?) + 0.473$
a) 260 b) 212 c) 124
d) 224 e) 230
Q.75) $5\frac{1}{2} + 11\frac{1}{3} + 8\frac{2}{5} - 1\frac{2}{3} = (?)$
a) 21 b) $21\frac{23}{29}$ c) $22\frac{29}{30}$
d) $23\frac{23}{30}$ e) None of these
Q.76) $4 \times 8 + 3 \times 2 \times 5 + 2 + 3 = (?)^2 + 3$
a) 10 b) 12 c) 9
d) 8 e) 6
Q.77) $\frac{323}{17} + \frac{667}{23} + (?) = 7^2$
a) 10 b) 16 c) 9
d) 4 e) 1
Q.78) $(64\% \text{ of } 1300) \div 8 - 4 = (?)^2$
a) 14 b) 12 c) 10
d) 9 e) 8
Q.79) $486 + 254 - 360 + (?) = 7^3 + 40$
a) 5 b) 7 c) 3
d) 4 e) 2
Q.80) $[(5 \div 2) \times 8]^2 \div 4^2 = (?) \times 2.5$
a) 10 b) 12 c) 13
d) 16 e) 20
Q.81) $\frac{24}{27} \div \frac{4}{9} \times 15 + 189.5 = ? + 2\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{5}{4}$
a) 221.5 b) 198.4 c) 222.7
d) 217.5 e) 238.8
Q.82) $23\% \text{ of } 678 + 15\% \text{ of } \sqrt{1024} \times 225 = ?^2 + 2.94$
a) 18 b) 16 c) 5
d) 15 e) 21
Q.83) $38329 + 34287 - 2112 - 322 + 412 = ? + 2311$
a) 62183 b) 78382 c) 68901
d) 72398 e) 68283
Q.84) $57 \div 3 \times 16 + 2\frac{4}{5}\% \text{ of } 6500 = ?$
a) 530 b) 445 c) 486
d) 587 e) 409
Q.85) $2\frac{6}{7} \times 3\frac{2}{11} \times 2\frac{1}{5} = ?$
a) 35 b) 20 c) 24
d) 42 e) 20
Q.86) $\frac{27}{16} \times \frac{24}{81} \times \frac{20}{9} \times \frac{15}{6} \div \frac{5}{36} = ?$
a) 27 b) 20 c) 16

d) 32 e) 18
Q.87) $54\% \text{ of } 950 + 98\% \text{ of } 900 - 65\% \text{ of } 640 + 34\% \text{ of } 650 = ?$
a) 1200 b) 1150 c) 2130
d) 3200 e) 2950
Q.88) $\sqrt[2]{2304} \times \sqrt[3]{729} + 651 - 1005 = ?$
a) 67 b) 89 c) 78
d) 87 e) 96
Q.89) $13^2 - 12^2 - 5^2 + 14^2 - 230 = ?$
a) -13 b) 28 c) -34
d) 34 e) 28
Q.90) $\frac{(\sqrt{1024} + \sqrt{256} \times 12)}{4} = ?$
a) 9 b) 16 c) 4
d) 6 e) 12
Q.91) $(0.81)^2 \div (0.729)^3 \times (0.9)^2 = (0.9)^{? - 3}$
a) 3 b) 6 c) 7
d) 0 e) 4
Q.92) $34.5\% \text{ of } 1800 + 12.4\% \text{ of } 1500 = (?)^3 + 78$
a) 3 b) 5 c) 7
d) 8 e) 9
Q.93) $\sqrt{15^2 \times 12 \div (9) - 125 + 21} = ?$
a) 13 b) 14 c) 17
d) 18 e) 15
Q.94) $2\frac{1}{8} - 1\frac{1}{16} = ? + 1\frac{1}{32} - 1\frac{9}{64}$
a) $1\frac{11}{64}$ b) $1\frac{1}{8}$ c) $1\frac{1}{32}$
d) $2\frac{3}{8}$ e) $1\frac{1}{4}$
Q.95) $65\% \text{ of } \sqrt{3136} \times 5 = ? + 154$
a) 14 b) 7 c) 21
d) 28 e) 35
Q.96) $7.2 \times 5.6 \div 11.2 + 10.8 \text{ of } \frac{1}{18} - \frac{1}{10} = ?$
a) 4.1 b) 3.2 c) 5.6
d) 7.1 e) 3.3
Q.97) $150\% \text{ of } 2.4 + 250\% \text{ of } 4.4 - 75\% \text{ of } 3.6 \text{ is equal to } 50\% \text{ of } ?$
a) 23.8 b) 25.3 c) 30.6
d) 63.4 e) 17.2
Q.98) $1.1 \times 32 + 3.3 \times 16 + 1.1 \times 20 \text{ is equal to } ? \times 55.$
a) 4 b) 3 c) 2
d) 5 e) 6
Q.99) $6^2 + 80\% \text{ of } 80 \text{ is equal to } \sqrt{?}$
a) 100 b) 10000 c) 10
d) 1 e) None of these.
Q.100) $\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{4}{9} \times \frac{27}{8} \times \frac{10}{15} = \frac{?}{24}$
a) 8 b) 6 c) 7
d) 5 e) 2
Q.101) $\frac{\sqrt{15876}}{21} \times \frac{\sqrt{?}}{6} = (0.75 \times 8)^2$
a) 1926 b) 1629 c) 1296
d) 1962 e) 1269
Q.102) $64\% \text{ of } 1250 + (?)\% \text{ of } 650 = (30)^2 - (3)^2$
a) 8 b) 10 c) 12
d) 14 e) 16
Q.103) $32.5 + 42.5 + 1.25 + 7.25 = (?) + (3 \times 4.5)$
a) 82 b) 80 c) 79
d) 60 e) 70
Q.104) $12.12 \times 4 + 6.565 \times 8 = (?)^2 + 1$
a) 100 b) 101 c) 102
d) 10 e) 110
Q.105) $17^2 + 3 \times (?) = 26^2 - 18$
a) 133 b) 124 c) 123
d) 113 e) 112
Q.106) $[(0.32 \times 25) + (0.08 \times 150)]^2 = \frac{(?)}{2}$
a) 800 b) 802 c) 700
d) 600 e) 850
Q.107) $\frac{5609}{71} \times \frac{8439}{87} = (?)^2 \times (19.4 \times 15.8)$
a) 25 b) 5 c) 50
d) 100 e) 10
Q.108) $13.5\% \text{ of } 1200 + (0.28 \times 25) = \sqrt{(?)}$
a) 13 b) 196 c) 169
d) 64 e) 28561
Q.109) $300 \times 1.35 + 420 \times 1.75 + (?) = (1.375 \times 8)^3$
a) 190 b) 193 c) 191
d) 192 e) 198
Q.110) $94 + 347 + 236 + 392 - (?) = 37 + 3728 - 3181$
a) 472 b) 482 c) 490
d) 475 e) 485

Q.111) $128 \div 16 \times 64 - 324 = ?^2 + 124$
a) 9 b) -8 c) 7
d) -11 e) 5
Q.112) $\sqrt{324} \div 2 \times 9.5 + 13.25 = ?$
a) 97.75 b) 78.45 c) 98.75
d) 89.85 e) 85.95
Q.113) $26 \times 12 + 3\frac{3}{4} \text{ of } 840 - 667.5 = ?$
a) 2398.9 b) 3920.5 c) 2190.4
d) 2794.5 e) 1990.4
Q.114) $\sqrt{289 \times 841} + \sqrt[3]{125} = ? \times 3$
a) 156 b) 192 c) 166
d) 210 e) 225
Q.115) $15\% \text{ of } 980 - 1\frac{4}{5}\% \text{ of } 1600 + 846 = ?$
a) 897.5 b) 964.2 c) 967.3
d) 789.9 e) 893.4
Q.116) $1728.97 + 165.43 - 243.24 - 864.54 = ? - 11.26$
a) 779.7 b) 876.97 c) 799.78
d) 698.98 e) 797.88
Q.117) $846.64 + \sqrt{729}\% \text{ of } 8610 - 22.34 = ?$
a) 3149 b) 3419 c) 3459
d) 3248 e) 3388
Q.118) $\frac{\sqrt[3]{1089 \times \sqrt{2116} + \sqrt[3]{529}}}{\sqrt[3]{1331 \times 2}} = ?$
a) 2.5 b) 5 c) 3
d) 6.4 e) 11
Q.119) $588 \div 12 \div 3\frac{1}{2} \times 15 = ?$
a) 311 b) 310 c) 215
d) 210 e) 223
Q.120) $20\% \text{ of } 65^2 + 15\% \text{ of } 62^2 + 43^2 = x + 17^2$
a) 2890.2 b) 2981.6 c) 3198.9
d) 3019.4 e) 2938.5
Q.121) $\frac{(?)}{3.5} = (12 \times 4.5 + 34 \times 3.5) - 11 \times 12$
a) 132.5 b) 126.5 c) 143.5
d) 155.5 e) None of these
Q.122) $? = 135 \times 12 \div \frac{1}{6} \text{ of } 216 + 25\% \text{ of } 280$
a) 145 b) 115 c) 125
d) 160 e) 120
Q.123) $? = 12^2 \div 2^2 \times 15 - 3^2 + 141$
a) 576 b) 712 c) 656
d) 672 e) 632
Q.124) $? = \frac{144}{8} \times \frac{372}{12} \div \frac{30}{18} \times \frac{10}{108}$
a) 31 b) 48 c) 106
d) 76 e) 93
Q.125) $? = 117 \div \sqrt{169} \times \frac{45}{5} \times \frac{7}{\sqrt{81}}$
a) 75 b) 84 c) 56
d) 69 e) 63
Q.126) $? = \frac{7}{12} \times 372 + \frac{4}{13} \text{ of } 104 - \frac{5}{17} \text{ of } 204$
a) 193 b) 211 c) 189
d) 175 e) 195
Q.127) $15\% \text{ of } 280 + 18\% \text{ of } 450 - 20\% \text{ of } 150 = ? - 24\% \text{ of } 200$
a) 121 b) 141 c) 182
d) 153 e) 167
Q.128) $\frac{7}{12} = 15 \times 3\frac{1}{5} + 18 \times 4\frac{4}{9} + 12 \times 2\frac{1}{4}$
a) 1760 b) 1860 c) 1880
d) 1920 e) 1800
Q.129) $? = 4^2\sqrt{25} - \frac{15^2}{\sqrt{25}} + 88 \div \sqrt{121}$
a) 58 b) 35 c) 43
d) 49 e) 53
Q.130) $? = 4\frac{3}{8} + 3\frac{7}{12} - 6\frac{3}{4} + 8\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{5}{6}$
a) $7\frac{1}{8}$ b) $6\frac{1}{8}$ c) $-7\frac{1}{8}$
d) $6\frac{7}{8}$ e) None of these
Q.131) $250 \div 5 \times 4 \div 2 + \frac{1}{2}(1000 \div (50 \times 10)) = ?$
a) 101 b) 151 c) 201
d) 121 e) None of these
Q.132) $(32 + 10 + 8 + 4 - 2 - 2) \times \frac{1}{3}(10 \times 30 + 50 \times 6) = ?$
a) 10050 b) 10000 c) 10500
d) 20000 e) None of these
Q.133) $(\frac{1}{2} + 3\frac{1}{4} + 5\frac{6}{5} - 2\frac{3}{5}) \times 100 = ?$
a) 725 b) 745 c) 735
d) 785 e) None of these
Q.134) $\sqrt{576} \times \sqrt{144} + \sqrt{324} - \sqrt{400} = ?$
a) 276 b) 296 c) 235
d) 286 e) None of these

Q.135) $288 \div 4 - 20 \times 2 + 32 = 2^?$
a) 6 b) 4 c) 3
d) 2 e) None of these
Q.136) $426 \times 6 - 1556 = ? + 524$
a) 276 b) 476 c) 436
d) 566 e) None of these
Q.137) $20\% \text{ of } 800 + 30\% \text{ of } 500 - 280 = ?$
a) 40 b) 20 c) 30
d) 25 e) None of these
Q.138) $33000 \div 1100 \times 500 \div 20 = ? - 20 \times 20$
a) 1150 b) 1700 c) 1650
d) 1850 e) None of these
Q.139) $30\% \text{ of } \sqrt{676} \times 10 + 376 = ?$
a) 454 b) 555 c) 544
d) 354 e) None of these
Q.140) $(50 \times 14 \times 3) \div 25 + 55 = 3^? + 24 + 34$
a) 4 b) 5 c) 6
d) 3 e) None of these
Q.141) $20\% \text{ of } 200 + 40\% \text{ of } 120 + 65\% \text{ of } 3400 - 26\% \text{ of } 2700 = ?$
a) 1346 b) 1596 c) 3575
d) 2346 e) 3256
Q.142) $244.35 + 542.54 + 257.52 + 5753.46 + 859 + 78.658 - 735.528 = ?$
a) 6500 b) 6800 c) 7200
d) 7000 e) 8600
Q.143) $\frac{\sqrt{225}}{21} \times \frac{\sqrt{441}}{\sqrt{6.25}} \times \sqrt{x} = 1$
a) 36 b) 6 c) $\frac{1}{36}$
d) 216 e) $\frac{1}{6}$
Q.144) $\frac{0.375}{\sqrt{0.0625}} \times \frac{0.18}{0.75} \times (?)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{9}{25}$
a) $\frac{3}{5}$ b) 2 c) 0
d) 1 e) -1
Q.145) $\frac{\frac{1}{5} - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{2}{5}}{\frac{4}{5} - \frac{5}{7}} \times (31 \times 2) = (?)$
a) 35 b) 28 c) 36
d) 40 e) 25
Q.146) $\frac{0.45}{\sqrt{0.1296}} \times \frac{\sqrt{0.1024}}{\sqrt{6.25}} = (?)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
a) 2.56 b) $(0.16)^2$ c) $(1.6)^2$
d) 0.16 e) 0.016
Q.147) $(2 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4}) \div (\frac{2}{3} - \frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{5}) \times (1 - \frac{1}{3}) = (?)$
a) 2.5 b) 3.5 c) 3.5
d) 7.5 e) 2.5
Q.148) $20\% \text{ of } 240 + 54\% \text{ of } 20 - 20\% \text{ of } 360 = (?) - 15$
a) 1.8 b) 2.4 c) 5.6
d) 2.8 e) 1.2
Q.149) $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{15}{19} \times (?) = 96$
a) 234 b) 254 c) 266
d) 276 e) 289
Q.150) $\frac{4}{7} \times \frac{6}{11} \times \frac{14}{15} \times \frac{33}{72} \times 120 = (?)$
a) 15 b) 18 c) 21
d) 16 e) 12
Q.151) $\frac{2}{5} \times 1000 + \frac{10}{2} \times 200 \times 500 + 3000 + 2000 = ?$
a) 505400 b) 605440 c) 505300
d) 500400 e) None of these
Q.152) $2\frac{3}{5} + 3\frac{2}{3} + 4\frac{1}{10} - 5\frac{2}{5} = ?$
a) $4\frac{29}{30}$ b) $5\frac{30}{39}$ c) $3\frac{29}{30}$
d) 3 e) None of these
Q.153) $0.05 \times 0.2 + \frac{0.05}{0.25} \times 17 \times 15 = ?$
a) 51.01 b) 61.01 c) 52.01
d) 53.02 e) None of these
Q.154) $30\% \text{ of } 2000 \times 150\% \text{ of } 2000 \times 100\% \text{ of } 10 = ? - 200 + 300$
a) 17999000 b) 17999900 c) 17990000
d) 18900000 e) None of these
Q.155) $\frac{3}{5} \text{ of } 1000 + \frac{3}{2} \text{ of } 1000 - \frac{5}{4} \text{ of } 500 = ? - \frac{11}{2} \text{ of } 500$
a) 3225 b) 4225 c) 2245
d) 2345 e) None of these
Q.156) $13^2 - 10^2 + 21^2 + 9^2 - 2^2 - 4^2 = ?$
a) 571 b) 582 c) 600
d) 636 e) None of these
Q.157) $\frac{12^2}{24} + \frac{13^2}{13} - 1 = ? - \frac{45}{15} + \frac{133}{19}$
a) 15 b) 14 c) 24
d) 22 e) None of these

Q.158) $\frac{429}{33} + 55 + 66 - 30 = ? - 50 + 33 - 13$
a) 135 b) 136 c) 134
d) 124 e) None of these
Q.159) $\frac{10000}{50} \times \frac{500}{200} \times \frac{100}{250} \times \frac{1500}{60} \times \frac{5000}{1000} \times \frac{120}{100} = ?$
a) 30000 b) 70000 c) 80000
d) 50000 e) None of these
Q.160) $500 \times 22 + 600 \times 20 + 300 \times 4 - 1000 \times 4 - 200 \times 10 = ?$
a) 18200 b) 19200 c) 18300
d) 19300 e) None of these
Q.161) $4\frac{1}{9} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \div 20\frac{23}{16} \times 1\frac{36}{111} \times 1\frac{3}{4} \times x = 16$
a) 11 b) 9 c) 10
d) 8 e) 12
Q.162) $1\frac{7}{8} + 2\frac{5}{4} + 3\frac{1}{8} - 5\frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{8} \times x^3$
a) 2 b) 3 c) 4
d) 5 e) 6
Q.163) $\frac{5}{11} \text{ of } \frac{2}{17} \text{ of } 3\frac{6}{15} \text{ of } 1\frac{5}{17} \text{ of } x = 2452$
a) 10450 b) 10241 c) 10330
d) 10660 e) None of these
Q.164) $2\frac{1}{5} \div 1\frac{5}{6} \div \frac{36}{15} + x = 4$
a) 3.5 b) 4 c) 3
d) 2 e) 2.5
Q.165) $(128 \div 8) \times (1\frac{1}{5} + 4\frac{4}{5}) + 44 \times \frac{13}{1456} \times 112 = 2x$
a) 43 b) 92 c) 70
d) 40 e) None of these
Q.166) $\sqrt{256} = x^2 - 224 + 180 \div 12$
a) 25 b) 225 c) 15
d) 625 e) None of these
Q.167) $\frac{210}{15} \times \frac{176}{8} \div \frac{5}{60} \times \frac{221}{17} = x$
a) 48268 b) 48048 c) 48008
d) 48028 e) None of these
Q.168) $2 \times (\frac{1}{16})\% \text{ of } 2400 - (\frac{3}{15})\% \text{ of } 1000 = x$
a) 10 b) 3 c) 5
d) 1 e) None of these
Q.169) $25\% \text{ of } 360 + 15\% \text{ of } 220 - 140 \times \frac{2}{7} - 20 = x$
a) 53 b) 73 c) 63
d) 68 e) None of these
Q.170) $105 \times 1335 \div \sqrt{225} = x + \sqrt{169}$
a) 9342 b) 9332 c) 9164
d) 9316 e) None of these
Q.171) $256 + \sqrt{529} - 15 \times 12 = ? + 72$
a) 34 b) 56 c) 72
d) 48 e) 27
Q.172) $\frac{1}{3} \times 987 + 15\% \text{ of } 940 + ? = 267$
a) 203 b) 213 c) -203
d) -222 e) -237
Q.173) $345 + 543 + 453 + 354 = ?$
a) 1659 b) 1695 c) 1879
d) 1873 e) 1768
Q.174) $1854.5 + 984.75 + 1171.23 - ? = 565.48$
a) 3545 b) 3354 c) 3544
d) 3445 e) 3454
Q.175) $12 \div 4 \times 24 + \sqrt{1764} = ? \times 4$
a) 25.5 b) 32.4 c) 28.5
d) 29.7 e) 43.6
Q.176) $\sqrt{552 + (8 \times 3)} + 346 + 432 + 246 + (?) = 1089$
a) 35 b) 32 c) 41
d) 38 e) 25
Q.177) $\frac{102}{17} \times \frac{156}{13} + \sqrt{9\frac{1}{81} - \frac{1}{81}} = (?)$
a) 72 b) 75 c) 70
d) 65 e) 76
Q.178) $1\frac{2}{5} \div 3\frac{2}{5} + \sqrt{(3\frac{1}{289} - \frac{9 \times 3}{289})} + \frac{15}{17} = (?)$
a) 4 b) 5 c) 2
d) 3 e) 1
Q.179) $133.242 + 1314.24 + 144.21 + 244.35 + 1413.53 - 0.572 = (?)$
a) 3249 b) 2455 c) 3246
d) 4326 e) 3454
Q.180) $\frac{\sqrt{676}}{36} \times \frac{\sqrt{1024}}{\sqrt{169}} \times (6 \times 3) + 1431 + 34 = (?)$
a) 1498 b) 1232 c) 1499
d) 1525 e) None of these
Q.181) $12^2 \times \frac{2}{18} + \sqrt[3]{14884} + (?) = (6.5 \times 2)^2$
a) 41 b) 39 c) 21

- d) 31 e) 11
 Q.182) $12 \times 12.5 + 18 \times (?) = (19 + 1)^2 + (16.25 \times 4)$
 a) 16.5 b) 18.5 c) 17.5
 d) 12.5 e) 10.5
 Q.183) $\frac{221}{21} \times \frac{567}{17} - (?) = 18^2$
 a) 37 b) 18 c) 9
 d) 3 e) 27
 Q.184) $2.334 + 54.24 + 45.24 - (?) = 8.23 + 21.32 + 10.45 + 0.814$
 a) 82 b) 62 c) 61
 d) 16 e) 59
 Q.185) $\sqrt[3]{4913} + (23.324 + 4324.24 + 313.3 - 0.864) = (?)$
 a) 4698 b) 4688 c) 4378
 d) 4677 e) 4489
 Q.186) $21.12 + 1221.21 - 21.21 + 12.21 + 21.01 = ?$
 a) 1245.34 b) 1254.34 c) 1134.76
 d) 1142.43 e) None of these
 Q.187) $\sqrt{3249} - \sqrt{2209} + ? = \sqrt[3]{1000}$
 a) 10 b) 90 c) 5
 d) 0 e) 17
 Q.188) $\left(\frac{1}{4}\% \text{ of } 2400\right) \times \frac{2}{5} \text{ of } 725 = ? - 12\% \text{ of } 25$
 a) 1765 b) 1868 c) 1439
 d) 1743 e) None of these
 Q.189) $(81)^3 \times 9^8 \div (729)^3 = 9^?$
 a) 5 b) 0 c) 12
 d) 7 e) None of these
 Q.190) $1.2 \times 1.3 \times 1.4 \times 1.5 \times ? = 39.312$
 a) 13 b) 22 c) 12
 d) 27 e) None of these
 Q.191) $\frac{625^3 + 375^3}{625^2 - 625 \times 375 + 375^2} = x$
 a) 1000 b) 1024 c) 1225
 d) 1331 e) None of these
 Q.192) $4096 \times 8^x = 8^4 \times 8^3 \div 512$
 a) 1 b) 2 c) 3
 d) 4 e) None of these
 Q.193) $1 = 1^x$
 a) 0 b) 1 c) 2
 d) Can't be determined
 e) None of these
 Q.194) $0.125\% \text{ of } 800 + 0.2\% \text{ of } 500 + 0.375\% \text{ of } 1000 + \frac{0.25}{0.50} = x^2$
 a) 2.5 b) 3.5 c) 4.5
 d) 5.5 e) 8
 Q.195) $0.25 \times 25 - 1 + 6.75 + 2^2 + 3^2 = x^2$
 a) 6 b) 5 c) 7
 d) 8 e) 9
 Q.196) $\sqrt[3]{1728} + \sqrt[3]{3375} = -\sqrt{x} + 6^2 + 4^2$
 a) 525 b) 630 c) 635
 d) 640 e) None of these
 Q.197) $30\% \text{ of } 350 + 15\% \text{ of } 200 + \frac{3}{5} \times 100 + \frac{0.5}{0.25} \times 50 + 29 = x$
 a) 208 b) 324 c) 432
 d) 542 e) None of these
 Q.198) $0.12 + 0.18 + 0.22 - 0.10 + 0.11 + 0.07 + 0.15 + 0.25 = \sqrt{x}$
 a) 1 b) 2 c) 3
 d) 4 e) None of these
 Q.199) $3^x \times 3^3 = 243 \times 27 \times 3^{15}$
 a) 17 b) 18 c) 20
 d) 19 e) None of these
 Q.200) $\frac{[(1024+36)^2 - (1024-36)^2]}{1024 \times 36} = x$
 a) 4 b) 5 c) 8
 d) 7 e) None of these

SIMPLIFICATION

Answer Key:

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