

MCQ JUNE 2018

1. On June 1, 2018, the Minister for Woman and Child Development Ms. Maneka Gandhi launched India's first Advanced Forensic Lab in ____?

- (a) New Delhi (b) Mysuru
(c) Chandigarh (d) Dehradun
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) Chandigarh Explanation: The lab is called 'Sakhi Suraksha Advanced DNA Forensic Laboratory'. This is being set up as a model DNA lab and will have replicas in different parts of the country. Capacity of Chandigarh lab will be increased to 2000 cases per year from the current 160 cases per year by the inclusion . 5 other labs would come up in : Mumbai, Chennai, Guwahati, Pune , Bhopal.

2. On June 1, 2018, the Ministry of Culture launched a new scheme called ____ to reimburse the central government of CGST and IGST to reduce the financial burden of the religious institutions who serve necessities to the public / devotee free of cost without discrimination?

- (a) Seva Bhoj Yojana (b) Gram Seva Yojana
(c) Seva Shiksha Yojana (d) Seva Sathya Yojana
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Seva Bhoj Yojana Explanation: The services include food, Prasad, langar (Community Kitchen). The charitable institutions include Temples, Gurudwara, Mosque, Church, Dharmik Ashram, Dargah, Matth, Monasteries who have been existing for at least 5years before the grant. They should serve at least 5000 people in a month and is under Societies Registration Act and under Income Tax Act (under section 10 (23BBA)). The institutions will be given renewed registration by the Ministry as per evaluation of their performance.

3. On May 31,2018 , what rank did India secure in the Save the Children's "End of Childhood Index 2018", which is a part of a report : "The Many faces of Exclusion"?

- (a) 100 (b) 113 (c) 145 (d) 85
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) 113 Explanation: The index is a part of a report : 'The Many faces of Exclusion'. The index a total of 175 countries to determine quality of childhood. In 2017 , India ranked 116 with a point of 754/1000 out of 172 countries and in 2018 India ranked 113 with total score of 768/1000 , with an improvement of 14 points . The cause of improvement is reducing Child marriage. India's child mortality rate under five years (out of 1000 live births) was 43 which is quite

high and so is child stunting (age from 0-59 months) which is at 38.4%.

4. On 1st June 2018, India's first superfast train, ____ express from Mumbai to Pune marked 88 years of service?

- (a) Mumbai Queen (b) Deccan Queen
(c) Southern Queen
(d) Queen of Western Ghats
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Deccan Queen Explanation: Deccan Queen express is also known as 'Queen of Deccan'. The train began operations on 1st June 1930. This was the first deluxe train introduced by Indian Railways. The train reduced travel time between Mumbai and Pune by nearly one hour. This was the first train which had coaches with roller bearings, replacement of end on generation coaches with self-generating coaches with 110 volts system and first and second class chair cars.

5. A new reward scheme named ____ has been introduced by the Income Tax Department to encourage people to provide information about benami transactions and properties and also income earned on such properties by hidden investors and beneficial owners?

- (a) Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme, 2018
(b) Benami Transfers Informants Reward Scheme, 2018
(c) Benami Transactions Complaints Reward Scheme, 2018
(d) Benami Properties Informants Reward Scheme, 2018
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme, 2018 Explanation: This reward scheme aims to encourage people to provide information about benami transactions and properties and also income earned on such properties by hidden investors and beneficial owners. Under the Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme, 2018, a person can receive reward up to Rs. 1 crore for offering specific information in prescribed manner to the Joint or Additional Commissioners of Benami Prohibition Units (BPUs) in Investigation Directorates of Income Tax Department.

6. On 31st May 2018, who took charge as Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting?

- (a) Jhanaki Raman (b) Rajaram Bhaskar

- (c) Amit Khare (d) Arathi Bhaskar
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) Amit Khare Explanation: Amit Khare is an IAS Officer of the Jharkhand cadre of 1985 batch. He replaces Narendra Kumar Sinha as Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. Earlier, Amit Khare was serving as Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand. He has also worked as Principal Secretary, Finance & Planning Department, Government of Jharkhand.

7. On 31st May 2018, Timothy Pereira, who passed away after a long term illness, in Mumbai, was a ___?

- (a) High Court Judge (b) Football player
(c) Politician (d) Dancer
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Football player Explanation: Timothy Pereira was 75 years old. He represented the Tata Football Club. He first played for Goan sports and State Bank. He played for India in 1967-68. He also played hockey and represented Catholic Gymkhana in the local league.

8. On May 31, 2018, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched RuPay card, BHIM and SBI apps at 'Business, Innovation and Community Event' in which country?

- (a) Singapore (b) United Kingdom
(c) Malaysia (d) Japan
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Singapore Explanation: These apps were Rupay Card, BHIM app and SBI app. These were launched in 'Business, Innovation and Community Event'. This would be beneficial for Indian blue collar workers as they can transfer money as remittance upto Rs. 10000 with this.

9. On 30th May 2018, United States Defense Secretary Jim Mattis announced that U.S. Pacific Command or PACOM is renamed as ___?

- (a) U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
(b) U.S. India Pacific Command
(c) U.S. Atlantic Pacific Command
(d) U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Explanation: The U.S. Pacific Command has been renamed as U.S. Indo-Pacific Command in a move to highlight India's importance to the US military in the middle of tensions with China over the militarisation of the South China Sea. This is the oldest and largest military command of the United States. It was formed after World War II. Jim Mattis commented on the name change at the change of command ceremony in Pearl Harbor for incoming INDOPACOM commander Adm. Phil Davidson.

10. On 2nd June 2018, who was sworn in as Spain's Prime Minister?

- (a) Pedro Sanchez (b) Juan Rodriguez
(c) Mariano Rajoy (d) Briane Ligrad

- (e) None of these

Answer - (a) Pedro Sanchez Explanation: Pedro Sanchez has taken charge as seventh head of government of Spain since it returned to democracy in the late 1970s. Pedro Sanchez has replaced Mariano Rajoy. Mariano Rajoy was stepped down due to a corruption scandal. Pedro Sanchez was sworn in as Spanish prime minister before King Felipe. He belongs to the Socialist Party.

11. On 1st June 2018, the ICC included Nepal, ____, Scotland and the UAE in their ODI rankings list in addition to the 12 existing countries?

- (a) Afghanistan (b) Bangladesh
(c) Netherlands (d) Iceland
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) Netherlands Explanation: Scotland has been ranked in 13th position with 28 points. The UAE has 18 points and has secured 14th position. The Netherlands have 13 rating points. Nepal and the Netherlands have to play four matches more to get into the table. The positions of the 12 Test playing countries, who were already on the table, are not affected by the introduction of these new teams. The table is topped by England. India is ranked second. Pakistan is in sixth place.

12. On June 3, 2018, the global financial services major Morgan Stanley reported that India would become a leader in shared mobility by which year?

- (a) 2030 (b) 2024 (c) 2025 (d) 2027
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) 2030 Explanation: This improvement would be caused by the increasing amount of electric and autonomous vehicles being used. This would increase the shared miles by 35% to 50% of all miles travelled in India by 2040. The trend of shared mobility with the vast population and internet services would help replace the public transport system and individual car ownership by app based taxi services. In 2017, 10% of a total of 257 million miles have been travelled by shared mobility and this trend would increase to 35% by 2030.

13. India would import its first ever LNG from Russia on June 4, 2018. India is considered the ___ largest buyer of Liquefied Natural gas?

- (a) second (b) fourth
(c) fifth (d) third
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) fourth Explanation: GAIL India Ltd. will be importing the LNG from Gazprom at Petronet LNG. Earlier LNG from US was imported at Dabhol port of Mumbai for the first time. The supply between GAIL and Gazprom is a 20 year deal of import of 2.5 million tonnes of LNG a year. The further break up of the 2.5 million tonnes is : 0.5 MT in 2018-19 , 0.75 in 2019-20, and 1.5 MT in 2020-21

14. On 4th June 2018, 15 projects were approved under TIES scheme of commerce ministry to develop infrastructure for promoting exports. Expand TIES?

- (a) Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme
- (b) Transport Infrastructure for Expenditure Scheme
- (c) Trade Import Export Scheme
- (d) Technology and Infrastructure for Export Scheme
- (e) None of these

Answer - (a) Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme
 Explanation: In 2017 the commerce ministry introduced the Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) to create required infrastructure for development and growth of exports by engagement of central or state agencies. The total scheme outlay is Rs 600 crore. Out of this Rs 80 crore was provided in 2017-18. During then current fiscal year another Rs 80 crore will be offered.

16. On June 4, 2018, RBI supplied ____ for the implementation of Telengana Government's investment program 'Rythu Bandhu' launched in May 2018?

- (a) Rs.5400 crore
- (b) Rs.4800 crore
- (c) Rs.3200 crore
- (d) Rs.6500 crore
- (e) None of these

Answer - (a) Rs.5400 crore
 Explanation: Under the scheme the state govt. will give 4000 per hectare for two seasons by cheques. The Govt. has allotted 12000 crore as the budget in the scheme. The amount of total Rs.5400 crore was given to the banks and the State Financial Department. A total of 59 lakh cheques has been dispatched by the banks headed by SBI. For the current season total requirement for the scheme is Rs.5700 crore.

16. Name the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IDBI Bank who has been appointed as fourth RBI Deputy Governor for a 3 year term, on 4th June 2018?

- (a) Mukesh Kumar Jain
- (b) Rajesh Lall
- (c) David Rasquinha
- (d) Ajith Mondal
- (e) None of these

Answer - (a) Mukesh Kumar Jain
 Explanation: He was CEO of IDBI since March 2017 and previously he was CEO of Chennai based Indian Bank. He will be replacing SS Mundra whose tenure ended in July 2017. As per RBI Act, there are 4 deputy governors : 2 from within the bank, a commercial banker and an economist. The other current Deputy governors are : i. Shri B. P. Kanungo, ii. Dr. Viral V. Acharya, iii. Shri N.S. Vishwanathan.

17. On June 5, 2018, Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd. received a no-objection nod for its merger with which Bank?

- (a) YES Bank
- (b) DBS Bank
- (c) IndusInd Bank
- (d) Federal Bank
- (e) None of these

Answer - (c) IndusInd Bank
 Explanation: Bharat Financial (earlier known as SKS Microfinance) has got the nod from multiple stock exchanges like NSE and BSE after SEBI's approval. This merger was proposed and drafted by the board of directors of both the companies on October 2017. IndusInd Bank would acquire BFIL through all stock deal. BFIL caters to the weaker section of society and has its presence across 16 states covering 1 lakh villages.

18. What was the theme of World Environment Day that was celebrated on 5th June 2018?

- (a) Put an end to air pollution
- (b) Beat Water Pollution
- (c) Beat Plastic Pollution
- (d) Say No to Plastic
- (e) None of these

Answer - (c) Beat Plastic Pollution
 Explanation: On June 5, 2018, To commemorate the World Environment Day the Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Mr. Mahesh Sharma inaugurated a total of 3 thematic sessions on the theme of 'Beat Plastic Pollution' at VigyanBhawan in New Delhi. These sessions were presented in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and European Union (EU).

19. The Indian government has formed a group to study the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Policy of India, headed by ____?

- (a) Baba Kalyani
- (b) Raman Singh
- (c) Amritha Singh
- (d) Ravi Shankar
- (e) None of these

Answer - (a) Baba Kalyani
 Explanation: The SEZ Policy was implemented from 1st April 2000. The Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 was passed by Parliament in May, 2005. It received Presidential assent on 23rd June 2005 and the Special Economic Zone Act was enacted. The SEZ Act 2005, supported by SEZ Rules, was brought into act on 10th February 2006. The group that has been formed will evaluate the SEZ policy. It will suggest measures to cater to the needs of exporters according to the current economic condition.

20. On June 6, 2018, the 11th edition of Geo-Intelligence Asia 2018 was organized at Manekshaw Centre in which city?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Kochi
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) New Delhi
- (e) None of these

Answer - (d) New Delhi
 Explanation: The theme of this year's event : 'GeoSpatial : A Force Multiplier for Defence and Industrial Security'. Gen Bipin Rawat, Chief of the Army Staff stressed on the use of various technologies available in the Geo Spatial field to automate the Indian Army find solutions for the challenges faced by the Indian Army. The session covered subjects like Enhanced Situational Awareness for Combat, Smart Cantonments, GIS and Logistics, Cyber Security and LIDAR.

21. On June 5, 2018, The government of Uttarakhand announced that it would ban use of polythene bags from ____?

- (a) July 31st 2018
- (b) July 31st 2019
- (c) August 31st 2018
- (d) December 31st 2018
- (e) None of these

Answer - (a) July 31st 2018
 Explanation: This is inspired by Government's campaign against plastic use 'Beat Plastic Pollution' that was launched ahead of World Environment Day. A week before the ban the state will conduct a massive mass awareness campaign on environmental damage.

caused due to plastic use. Along with Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Nagaland, Maharashtra, Jharkhand also declared the ban. Tamil Nadu's ban will be in full effect from January 2019, Jharkhand's ban will be from June 5 2019 and Nagaland's decision would be in effect from December 2019.

22. On June 6, 2018, which state government launched an outstanding power bill waiver scheme for poor and families of labourers named 'Bijli Bill Mafi Yojana 2018 (Power Bill Waiver Scheme)?'

- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Maharashtra
(c) Goa (d) Chhattisgarh
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Madhya Pradesh Explanation: This would benefit 77 lakh people. Labourers falling under the unorganized sector would be given electricity at a subsidized rate. Another Yojana called : 'Mukhyamantri Jan Kalyan (Sambal) Yojana 2018'. Under this scheme , the BPL families would be given power supply at a rate of Rs.200 per month. Power connection would be provided free of cost and would benefit 88 lakh families.

23. On 6th to 9th June 2018, where was the closing ceremony of the 31st edition of the India - Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) held?

- (a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India
(b) Belawan, Indonesia
(c) Bali, Indonesia
(d) Rameshwaram, India
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Belawan, Indonesia Explanation: INS Kulish, a Kora class Missile Corvette commanded by Commander Deepak Bali and one Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft of the Andaman and Nicobar Command reached Belawan on 6th June 2018 for the closing ceremony. The opening ceremony of IND-INDO CORPAT was held on 24th and 25th May 2018 at Port Blair. The co-ordinated patrol (CORPAT) was held from 26th May to 2nd June 2018. The visit of the Indian Naval Ship indicates India's peaceful presence and solidarity with friendly countries. This is expected to improve India - Indonesia ties.

24. On 6th June 2018, which Bank received RBI's approval for merger of Capital First, Capital First Home Finance and Capital First Securities with the company?

- (a) IDFC Bank (b) HDFC Bank
(c) Axis Bank (d) ICICI Bank
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) IDFC Bank Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its no objection for the voluntary merger of Capital First Ltd, Capital First Home Finance Ltd and Capital First Securities Ltd with IDFC Bank. In January 2018, the company said that, its board of directors has approved merger of the three entities with IDFC Bank.

25. On June 6, 2018, World Bank approved an amount of ___ for the implementation of Atal Bhujal Yojana?

- (a) Rs. 7000 crore (b) Rs. 6000 crore
(c) Rs. 5000 crore (d) Rs. 3500 crore
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Rs. 6000 crore Explanation: The Atal Bhujal Yojana is under the Ministry of Water Resources , River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation . This scheme would be implemented from 2018-19 to 2022-23 for a period of 5 years. This scheme has been recommended by the Expenditure Finance Committee.

26. On June 7, 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a video conference on PMBJP and affordable Cardiac Stents and Knee Implants. Expand PMBJP?

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janshakthi Pariyojana
(b) Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana
(c) Pradhan Mantri Bijili Janaushadhi Pariyojana
(d) Pradhan Mantri Bandan Janshakthi Pariyojana
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana Explanation: The aim of the 'Samvad' or interaction was to get the feedback and to know the progress of the schemes for the poor patients . The 'Samvad' session would be uploaded to all the social media platforms like YouTube, NAMO App etc.

27. On June 7, 2018, President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated 73km long National Highway connecting Matabati to Udaipur-Sabroom in which state?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Tripura
(c) Meghalaya (d) Assam
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Tripura Explanation: On June 7, 2018, President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated 73km long National Highway in Tripura . This national highway will connect Matabati to Udaipur-Sabroom. This was constructed in 30 months. This will help in infrastructure development.

28. On June 7, 2018, The operation ___ performed by Indian Naval Ship Sunayana was successful and 38 Indian Nationals were successfully evacuated from the Socotra Island?

- (a) SITRA (b) NISTAR
(c) ATARA (d) ROSTRA
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) NISTAR Explanation: This was done as a part of Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Exercise (HADR) and was code named 'NISTAR'. This was in wake of the devastation caused by Cyclonic storm - Mekunu that left 38 Indian nationals stranded for 10 days in the island . The INS vessel docked at Socotra from the Gulf of Aden for search and rescue operations.

29. One June 7, 2018, According to a report of Economics and Peace in Sydney Australia, India

secured what rank in the Global Peace Index 2018?

- (a) 136 (b) 142 (c) 133 (d) 152
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) 136 Explanation: The number of countries ranked is 16(c) In 2018 India Ranked at 2016. During 2017 India improved by 4 places from 141st to 137th due to the reduction in violence caused by the enforcement of new laws. Iceland got the top rank. It has been ranked the most peaceful country from 2008.. New Zealand is 2nd, Austria is 3rd, Portugal is 4th and Denmark is 5th.

30. On June 7, 2018, World's first European Pressurized Reactor (EPR) nuclear reactor started its operations in Taishan, in which country?

- (a) China (b) Australia
(c) Russia (d) United States
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) China Explanation: It has third generation European technology. It is being managed by China General Nuclear Power Corporation. There are two reactors called: Taishan 1 and Taishan 2 and are of the same technology as EPRs in France and Finland. Taishan 1 will commence in a few weeks and Taishan 2 will start from 2019. This project is in Guangdong province and is 51% owned by CGN, 30% owned by EDF and 19% owned by the region's electrical utility firm.

31. President Ram Nath Kovind declared which fruit as the state fruit of Tripura, during his visit to Tripura recently?

- (a) Lichi (b) Queen Strawberry
(c) Pomegranate (d) Queen Pineapple
(e) None of these

Answer - (d) Queen Pineapple Explanation: He distributed LPG connections to 20 beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Raj Bhavan in Agartala. He laid the foundation stone for the re-development and augmentation of Matabari temple in Udaipur for increasing religious tourism. The president declared "Queen Pineapple" as the state fruit of Tripura. It was the fruit that was first exported to West Asia recently. On Tripura's economic and geographical potential it could help in improving business opportunities with the ASEAN countries.

32. On June 8, 2018, Minister of State for Defence, Dr. Subhash Bhamre inaugurated 578 m long Theng tunnel. It is the longest tunnel of which state?

- (a) Sikkim (b) Meghalaya
(c) Jammu and Kashmir (d) Assam
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Sikkim Explanation: It is constructed on Gangtok-Chungthang Highway by the Border Roads Organization (BRO). It is all weather connectivity double lane tunnel. This has been done to provide improved mobility for the tourists and citizens travelling to north Sikkim.

33. Where is the 22nd edition of Exercise Malabar held from 7th to 16th June 2018?

- (a) Guam, United States (b) Kochi, Kerala
(c) California, United States
(d) Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Guam, United States Explanation: Exercise Malabar was started in 1992 as a bilateral exercise between the US Navy and the Indian Navy. From 2007, Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) also takes part in this exercise. This exercise aims to enhance mutual understanding, inter-operability and exchange of best practices between the three countries. This is the first time it is held off Guam, a US Naval Base in the Western Pacific region.

34. On June 8, 2018, the RBI amended Gold Monetisation Scheme to enable people to open a hassle free gold deposit account. In the latest amendment, RBI allowed the customers to deposit the gold in a broken time period where the short term period of one to ___ years can be broken to 1 year 3 months, 2 years 3 months 15 days etc.?

- (a) five (b) three (c) four (d) two
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) three Explanation: The scheme was first launched by the government in 2015 to mobilise the idle gold of the household or institutions to the banks as deposits for a fixed period of time. The interest rate varied from 2.25% to 2.5%. In the latest amendment, RBI allowed the customers to deposit the gold in a broken time period where the short term period of 1-3 years can be broken to 1 year 3 months, 2 years 3 months 15 days etc. Similarly for Medium Term Period is for 5-7 years and Long Term Period for 12-15 years and can be broken as well.

35. On June 8, 2018, who was appointed by World Economic Forum (WEF) as a member to its Managing board?

- (a) Anita Nair (b) Sarita Nayyar
(c) Aruna Reddy (d) Paramesh Nair
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Sarita Nayyar Explanation: She is presently working with WEF as Chief Operating Officer (COO). She joined WEF in 2007 and have been holding various directorships including responsibility for engagement with the consumer industries, MD and COO of WEF LLC and Deputy Head of Industries. She would overlook the international expansion with upcoming centres in India and Japan.

36. On 7th June 2018, which Indian player created a new national record and won a gold medal in the men's hammer throw event at the 2018 Asian Junior Athletics Championships in Gifu, Japan?

- (a) Damneet Singh (b) Ashish Jakhar
(c) Preetam Singh (d) G Sathiyam
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Ashish Jakhar Explanation: India won four gold medals, 1 silver medal and 2 bronze medal at the first day of the 2018 Asian Junior Athletics Championships. Ashish Jakhar threw the 6kg iron ball and chain to a distance of 76.86m and broke his previous record of 7.5 04m that he had set at the Junior Federation Cup in April 2018. India's Damneet Singh came second and won silver medal with a throw of 7.4 08m. Japan's Masanobu Hattori came third with a throw of 69.34m. India's Priyadarshini Suresh won bronze medal in the women's triple jump.

37. On 8th June 2018, the UN General Assembly elected South Africa, ____, Dominican Republic, Germany and Belgium as non-permanent members of the Security Council for term of two years starting from 1st January 2019?

- (a) Pakistan (b) Nepal
(c) Indonesia (d) Sri Lanka
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) Indonesia Explanation: On 8th June 2018, voting was conducted in the General Assembly comprising 193 members. The voting was to fill the seats that will be vacated by Bolivia, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan and Sweden in 2018. The five non-permanent members were elected following this pattern: Two seats were for the Group of African states and the Group of Asia-Pacific states, one seat for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean states, and two seats for Western European and other states. The Security Council has 15 members. It includes five permanent members namely China, France, Russia, the UK and the US.

38. On 8th June 2018, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated a 16 MW solar 'PV power plant' established by Bharat Electronics LTD at the Heavy Vehicle Factory in Avadi, ____?

- (a) Chennai (b) Mumbai
(c) Hyderabad (d) Kochi
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Chennai Explanation: This power plant has been constructed on a 80 acre land. It costs Rs 105 crore. It will meet the captive consumption of the HVF and Engine Factory Avadi (EFA). The plant will inject power at 110kV to the Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Ltd's 110 kV Sub-Station. It will contribute to an annual savings of Rs 4.5 41 million for HVF. It will provide green energy to the factory and promote GreenIndia initiative. Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL), under the 'Viability Gap Funding Scheme', is setting up energy security for the Ordnance Factory Estates.

39. On June 9, 2018, ____ received its first equity oil from Abu Dhabi's Lower Zakum oilfield?

- (a) IOCL (b) ONGC Videsh Ltd.
(c) GAIL
(d) Reliances Industries Ltd.
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) ONGC Videsh Ltd. Explanation: The Lower Zakum oilfield produces 40000 barrels per day. OVL lead

consortium consisting of Bharat PetroResources Ltd and Indian Oil Corp has a 10% stake at Lower Zakum oilfield. First equity cargo of 6,90,000 barrels which was loaded onto the vessel MT Wafrah on June 2, 2018, was sold by OVL for refining to Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL). OVL has 41 projects in 20 countries from Brazil to New Zealand.

40. Name the author whose book "Home Fire" has bagged the Women's Prize for Fiction, 2018?

- (a) Aruna Reddy (b) Kamila Shamsie
(c) Akhilesh Kumar (d) Henry Kensing
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Kamila Shamsie Explanation: Kamila Shamsie is a British Pakistani author. The book speaks about how loyalties are torn apart when love and politics collide. This annual British award was founded in 1996. It honours the excellence, originality and accessibility in works by women writers all over the world. Kamila Shamsie is a fellow of the London-based Royal Society of Literature. She was named a Granta Best of Young British Novelist in 2013) She was brought up in Karachi. She now lives in London.

41. On 8th June 2018, Maria Bueno, a popular tennis player, passed away after combating mouth cancer. Which country did she belong to?

- (a) Brazil (b) Spain (c) Japan (d) France
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Brazil Explanation: Maria Bueno was 78 years old. She was considered the Brazilian "queen" of tennis. She had won three Wimbledon and four US championship singles titles. She was called by the nickname the "Sao Paulo Swallow".

42. Name the person who has been made the acting Chairman of UPSC (Union Public Service Commission) from 20th June 2018?

- (a) Arvind Saxena (b) Shyam Ananthkumar
(c) Ramesh Kalyan (d) Jaspreet Singh
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Arvind Saxena Explanation: Arvind Saxena is a 1978 batch Indian Postal Service officer. He takes charge as acting Chairman from incumbent Vinay Mittal. He will perform the duties of the post of Chairman of UPSC, from June 20 till further orders or till completion of his term on 7th August 2020. He joined UPSC in May 201(e) Earlier he worked in the Aviation Research Centre (ARC). He had worked in the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW).

43. On 11th June 2018, the Ministry of Railways introduced two mobile applications 'Rail MADAD' and 'Menu on Rails' to improve the travelling experience. Expand MADAD?

- (a) Mobile Application for Distant Assistance During travel
(b) Mobile Application for Distress Assistance During travel
(c) Mobile Application for Destress Assistance During train travel

(d) Mobile Application for Desired Assistance During travel

(e) None of these

Answer - (d) Mobile Application for Desired Assistance During travel Explanation: Rail MADAD (Mobile Application for Desired Assistance During travel). The apps were launched by Railway Minister Piyush Goyal and Minister of State (MoS) Manoj Sinha at a press conference held to highlight the achievements of the Railway Ministry in the past four years. Rail MADAD app will help travellers to register complaints. Menu on Rails app will offer the facility to order food. Piyush Goyal said that, the theme for development this year is to enhance connectivity for the poor.

44. Where was the 18th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit held, that concluded on June 11, 2018?

- (a) Qingdao, China (b) Wuhan, China
(c) Shanghai, China (d) Beijing, China
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Qingdao, China Explanation: On June 11, 2018, the 18th SCO summit concluded with the adoption of 'Qingdao Declaration'. The SCO Action plan for 2019 to 2020 was also signed. This is the first time India is participating as a full member of the Shanghai Co-operation Organization (SCO).

45. On June 11, 2018, As part of the visit of the South African nations by Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, she stopped by Port Louis to inspect the work on the 11th World Hindi Conference which will be hosted by _____ Government from August 18- 20 2018?

- (a) Mauritius (b) Brazil
(c) Kenya (d) Libya
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Mauritius Explanation: The Event is organized by the Indian External Affairs Ministry every 3 years. This year the organizing authority is World Hindi Secretariat located in Mauritius. The government has been suggested to support major Hindi scholars as this might be a public relations exercise before the 2019 general elections. Special focus of this year's event will be on Bollywood and the global reach of Hindi through movies.

46. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)?

- (a) Prafula Das (b) S Ramesh
(c) Raman Roy
(d) Prem Kumar Narayanan
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) S Ramesh Explanation: The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has cleared the appointment of S Ramesh as the next Chairman of CBIC. He has been a member of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). He will replace Mrs Vanaja N. Sarna, who will be retiring in the end of June 2018.

47. On June 12,2018, The Union Minister of Steel, Chaudhary Birender Singh dedicated the rebuilt Blast Furnace-1 '_____' of SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) to the Nation?

- (a) Saraswati (b) Indira
(c) Karna (d) Parvati
(e) None of these

Answer - (d) Parvati Explanation: The annual production capacity, of the furnace has increased from 0.438 Million tonnes (MT) to 1.015 MT. The Steel Minister also laid the foundation stone of the Burns and Plastic Surgery Department (the only department of the region) of Super Specialty block at Ispat General Hospital. This will fulfil the requirements of not only Rourkela but also of the people of neighboring districts and states.

48. On June 10,2018, the central government has decided to establish India's first ever National Police Museum in _____?

- (a) Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Kolkata
(d) Chennai (e) None of these

Answer - (a) Delhi Explanation: It will be a unique facility showcasing history, artifacts, uniforms and gear of central and state police forces. It will come up as an underground facility in the premises of the national police memorial in Chanakyapuri area. It is expected to be inaugurated in October 21 in honor of 'Police commemoration Day'. This project is headed by Intelligence Bureau.

49. On June 12, 2018, It was announced that the first military exercise of the (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) BIMSTEC group would be held in _____ in the second week of September 2018?

- (a) Pune, India (b) Kochi, India
(c) Manilla, Philippines (d) Port Blair, India
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Pune, India Explanation: This exercise will focus on the counter-terrorism measures and to promote strategic alignment. The army officers of all the 7 BIMSTEC nations would participate. The theme would be counter terrorism in semi urban and cordon and search and each side would bring 30 soldiers. The conclave of Army chiefs would be held in the last two days of the exercise where they would debate on the measures and strategies of counter terrorism.

50. On June 12,2018, India gave a financial assistance of _____ to Nepal for the final step of Nepal-Bharat Maitri Irrigation Project?

- (a) Rs.6.1 93 million (b) Rs. 2.2 50 million
(c) Rs.58.56 million (d) Rs.80 million
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Rs.6.1 93 million Explanation: This is for the construction of 2700 shallow tube well irrigation systems in 12 districts of Nepal's Terai region. This would help in promoting agricultural productivity. This was handed to Nepal's Energy Secretary Sanjay Sharma by India's ambassador to Nepal Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri. The tube

wells would be installed in Saptari, Sarlahi, Rautahat, Bara, Parsa, Chitwan, Nawalparasi, Rupendehi, Kapilvastu, Dang, Kailali and Kanchanpur districts.

51. What is the rank of India out of 180 countries in the Global Environment Performance Index (EPI) rankings, as per the State of India's Environment (SoE) 2018 in Figures that has been released recently?

- (a) 156 (b) 145 (c) 177 (d) 123
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) 177 Explanation: In 2016, India ranked 141 out of 180 countries. The SoE in Figures is an annual compendium of environmental statistics prepared by Down To Earth magazine. Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) helps to publish it. State of India's Environment 2018 in Figures is a quantified statement on issues and concerns of environment and development.

52. On June 13, 2018, Union Minister of Steel Chaudhary Birender Singh said that in 2017-18, India produced more than 100 million tonnes of steel and has secured ___ rank among the largest steel producing countries?

- (a) third (b) first (c) second (d) fourth
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) second Explanation: On June 13, 2018, Union Minister of Steel Chaudhary Birender Singh on his interaction with MDs/CEOs of major steel producing units located in the State of Odisha stated that in 2017-18, India produced more than 100 million tonnes of steel. India has become the second largest steel producing country. Odisha is rich in minerals and mines and has a potential to produce 100 million tonnes of steel out of 300 million tonnes envisaged in National Steel Policy by the year 2030-31.

53. On June 13, 2018, The government approved the ___ Mission of the Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) which will be launched by the President, Ram Nath Kovind on June 27, 2018 in New Delhi?

- (a) Solar Chakra (b) Solar Ring
(c) Solar Chakra (d) Solar Shakthi
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Solar Chakra Explanation: The Mission will cover 50 clusters and every cluster will employ 400 to 2000 artisans. It will provide subsidy of Rs. 550 crore to the artisans. 15 new state-of-the-art technology centers are being set up all over the country including North-East, of which 10 centers will become operational by March 2019. Each center is being built at a cost of around Rs. 150 crore.

54. On 12th June 2018, United States government approved a deal to sell the Indian military six AH-64E Apache attack helicopters for how much amount?

- (a) 930 million dollars (b) 540 million dollars
(c) 360 million dollars (d) 720 million dollars
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) 930 million dollars Explanation: The agreement has been passed to the US Congress for approval. If no US lawmaker makes an objection the contract will be proceeded. Boeing and Indian partner Tata have started production of Apache fuselages at a plant in India. But this approval involves a direct sale of finished products from the US manufacturers. The contract also includes night vision sensors, GPS guidance and hundreds of Hellfire anti-armour and Stinger air-to-air missiles.

55. On June 14, 2018, which bank has been ranked as the 5th biggest public company globally in the 'consumer financial services category' compiled by Forbes in its 16th annual Forbes Global 2000 list?

- (a) ICICI Bank (b) Axis Bank
(c) HDFC Bank (d) YES Bank
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) HDFC Bank Explanation: American Express tops the chart. Indiabulls Housing Finance is the only other Indian company (at 13th place) on the list. HDFC has ranked 7th in 2017 compilation. Other companies and their ranks are : Capital One Financial at the 159 place, followed by Visa (164), Orix (254), PayPal (337), Synchrony Financial (340), Discover Financial Services (356) and Mastercard (367).

57. On June 13, 2018, The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved of the joint issue of a postage stamp between Department of Posts and Viet Nam Post. What is the theme of the joint postage stamp?

- (a) Culture and Heritage (b) Ancient Architecture
(c) Monuments and Heritage
(d) Brides and Canals
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Ancient Architecture Explanation: Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications and Viet Nara Post mutually agreed to jointly issue Postage Stamps on India-Viet Nam. The Theme of the Joint Postage Stamp is : "Ancient Architecture". They were released on 25-01-2018. It depicts Sanchi Stupa of India and Pho Minh Pagoda of Viet Nam.

58. On June 16, 2018, NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson, who spent a record-breaking ___ days in space, has retired from NASA?

- (a) 555 (b) 665 (c) 465 (d) 523
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) 665 Explanation: Whitson, the 58-year-old NASA astronaut, holds the US record for most cumulative time in space. She claimed the title for most spacewalks by a woman -- 10 spacewalks totalling 60 hours and 21 minutes -- and set the record for most time spent in space by a US astronaut, placing eighth on the all-time space endurance list. She also served as chief of the astronaut corps from 2009 to 2012, becoming both the first woman to hold the position and the first non-military astronaut corps chief.

59. On June 18, 2018, The Reserve Bank has eased investment norms for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) in debt, especially into individual large corporates. The RBI increased the FPIs cap on investment in government security to what per cent of the outstanding stock of that security, from 20 per cent earlier?

- (a) 25 % (b) 30 % (c) 35 % (d) 40 %
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) 30 % Explanation: The RBI increased the FPIs cap on investment in government security to 30 per cent of the outstanding stock of that security, from 20 per cent earlier. FPIs were allowed to invest in government bonds with a minimum residual maturity of three years. FPIs are permitted to invest in Government securities (G-secs), including treasury bills, and SDLs without any minimum residual maturity requirement, subject to the condition that short-term investments (Investments with maturity of one year) by an FPI under either category shall not exceed 20 per cent of the total investment of that FPI in that category.

60. US scientists have unveiled ____, the world's most powerful and smartest scientific supercomputer?

- (a) Summit (b) Titan
(c) Mercury (d) Zhetan
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Summit Explanation: Summit can perform more than 2,00,000 trillion calculations per second. It would be of great help in research in energy, advanced materials and artificial intelligence (AI). The US Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) supercomputer called Summit will be 8 times more powerful than its previous system Titan. Summit can also perform over 3 billion mixed precision calculations a second, for some scientific applications.

61. On June 19, 2018, the Punjab government launched a smartphone application that lets users order free plant saplings to ensure clean, green, healthy and robust Punjab with the active participation of people. What is the name of the app?

- (a) Garden Developers (b) i-Nursery
(c) i-Hariyali (d) Green Cap
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) i-Hariyali Explanation: The App is called : 'i-Hariyali' app and is under 'Mission Tandarust' . The users can book a sapling of their choice, a maximum of 25 per person, from a nearby government nursery. The app aims to inspire people to plant more saplings to save the environment from pollution.

62. On June 19, 2018, The World Bank has approved ____ loan to Bangladesh to achieve its education for all vision by improving the primary education sector?

- (a) \$700 million (b) \$500 million

- (c) \$250 million (d) \$850 million
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) \$700 million Explanation: It is the government's Fourth Primary Education Development Program (PEDP4). It is the : The Quality Learning for All Program (QLEAP) will cover more than 18 million children studying in pre-primary level to grade 5. The project will build about 95,000 classrooms, teachers' rooms, and multipurpose rooms. It will also build 80,000 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) blocks and 15,000 safe water sources.

63. Which state government has decided to provide star rankings to its panchayats based on 7 social parameters under its 7-Star Gram Panchayat Rainbow scheme?

- (a) Punjab (b) Karnataka
(c) Kerala (d) Haryana
(e) None of these

Answer - (d) Haryana Explanation: Nearly 1,120 villages of Haryana have obtained the rankings under Haryana's 7-Star Gram Panchayat Rainbow scheme, launched in January 2018. Information regarding this was announced by Haryana Agriculture minister O P Dhankar at a State level Panchayat Performance Assessment Committee (SPPAC) meeting at Chandigarh on 19th June 2018. The panchayats will be judged based on sex ratio, education, hygiene, environment preservation, governance and social participation.

64. On June 20, 2018, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation announced which city of Meghalaya as the 100th Smart City?

- (a) Cherrapunji (b) Shillong
(c) Tura (d) Nongpoh
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Shillong Explanation: Earlier 99 smart cities had been selected in four rounds of competition under the Smart Cities Mission. 20 cities were selected in January 2016, 13 cities in May 2016, 27 cities in September 2016, 30 cities in June 2017 and 9 cities in January 2018.

65. Microsoft has acquired ____, a video discussion platform, which has over 20 million teachers and students throughout the world as users?

- (a) Pinterest (b) Flipgrid
(c) LearnVid (d) KeepVid
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Flipgrid Explanation: Flipgrid enables students to discuss and reply to topics with video clips. Now, Microsoft will make Flipgrid free for schools. Customers who already paid for a subscription will receive a prorated refund. Microsoft will help to develop the Flipgrid community. Flipgrid will retain its brand and team after the acquisition.

66. World's first International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics launched in _____.

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Gujarat

- (c) Punjab (d) Bihar
(e) Odisha

Answer - (b) Gujarat Explanation: On June 21, 2018, The world's first International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics was launched in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The centre will provide forensics for humanitarian services in times of disaster and emergencies. It will work on proper management of dead bodies in times of emergencies and their identification.

67. Golfer Peter Thomson also called "the thinking man's golfer" dies at 88 belongs to which country?

- (a) United States (b) Switzerland
(c) England (d) New Zealand
(e) Australia

Answer - (e) Australia Explanation: On 20th June 2018, Australian golfer Peter Thomson, passed away after fighting Parkinson's disease, at his residence in Melbourne, Australia. Peter Thomson was 88 years old. He was the first Australian to win the British Open. The World Golf Hall of Fame named him "the thinking man's golfer".

68. On 21st June 2018, 4th International Yoga Day was celebrated all over the world. The theme for International Yoga Day 2018 is: _____.

- (a) "Yoga for power" (b) "Yoga for peace"
(c) "Yoga for fit" (d) "Yoga for healthy life"
(e) "Yoga for relax"

Answer - (b) "Yoga for peace" Explanation: The main event of 4th International Yoga Day celebrations (IDY-2018) was held at Forest Research Institute in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the event at Dehradun. Nearly 50,000 people took part in the activities there. The first International Day of Yoga was celebrated in 2015. The idea of International Day of Yoga was first proposed by Narendra Modi during his speech at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 27 September 2014. The theme for International Yoga Day 2018 is: "Yoga for peace". Yoga demonstrations were also held in several foreign countries.

69. On June 22, 2018, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Vanijya Bhawan, a new office complex for which Department of the Government of India, in New Delhi?

- (a) Agriculture Department
(b) Commerce Department
(c) Department of Meteorology
(d) Science and Technology
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Commerce Department Explanation: It is being built on a plot of 4.33 acres, belonging to Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D), at the junction of Akbar and Man Singh Roads. It has an area of 1923.3745 sq. meters. It will accommodate about 1000 officers and staff. It will be a completely paperless office with state of the art facilities such as smart access control, central air-conditioning, video conferencing, and

completely networked systems. More than 56% of the 214 trees on the plot are either being left untouched or are being replanted. About 70% of the big trees have been saved. 230 new trees are also being planted on the same plot.

70. On June 22, 2018, which bank featured at 60th rank in the BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brands ranking?

- (a) ICICI Bank (b) Axis Bank
(c) HDFC Bank (d) Canara Bank
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) HDFC Bank Explanation: On June 22, 2018, HDFC Bank, has featured at 60th rank in the BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brands ranking. The brand value of HDFC Bank at \$20.9 billion, up 22%. Google and Apple retained the number 1 and 2 spots in the rankings, followed by Amazon, which moved into the #3 position ahead of Microsoft.

71. On June 23, 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the urban transport scheme of which state government named 'Sutra Seva'?

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Madhya Pradesh
(c) Gujarat (d) Tamil Nadu
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Madhya Pradesh Explanation: Mr. Modi will contribute the Mohanpura Irrigation Project worth ₹3,866 crore in Rajgarh district. He will also praise the winners of cleanliness survey — Swachh Survekshan 2018 and give away the Cleanliness Survey-2018 Awards to representatives of Indore, Bhopal and Chandigarh, the cities that secured top three positions in the survey. He will also inaugurate the state government's urban transport scheme named 'Sutra Seva' at Indore's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. The 'griha pravesh' (house warming ceremony) of all 1,00,219 beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana also be performed.

72. On June 23, 2018, Mongolia launched construction of its first oil refinery that is funded by India. It will be capable of processing what quantity of crude oil each year?

- (a) 3 million tonnes (b) 2.5 million tonnes
(c) 1.5 million tonnes (d) 4 million tonnes
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) 1.5 million tonnes Explanation: It will be capable of processing 1.5 million tonnes of crude oil each year. That is about 30,000 barrels per day (bpd). The cost of the refinery is estimated at \$ 1.35 billion, and it will include a pipeline and its own power plant. It is planned for completion in late 2022. It will meet demand for gasoline, diesel, aviation fuel and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

73. Who has been appointed the new Managing Director of State Bank of India till October 31, 2020?

- (a) Arijit Basu (b) Sunita Patel
(c) Naren Subramaniam (d) Narendra Prabhu
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Arijit Basu Explanation: On June 23, 2018 The appointments committee of the cabinet has appointed Arijit Basu as the new Managing Director of State Bank of India till October 31, 2020. He served as managing director of SBI Life Insurance. As per the SBI Act, the bank can have four managing directors. He graduates in Economics and a Master of Arts in History, Basu started his career with State Bank of India in 1983 as a probationary officer. He has held several key positions in various circles of SBI including the bank's office at Tokyo.

74. On June 24, 2018, The Union government has sanctioned _____ for tourism development projects in Himachal Pradesh?

- (a) Rs 1,800 crore (b) Rs 1,500 crore
(c) Rs 2,200 crore (d) Rs 1,900 crore
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Rs 1,800 crore Explanation: The Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur announced that Garagushaini area would be developed from eco-tourism point of view. He laid foundation stone of for the Science Lab block of the Government Senior Secondary School. The government has also provided Rs 5 crore for Degree College Gadaguisaini. Helicopter services between Shimla and Chandigarh are being operated thrice a week to facilitate tourists.

75. On June 23, 2018, where did the 22nd edition of 3-day annual Sindhu Darshan Festival celebrated on the bank of Indus River begin?

- (a) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
(b) Imphal, Manipur
(c) Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir
(d) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir Explanation: This year marked the 22nd Sindhu Darshan festival and it was started by the former Deputy Prime Minister L K Advani in 1997. The Festival organised by Sindhu Darshan Yatra Samiti and Ladakh Phandey Tsogspa, Leh. It was inaugurated by RSS General Secretary Bhैया Ji. The event focused on national integration, communal harmony and national pride.

76. India's first robotic telescope located at the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) at Hanle in _____ has started observing the skies?

- (a) Sriharikota (b) Ahmedabad
(c) Bengaluru (d) Ladakh
(e) None of these

Answer - (d) Ladakh Explanation: This is India's first robotic telescope and the first one designed to observe dynamic or transient events in the universe. The telescope started observation on 12th June 2018. The facility at Hanle is called GROWTH-India. It is part of a multi-country collaborative initiative called 'Global Relay of Observatories Watching Transients Happen' (GROWTH) to observe transient events in the universe. The fully robotic optical research telescope has been designed to capture cosmic events happening in timescales

much shorter than light years. Universities and research institutes from the US, the UK, Japan, India, Germany, Taiwan and Israel are part of this initiative.

77. On June 21, 2018, President Ram Nath Kovind announced to extend a Line of Credit of _____ and a concessional financing of USD 20 million to Suriname?

- (a) USD 31 million (b) USD 500 million
(c) USD 50 million (d) USD 45 million
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) USD 31 million Explanation: On June 21, 2018, The president announced extend a Line of Credit of USD 31 million and a concessional financing of USD 20 million to Suriname. This will strengthen their economic relations and development partnership. The financing of USD 20 million for setting up a solar project to provide clean energy to a cluster of 49 villages in Suriname. Out of the USD 31 million grant, USD 27.5 million is to support a power transmission project in PikinSaronarea and USD 3.5 million for maintenance of Chetak helicopters.

78. WWF-India has launched its first-ever comic book named 'The Great Indian Nature Trail with Uncle Bikky'. Name the CEO of WWF-India?

- (a) Preetam Kaur (b) Jasjeet Kaur
(c) Ravi Singh (d) Pariniti Singh
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) Ravi Singh Explanation: The book appreciates the geographical diversity of India. It follows the travels of its protagonists Uncle Bikky, Chunmun and their dog Duggu. During their travel they learn about wildlife throughout India. The book consists of facts and quizzes at the end of each comic. The book is divided into more than 16 chapters. The book is the joint work of Rohan Chakravarty and Bijal Vachharajani.

79. On 22nd June 2018, Ambubachi Mela, the annual 4 day festival, started at Kamakhya Temple in which state?

- (a) Assam (b) Bihar
(c) Rajasthan (d) Madhya Pradesh
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Assam Explanation: The temple authorities will close the main door of the sanctum sanctorum on Friday to lock the Mother Goddess in for her annual menstrual period. The temple will reopen on Tuesday morning and the lakhs of devotees will be allowed to visit and worship the Goddess. During this period, the Hindus do not worship and farmers do not plough their land. The Assam Tourism Development Corp (ATDC) is making all out efforts to make it a colourful festival to attract more tourists than just the religious and spiritual ones and has drawn up elaborate plans to promote state's tourism through the festival.

80. Name the Indian chess player who has become the world's second youngest grand master?

- (a) Ravindra Jegan (b) Mahesh Sidgu
(c) R. Praggnanandhaa (d) Pavithra G

(e) None of these

Answer - (c) R. Praggnanandhaa Explanation: The Chennai-based youngster made the third and final norm in style by winning the ninth and concluding round of the Fourth International Chess Festival ad Gredine Open at Ortisei, Italy. Praggi, as he is fondly called by his coach and mentor GM R.B. Ramesh, defeated Dutch GM Roeland Pruijssers in 40 moves to tie for the title with Croatia's Ivan Saric at 7.5 points before settling for the second spot.

81. Name the first-ever satellite to test possible solutions in cleaning up space junk that has been deployed by the International Space Station (ISS)?

- (a) RemoveDebris (b) CleanDebris
(c) RecycleDebris (d) ClearDebris
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) RemoveDebris Explanation: RemoveDebris will begin experiments in orbit soon. It will use various innovative technologies to clean up space debris. It will try to address the build-up of dangerous space debris orbiting Earth. It was transported to the ISS through the SpaceX CRS-14 launch in April 2018 from Florida. The satellite was designed, built and manufactured by a consortium of space companies and research institutions, led by the Surrey Space Centre at the University of Surrey. The project is co-funded by the European Commission. The RemoveDebris mission will conduct 4 experiments, that involves harpoon capture in orbit and a net that will be used on a deployed target.

82. On June 26, 2018, the Maharashtra government set up a committee to study issues related to the development of a 1,000-MW floating solar power plant at which dam in Solapur district of Maharashtra, headed by Director (Commercial) of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (MSEDCL), Satish Chavan?

- (a) Tapti dam (b) Pong dam
(c) Ujani dam (d) Sardar Sarovar Dam
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) Ujani dam Explanation: Director (Commercial) of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (MSEDCL), Satish Chavan, has been appointed as the head of the committee. The committee will study the environmental impact of the project and monitor the month-wise water level of the dam. It will study the possibilities of using the water bed of the Ujani Dam for the floating solar power plant due to unavailability of large lands. It will study the water levels of Ujani dam every month, total fluctuation in its water levels and obtain necessary permissions required for the project.

83. On June 25,2018, Saudi Aramco and ADNOC signed an MoU to jointly develop and build an integrated refinery and petrochemicals complex as overseas partners at Ratnagiri in which Indian State?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Maharashtra

(c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Karnataka

(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Maharashtra Explanation: The project will cost around Rs.3 lakh crore (USD 44 billion). It will be implemented by Ratnagiri Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd. (RRPCL). The MoU was signed between Saudi Aramco President and CEO, Amin H. Nasser and H.E.Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, UAE Minister of State & ADNOC Group CEO and Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India. The signing was witnessed by His Highness Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

84. On 25th June 2018, it was announced at an event in the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, that the World Food Prize 2018 will be awarded to ___?

- (a) Lawrence Haddad and Dr. David Nabarro
(b) Fathima Quereshi and Ahmad Quereshi
(c) Michael Christen and Dr. David Nabarro
(d) Rafael Sebastian and Lawrence Haddad
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Lawrence Haddad and Dr. David Nabarro Explanation: Lawrence Haddad is a British economist and food policy researcher. Dr. David Nabarro has worked with the World Health Organization and United Nations on health and hunger issues. Lawrence Haddad and Dr. David Nabarro have been recognized for their work to improve nutrition for mothers and children from pregnancy to a child's second birthday. They have contributed in helping to reduce the world's number of children stunted from malnourishment from 2012 to 2017. Lawrence Haddad lives in England. He is the executive director of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition. It is a Swiss-based non-profit launched at the United Nations that works to reduce malnutrition.

85. On June 25,2018, the Chief Minister of which state released Rs.15 crore for organizing Bonalu Festival?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Telangana
(c) Maharashtra (d) Assam
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Telangana Explanation: On June 25,2018, Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao released Rs.15 crore for organizing Bonalu Festival. This will be celebrated as a state festival. A special meeting with the people's representatives of the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad will be organized.

86. On June 26,2018, Andhra Pradesh entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which country to accelerate the construction work of its new capital, Amratvati?

- (a) United States (b) Japan
(c) Germany (d) Singapore
(e) None of these

Answer - (d) Singapore Explanation: The MOU has been signed between AP Real Estate Regulatory Authority and Building (APRERA) and Construction Authority of Singapore in the presence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Singapore's Minister for Social and Family Development Desmond Lee. The MOU will promote and create a safe, high quality, environment-friendly built environment in Andhra Pradesh. This will focus on Green Building Roadmaps and Green Mark Certification. The construction City of Amravati will be created as a hub for manufacturing of construction materials, designing, construction academies and trade.

87. On June 27, 2018, which edition of World's largest multilateral naval exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) began off Hawaii in the western Pacific Ocean from June 27 to August 2, 2018?

- (a) 25th (b) 26th (c) 14th (d) 30th
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) 26th Explanation: On June 27, 2018, 26th edition World's largest multilateral naval exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) began off Hawaii in the western Pacific Ocean from June 27 to August 2, 2018. This will be a 2 month long exercise and 26 countries are participating in it including India. About 25000 personnel and 52 ships will take part. From India's part, INS Sahyadri will take part in it. It will be commanded by Captain Shantanu Jha and it is a indigenously built guided missile stealth frigate of the Eastern Fleet under Eastern Naval Command.

88. On June 26, 2018, who was crowned as the first Tribal Queen at the Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen competition held at Utkal Mandap in Odisha?

- (a) Panchami Majhi (b) Pallavi Durua
(c) Rashmirekha Hansdah
(d) Rashmi Kakkar
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) Pallavi Durua Explanation: On June 26, 2018, Pallavi Durua, of Odisha's Koraput district, was crowned as the first Tribal Queen at the Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen competition held at Utkal Mandap in Odisha. Panchami Majhi of Titlagarh and Rashmirekha Hansdah of Mayurbhanj were declared as the first and second runners-up of the beauty pageant respectively. After the pageant the trio will now feature in a short movie on tribal culture, to be produced by a Mumbai-based producer.

89. Name the Bengal swimmer who ____ created another national record at the 45th Glenmark Junior and 35th Sub Junior National Aquatic Championships in Pune, Maharashtra, on 26th June 2018?

- (a) Swadesh Mondal (b) Debashish Banerjee
(c) Pranoy Karmakar (d) Ravindra Kumar
(e) None of these

Answer - (a) Swadesh Mondal Explanation: Swadesh Mondal clocked a timing of 01:07.51 in the 100m breast

stroke event and created a new national record. Earlier in the Boys Group II category he won gold medal with a national record breaking time of 02:10.9.3 He has won four gold medals in the event so far. In the Boys Group I category Srihari Nataraj broke the National record in the 50 m backstroke with a time of 00:26.3.1 He has broken his own record. Neel Roy has made a new national record in the 200 m Individual Medley Boys Group I breaking his own record set in 2014 with a time of 02:10.26. Md. Rehan Mirza of Assam won the Boys Group III 50 m Breaststroke with a time of 00:3.4 61 and made a new National record.

90. On 26th June 2018, India announced that, it will raise the fund from \$12 million to ____ the Global Environment Facility (GEF)'s new four-year investment cycle called GEF-7?

- (a) \$20 million (b) \$15 million
(c) \$25 million (d) \$45 million
(e) None of these

Answer - (b) \$15 million Explanation: This announcement was made by India's representative to GEF Council Aparna Subramani at a GEF meeting in Vietnam. The GEF council meeting is held from June 24 to June 28, 2018. Aparna Subramani also represents India in the World Bank. She represents Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka, apart from India in the GEF Council. GEF was formed in 1992 during the Rio Earth Summit to manage serious environmental problems.

91. On June 28, 2018, the navies of India and which country participated in Passage Exercise (PASSEX)?

- (a) Malaysia (b) Singapore
(c) Indonesia (d) Sri Lanka
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) Indonesia Explanation: On June 28, 2018, The navies of India and Indonesia participated in Passage Exercise (PASSEX). This exercise was decided during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Indonesia on May 29, 2018 for enhancing maritime cooperation. From the Indian side, Indian Naval ships INS Shakti and INS Kamorta under the command of Rear Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet participated in the event. From the Indonesian side, Indonesian Naval Ship KRI Madidihang (855) a Stingrays Class Fast Patrol Craft participated in the event.

92. On June 28, 2018, which bank fully acquired Mumbai-based financial product distribution firm Swadhaar FinServe Pvt Ltd from their earlier holding of 60.49%?

- (a) Axis Bank (b) ICICI Bank
(c) RBL Bank (d) Corporation Bank
(e) None of these

Answer - (c) RBL Bank Explanation: It started operations as a non-banking finance company in 2008 and subsequently converted into a NBFC-MFI. It became a business correspondent for RBL Bank in 2014 and transferred its micro credit portfolio to the bank. It then surrendered the NBFC license in 2015. It holds

responsibility for sourcing clients, evaluating credit worthiness and monitoring repayments for RBL, leveraging the bank's balance sheet and infrastructure.

93. On 28th June 2018, which entity signed an agreement to acquire Marine Infrastructure Developer Private Limited (MIDPL) for Rs 1,950 crore?

- (a) Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL)
- (b) Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ)
- (c) Kolkata Ship Builders
- (d) Reliance Energy
- (e) None of these

Answer - (b) Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ) Explanation: APSEZ is India's largest port developer and a part of Adani Group. Out of the Rs 1,950 crore, APSEZ will pay Rs 1,562 crore for settlement of dues of MIDPL. The company has signed share purchase agreement on 27th June 2018, between Larsen and Toubro, MIDPL, L&T Shipbuilding Limited and Adani Kattupalli Port Private Limited to acquire 97 % stake of MIDPL. MIDPL is involved in construction, maintenance, development and operation of Kattupalli Port. The acquisition would be completed in a week. Tamil Nadu government had granted approval for the transaction based on an order dated 29th February 2016. MIDPL was established in 2016.

94. On June 29, 2018, The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) announced that which country has won Global Restructuring Review's "most improved jurisdiction" award?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) India
- (d) China
- (e) None of these

Answer - (c) India Explanation: On June 29, 2018, The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) announced that India has won Global Restructuring Review's "most improved jurisdiction" award. This award is to honour the jurisdiction which improved its restructuring and insolvency regime the most over the last year. In 2017, India lost the title to Singapore.

95. International Arbitration Centre in Tokyo (IACT), Asia's first arbitration centre specialised in _____, would be opened in Tokyo in September 2018, to resolve the increasing number of disputes in the region?

- (a) intellectual property
- (b) maritime disputes
- (c) religious affairs
- (d) cyber attacks
- (e) None of these

Answer - (a) intellectual property Explanation: International Arbitration Centre in Tokyo (IACT) will have around 12 arbitrators from various parts of the world, who would try to resolve disputes within a time period of 1 year. Technological progress and diversification of applications have increased the number of patent infringement disputes. The increased number of disputes and legal

complexities have made the resolution process more time-consuming. The IACT would also handle disputes between non-Japanese companies if both the parties agree.

96. On June 30, 2018, as per Future Development blog of the World Bank's Brookings Institute titled as 'The start of a new poverty narrative' India has been overtaken by which country as the country with largest number of extremely poor people at 87 million in early 2018?

- (a) Nigeria
- (b) Libya
- (c) Syria
- (d) Palestine
- (e) None of these

Answer - (a) Nigeria Explanation: India is moving down in global poverty ranking. From 125 million poor people in 2016, India had just 73 million people in the poorest of the poor index as of May 2018. As many as 44 Indians are being taken out of poverty every minute, which is highest in the world. The report predicted that India would be able to lift up to around 50 million more people out of poverty by 2022.

97. On June 29, 2018, The NITI Aayog launched the first Delta ranking (incremental progress) for the Aspirational Districts, based on self-reported data of districts between March 31, 2018 to May 31, 2018. Which district secured the first rank in the ranking?

- (a) Dahod, Gujarat
- (b) West Sikkim, Sikkim
- (c) Bijapur, Chattisgarh
- (d) Asifabad, Telangana
- (e) None of these

Answer - (a) Dahod, Gujarat Explanation: The districts provided real-time data points by filling up the Champions of Change Dashboard. The Districts started entering data from 1st April, 2018 in the Champions of Change Dashboard. 108 districts out of total 112, participated in this ranking. Some of the data points have been sourced from Central Ministries viz. Financial Inclusion, Skill Development and 3 indicators of Basic Infrastructure - Household Electricity Connections, Household Toilets and Rural Drinking Water. Most of the data points, however, have been self-reported by the various districts themselves.

98. A National Tribal Museum and a National Level Tribal Research Institute is proposed to be set up at _____ by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Chennai
- (e) None of these

Answer - (b) Delhi Explanation: This announcement was made by Minister of Tribal Affairs Jual Oram on 14th June 2018. He said that the Museum will feature the rich tribal culture and heritage using advanced technologies. The proposal to establish the Museum and Tribal Research Institute has been sent to the NITI Ayog. According to the announcement made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15th August 2016, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, is forming six Tribal Freedom Fighters Memorials. Out of which two are of national importance: Narmada (Gujarat) and Birsa Munda Central Jail (Ranchi).

99. On 18th June 2018, 'COP CONNECT', a mobile app to support the professional communication and collaboration needs of the complete police department of which state, was launched by the DGP, M Mahendar Reddy?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Telangana
 (c) Kerala (d) Maharashtra
 (e) None of these

Answer - (b) Telangana Explanation: The COP CONNECT app was developed based on the Telangana State Police internal Communication strategy. This app will help the police personnel to engage and consult each other to perform better. The app's end-to-end encryption with server being with Police Department guarantees security and confidentiality of internal Police communication. It has all features of regular mobile messaging apps. It has

features for chatting, group chats, file sharing (image, audio, video and documents) and location sharing.

100. On June 25, 2018, In the 3rd annual meeting of AIIB Secretary of Department of Economic Affairs Shri Subhash Chandra Garg announced which country as the largest borrower from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank?

- (a) China (b) Russia
 (c) Indonesia (d) India
 (e) None of these

Answer - (d) India Explanation: It is being held in Mumbai on June 25-26 2018. The third Annual Meeting of the bank focuses on infrastructure, with the theme of innovation and collaboration. The Annual Meeting will see participation from 86 members and member states . AIIB has intended to invest in projects outside Asia . So far it has invested in solar projects in Egypt.