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December 01 & 02, 2019

1) World AIDS Day is observed on which date?

Answer:-December 01

World AIDS Day, designated on 1 December every year since 1988, is an international day dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease. Government and health officials, non-governmental organizations, and individuals around the world observe the day, often with education on AIDS prevention and control.

2) International Day for Abolition of Slavery is observed on which date?

Answer:-December 02

The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is a yearly event on December 2, organized by the United Nations General Assembly. The Day was first celebrated in 1986.

3) Which country's 48th National Day is celebrated on 02 Dec 2019?

Answer:-United Arab Emirates

The 48th National Day Celebrations of the United Arab Emirates will be held under the patronage of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE at the Zayed Sports City Stadium in Abu Dhabi. The Organising Committee of the Official UAE National Day confirmed that the preparations for the celebration have been completed. The celebration will be centred around a spectacular theatrical production titled "Legacy of Our Ancestors". The show will be staged on a grand scale with more than 5,000 experts from 70 countries coming together to shape this production.

4) How many number of hospitals empanelled under Ayushman Bharat on Nov 25, 2019?

Answer:-19,668

A total of 19,668 hospitals in the country have been empanelled under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana on 25th of November this year. They included over nine thousand hospitals in the private sector. This information was given in a written reply in the Lok Sabha by Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Ashwini Kumar Choubey. Gujarat topped the list with 2856 empanelled hospitals followed by Karnataka with 2849 and Uttar Pradesh with 2312 hospitals.

5) Where was Guadalajara International Book Fair 2019 held?

Answer:-Mexico

Minister of State for Human Resource Development Sanjay Dhotre inaugurated the India Pavilion at International Book Fair in Guadalajara, Mexico. This fair is the biggest book fair in the Spanish-speaking world. India is the 'Guest of Honour Country' in this book fair and it becomes the first Asian country to participate as 'Guest of Honour' in the Fair. He invited all the publishers gathered from across the world to the World Book Fair being organised by National Book Trust in New Delhi, during January 2020.

6) Which minister said that the government is making all efforts to completely eradicate HIV AIDS in the country before 2030?

Answer:-Mr. Harsh Vardhan

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has said the government is making all out efforts to completely eradicate HIV AIDS in the country before 2030. He said, India has successfully eliminated polio well before the target eight years-ago. The Minister was speaking at a function to observe the World HIV AIDS day in New Delhi. He also said, attempts should be made to make the country free from TB before 2025.



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7) Where was the Multi-Media Exhibition commemorating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi held?

Answer:-Nagaland

For the first time in the history of Hornbill festival, Bureau of Outreach & Communication, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is organising a Multi Media Exhibition commemorating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio officially inaugurated the Multi Media Exhibition at World War II museum, Kisama in Nagaland.

8) In which state, No fee charged by 'sewa kendras' from devotees applying online to visit Kartarpur Sahib?

Answer:-Punjab

Punjab CM Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh made it clear that devotees applying online to visit Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan were not being charged facilitation fee by 'sewa kendras' set up by the state government. In a statement he said, anyone asked to pay any fee should inform his office directly. He asserted the application process was totally free of cost.

9) Which country became first to make the entire process for pilgrims going on Haj completely digital?

Answer:-India

India has become the first country to make the entire process for pilgrims going on Haj completely digital. Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said this after signing the bilateral agreement for next year's pilgrimage with the Saudi Haj Minister in Jeddah. An online application, e-visa, Haj mobile app, 'e-MASIHA' health facility, "e-luggage pre-tagging" providing all information in India itself regarding accommodation and transportation in Mecca and Madina will be provided to 2 lakh Indian Muslims going for Haj in 2020.

10) Which country hosts the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 25)?

Answer:-Spain

UN Climate Change Conference, known as COP25 gets underway in the Spanish capital, Madrid, under the Presidency of Chile from 2-13 December 2019. COP 25 is an important conference as countries prepare to move from pre-2020 period under Kyoto Protocol to post-2020 period under Paris Agreement. India's approach will be guided by principles and provisions of UNFCCC and Paris Agreement particularly the principles of Equity and Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capability (CBDR-RC).

11) Which Version of IMI launched across the country in Dec 2019?

Answer:-IMI 2.0

Centre will launch the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0 across the country. The government's flagship scheme is aimed at immunizing children under the age of 2 years and pregnant women against eight vaccine preventable diseases.

12) India and which country signed an agreement for Annual Hajj 2020?

Answer:-Saudi Arabia

Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi signed the bilateral annual Haj 2020 agreement between India and Saudi Arabia with Haj and Umrah Minister of Saudi Arabia Mohammad Saleh bin Taher Benteen. He said, for the first time facilities were provided for digital pre-tagging of pilgrims' baggage.

13) Who is appointed as the new Controller General of Accounts?

Answer:-Suman Roy Burman



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Soma Roy Burman took charge as the new Controller General of Accounts, CGA. She is the 24th CGA and the seventh woman to hold this coveted position. She took over from J P S Chawla.

14) Gunpreet Singh is related to which sports?

Answer:-Wrestling

In wrestling, Asian Championships silver medallists Gurpreet Singh and Sunil Kumar clinched gold medals on the final day of the senior national championships in Jalandhar. Gurpreet defeated two-time world junior championships medallist Sajan Bhanwal, who was representing the Railways, by a 3-1 margin, in the 77 kilogram category. This was Punjab grappler's fourth senior national title.

15) Where was BCCI's 88th Annual General Meeting held?

Answer:-Mumbai

The Board's 88th Annual General Meeting held in Mumbai. As per the current constitution, an office-bearer who has served two three-year terms, either at the BCCI or at the state association, goes into a compulsory three-year cooling-off period.

16) Where was Syed Modi International 2019 took place?

Answer:-Lucknow

Indian shuttler Sourabh Verma's impressive run at the Syed Modi International tournament came to an end after he lost in straight games to Chinese Taipei's Wang Tzu Wei in the men's singles final in Lucknow.

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December 03, 2019

1) International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed on which date?

December:- 03

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3) is an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992. It has been observed with varying degrees of success around the planet. The observance of the Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. It was originally called "International Day of Disabled Persons" until 2007. Each year the day focuses on a different issue.

2) Which organization is celebrated the 70th birthday in 03 Dec 2019?

December:- North Atlantic Treaty Organization

The leaders of North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO, will meet to mark the 70th birthday of the organization in London. Scotland Yard said road closures will be in place in central London during the meet. The two-day summit includes receptions at Buckingham Palace and Downing Street plus a working session at a golf resort in outer London. United States President Donald Trump landed in Britain ahead of the summit.

3) Global Migration Film Festival organized in which city?

December:- Dhaka

The Global Migration Film Festival (GMFF) was organised in Dhaka. The day-long festival screened 15 films on the theme of migration and its various aspects. The GMFF started in 2016 and this year it is being organised across many cities in the world between 28 November to 18 December. The short films and documentaries shown during the festival were selected through a global competition for which 600 entries were received. The jury selected 30 best films out of which 15 were screened in Dhaka.

4) A leakage of which gas killed a large number of people in Bhopal Gas Tragedy?

December:- Methyl Isocyanate

In Madhya Pradesh, several programmes are being organized in Bhopal to mark the 35th anniversary of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy, one of the worst industrial disasters of the world. A large number of people were killed due to the leak of Methyl Isocyanate gas from Union Carbide Plant in Bhopal on the intervening night of 2nd and 3rd December in 1984, while millions of people are still affected.

5) Who is the new president of European Commission?

December:- Ursula von der Leyen

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated Ursula von der Leyen on taking over as the President of the European Commission. In a telephonic conversation with Ms Leyen, Modi said, that her leadership of the European Commission had special significance since she was its first woman President. The Prime Minister pointed out that India-EU partnership is based on shared values like democracy, respect for rule of law, multilateralism, rules-based trade and rules-based international order.

6) Where a new museum of antiquities proposed to be opened by April 2020?

December:- Purana Quila.

The Government/Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) will set up another museum to house objects excavated from across India which have been lying in the Central Antiquities Collection (CAC) at Purana Quila.

7) Which orbiter showed the site of the spacecraft's impact and associated debris field?

December:- Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter

A NASA satellite orbiting the Moon has found India's Vikram lander which crashed on the lunar surface in September. The United States space agency said, the NASA released an image taken by its Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, LRO that showed the site of the spacecraft's impact and associated debris field on 6th of September. NASA released a mosaic image of the site on 26th of September and invited the public to search it for signs of the lander. A person named Shanmuga Subramanian contacted the LRO project with a positive identification of debris.



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8) Which Typhoon makes landfall at Luzon?

December:- Kammuri

In the Philippines, typhoon Kammuri has made landfall at Luzon, the country's largest and most populous island. Around two lakh residents have been evacuated from coastal and mountainous areas over fears of flooding, storm surges and landslides

9) Who is the first woman pilot of the Indian Navy?

December:- Shivangi

The FOC-in-C South Rolling Trophy for standing first in overall order of merit was awarded to Lieutenant Shivam Pandey. Sub Lieutenant (SLt) Shivangi created history as the first woman pilot of the Indian Navy, on successful graduation from the course.

10) Military Exercise Hand-in-Hand-2019 is going to held in which state?

December:- Meghalaya

The 8th India-China joint training exercise 'HAND-IN-HAND 2019' with the theme counter terrorism under United Nations mandate is scheduled to be conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya from 07 to 20 December 2019. The aim of the exercise is to practice joint planning and conduct of counter terrorist operations in semi urban terrain.

11) Who launched the Independent Director's Databank?

December:- Mr. Injeti Srinivas

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs, with the objective of strengthening the institution of Independent Directors under the Companies Act, launched the Independent Director's Databank in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder.

12) Who is the 14th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman & Nicobar Command?

December:- Podali Shankar Rajeshwar

Lt Gen Podali Shankar Rajeshwar took over as the 14th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman & Nicobar Command (CINCAN) on December 01, 2019. He is a graduate of Indian Military Academy and was commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery in December 1980. Lt Gen Rajeshwar has actively taken part in Operation Meghdoot and Operation Rakshak.

13) Who is going to lead the ICC U-19 World Cup 2020?

December:- Priyam Garg

Uttar Pradesh batsman Priyam Garg will lead defending champions India in next year's Under-19 ICC Cricket World Cup to be held in South Africa. The All-India Junior Selection Committee, which met in Mumbai yesterday, picked the squad for the tournament to be held from 17th January to 9th February next year.

14) Which country clash with India at 13th South Asian Games in volleyball?

December:- Pakistan

In Nepal, Indian men's volleyball team will clash with Pakistan in the finals of 13th South Asian Games. The much-awaited encounter of the games will be played at Dasaratha Rangshala in Kathmandu. Expressing confidence Indian captain Jerome Vinith said, the team is fully geared up and India will continue its winning streak. Coach G E Sridharan said, India has an outstanding record in South Asian Games and his team will beat Pakistan in the finals.



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December 04, 2019

1) Wild Life Conservation day is celebrated in which date?

Answer:-December 04

The world's best loved species are being slaughtered by widespread and dangerous criminal networks. On December 4, 2012, the first time that World Wildlife Conservation Day was officially recognized around the world and calls on individuals around the globe to sign its Wildlife Pledge to respect and protect wild animals.

2) Which Federation thanked government for undertaking railway group D recruitment for PwDs?

Answer:-National Federation of the Blind

National Federation of the Blind expressed gratitude towards the NDA government and Railway Minister Piyush Goyal for doing justice to all categories of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and for undertaking the present railway Group D recruitment in a transparent and fair manner. General Secretary of the Federation, SK Rungta urged the government not to accede the demand of locomotor disabled who have been staging protests at the national capital demanding appointment in excess of 1 per cent vacancies reserved for them.

3) Which minister unveils Kalash containing soil of Jalianwalla Bagh at National Museum?

Answer:-Prahlad Singh Patel

Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel unveiled the Kalash containing soil of Jalianwalla Bagh, the soil of martyr at National Museum in New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Patel said the main idea behind displaying the Kalash containing soil of Jalianwalla Bagh in National Museum is to inspire the youth of the country especially children and pay tribute to the martyrs of freedom struggle. He further said that it is not just a regular soil, it is the part of one of the greatest sacrifices and government want to honour their sacrifices.

4) Which state observed International Day of Persons with Disabilities under the theme "promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership"?

Answer:-Nagaland

Nagaland observed International Day of Persons with Disabilities' under the theme "promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership". The State level programme was held at Kohima, jointly by the Department of Social Welfare, Nagaland Parents Association for the Disabled (NAPAD) and State Commissioner for Persons with disabilities.

5) In Chhattisgarh, Mission Indradhanush 2.0 will be conducted in how many phases?

Answer:-4

Intensified Mission Indradhanush- 2.0 was launched in Chhattisgarh. This immunization drive will be conducted in four phases across the state. The programme will be completed by March 2020. Intensified Mission Indradhanush-2.0 was launched in Chhattisgarh from yesterday. This immunization drive will be conducted in four phases across the state. The programme will be completed by March 2020.

6) Which country successfully test-fires indigenously developed nuke-capable Prithvi-II missile?

Answer:- India

India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed surface-to-surface nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile off Odisha coast. The Strategic Forces Command of the Indian Army conducted the user trial of the 350 km range missile from a mobile launcher from launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur. Defence sources said the missile weighs about 4,600 kg, is capable of carrying 500 to one thousand kilograms of warheads and is thrust by liquid propulsion twin engines. It also said all parameters within the stipulated time period were achieved.

7) RNU AIR celebrates World Divyang Day in which state?

Answer:-Nagpur

The World Divyang Day was celebrated in a unique way by Regional News Unit (RNU) of All India Radio under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, at Nagpur. The FM headlines of 11:58 am in Braille were prepared and it was read by a visually impaired person. This unique initiative by RNU Nagpur is being taken to build confidence in such visual impaired persons. Smt. Gauri Marathe, Assistant Director, RNU, along with News Editor Dr. Manoj



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Sonone, AIR Nagpur correspondent Dhananjay Wankhede, Station Head, Pravin Kawade and Assistant Director of Program Department, Dr. Harish Parashar materialized this unique concept.

8) Which Country navy is fully geared up to control terrorist infiltration through coast?

Answer:-Indian Navy

Indian Navy is fully geared up to control any infiltration by terrorists through the coast. Chief of Eastern Naval Command, Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain said this while addressing the media on board INS Jalaswa in Visakhapatnam. He expressed confidence that Eastern Naval Command will give fitting reply to intruders from Pakistan. He said, aircraft surveillance is being employed to beef up coastal security in the area. He said that the Indian Navy is contributing a lot for the economic growth of the country through Sea trade.

9) Where a Memorandum of Understanding for India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre was signed?

Answer:-New Delhi

India and Sweden signed a Memorandum of Understanding for India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre in New Delhi. The objective of the innovation Centre is to develop an ecosystem of open innovation to which start-ups and the healthcare delivery stakeholders can use to collaborate and address current and future challenges in the healthcare sector.

10) India clinched how many gold medals at 13th South Asian Games in Kathmandu?

Answer:-10

India dominated the 13th South Asian Games in Nepal by clinching 10 Gold in Athletics, Volleyball, Shooting and Table Tennis. In track and field events Archana Suseendran in women's 100 metre, M. Jashna in women's high jump, Sarvesh Anil Kushare in men's high jump and Ajay Kumar Saroj in men's 1500 metres won a gold each to begin India's athletics campaign on an impressive note. Overall, in Athletics India won four gold, four silver and two bronze on the opening day.



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December 05, 2019

1) International Volunteer Day is observed on which date?

December 05

The International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development (5 December), more commonly referred to as International Volunteer Day (IVD), is an international observance mandated by the UN General Assembly in 1985.

2) World Soil Day is observed on which date?

December 05

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) Conference, in June 2013, endorsed World Soil Day, and requested official adoption at the 68th UN General Assembly. In December 2013, the 68th session of the UN General Assembly declared 5 December as the World Soil Day.

3) India and which country began the shipping secretary-level meeting?

Bangladesh

A two-day-long meeting between Shipping Secretaries of India and Bangladesh began in Dhaka. The Shipping Secretary of Bangladesh Abdus Samad said that the two countries will discuss issues like land port facility, transshipment fees, dredging of navigational rivers among others. He said Bangladesh and India will also discuss ways to improve immigration and customs arrangement and management of passenger and cruise ships.

4) Where was At Home reception on Navy Day held?

New Delhi

President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended At Home reception on occasion of Navy Day in New Delhi. The reception was organised at the residence of Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh.

5) How many numbers of key development projects are jointly inaugurated by PM Modi and Maldivian President?

4

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih jointly inaugurated four key development projects covering a wide range of sectors through video conference. One of the projects includes the lighting up of Male using LED lights. Another project is the launch of the RuPay card in Maldives. Three fish processing plants were inaugurated and a Fast Interceptor Craft was gifted to the Maldives. Prime Minister Modi said, it has been a landmark and significant year for India-Maldives relationship.

6) Which ministers launched the Fit India School Rating System?

Mr. Ramesh Pokhriyal and Mr. Giren Rijju

Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports Shri Kiren Rijju jointly inaugurated the newly constructed Cricket Stadium at KV No. 1, Delhi Cantt in Delhi. They also launched the Fit India School Rating System. Member of Parliament Smt Meenakshi Lekhi graced the occasion along with other dignitaries.

7) Which cabinet approved the launch of Bharat Bond Exchange Traded Fund?

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for creation and launch of Bharat Bond Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) to create an additional source of funding for Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), Central Public Financial Institutions (CPFIs) and other Government organizations. Bharat Bond ETF would be the first corporate Bond ETF in the country.



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8) Which Minister attended the Hornbill festival in Kohima?

Mr.Prahlad Singh Patel

Union Minister of State for Tourism and Culture (Independent Charge), Prahlad Singh Patel attended the ongoing Hornbill Festival at Kisama, near Kohima. Addressing the gathering at a cultural function, Mr Patel said, festivals are a reflection of one's cultural identity and heritage. While acknowledging the rich and unique cultures of Nagas, the Union Minister said that Centre will extend all possible help to preserve and promote the rich cultural, tradition and heritage of the Nagas.

9) In Madhya Pradesh, How many percent of quotas are proposed for sportspersons in state jobs?

5 Percent

The Madhya Pradesh government would introduce a bill in the Legislative Assembly to earmark five per cent reservation to sportspersons in State jobs. This was disclosed by the state's Sports and Youth Welfare Minister, Jitu Patwari in Bhopal. He was speaking to reporters after scaling a 40-foot-tall rock wall at the sports ground of the Barkatullah University in the state capital.

10) Who regained the top spot in the ICC Test rankings in batting?

Virat Kohli

India captain Virat Kohli regained the top spot in the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Test rankings in batting. Australian Steve Smith slipped a rung in the latest list issued in Dubai. Kohli, who had struck a fine 136 in the day-night Kolkata Test against Bangladesh last week, reached 928 points.

11) Navy Day in India is celebrated on which date?

December 04

Navy Day is being celebrated by Southern Naval Command in Kochi. Vice Admiral A K Chawla, Flag Officer and Commander-in-Chief of Southern Naval Command, laid a wreath during a solemn ceremony conducted at the war memorial in the Naval Base to pay homage to the Navymen who made the supreme sacrifice while defending the nation.

12) By 2040 India is set to rise how many billion people in the country?

1.5 Billion

The Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Shri DV Sadananda Gowda addressed at Valedictory Session of the Fertilizer Association of India (FAI) Annual Seminar on 'New Approach to Fertilizer Sector'. Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog, Shri K.S.Raju, Chairman, FAI, Shri Satish Chander, Director General, FAI and representatives of the industry were also present on the occasion.

13) How many countries Air Chiefs are participated in Pacific Air Chiefs' Symposium 2019?

20

The conference will bring together Air Chiefs from across the Indo-Pacific region who will provide perspectives on common challenges faced and on shared mutual interests while focusing on relevant topics like 'Regional Security', 'Domain Awareness', 'Multi-Domain Awareness', 'Interoperability' and 'HADR'. The symposium will also entail discourse and discussions on the combined effort required to maintain peace and security within the region. In addition to the host country USA, Air Chiefs from 20 countries are present at the Symposium.

14) Election Commission of India and which country's Election Commission signed a MoU in the field of Electoral Management & Administration?

Maldives

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal of the Election Commission to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Election Commission of Maldives on cooperation in the field of electoral management and administration. This includes exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of organizational and technical development of electoral process; support in exchanging information, institutional strengthening and capacity building, training of personnel, holding regular consultations; etc.



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15) Which country topped the medals tally on the fourth day with 70 medals in 13th South Asian Games?

India

At the 13th South Asian Games in Nepal, India topped the medals tally on the fourth day with 70 medals comprising 34 gold, 23 silver and 13 bronze. Indian athletes dominated in most of the competitions. On the fourth day of games, India clinched 28 medals including 17 gold. Athletics grabbed maximum 10 medals including 5 Gold. In Tennis, Table Tennis, Kho-Kho, Indian men's and women's teams won gold each. In Taekwondo India clinched six medals, including 3 Gold.

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December 06, 2019

1) Sri Lanka and which country is agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation?

Answer:- Maldives

This was agreed to during meeting of visiting Maldivian Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid with Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Both the leaders agreed that the Indian Ocean must remain free and open for all nations for their economic upliftment. President Rajapaksa said, it was Sri Lanka that proposed the Indian Ocean be declared as a zone of peace in early 70s. Maldivian Minister highlighted the importance of improving people to people relations between the two countries.

2) How many crores are sanctioned by government to set up women help desks in police stations?

Answer:- 100 Crores

Union Home Ministry has sanctioned a sum 100 crore rupees from Nirbhaya Fund for setting up and strengthening of Women Help Desks in Police Stations. This scheme would be implemented by the States and Union Territories. The Help Desks would focus on making the Police Stations more women-friendly and approachable, as they would be the first and single point of contact for any woman walking into a police station.

3) Short essay competition is launched for which classes students?

Answer:- IX – XII

Human Resource Development Ministry in partnership with MyGov has launched a short essay competition for students of Class 9 to 12 for the third edition of Prime Minister's Interaction Programme with school students 'Pariksha Pe Charcha- 2020'. The programme is proposed to be held at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi in the third week of January next year. The entries for the competition, to be sent on-line, have been made open from 2nd of this month.

4) Who pays homage to Dr BR Ambedkar on his 64th Mahaparinirvan Diwas?

Answer:- Mr. Ram Nath Kovind

President Ram Nath Kovind led the nation in paying tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr BR Ambedkar on his 64th Mahaparinirvan Diwas. He paid floral tributes at his Statue in Parliament House. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu in a series of tweets, said, humble tributes and respects to the architect of the Constitution.

5) Which University has approved setting up of a separate department for disability and rehabilitation studies?

Answer:- University of Mysore

The University of Mysore Academic Council has approved setting up of a separate department for disability and rehabilitation studies in its campus at Manasagangotri. Vice-Chancellor G Hemantha Kumar, said that the new department would come into effect from the next academic year. The University Syndicate had approved the proposal in August this year.

6) Where was Avantee mega Food Park inaugurated?

Answer:- Madhya Pradesh

In Madhya Pradesh, Union Minister for food processing Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated Avantee mega Food Park in Dewas. This first food park of central India is spread over 51 acres and has been constructed at a cost of about 150 crore rupees. About 5 thousand local people will get employment from this Mega Food Park. Minister of State for Food Processing Industries Rameshwar Teli was also present on the inaugural ceremony.

7) Where India based Neutrino Observatory is being planned?

Answer:- Theni

The India based Neutrino Observatory is being planned in the Theni district in Tamil Nadu. There has been opposition from some sections of the local populace. INO has been conducting outreach programmes in & around Madurai and Theni for students in schools & colleges, for faculty as well as journalists and media professionals. A large outreach program took place during May-August 2018 covering other towns in Tamil Nadu and a few in Kerala.



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8) Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated a sewage treatment plant in which state?

Answer:- Uttarkhand

Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat inaugurated a Sewage Treatment Plant in Haridwar district of Uttarakhand in the presence of Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia. The Swedish King said that Ganga is an important river in India. He said that the Central Government is doing good work in the direction of clean rivers.

9) Where was DGP, IGP conference began?

Answer:- Pune

A three-day national conference of Director General and Inspector General of Police begins in Pune. Home Minister Amit Shah will address the inaugural session of the conference. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the valedictory session of the conference. It will be held in the campus of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research in the Pashan area of the city. The theme of the conference is scientific and forensics-based investigation apart from technology-enabled policing.

10) ISRO has set up how many numbers of Space Technology Cells in IITs?

Answer:- 5

ISRO has set up 5 Space Technology Cells (STCs) at premier institutions like Indian Institute of Technologies (IITs) – Bombay, Kanpur, Kharagpur & Madras; Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru and Joint Research Programme with Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU, Pune) to carry out research activities in the areas of space technology and applications. ISRO desires development of high end technology in collaboration with IITs in the areas of Space Science, Space Technology and Space Applications.

11) Where a military exercise INDRA 2019 is going to held?

Answer:- India

Exercise INDRA 2019 a joint, tri services exercise between India and Russia will be conducted in India from 10 — 19 December 2019 simultaneously at Babina (near Jhansi), Pune, and Goa. The INDRA series of exercise began in 2003 and the First joint Tri Services Exercise was conducted in 2017, It will be a historic occasion for two of the world's greatest Armed Forces to join hands and successfully conduct an exercise of this magnitude with professionalism, to imbibe the best practices from each other, jointly evolve and drills to defeat the scourge of terror under the United Nation mandate.

12) Where a first T20 international is held?

Answer:- Hyderabad

India will take on West Indies in the first T20 international at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad. India are scheduled to play three T20Is and as many ODIs against West Indies in a month-long tour for the visitors.



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December 07, 2019

1) International Civil Aviation Day is observed on which date?

Answer:-December 07

In 1996 the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed that 7 December was to be the International Civil Aviation Day. The day has been celebrated by the International Civil Aviation Organization since 7 December 1994, the 50th anniversary of the signing the Convention on International Civil Aviation. The purpose of the day is to recognize the importance of aviation, especially international air travel, to the social and economic development of the world.

2) India and which country tied transcend strategic partnership?

Answer:-Bangladesh

The ties between India and Bangladesh transcend the strategic partnership. Speaking at a function in Dhaka to commemorate the 48th anniversary of India granting recognition to Bangladesh, India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh Riva Ganguly Das said that bilateral relationship between the two countries is at an all time high. She said that India accords top priority to its relationship with Bangladesh.

3) India cargo ships will be able to access which country ports from Jan 2020?

Answer:-Bangladesh

The Indian cargo ships will be able to access Bangladeshi ports for movement of goods soon. This was announced in Dhaka by the Shipping Secretary of Bangladesh Abdus Samad after the conclusion of the secretary-level talks between shipping ministries of the two countries. He said that the first trial run will be held in January next year when a cargo ship is expected to operate either through Chittagong or Mongla Port.

4) PM Modi has suggested pairing of private, public schools to boost which government programme?

Answer:-Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has suggested pairing of private and public schools to boost Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat. Mr Modi was addressing Ekal Vidyalaya Sangathan, Gujarat through video message. He noted that the Central Government is working enthusiastically for better education and skill development in the country. He also said, schemes like scholarship for Scheduled Tribe children, Eklavya Model residential school, Poshan Abhiyan and Mission Indradhanush have helped not only in checking the school dropout rates but also promoted the holistic development of children

5) India and which country had agreed to work closely to built upon the close multi-faceted bilateral relations?

Answer:-Mauritius

India and Mauritius have agreed to work closely to build upon the close multi-faceted bilateral relations and to explore new avenues of engagement, based on mutual interest and priorities. Prime Minister Narendra Modi met his Mauritian counterpart Pravind Jugnauth in New Delhi. The Mauritius Prime Minister accompanied by his spouse, Kobita Jugnauth is on a private visit to India. Mr Modi said that the government and people of Mauritius can count on India's wholehearted support and continued solidarity in their aspirations to build a more secure, stable and prosperous Mauritius.

6) J&K government approved for which type of allowance in favour of its employees?

Answer:-Leave Travel Concession

Jammu and Kashmir Government has approved the Leave Travel Concession (LTC) in favour of its employees. The move is going to benefit more than 3.5 lakh regular government employees. A notification prescribing the



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mandatory rules has already been issued by General Administrative department in this regard. The rules as per the notification shall be deemed to have come into force from the date of 31st of October 2019 and had been entitled as Jammu & Kashmir Civil Services (Leave Travel Concession) Rules, 2019. Provide anti-rabies vaccine to all govt hospitals in sufficient quantity, Delhi HC directs Centre, AAP govt.

7) Which Regional News Unit (RNU) of All India Radio was celebrated its 49th foundation day?

Answer:-Jammu and Kashmir

Regional News Unit (RNU) of All India Radio Jammu is celebrating its 49th Foundation Day. The news unit was set up in 1971 to counter the malicious propaganda dished out by Pakistan Radio to make people aware of the ground realities about the 1971 Indo-Pak war. Started with one Dogri bulletin, the Jammu News unit of All India Radio has made rapid strides and presently Five Bulletins- 3 Dogri and 2 Gojri – are broadcast from Jammu.

8) Which transaction facility to be available round the clock from December 16, 2019?

Answer:-NEFT

In a bid to promote digital transactions, Reserve Bank has said that round-the-clock transactions will be allowed under the National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) system from December 16. RBI said that the 24x7 NEFT system will be available on all days of the year, including holidays. NEFT transactions are settled in hourly batches. For weekdays, the batches are from 8 am to 7 pm. On first and third Saturdays, the settlement happens from 8 am to 1 pm.

9) Which minister said that Indian banking sector has become stronger than it was in the past after several reforms undertaken by his government?

Answer:-Mr. Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Indian banking sector has become stronger than it was in the past after several reforms undertaken by his government. He said, his government merged banks to provide a centralized system and provided 2.5 lakh crore rupees for recapitalization. He declared that banking sector has emerged from the crisis of the past and ensured bankers that genuine business decisions will not be questioned. Addressing the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit in New Delhi, Mr Modi said Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code has promised a return of about three lakh crore rupees.

10) In which year, Diabetic population in country is close to hitting alarming mark of 69.9 million?

Answer:-2025

The diabetic population in the country is close to hitting the alarming mark of 69.9 million by 2025, which is expected to witness an increase of 266 per cent. The Minister said that the Centre of Research in Ayurveda Sciences, an autonomous body under Ayush Ministry, has been engaged in extending research-oriented Ayurveda based or integrative health care services for the management of Madhumeha, which is Diabetes Mellitus.

11) Which Country won in first T-20 International at Hyderabad?

Answer:-India

India beat West Indies by six wickets in the first match of three-match T-20 series against West Indies played at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad. Chasing a total of 207 runs, India made 209 runs for the loss of 4 wickets in 18.4 overs. Skipper Virat Kohli scored 94 while K L Rahul amassed 62 runs. Virat Kohli was adjudged player of the match for his unbeaten knock.



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1) Where is the Kempegowda International Airport located?

Kempegowda International Airport is an international airport serving Bangalore, the capital of the Indian state of **Karnataka**. Spread over 4,000 acres, it is located about 40 kilometres north of the city near the village of Devanahalli.

2) _____ of Tata Group companies announced changes in its health insurance policy in order to provide benefits to employees involved in LGBT employees.

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has announced changes in its health insurance policy in order to provide benefits to employees involved in LGBT employees, a same-sex relationship. TCS became the first Tata Group companies to bring the change.

3) Which State launched the booklet on the life and teachings of Dr. BR Ambedkar for students of class 6-8 in government schools?

The **Delhi government** launched a booklet on the life and teachings of Dr. BR Ambedkar for students of class 6-8 in government schools. The booklet was launched on Ambedkar's 63rd death anniversary.

4) Which state's central committee of different ethnic groups and organizations instituted the Siu-Ka-Pha Award? Siu-Ka-Pha Award was instituted by the central committee of different ethnic groups and organizations of Golaghat district, **Assam**.

5) Which Airport started its operations on the new South Runway with the landing of the first flight on the 4,000-metres long and 45-meters wide airstrip?

The **Kempegowda International Airport** in Bengaluru started its operations on the new South Runway. The operation began with the landing of the first flight on the 4,000-metres long and 45-meters wide airstrip.

6) 6 December 2019 marked _____ death anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar.

6 December 2019 marked the **63rd death anniversary** of Dr. BR Ambedkar. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (14 April 1891 – 6 December 1956), popularly known as Babasaheb Ambedkar, was an Indian jurist, economist, politician and social reformer who inspired the Dalit Buddhist movement and campaigned against social discrimination towards the untouchables (Dalits), while also supporting the rights of women and labour.

7) As per Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) new health insurance policy will cover up to _____ cost of sex or gender reassignment surgery.

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has announced changes in its health insurance policy in order to provide benefits to employees involved in LGBT employees. The insurance policy will cover up to **50% cost** of sex or gender reassignment surgery.

8) Who won the Siu-Ka-Pha Award in 2019?

The Siu-Ka-Pha Award was presented to noted educationist, Botanist and folklore researcher **Dr. Padmeswar Gogoi**. It was presented at a programme held at Siu-Ka-Pha Samannay Kshetra in Golaghat. The award recognized his effort and contribution in the field of botany and science.

9) When did the Exim Bank sign an agreement with Bangladesh's Armed Forces Division?

On **11 April 2019**, the Exim Bank signed an agreement with Bangladesh's Armed Forces Division. The agreement was to provide India-supported line of credit (LoC) \$500 million to Bangladesh. The agreement under the LoC came to effect from 7 November 2019.

10) How much did Japan invest for various North-Eastern India's project?

Japan has invested in the development of India's Northeast projects with its historical ties. Japan has committed **Rs.13,000 crore** for the purpose.



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11) Who is to lead India in the upcoming 2+2 Dialogue?

India and the US are planning to sign a defence technology-sharing pact. The two countries will sign a deal at the 2+2 dialogue on 19 December in Washington, the US. The Indian side will be led by defence minister **Rajnath Singh** and external affairs minister **S Jaishankar** to the dialogue.

12) The annual summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe is to take place in _____.

The annual summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe is to take place between 15-17 December 2019. The announcement was made by the External Affairs Ministry. The summit is expected to take place in Guwahati, **Assam**.

13) Which bank signed an agreement of line of credit (LoC) \$500 million with Bangladesh's Armed Forces Division?

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1) Which country topped the Global Climate Risk Index 2020?

Japan topped the the Global Climate Risk Index 2020 as the most vulnerable of 181 countries to the effects of climate change, with its poorest being the most at risk.

2) The _____ India-Myanmar Foreign Office Consultations was held on 6 December 2019.

The 18th India-Myanmar Foreign Office Consultations was held in New Delhi on 6 December 2019. The Indian delegation was led by Foreign Secretary, Shri Vijay Gokhale, and the Myanmar delegation was led by Permanent Secretary, U Soe Han.

3) Which Ministry conducted a massive campaign against single-use plastic?

Ministry of Defence (MoD) organized a special plogging awareness drive rally in Delhi Cantt as part of Swachhta Pakhwada. The massive campaign against single-use plastic was flagged off by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on 7 December 2019.

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5) Where was the first permanent Human Library located?

The international Human Library movement was first started in 2000 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The first event was held at Roskilde Festival in Roskilde, Denmark. The first permanent Human Library was established in 2006 in Lismore, Australia. The organization is active in around 70 countries.

6) Which countries student is to travel to India to launch Duchifat 3, a satellite?

Three youngsters, Alon Abramovich, Meitav Assulin and Shmuel Aviv Levi, from an Israeli school, will travel to India to launch a satellite, Duchifat 3. The three 17 to 18 years old are the students of Sha'ar HaNegev High school in Israel's southern region.

7) Where was the first Human Library event held?

The Human Library is a concept that replace books with humans to address people's prejudices by helping them to talk to those they would not normally meet. The international movement was first started in 2000 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The first event was held at Roskilde Festival in Roskilde, Denmark.

8) Where is the headquarters of Royal Bank Of Scotland located?

Royal Bank Of Scotland was founded in 1727. It is headquartered in Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. It is owned by NatWest Holdings.

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11) Where was the Human Library event held?

Karnataka conducted a Human Library event in Mysuru on 8 December 2019. Human Library is spread across various metropolitan cities including Hyderabad, Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru in India.



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12) _____, the MD & Head of HR at The Royal Bank Of Scotland announced her/his exit from the position.

Anuranjita Kumar has left her seat as the managing director and head-HR, international hubs, Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS).

13) Where is the Sohae Satellite Launching Station located?

North Korea carried out a very important test at its long-range rocket launch site, Sohae Satellite Launching Station, on 8 December. North Korea stated that the result of the latest test will have an important effect on changing the strategic position of North Korea.

14) What is the currency of Finland?

Finnish rupees -The Finnish Markka was replaced in 2002 with the euro, making Finland the only Nordic country to join the European single currency. The Markka is now out of circulation and the Euro is the only form of legal tender in Finland.

15) The theme of the Exercise Hand-in-hand 2019 is _____.

The theme of the Exercise Hand-in-hand 2019 is Counter-terrorism. Under the theme, both the countries will practice joint planning and conduct of counter-terrorist operations in semi-urban terrain.

16) After appointment, who will be the world's youngest Prime Minister?

Sanna Marin has been elected as the Prime Minister of Finland. She became the world's youngest Prime Minister ever. She also became the third female government leader of the country.

17) When was the Miss Universe pageant formed?

Miss Universe beauty pageant is held every year. It was formed on 28 June 1952. It is run by Miss Universe Organization.

18) Who released the Global Climate Risk Index 2020?

The Global Climate Risk Index 2020 was released by Germanwatch. Germanwatch was established in 1992. It is located in Bonn, Germany. The organization preserves the livelihood and promotes North-South equity. It aims to represent a strong lobby for sustainable development.

19) India ranked _____ in the Global Climate Risk Index 2020.

India ranked 5th in the 15th edition of the Global Climate Risk Index 2020. It was released by Bonn-based think-tank Germanwatch.

20) Who was crowned as the Miss Universe in 2018?

Catriona Elisa Magnayon Gray is a Filipino-Australian model, singer, visual artist, and beauty queen who was crowned Miss Universe 2018. She is the fourth Filipina to win the Miss Universe competition. Previously, Gray was crowned Miss Universe Philippines 2018 and Miss World Philippines 2016.



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1) When was the first International Mountain Day celebrated?

The UN declared 2002 as the UN International Year of Mountains. The first international day was celebrated for the first time in **2003**.

2) When did Eritrea-Ethiopia border war happen?

Eritrea got independence from Ethiopia in 1991. It fought a disastrous border war during **1998-2000** with Ethiopia. More than 80,000 people were killed in the war.

3) When did the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) happen?

UNCLOS was signed on 10 December 1982 at Montego Bay, Jamaica. It is the result of the third edition of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS III) international agreement. It happened between the year **1973 and 1982**.

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5) Who is appointed as the brand ambassador of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)?

National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) appointed Bollywood actor **Suniel Shetty** as the brand ambassador for the agency in New Delhi. It is expected that the celebrity status will help NADA's efforts to clean up sports in the country from the menace.

6) What is the theme of the BioAsia 2020?

The theme of the BioAsia 2020 is **Today For Tomorrow**. The focus of BioAsia is centred around innovation in the past years. The countries aimed to bring the life sciences together and drive significant developments in the life sciences industry globally.

7) Ethiopian Prime Minister Nobel Peace Prize received the _____ Nobel Peace Prize.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali received the Nobel Peace Prize on 10 December 2019 at Oslo's City Hall. The Norwegian Nobel Committee conferred the **100th** Nobel Peace Prize to the Prime Minister in the presence of the Norwegian royal family.

8) Abiy Ahmed was awarded for his extraordinary efforts to end the decades-long conflict with neighbouring _____.

Abiy Ahmed was awarded for his extraordinary efforts to end the decades-long conflict with neighbouring **Eritrea**.

9) What is the image tally of India in the 13th South Asian Games concluded in Nepal?

The 13th South Asian Games concluded in Nepal on 10 December 2019. India topped the championship with a medal tally of 312 medals, of which **174 gold**, 93 silver, and 45 bronze. It was followed by Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan.

10) When did India ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)?

UNCLOS was signed on 10 December 1982 at Montego Bay, Jamaica. It is the result of the third edition of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS III) international agreement. It happened between the year 1973 and 1982. India had ratified the UNCLOS in **1995**

11) Which portal that was launched by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism showcases the information about the rich cultural heritage of India?

Ministry of Culture launched the **Indian Culture web portal** in New Delhi. It was launched by the State for Culture and Tourism (IC), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel. The knowledge and cultural resources of various organizations of the Ministry of Culture are now available in the public domain on a single platform. It will showcase information about the rich cultural heritage of India.



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12) India ranked _____ in the 2019 Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI).

India has ranked **9th** in the high category of 2019 Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) presented on 10 December at the COP25 climate summit in Madrid, Spain. This is the first time India has ranked among the top 10 among the list.

13) What is the theme of the 2019 NAVARMS conclave?

The theme of the two-day event is **Make in India - Fight Category: Opportunities and Imperatives**. The seminar aims to create awareness and identify the emerging prospects for the National and International defence industry in the domain of Naval Weapon Systems.

14) Where was the International Seminar cum Exhibition on Naval Weapon Systems conclave held?

The fourth edition of the International Seminar cum Exhibition on Naval Weapon Systems NAVARMS-19 is to be held on 12-13 December 2019. The conclave is organized by the Ministry of Defence at Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis, Development Enclave, **New Delhi**.

15) The _____ edition of the International Seminar cum Exhibition on Naval Weapon Systems in New Delhi.

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16) When was the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) established?

NDTL is the analytical testing and research organization in India. It was established in **2008**. It functions under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. This laboratory is responsible for human sports dope testing.



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December 12 2019

1) The Ministry of Human Resource Development is to implement the Scheme of _____ under Samagra Shiksha.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development is to implement the Scheme of **Vocationalisation of School Education** under Samagra Shiksha. It is an integrated scheme for school education.

2) Who is appointed as the Secretary of Consular, Passport, Visa and Overseas Indian Affairs?

Career diplomat **Sanjay Bhattacharyya** has been appointed Secretary of Consular, Passport, Visa and Overseas Indian Affairs. Bhattacharyya is a 1987 batch IFS officer. He is currently India's Ambassador in Turkey.

3) Which bill will enhance the maximum limit of fine from the existing Rs.10 lakhs to Rs.1 Crore?

The cabinet approved to introduce the **Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2019**. It will carry out the amendments to the Aircraft Act, 1934 (XXII of 1934). The Bill will be introduced in the Parliament in the winter session of 2019. The Bill will enhance the maximum limit of fine from the existing Rs.10 lakhs to Rs.1 Crore. It enlarged the scope of the existing Act to include regulation of all areas of Air Navigation.

4) When was the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) established?

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) is a Mini Ratna (Category-I) Enterprise. It functions under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE). It was established in **1987**.

5) Which state is to set up a virtual police station in the State's university?

Andhra Pradesh is to set up a virtual police station (VPS) in the Andhra University (AU). It will be the first of its kind. It will help the students to report violence or any other crime online. The plan to establish VPS was initially proposed by AU vice-chancellor Prasad Reddy in August 2019.

6) Who became the first woman to set up a national advertising agency in India?

Tara Sinha, as she was popularly called, was the first woman to set up a national advertising agency, Tara Sinha Associates (TSA) in the 1980s.

7) What is the estimate for India to accomplish the commitments, between 2018 and 2030, under the Paris Agreement?

An estimate of **Rs.21,45,000 crore** is needed for India to accomplish the commitments, between 2018 and 2030, under the Paris Agreement.

8) The US became India's _____ oil supplier, by replacing Kuwait during the first six months of 2019-20.

The United States has surpassed Kuwait to become India's **sixth-largest** oil supplier. The US has supplied 5.4 million tonnes of crude oil during the first six months of 2019-20. The US supplies to India were higher than Kuwait's during the first six months of 2019-20. Kuwait supplied 5.1 million tonnes in the period.

9) _____ is to set up a dedicated Green Window with an aim to serve the unserved segments of renewable energy in India.

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) is planning to set up a dedicated Green Window with an aim to serve the unserved segments of renewable energy. It was announced by Shri Anand Kumar, Secretary for the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).



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10) Who is appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Ghana?

C. Sugandh Rajaram has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Ghana. Rajaram is presently the Consul General, Consulate General of India to Southern Germany. He will replace Birender Singh Yadav as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Ghana.

11) Who organized the 2019 Symposium on Scope of Science of Ayurveda in Global Health?

Government organized a Symposium on Scope of Science of Ayurveda in Global Health on 11 December at New Delhi. It was organized by the **Ministry of AYUSH** in coordination with the **Ministry of External Affairs**. It is in line with the Ministry of AYUSH's commitment to promote Ayurveda and Traditional systems of Medicine globally.

12) Which country is India's top crude oil supplier from April to September 2019?

Iraq remains as India's top crude oil supplier. It meets almost one-fourth of India's oil needs. Iraq sold 26 million tonnes of crude oil to India from April to September 2019.

13) RISAT-2BR1 is a _____ satellite.

RISAT-2BR1 is a **radar imaging satellite**. It can take pictures of the earth during day and night even under cloudy conditions. The satellites will help monitor the border 24/7 along with checking infiltration.

14) When was the barcode scanned for the first time?

The first product that was scanned was a packet of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit chewing gum. It took place in June **1974** in Ohio.

15) ISRO launched the RISAT-2BR1 satellite and _____ commercial satellites from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota on 11 December 2019.

ISRO launched the RISAT-2BR1 satellite on 11 December 2019. India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) launched RISAT-2BR1, the fiftieth flight (PSLV-C48), along with **nine commercial satellites** from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota.



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December 13 2019

1) Who was named as the 2019 Person of the Year by TIME magazine?

The news magazine Time has named the teenage climate activist **Greta Thunberg** in 2019 Person of the Year. She was named as she inspired millions of people in 150 countries to protest climate change. She has also delivered blunt and powerful speeches to leaders urging them to address the issue.

2) Poland asked for an extension up to _____ in the European Union's climate neutrality agreement?

The European Union (EU) left Poland out of a 2050 climate neutrality agreement. The country resisted the plan during hours of intense debate and was left out of the new commitment. Poland is expected to reach climate neutrality at its own pace. The country asked for an extension of the period to **2070**.

3) Who is appointed as the Secretary of Mines?

Mr. Sushil Kumar has been appointed as the Mines Secretary.

4) European Union has agreed to attain climate neutrality agreement by _____.

The European Union (EU) left Poland out of a **2050** climate neutrality agreement. The agreement is part of a plan to make Europe the first climate-neutral continent. The 2050 goal is a key commitment under the 2015 Paris Agreement of the Europe Union on climate change.

5) Who was named as the world's most powerful woman by Forbes in the 2019 list of the 100 most powerful women in the world?

German Chancellor **Angela Merkel** has been named as the world's most powerful woman by Forbes in the 2019 list of the 100 most powerful women in the world. She has won the title for the consecutive ninth year running.

6) Which country was left out of the European Union's 2050 climate neutrality agreement?

The European Union (EU) left **Poland** out of a 2050 climate neutrality agreement. The agreement is part of a plan to make Europe the first climate-neutral continent. Poland was left out as it demanded more funds for economic transition and support for nuclear power.

7) Who is appointed as the new information and Broadcasting Secretary?

Ravi Mittal has been appointed as the new Information and Broadcasting Secretary. He will replace Mr. Amit Khare who has been appointed as the new secretary of the Department of Higher Education. The appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of Union Cabinet (ACC).

8) What is the Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate (MCLR) of SBI as of December 2019?

State Bank of India (SBI) announced a reduced 1-year marginal cost-based lending rates (MCLR) by 10 bps. MCLR will be reduced to **7.90%** from 8%. The new rates will come to effect from 10 December 2019. All the other rates remain the same. This is the eighth consecutive MCLR cut in the financial year 2019.

9) Rajya Sabha passed a Constitution amendment bill to extend reservation to SCs and STs in Lok Sabha and state assemblies by another _____ years.

Rajya Sabha passed a Constitution amendment bill to extend reservation to SCs and STs in Lok Sabha and state assemblies by another **10 years**. The bill was passed by Lok Sabha on 10 December. The bill will now be sent to the states for ratification by 50% of the assemblies before it comes into force.



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10) Who presented the Universal health coverage (UHC) Awards?

The Universal health coverage (UHC) Awards were awarded to the best performing Primary Healthcare teams of States and Union Territories (UTs) on the occasion of Universal Health Coverage Day on 12 December. The awards were presented by the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** at an event organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

11) Who founded the Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB)?

The Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) was established in **1928**. RSPB is owned by the Indian Railways. It is a member of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). It promotes 29 sporting disciplines.

12) Who won the 2019 FICCI India Sports Awards?

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) India Sports Awards 2019 was presented to the **Railway Sports Promotion Board** under the category of Best Company Promoting Sports (Public Sector) on 11 December 2019 at New Delhi.

13) The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 will provide citizenship to _____ communities.

President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent to the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 on 12 December 2019. The Bill will provide citizenship to **six** communities namely Hindus, Christians, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, and Parsis.

14) The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 will amend _____.

President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent to the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 on 12 December 2019. The bill amends **the Citizenship Act, 1955**. The Bill was passed in Lok Sabha in January 2019 but lapsed without being cleared in Rajya Sabha. The law came into effect on 12 December

15) When was the first World Habitat Award presented?

The World Habitat Award was established in **1985**. The award recognizes and promotes good habitat practices. The first awards were presented in 1986 in London by HRH the Prince of Wales and the Dr. Arcot Ramachandran, UN-HABITAT Executive Director.



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1) When did India host the IGC event for the first time?

India is the only Asian country to host the IGC event twice. For the first time, India hosted the 22nd IGC in **1964**. The event was inaugurated by the then President of India, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

2) Who is appointed as an expenditure secretary in the finance ministry?

The government appointed **TV Somanathan** as an expenditure secretary in the finance ministry. Somanathan will replace Girish Chandra Murmu, who was named the first lieutenant governor of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in October.

3) Which company won the Space Oscars awards on the international competition Copernicus Masters?

Blue Sky Analytics won the Space Oscars awards on the international competition Copernicus Masters. The awards were presented in a ceremony on 4 December 2019 during the European Space Week held at Helsinki, Finland. Blue Sky Analytics became the first Indian Startup to win the Space Oscars award presented by the European Space Agency.

4) What is the theme of the International Geological Congress (IGC)?

India is to host the 36th International Geological Congress (IGC) in New Delhi during the first week of March 2020. The theme of the event is **Geosciences: The Basic Science for a Sustainable Development**. The IGCs are global geoscientific events held once in four years.

5) Which State adopted Trakea to make forensic reports tamper-proof?

Haryana Police has adopted Trakea, a unique barcoding software to make forensic reports tamper-proof. The technique will ensure the thousands of forensic reports that form the backbone of the criminal investigation system and subsequent trials in the courts of law, are not tampered with.

6) India is to host the _____ International Geological Congress (IGC) to provide a platform for international cooperation in all major fields of geosciences.

India is to host the **36th International** Geological Congress (IGC) in New Delhi during the first week of March 2020. It is popularly described as the Olympics of Geosciences. In a move to boost the IGC preparation, a half-day interactive workshop was held here on 12 December. It was inaugurated by Dr. M. Rajeevan, the Secretary, Ministry of Earth, and Anil Kumar Jain, Secretary Coal & Mines.

7) Which Bill will fulfill the requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) by enabling the DGCA, BCAS, AAIB, the regulatory bodies in the Civil Aviation sector in India to become more effective?

The Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the introduction of the **Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2019**. The Bill amends the Aircraft Act, 1934 (XXII of 1934). It will fulfill the requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) by enabling the DGCA, BCAS, AAIB, the regulatory bodies in the Civil Aviation sector in India to become more effective. This will lead to enhancement in the level of safety and security of aircraft operations in the country.

8) Which State approved the draft Disha Act to ensure rape verdicts in 21 days?

The **Andhra Pradesh** Cabinet approved the draft Disha Act to ensure rape verdicts in 21 days. Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy announced that the State government will make amendments to the AP Criminal Law Act to hand out harsh punishments after a swift process.

9) The US will have announced that it will maintain 25% tariffs on \$US250 billion of Chinese imports, but cut tariffs in half to _____ on \$US120 billion in imports.

The US will have announced that it will maintain 25% tariffs on \$US250 billion of Chinese imports, but cut tariffs in half to **7.5%** on \$US120 billion in imports.



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10) The US has agreed to suspend tariffs on _____ in Chinese goods that were due to come into effect on 15 December.

The United States and China have agreed to a phase one trade deal that includes canceling the tariffs on Chinese goods. Also, the US has agreed to suspend tariffs on **\$233 billion** in Chinese goods that were due to come into effect on 15 December.

11) _____ has signed an agreement with UNESCO MGIEP to enable school teachers to adopt technology in classrooms by using Information Communication Technology (ICT) tools.

Dell Technologies has signed an agreement with UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace (MGIEP) to enable school teachers to adopt technology in classrooms by using Information Communication Technology (ICT) tools.

12) Who organized the International Workshop on Energy Efficient Cooling?

Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, conducted an International Workshop on Energy Efficient Cooling from 12-13 December 2019 at Scope Convention Centre, New Delhi. It was organized as a part of the Energy Conservation Week that was observed from 9-14 December 2019.

13) How many Indian-origin candidates were elected to House of Commons in the UK in the UK's 2019 General election?

Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative party won the UN's General election with a majority vote. Indian-origin candidates in both the ruling Conservative and opposition Labour parties have registered equally strong results of seven wins on each side. Around **15 MPs** have made into the UK's House of Commons, the lower house.

14) When is Energy Conservation Day observed in India?

In India, the National Energy Conservation Day is observed on **14 December** every year. The day is organized by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power.

15) When is the World Energy Conservation Day observed?

World Energy Conservation Day is observed on **14 December**. The day aims to highlight the importance of energy consumption. This Day creates a sense of urgency on the issues involved.



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December 15 2019

1) How many wholesale regulated markets have been integrated with e-NAM platform?

585 wholesale regulated markets have been integrated with e-NAM platform.

2) When is the OSIRIS-REx spacecraft expected to return to earth with a sample collection?

OSIRIS-REx sample collection has been scheduled for the latter half of 2020. The spacecraft is expected to return the asteroid samples to Earth on 24 September **2023**.

3) Over _____ across India have been registered on the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) platform.

The government said that over **1,65,000 lakh** farmers across India have been registered on the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) platform. The announcement was made by the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.

4) Who chaired the first meeting of the National Ganga Council?

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the first meeting of the National Ganga Council in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh on 14 December.

5) Where was the first meeting of the National Ganga Council held?

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6) _____ of the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO), 2013, deals with an increase or decrease in drug prices under extraordinary circumstances.

Paragraph 19 of the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO), 2013, deals with an increase or decrease in drug prices under extraordinary circumstances.

7) Which spacecraft is on a mission to asteroid Bennu?

The **OSIRIS-REx** is a NASA asteroid study and sample-return mission. The mission's main goal is to obtain a sample of at least 60 grams from 101955 Bennu, a carbonaceous near-Earth asteroid, and return the sample to Earth for a detailed analysis.

8) Which country conducted a crucial test on 13 December?

North Korea has conducted another crucial test on 13 December. The test was aimed to help the country to boost its reliable strategic nuclear deterrent.

9) Which site did NASA select as a backup for the sample collection on asteroid Bennu?

NASA has finally selected a sample collection site on asteroid Bennu after the arrival of OSIRIS-REx spacecraft in December 2018 on asteroid Bennu. The OSIRIS-Rex mission team has selected the site designated **Nightingale**, which is located in a crater high in Bennu's northern hemisphere. The team has also selected site **Osprey** of Bennu as a backup sample collection site.

10) The government is planning to allot _____ mines, as of 13 December.

On 13 December 2019, the Ministry of Coal initiated the auction process of coal mines. The move by the government is to reduce coal imports. After the poor participation of investors in the previous rounds of coal auctions, the government is now finally considering allotment of **six mines** soon.

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12) Upon invoking the Drug Price Control Order, 2013, the prices were increased by _____.

On 13 December 2019, the Government invoked Drug Price Control Order, 2013 for the first-time. It aimed to increase the prices of 21 medicines to ensure their availability. The prices were increased by **50%**.

13) The new startup policy of the Industries Department of Puducherry creates a corpus fund of _____ to support the setting up of startup incubators and to develop co-working spaces.

The Union Territory Puducherry unveiled a startup policy of the Industries Department. The policy creates a corpus fund of **Rs.10 crore** to support the setting up of startup incubators and to develop co-working spaces.

14) Government invoked the Drug Price Control Order, 2013 for the first time to increase the prices of _____ medicines to ensure their availability.

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15) Which state/UT unveiled a startup policy of the Industries Department?

The Union Territory **Puducherry** unveiled a startup policy of the Industries Department. It was announced by Puducherry Industries Minister Shajahan. The policy lays emphasis to provide financial grants, monthly stipend, fiscal incentives to interested entrepreneurs and bring new business ventures to the Union Territory.

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December 16 2019

1) Which country has hosted the Olympics three times?

UK - London has hosted the Olympics three times.

2) Which country is to host Games of the XXXIII Olympiad?

2024 Paris Olympics (Games of the XXXIII Olympiad) is to be hosted by **Paris**, France on 26 July -11 August 2024.

3) _____ will host the surfing events at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The Polynesian island of **Tahiti** will host the surfing events at the 2024 Paris Olympics. The events will take place at Teahupoo. It was chosen over beaches in southwest France and in Brittany.

4) SBI has signed a loan agreement with _____ to establish an energy-efficient housing programme in India.

State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a loan agreement with **KfW**, the German development bank, worth \$277 million on 16 December 2019. The arrangement of the loan and the grant facilities was facilitated by SBI's investment banking subsidiary SBI Capital Markets Ltd. The aim of the agreement was to establish an energy-efficient housing programme in India.

5) Which Legislative Assembly passed two Bills to set up the separate Commissions for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs)?

The **Andhra Pradesh** Legislative Assembly passed two Bills, namely Andhra Pradesh State Commission for Schedule Tribes Bill and Andhra Pradesh State Commission for Scheduled Castes Bill on 16 December 2019. The two bills were passed by voice note. The Bills will enable to set up the separate Commissions for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).

6) When did Bangladesh became an independent nation?

Bangladesh celebrated its 49th Victory Day on 16 December 2019. The event marks the day when Bangladesh attained liberation from Pakistan and became an independent nation in **1971**. It became a nation under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

7) Bangladesh celebrated _____ Victory Day on 16 December

Bangladesh celebrated its **49th Victory Day** on 16 December 2019. The event marks the day when Bangladesh attained liberation from Pakistan and became an independent nation in 1971. It became a nation under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

8) Who is the founder of The Live Love Laugh Foundation (TLLLF)?

Indian actress **Padukone** has been selected for spreading awareness about the importance of mental health. She founded The Live Love Laugh Foundation (TLLLF) in June 2015 to raises awareness about mental adolescent mental health disorders.

9) When was the Vistara airlines founded?

Vistara Airlines was established in **2013**. The Indian full-service airline is a joint venture (JV) between Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines. The airlines have their hub in Indira Gandhi International Airport. Tata Sons holds 51% stake and Singapore Airlines owns the remaining 49% stake.



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10) Association of Test Publishers (ATP) is to host the fifth annual India-ATP conference in _____.
The Association of Test Publishers (ATP) is to host the fifth annual India-ATP conference in Delhi. The conference will be held on 20 December at the India Habitat Centre in **New Delhi**.

11) Where will the WEF Annual Meeting 2020 be held?

World Economic Forum (WEF) has announced 4 winners for the 26th Crystal Award. The winners will be awarded during the opening session of the WEF Annual Meeting 2020 at Davos-Klosters, **Switzerland**, on January 20, 2020.

12) _____ has stepped down as the Chief Commercial Officer of Vistara.

Vistara's Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) **Sanjiv Kapoor** has resigned from the post on 16 December 2019. He will be working with the airline till 31 December 2019. Kapoor had resigned due to personal reasons. Vinod Kannan, Vistara's Chief Strategy Officer will replace as the CCO.

13) When did the government establish the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?

UIDAI is recognized as a statutory authority. It was set up on **12 July 2016** by the Government under the provisions of the Aadhaar Act 2016. UIDAI is headquartered in New Delhi. It has around 8 regional offices in India. It is responsible for the enrollment, authentication, and management of all stages in the development of the Aadhaar life cycle.

14) Where was the seventh edition of Exercise Mitra Shakti-VII 2019 concluded?

The seventh edition of Exercise Mitra Shakti-VII 2019 concluded on 14 December 2019 at Aundh Military Station, **Pune**. The exercise was held between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army. The exercise is a part of the United Nations peacekeeping forces. The exercise was held from 1-14 December 2019.

15) The Income Tax Department announced that the deadline for the linking of the PAN with Aadhaar was extended till _____.

The Income Tax Department announced that it is mandatory to link the PAN with Aadhaar by the end of 2019 on 15 December. It announced that the deadline for the linking of the Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar was extended till **31 December** by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) through an order issued in September 2019.



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December 17 2019

1) Who is India's first Grandmaster?

Viswanathan Vishy Anand is an Indian chess grandmaster and a former World Chess Champion. He became the first grandmaster from India in 1988. Anand held the FIDE World Chess Championship from 2000 to 2002, thus becoming the first Asian to do so.

2) Who is expected to be appoint as India's first Chief of Defence Staff?

The current **Army Chief Gen Bipin Rawat** will be retiring on 31 December after a period of three-years. Bipin Rawat is expected to be appointed as India's first Chief of Defence Staff.

3) The _____ has facilitated the appointment of the same person as a governor for two or more states.

Article 153 of Constitution: The Article says that there shall be Governor for each state. The **seventh Constitutional Amendment Act, 1956** has facilitated the appointment of the same person as a governor for two or more states.

4) Who is to be appointed as the next Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army?

Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund Naravane has been appointed as the next Chief of Army Staff (CAS). He will be leading the 1.3 million-strong force. Naravane is currently serving as Vice Chief of the Army.

5) Which Article gives power to the Governor to take additional charge of two or more States?

Article 153 of Constitution: The Article says that there shall be Governor for each state. The seventh Constitutional Amendment Act, 1956 has facilitated the appointment of the same person as a governor for two or more states.

6) Who organized the meeting on Steeling India-2019: Driving metal intensity in key sectors?

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organized a meeting on Steeling India-2019: Driving metal intensity in key sectors on 16 December in New Delhi. The Union Minister for Steel and Petroleum & Natural Gas, Dharmendra Pradhan participated in the meeting.

7) Who is the Governor of Meghalaya?

Tathagata Roy is an Indian Politician currently serving as Governor of Meghalaya since August 2018. He had previously served as Governor of Tripura, following a political career with the Bharatiya Janata Party, which included a stint as President of its West Bengal state unit

8) _____ is the largest producer of orange fruit in Manipur.

Tamenglong district is the largest producer of orange fruit in Manipur. Also, it is expected that Tamenglong orange will soon receive a Geographical Indication Tagging Certificate.

9) Who is the Governor of Nagaland?

Ravindra Narayana Ravi from Bihar currently serving as the Governor of Nagaland. He was retired as a special director of the Intelligence Bureau in 2012. He was the Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee from 2014.

10) Where is the Orange festival celebrated?

The State-level Orange Festival began in **Manipur** on 16 December. The festival will be held on 16-18 December 2019. The 3-day festival was inaugurated by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh at district headquarters Tamenglong.

11) Which State's Governor is to take additional charge of the State Meghalaya?

Nagaland Governor R N Ravi has been given additional charge of the State Meghalaya. The appointment was announced by the President of India. In addition to his own duties, the Governor of Nagaland will discharge the functions of the Governor of Meghalaya.

12) Where was the first Joint Tri-Services INDRA exercise held?

The first Joint Tri-Services of the INDRA exercise was conducted in 2017. The aim of the exercise is to boost interoperability and cooperation between the Indian Navy and the Russian Navy. The first-ever Joint Tri-Services Exercise was held in the Eastern Military District **Khabarovsk of Russia** in October 2017.



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13) When was the first Joint Tri-Services of the INDRA exercise conducted?

Exercise INDRA series began in the year 2003. The first Joint Tri-Services of the INDRA exercise was conducted in **2017**. The aim of the exercise is to boost interoperability and cooperation between the Indian Navy and the Russian Navy.

14) _____ operationalized National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) System 24X7 from December 2019.

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** operationalized National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) System 24X7 from 12:00 am on 16 December 2019. After making the NEFT operational on a 24X7 basis, around 11.40 lakh transactions were settled in the first eight hours after widely-used NEFT.

15) Where was the IAF Phase of Exercise Indra 2019 began in India?

Exercise INDRA - 2019 is the second edition of Joint Tri-Services Exercise between Indian and Russian Armed Forces which is being conducted from 10-20 December 2019 simultaneously at **Pune, Gwalior, Babina and Goa** for Air Force elements.

16) Around 850 Indian troops who serve in _____ have received the United Nations Medal.

Around 850 Indian troops who serve in **South Sudan** have received the United Nations Medal. The award recognized the strong contribution of the Indian peacekeepers to build peace in conflict-affected South Sudan and to go above and beyond their duties to support local communities.

17) Who served as the President of Algeria from 1999 to 2019?

Abdelaziz Bouteflika is an Algerian politician who served as President of Algeria from 1999 until 2019. As President, he presided over the end of the bloody Algerian Civil War in 2002 when he took over the project of Liamine Zérroual, and he ended emergency rule in February 2011 amidst regional unrest.

18) Where was the Economic Advisory Council of the Fifteenth Finance Commission (XVFC) held?

The fifth meeting of the Economic Advisory Council of the Fifteenth Finance Commission (XVFC) was held **in New Delhi** on 16 December 2019. The meeting included discussions related to GST stabilization and the ways to improve tax collection for additional resource mobilization.

19) Who has been elected as the winner of Algeria's Presidential election 2019?

The former Prime Minister **Abdelmadjid Tebboune** was declared the winner of Algeria's Presidential election 2019. The election was held on 12 December 2019. He received over 58% of votes in the poll.

20) RBI has directed the banks to levy any charges from their savings bank account holders for funds transfers done through the NEFT system which is initiated online from _____.

In order to boost digital retail payments, RBI has directed the banks to levy any charges from their savings bank account holders for funds transfers done through the NEFT system which is initiated online from **1 January 2020**.



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December 18, 2019

1) Who won the 2019 Best T20I Player award by ICC?

Australian wicketkeeper **Alyssa Healy** was named the Best T20I Player. The top T20 cricketer won the title for a second straight year.

2) Who won the women's Best cricketer and ODI player of the 2019 award by ICC?

Ellyse Perry was named as women's Best cricketer and ODI player of 2019. The announcement was made by the world governing body International Cricket Council (ICC).

3) When was the United World Wrestling (UWW) established?

United World Wrestling (UWW) was established on **1912**. UWW is an international governing body for the sport of amateur wrestling. It oversees wrestling at the Olympics. UWW hosts the event Wrestling World Championships.

4) The Centre has decided to extend the mission period of the flagship initiative Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) by _____.

The Centre has decided to extend the mission period of the flagship initiative Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) by **two** more years. The government was unable to meet the set targets for urban renewal in 500 cities.

5) When was the International Astronomical Union (IAU) established?

The International Astronomical Union (IAU) established on **28 July 1919**. It is headquartered at Paris, France.

6) Who is named as the Junior Freestyle Wrestler of the Year by the United World Wrestling (UWW)?

Indian Wrestler **Deepak Punia** has been named the Junior Freestyle Wrestler of the Year by the United World Wrestling (UWW). He was transitted from junior to the senior circuit. Punia became the first Indian wrestler to win a junior world title in 18 years.

7) A white-yellow star in Sextans constellation is to named after _____, a 20th-century Indian woman physicist.

The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has accepted to name a white-yellow star in Sextans constellation and its Jupiter-like exoplanets. The star will be named Bibha and the orbiting exoplanet will be named Santamasa, a Sanskrit term for clouded. **Bibha Chowdhuri** is a 20th-century Indian woman physicist.

8) Which state is to receive national awards for implementing PMGSY under the best performing category?

Jammu and Kashmir has been selected by the Union Ministry of Rural Development for the national award in the best performing category for implementing the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The award will be presented in a ceremony on 19 December 2019 at the National Agricultural Science Complex, Pusa, New Delhi.

9) Who won the 2019 Tansen Award?

Vocalist **Pandit Vidyadhar Vyas** will be presented with the National Tansen Award for 2019 during the Tansen Festival. The award was instituted by the Madhya Pradesh government. The award recognizes the outstanding exponents of Hindustani classical music. It carries a cash prize of Rs.2 lakh.

10) Where was the SURYA KIRAN-XIV held?

Joint military exercise SURYA KIRAN-XIV between India and Nepal was conducted at **Salijhandi, Rupendehi district of Nepal** from 3-16 December 2019. The joint military exercise was conducted to enhance the level of defence cooperation and foster the bilateral relations between the two nations.

11) Where is the Tansen Samaroh festival celebrated?

The Music festival Tansen Samaroh began in **Gwalior**, Madhya Pradesh on 17 December. The festival will be held from 17-21 December 2019. The popular classical music festival began with the traditional style with the recitations of Harikatha and Milad. 2019 is the 95th year of the festival. It is one of the oldest and esteemed classical music festival.



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12) Government has set up the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) under _____.

Government has set up the NCM under the **National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992**. Six religious communities of India namely Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains have been notified as minority communities in India.

13) Which Carnival was removed from UNESCO's heritage list?

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) removed '**Racist**' the Belgian carnival from the heritage list. It was removed over the recurring repetition of racist and antisemitic representations as the carnival mocks Jews.

14) When is the Minorities Rights Day observed?

Minorities Rights Day is observed on **18 December** in India. The day aims to remind about the rights of minorities and to educate people about it. It focuses on religious harmony, respect, and a better understanding of all minorities' communities in India.

15) Which mission was launched to provide broadband access to all villages by 2022?

The government has launched the **National Broadband Mission** on 17 December. It was launched by the Union Minister for Communications. The mission aims to provide broadband access to all villages by 2022.

16) Which country ranked last in the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Report 2019?

Yemen ranked the worst and secured 153rd (last) rank and Iraq is 152nd and Pakistan was ranked 151st in the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Report.

17) Since when was the World Arabic Language Day observed?

Arabic language is widely spoken in the world. The language acts as a pillar of the cultural diversity of humanity. It is used daily by more than 290 million people. The day is celebrated since **2012**.

18) What is the theme of the World Arabic Language Day?

World Arabic Language Day is observed on 18 December every year. The theme of the 2019 World Arabic Language Day is **Arabic Language and Artificial Intelligence (AI)**. AI is also a formidable source of opportunities and promise.

19) National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) is the research organization of _____ government.

National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) is the research organization of **French** government. CNRS, the largest fundamental research organization in Europe, was established in 1939. It is an interdisciplinary public research organization that functions under the administrative supervision of the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research.

20) India ranked _____ on the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Report 2019.

India ranked **112th** on the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Report 2019. The report listed 153 nations in terms of the gap between genders. India was among the bottom five for women's health and survival and economic participation. India secured 108th rank in 2018.



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December 19,2019

1) What is the theme of the 11th Regional Quality Conclave (RQC)?

The 11th Regional Quality Conclave (RQC) was held on 20th December 2019 at, Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand. The theme of the Rudrapur RQC is "**Advance Manufacturing with Quality, Innovation & Technology Interventions.**" The Conclave aims to create awareness about the significance of quality culture in businesses.

2) What is the cost estimated for the first-ever Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Tripura?

Centre is to set up the first-ever Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Tripura. The announcement was made by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on 16 December 2019. The estimated cost for the project is around **Rs.1550 Crore.**

3) Trastuzumab drug is used to treat _____ cancer.

Trastuzumab is a targeted cancer drug and is also known by its brand name, Herceptin. It is a treatment for cancers that have large amounts of a protein called human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2), such as early **breast cancer**. advanced breast cancer. advanced stomach cancer.

4) Centre is to set up the first-ever Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in _____.

Centre is to set up the first-ever Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in **Tripura**. The announcement was made by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on 16 December 2019.

5) WHO approved a biosimilar medicine for the drug _____.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has now approved a biosimilar medicine that is derived from living sources instead of the chemicals. The aim is to make breast cancer treatment affordable to women globally. This approval from WHO is first of such kind. The **Trastuzumab** drug has proved high efficacy in curing early-stage breast cancer and in some cases more advanced forms of the disease. The annual cost of the drug is \$20,000.

6) As per the US constitution, _____ is given the sole power to impeach a government official.

According to Article II, section 4 of the US Constitution, "The President, Vice President and all Civil Officers of the United States shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Bribery, Treason, or any other high Crimes and Misdemeanors." **The House of Representatives** is given the sole power to impeach a government official. The Senate will hold the trials for the impeachment.

7) Who organized the 11th Regional Quality Conclave (RQC)?

The 11th Regional Quality Conclave (RQC) was held on 20th December 2019 at, Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand. The RQC is organized by the **Quality Council of India (QCI)** along with **PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)**.

8) The House of Representatives of the US has voted to impeach President Donald Trump as he misused the power of his office to pressure _____ to investigate the Bidens.

The House of Representatives of the US has voted to impeach President Donald Trump on 18 December 2019. The voting of impeachment was on the grounds of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. The House chamber voted 230 to 197 to adopt the first of two impeachment articles. One of the allegations is he misused the power of his office to pressure **Ukraine** to investigate the Bidens. The House voted 229 to 198 on a second article that accused him of obstructing Congress.

9) Where was the Regional Quality Conclave (RQC) held?

The 11th Regional Quality Conclave (RQC) was held on 20th December 2019 at, Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, **Uttarakhand**. The Conclave will be inaugurated by Madan Kaushik, Minister of Urban Development Government of Uttarakhand.



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10) The _____ Regional Quality Conclave (RQC) was held on 20th December 2019 at, Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand.

The **11th** Regional Quality Conclave (RQC) was held on 20th December 2019 at, Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand. The Conclave will be inaugurated by Madan Kaushik, Minister of Urban Development Government of Uttarakhand.

11) When was the President Bill Clinton impeached?

President Trump will be the third president in U.S. history to be impeached. The other two Presidents who were impeached were President Andrew Johnson in 1868 and President Bill Clinton in **1998**.

12) Ministry of Railways organized the _____ edition of the Conference on Wagon Development for New Commodities on 19 December 2019.

Ministry of Railways organized the **third edition** of the Conference on Wagon Development for New Commodities on 19 December 2019.

13) US President became the _____ president to be impeached by the house.

US President impeachment process, what is Impeachment, US Constitution on impeachment, **third** president to be impeached, Andrew Johnson, Bill Clinton, Current affairs for UPSC SSC, GK for bank, Ukraine

14) When was the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) launched?

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was launched on 25 December **2000** by the Government of India. The main objective of the scheme is to provide All-Weather road connectivity to the eligible unconnected habitations in rural areas of the country.

15) Centre is to begin the _____ of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in December 2019.

Centre to begin **Phase III** of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). It was launched by the Union Minister of Rural Development, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare & Panchayati Raj, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.

16) Whose novels won the 2019 Sahitya Akademi Awards?

Four novels are Dr. JoysreeGoswami Mahanta in Assamese, **Sri L. Birmangol Singh** in Manipuri, Sri Cho. Dharman in Tamil and Sri Bandi Narayana Swamy in Telugu won the 2019 Sahitya Akademi Awards.

17) Whose poetry won the 2019 Sahitya Akademi Awards?

Seven books of poetry are **Dr. Phukan Ch. Basumatary in Bodo, Dr. Nand Kishore Acharya in Hindi, Sri Nilba A. Khandekar in Konkani, Sri Kumar Manish Arvind in Maithili, Sri V. Madhusoodanan Nair in Malayalam, Smt. Anuradha Patil in Marathi and Prof. Penna Madhusudan** in Sanskrit won the 2019 Sahitya Akademi Awards.

18) Who released the world's third-largest publisher of science and engineering articles?

The **US National Science Foundation (NSF)** reported that India has become the world's third-largest publisher of science and engineering articles. It has published over 1.35 lakh scientific papers. China topped the report as the world's largest publisher.

19) Where was the 2nd Indo-US ministerial 2+2 dialogue held?

The 2nd Indo-US ministerial 2+2 dialogue was held in **Washington DC** on 18 December 2019. The Indian side was represented by Minister of external affairs S Jaishankar and defence minister Rajnath Singh and the American side was Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Secretary Mark Esper.

20) India became the world's _____ largest publisher of science and engineering articles.

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20 December 2019

1) Who released the booklet titled "Crossing the Barriers-I Got Inked"?

ECI released a booklet titled "Crossing the Barriers-I Got Inked" was released during the workshop. It provides on first-person accounts of voters who overcame all hurdles to participate in the largest festival of democracy.

2) Where was the Vaccination on Wheels Clinic launched?

Jignesh Patel, a fellow at the Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship (CfHE) at IIT Hyderabad, launched a Vaccination on Wheels Clinic in **Pune**. The service was started in collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Mr. Patel received a grant under the Foundation's Grand Challenges Explorations.

3) Where was the National Conference on Uniformed Women in Prisons Administration was held?

The second National Conference on Uniformed Women in Prisons Administration was held at Central Academy for Police Training, Kanhasaiya, Bhopal on 19-20 December 2019. It was organized by the **Madhya Pradesh** Jail Department in collaboration with the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), New Delhi.

4) Who was honoured at the Silver Jubilee International Conference of Art held in Dhaka by Bangladesh Culture Minister K.M. Khalid?

Renowned archaeologist **R. Nagaswamy** was honoured at the Silver Jubilee International Conference of Art held in Dhaka by Bangladesh Culture Minister K.M. Khalid. He was honoured for the contribution of Nagaswamy to art, archaeology, history, and culture.

5) The _____ National Conference on Uniformed Women in Prisons Administration was held in Madhya Pradesh.

The **second** National Conference on Uniformed Women in Prisons Administration was held at Central Academy for Police Training, Kanhasaiya, Bhopal on 19-20 December 2019. It was organized by the Madhya Pradesh Jail Department in collaboration with the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), New Delhi.

6) When was the National Science Foundation (NSF) established?

The National Science Foundation (NSF) was established in **1950**.

7) Who organized the national consultation to draft roadmap to achieve population stabilization?

NITI Aayog, the policy think tank of the Indian Government, organized a national consultation titled "Realising the vision of population stabilization: leaving no one behind" on 20 December 2019 at NITI Bhavan, New Delhi. The consultative meeting is organized by **NITI Aayog** in partnership with the **Population Foundation of India** (PFI).

8) Who is appointed as the to lead the National Science Foundation (NSF)?

The US President Donald Trump has chosen Indian-American computer scientist **Sethuraman Panchanathan** to lead the National Science Foundation (NSF). He will replace France Cordova when her 6-years-old term as the NSF Director ends in 2020. The position of NSF Director will be fixed by the Senate of the state.

9) National consultation titled "Realising the vision of population stabilization: leaving no one behind" was organized by _____.

NITI Aayog, the policy think tank of the Indian Government, organized a national consultation titled "Realising the vision of population stabilization: leaving no one behind" on 20 December 2019 at NITI Bhavan, New Delhi. It plans to draft a roadmap to achieve population stabilization.

10) Which is the capital of Portugal?

Lisbon is Portugal's hilly, coastal capital city of Portugal.



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11) The National Rail Transport Institute (NRTI) signed an MoU with the _____ to set up the first Centre of Excellence for Next-Generation Transportation Systems in Railways

The National Rail Transport Institute (NRTI) signed an MoU with the **University of Birmingham** on 18 December 2019 in New Delhi. The aim is to set up the first Centre of Excellence for Next-Generation Transportation Systems in Railways.

12) The first edition of the Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize was awarded to _____.

Portugal is to launch a Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize with an aim to promote Mahatma Gandhi's ideals. The move comes as the country was inspired by the different thoughts and quotes of Mahatma Gandhi. The first edition of the Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize has been dedicated to **animal welfare**.

13) When did the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) identify solidarity as one of the fundamental and universal values and designated 20 December of each year as International Human Solidarity Day?

International Human Solidarity Day is observed on 20 December. On 22 December **2005**, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) identified solidarity as one of the fundamental and universal values and designated 20 December of each year as International Human Solidarity Day.

14) Which country launched the Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize?

Portugal is to launch a Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize with an aim to promote Mahatma Gandhi's ideals. The announcement was made by the Portuguese Prime Minister, Antonio Costa, at the second meeting of the National Committee for Commemoration of the 150th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at New Delhi on 19 December 2019.

15) Which state is to launch a new mobile application with an aim to solve the problems of school teachers and lecturers of pre-university colleges?

Karnataka State government is to launch a new mobile application with an aim to solve the problems of school teachers and lecturers of pre-university colleges. The app will be launched in the month of January 2020. It was announced by the Karnataka Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar at an educational convention and interaction programme.

16) Siliguri-Parbatipur connectivity project is between India and _____.

The 2nd Project Review Monitoring Committee (PRMC) meeting for the India-**Bangladesh** Friendship Pipeline project was held successfully between the two countries on 19 December 2019 in New Delhi. The aim is to create a concrete step in cross border connectivity corridor. The pipeline project will connect Siliguri in West Bengal in India and Parbatipur in the Dinajpur district of Bangladesh.

17) Where was the first National Conference on Uniformed Women in Prisons Administration held?

The first National Conference on Uniformed Women in Prisons Administration conference was held in **Delhi** in 2017.

18) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a _____ loan for public-private partnership (PPP) projects in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a **\$490 million** loan for public-private partnership (PPP) projects in the state of Madhya Pradesh. It was signed by Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary of Fund Bank and ADB, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and Mr. Kenichi Yokoyama, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission.

19) To which state ADB is providing loan for public-private partnership (PPP) projects?

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20) Who organized second the National Conference on Uniformed Women in Prison Administration?

The second National Conference on Uniformed Women in Prisons Administration was held at Central Academy for Police Training, Kanhasaiya, Bhopal on 19-20 December 2019. It was organized by the **Madhya Pradesh Jail Department** in collaboration with the **Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)**, New Delhi.

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21 December 2019

1) Which day is observed on December 22?

National Mathematics Day 2019

2) Govt plans to take khadi turnover to Rs ___trn in next 5 years

Rs 2

3) When was Competition Commission of India founded? **2003**

4) Who is the Prime Minister of Ethiopia? **Abiy Ahmed**

5) Union Ministers Shri Nitin Gadkari and _____ to address the Valedictory Session of the Conference **Dr Jitendra Singh**

6) HDFC Bank becomes third Indian company to cross \$_____billion-mark. **\$100**

7) Zeena Khitta won Women National ___Air Rifle ahead of Mehuli Ghosh, Apurvi Chandela. **10m**

8) Where was 6th Qatar International Cup event took place ? **Doha**

9) HDFC Bank becomes _____Indian company to cross \$100 billion-mark. **3rd**

10) How many refugees did Shri Mansukh Mandaviya hands over Citizenship certificates issued by Government of India to Pakistan? **Seven**

11) Russia and _____Sign Preliminary Gas Transit Deal. **Ukraine**

12) Which IIT institute launched Vaccination On Wheels in Collaboration With Gates Foundation? **IIT Hyderabad**

13) First vegetable shipment from Varanasi flagged off to _____via sea route. **Dubai**

14) Who won Gold in 6th Qatar International Cup in Doha? **Mirabai Chanu**

15) Who addressed the Valedictory Session of the Conference? **Shri Dr. Jitendra Singh**



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22 December 2019

- 1) Justice Gulzar Ahmed sworn-in as 27th _____ Chief Justice. **Pakistan**
- 2) Abid Ali becomes first Pak batsman to score centuries in his first ____ Tests. **Two**
- 3) Who is the governor of Andhra Pradesh? **Biswabhusan Harichandan**
- 4) When Indian Railways was founded? **1853**
- 5) Which is parent organization of Google? **Alphabet**
- 6) In which year, Nirbhaya fund was initiated by Central government? **2013**
- 7) Kerala set _____ deadline for Semi High-Speed Rail project. **2024**
- 8) Where was the Alphabet company headquarters located? **California**
- 9) Who becomes first Pak batsman to score centuries in his first two Tests? **Abid Ali**
- 10) Govt approved projects worth _____ cr under Nirbhaya fund. **Rs 7000**
- 11) Who sworn-in as 27th Pak Chief Justice? **Gulzar Ahmed**
- 12) Govt proposes to invest _____ lakh crore rupees for modernisation of Railways. **50 lakhs**
- 13) Justice Gulzar Ahmed sworn-in as _____ Pak Chief Justice. **27**
- 14) Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai awarded _____ million pay package. **\$ 242**
- 15) Which state declared 2024 deadline for Semi High-Speed Rail project? **Kerala**



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December 23,2019

- 1) When National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development was founded? **1982**
- 2) When Federal Communications Commission was founded? **1934**
- 3) Who laid the foundation stone two IPU's of Sikkim IFFCO? **Prem Singh Tamang**
- 4) Shiv Das Meena appointed as Chairman of _____ Metro Rail Corporation **Patna**
- 5) Who is named as first woman CTO at FCC in US? **Monisha Ghosh**
- 6) Google searches for Operation Twist surge in _____ **India**
- 7) Central government to organize 100 Hunar Haats in next _____ years **Five**
- 8) Which country joined with Iran agree to accelerate Chabahar development? **India**
- 9) How many dollars did Asian Development Bank loan to upgrade Indian state roads? **490**
- 10) Which country constructed Girls Hostel for Nepal Armed Police Force School at Kirtipur?
India
- 11) Indian Archaeologist honoured in _____ **Bangladesh**
- 12) Which company launched skilling platform to train 10,000 engineering students? **Wipro**
- 13) Which country agreed with India to accelerate Chabahar development? **Iran**
- 14) Which bank partners With Gujarat Govt to Provide MSME Loans? **Bank of Baroda**
- 15) Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed mega rally in _____ **New Delhi**
- 16) Who is appointed as Chairman of Patna Metro Rail Corporation? **Shiv Das Meena**
- 17) Which university won SASTRA Ramanujan Award? **Warwick University**
- 18) Which country along with Oman signed MoU to enhance trade and economic cooperation?
UAE
- 19) How many Hunar Haats to be organised in next five years by Central government? **100**
- 20) When National Farmers Day observed? **December 23**
- 21) Which search engine got Operation Twist surge in India? **Google**
- 22) How many rakes of Vande Bharat Trains from ICF brought to Indian Railways? **44**



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December 24,2019

- 1) Where is the headquarters of Indian Red Cross Society? **New Delhi**
- 2) What was the approximate overall budget of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana? **₹53 billion**
- 3) Vice President of India honours winners for outstanding contributions in Films at ____ National Film Awards. **66**
- 4) What is the total cost of Four works of total 640 Route KM? **Rs. 1810 Crores**
- 5) Where National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development located? **Mumbai**
- 6) When Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics was founded? **1990**
- 7) Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla appointed as _____ UN in Geneva. **Foreign Secretary**
- 8) When Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry founded? **1927**
- 9) Where Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) located? **Hyderabad**
- 10) Oxygen Parlour inaugurated at ____ Railway Station. **Nashik**
- 11) Where was Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry located? **New Delhi**
- 12) When Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances was founded? **1964**
- 13) Who added \$18 billion to his fortune in 2019? **Mukesh Ambhani**
- 14) Who is appointed as the President of FICCI for 2019-20? **Sangita Reddy**
- 15) Who inaugurated DNA Analysis Centre at CFSL Chandigarh? **Nityanand Rai**
- 16) Who attends Integrated Financial Advisors Workshop? **Shri Rajnath Singh**
- 17) Asia's richest man Mukesh Ambani adds _____ to his fortune in 2019. **\$ 18 billion**
- 18) Who released the mobile app of Red Cross Society of India? **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**
- 19) How many crore projects are approved by Haryana Govt? **6.0 K**
- 20) Who organised the Nagpur Resolution adopted at regional conference? **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances**
- 21) Who honoured the winners for outstanding contributions in Films at 66th National Film Awards? **Shri Venkaiah Naidu**
- 22) Who won the Men Singles title in ITF World Champions for 2019? **Rafael Nadal**



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December 25, 2019

- 1) Who is the chief of IAF? **Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria**
- 2) When the Royapuram fishing harbour was constructed? **1975**
- 3) When Indian Air Force was founded? **1933**
- 4) Where is the headquarters of NITI Aayog? **New Delhi**
- 5) What is the operational range of QRSAM? **30 km**
- 6) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation headquarters located ? **New Delhi**
- 7) How much did the annual incentive for Netanna Nestham welfare scheme? **24,000**
- 8) Which state got approved rs 453 Crore for Fisheries? **TamilNadu**
- 9) Who is awarded Army Design Bureau Excellence Award? **Anoop Mishra**
- 10) When NITI Aayog was formed? **2015**
- 11) Which state launched Netanna Nestham welfare scheme for weavers? **Andhra Pradesh**
- 12) How many crores did Centre approves Loan to Tamil Nadu For Building Fishing Harbours? **453**
- 13) The Good Governance Day is observed annually on which date ? **25 December**
- 14) Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has inaugurated the 65th National School Games of SGFI in _____. **New Delhi**
- 15) The Union Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval to agreement on Security Cooperation between India and which country? **Saudi Arabia**
- 16) PM Modi has recently launched the AtalBhujalYojana. What is the project outlay of the scheme? **6000 crore**
- 17) Leaders from which countries have recently reiterated their commitment to ending North Korea's nuclear program? **China, Japan, South Korea**
- 18) Which company will open its first farm collection centre in Pune ? **Amazon**
- 19) NABARD has inked an agreement under Aquaculture Development Fund (FIDF) with which state ? **Tamil Nadu**
- 20) Who will take over as the new President of Assocham? **NiranjanHiranandani**



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December 26,2019

- 1) When Ministry of Women and Child Development was founded? **2006**
- 2) All India Radio officially known Akashvani from _____. **1956**
- 3) When Nari Shakti Puraskar was first awarded? **1999**
- 4) Where was ASSOCHAM headquarters located? **New Delhi**
- 5) Who is the governor of Uttar Pradesh? **Anandiben Patel**
- 6) When Shaheed Udham Singh was born? **1899**
- 7) When NTPC Limited was founded? **1975**
- 8) Which north east state topped the Good Governance Day? **Himachal Pradesh**
- 9) Who won the best research paper- in reproductive biotechnology session (RBT) oral? **Mannuthy**
- 10) When ASSOCHAM was founded? **1921**
- 11) How many crores did NTPC planned to invest for 10 GW solar capacity? **50,000**
- 12) Andhra Pradesh government proposes seaport worth Rs 10k cr at _____. **Ramayapatnam**
- 13) Who won Bengaluru Open Golf Championship? **Abhinav Lohan**
- 14) Which language Sign boards are set up at 5 ASI protected archaeological sites on December 25th? **Chinese**
- 15) Which Indian cricketer name got listed in the Wisden cricketers of the decade? **Virat Kohli**
- 16) Sign boards in Chinese language set up at ____ASI protected archaeological sites. **Five**
- 17) How many Nari Shakti Puraskar will be given away on International Women's Day? **40**
- 18) Which Metropolitan Transport Corporation launches new app with trip planner live bus tracking? **Bangalore**
- 19) India first Transgender University to come up in _____. **Uttar Pradesh**
- 20) Which year the Digital Radio will be launched? **2023**
- 21) Who took over as Assocham President? **Niranjan Hiranandani**
- 22) Who bagged Young Scientist Awards and Best Research Paper award in ISSAR National Conference? **K Vasu**



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December 27, 2019

- 1) Japan carries out first execution of foreigner in ____ years. **7**
- 2) When JIMEX - Japan-India Maritime Exercise was conducted? **2013**
- 3) India set to cross 100GW renewable energy capacity mark in _____. **2020**
- 4) Hemant Soren to take oath as Jharkhand CM on _____. **December 29**
- 5) ONGC gets green nod for _____ onshore exploration project in Assam. **3500**
- 6) When Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Campaign was launched? **2014**
- 7) How many crores did the Government to infuse to Allahabad Bank, IOB and UCO Bank? **Rs 8,655 crore**
- 8) Who won Unicef-2019 Award for Swachh Bharat implementation? **Kama Reddy**
- 9) National Tribal Dance Festival begins in _____. **Raipur.**
- 10) Which express was launched by Indian Railways? **Him Darshan Express**
- 11) India Japan hold ____ round of maritime dialogue. **5th**
- 12) Which payments bank enables 24x7 NEFT transfers? **Airtel Payments Bank**
- 13) Which company ink with Citicorp Finance for commercial vehicles financing? **Ashok Leyland**
- 14) Who meet Sh Kiren Rijiju for India movement recently? **Dr Harsh Vardhan**
- 15) Who is appointed as Principal Secretary in West Bengal? **Rajeev Kumar**
- 16) Which state CM launched Abhinandan scheme? **Assam**
- 17) Japan carries out first execution of foreigner in ____ years. **10 years**
- 18) Which company got nod for Rs 3,500 cr onshore exploration project in Assam? **ONGC**
- 19) Which country carried out first execution of foreigner in 10 years? **Japan**
- 20) Who released the postage stamp to mark service of DRI? **Smt Nirmala Sitharaman**
- 21) India set to cross _____ renewable energy capacity mark in 2020. **100 GW**
- 22) China Russia and Iran to hold naval drills in _____. **Gulf of Oman**
- 23) HRD Minister launches _____ documents developed by UGC. **Five**



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December 28,2019

- 1) What is the Parent organization of Ashok Leyland? **Hinduja Group**
- 2) When Competition Commission of India was originated? **2003**
- 3) When Indian Air Force was founded? **1932**
- 4) Avangard, previously known as _____. **Objekt 4202**
- 5) How many year deal was signed between Ashok Leyland and YES Bank? **two-year**
- 6) Where was the headquarters of Karnataka Bank located? **Mangalore**
- 7) S Gurumurthy releases book titled _____. **Politics of Opportunism**
- 8) Which company commissions India first lignite based 500 MW thermal unit? **Bharat Heavy Electricals**
- 9) India ranks _____in house price appreciation during July, September. **47th**
- 10) Which country liberalizing financial system scraps benchmark lending rate? **China**
- 11) Who chaired the review meeting of Ministry of DoNER? **Dr Jitendra Singh**
- 12) Who inaugurates the National Workshop of HRD Ministry? **Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal**
- 13) Which country deployed its first Avangard Hypersonic missile system? **Russia**
- 14) Which country ranks 47th in house price appreciation during July, September? **India**
- 15) When Competition Commission of India was founded? **2003**
- 16) Which country banned Indian Vehicles On Pokhara Roads Ahead of New Year? **Nepal**
- 17) Which bank signed two-year deal with Ashok Leyland for vehicle financing? **Yes Bank**
- 18) Which insurance launched Health Insurance approves DIY Doctor Approved and Simplified by Kids? **Digit Insurance**
- 19) Which bank launched tab banking service? **Karnataka Bank**
- 20) Bharat Heavy Electricals commissions India first lignite based _____MW thermal unit. **500 MW**
- 21) Who released the book titled Politics of Opportunism? **S Gurumurthy**
- 22) Who launched mobile app for DefExpo 2020? **Shri Rajnath Singh**
- 23) Who conferred with the American Academy of Ophthalmology's (AAO) highest award Life Achievement honor? **Dr. Santosh G Honavar**



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December 29,2019

- 1) Where was Tech mahindra headquarters located? **Pune**
- 2) How many days did Mandu Festival take place? **5 days.**
- 3) Where was the headquarters of Kotak Mahindra Bank located? **Mumbai**
- 4) What is the satellite-ground communication tests using Q/V bands of Long March-5 Rocket? **33-75 GHz**
- 5) Where was HCL Technologies headquarters located? **Noida**
- 6) Where was Reserve Bank of India located? **Mumbai**
- 7) When CSIR Institute was established? **1942**
- 8) Where is the headquarters of BSNL located? **New Delhi**
- 9) Who obtained first place in India's top 10 most Googled business tycoons? **Ratan Tata**
- 10) Who launches common e-auction platform for assets attached by banks? **Nirmala Sitharaman**
- 11) BSNL gets _____ cr from Bharat Broadband Nigam to clear BharatNet vendor dues. **770cr**
- 12) Which institute created new technology to boost production of Geranium? **CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology**
- 13) Reserve Bank of India large cooperative banks to report all exposures of Rs _____crore. **Rs 5**
- 14) Ratan Tata Gautam Adani among India's top _____most Googled business tycoons. **10**
- 15) Which country successfully launched largest carrier rocket? **China**



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December 30,2019

- 1) H K Joshi Takes Charge As _____ Of Shipping Corporation Of India. **CMD**
- 2) When First service of Tejas Express carried out ? **24 May 2017**
- 3) When Ministry of Defence was founded? **1947**
- 4) When Indian Navy was founded? **1615**
- 5) When All India Radio was founded? **1930**
- 6) When Dadasaheb Phalke Award was established? **1969**
- 7) Who won World Rapid Chess 2019 title? **Koneru Humpy**
- 8) Where was the HDFC Life Insurance headquarters located? **Mumbai**
- 9) Who won CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Awards? **Anjum Chopra**
- 10) SBI to Introduce OTP-based ATM Transactions For Withdrawal of Amounts Above _____. **Rs 10, 000**
- 11) Who is named as countrys first Chief of Defence Staff? **Bipin Rawat**
- 12) NITI Aayog to launch _____ edition of Sustainable Development Goals India Index. **2nd**
- 13) Who is the first Winner of Dadasaheb Phalke Award? **Devika Rani**
- 14) China to issue GDP figures under new mechanism from _____. **2020**
- 15) Adityanath announces yearly pension of _____ for Triple Talaq Victims. **Rs 6000**
- 16) Who is appointed as CMD Of Shipping Corporation Of India? **H K Joshi**
- 17) Which bank introduced OTP-based ATM Transactions For Withdrawal of Amounts Above Rs 10,000? **State Bank of India**
- 18) Who is appointed as new labour commissioner? **Dr Noonsavath Thirumala Naik**
- 19) Who launched social media campaign in support of CAA? **Shri Narendra Modi**
- 20) Koneru Humpy won World Rapid Chess title in _____. **Russia**
- 21) How many submarines are build by Indian Navy? **24**
- 22) Who laid foundation stone of Directorate General Building of CRPF? **Shri Amit Shah**
- 23) Which state exempts Women from HPPSC HPSSC Exam Fee? **Himachal Pradesh**
- 24) Which state govt launches online platform for issuance of certificates? **Odisha**
- 25) When IRCTC to launch Tejas train from Ahmedabad to Mumbai ? **January 17th**



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December 31,2019

- 1) University of Agricultural Sciences in Bengaluru planned to host the _____ Indian Science Congress from 3rd to 7th of January. **107th**
- 2) The Dhanu Jatra based on the mythological story of Lord _____. **Krishna**
- 3) Adani Power ranked as the _ largest corporation in India in Fortune India 500 list of 2018. **73rd**
- 4) When Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs founded? **1944**
- 5) When Khelo India Youth Games first event was held? **2018**
- 6) NIT Trichy Alumni Commit _____ Millions for Alma Mater's Research Work Scholarships. **3**
- 7) What is the estimated cost of e-BCAS Project? **30 lakhs**
- 8) How many billion power reforms to revive ailing utilities from India? **\$35 billion**
- 9) Aadhaar and PAN linking deadline extended to _____2020. **March**
- 10) Which country planned \$35 billion power reforms to revive ailing utilities? **India**
- 11) India's Forest Cover Expanded By Over 5,000 Square Km In _____ Years. **2**
- 12) How many crores did Reserve Bank of India bought long-term govt securities in 2nd special OMO? **10,000**
- 13) How many Square Km India's Forest Cover extended? **5,000**
- 14) Which social media introduced helpline number for women safety purpose? **Whatsapp Messenger**
- 15) Adani Electricity set to raise up to \$ _____ abroad. **1.50 billion**
- 16) When Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs founded ? **1944**
- 17) Which branch of IIT researchers develop materials to produce energy? **IIT Guwahati**
- 18) Who launched the biometric-enabled Centralised Access Control System (CACs) Training Module? **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri**
- 19) How many days Dhanu Jatra festival celebrated at Western Odisha? **11-day**
- 20) Which railway station did Indian Railways introduces New Passenger friendly Information System?
Anakapalle Station
- 21) Which insititute in trichy Commit \$3 Mn For Alma Mater's Research Work Scholarships? **National Institute of Technology (NIT),Trichy**
- 22) Which state CM launched torch relay of Khelo India Youth Games? **Assam**
- 23) Whose Memorial Lecture on March 20 next year planned to organise by Finance Ministry ? **Shri Arun Jaitley**