

## SEPTEMBER CURRENT AFFAIRS

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##### West Bengal Assembly Adopts Bill To Curb Mob Lynching Incidents

- The **West Bengal** Assembly unanimously adopted a bill to curb the incidents of lynching.
- Under the provisions of the bill, in case of death due to lynching, those responsible for the incident will be punished with death sentence or rigorous **life imprisonment and fine up to five lakh rupees.**

➤ In case of serious injury due to lynching, those responsible for it will be punished for life imprisonment with a fine up to three lakh rupees.

##### Assam Final NRC List Released: 19 Lakh People Excluded, 3.11 Crore Make It To Citizenship List

- More than 19 lakh people in Assam have been excluded from the final version of the **National Register of Citizens (NRC)** in Assam that was released by the government.
- A total of 3.29 crore people had applied for the NRC, of which 3.11 crore made it to the final list.
- It is **aimed** at identifying illegal immigrants who entered and settled in Assam, primarily from Bangladesh, after March 25, 1971 and deport them to their native country.
- A total of 3,11,21,004 people have been found eligible for inclusion in the final version of the NRC.

##### India To Use Artificial Intelligence In TB Care, Sets Deadline To End Disease By 2025

- The Central TB Division of the health ministry signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Wadhwani Institute** for Artificial Intelligence to explore the application of cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence technology in its fight against the disease.
- As part of the collaboration, Wadhwani AI would be supporting India's National TB programme to become AI-ready that would include developing, piloting, and deploying AI-based solutions.
- Five years ahead of the global target of 2030, India has set an ambitious **aim of ending TB by 2025**

##### Special Tiger Force For Corbett Reserve Set Up, Wildlife Officials Welcome Move

- The **Uttarakhand** government has decided to form a **Special Tiger Force for Corbett Tiger Reserve**, a move which will help serve as the much needed second layer of protection for the big cat.
- The decision to set up the force was taken by the State Cabinet. The force will have 85 posts.
- The STPF will be effective in checking illegal human intrusion into the reserve through villages located on its fringes and serve as a second layer of protection for tigers at the CTR.

##### Mega Vendor Meet 2019 On Greater Business Opportunities In Railways Sector Held At Lucknow

- Around 500 representatives from Industries across the country participated in the Vendor Meet organized by the research wing of Indian Railways, **Research Designs and Standards Organization (RDSO)** in Lucknow.
- The special Mega Vendor Meet was held to expand vendor base and spread information on greater business opportunities in Railways Sector.
- Further, detailed presentation on Online Vendor Approval process of RDSO and steps taken for enhancement for **"Ease of doing Business"** and details of items having less than three (3) sources was given.
- Registration charges for items with less than three sources has been reduced from **Rs. 1,50,000/- to Rs. 10,000/-** for micro/small enterprises and from **Rs. 2,50,000/- to Rs. 50,000/-** for others.

##### 'Samba' Railway Station In Jammu Division To Get Freight Terminal Soon

- In a major step to boost industries in Jammu and Kashmir, **the Samba Railway Station** in Jammu Division will soon have a Freight Terminal – the first of its kind in the state.
- A team led by Chief Transport Planning Manager **(CTPM)** Devendra Singh visited the Samba Railway Station.
- Initially, the terminal will have the capacity to handle the movement of two to five cargo trains per day in and out.
- The Trains would have the capacity to move 6000 to 9000 Metric Tonnes of goods per day.

##### September Month To Be Celebrated As 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah'

- The entire month of September will be celebrated as the **Rashtriya Poshan Maah**. This year the **theme** is **Complementary Feeding**.
- Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment – **POSHAN Abhiyaan** is a multi- ministerial convergence mission with the vision to address malnutrition with a targeted approach **by 2022**.
- Due to lack of awareness, both poor and affluent families are affected by it. Earlier, Women and Child Development Minister **Smriti Irani** had appealed to the stakeholders including Anganwadi workers to reach out to every household on the importance of nutrition in children.

##### Culture & Tourism Minister Inaugurates Gallery Of Confiscated & Retrieved Antiquities At 'Purana Quila'

- Union Minister for Culture and Tourism **Prahlad Singh Patel** inaugurated gallery of confiscated and retrieved antiquities at **Purana Quila in New Delhi**.
- The retrieved items will enhance the knowledge about our rich culture and

heritage. The number of antiquities recovered in the last five years is the highest ever.

- The recent success is because of our continuously improving cultural relations with various countries. The gallery was established by **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)**. The displayed antiquities will sensitize the public towards the illegal trade of nation's heritage.

##### Vice President Venkaiah Naidu Inaugurates The 5th Aqua Aquaria India 2019

- **Shri Venkaiah Naidu** was inaugurating the **5th AQUA AQUARIA INDIA 2019**, India's International Aquaculture Show, organized by the Marine Products Export Development Authority **(MPEDA)**, in **Hyderabad**.
- The **theme** for this year's event is 'Taking Blue Revolution to India's Hinterland'.
- The three-day biennial event, organised for encouraging diversification and intensification of aquaculture in a sustainable manner, is an initiative of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under the Commerce Ministry.
- The event will offer a platform for all stakeholders to deliberate on various aspects of aquaculture. It will be held at Hitex International Convention & Exhibition Centre

##### Chhattisgarh Gets India's 1st 'Garbage Café' For Ragpickers

- The country's **first garbage cafe** has been launched here in **Chhattisgarh**. Under this, the Municipal Corporation will provide food to the poor and homeless in lieu of plastic waste.
- **Ambikapur**, which has been selected as the second cleanest city after Indore, plans to use the plastic for construction of roads.
- The budget provides **Rs 5 lakh** for the Garbage Cafe Scheme. There is a plan to provide free shelter to the homeless who collect plastic waste. Ambikapur already has a road made with plastic granules and asphalt.

##### ECI To Host The 4th General Assembly Of A-WEB At Bengaluru

- The **Election Commission of India** is scheduled to host the 4th General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies **(A-WEB)** at **Bengaluru** on 3rd September 2019. A-WEB was established on October 14, 2013 in Song-do, South Korea. The permanent secretariat of A-WEB is located at Seoul.
- India will take over as A-WEB's Chair for the 2019-21 term. Over 50 countries across the globe will join the meeting at Bengaluru from 02nd to 04th September, 2019. An International Conference on "Initiatives and Challenges of Social Media and Information Technology in Elections" will also be held on 04th September, 2019.
- The Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) is largest association of Election Management Bodies (EMBs) worldwide. A-WEB's vision is to foster efficiency and effectiveness in

conducting free, fair, transparent and participative elections worldwide.

#### Prakash Javadekar Unveils New Logo, Certificate Design Of CBFC

- Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting **Prakash Javadekar** unveiled the new logo and certificate design of the **Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)** at a function.
- Introduction of a QR code in the new certificate design is in sync with the world of digital technology and will bring in greater transparency and provide information to filmmakers in a better way.
- The launch event was attended by Secretary, I&B, **Amit Khare**, and CBFC chairman **Prasoon Joshi**.
- The new look and the design was executed by designer **Rohit Devgun** with technical support from NSDL.

#### India Announces Contribution Of 22 Mn USD To GFTAM For 6th Replenishment Cycle

- India has announced a contribution of **22 million US Dollars** to the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (**GFTAM**) for the 6th replenishment cycle (2020-22), an increase of 10% over the amount contributed by us in the 5th cycle.
- India was the first implementing country to host a replenishment milestone of the Global Fund and now has become first among G20, BRICS and implementer countries to announce the pledge for the 6th Replenishment Conference, setting precedent for other donors to contribute generously for the cause.
- Global Fund support with investment of US \$ 2.0 billion so far has made significant contribution in attaining targets related to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria reduction and escalating our fight against these three diseases.
- In the current funding cycle (2018-21), the Global Fund has allocated US\$ 500 million to India. As a donor, India has contributed US\$ 46.5 million so far till 2019 including US\$ 20 million for the 5th Replenishment.

#### Indian Army Team Summit MT Leo Pargyil (6773m)

- An Indian Army team successfully summited **Mount Leo Pargyil** (6773M) on 20th Aug 2019 at 10.30 hours after an extremely challenging climb in harsh weather, hoisting the National Flag a top Mt Leo Pargyil.
- Leo Pargyil is the third highest peak of Himachal and is considered to be among the most challenging and technically difficult peak to scale. It lies in the **Zaskar range**.

#### Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank Attends The 59th Foundation Day Of NCERT

- Union Human Resource Development Minister **Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** attended the **59th Foundation Day of NCERT** in **New Delhi**.
- He also laid the foundation stone of the auditorium of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).
- NCERT is one of the unique educational and research institutes in the world. It develops curriculum, syllabus and teaching-learning materials for school students and teachers in the country.

#### 72nd Session Of The WHO Regional Committee For South-East Asia Held In New Delhi

- **Dr Harsh Vardhan**, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare attend the inauguration of the **'72nd Session of the WHO** Regional Committee for South-East Asia' held in **New Delhi**. He was also unanimously elected as Chair of the 72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia.
- Eight Ministers of Health from the 11 countries of the WHO South East Asia Region (SEAR), Smt Preeti Sudan, Secretary (HFW), Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia Region were also present at the inaugural session.
- This is the second time that India is hosting the Regional Committee meeting; the previous one was also hosted by India in New Delhi.

#### Asia's Only 5th Generation – VR Based Simulator Centre Launched at Chennai by AASI

- Asia's first 5th Generation – Virtual Reality based Advanced Driver Training Simulator Centre was launched.
- In the first 6 months, **AASI** will train 200 Ambulance drivers free of cost, under 'Safe Drivers Campaign'.
- The patented simulator was ideated, designed and developed by Chennai based Red Chariots Technologies Pvt Ltd and it took close to three years for a team of 12 engineers to develop the hardware and software, emulating the Indian driving standards and road conditions.

#### CBI's First National Conference On Cyber Crime Investigation Held

- Central Bureau of Investigation (**CBI**) organized the first National Conference on Cyber Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics on September 4-5, 2019. The conference was inaugurated by CBI Director **Rishi Kumar Shukla**.
- The conference had several panel discussions, lectures and presentations on various topics of law enforcement.
- The two-day national conference was aiming to create a platform and bring together investigators, forensic experts, academia and lawyers to discuss challenges related to cybercrime and ways to find solutions.

#### 16-Year-Old Becomes Youngest To Clear Tenali Pariksha

- **Priyavrata**, 16, creates a record by becoming the youngest person to clear 14 levels of the Tenali Pariksha on Sunday.
- Priyavrata became the youngest person to pass the **Maha Pariksha**. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** lauded his achievement will serve as a source of inspiration for many.'

#### Delhi: Forensic Science Lab In Rohini Gets NABL Accreditation

- The **Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL)** located in Rohini, Delhi got accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (**NABL**).
- In India, accreditation of laboratory is done by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories which is an autonomous body under the aegis of Department of Science and Technology.
- Director of FSL, **Deepa Verma** said in a statement that laboratory accreditation enhances

customer confidence in accepting testing/calibration reports issued by accredited laboratories.

#### Fourth Conclave Of NEDA To Be Held In Guwahati

- The Fourth Conclave of the North East Democratic Alliance, NEDA a constituent of the ruling NDA will be held in Guwahati.
- BJP President and Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** will take part in the conclave along with Chief Ministers of North Eastern states.
- Party sources said that issues pertaining to strengthening the NEDA will be discussed. Apart from that, several other issues including the NRC are likely to be discussed in the conclave.

#### DPIIT To Launch Plastic Waste Management Campaign Tomorrow

- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (**DPIIT**) of Commerce Ministry will launch plastic waste management campaign under **Swachhta Hi Sewa** 2019.
  - Under the campaign, DPIIT will ensure recycling of plastic waste collected on 2nd October this year in cement kilns. It will also collect plastic waste through nationwide **shramdaan** on 2nd of next month.
  - The move comes after Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's** call for action against Plastic Waste.
- Commerce Minister: **Piyush Goyal**

#### Kalraj Mishra Takes Oath As Rajasthan Governor

- Former Union Minister **Kalraj Mishra** took oath of **governor of Rajasthan** in Jaipur. Chief justice of Rajasthan High court **Justice Ravindra Bhatt** administered him oath of secrecy.
- He took place of Sh. Kalyan Singh who has completed the tenure of 5 years at Governor's office. Mr. Kalraj Mishra is 22nd governor of the state. New governor has been given Guard of honour at Raj Bhawan in Jaipur.

#### Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh And Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath Review Preparations For DefExpo 2020 In The First Apex Committee Meeting

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh chaired the first meeting of the Apex Committee for **DefExpo 2020** in the presence of Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh **Shri Yogi Adityanath**.
- The huge exhibition that will showcase India's Defence manufacturing capabilities as well as world's top defence manufacturing companies would be held for the first time in Lucknow from 05 – 08 February, 2020.
- Raksha Mantri said that the DefExpo would give a great fillip to investments being sought for the defence corridor in **Uttar Pradesh**.

#### Motor Vehicles Act Will Help Reduce Accidents: Nitin Gadkari

- Minister for Road Transport and Highways, **Nitin Gadkari** says the recently amended Motor Vehicles Act will not only help reduce the number of accidents but also bring a sense of discipline among drivers.
- He mentioned Triple Talaq Act, UAPA bill, Consumer Protection bill and merger of banks as some of the most important decisions taken during the period.
- The Minister also spoke on Article 370 concerning Jammu Kashmir. He said its



abrogation have given momentum to the development of the State.

➤ He said the decision will create opportunities for the local people. He informed that infrastructure projects worth 60,000 crore rupees are in progress in the State.

#### **PM Bid Farewell To Principal Secretary Nripendra Misra**

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi bid farewell to the Principal Secretary **Nripendra Misra** at his residence in New Delhi Calling Mr Misra a precious treasure, the Prime Minister recollected his last five years journey with him.

➤ He complimented the Principal Secretary for his hard-working nature, dedication towards work and his exemplary career as a civil servant. He narrated various instances where Mr Misra showcased his vast experience in governance.

#### **Union Minister Of State For Culture (IC) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel Inaugurates The Exhibition PRA-KASHI On Finest Trends Of Contemporary Weaving**

➤ Union Minister of State for Culture& Tourism (Independent Charge), **Shri Prahlad Singh Patel** inaugurated the exhibition **PRA-KASHI** on the finest trends of contemporary weaving, in New Delhi. The National Museum, New Delhi in collaboration with Devi Art Foundation, New Delhi has organized this exhibition.

#### **India Says Its High Time To Collectively Take Decisive Action Against Terror Groups & Their Abettors**

➤ India has said, it is time to collectively take decisive and firm action against terror groups and their abettors who threaten the fundamental human right to life.

➤ Making a statement at the **United Nations Human Rights Council, UNHRC in Geneva, Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs Vijay Thakur Singh** said, the world should call out those who are misusing the UNHRC platform for malicious political agendas under the garb of human rights.

**Ministry of External Affairs – Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar**  
**Constituency – Rajya Sabha (Gujarat)**

#### **Abrogation Of Article 370' Biggest Achievement Of Modi Govt In First 100 Days 2nd Term: Jitendra Singh**

➤ Union Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh** has said that abrogation of Article 370 is the biggest achievement of the Modi government in the first **100 days** of it is the second term.

➤ Addressing media in Jammu, Mr. Singh said that it is the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir who know the importance and value of abrogation of the Article 370.

#### **EAM S Jaishankar Meets Singapore Deputy PM Heng Swee Keat**

➤ The two leaders discussed new avenues of relationship through the opportunities provided by New India. Mr Jaishankar discussed refreshing the India-Singapore agenda by exploring opportunities provided by New India.

#### **Singapore**

Capital – **Singapore city**

Currency – **Singapore dollar**

#### **IAF Resurrects 17 Squadron 'Golden Arrows' For Rafale**

➤ The Indian Air Force (IAF) resurrected the Air Force Station Ambala-based **17 Squadron 'Golden Arrows'**, which will operate the first squadron of Rafale fighter jets in the near future.

➤ The resurrection ceremony was presided over by **IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa**.

➤ Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa presented a memento to Station Commander Group Captain Harkirat Singh to commemorate the occasion.

#### **Emerging Asia Will Be Driving World Economic Growth In Next 20 Years: Dharmendra Pradhan**

➤ Addressing the opening session of the **Eighth Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER8) in Abu Dhabi** Mr Pradhan stressed that the low income and low per capita energy consuming countries should have access to technology and capital when it comes to energy efficiency.

➤ The Minister said that a number of path-breaking policies and initiatives under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi have been taken during the last 5 years to realize energy justice for over 1.3 billion people in the country.

➤ Outlining the **Energy Vision**, Mr Pradhan said that this is based on four pillars of energy access, energy efficiency, energy sustainability and energy security.

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Steel – **Dharmendra Pradhan**  
**Constituency – Rajya Sabha (Madhya Pradesh )**

#### **J&K: Advisor Farooq Khan Inaugurates POSHAN Maah-2019**

➤ In Jammu and Kashmir, **Advisor to Governor, Farooq Khan** has called for making unified efforts to combat the menace of malnutrition in order to make the country healthy and prosperous.

➤ Addressing an inaugural event of **POSHAN Maah-2019** as part of **Jan Andolan** under POSHAN Abhiyaan in Jammu, Farooq Khan said that it is very unfortunate that even after 70 years of independence, children are malnourished.

#### **India Hosts First Conference On Military Medicine For SCO Member Nations**

➤ AIR PicsIndia is hosting the first conference on military medicine for member nations of the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation in **New Delhi**.

➤ The two-day conference is being held with an aim to share best practices in the field of military medicine.

#### **UAE Prez Bestows First Class Order Of Zayed II Award To Navdeep Singh Suri**

➤ UAE President **Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan** has bestowed the First Class Order of Zayed II award to the Ambassador, **Navdeep Singh Suri**.

➤ The award is given in recognition of his contribution to the development and strengthening of friendly relations and co-operation between the two countries. It is a rare honour given to any diplomat.

#### **India Requests South Korea, Japan To Review Their FTAs With New Delhi**

➤ Piyush Goyal has requested South Korea and Japan to review their respective **Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)** with India.

➤ Commerce Minister **Piyush Goyal** said, the FTAs should be reviewed as the present import-export position has changed since the time India entered into these agreements.

#### **Dr PK Mishra Takes Over As Principal Secretary To The Prime Minister**

➤ **Dr Pramod Kumar Mishra** appointed as Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India.

➤ Dr Mishra varied work experience in the management of programmes relating to agriculture, disaster management, power sector, infrastructure financing, and regulatory issues outstanding career profile comprising research, publications, policy formulation and programme/project management.

#### **DRDO Successfully Flight-Tests Indigenously Developed MPATGM Missile**

➤ In a major boost for Indian Army, **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully flight tested indigenously developed low weight, fire and forget Man-Portable Antitank Guided Missile (**MPATGM**) in the ranges of **Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh**.

➤ The missile was launched from a man-portable Tripod launcher and the target was mimicking a functional tank. The missile hit the target in top attack mode and destroyed it with precision. This is the third series of successful testing of MPATGM.

#### **India's 2nd Scorpene-Class Submarine To Be Commissioned On September 28**

➤ India's second Scorpene-class attack submarine **INS Khanderi** will be commissioned into the Navy by Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** in Mumbai on September 28.

➤ The conventional diesel-electric submarine has been manufactured by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd in Mumbai. The first Scorpene-class submarine **INS Kalvari** had been commissioned into the Indian Navy on December 2017.

#### **Madhya Pradesh Govt To Allow People To Adopt Cows Online**

➤ The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to turn to the state's people to seek donations for its **'Project Gaushala'** by letting them adopt cows online. People can adopt a cow for a minimum of 15 days and can go on supporting it till the animal's lifetime.

➤ While a lifetime adoption costs Rs 3 lakh, those willing to adopt a bovine for a year will have to pay Rs 21,000. Those adopting for a month will have to pay Rs 2,100 and those willing to adopt for 15 days will have to pay Rs 1,100.

#### **Union MoS For Tourism Launches Projects Under Swadesh Darshan Scheme In Goa**

➤ The Union Minister of State for Tourism and Culture **Prahlad Singh Patel** applauded the state of Goa for utilising central funds under the first phase of **Swadesh Darshan Scheme**. Minister assured that further financial help will be provided to Goa.

➤ He inaugurated the inauguration and Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony for the works of Swadesh Darshan Schemes in **Panaji**. Also, a Goa Tourism Mobile Application was launched on the occasion.

#### **Maha Govt To Draft Sustainable Rehab Plan For Flood-Hit Areas**

➤ Maharashtra Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis** met representatives of the **World Bank (WB)** and **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** in Mumbai.

➤ The state had sought financial assistance of **Rs 6,000 crore** for carrying out the rehabilitation and relief works in the flood-hit regions.

➤ The state government has already announced the implementation of Rs 16,000 crore water grid scheme for the Marathwada region, where a sizeable amount of water from western Maharashtra will be diverted to meet the irrigation and drinking water demands.

#### **ONGC To Invest More Than Rs 13,000 Cr To Raise Its Oil & Gas Exploration In Assam**

➤ The **ONGC** will invest more than **13,000 crore rupees** to raise its oil and gas exploration in Assam. This was announced by ONGC in Guwahati yesterday evening.

➤ The company will be drilling more than 220 oil and gas wells throughout the state in next five years.

➤ ONGC has already signed a MoU with Assam government to enhance its operation in line with Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's** call for reducing oil and gas import by 10 percent by 2022.

#### **Mini Conclave Of First Investor Summit-2019 Is Held In Leh**

➤ After abrogation of Article 370 and 35A, the Mini Conclave of First Jammu and Kashmir Investor Summit-2019 is held in Leh.

➤ Addressing the investors, the Jammu and Kashmir Industries & Commerce Principal Secretary Navin Kumar Choudhary said the latest political developments are meant for rapid development in the state.

#### **President Kovind Inaugurates Mahatma Gandhi's Bust In Switzerland**

➤ President **Ram Nath Kovind** inaugurated a bronze bust of Mahatma Gandhi in **Villeneuve in Switzerland**.

➤ The President is on a five- day visit to Switzerland to boost business and cultural ties. The bust was unveiled to mark the visit of Mahatma to Villeneuve in 1931.

➤ The inauguration also coincides with 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the nation. The idol sculpted by Ram Vanaji Sutar is placed on a high pedestal made of sandstone extracted from Switzerland.

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#### **Final NRC List Of Assam Published Online**

➤ In Assam, the final list of National Register of Citizens, NRC with individual status of all the 3 crore 30 lakh applicants was published online today.

➤ All those who have applied for the inclusion of their names in the NRC list and have a valid Application Receipt Number, ARN, can check their final status online on **www.nrcassam.nic.in**.

➤ The list bears the names of those who have been accepted as the citizens of Assam, those excluded and persons whose appeals are pending.

➤ The names of over 19 lakh people were excluded from the final NRC list published on 31st of last month.

➤ The excluded persons would get an opportunity to challenge their exclusion in the Foreigners' Tribunals.

#### **Aadhaar Verification To Be Mandatory For New Dealers From Jan 2020: GSTN**

➤ The GST Network has decided to make Aadhaar authentication or physical verification mandatory for new dealers from January next year to check malpractices in GST.

➤ This was announced by Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Sushil Kumar Modi, who heads the Group of Ministers of GST Network. Addressing media in Bengaluru he said Aadhaar authentication was earlier optional.

➤ Mr Modi said the decision was taken after noticing in the last two years that there is a good number of fly-by-night operators, who make fake invoices. He said for those who do not want Aadhaar authentication, physical verification will be carried out, which will be completed in three days.

➤ Mr Modi said as refunding is a big issue, the GSTN decided on complete online refunding from September 24 this year from a single source, either by the Central GST or State GST.

#### **ED Raids Multiple Locations In Disproportionate Assets Case Involving IT Officer Neeraj Singh**

➤ Enforcement Directorate (ED) has raided multiple locations in connection with a disproportionate assets case against Indian Revenue Service officer Neeraj Singh.

➤ The ED said, it raided six locations, two each in Kolkata, Mumbai and Patna after it booked Singh under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

➤ The ED filed a criminal case against the Indian Revenue Service officer based on a Kolkata Police FIR for the accumulation of huge wealth in the name of his associates by giving undue favours by misusing his official position.

➤ Officials said Singh is under the scanner of the Kolkata Police and the ED for alleged links with the prime accused of the 15,000-crore rupees Rose Valley chit fund scam Gautam Kundu.

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➤ He further said that no State government is in favour of slashing the GST slab for the Automobile sector from 28 percent to 18 percent, fearing loss of revenue. He said the next GST Council meeting is scheduled to take place in Goa on September 20.

#### **Govt Announces Fresh Incentives To Boost Exports And Housing Sector**

➤ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced a fresh set of measures worth around **70,000 crore rupees** to boost exports and housing sector. She said that the government will provide a 10,000 crore rupees special window with an aim to help complete ongoing affordable and middle-income housing projects.

➤ The housing projects considered for the special window have been limited to non-NPA (Non-Performing Assets) and non-NCLT (National Company Law Tribunal) projects. This will benefit roughly 3.5 lakh projects across the country.

➤ The other key incentives include extending the scheme of reimbursement of taxes and duties for export promotion, fully automated electronic refund for Input Tax Credits (ITC) in GST, revised priority sector lending norms for exports and expanding the scope of Export Credit Insurance Scheme (ECIS).

➤ An inter-ministerial working group has also been formed to monitor export finance. Accordingly, the scheme for Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Product (RoDTEP) was announced which will replace Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) for textiles.

#### **Great Ganga Run-2019 Flagged Off In New Delhi**

➤ Jal Shakti Minister **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** and Sports Minister **Kiren Rijiju** flagged off Great Ganga Run-2019 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.

#### **Railways To Undertake " Massive Shramdan" Drive From Sep 17, Focus On Collection Of Plastic Waste**

➤ Railways will undertake – Massive Shramdan drive from Tuesday with main focus on collection of plastic waste. Ministry of Railways said, in the recent past such drives are being undertaken by Railways.

➤ This Shramadan is for enhanced cleanliness, through collection of plastic waste from all railway premises and creating awareness for a greater impact against single use plastic.

➤ Railway Board has also sent a letter to all Divisional heads, directing that this massive Shramdan should be arranged at each and every station and nearby localities.

➤ The Ministry has asked all Divisional Heads to provide plastic bottle crushing machines, at over four thousand stations by the 2nd October.

#### **India To Conduct Special Training Programme For Maldivian Civil Servants From Tomorrow**

➤ India will conduct a two-week special training programme for Maldivian civil servants from September 16 in Delhi and Mussoorie.

➤ It is part of a bilateral MoU on Training and Capacity Building Programme between the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) and the Maldives Civil Service Commission (CSC). A 32-member delegation from the Maldives reached the NCGG campus in Mussoorie.

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his visit to the Maldives in June, had emphasised India's Neighbourhood First policy. He assured India's full support to the Maldives in realising its aspirations for broad based socio-economic development and strengthening of democratic and independent institutions.

#### **PM Modi To Visit Sardar Sarovar Dam To Participate In Namami Devi Narmade Mahotsav In Gujarat On His Birthday**

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a two-day visit to his home state Gujarat. Mr. Modi was received by Governor of Gujarat Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister Vijay Rupani and his senior cabinet colleagues on his arrival at Ahmedabad airport last night.

➤ According to sources, Prime Minister Modi has departed for Sardar Sarovar Narmada Dam at



Kevadia in Narmada district to mark the historic moment of overflowing of the Dam.

➤ Modi will also visit various ongoing projects of tourist attractions near the statue of unity- the world's tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. These projects are jungle safari, Eco-tourism, Cactus Garden, Ekta nursery, western India's first river rafting point, Nutrition Park, Mirror Maze and others.

## GUJARAT

**Capital: Gandhi Nagar**

**CM: Vijaybhai R. Rupani**

**Governor: Acharya Dev Vrat**

### The Public Premises (Eviction Of Unauthorized Occupants) Amendment Bill, 2019 Comes Into Force

➤ The Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Amendment Bill, 2019 which was passed by the Parliament during the last Budget Session has come into effect.

➤ Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs said this will facilitate smooth and speedy eviction of unauthorized occupants from Government residential accommodations and ensure retrieval of these residential accommodations from unauthorized occupants.

➤ This is expected to further increase availability of government residential accommodations for eligible persons and reduce the waiting period.

➤ As per the Amendment Act, the Estate officer will issue short Show cause notice of three days before eviction of the unauthorized occupant from Government accommodation.

### Centre To Give Support Of Rs 8,500 Crore To ECGC: Piyush Goyal

➤ Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has said the Central government will give support of 8,500 crore rupees to Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India, ECGC, in the next five years.

**ECGC**

**HQ: Mumbai**

**Chairman & MD: Geetha Muralidhar**

**Commerce and Industry Minister: Piyush Goyal**

### Rajnath Singh Gives Approval To Initiate Writing Of India's Border History

➤ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has given approval for initiating work of writing the history of the country's borders.

➤ The Minister held a meeting yesterday with eminent personalities of Indian Council of Historical Research, officials of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Directorate General of Archives, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Defence.

➤ The work will cover various aspects of borders including tracing its making, making and unmaking and shifting of borders, role of security forces, role of border land people encompassing their ethnicity, culture and socio-economic aspects of their lives.

### Central Railway Earns Rs 92 Cr In Fines From 17 Lakh Irregular Travel Cases

➤ Central Railway has earned Rs 92.19 crore in fines from 17.29 lakh cases of irregular travel between April and August this year, up from 15.70 lakh cases in the same period last year.

➤ CR said that the amount includes Rs 13.45 crore in fines collected in August. The statement informed that around 2.72 lakh cases of irregular travel, including unbooked luggage, were

detected as against 2.53 lakh cases in August 2018, an increase of 7.50 percent.

### Govt Aims To Phase Out Plastic In Packaging: Ram Vilas Paswan

➤ Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Minister Ram Vilas Paswan has asserted that there is a need to spread awareness to curb plastic usage.

➤ Talking to the media in New Delhi, the Minister informed that 95 lakh tonnes of plastic waste is generated by single use plastic out of which 6 lakh tonnes go into the sea contaminating the waters.

### Govt Allows SAIL To Sell 25% Of Iron Ore Output

➤ Ministry of Mines has allowed Steel Authority of India Limited, SAIL to offload in a year up to a quantity equivalent to maximum 25 per cent of total iron ore production in the previous year.

➤ It will be subject to clearance from the respective State Governments, where the mines are located, after following due procedure.

➤ It is valid for a period of 2 years. Around 7 Million tonnes of iron ore, produced at its different mines in the States of Jharkhand, Odisha and Chattisgarh, can be offloaded by SAIL to the domestic market after getting necessary clearance from the State Governments.

➤ This will enable SAIL to not only fulfil its own requirement, but also to partially cater to shortfall in domestic iron ore requirement.

### 10 Crore Beneficiaries Received E-Cards For Cashless Treatment Under Ayushman Bharat: Govt

➤ Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has said that 22 thousand health and wellness centres have been made functional and 10 crore beneficiaries have received e-cards under the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

➤ The Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana provides cashless and paperless access to services for the beneficiary at the point of service.

➤ It provides a health assurance cover of 5 lakh rupees per family per year for secondary and tertiary care for serious and catastrophic illnesses.

### India To Achieve 26 Bn Dollars Defence Industry By 2025: Rajnath Singh

➤ Defence minister Rajnath Singh has said, India will achieve 26 Billion dollars Defence Industry by 2025.

➤ Defence sector has been identified as one of the most prominent sectors under Make in India initiative to realize 5 Trillion dollar Economy by 2024 and investment of 10 billion US dollar and creation of 2.3 million employment opportunities is envisaged.

➤ Mr Singh said, simplification of procedures for Defence Exports has resulted in export of 10 thousand 745 Crore rupees in 2018-19, which is nearly seven times the export achieved in 2016-17. He said, a target of 5 Billion dollars for exports has been set till 2024. It has been planned to develop 25 Defence Specific Artificial Intelligence products by 2024.

### Indian Successfully Flight-Tested Indigenous Air-To-Air Missile Astra

➤ Indian Air Force has successfully flight-tested air-to-air missile Astra off the coast of Odisha.

➤ The missile was launched from a Sukhoi Su-30 MKI combat aircraft as a part of User trials.

➤ The missile has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the premier research and development organisation of the armed forces.

➤ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO and Air Force teams for the successful test.

### President Gives Assent To Ordinance Banning E-Cigarettes

➤ President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent for promulgation of the ordinance to ban e-cigarettes.

➤ The ordinance was approved by the Union Cabinet yesterday, which bans production, import, distribution and sale of electronic cigarettes.

➤ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who headed a Group of Ministers (GoM) on the issue, said the Cabinet decided to ban e-cigarettes and similar products as they pose health risk to people, especially the youth. She said a bill replacing the ordinance will be brought in the next session of Parliament.

### SC Gets Four New Judges Taking Total Strength To Highest-Ever Of 34

➤ Four Chief Justices of High Courts have been appointed as the Supreme Court judges. With this, the total strength of the Apex court has gone up to the highest ever number of 34.

➤ The appointees are Himachal Pradesh High Court Chief Justice V. Ramasubramanian, Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Justice Krishna Murari, Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice S. Ravindra Bhat and Kerala High Court Chief Justice Hrishikesh Roy. Four separate notifications have been issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice on the appointments.

### Rajnath Singh Flies In Tejas Fighter Jet; Says Aircraft Is Meant To Strengthen India's Air Defence Capabilities

➤ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today flew on familiarisation sortie on the indigenous fighter aircraft LCA Tejas in Bengaluru.

➤ He said Tejas is a multi-role fighter with several critical capabilities and is meant to strengthen India's air defence capabilities.

➤ Tejas, a single engine, delta wing, multi-role light fighter, was designed by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) and is produced by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the Indian Air Force.

➤ The latest test for the Indian Navy variant of Tejas is also being extensively tested in Bengaluru and Goa. The LCA Tejas, had bagged the Final Operational clearance (FOC) recently.

### Union Minister Gehlot Launches MIS Portal Under Accessible India Campaign

➤ The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has developed a Management Information System, MIS for stakeholders of Accessible India Campaign.

➤ Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot launched the MIS portal in New Delhi in the presence of Secretaries of various nodal ministries including Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

### Jal Shakti Ministry Mulls To Develop National Water Museum

- Jal Shakti Ministry has taken an initiative to develop **National Water Museum** to raise awareness among people on conservation of the natural resource.
- According to an official release, the Ministry is also organising a two day International Workshop from which will be attended by experts from India and abroad.
- The outcome of the workshop will be a blueprint for establishing the proposed National Water Museum under the aegis of Jal Shakti Ministry.

### UP Has Become Number One To Implement Many Govt Schemes: Yogi Adityanath

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath today said the state has become the number one in implementing many central government schemes.
- He said the government is now working on the goal to make Uttar Pradesh a one-trillion economy state. He said there has been a major improvement in law and order situation in the State, adding that no riots have happened in 30 months of his government.

### Govt Inaugurates 15 Power Projects In Jammu & Kashmir

- Union Power Minister RK Singh and Jammu and Kashmir Governor **Satya Pal Malik** have jointly inaugurated 15 power projects.
- Governor Satya Pal Malik said development works in Jammu and Kashmir will prompt People of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to revolt against Islamabad and join India.

### New Delhi: HM Amit Shah Lays Foundation Stone For Janganana Bhawan At Mansingh Road

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid foundation stone for **Janganana Bhawan at Mansingh Road in New Delhi**. The work of the seven-storey green building which will be built at the cost of **44 crore rupees** will be completed by **2021**.
- Mr Shah said, the Government will complete the massive Census exercise in March 2021. He said, census is the basis of development of the last man in the queue and lays the blueprint for future of the country.
- He strongly pitched for raising awareness among the citizens about the importance, role and dimensions of census. For the first time Government will prepare National Population Register, NPR.

### Four New Supreme Court Judges Take Oath Of Office

- Four new Supreme Court Judges took oath of office. Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi administered oath of office and secrecy to Justices **Krishna Murari, S Ravindra Bhat, V Ramasubramanian and Hrishikesh Roy** in courtroom one.
- The appointment of the four judges takes the number of judges in the apex court to the total sanctioned strength of 34.
- Justice Murari headed the Punjab High Court whereas Justice Bhat headed the Rajasthan High Court. Justice Ramasubramanian headed the Himachal Pradesh while Justice Roy headed the Kerala High Court.

### Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot Distributes Prizes To Winners Of '2nd Sign Language Competition, 2019

- **Sign Language Day** was celebrated by the **Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)**, an autonomous body under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, M/o Social Justice and Empowerment
- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment **Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot** was the Chief Guest and Ministers of State for SJ&E Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar and Shri Rattan Lal Kataria were the Guests of Honour.
- United Nations has declared 23rd September as International Sign Language Day. This day was formally accepted by the United Nations Assembly on 19th December, 2017.
- The theme of this year is **"Sign Language-Rights for all"**. The objective of celebrating the sign language day is enhancing the awareness of sign language and making the reach of sign language to everyone.

### Cyclonic Storm 'HIKAA' Over Northeast And Adjoining East Central Arabian Sea Moves Closely Westwards.

- The **Cyclonic Storm 'HIKAA'** over northeast and adjoining east central Arabian sea moved nearly westwards with a speed of 17 kmph during past 06 hours.
- It is likely to intensify further during next 24 hours and weaken gradually thereafter. It is very likely to move nearly westwards and cross Oman coast between latitude 19°N and 20°N during early hours of 25th September 2019 as a deep depression.

### "Leather Sector Has The Potential To Create 2 Million Jobs In The Next 5 Years" – Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey, Union Minister

- More than **2 million candidates** across the country have received **RPL certification by Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) (2016-2020)**.
- Launch of **Mochi Swabhimaan** Initiative – a nationwide effort in which LSSC will support the cobbler community who provide leather-based services, with CSR funds ensuring they work in a dignified manner.
- **Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Hon'ble Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Govt. of India** said the Leather Sector is an Export driven sector and has the potential to create 2 million jobs in the next 5 years.

### Induction Of Rafale Aircraft Will Be A Game Changer In South-Asian Region, Says Air Force Chief

- Air Chief Marshal **B.S. Dhanoa** has said the forthcoming induction of **Rafael** fighter jets into the Indian Air Force, IAF will be a game-changer in the South Asian region.
- Air Chief Marshal Dhanoa also said that there is no shortage of pilots in the IAF and none of the potential adversaries will be able to match the air power of the IAF after the induction of the multi-role fighter jets.

### PM Meets CEOs Of 17 Global Energy Companies In US

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has discussed how to harness opportunities in the field of energy to address India's growing energy

needs during his meeting with 17 CEOs of global energy leaders.

- **The focus** was on working together for energy security and expanding mutual investment opportunities between India and the United States.
- The CEOs noted that there has been considerable improvement in doing business in India and welcomed the recent steps taken by the government to reform and liberalize the economy, including cutting down the corporate tax structure.
- The External Affairs Ministry spokesperson said, the CEOs talked about enhancing their footprint in India and lauded the Indian government for steps taken towards deregulation in the sector.

### Centre, States Should Focus On Providing Quality Public Health Facilities: V Prez

- **Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu** said the **Centre and States should focus on providing quality public health facilities to people**.
- Addressing a gathering after inaugurating a Free Medical Camp organized by a Corporate Hospital at Swarna Bharat Trust in Hyderabad, he said, medical colleges and medical institutions should organize awareness campaigns on disease prevention and adopting lifestyles.
- He added that awareness on disease prevention is extremely important as prevention is better than cure.
- **Telangana Governor Dr.Tamilisai Soundararajan** was also present on the occasion.

### GST Rate Cut On Hotel Accommodation Service Will Boost Tourism Sector: Tourism Minister

- Union Tourism Minister **Prahlad Singh Patel** has said, GST rate cut on hotel accommodation service will boost tourism sector while he was addressing curtain-raiser press conference on **Indian Tourism Mart (ITM) in New Delhi**.
- ITM is being organized with the objective of positioning the tourism destinations and products of the country in international source markets.
- Over 240 international delegates have confirmed their participation from 51 countries.

### Govt Launches 'UMMID' Initiative To Tackle Inherited Genetic Diseases Of Newborn Babies

- Science and Technology and Health Minister **Dr Harsh Vardhan** launched **'UMMID' initiative** to tackle inherited genetic diseases of newborn babies in **New Delhi**.
- He said congenital and hereditary genetic diseases are becoming a significant health burden and there is a need for adequate and effective genetic testing and counselling services.
- Dr Vardhan further emphasized on the use of cutting edge scientific technology and molecular medicine for extending Universal Health Coverage for all.
- The Minister also inaugurated NIDAN (National Inherited Diseases Administration) Kendras which aims at creating awareness about genetic disorders amongst clinicians and establishes molecular diagnostics in hospitals.

### 17 UAE Companies Confirm Investments In India's Infrastructure Sector: Piyush Goyal

- Union Minister for Railways and Commerce **Piyush Goyal** has said that seventeen companies from **United Arab**

**Emirates** have confirmed their investments in India's infrastructure sector in the last 12 months.

- Mr. Goyal was on a two-day visit to the UAE to attend the **7th Meeting of the UAE-India High-Level Joint Task Force on Investments**, which he co-chaired with **Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince's Court, in Abu Dhabi.
- The Minister emphasised that the UAE has committed investments worth **75 billion US Dollars** in India's infrastructure sector.
- **Expo 2020** to be held **Dubai**, further strengthens people-to-people ties. Mr Goyal said, Indian Pavilion at Expo will be the second largest, carrying the tagline '**Future is in India.**'

#### ED Moves Court To Declare Zakir Naik As Fugitive Economic Offender

- Enforcement Directorate has filed an application in Mumbai's special court to declare controversial **Islamic preacher Zakir Naik** as a fugitive economic offender.
- Naik is facing money laundering charges to the tune of **193 crore rupees**. The **PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act)** court had issued a fresh non-bailable warrant against Naik.
- The radical television preacher left India in 2016 and subsequently moved to Malaysia, where he was granted permanent residency.
- He is also facing charges under **Unlawful Activities Prevention Act** for inciting extremism through hate.

#### Family Pension For Central Govt Employee Dying Within 7 Years Of Service Hiked From 30 To 50 %

- The family of a government servant, who dies within seven years of joining service, will now be eligible for family pension at **enhanced rate of 50 per cent** of last pay drawn for a period of 10 years.
- Earlier, the government servant who had rendered a service of less than seven years before his death, the rate of family pension was **30 per cent** from the beginning and family pension at enhanced rate of **50 per cent** was not payable to the family.
- The government has amended Rule 54 of the **Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972**.
- The families of government servants who died before completion of service of seven years within 10 years before 1st October, 2019, will also be eligible for family pension at enhanced rates with effect from 1st of October.
- The benefit of amended provisions would be available to the families of all government servants, including the personnel of Central Armed Police Forces.

#### HM Amit Shah Says 2021 Census Will Be A Digital Exercise

- **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** has said that the process of a **Pen-Paper Census will be transformed to a digital census** in the upcoming census exercise by using the latest technology.
- Addressing the gathering after laying the foundation stone of **Janganana Bhawan in New Delhi** Mr Shah said, the nationwide exercise will be carried out in major Indian languages and at a cost of **12 thousand crore rupees**.
- Mr Shah said, people will be able to upload the details of self and family on the newly developed mobile app themselves. Digital census has a great

future potential and if efficiently done, it could lead to provision of public services through one platform.

#### Ayushman Bharat Scheme Completes One Year Of Its Launch

- Ayushman Bharat – the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** has completed one year of its launch and the day is being celebrated as **Ayushman Bharat Diwas** across the country.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that Ayushman Bharat is more than just a health care scheme as it is a beacon of hope to more than 50 crore of India's most vulnerable people.
- Ayushman Bharat has been billed as the world's largest government health care programme.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** had **launched** the scheme from **Ranchi, Jharkhand** last year.
- The **main aim** of the scheme is to provide universal health care to the poor, needy and vulnerable sections of the country.

#### J&K Becomes First State To Issue Highest Number Of Golden Cards Under Ayushman Bharat Scheme

- **Jammu and Kashmir** has become the **first state** in the country to **issue highest number of golden cards** under **Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**.
- Over 11 lakh golden cards have been generated within first 90 days of the launch of the scheme with 60% families having at least one golden card which is highest in the country.
- Chief Executive Officer, State Health Agency, **Bhupinder Kumar** organized the function to mark the first anniversary of the launch of Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in the State.

#### First Corporate Run Train From Lucknow To Delhi 'Tejas Express' All Ready To Hit Tracks On Oct 4

- In **Uttar Pradesh**, the most awaited **country's first corporate run train** from Lucknow to Delhi, **Tejas Express** is all ready to hit the tracks on 4th of October.
- Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** will flag off the train from Lucknow which will be run by IRCTC.

#### Bihar: Muzaffarpur Administration Launches Drives For AES Affected Blocks

- In Bihar, Muzaffarpur District Administration has launched several drives for nutritional, sanitation needs and medical facilities for **Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES)** affected blocks.
- Five blocks of the district Mushari, Bochahan, Motipur, Kanti and Minapur are said to be epicentre of AES, which claimed lives of more than 160 children this year.

#### Nation Pays Homage To Pandit Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay On His Birth Anniversary

- Nation pays homage to Pandit Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay on his **103rd birth anniversary**.
- Union Minister for Skill development **Dr Mahendranath Pandey** will be at Meerut to celebrate the birthday.
- PM Modi, Vice President Naidu & Amit Shah paid their homage to the **RSS ideologue**.

- Information and Broadcasting Minister **Prakash Javadekar** paid homage to Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay on his birth anniversary.
- In Uttar Pradesh Senior BJP leaders and party workers will participate in several public welfare initiatives including **Swachhta campaign**, plastic free India campaign and environmental protection initiatives to celebrate the birth anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay.

#### HM Amit Shah Launches Private Security Agency Licensing Portal

- Home Minister **Amit Shah** launched the Private Security Agency Licensing Portal at a function in **New Delhi**.
- Speaking on the occasion, Mr Shah said the portal will become functional in all official languages like Hindi, Gujarati, Telugu and Tamil within three months.
- Private Security Agency Licensing Portal' will help private agencies in police verification of security guards; **expand their business across the country** apart from providing other facilities.
- The number of licensed agencies in the states will also be available on the portal so that people do not fall prey to the fraudulent private security agencies.

#### Gandhi Solar Park Inaugurated At UN Headquarters On Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared his thoughts on Mahatma Gandhi at a programme hosted by India in New York.
- Mr Modi along with others world leaders also inaugurated the **Gandhi Solar Park at the UN headquarters** and released a commemorative stamp issued by the UN on the occasion of Gandhi's **150th birth anniversary**.
- The prime minister said, Gandhiji had stressed on the real strength of democracy. **UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** and a number of heads of state were present on the occasion.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the **"Global Goalkeeper" award** by the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** for the **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan** launched by his government.

#### 5th India International Science Festival To Be Held In Kolkata From 5th To 8th November, 2019

- The 5th edition of **India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019** will be held at **Kolkata**.
- The **Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan** announced this at a curtain raiser Press Conference in New Delhi.
- "IISF 2019 will play a crucial role in promoting love and passion of science among students by bringing science outside the lab. It is time to make science a Jan Andolan".
- The Science and Technology Minister further informed the gathering that theme for this year's festival is **RISEN (India Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation)**
- **3 New Ayush Hospitals In Rajasthan, Jharkhand And Odisha**
- Ministry of AYUSH has informed that **3 New AYUSH Hospitals** have been set up in **Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Odisha** during



the 100-day period of the present government while 306 Ayush hospitals have been upgraded.

- The essential medicines have been supplied and sanctioned to more than 11,980 Hospitals and dispensaries which will benefit more than 2.9 cr patients, the minister informed.

#### DoNER Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh Inaugurates Cane And Bamboo Technology Park At Burnihat, Assam

- The Union Minister of State for **Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Dr. Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the Cane and Bamboo Technology Park-cum-Office Premises of **Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC)** at Burnihat, Assam
- Dr. Singh said that there are many unexplored potentials in North East and one of them is bamboo, as more than 50% of India's bamboos are found in this region.
- The Minister further said though the biggest storehouse of bamboo in India is North East, the market of bamboo is extended all over India.

#### President Of India Inaugurates 6th India Water Week-2019

- The President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, inaugurated the 6th India Water Week-2019, (September 24, 2019) at Vigyan Bhavan, **New Delhi**.
- The theme of the India Water Week-2019 is '**Water Cooperation – Coping with 21st Century Challenges**' and it is being organised by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

#### Infosys, TCS Among 17 Indian Firms In Forbes Best 'Regarded' Companies List

- As many as 17 Indian companies, including Infosys, TCS and HDFC, have been named in the list of World's Best Regarded Companies compiled by Forbes.
- IT major **Infosys** has been ranked third in the list of World's Best Regarded Companies, along with global payments technology company Visa and Italian car-maker Ferrari on the first and second position, respectively.
- Infosys jumped to the third spot from 31st position in 2018. 'Infosys' leading position headlined an Asian invasion in the rankings,

#### Assam Govt Launches Housing Loan Subsidy Scheme

- The Assam Government has launched a housing loan subsidy scheme to provide financial assistance on purchase or construction of the first house for a family.
- Assam Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the scheme – Aponar Apon Ghar in Guwahati.
- Mr. Sarma said that subsidy up to 2 lakh 50 thousand rupees will be provided for loan amounts from five lakh to 40 lakh rupees.
- This scheme would provide impetus to the economy and led to the expansion of real estate in the state.

#### Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan To Be Observed In Madhya Pradesh Till Oct 25

- **Madhya Pradesh** government is launching a month-long Swachhata hi Seva Abhiyan till October 25, against the single-use plastic.
- During the campaign, various awareness programmes will be conducted in urban bodies.

- The campaign will encourage alternatives by eliminating single-use plastic and non-standard polythene in markets, malls and shops etc.
- The campaign **aims** to administer oath to at least 50 lakh citizens against the use of single-use plastic.

#### LS Speaker To Lead Indian Delegation To Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference In Uganda

- The annual meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association is taking place in **Kampala, Uganda** and is hosted by the Parliament of Uganda.
- An Indian parliamentary delegation led by **Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla** will attend the 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference
- CPC will this year include the landmark **30th Anniversary Conference of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP)** as well as the election of the new Chairperson of CWP.
- The theme of this year's conference is: **Adaption, engagement and evolution of parliaments in a rapidly changing Commonwealth.**

#### Over 2 Lakh Streetlights To Be Installed Across Delhi: CM Kejriwal

- Delhi Chief Minister **Arvind Kejriwal** said his government will implement the '**Mukhyamantri Street Light Yojana**' under which **2.1 lakh streetlight** will be installed across the city to light up dark spots.
- The three discoms will have the responsibility of installing them, he said.
- Each discom will have the job of installing 70,000 streetlights, the chief minister said, adding that every street light will have a sensor that will light up after sunset, he said.
- The streetlights will be installed on a similar model as that of CCTV cameras.

#### Madhuri Dixit To Be Maharashtra Poll Goodwill Ambassador

- Actor Madhuri Dixit has been chosen as "**goodwill ambassador**" by the Chief Electoral Office in **Maharashtra** to create awareness among people about the importance of voting.
- State Assembly polls are scheduled for October 21 and results will be declared on October 24.
- Dixit will be seen in a video titled '**Let's Vote**' speaking about the democratic process and role of voters in the development of the country.

#### Ponung Doming Becomes Arunachal's First Woman Lieutenant Colonel

- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Pema Khandu** congratulated Army officer **Ponung Doming**, who became the first woman officer from the state to be elevated to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the India

#### Mahatma Gandhi's 80-Year-Old Letter Wishing Jews "Era Of Peace" Unveiled In Israel

- A short handwritten letter by Mahatma Gandhi 80-years-ago has been unveiled for the first time by the National Library of Israel, NLI.
- Gandhi ji was wishing the "afflicted (Jewish) people" an "era of peace" in the letter, written on the same day World War II broke out.
- Gandhi wrote the letter to Head of the Bombay Zionist Association, A E Shohet, who was trying to enlist support of Indian leaders in favour of the

movement to establish a national home for the Jewish people.

#### Israel capital: Jerusalem

#### Currencies: Israeli new shekel

#### Venkaiah Naidu Confers National Tourism Awards On Occasion Of World Tourism Day

- On the occasion, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu today conferred the National tourism awards in various categories at a function in New Delhi.
- Andhra Pradesh has bagged the Best State award for overall growth in tourism category while Goa and Madhya Pradesh were joint winners in Adventure Tourism category.
- Uttarakhand was awarded best film promotion friendly state and Telangana for the best state in innovative use of IT category.

#### Estonia Ready To Assist India In Development Of Single Multipurpose Identity Card

- Estonia Ambassador to New Delhi Katrin Kivi said, his country is willing to assist India in the development of a single multipurpose identity card in view of the country's experience in the domain of e-governance.
- Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday had pitched for the idea of a single, multipurpose identity card for citizens covering "all utilities" from Aadhaar to banking and voting.
- The Home Minister at an event of the Registrar General of India had said that we can have just one card for all utilities like Aadhaar, passport, bank account, driving licence, voter card.

#### Estonia capital: Tallinn

#### Currencies: Euro

#### Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Commissions INS Khanderi Into Indian Navy

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said that Pakistan should understand that today with strong resolve of our government and advancement in naval capacity, the country is capable of giving a much bigger blow to it.
- He was speaking after commissioning of India's second class indigenously built submarine INS Khanderi in Mumbai.

#### 20 Countries Including India Sign Agreement To Stop Spread Of Fake News Online

- Twenty countries, including France, Britain and India, have signed an agreement at the United Nations to stop the spread of fake news on-line.
- The signatories, which also included South Africa and Canada, committed to promoting independently reported, diverse and reliable information on the internet under an accord initiated by Reporters Without Borders (RSF), a press freedom watchdog.

#### PIO Cards To Continue As Valid Travel Document Till March 2020

- **Persons of Indian Origin (PIO)** cards along with valid foreign passport will be considered for exit/entry into India by the **Indian Immigration Check Post(s)** till **31st of March 2020**.
- The latest Government of India advisory has said that **Bureau of Immigration (BoI)** will now accept PIO cards as valid travel document till 31st of March next year along with valid foreign passport.
- Earlier, all PIO card holders were advised to convert their cards to **Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) cards** by **30th of September** this year.



### Centre Giving Utmost Importance To Foster Research Activities: HRD Minister

➤ Union Minister for Human Resources Development **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** has said, the Centre is giving utmost importance to fostering research activities in the country.

➤ He said, late Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri made '**Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan**' as the mantra of the nation, which was transformed into '**Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan and Jai Vigyan**' by former Prime Minister **Atal Behari Vajpayee**.

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made it into '**Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan and Jai Anusandhan**' signifying the importance of promoting result-oriented research in the nation.

### Walk for Peace to Mark Gandhi's 150th Anniversary In Dubai

➤ Four-Kilometre walk for Peace and Tolerance by people of different nationalities will mark the **Gandhi Jayanti celebrations in Dubai**.

➤ The programme was organized by the Indian Consulate in Dubai along with the local community and the host government will be organized at the **Zabeel Park** in Dubai.

### Assam: 'Plants For Plastic' Campaign To Be Launched In Bongaigaon District.

➤ In Assam, in order to gradually collect and remove the harmful plastics from the eco-system **Bongaigaon District** administration is going to launch a campaign '**Plants for Plastic**'.

➤ The **campaign aims to** encourage people to collect and remove plastic from their houses, commercial establishments and educational institutions.

➤ Under this unique initiative, any person can deposit one kilogram plastic in the Municipality office and get a valuable sapling for free.

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### UP CM Inaugurates Mobile Hospital Near Kashi Vishwanath Temple

➤ In Uttar Pradesh, the devotees coming from all over the world to **Kashi Vishwanath temple** will now get immediate emergency health care services if needed.

➤ Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated **Shri Kashi Vishwanath Arogya Mandir**, a mobile hospital in the city.

➤ A team of doctors and paramedics will be available and after stabilizing serious patients, they will be shifted to the district or Banaras Hindu University Hospital.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Govt to set up Model mosques in Bangladesh

➤ **Bangladesh** government will set up **560 model mosques** and **Islamic cultural centres** in districts and upazilas across the country.

➤ District Model Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre at Meherpur Court Road State laid foundation stone by Minister for Public Administration **Farhad Hossain**.

➤ Minister for Religious Affairs **Al Haj Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah** announced that construction of the model mosques is a priority project of Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina**.

➤ The project for the construction of 560 model mosques at a cost of Tk 8,722 crore was approved by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council on April 2017.

➤ Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laid the foundation stone of the project in **April 2018**.

### Yudh Abhyas 2019: Indo-US joint military exercise from September 05 in Washington

➤ As part of the ongoing **Indo-US defence cooperation**, a joint military training, Exercise

**Yudh Abhyas – 2019** is being conducted at Joint **Base Lewis Mc Chord, Washington, USA** from 05-18 September 2019.

➤ Exercise Yudh Abhyas is one of the largest joint running military training and defence corporation endeavours between India and USA.

➤ This will be the **15th edition** of the joint exercise hosted alternately between the two countries. Exercise Yudh Abhyas will provide an opportunity to the armed forces of both countries to train in an integrated manner at Battalion level with joint planning at Brigade level.

➤ The exercise is also an ideal platform to learn from each other's expertise and experiences of planning and execution of operations.

### Sri Lanka inks four agreements with Maldives

➤ **Sri Lanka** and **Maldives** exchanged **four** agreements of cooperation including facilitation of visa arrangements allowing for **free 90-day** on-arrival visas for visitors between the two countries.

➤ An **MoU** on Cooperation in the area of social protection, higher education, vocational training and youth development are other areas in which MoUs were signed during Sri Lankan Prime Minister **Ranil Wickremesinghe's** visit to Male.

➤ The visa agreement contains provisions for grant of multiple entry non-resident business visas, thereby facilitating commercial engagements and private sector collaboration. Both countries also issued a joint statement highlighting the enduring friendship that defines the relationship between Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

➤ Maldives President **Ibrahim Mohamed Solih** expressed gratitude for Sri Lanka's numerous assistance to the Maldives over the years, which has proven a boon to the Maldives' socio-economic development.

### Google is fined \$170 Million for Violating Children's Privacy on YouTube

➤ **Google's YouTube** will pay **\$170 million** to settle allegations by the **Federal Trade Commission** and the **New York attorney general** that it earned millions by illegally collecting personal information from children without their parents' consent.

➤ The settlement was passed in a 3-2 vote by the commissioners along party lines. The two Democrats voted against it, saying it did not go far enough to punish YouTube. Shares of Google parent company Alphabet were up 1.1% at the end of trading.

➤ The settlement requires Google and YouTube to pay **\$136 million** to the FTC and **\$34 million** to New York for allegedly violating the **Children's Online Privacy Protection Act**.

### President Kovind embarks on 9-day visit to Iceland, Switzerland & Slovenia

➤ **President Ram Nath Kovind** embarked on an **official nine-day visit to Iceland, Switzerland and Slovenia** to enhance **India's political and economic ties with the three European countries**.

➤ During the **first** leg of his visit, Mr Kovind will arrive in **Iceland** and will hold talks with his **Icelandic counterpart Guðni Th. Jóhannesson and Prime Minister Katrin Jakobsdottir**.

➤ The **second** leg of the visit to **Switzerland** will begin on 11th of September. The President will have wide-ranging discussions with his Swiss counterpart and country's cabinet.

➤ The final leg of the visit to **Slovenia** will begin on 15th of this month and mark the first-ever visit by an Indian President to the country. During the visit, Kovind will hold wide-ranging discussion with his Slovenian counterpart Borut Pahor and the National Assembly President.

### Saudi Arabia appoints Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman as new Energy minister

➤ **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** appointed **Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman** as its **new Energy minister**, one of the most important positions in the government.

➤ He replaced the long time oil industry veteran Khalid Al Falih. Prince Abdulaziz is the son of the King of Saudi Arabia. He had **earlier served as the Deputy and State Energy Minister for several years**.

➤ It is the first time a member of the ruling Al Saud family has held the energy minister post in the world's top oil exporter

➤ **Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** met the newly appointed **Saudi Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman in Jeddah**

### EAM S Jaishankar visits innovation exhibition in Singapore

➤ **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** visited an innovation exhibition in **Singapore** in which around **60 startups from India are participating**.

➤ **Mr. Jaishankar** was accompanied by his **Singaporean counterpart Vivian Balakrishnan** to the exhibition.

➤ During his visit, Mr. Jaishankar will co-chair the **6th Meeting of Joint Ministerial Committee (JMC)** with his counterpart Vivian Balakrishnan. **The two sides will review the whole range of bilateral issues and provide the direction for further deepening the strategic partnership between the two countries**.

➤ He will also call on **Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and other senior ministers during his visit**.

### Combating desertification has to be a national endeavor: Javadekar

➤ **Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar** has said that combating desertification has to be a national endeavour.

➤ Addressing the High-Level Segment of the **14th Conference of Parties (COP14) of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification in Greater Noida**, Uttar Pradesh Mr Javadekar said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to sustainable development is strong.

➤ He said, Prime Minister came out with India's ambitious programme of **175 GigaWatt of renewable energy which will be 40 percent of the country's energy capacity**.

➤ Mr. Javadekar said, **India took a leading role in Paris Summit**. The Minister said, green cover is rising in India and in the last five years it has increased **15000 square kilometre**.

➤ He said, as per the tiger census which was declared last month, India has now 77 percent of the world's wild tigers. He said, **UNCCD COP 14** is a huge event where more than 200 Countries, 100 Ministers and more than 8000 participants came together to show the concern to protect the environment.

### PM Modi to address UN anti-desertification meet

➤ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has announced that **India will raise its target of restoring the degraded land from twenty**

**one million hectares to twenty six million hectares between now and 2030.**

➤ Addressing the **14th Conference of Parties (COP 14) of the UN Convention to combat Desertification (UNCCD)** in **Greater Noida**, Prime Minister said that Desertification affects over two thirds of the countries of the world.

➤ He called upon the leadership of UNCCD to create a global water action agenda. Reiterating his clarion call to ban single use plastic, Prime Minister said that time has come for the world to say goodbye to single use plastic.

➤ **India is hosting global gathering for COP 14 in Greater Noida which started on 2nd of this month. Prime Minister said this reflects our commitments to addressing the concerns of Rio convention of 1992.**

**Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan arrives in Dubai to participate in 8th Asian Ministerial Energy Round-table**

➤ **Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan** arrived in Dubai for a **three- day visit to the UAE.**

➤ During the visit, the Minister is scheduled to participate in the **Eighth Asian Ministerial Energy Round-table (AMER) at Abu Dhabi on 10th September**, where **India is the co-host along with UAE.**

➤ In an attempt to further strengthen the energy ties with the oil producing countries, Mr Pradhan, accompanied by an official and business delegation, is on a six-day visit to Saudi Arabia, UAE and Qatar to engage with his counterparts in oil and gas as well as steel sectors in three countries.

➤ In Abu Dhabi, Mr Pradhan is scheduled to meet his counterparts **Suhail Mohamed Faraj Al Mazrouei** along with the Minister of State and ADNOC Group CEO **Sultan Ahmad Al Jaber** and discuss issues of bilateral hydrocarbon as well as steel sector engagement within the overall framework of India-UAE Strategic Partnership.

➤ The AMER Conference is coinciding with the 24th World Energy Congress, which is being held in **Abu Dhabi.**

**President Kovind invites professionals from Iceland to be part of the transformational journey of India**

➤ **President Ram Nath Kovind** invited professionals, especially in the field of geothermal energy from **Iceland** to be part of the transformational journey of India.

➤ He informed that visa procedures are simplified with introduction of e-visa facilities in 169 countries. The President noted that Iceland has embraced Yoga as its own and taken active participation in the International day of yoga.

➤ Mr Kovind further added that the proposed introduction of **Hindi language** as a subject of learning in the **University of Iceland** will encourage people to people contact.

➤ During the reception, former President of Iceland the Indian minister of state for women and child development Debashree Choudhury, members of Parliament Vasanth Kumar Panda and Ram Thirpathi were present.

**6th India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue concludes**

➤ The **sixth India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue**, SED, concluded in **New Delhi.** Both sides agreed that SED has emerged as a crucial mechanism to facilitate bilateral trade, investment and enhance economic cooperation.

➤ Potential areas of collaboration across innovation and investment focusing on fintech and related technologies were highlighted.

➤ The Indian side was led by **NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman, Dr. Rajiv Kumar** and the Chinese side by He Lifeng, Chairman, NDRC. During his intervention, Dr. Rajiv Kumar emphasized on taking concrete steps to address India's trade imbalance with China.

➤ The two countries noted the significant progress made in the feasibility study on Chennai-Bangalore-Mysore railway up-gradation project and personal training of Indian senior railway management staff in China.

**PM Modi, Nepal PM to jointly inaugurate Motihari-Amlekhganj cross border petroleum pipeline**

➤ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and **Nepal's Prime Minister K.P.Sharma Oli** will jointly inaugurate **Motihari-Amlekhgunj** cross border petroleum products pipeline through video conference today.

➤ This is the **first transnational petroleum pipeline** from India and first South Asian oil pipeline corridor. It has been constructed at a cost of around three hundred fifty crore rupees which are entirely borne by Indian Oil Corporation.

**Bangladesh govt cuts mobile internet access in Rohingya camp**

➤ Government of Bangladesh ordered telecom operators to stop 3G, 4G and LTE networks in the Rohingya camp areas in the **Teknaf and Ukhia of Cox's Bazar.**

➤ The secretary general of the Association of Mobile Telecom Operators of Bangladesh **S.M. Farhad** said that only 2G services will remain active in the area. However, with 2G services internet connectivity is almost impossible to work.

**Bangladesh**

Capital – **Dhaka**

Currency – **taka**

**Iraq: The US drops bombs on island in Tigris River to target IS group**

➤ In Iraq, American warplanes have dropped 36,000 kilograms of bombs on an island in the Tigris River to target Islamic State group.

➤ The US-led coalition said, F-15 and F-35 warplanes took part in the bombing on **Qanus Island** in the central province of Salaheddine, north of the capital Baghdad.

**Iraq**

Capital – **Baghdad**

Currency – **Iraqi dinar**

**US Prez Trump to join PM Modi's mega rally in Houston on Sep 22**

➤ US President Donald Trump will join Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Houston's mega **"Howdy, Modi!"** event.

➤ The India-US ties under the Trump administration, this is for the first time in recent history that the leaders of the two largest democracies will address a joint rally anywhere in the world.

➤ More than 50,000 Indian-Americans from across the US have registered for the September 22 mega **"Howdy, Modi! Shared Dreams, Bright Futures"** event to be held at the sprawling **NRG Stadium** in Houston. "Howdy", short for **"How do you do?"**, is a friendly greeting commonly used in southwestern United States.

➤ White House Press Secretary **Stephanie Griesham** said, the event will also reaffirm the strategic partnership between the world's oldest and largest democracies and ways to deepen their energy and trade relationship.

➤ Indian ambassador to the US **Harsh Vardhan Shringla** called Trump's participation in the event

historic and unprecedented. He said, it is reflective of the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation that has developed between India and the US.

**Bangladesh School project wins Aga Khan Architecture Award**

➤ An innovative project for constructing a floating school for marginalised children in Bangladesh has been awarded the prestigious Aga Khan Architecture Award 2019.

➤ The award was given away in Kajan, the republic of Tatarstan for the Arcadia Education Project in South Kanarchor of Bangladesh.

➤ The project involved the construction of a school in an area which is underwater during the monsoon months.

➤ The architect of the project Saif Ul Haque designed a school which remains on the ground during the dry season and floats when the area is submerged in water during monsoon.

**India, Iran hold Foreign Office Consultations in Tehran**

➤ The sixteenth round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Iran was held in **Tehran.**

➤ Foreign Secretary **Vijay Gokhale** led the Indian delegation. Deputy Foreign Minister Dr. Seyyed Abbas Araghchi led the Iranian side.

➤ The Foreign Secretary also called on Iran's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. **Javad Zarif**, and senior advisor to Supreme Leader, Ali Akbar Velayati.

➤ Both sides also exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest. It was agreed to maintain the momentum of mutually beneficial multifaceted bilateral cooperation and exchanges between the two sides and to hold the next round of Joint Commission Meeting at the level of External Affairs Minister at an early date in Iran.

**External Affairs Minister: Dr. S Jaishankar IRAN**

Capital: **Tehran**

Currency: **Rial**

**PM Modi says, Donald Trump joining Indian Community in Houston reflects strong bonds between two countries**

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the special gesture of United States President Donald Trump to join the Indian community in Houston highlights the strength of the relationship and recognition of the contribution of the Indian community to American society and economy.

➤ Mr Modi said, the special gesture by US President signifies the special friendship between India and USA. Mr Modi said he looks forward to join the Indian origin community in welcoming Mr Trump at the programme.

**India, Slovenia sign seven agreements and MoUs in various fields**

➤ President Ram Nath Kovind and his Slovenian counterpart **Borut Pahor** have agreed to strengthen multilateralism and promote multi-polar world.

➤ Mr Kovind held a bilateral meeting with President Pahor at **Ljubljana**, the capital city of Slovenia.

➤ President Kovind thanked Slovenian President for supporting India in its fight against cross border terrorism.

➤ India and Slovenia **seven agreements** and MoUs in diverse fields in the presence of President Ram Nath Kovind and President Pahor.



## Slovenia

Capital: **Ljubljana**

Currency: **Euro**

### **Sri Lanka unveils South Asia's tallest tower, funded by China**

➤ **Sri Lanka** on **September 16** unveiled **South Asia's tallest tower**, costing over **\$100 million**, **80%** of which has been funded by **China** under the **controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)**.

➤ The **350-metre-tall 17-storey Lotus Tower**, located in the heart of **Colombo city**, comprises a television tower, a hotel, a telecommunications museum, restaurants, auditorium, an observation deck, a shopping mall and a conference centre.

➤ The tower, spread over an area of 30,600 sq. metres, was constructed at a cost of over \$100 million, 80% of which was funded by China.

### **Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan meets Mr. Igor Sechin, CEO, Rosneft**

➤ **Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** met **Igor Sechin, Chairman of the Management Board and CEO, Rosneft and Former Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation** in New Delhi.

➤ This visit is aimed at furthering discussions between **Rosneft and Indian oil and gas companies**. This visit also follows the **visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Vladivostok as the Chief Guest at the Eastern Economic Forum**.

➤ India and Russia had issued a Joint Statement on Cooperation in Hydrocarbon Sector for 2019-24 during the visit of Prime Minister to Russia earlier this month.

### **At 17.5 million, Indian diaspora largest in the world: UN report**

➤ **India** is the **leading country of origin of international migrants in 2019** with a **17.5 million strong diaspora**.

➤ The **International Migrant Stock 2019**, a dataset released by the **Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs** provides the latest estimates of the number of international migrants by age, sex and origin for all countries and areas of the world.

➤ The report says that India hosted **5.1 million international migrants in 2019**, less than the 5.2 million in 2015.

➤ International migrants as a share of total population in India was steady at 0.4 per cent from 2010 to 2019.

### **Mongolian President arriving in New Delhi on five day state visit**

➤ President of Mongolia Khaltmaagiin Battulga is arriving in New Delhi on a five day State visit. He will be accompanied by a high-level official and business delegation. Mr Battulga will be accorded ceremonial reception at the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

➤ The visiting dignitary will meet President **Ram Nath Kovind**, Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

➤ Both sides will hold in-depth discussions on a range of bilateral, regional and global issues and will also review ongoing cooperation in the fields of infrastructure, energy, disaster management, defence, security, culture and capacity building.

➤ Earlier this month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Battulga had met on the sidelines of the **Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, Russia**.

## **Israel Electric Corporation cuts power in parts of West Bank over debts**

➤ **Israel's national electricity company said it was cutting power to parts of the occupied West Bank** due to outstanding payments amounting to nearly **483 million US dollars**.

➤ The Israel Electric Corporation said it owed **1.7 billion shekels** in debt from the main Palestinian power distributor for the West Bank, which is based in east Jerusalem. The company in a statement said it will reduce the current in some areas of the West Bank because of the debts.

### **International tour operator Thomas Cook collapses as last-ditch rescue talks fail**

➤ **International tour operator Thomas Cook** has collapsed after last-minute negotiations aimed at saving the 178-year-old holiday firm failed. UK Civil Aviation Authority said the tour operator has ceased trading with immediate effect.

➤ Thomas Cook's chief executive **Peter Fankhauser** apologized to customers, employees, suppliers and partners. The collapse of the firm has also triggered the biggest ever peacetime repatriation aimed at bringing more than 150,000 British holidaymakers home.

➤ The tour operator's failure puts 22,000 jobs at risk worldwide, including 9,000 in the UK. The firm collapsed after it failed to meet the demand of the Royal Bank of Scotland and a range of other banks to pay them **250 million US dollar**.

### **US emphasises diplomacy in standoff with Iran after Saudi oil plants attack**

➤ The US says it will make its case against Iran at the United Nations this week and insisted that Washington wants to give diplomacy "every opportunity to succeed" in the wake of an attack on a vital Saudi oil complex.

➤ UN General Assembly Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo** put aside threats of US military retaliation against Iran for the attack.

➤ Pompeo called it "one of the largest attacks on the global energy supply in history". Meanwhile, President Trump once again left open the possibility of an unscheduled meeting on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly with Iranian counterpart **Hassan Rouhani**

### **Five-year period ending 2019 set to be hottest on record**

➤ A new UN report has said the world is badly lagging behind in the race to avert climate disaster as a result of runaway warming. The report, which came ahead of major UN climate summit, said that the five-year period ending **2019** is set to be the hottest ever.

➤ The summit will be attended by more than 60 world leaders, as **Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** pushes for countries to increase their greenhouse gas reduction targets.

➤ The World Meteorological Organization in a compiled report said average global temperature between 2015-2019 is on track to be the hottest of any five-year period on record.

➤ The period is currently estimated to be 1.1 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial (1850-1900) times and 0.2 degrees Celsius warmer than 2011-2015. The past four years were already the hottest since record-keeping began in 1850.

### **Flights at Dubai's International Airport disrupted after suspected drone activity**

➤ In UAE, some flights at Dubai's International Airport were briefly disrupted after suspected drone activity was observed.

➤ Two flights had to be diverted to the nearby airports. The Spokesperson said, safety is their top priority and they are working closely with

authorities and service partners to ensure normal operations and minimise inconvenience to their customers.

➤ Dubai government said that the drone activity took place despite repeated warnings by concerned authorities that such individual actions are serious violations of regulations that seek to prevent unauthorised aerial activity in the vicinity of airports.

### **Abu Dhabi: DCD awards licences to 18 non-Muslim places of worship**

➤ **The Department of Community Development (DCD)** in **Abu Dhabi** awarded licences for the existing 18 non-Muslim places of worship in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi; 17 churches and the BAPS Hindu Mandir which is under construction in Abu Dhabi.

➤ Pujya Brahmavihari Swami and Dr B. R. Shetty on behalf of the Board of Directors accepted the license TH001 at a formal ceremony at the Emirates Palace.

➤ Members of the Royal Executive Council and Ministers of Community Development, Health and Transport were also present and congratulated the Delegation on its work for harmony and gave their best wishes for the completion of the mandir and cultural complex.

### **Saudi Arabia says it is committed to meet India's energy security needs**

➤ Saudi Arabia has said that it is committed to meet India's energy security needs and will work constructively with other oil producers to maintain market stability notwithstanding the biggest-ever attacks on its oil facilities.

➤ Saudi Ambassador **Dr. Saud bin Mohammed Al Sati**, said his country will invite the United Nations and international experts to view the situation on the ground and to participate in the investigation into the attacks.

➤ Saudi Arabia has the capability and resolve to defend itself and to forcefully respond to the aggression, and appreciated New Delhi's support and solidarity to Riyadh following the strikes which, he asserted, were against the international community as a whole.

### **Powerful typhoon heads to northeast Japan after lashing parts of southern islands**

➤ In Japan, a powerful typhoon is heading northeast to the country's main island of Honshu after lashing parts of southern islands with heavy rains and winds that caused flooding.

➤ **Typhoon Tapah** was passing near Nagasaki in southern Japan this afternoon after hitting other parts of southern Japan.

➤ Japan's Meteorological Agency said the storm was moving northeast at a speed of 30 kilometres per hour, with maximum winds of 162 kilometres per hour.

➤ The typhoon hit Okinawa during the last 48 hours and left 18 people with minor injuries. The storm disrupted air and train travel in the region.

### **Piyush Goyal to attend a meeting of High Level Task Force on Investment in Abu Dhabi**

➤ Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal will attend the meeting of **7th India-UAE high-level task force** on Investment in **Abu Dhabi**.

➤ The meeting will be co-chaired by **Sheikh Hamad bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, the **Managing Director of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority**.

➤ It will see the two sides to hold deliberations on sectors such as petroleum and natural gas, food processing, civil aviation, railways, renewable energy, infrastructure, shipping and

construction. India will proactively seek FDI investment from the UAE.

➤ Piyush Goyal will visit the **Expo 2020** and India pavilion's plot to oversee various aspects related to its construction.

#### **UK launches biggest peacetime operation after Thomas Cook collapse**

➤ The first batch of 1,50,000 British tourists is being flown back home from destinations including Bulgaria, Cuba, Turkey and the United States after travel firm Thomas Cook collapsed .

➤ The United Kingdom's **Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)** is co-ordinating the repatriation, the biggest in peacetime, after the tour operator ceased trading with immediate effect.

➤ Thomas Cook's administration puts 22,000 jobs at risk worldwide, including 9,000 in the UK. The corporate bankruptcy left some 6,00,000 tourists stranded worldwide.

#### **World's first camel hospital at Dubai set to expand its facilities**

➤ **World's first camel hospital at Dubai** is set to expand its facilities by an additional 50 per cent in response to the increase in demand for its services.

➤ **Mohammad Alblooshi**, Director, Dubai Camel Hospital said, it is a unique hospital catering specifically to the needs of the burgeoning camel industry that has been flourishing and growing by leaps and bounds over the past few years.

➤ Camels are an integral part of the United Arab Emirates heritage. Historically, camels, known as the '**Ship of the Desert**' were a source of transport as well as food and milk in the region.

#### **Russia gives formal support to Paris climate agreement**

➤ Russian Prime Minister **Dmitry Medvedev** gave formal support to the Paris climate agreement and ordered Russian laws to be adapted to its obligation.

➤ Dmitry Medvedev said that Russia is formally adopting the **2015 Paris agreement** and will now allocate financial resources to developing countries for prevention and adaptation to climate change.

#### **Bangladesh drive against Corruption and Crime will continue: Minister Obaidul Quader**

➤ Road, Transport and Bridges Minister of Bangladesh **Obaidul Quader** said that the ongoing drive against corruption, drugs, and criminalisation will continue until the menace is uprooted.

➤ **Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina** has instructed that no one should be spared even if they are affiliated with the ruling party. Meanwhile four more clubs in Dhaka were raided by the police for suspected gambling and drug related activities.

#### **PM's decision to suspend Parliament unlawful: British S**

➤ The British Supreme Court has ruled that, Boris Johnson's decision to suspend Parliament was unlawful.

➤ He suspended Parliament for five weeks earlier this month, saying it was to allow a Queen's Speech to outline his new policies. But the apex court said it was wrong to stop Parliament carrying out its duties in the run-up to the Brexit deadline on 31 October.

#### **Bangladesh, Myanmar, China to form tripartite mechanism for Rohingya Repatriation**

➤ **Bangladesh, Myanmar and China** have agreed to form a tripartite joint working mechanism to oversee the repatriation process of **Rohingyas** to Myanmar.

➤ Foreign Minister of Bangladesh **Dr A K Abdul Momen** announced this in New York after holding talks with his counterparts from China and Myanmar. He said that the proposal was mooted by China which was also agreed by Myanmar and Bangladesh.

➤ Bangladesh and Myanmar had signed two agreements in November 2017 for repatriation of the Rohingyas within two years but two repatriation attempts have failed as the Rohingyas refused to return without guarantee of citizenship and safety in Myanmar.

➤ Dr Momen said that the first meeting of the tripartite group will be held next month. However, **Myanmar's Permanent Representative** to the United Nations **Hou Do Suan** downplayed the importance of the mechanism.

#### **Strong earthquake strikes off Puerto Rico: USGS**

➤ The United States Geological Survey reported a strong **6.0 magnitude** which struck off the northwest coast of **Puerto Rico**. No casualties or damage have been reported.

➤ The quake struck 62km northwest of San Antonio at nearly midnight at a depth of 10km.

#### **Facebook will comply with Bangladesh tax rules: official**

➤ **Global social media platform Facebook** will comply with the country's tax rules once the entire process regarding taxation is completed, said Facebook South Asia public policy director **Shivnath Thukral**.

➤ Facebook will appoint a representative and pay **VAT** and other applicable taxes in Bangladesh.

➤ Thukral said, 'Facebook follows laws of the land. We will do whatever it requires to do. According to the new VAT provisions which came into effect from **July 1**, it is mandatory for online entities like Facebook, Google, YouTube etc. to set up offices in Bangladesh or appoint agents to pay VAT and other taxes to the government.

#### **Japan Launches "World's Biggest Transport SpaceShip" For Space Station**

➤ Japan launched an unmanned spacecraft towards the **International Space Station**.

➤ The H-2B rocket lifted off with cargo vessel Kounotori8, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. The launch took place from the **Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Tanegashima Space Center** in southwestern Japan.

#### **China To Mark 70th Anniversary With Massive Military Parade In Beijing**

➤ China marks **70 years of Communist rule** with a massive military parade in Beijing anchoring celebrations of its emergence as a global superpower, despite a damaging year of trade tensions with the US and pro-democracy unrest in Hong Kong.

➤ The anniversary is meant to showcase China's extraordinary rise from the ravages of war and famine to a modern, powerful nation state whose economic and military muscle is viewed by many with increasing concern.

#### **EAM S Jaishankar discusses bilateral issues with his counterparts on the sidelines of 74th UNGA**

➤ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met and discussed bilateral issues with his counterparts and other leaders from a number of countries, including Brazil and Japan, on the sidelines of the 74th United Nations General Assembly session in **New York**.

#### **UNGA Headquarters: New York, US**

#### **A powerful earthquake was observed near Indonesia**

➤ In Indonesia, the death toll from a powerful earthquake that rocked the remote Maluku islands has risen to 23.

➤ More than 15,000 people were also evacuated to shelters.

➤ The 6.5-magnitude tremor had sparked landslides that buried at least one victim yesterday.

➤ Among the confirmed dead was an infant, with many killed by falling debris in and around quake-struck Ambon city.

#### **Saudi Arabia to offer tourist visas for first time**

➤ Saudi Arabia has said it will offer tourist visas for the first time opening up the kingdom to holidaymakers as part of a push to diversify its economy away from oil.

➤ Tourism chief Ahmed al-Khateeb said opening Saudi Arabia to international tourists is a historic moment for the country.

➤ It will open applications for online tourist visas to citizens of 49 countries.

➤ Visas are currently restricted to expat workers, their dependents and Muslim pilgrims travelling to holy sites in Mecca and Medina.

#### **Saudi Arabia capital : Riyadh**

#### **Currencies: Saudi Rial**

#### **PM Modi addresses 1st India-Caribbean leaders summit**

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the leaders of the Caribbean Community and Common Market during the first-ever India-Caricom leaders' summit in New York.

➤ The meet focused on fighting climate change and increasing India's participation with the grouping.

➤ External Affairs Ministry said that Mr Modi announced a **14 million US dollar** grant for community development projects in the Caricom and another 150 million line of credit for solar, renewable energy and climate change related projects.

#### **China, Kiribati establish diplomatic relations**

➤ Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Kiribati's President Taneti Mamau signed a joint communique to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries on the sidelines of the UN climate summit yesterday.

➤ Chinese State media reported, the days after the tiny Pacific island nation severed ties with Taiwan, Kiribati established diplomatic relations with China.

#### **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia launches e-tourist visa**

➤ **The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** announced the **opening of its doors to tourists from all over the world with the launch of the e-tourist visa**.

➤ The Saudi Press Agency reported that the announcement was made during a ceremony organized by the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage (SCTH) in Riyadh.



➤ Citizens from 49 countries will also be able to apply for an e-visa or receive a visa on arrival to Saudi Arabia.

➤ A dedicated online portal at **visitsaudi.com** was also launched and electronic kiosks are set to be available at airports to facilitate requests.

#### **Typhoon 'Mitag' bearing down on northern Taiwan**

➤ Fast-moving Typhoon '**Mitag**' is bearing down on northern Taiwan, where it is expected to bring high winds and heavy rain.

➤ Taiwan shut down its financial markets and ordered schools closed as a typhoon approached its northeastern coast, while airlines cancelled more than 150 flights amid warnings of floods and high winds.

#### **Gandhi-Tolstoy exhibition opens in Russia ahead of October 2**

➤ India and Russia have found a unique way to celebrate the **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**.

➤ Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change **Prakash Javadekar** inaugurated a unique exhibition on **Mahatma Gandhi** and **Leo Tolstoy at Yasnaya Polyana**, the birthplace of Tolstoy, 200 kms from Moscow.

➤ The exhibition presented and highlighted their correspondence and their thought processes.

➤ The exhibition, curated by renowned Gandhi scholar, Birad Yajnik, was held at the Cultural Club of the Tolstoy Estate.

#### **Nepal releases coins to mark Guru Nanak Dev's 550th birth anniversary**

➤ To celebrate **550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev**, the Nepal Rastra Bank has issued commemorative coins.

➤ In special ceremony coins of 2,500, 1,000 and 100 Nepali rupees were launched in Kathmandu last evening.

➤ **Nepal Rastra Bank** Governor **Dr. Chiranjibi Nepal** and Indian Ambassador **Manjeev Singh Puri** released commemorative coins

#### **Biggest festival of Nepal 'Bada Dashain' begins**

➤ **Bada Dashain**, the biggest festival of Nepal has begun. The festival starts on first day of Navratri with **Ghatasthapana (traditional urn)**.

➤ Devotees perform Ghatsthapana and sow maize and barley seeds for germination of the auspicious **Jamara (barley shoots)** in various parts of the country.

➤ The germination ceremony of Jamara was also held at famous **Hanumandhoka Dashain Ghar** in **Kathmandu** with Vedic rituals.

➤ During Dashain, people worship goddess **Durga** for nine days.

➤ On the tenth day of festival, elders give golden barley shoots and put **Tika** on the forehead of younger members of the family and bless them for peace, progress and prosperity in life.

#### **India-Kazakhstan joint military exercise to begin next month**

➤ A joint military exercise between India and Kazakhstan with focus on counter terrorism operation in mountainous terrain will be held in **Pithoragarh from Oct 3-15**.

➤ **The aim** of the exercise is to conduct company level joint training which emphasis on counter terrorism operation in mountainous terrain.

➤ Nearly 100 soldiers from both Indian and Kazakhstan armies will share with each other

their experiences of counter insurgency and counter terrorism operations during the 13-day exercise named **KAZIND-2019**.

#### **SBI becomes first Indian bank to have office in Australia's Victoria**

➤ **State Bank of India** opened its **Melbourne office becoming the first Indian bank to have a branch in the Australian state of Victoria**.

➤ The Melbourne office will assist the growing trade and investment relations between Victoria and India and is the outcome of the state's 10-year India Strategy — our shared future.

#### **Visit of General Bipin Rawat, Coas to Maldives**

➤ General **Bipin Rawat**, Chief of the Army Staff left for an official visit to Maldives.

➤ General Rawat will interact with the hierarchy of the Maldivian government and armed forces.

➤ This visit **is aimed** at strengthening close bilateral defence ties between the two nations.

➤ The Army Chief is scheduled to meet **Mr Ibrahim Mohamed Solih**, Hon'ble President of Maldives, **Ms Mariya Ahmed Didi**, minister of defence, **Mr Abdullah Shahid**, foreign minister and Major General **Abdulla Shamaal**, chief of National Defence Forces.

#### **RCEP talks: India may reduce tariff on 80% Chinese goods over 20 years**

➤ **RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership)** is a proposed mega trade pact between 16 countries, including the 10-member ASEAN and China gets implemented.

➤ According to initial estimates, it accounts for 25% of global gross domestic product, it plans to reduce or abolish import duties on a total of **80% of imports** from China, against **86%** from New Zealand and Australia, and **90%** from Asean, Japan and South Korea.

#### **PM Modi Gives A Clarion Call For Decisive Fight Against Terrorism, Says President Trump Stands Solidly With India In Battle Against Terrorism**

➤ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has given a clarion call for a decisive fight against terrorism and its proponents. He was addressing the historic **Howdy Mody rally** of 50,000 Indian Americans at Houston's NRG Stadium where **US President Donald Trump** joined him in a rare gesture of friendship.

➤ Mr. Modi said President Trump stands solidly in the battle against terrorism. Referring to Howdy Modi, the Prime Minister said, presence of **US President Trump** and all the senators talking about India's progress is a respect to the achievement of the **1.3 billion Indians**.

➤ He emphasized on bolstering **Indo-US security relationship**.

➤ Earlier, Howdy Modi event was organized by the Texas India Forum at **NRG stadium** with the theme '**Shared dreams, bright future**'. After the Howdy Modi event, Prime Minister unveiled the plaque at the ground breaking ceremony of **Eternal Gandhi Museum in Houston**. He also inaugurated **Gujarati Samaj Houston Event Centre** and **Shri Siddhi Vinayak Temple in Houston**.

## **BANKING AND BUSINESS ECONOMY**

### **Govt Announces Mega Merger Of Public Sector Of Banks**

➤ The finance minister has announced the mega merger of public sector bank (PSBs) reducing the **number of PSBs to 12** banks furthering the processing of consolidation in the public sector banks compared with 27 PSBs in 2017.

➤ The finance minister has announced 4 sets of merger including the merger of **Punjab National Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India** to emerge as second largest PSB with Rs 18 lakh crore business and second largest branch network in India.

➤ In the second set, **Canara Bank and Syndicate Bank** would be merged to emerge as fourth largest PSB with Rs 15.2 lakh core business and 3rd largest branch network in India.

➤ **Union Bank of India would be merged with Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank** to emerge as 5th largest PSB with Rs 14.6 lakh crore business and 4th largest branch network in India.

➤ Further, **Indian Bank and Allahabad Bank** would be merged to emerge as 7th largest PSB with Rs 8.08 lakh crore businesses.

### **Total Horticulture Production Estimated To Be Over 313 Million Tonnes**

➤ The total horticulture production of the country is estimated to be over 313 million tonnes which is 0.69 per cent higher than the production in 2017-18.

➤ Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare released the Third Advanced Estimate (2018-19) of area and production of various Horticulture Crops.

➤ Onion Production is estimated to be around 23.48 Million Tonnes, which is 0.95 per cent higher than the production last year.

➤ Tomato production is estimated to be around 19.39 Million Tonnes, which is 1.8 per cent, lower than the production last year.

### **Auto Sales In August To Be 'Far Worse' Than July, Analysts Expect 30% Fall**

➤ The slowdown nightmare for the automobile industry is expected to continue for August as analysts estimate an overall sales downfall of up to **30 per cent**.

➤ In a survey conducted by IANS, industry experts were quick to point out that August will be far worse in sales than July, especially due to havoc caused by Monsoon rains across India.

### **Cabinet Approves Infusion Of Capital By Government In IDBI Bank**

➤ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** has approved the Infusion of **Rs 4,557 crore by Government in IDBI Bank**.

➤ It will help in completing the process of IDBI Bank's turn around and enable it to return to profitability and normal lending, and giving Government the option of recovering its investment at an opportune time.

### **Joint India- NDB Workshop On Enhancing New Development Bank Engagement With The Indian Private And Public Sector**

➤ A one-day Joint India- NDB workshop on Enhancing NDB's engagement with the India private and public sector was held in New Delhi.

➤ The NDB is the first Multilateral Development Bank established by developing countries and

emerging economies — Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

➤ India is one of the founding members, holding **20% stake in the Bank**. The Bank is headquartered in **Shanghai**.

#### **Growth Of Eight Core Sectors Slows To 2.1% In July**

➤ Growth of eight core industries dropped to **2.1 per cent** in July mainly due to a contraction in coal, crude oil, natural gas and refinery products.

➤ The eight-core sector industries — coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity — had expanded by 7.3 per cent in July last year.

➤ According to the data released by the government, the output of coal, crude oil, natural gas and refinery products recorded negative growth in July.

#### **GST Collection In August Stands At Rs 98,202 Cr**

➤ GST collection in the month of August stood at **98,202 crore rupees**

➤ The total number of GSTR 3B Returns filed for the month of July up to 31st of August is around 76 lakh.

➤ The government has settled 23 thousand 165 crore rupees to CGST and 16 thousand 623 crore rupees to SGST from IGST as a regular settlement.

#### **WIPRO LIMITED INKS 7 YEAR \$300 MN DEAL WITH ICICI BANK**

➤ Wipro Limited, a leading information technology, consulting and business process services company, has secured a strategic seven-year engagement, valued at **\$300 million, from ICICI Bank**, a leading Indian private sector bank, to provide a comprehensive suite of services.

➤ Wipro provides innovative solutions to banks by leveraging Wipro HOLMES, the Company's Artificial Intelligence platform.

#### **CRISIL Cuts GDP Growth To 6.3% In Fiscal 2020**

➤ Ratings agency CRISIL revised downwards its India GDP growth forecast for fiscal 2020 to **6.3 per cent** from an earlier estimated rate of **6.9 per cent**.

➤ Fiscal 2020's first quarter GDP growth estimate at 5 per cent was the slowest in 25 quarters.

#### **RBI Makes It Mandatory For Banks To Link Lending Rate To External Benchmark**

➤ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has made it mandatory for banks to link loans to retail customers and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to external interest rate benchmarks in a big push to make transmission of monetary policy more effective.

➤ Home and car loan rates, along with those for personal travel, are expected to fall, benefitting borrowers.

#### **Standard Chartered Bank Launches New 'DigiSmart' Credit Card**

➤ Standard Chartered Bank has launched a **'DigiSmart' credit** card that is focussed on millennial.

➤ The card is available for a monthly fee of **Rs.49**, which will, however, be waived off if the customer spends more than 5,000 in the previous month.

➤ In the initial phase, Standard Chartered has partnered with marquee brands such as Myntra, Grofers, Yatra, Zomato, Ola and INOX.

#### **SBI Cuts MCLR Rates Again**

➤ India's biggest lender State Bank of India or SBI has reduced its MCLR (**Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate**) by 10 basis points.

➤ This will come into effect from September 10. The one-year SBI MCLR will be 8.15% per annum with effect from 10 September.

➤ This is the fifth consecutive reduction in MCLR from SBI so far in FY 2019-20.

#### **IPPB Rolls Out Aadhaar-Enabled Payment Services**

➤ The government announced the rollout of Aadhaar Enabled Payment System Services by **India Post Payments Bank, IPPB**.

➤ Minister for Communications, Electronics and IT **Ravi Shankar Prasad** said this gives a strong boost to the Centre's efforts in expanding access to financial services for millions of unbanked and underbanked customers.

#### **Mahindra To Double Investments In The U.S., Opens Office In D.C.**

➤ The Mahindra Group is planning to double its investments in the U.S. with the opening of its new office in Washington, D.C.

➤ This year, the \$20.7-billion group marks its 25th year of conducting business in the U.S. With investments of \$1 billion, Mahindra Group companies in the U.S. span a diverse array of industries, including automotive manufacturing, farm equipment production, IT services, sustainable transportation, multi-purpose aircraft development and equipment financing services.

#### **India Begins Exporting Bulletproof Jackets To Over 100 Countries**

➤ India has begun exporting bulletproof jackets as per its own standards to over 100 countries including European nations.

➤ **India is the fourth country** after the US, UK and Germany to have its **own national standard on the bulletproof jacket** which provides 360-degree protection.

➤ Consumer Affairs Minister **Ram Vilas Paswan** said these jackets made under the Make in India campaign of the government.

#### **Retail Inflation Inches Up Marginally To 3.21 Pc In August**

➤ Retail inflation inched up marginally to **3.21 per cent** in August this year from 3.15 per cent in July, mainly due to costlier food items.

➤ According to official data released today, the rate of price rise in the food basket was 2.99 per cent in August, up from 2.36 per cent in the previous month.

➤ As per the **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** data released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, the CPI-based inflation was 3.69 per cent in August 2018.

#### **Sensex Soars Over 1,300 Points To Reclaim 39,000 Level**

➤ Extending its euphoria over government's economy-boosting measures, the Sensex at the Bombay Stock Exchange was trading at 39,208 a short while ago after trading up by 1212 points.

➤ The 30-share index had soared over 1,300 points to reclaim **39,000** level marks in early session. Nifty rallied 263.75 points, or 2.23 per cent, to 11,537.95.

➤ The BSE barometer logged its biggest single-day jump in over a decade by surging 1,921.15 points or 5.32 per cent to 38,014.62.

➤ The Finance Minister had slashed the base corporate tax for existing companies to **22 per cent from 30 per cent**.

#### **Country's Steel Production Increased From 22 Million Tonnes In 1990 To Nearly 140 Million Tonnes Now: Dharmendra Pradhan**

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel **Dharmendra Pradhan** said that the country's steel production has increased from **22 million tonnes** in 1990 to nearly 140 million tonnes now.

#### **RBI Cracks Whip On PMC Bank, Sets Rs 1000-Withdrawal Limit, Panicked Customers Throng Branches**

Reserve Bank of India has placed **Mumbai-based Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank Limited** under restrictions.

As per directions depositors will be allowed to **withdraw a sum not exceeding Rs 1,000** of the total balance in any account.

According to the new restrictions, the bank cannot issue loans or open fixed deposit accounts for the next six month.

#### **Date For Filing ITRs, Tax Audit Reports Extended Till October 31**

➤ The **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** has extended the due date for filing of **income tax returns (ITRs) & Tax Audit Reports** from September 30th 2019 to 31st Oct 2019 in respect of persons whose accounts are required to be audited.

#### **RBI Initiates Prompt Corrective Action Against Lakshmi Vilas Bank**

• The **Reserve bank of India (RBI)** has initiated **Prompt Corrective Action (PCA)** Lakshmi Vilas Bank over their **high net nonperforming assets (NPA)**, according to a press release filed with the exchanges.

• The release also noted that the bank had an insufficient Capital to Risk (Weighted) Assets Ratio (CRAR) and Common Equity Tier 1 (CET 1), and negative return on assets (RoA) for two consecutive years and high leverage.

• These observations were made by RBI under the Risk Based Supervision carried out for the year that ended on March 31, 2019.

#### **Forex Reserves Decline By \$388 Mn To \$428.57 Bn**

• **India's forex reserves declined by \$388 million to \$428.572 billion** for the week ended September 20 due to a slide in core currency and gold assets, the Reserve Bank said on Friday.

• The **overall reserves had declined by \$649 million to \$428.960 billion** in the previous reporting week.

• They had touched a life-time high of \$430.572 billion in August this year.

#### **CCI Clears 70% Stake Acquisition In SABIC By Saudi Aramco**

➤ The **Competition Commission of India** has given approval to the acquisition of **70 per cent stake** in **Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC)** by **Saudi Arabian Oil Company**.

➤ Through this acquisition, Saudi Aramco will have sole control over **SABIC**.

➤ In India, SABIC is mainly active in the supply of agri-nutrient and petrochemical products while Saudi Aramco is active in the supply of crude oil, liquefied petroleum gas, base oil and petrochemical products.

➤ In March 2019, **Saudi Aramco** had announced the signing of a share purchase agreement to acquire 70 per cent majority stake in **SABIC from the public investment fund of Saudi Arabia**. The transaction value was pegged at **69.1 billion dollar**.



## GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

**Ban On Polythene Bags Comes Into Force In UP From Sept 01**

➤ A complete ban on the use of polythene bags will come into force in Uttar Pradesh from September 01.

➤ Additional Chief Secretary (Home) **Awanish Awasthi** informed, local police station and its in-charge will be held responsible for non-compliance of the government order in this regard.

➤ Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** had vowed last year to make Uttar Pradesh plastic and polythene-free.

**Fit India Campaign': Meghalaya CM Launches 'Walk To Work' Campaign In State**

➤ Meghalaya Chief Minister **Conrad K Sangma** took the lead to launch the campaign of Fit India Movement which has been launched in the country by the Prime Minister.

➤ The Chief Minister took a two-kilometre walk from his residential quarters to his office chamber at Main Secretariat, Shillong launching the **#WalktoWorkMeghalaya** which is a part of the 'Fit India Campaign'.

➤ The idea of 'walk to work' will have multiple benefits, cuts the cost of fuel including reduction of CO2 emission; reduce congestion in the city and more importantly for health and fitness.

**Govt To Set Up 12,500 AYUSH Centres Across The Country**

➤ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** announced the government has set a target of setting up **12,500 AYUSH centres across India**. He expressed the government is trying to set up 4000 such centres this year itself.

➤ Mr Modi expressed 1.5 lakh health and wellness centres are being opened across the country.

➤ The Prime Minister informed AYUSH and Yoga are strong pillars of 'Fit India' movement. He attributed his health to Yoga, Pranayama and Ayurveda.

➤ During the ceremony, Mr Modi released 12 commemorative postal stamps to honour eminent scholars, practitioners and Great Master Healers of AYUSH Systems.

**NRIs To Get Aadhaar Sans 180-Day Wait In 3 Months**

➤ The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** has announced its systems will be ready within three months to offer the facility of issuing Aadhaar cards to NRIs with Indian passports without the mandatory 180 days waiting period, as announced in the Budget.

➤ The UIDAI is setting up Aadhaar Seva Kendras — similar to the concept of Passport Seva Kendras — covering 53 cities across the country at an estimated project cost of 300-400 crore. CEO of UIDAI is **Ajay Bhushan Pandey** **Rajasthan Govt Launched AB-MGRSBY Health Insurance Scheme**

➤ The Rajasthan government launched a new health insurance scheme — Ayushman Bharat-Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojna (AB-MGRSBY).

➤ The scheme will be implemented after merging the Centre's Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (AB-PMJAY) and the state's Bhamashah Swasthya Bima Yojna (BSBY).  
➤ The decision to merge the two schemes was taken at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister **Ashok Gehlot**. With the merger of AB-PMJAY and BSBY, the number of families getting benefit will increase.

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi To Launch National Animal Disease Control Programme On 11th September 2019**

➤ In one of the major efforts towards doubling the Farmers Income, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** shall be launching the National Animal Disease Control Programme (**NADCP**) for eradicating the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis in the livestock, on 11th September from Mathura in Uttar Pradesh.

➤ With 100 Percent funding from the Central Government, of Rs 12,652 Crores for a period of five years till 2024, the programme aims at vaccinating over 500 Million Livestock including cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats and pigs against the FMD.

**Prime Minister To Launch Kisan Man Dhan Yojana On The 12th Of September**

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi shall launch the **Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana** on the 12th of September at **Ranchi, Jharkhand**.

➤ The Scheme shall secure the lives of **5 Crore Small and Marginal Farmers** by providing a minimum pension of **Rs 3000 per month**, to those who attain **60 years of age**.

➤ The scheme has an outlay of Rs 10,774 Crores for the next three years. All the small and marginal farmers who are currently between the ages of 18 to 40 years can apply for the scheme. Farmer's monthly contribution can be made from the instalments of PM-KISAN or through CSCs.

**PM Modi launches mega farmers welfare schemes from Mathura in UP**

➤ The Prime Minister launched the **National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP)** for eradicating the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis in the livestock from Mathura in **Uttar Pradesh**. He also started **Swachhta Hi Seva** Programme emphasising the need to put an end to single use of plastic.

**UTTAR PRADESH:**

**Capital** – Lucknow

**Governor** – Anandi Ben Patel

**Chief Minister** – Yogi Adityanath

**Odd-Even Scheme To Be Implemented In Delhi From Nov 4 To 15**

➤ Delhi Chief Minister **Arvind Kejriwal** announced that odd-even road rationing scheme will be implemented in Delhi from November 4 to 15.

➤ Mr Kejriwal said the move was aimed at combating high levels of air pollution in winters when crop stubble burning takes place in neighbouring states.

➤ The chief minister announced his seven-point action plan to tackle pollution due to stubble burning which includes distribution of masks, mechanised sweeping of roads, tree plantation, and special plans for 12 pollution hot spots in the city.

➤ Under the scheme, odd and even-numbered vehicles ply on alternate days. Delhi has earlier also experimented with Odd-Even plan.

**BJP Launches Seva Saptah To Mark Birthday Of PM Narendra Modi**

➤ BJP President and Home Minister Amit Shah launched a week-long programme 'Seva Saptah' to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 17th of this month. He launched the campaign by joining cleanliness drive and distributing fruits among the patients at AIIMS in Delhi.

➤ During the week-long programme, BJP leaders and workers will organize blood donation

and health camps and also visit hospitals and orphanages to provide help and relief to patients. Party MPs, MLAs and other representatives will join the events in different parts of the country.

➤ Three pledges will also be administrated among the people related to Swachata Abhiyan, save water and shunning single use plastic. Exhibitions on Prime Minister Modi's life journey and service works will also be organized.

## AGREEMENTS AND MOUS

**IIT-Kharagpur, Amazon Web Services Join Hands To Develop AI Portal**

➤ IIT-Kharagpur will collaborate with Amazon Web Services, Inc. (AWS), an Amazon.com company, to develop a National Artificial Intelligence Resource Portal to promote learning and development in Artificial Intelligence (AI) for all AI learners, practitioners and researchers in India.

➤ The portal will provide access to compute facilities to users for AI learning and experimentation.

**Reliance Power Partners With Japan's JERA To Set Up 750 MW Power Project In Bangladesh**

➤ Reliance Power has signed a partnership agreement with Japanese energy major JERA for jointly setting up 750 megawatt (MW) gas-based combined cycle power project (phase-1) at Meghnaghat, Bangladesh.

➤ Reliance Power will hold 51 percent stake, while JERA will hold 49 percent stake in the joint venture company.

➤ The transaction will result in debt reduction for Reliance Power of Rs 835 crore (\$116 million) payable to US-Exim. The project will be set up within 36 months of signing the agreements.

**RANKING AND INDEX****Vienna Holds Off Melbourne To Top EIU Ranking Of Most Liveable Cities**

➤ Vienna, the capital of Austria remains on the top of the most liveable cities among the 140 cities around the world, according to the annual Global Liveability Index researched by The Economist Intelligence Unit.

➤ In India, New Delhi and Mumbai rank 118th and 119th out of 140 cities according to the Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Index 2019 released.

**India Ranked 34th On World Travel, Tourism Competitiveness Index**

➤ India has moved up six places to rank 34th on World Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index, driven by rich natural and cultural resources and strong price competitiveness, a WEF report.

➤ India's ranking improved from 40th to 34th, the greatest improvement over 2017 among the top 25 per cent of all countries ranked in the report.

**India Ranks 9th On Happiness Among 28 Global Markets: Ipsos Global Happiness Survey**

➤ According to a new global survey by Ipsos in India has ranked 9th in the pecking order on Happiness, among 28 nations polled.

➤ Australia and Canada are tied at the top spot as happiest nations Living conditions, physical well-being, personal safety and security, friends, feeling in control of life, emerged as some of the top determinants of happiness.

### Safe Cities Index 2019: Tokyo Tops; Mumbai And New Delhi Rank 45 And 52

- The Safe Cities Index 2019 has revealed something astonishing. New Delhi 45th and Mumbai 52nd are among the safest cities in the world.
- The study has shown that only two Indian cities have made it to the list of 60 most safe cities in the world, with Tokyo leading the pack.
- Tokyo is followed by Singapore, Osaka, Amsterdam, Sydney, and Toronto.

### Spain held on to the top spot in the World Economic Forum's (WEF)

- Spain held on to the top spot in the World Economic Forum's (WEF) latest Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Report (TTCR), which ranked 140 countries on their relative strengths in global tourism and travel.
- Spain was followed by France, Germany and Japan, with the United States replacing the UK in the top five.

### COMMITTEES AND HEADS

#### CBDT Notifies Creation Of Five-Member Special Cell For Startups

- The CBDT notified creation of a five-member special cell to address grievances of startups with relation to angel tax and other tax-related issues.
- An order issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) the 'startup cell' will be headed by the member (Income Tax and Computerisation) of the board.
- The cell will work towards redressal of grievances and mitigate tax-related issues in case of startup entities with respect to administration of Income-tax Act, 1961.

### BOOKS AND AUTHORS

#### 2nd Volume Of 'Loktantra Ke Swar' And 'The Republican Ethic' – Compilation Of Selected Speeches Of President Of India – To Be Released By Vice President

- In order to promote and disseminate selected speeches of President of India **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, Publications Division under Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has published 'Loktantra Ke Swar (Khand 2)' and 'The Republican Ethic (Volume 2)'.
- They are a compilation of 95 speeches delivered by the President during his second year in office (July 2018 to July 2019).

#### Book Titled "A Short History Of Indian Railways", Has Been Penned By Rajendra B Aklekar

- A new book on the history of Indian Railways chronicles the journey of the national transporter from the 1830s to the new high-speed Train 18 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious bullet train project.
- The book, "A Short History of Indian Railways", has been penned by veteran journalist and author Rajendra B Aklekar.

### AWARDS AND HONOURS

#### Emmy Awards: 'Game of Thrones' ends run with outstanding drama series

- 'Game of Thrones' won the award for **Outstanding Drama Series** for its eighth and final season at **71st PrimeTime Emmy Awards**.
- It defeated seven other contenders including 'Killing Eve', 'Ozark', and 'Pose' for the best drama crown. Apart from the top honour, **Peter**

**Dinklage** won best supporting actor for the record fourth time for the series.

- Actor **Billy Porter** took home the trophy of best actor in drama for his role in 'Pose', becoming the first openly gay, black man, to win the prize.

- Jodie Comer scored her maiden Emmy for 'Killing Eve'. The actor, who plays the stylish assassin Villanelle on the BBC America drama, bagged the award for best actress in a drama series.

- Actor-writer **Bill Hader** has won second consecutive best lead actor in a comedy series Emmy for his performance in HBO's "Barry".

#### Bangladesh: PM Hasina receives Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award

- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh was conferred the **Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019** in Dhaka. The award has been instituted in the memory of former Indian President **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**.

- Chief Adviser of Dr Kalam Smriti International Advisory Council and former Ambassador T.P. Sreenivasan handed over the award to Sheikh Hasina.

- The award citation lauded Prime Minister Hasina for her vision of a peaceful and prosperous South Asia, free of tension, conflicts and terrorism. It acknowledged her contribution to fostering cooperation between India and Bangladesh.

- Presidents of the Maldives, Ghana and Mauritius received the prestigious award since its introduction in 2015.

#### Meghalaya's Right to Information (RTI) activist Agnes Kharshiing has been awarded the 11th International Hrant Dink Award in Istanbul

- Kharshiing, who was assaulted by a group of 40 people for complaining against illegal mining and transport of coal in the East Jaintia Hills district.

- The Hrant Dink Award is an annual award presented by the Hrant Dink Foundation on the birth anniversary of **Turkish journalist Hrant Dink**.

#### Bollywood actor Neena Gupta. registered a double victory at Indian International Film Festival of Boston

- The **'Badhaai Ho'** actor won Best Actress award while her film **'The Last Color'** emerged victorious in Best Feature Film category.

#### Indian photographer Raghu Rai has been chosen as the first recipient of international photography award.

- The award is in honour of the celebrated American-born French photographer and filmmaker **William Klein**, best known for his unusual photography techniques.

- As a consecration award, the prize is intended to reward a photographer for their entire career and commitment to photography.

#### Noted mathematician Anand Kumar has been felicitated in the US with a prestigious Education Excellence Award 2019

- The Foundation For Excellence (FFE) awarded him on the occasion of the organisation's 25th anniversary gala in San Jose, California.

- Anand has been running a highly innovative Super 30 programme for the last 18 years to mentor 30 students free of cost through year-long residential coaching for India's premier IIT-JEE.

#### Prof Muhammad Yunus conferred 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis' award

- Nobel Laureate from Bangladesh Professor Muhammad Yunus was conferred the **'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis'** award by the Vatican for his contribution towards establishing peace and harmony.

- The award is a recognition for distinguished work by an individual for promoting peace and dialogue among people.

- The Lamp of Peace award was first given to the Polish trade union leader Lech Walesa in 1981.

#### DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2019 was announced

- The \$25,000 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2019 was announced on 26 September 2019.

- The list included 15 authors including Perumal Murugan, Rajkamal Jha, and Fatima Bhutto. The winners were selected by a jury chaired by Harish Trivedi.

#### The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) honoured the former Indian athlete and Olympian PT Usha with the prestigious IAAF Veteran Pin Award.

- Usha received the award from the IAAF president Sebastian Coe at the 52nd IAAF conference in Doha.

- IAAF Veteran Pin Award recognizes the efforts of the players who have made matchless contributions to athletics.

#### Journalist Paolo Borrometi Won Mackler Prize For Mafia Coverage In Italy

- Paolo Borrometi, 36, worked for Italian agency AGI before founding the news website La Spia in 2013, where he documented the role of organized crime in local agribusiness.

- The family's home in the town of Modica targeted in an attempted arson attack.

- The award was established in 2008 to recognize courageous and ethical journalism. It honours the memory of long time AFP journalist Peter Mackler, who died of a heart attack that year.

#### Journalist Ravish Kumar awarded first Gauri Lankesh Memorial Award

- Senior journalist and **Ramon Magsaysay** awardee **Ravish Kumar** received the first Gauri Lankesh Memorial Award in Bengaluru

- He was chosen for the award for sharp news analysis and uncompromising secular stance by the Gauri Lankesh Memorial Trust, founded in memory of the journalist.

#### Amitabh Bachchan to be awarded the Dada Saheb Phalke award

- Amitabh Bachchan has been selected for the Dada Saheb Phalke award for the year 2018. The award recognizes his contribution to the Indian film industry.

#### Greta Thunberg, 16 year old, won the Right Livelihood Award.

- **Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg** was named as one of four winners of the **2019 Right Livelihood Award**.

- The award is also known as **Sweden's alternative Nobel Prize**.

- She was awarded for inspiring and amplifying political demands for urgent climate action reflecting scientific facts.

#### Secunderabad station received the first green Platinum rating

- **Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)** has awarded **Secunderabad junction station** of Indian Railways with a **green Platinum rating**. The biggest rail hub is the first Indian Railways to be awarded so.



Anil Agarwal honoured with a lifetime achievement award at 19th Annual Asian Achievers Awards

> The Chairman of Vedanta Resources Anil Agarwal conferred with the lifetime achievement award at the 19th Annual Asian Achievers Awards.

> BBC News Economics Editor Faisal Islam chose for the media achievement award

The 20th edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards 2019 was conferred to the winners in Mumbai

> The 20th edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards 2019 was conferred to the winners in Mumbai on 19th September 2019. Best Film award was given to **Raazi**.

> Best Performance in a Leading Role (Male): Ranveer Singh for Padmaavat

> Best Performance in a Leading Role (Female): Alia Bhatt for Raazi.

PM Modi To Be Honoured By Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation For Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan

> Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be honoured this September with the prestigious 'Global Goalkeeper Award' by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for his leadership and commitment to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan.

> The prime minister will also address global leaders and corporate executives at the Bloomberg Global Business Forum during his visit here for the high-level UN General Assembly (UNGA) session.

Odisha Bags Award For Using IT In Disaster Management

> Odisha, which has come a long way since the 1999 Super Cyclone, has now become a "model state" in disaster preparedness and risk mitigation.

> Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) has won the IT Excellence Award, 2019 for its innovative conception by using information technology in the field of disaster management.

> The "SATARK" (System for Assessing, Tracking and Alerting Disaster Risk Information based on Dynamic Risk Knowledge) has been chosen for the award.

GQ Men Of The Year Awards 2019: Ayushmann Khurrana, Sara Ali Khan, Shahid Kapoor Sizzle On The Red Carpet

> **Ayushmann Khurrana** won the Actor of the Year award at the 11th edition of GQ Men of the Year Awards held in Mumbai.

> **Shahid Kapoor** won the Ultimate GQ Man award and the Rule Breaker of the Year award went to Katrina Kaif.

> **Hrithik Roshan** was given the Game Changer of the Year award. The theme for this year's Men of the Year awards was **Aqua**.

Documentary Film Based On Life Of Uttarakhand Farmer Nominated For Oscars

> A documentary film based on life of a Uttarakhand farmer has been nominated for Oscars.

> The documentary film named **Moti Bagh** is based on the life of **Vidyadutt**, a farmer living in **Pauri Garhwal region of the state**.

> The state Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat congratulated the director, Nirmal Chander Dandriyal, and said it will inspire youths to stay in their villages and work for their communities.

PM Receives 'Vaccine Hero' Award

> Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has received the prestigious **Vaccine Hero** award in

recognition of Bangladesh's outstanding success in vaccination to immunise children.

> **Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI)** conferred the award upon the PM at a ceremony at a conference room of the UN Headquarters

> GAVI Board Chair **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** handed over the award to Hasina. PM dedicated the award to the people of Bangladesh.

IMPORTANT DAYS

DATE	DAY	THEME
SEP-2	World Coconut Day	-
SEP-5	131st birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan	-
SEP-5	The International Day of Charity	-
SEP-8	International Literacy Day	Literacy and Multilingualism.
SEP-10	World Suicide Prevention Day	Working Together to Prevent Suicide.
SEP-15	The International Day of Democracy	'Participation'.
SEP-15	Engineers' Day	-
SEP-16	The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	celebrates three decades of remarkable international cooperation to protect the Ozone Layer and the climate under the Montreal Protocol
SEP-17	World Patient Safety Day.	-
SEP-18	World Bamboo Day	-
SEP-18	World Water Monitoring Day	-
SEP-21	World Alzheimer's Day	Raising awareness and challenging stigma
SEP-21	International Day of Peace	Climate Action for Peace
SEP-23	International Day of Sign Languages	Sign Language Rights for All!
SEP-22	World Rhino Day	-
SEP-26	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	-
SEP-27	World Maritime Day	Empowering women in the maritime community.
SEP-27	World Tourism Day	Tourism and Jobs: a better future for all.

SEP-29	World Heart day	"My Heart, Your Heart".
SEP-30	"Translation and Indigenous Languages"	International Translation Day
Last Sunday of the month of September.	World Deaf Day	-

APPOINTMENTS:

PERSON	DESIGNATION
Justice Rajendra Menon	Chairperson of the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT)
Nilesh Shah	Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
Bibek Debroy	Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
Gopal Vittal	Interim chief of Bharti Airtel
Shri Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas	Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guinea Bissau.
Pallavi Shroff	IndiGo InterGlobe Aviation Limited director
Madhukar Kamath,	Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC)
Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhaduria	Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)
Ajay Kumar Singh	Press Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind
Dr Pramod Kumar Mishra	Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India
Rajiv Kumar	managing director of Microsoft India (R&D) Pvt Ltd (MIRPL)
Kalraj Mishra	Governor of Rajasthan
Vijay Kumar Chopra & Vineet Jain	Chairman and Vice-Chairman of PTI.
B Bala Bhaskar	Indian Ambassador to Norway.
Shri Jaideep Sarkar	High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Lesotho
Tamilisai Soundararajan	Governor of Telangana
Bhagat Singh Koshyari,	Governor of Maharashtra,
Arif Mohammed Khan	Governor of Kerala
BandaruDattatreya	Governor of Himachal Pradesh
PK Sinha	Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in Prime Minister's Office (PMO).
Oleksiy Honcharuk	Prime Minister of Ukraine
Shireen Mathews	Indian American as a judge of the US District Court for the Southern District of California

Sunil Arora	Chairman of Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB) for the term 2019-21.
Justice P. Lakshmana Reddy	Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh
Robert O'Brien.	National Security Adviser(NSA) of the United States of America
B Suresh	Western Air Commander of The Indian Air Force (IAF)
Vivek Kumar Johri	BSF Director General
Mukund Naravane	Vice Chief Of The Army Staff

RESIGNATION:

➤ President of the Asia Development Bank(ADB) Takehiko Nakao has planned to step down from the post on **16th January 2020**.Mr. Nakao took the ADB post in 2013and was re-elected to a second five-year term in 2016.The **Asian Development Bank(ADB)** is a regional development bank established on **19th December 1966**.

➤ Nissan Motor CEO **Hiroto Saikawa** has resigned his position. His resignation after an internal investigation that revealed falsified documents that boosted his compensation in 2013. The change increased his compensation by about 96.5 million yen (roughly \$900,000 at that time), based on current foreign exchange rates.

OBITUARIES:

- 1.Jacques Chirac -Former French president
- 2.Madhav Apte -Former Indian Test opener
- 3.Sukhdev Singh Libra -Congress leader and former MP
- 4.Robert Mugabe -Former Zimbabwe President
- 5.Sivaraman Cheriyanad -Malayalam writer
- 6.Kodela Sivaprasada Rao -Andhra Pradesh Assembly Speaker and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader
- 7.Shyam Ramsay -Popular filmmaker from the Ramsay Brothers
- 8.Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali -Tunisia’s former President
- 9.Valerie Harper -The four-time Emmy Award-winning actress
- 10.Kiran Nagarkar -Noted novelist, play writer
- 11.S.K. Padmadevi -Veteran actor and multi-faceted artiste
- 12.Shri Ram Jethmalani - Former Union minister and eminent lawyer
- 13.Kiran Nagarkar – Author

SPORTS NEWS:

**India lifted SAFF Under-15 Championship title in Kolkata**

➤ India defeated Nepal 7-0 in the final of the 2019 SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) U-15 Championship at the Kalyani Stadium, Kolkata, West Bengal.

➤ The 2019 SAFF U-15 Championship was the 6th edition of the SAFF U-16 Championship held at Kalyani Stadium from 21st to 31st August 2019.

➤ Five teams (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India (Host), Nepal and Sri Lanka) from the region has taken part in this tournament.

Ronaldo Laitonjam has won his fourth gold medal on the concluding day of Track Asia Cup Cycling competition in New Delhi

➤ India emerged **overall champions** as its players picked up **three medals in the day**, two gold and one bronze.

➤ Overall, India topped the medals tally (10 gold, 8 silver and 7 bronze) as the tournament came to an end at the IGI Sports Complex.

➤ Uzbekistan finished second, with 4 gold and 3 silver and Malaysia secured third place, with 4 gold and 1 silver.

**Indian Shot putter Tejinderpal Singh Toor clinched silver medal at an athletic meet at Deci in the Czech Republic**

➤ The Asian Games gold medalist came up with the best throw of 20.09m in his last attempt at the event. Tajinder has been awarded the Arjuna Award this year.

➤ Toor has already qualified for World championship being the Area champion following his gold-winning feat at Asian Athletics Championships in April next year

**Kieron Pollard has been named as West Indies' new one day international (ODI) and Twenty20 International (T20I) captain**

➤ Kieron Pollard is a medium-pace bowler and big-hitting batsman in the middle-order

➤ Jason Holder remains the West Indies Test captain.

➤ Pollard was part of the West Indies squad that won the 2012 ICC Men's T20 World Cup Pollard was part of the West Indies squad that won the 2012 ICC Men's T20 World Cup

**Charles Leclerc won the F1 Belgian Grand Prix 2019**

➤ Lewis Hamilton (United Kingdom) was on second while Valtteri Bottas (Finland) finished third.

➤ The Belgian Grand Prix is an automobile race, part of the Formula One World Championship.

**Jaspri Bumrah has become the third Indian to claim a hat-trick in Test cricket**

➤ Bumrah got the wickets of Darren Bravo, Shamarh Brooks and Roston Chase off successive deliveries to achieve the feat.

➤ Burmah is also the 44th player to achieve the feat in the longest format of the game.

➤ Harbhajan Singh was the first Indian to pick up a Test hat-trick (vs Australia in Kolkata in 2001).

**Virat Kohli is India's most successful Test skipper**

➤ It came after the Indian team recorded its 28th win under Kohli's leadership in the second and final test against the West Indies at Kingston.

➤ M S Dhoni led India to 27 wins from 60 Test matches during his tenure.

➤ Overall, Graeme Smith (former South Africa skipper) remains the most successful skipper in the world with 53 Test wins, followed by Ricky Ponting (ex-Australia captain) who recorded 48 Test wins in his captaincy tenure.

**Indian Shooter Yashaswini Singh 'Deswal'has won the gold medal in the women's 10meter Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup at Rio de Janeiro in Brazi**

➤ This is India's 9th quota in shooting for 2020 Tokyo Games.

➤ Yashaswini Singh Deswal has also secured an Olympic quota for India.

➤ The 2019 ISSF World Cup is the annual edition of the ISSF World Cup in the Olympic shooting

events, governed by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).

**Indian women's Mithali Raj cricket ODI Captain has announced her retirement from T20 Internationals**

➤ She wants to focus on her **ODI career**, keeping in mind the **2021 World Cup** in New Zealand.

➤ Mithali ended her **T20 career** with 2,364 runs from 89 matches at an average of 37.5 and the highest score of 97 not out.

➤ In 203 ODIs, she scored **6,720 runs** at an average of 51.29, with seven hundred.

**Zimbabwe captain Hamilton Masakadza has announced to retire from international cricket**

➤ He is a **right-handed batsman** and occasional right-arm **medium-pace** bowler.

➤ Hamilton Masakadza has represented Zimbabwe in 38 Tests (2223 runs), 209 ODIs (5658 runs) and 62 T20Is (1529-run).

➤ In his overall **international career**, he scored 9,410 international runs including 10 international tons and 42 half-centuries.

**The Indian boy team has settled for a silver medal at the Asian Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Championships at Ulaanbaatar, Mongoli.**

➤ The second place helped Indian boys qualify for the World Junior Championships to be held at Korat, Thailand (Nov 2019).

**Afghanistan’s players Rashid Khan has become the youngest skipper ever in Test cricket**

➤ Afghanistan Spin sensation Rashid Khan (20 years and 350 days old) has become the youngest ever Test skipper at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong.

➤ Rashid beat the previous record held by former Zimbabwe captain Tatenda Taibu (20 years and 358 days) by a mere 8 days.

➤ India's Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi rounds up the top-3 in this regard, having made his captaincy debut against West Indies at the age of 21 years and 77 days on March 23, 1962

**India Red won the Duleep Trophy 2019–20 at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bangalore**

➤ **India Red** thrashed **India Green** by an innings and 38 runs in the final to win the Duleep Trophy 2019–20.

➤ Right-arm off-spinner **Akshay Wakhare** picked up a brilliant five-wicket haul to hand India Red the Duleep Trophy title.

➤ Abhimanyu Easwaran was the leading run-scorer for India Red adjudged the Player of the Match.

**Former captain has Misbah-ul-Haq been appointed as head coach and chief selector of Pakistan’s cricket team**

➤ Former fast bowler Waqar Younis will join him as the team’s new bowling coach.

➤ Misbah-ul-Haq scored over 10,300 international runs, played 75 Tests, 162 ODIs and 39 T20Is matches for Pakistan in a career which ended on 14th May 2017.

**The International Cricket Council (ICC) has banned Sri Lankan player Akila Dananjaya from bowling in international matches for 12 months.**

➤ He will be entitled to approach the ICC for a re-assessment of his bowling action after the expiry of this one-year period.



➤ Akila Dananjaya's bowling action came under the scanner during a Test between Sri Lanka and New Zealand in Galle in August 2019.

**Steve Smith has become the second Australian player after Allan Border to score 500 and more runs in the consecutive Ashes series in England**

➤ **Steven Smith** reached this milestone after he added **122 runs** in the ongoing fourth Ashes Test.

➤ In 2015 Ashes which took place in England, Smith scored 508 runs while this time in his third match he crossed the 500 runs mark.

➤ Before Smith only Border had amassed the 500 plus runs consecutively in the Ashes in England.

➤ The **Ashes is a Test cricket series** played between England and Australia at least once every two years.

**Indian woman athlete Anupama Swain has won bronze medal in the World Martial Arts Mastership Jiu-Jitsu 2019**

➤ Now she qualified for 2022 Asian Games. she was the only Indian to participate in the championship.

➤ Jiu-Jitsu is a form of martial art and combat sport and it puts the entire focus on grappling with particular emphasis on ground fighting.

**A smiling panda (Bing Dwen Dwen) and walking Chinese lantern (Shuey Rhon Rhon) were revealed as the Beijing 2022 Winter and Paralympic Games.**

➤ The mascots were revealed at a ceremony at the Shougang Ice Hockey Arena in Beijing, China.

➤ In Mandarin, "bing" means ice and "dwen dwen" means robust and lively.

➤ The panda is wearing a suit which resembles ice. The newly launched Olympic mascot resembles an astronaut, embracing new technologies for a future with infinite possibilities.

**Rafael Nadal won 2019 US Open men's singles title**

➤ Spain's Rafael Nadal (34-years) defeated Russian Daniil Medvedev 7-5, 6-3, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4 to claim US Open Men's tennis tournament - 2019 (139th edition) in New York (USA).

➤ It was Rafael Nadal fourth US Open title and 19th Grand Slam title

**The FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup (7th edition) will be held from 2nd to 21st November 2020 in India**

➤ It will mark the first time that India has hosted a FIFA women's football tournament.

➤ The FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup is an international association football tournament for female players under the age of 17.

➤ It is organized by the Federation International de Football Association (FIFA).

**Canadian tennis player Bianca Andreescu has lifted the Women's singles title of US Open 2019**

➤ She won the Grand Slam defeating Serena Williams of US in straight sets 6-3, 7-5.

➤ It was the first time a Canadian tennis player claimed the Grand Slam singles title.

**Sri Lanka's fast bowler Lasith Malinga has become the first T20I bowler to take 100 wickets**

➤ Malinga surpassed Pakistan spinner Shahid Afridi's tally of 97 scalps to become the leading T20 wicket-taker.

➤ He also took a hat-trick, dismissing 4 batsmen (Hamish Rutherford, Colin de Grandhomme, Ross Taylor and Munro) in 4 consecutive deliveries and became the first-

ever bowler to pick up 2 hat-tricks in T20I cricket.

➤ Till now Lasith Malinga has claimed 5 hat-tricks in his international career.

**Charles Leclerc has won the Italian Grand Prix 2019 at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza track, Italy**

➤ Valtteri Bottas and Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes finished the race at 2nd and 3rd position respectively.

➤ Ferrari's last win at Monza came in 2010 through Fernando Alonso.

➤ The Italian Grand Prix is the fifth oldest national Grand Prix (after the French Grand Prix, the American Grand Prix, the Spanish Grand Prix and the Russian Grand Prix), having been held since 1921.

**The 8th edition of Ladakh Marathon was held in Leh.**

➤ It claims to be the highest marathon in the world, held at a height of 11,500 to 17,618 feet (3,505 to 5,370 m).

➤ Over 6000 runners from 25 countries participated in the four categories of Ladakh Marathon.

➤ The 9th Edition will be held in 2020 will be a qualifying race for the Abbot World Marathon Majors.

➤ The Ladakh Marathon is organised by India's Rimo Expeditions with the support of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC).

**Pankaj Advani clinched record 22nd world titles by winning a 4th straight final in the 150-up format at the IBSF World Billiards Championship in Myanmar**

➤ In a repeat of **last year's final** against local favourite Nay Oo, Pankaj re-enacted the one-sided match with the same eventual outcome as well as identical scoreline of 6-2.

➤ **Pankaj Advani** has brought home a world trophy every year ever since returning from a professional stint in the UK in 2014.

➤ In the short format of billiards, this is **Advani's fifth title** in the last six years.

**Sourabh Verma won Vietnam Open Super100 title 2019**

➤ India's **Sourabh Verma** (Madhya Pradesh) recovered from a mid-game slump to beat **Sun 21-12, 17-2, 21-14** at the Ho Chi Minh City.

➤ This victory marks **Verma's second Super 100** win in the ongoing calendar year.

➤ The 2019 Vietnam Open is the seventh Super 100 tournament of the 2019 BWF World Tour and also part of the Vietnam Open championships.

➤ This tournament is organized by the Ho Chi Minh City Badminton Association and sanctioned by the BWF.

**Indian shuttler Kaushal Dharmam clinched the Myanmar International Series**

Kaushal Dharmam had won the Hatzor International in October last year, recovered after dropping the opening game to outwit Karono 18-21, 21-14, 21-11 in a match that lasted an hour.

**Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen clinched men's singles title of Belgian International Challenge**

➤ Lakshya Sen stunned second seed Victor Svendsen (Denmark) in straight games to clinch men's singles title at the Belgian International Challenge.

➤ The Belgian international is an international Badminton open tournament, held since 1958 but in irregular periods.

**Australian batsman Steve Smith has become the highest run-scorer in a Test series of this century**

➤ Steve Smith finished the Ashes series 2019 with 774 runs from the 4 matches at an average of over 110 with 3 centuries and 3 half-centuries.

➤ Earlier, Smith went past his own record of scoring 769 runs against India during the 2014-15 season.

**Spain won the Basketball World Cup in Beijing, China**

➤ France went on to win the bronze medal for the second consecutive time after defeating Australia.

➤ With 32 teams, this was the biggest Basketball World Cup ever.

➤ The 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup was the 18th tournament of the FIBA Basketball World Cup for men's national basketball teams.

➤ The next world cup will be held in 2023 in Japan, Indonesia and the Philippines.

**Former Dinesh Mongia Indian Cricket all-rounder has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket**

➤ Mongia went on to play 57 ODI for India where he scored 1230 runs at an average of 27.95 but never played a Test cricket match.

➤ Dinesh Mongia was last seen on a cricket field (in 2007) playing for Punjab, before being banned by the BCCI for joining the Indian Cricket League (ICL)

**An American swimmer Sarah Thomas has become the first person to swim across the English Channel four times non-stop in a 54-hour feat of endurance**

➤ Ms Thomas swam from England to France and back - twice - in just over 54 hours.

➤ It should have been a total distance of about 80 miles (129 km) but the tidal pulls in the Channel increased the distance by more than 60%, meaning she ended up swimming nearly 130 miles (209 km).

➤ Sarah Thomas completed treatment for breast cancer a year ago.

**India's Vinesh Phogat becomes first Indian wrestler to qualify for 2020 Tokyo Olympics.**

➤ **Vinesh Phogat** scored an impressive 8-2 win over the world championship silver medalist to secure her place at the Tokyo Game

**Deepak Punia clinched top spot in UWW's rankings- 86 kg category**

➤ Indian wrestler Deepak Punia, aged 20, clinched the top spot in the rankings released by United World Wrestling (UWW), an international federation for wrestling, in the 86 kg category.

➤ He had recently won silver in the World Wrestling Championships 2019 held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. Iran's Hassan Aliazam Yazdanicharati was ranked second.

**2019 IWF World Weightlifting Championships held in Pattaya, Thailand**

➤ 2019 International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) World Weightlifting Championships was held at Eastern National Sports Training Center in Pattaya, Thailand from September 18-27, 2019.

➤ It was organized by Thai Amateur Weightlifting Association and it was a qualifying event for the Tokyo Olympics 2020.

➤ China topped the medal tally while Egypt was banned from competing due to doping offenses.

**England women's wicketkeeper Sarah Taylor announces retirement from international cricket**

➤ England women's wicket-keeper Sarah Taylor aged 30 retired from international cricket career.

The announcement was made by England Cricket Board(ECB). She made 226 international appearances scoring 6533 runs which is a second on England Women’s all-time list of run-scorers.

**Mercedes’ Lewis Hamilton won 2019 Russia F1 Grand Prix, surpasses Schumacher’s GP win counts**

- Britain’s Lewis Carl Davidson Hamilton commonly known as Lewis Hamiltonof Mercedes, won the 2019 Russia F1 Grand Prix (Formula 1 GP) at Sochi Autodrom race track in Russia.
- Mercedes ValteriBottas(Finland) and Ferrari’s Charles Lecrec (Monaco) won the second and third spot respectively.

**Overview of Challenger Buenos Aires 2019 (Tennis) held in Buenos Aires, Argentina**

- The 9th edition of Challenger Buenos Aires 2019 (Tennis) was held at Racket Club, Buenos Aires, Argentina from September 23-29, 2019. It was a part of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Challenger Tour and was played on outdoor red clay courts.
- In men’s singles, Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal clinched the title.
- In men’s doubles, Argentina’s Guido Andreozzi and Andrés Molteni won the title.

**Overview of Korea Open 2019 held in Incheon, South Korea**

- The Korea Open 2019, a badminton Super 500 tournament was held at Incheon International Airport Skydom in Incheon, South Korea from September 24 – 29, 2019. It was the 19th tournament of the 2019 Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour and a part of the Korea Open championships.
- Men’s Singles - Kento Momota (Japan)
- Women’s Singles - He Bingjiao (China)
- Men’s Doubles - Fajar Alfian & Muhammad Rian Ardianto (Indonesia)
- Women’s Doubles-Kim So-yeong & Kong Hee-yong (South Korea)
- Mixed Doubles- Dechapol Puavaranukroh & Sapsiree Taerattanachai (Thailand)

**Indian chess player Koneru Hampi wins the Skolkova Fides Grand Prix title 2019 in Skolkovo, Russia**

- Indian chess grandmaster, Koneru Hampi (32) of Gudivada ( Andhra Pradesh) has cliched Fide World Grand Prix 2019 title with 8 points from 11 rounds in Skolkovo, Russia. While other Indian
- D Harika secured the sixth place with 5 points.

**Snooker player Laxman Rawat wins IBSF World 6Reds championships 2019 title in Mandalay, Myanmar**

- The Mumbai-based snooker player Laxman Rawat won the men’s title after defeating Muhammad Asif of Pakistan at the Myanmar Open Billiards, The 150 Up World Billiards Championship and World 6Reds, World Team Snooker championships 2019 held from 9th September -25th September 2019 at Mandalay, Myanmar.

**Overview of 20th Asian Senior Men’s Volleyball Championship for 2019 held in Tehran, Iran**

- The 20th Asian Senior Men’s Volleyball Championship for 2019 was held in Tehran, Iran from September 13–21, 2019. The biennial tournament was organised by the Asian Volleyball
- Virat Kohli, Shikhar Dhawan and Rohit Sharma move up in the latest ICC T20I player rankings**

- On September 25, 2019 the latest International Cricket Council- Twenty twenty International(ICC- T20I) rankings were released.

In Batting rankings: Indian skipper ViratKohli moved up by one position to reach the 11th spot in the batting list and is currently in the 19th position in all- rounder rankings, while ShikarDhawan moved three places up to 13th position in the batting list. Rohit Sharma is ranked at the 8th position tied with England’s Alex Hales.

**Manipur wins 25th Senior Women’s National Football Championship 2019 in Arunachal Pradesh**

- Defending champion Manipur won the 25th Senior Women’s National Football Championship held at CHF Ground in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh by defeating Railways.
- This marks Manipur’s 20th championship title in the game. Organised by the All India Football Federation(AIFF), this is the first time Arunachal Pradesh hosted National Football Championship.

**Overview of 36th edition of Toray Pan Pacific Open 2019 held in Osaka, Japan**

- The 36th edition of Toray Pan Pacific Open 2019 professional women’s tennis tournament was held at Utsubo Tennis Center in Osaka, Japan from September 16 – 22, 2019.
- Japanese tennis player Naomi Osaka won the women’s singles.Taiwanese tennis players Latisha Chan and Chan Hao-ching won the women’s doubles title.
- Vinesh will wrestle in the bronze-medal bout against Maria Prevolaraki of Greece.
  - Earlier, she had stormed to a 5-0 win over Ukraine’s Yuliya Khalvadzhy in the first round of repechage in the 53kg category to remain in contention for an Olympic quota and a bronze medal.

SEPTEMBER LEGEND QUIZ

Q.1) The total horticulture production of the country is estimated to be over \_\_\_\_\_ tonnes which are 0.69 per cent higher than the production in 2017-18.

- a) **313 million**
- b) 235 million
- c) 361 million
- d) 219 million
- e) 117 million

Q.2) The \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly unanimously adopted a bill to curb the incidents of lynching the DGP will act as a Nodal Officer to monitor and take measure to prevent this.

- a) Gujarat
- b) **West Bengal**
- c) Haryana
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) Maharashtra

Q.3) Chairman and Managing Director of Air India \_\_\_\_\_ confirmed it will completely ban use of plastic in Alliance Air and Air India Express from 2nd October.

- a) Sunil Bhaskaran
- b) Pradeep Kharola
- c) **Ashwani Lohani**
- d) Vankayala Umesh
- e) Ajay Rakesh

Q.4) More than 19 lakh people in \_\_\_\_\_ have been excluded from the final version of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in state that was released by the government.

- a) Bihar
- b) Goa
- c) Punjab
- d) **Assam**
- e) Jharkhand

Q.5) The \_\_\_\_\_ notified creation of a five-member special cell to address grievances of startups with relation to angel tax and other tax-related issues.

- a) CBIC
- b) NDRT
- c) SEBI
- d) PFRDA
- e) **CBDT**

Q.6) The Central TB Division of the health ministry signed a MoU with \_\_\_\_\_

Institute for Artificial Intelligence to explore the application of cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence technology.

- a) **Wadhvani**
- b) Tata health
- c) Ratchaga
- d) Oliverman
- e) Fit health

Q.7) A complete ban on the use of polythene bags will come into force in \_\_\_\_\_ from September 01 ordered by the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

- a) Telangana
- b) **Uttar Pradesh**
- c) Chhattisgarh
- d) Meghalaya
- e) Jharkhand

Q.8) The \_\_\_\_\_ government has decided to form a Special Tiger Force for Corbett Tiger Reserve, a move which will help serve as the much needed second layer of protection for tigers.

- a) Kerala
- b) Rajasthan
- c) **Uttarakhand**
- d) Nagaland
- e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.9) The Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma took a 2 Km walk from his residential quarters to his office chamber at Main Secretariat, Shillong launching \_\_\_\_\_ Meghalaya.

- a) Fit by Walk
- b) Walk for Yoga
- c) Let Start Walk
- d) **Walk to Work**
- e) Healthy Walk

Q.10) Around 500 representatives from Industries across the country participated in The Vendor Meet organized by the Research Designs and Standards Organization (RDSO) in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Jaipur
- b) Agartala
- c) Shimla
- d) Kolkata
- e) **Lucknow**

Q.11) PM Narendra Modi announced the government has set a target of setting up \_\_\_\_\_ AYUSH centres across India and also released 12 AYUSH postal stamps.

- a) **12,500**
- b) 11,000
- c) 13,500
- d) 10,000
- e) 13,000

Q.12) \_\_\_\_\_ government will set up 560 model mosques and Islamic cultural centres in districts and upzilas across the country.

- a) Pakistan
- b) **Bangladesh**
- c) Afghanistan
- d) Sri Lanka
- e) Malaysia

Q.13) Former Cabinet Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed as OSD in the PMO after Nripendra Misra’s request to be relieved as Principal Secretary was accepted by PM Narendra Modi.

- a) Rajiv Gauba
- b) Sudhakar Rao
- c) **PK Sinha**
- d) Tulasiram Das
- e) Eashwar Pande

Q.14) The finance minister confirmed the mega merger of PSBs reducing to \_\_\_\_\_ banks furthering the processing of consolidation in the public sector banks compared with 27.

- a) 15
- b) 16
- c) 14
- d) **12**
- e) 17

Q.15) National \_\_\_\_\_ week 2019 is celebrated from the week i.e., 1st September to 7thSeptember to enhance the nutritional practice awareness among people of the country.

- a) Traffic Rules
- b) Press Media
- c) Entertainment
- d) Cultural
- e) **Nutritional**

Q.16) As environment-friendly Vinayaka idols are catching up with devotees, \_\_\_\_\_ Horticulture department has introduced seed-embedded Vinayaka idols for sales this year.

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



e) Telangana  
Q.17) DoNER Ministry includes construction of the first Bamboo Industrial Park in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Maharashtra                      b) **Assam**  
c) Madhya Pradesh                      d) Meghalaya  
e) None of the Above  
Q.18) In a major step to boost industries in Jammu & Kashmir, the \_\_\_\_\_ Railway Station in Jammu Division will soon have a Freight Terminal- the first of its kind in the state.  
a) Manwal                      b) **Samba**  
c) Tawi                      d) Firozpur  
e) Bagati  
Q.19) UIDAI announced its systems will be ready within \_\_\_\_\_ to offer the facility of issuing Aadhaar cards to NRIs with Indian passports without the mandatory 180 days waiting period.  
a) Five months                      b) Two months  
c) Four months                      d) **Three months**  
e) One month  
Q.20) The entire month of \_\_\_\_\_ will be celebrated as the Rashtriya Poshan Maah this year the theme is 'Complementary Feeding'.  
a) October                      b) December  
c) August                      d) November  
e) **September**  
Q.21) Tamil Nadu BJP Chief Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan was appointed as the Governor of Telangana while \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed as the Governor of Maharashtra.  
a) **Bhagat Singh Koshyari**  
b) Pratap Chandra Sarangi  
c) Renuka Singh Saruta  
d) Dhotre Sanjay Shamrao  
e) Sanjeev Kumar Balyan  
Q.22) Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated gallery of confiscated and retrieved antiquities at Purana Quila in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Pune                      b) **New Delhi**  
c) Kolkata                      d) Lucknow  
e) Amritsar  
Q.23) \_\_\_\_\_, who was the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, was transferred and appointed as Governor of Rajasthan by President Ram Nath Kovind.  
a) Kailash Choudhary                      b) Ramdas Athawale  
c) **Kalraj Mishra**                      d) Somnath Prakash  
e) Rameswar Rawat  
Q.24) President Donald Trump has nominated Indian-American \_\_\_\_\_ as a judge of the US District Court for the Southern District of California.  
a) Preet Bharara                      b) Norah Jones  
c) Harj Barker                      d) Jhumpa Lahiri  
e) **Shireen Mathews**  
Q.25) Bandaru Dattatraya, former MP, was appointed the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, while former Cabinet minister \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed the Governor of Kerala.  
a) **Arif Mohammad Khan**  
b) Dulal Chandra Goswami  
c) Janardhan Singh Sigiwal  
d) Ramesh Chander Kaushik  
e) Manendra Singh Solanki  
Q.26) The Trump administration will begin collecting 15% tariffs on more than \$125 billion in \_\_\_\_\_ imports, including smart speakers, Bluetooth headphones and many types of footwear.  
a) Japanese                      b) Indian  
c) Russian                      d) **Chinese**  
e) French  
Q.27) Young shooter Yashaswini Singh Deswal won gold in the women's 10meter Air Pistol event

at the ISSF World Cup at in Rio de Janeiro in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Russia                      b) Morocco  
c) **Brazil**                      d) Mozambique  
e) France  
Q.28) The slowdown nightmare for the automobile industry is expected to continue for August as analysts estimate an overall sales downfall of up to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) 10 per cent                      b) **30 per cent**  
c) 25 per cent                      d) 20 per cent  
e) 15 per cent  
Q.29) Shot putter Tejinderpal Singh Toor clinched a silver medal with the best throw of 20.09m during an athletic meet at Decin in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Germany                      b) Switzerland  
c) Austria                      d) **Czech Republic**  
e) Poland  
Q.30) Last-minute travellers have helped railways earn a whopping \_\_\_\_\_ Tatkal quota & Premium tickets in the last four years, an RTI has found.  
a) Rs 21,654 crore                      b) Rs 22,465 crore  
c) Rs 23,576 crore                      d) Rs 24,287 crore  
e) **Rs 25,392 crore**  
Q.31) World Coconut day is celebrated on 2nd of September annually as declared by Asian and Pacific coconut community (APCC) whose headquarters is at \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) **Jakarta, Indonesia**                      b) Colombo, Sri Lanka  
c) Dhaka, Bangladesh                      d) Kathmandu, Nepal  
e) Thimbu, Bhutan  
Q.32) \_\_\_\_\_ will collaborate with Amazon Web Services, Inc. (AWS) , an Amazon.com company, to develop a National Artificial Intelligence Resource Portal in India.  
a) IIT-Hyderabad                      b) IIT-Kanpur  
c) IIT-Delhi                      d) IIT-Madras  
e) **IIT-Kharagpur**  
Q.33) Venkaiah Naidu was inaugurating the 5th AQUA AQUARIA INDIA 2019, an aquaculture Show, organized by the Marine Products Export Development Authority in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Ahmedabad                      b) Kolkata  
c) **Hyderabad**                      d) Gurgaon  
e) Noida  
Q.34) Reliance Power signed an agreement with Japanese energy major JERA for jointly setting up 750 megawatt (MW) gas-based combined cycle power project at Meghnaghat, \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) **Bangladesh**                      b) Sri Lanka  
c) Pakistan                      d) Indonesia  
e) Maldives  
Q.35) The country's first garbage cafe has been launched here in \_\_\_\_\_ Ambikapur, which has been selected as the second cleanest city after Indore, for construction of roads.  
a) Haryana                      b) **Chhattisgarh**  
c) Gujarat                      d) Meghalaya  
e) Punjab  
Q.36) Lieutenant General \_\_\_\_\_ the senior-most commander assumed charge as vice chief of the 1.3 million-strong Army.  
a) Anil Chauhan                      b) Ranbir Singh  
c) Devraj Anbu  
d) **Mukund Naravane**                      e) Bipin Rawat  
Q.37) The Election Commission of India is scheduled to host the 4th General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) at \_\_\_\_\_ on 3rd September 2019.  
a) Chennai                      b) New Delhi  
c) **Bengaluru**                      d) Dehradun  
e) Jaipur

Q.38) IPS officer \_\_\_\_\_ took charge as the 25th Director General (DG) of the country's largest border guarding force, BSF.  
a) Faramurz Rustamji  
b) Rajni Kant Mishra  
c) Subhash Joshi  
d) Devendra Kumar Pathak  
e) **Vivek Kumar Johri**  
Q.39) Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting \_\_\_\_\_ unveiled the new logo and certificate design of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) .  
a) Piyush Goyal  
b) Mahendra Nath Pandey  
c) Giriraj Singh  
d) **Prakash Javadekar**  
e) Narendra Singh Tomar  
Q.40) The book, "A Short History of Indian Railways", has been penned by veteran journalist and author \_\_\_\_\_ has already chronicled a few other books on Indian Railways.  
a) Kuldeep T Nayar  
b) **Rajendra B Aklekar**  
c) Bhagat R Koshyari  
d) Punya P Bajpai  
e) Rajdeep K Sardesai  
Q.41) Indonesia's president confirmed the country's capital will move from overcrowded, sinking and polluted \_\_\_\_\_ to a site in sparsely populated East Kalimantan province on Borneo Island.  
a) **Jakarta**                      b) Dhaka  
c) Colombo                      d) Kabul  
e) Hanoi  
Q.42) \_\_\_\_\_ held off Lewis Hamilton to win the Belgian Grand Prix from pole position, securing the first victory of his Formula One career and ending Ferrari's long wait for a win.  
a) Valtteri Bottas                      b) Sebastian Vettel  
c) Alexander Albon                      d) George Russell  
e) **Charles Leclerc**  
Q.43) According to a new global survey by Ipsos in India has ranked \_\_\_\_\_ in the pecking order on Happiness, among 28 nations polled Australia and Canada are tied at the top spot.  
a) 12th                      b) 15th  
c) **09th**                      d) 10th  
e) 17th  
Q.44) Nadubhagam Chundan, the snake boat of Pallathuruthy Boat Club, lifted the 67th edition of the coveted Nehru Trophy at the Punnamada Lake in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) **Alappuzha**                      b) Malampuzha  
c) Palakkad                      d) Malappuram  
e) Thalassery  
Q.45) The study has shown that only two Indian cities have made it to the list of 60 most safe cities in the world, with \_\_\_\_\_ leading the pack The Safe Cities Index 2019.  
a) Singapore                      b) **Tokyo**  
c) New York                      d) Berlin  
e) Dublin  
Q.46) \_\_\_\_\_, who parlayed a sidekick role as the leading lady's unprepossessing best friend on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" died at the age of 80.  
a) Rita Hayworth                      b) Carole Lombard  
c) Brigitte Bardot                      d) **Valerie Harper**  
e) Elizabeth Taylor  
Q.47) Growth of eight core industries dropped to \_\_\_\_\_ in July mainly due to a contraction in coal, crude oil, natural gas and refinery products.  
a) 5 per cent                      b) 1.5 per cent  
c) 7.5 per cent                      d) **2.1 per cent**  
e) 0 per cent

Q.48) India has announced a contribution of \_\_\_\_\_ US Dollars to the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM) for the 6th replenishment cycle (2020-22) .

- a) **22 million**                      b) 24 million  
c) 23 million                      d) 26 million  
e) 25 million

Q.49) GST collection in the month of August stood at \_\_\_\_\_ rupees the total number of GSTR 3B Returns filed for the month of July up to 31st of August is around 76 lakh.

- a) 93,508 cr                      b) 74,809 cr  
c) 69,701 cr                      d) **98,202 cr**  
e) 86,407 cr

Q.50) Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank attended the 59th Foundation Day of NCERT in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Jalandhar                      b) Ranchi  
c) Vadodara                      d) Hyderabad  
e) **New Delhi**

Q.51) The Rajasthan government launched a new health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat-Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojna by Chief Minister \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Kamal Nath                      b) Yogi Adityanath  
c) **Ashok Gehlot**                      d) Naveen Patnaik  
e) Arvind Kejriwal

Q.52) \_\_\_\_\_, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare attend the inauguration of the '72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia' held in New Delhi.

- a) **Harsh Vardhan**                      b) Piyush Goyal  
c) Sadananda Gowda                      d) Prakash Javadekar  
e) Dharmendra Pradhan

Q.53) A MOA signed between the ESIC and \_\_\_\_\_ would provide e-payment services directly to the bank accounts of all ESIC beneficiaries and payees without any manual intervention.

- a) Indian Bank  
b) **State Bank of India**  
c) Canara Bank  
d) Bank of India  
e) Oriental Bank of Commerce

Q.54) As part of the ongoing Indo-US defence cooperation, a joint military training, Exercise \_\_\_\_\_ 2019 is being conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mc Chord, Washington, USA.

- a) Maitree                      b) Surya Kiran  
c) Mission Sakthi                      d) Garuda  
e) **Yudh Abhyas**

Q.55) CEC Sunil Arora assumed Chairmanship of Association of World Election Bodies, AWEB for the term 2019-21 as India takes over the Chair from \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Russia                      b) Germany  
c) **Romania**                      d) Algeria  
e) Rwanda

Q.56) Sri Lanka and \_\_\_\_\_ signed four agreements of cooperation including visa arrangements allowing for free 90-day for visitors between the two countries.

- a) Pakistan                      b) Bangladesh  
c) Indonesia                      d) **Maldives**  
e) Afghanistan

Q.57) PM Narendra Modi will be honoured with prestigious 'Global Goalkeeper Award' by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for his commitment to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Fit India Movement  
b) **Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan**  
c) Atal Pension Yojana  
d) Stand Up India  
e) Mudra Yojana

Q.58) The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Infusion of Rs 4,557 crore by Government in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) **IDBI Bank**  
b) Indian Overseas Bank  
c) Allahabad Bank  
d) Punjab & National Bank  
e) HDFC Bank

Q.59) Indian batting great \_\_\_\_\_ announced her retirement from T20 International cricket confirmed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

- a) Smriti Mandhana                      b) Harmanpreet Kaur  
c) Jhulan Goswami                      d) **Mithali Raj**  
e) Punam Raut

Q.60) India is one of the founding members, holding 20% stake in the New Development Bank which is headquartered in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Brasilia                      b) Moscow  
c) Cape Town                      d) New Delhi  
e) **Shanghai**

Q.61) Zimbabwe captain \_\_\_\_\_ will retire from all forms of international cricket after the conclusion of the T20I tri-series involving Bangladesh and Afghanistan later this month.

- a) **Hamilton Masakadza**  
b) Tinashe Kamunhukamwe  
c) Richmond Mutumbami  
d) Elton Chigumbura  
e) Regis Chakabva

Q.62) Ratings agency CRISIL revised downwards its India GDP growth forecast for fiscal 2020 to \_\_\_\_\_ from an earlier estimated rate of 6.9 per cent.

- a) 5.75 per cent                      b) 7.2 per cent  
c) **6.3 per cent**                      d) 6.7 per cent  
e) 7.3 per cent

Q.63) \_\_\_\_\_, the star Indian batsman is launching campaign, in partnership with WWF India and Animal Planet, for the need to conserve the Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros.

- a) Virat Kohli                      b) Ravindra Jadeja  
c) Jasprit Bumrah                      d) Hardik Pandya  
e) **Rohit Sharma**

Q.64) \_\_\_\_\_ presently High Commissioner of India to the Republic of South Africa, concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

- a) Dalbir Singh                      b) **Jaideep Sarkar**  
c) Arun Kumar                      d) Ganguly Das  
e) Vikas Swarup

Q.65) The third round of talks with Pakistan on the modalities for operationalisation of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor is held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Wagah                      b) Munabao  
c) **Amritsar**                      d) Harappa  
e) Dholavira

Q.66) Nobel Laureate from Bangladesh Professor \_\_\_\_\_ was conferred the 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis' award by the Vatican for his contribution towards peace and harmony.

- a) **Muhammad Yunus**                      b) Uddin Siddiqui  
c) Humayun Ahmed                      d) Abdullah Sayeed  
e) Sirajul Islam

Q.67) Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated the \_\_\_\_\_ Air Traffic Service Complex, which is the tallest Air Traffic Control tower in India with a height of 102 metres.

- a) Hyderabad                      b) Chennai  
c) Mumbai                      d) Bangalore  
e) **Delhi**

Q.68) To promote and disseminate the selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind, \_\_\_\_\_ released 'Loktantra Ke Swar

(Khand 2)' and 'The Republican Ethic (Volume 2)' .

- a) Narendra Modi                      b) Rajnath Singh  
c) Amit Shah                      d) **Venkaiah Naidu**  
e) Shaktikanta Das

Q.69) The first ever naval exercises between the United States and member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have begun in the waters of eastern \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) **Thailand**                      b) Indonesia  
c) Malaysia                      d) Philippines  
e) Vietnam

Q.70) \_\_\_\_\_ unveiled the logo for the FIFA 2022 World Cup which will be hosted by the Gulf emirate, displaying it in public spaces in capital and cities around the world.

- a) UAE                      b) Saudi Arabia  
c) **Qatar**                      d) Bahrain  
e) Kuwait

Q.71) Defence Rajnath Singh met PM of the Republic of Korea, \_\_\_\_\_ and had a comprehensive interaction over a wide range of issues pertaining to ties between India & RoK.

- a) Park Geun-hye                      b) **Lee Nak-yeon**  
c) Han Kyu-seol                      d) Yi Wan-yong  
e) Yun Yong-seon

Q.72) \_\_\_\_\_ has been handed unprecedented influence over Pakistan cricket, with the PCB confirming his appointment as coach of the national side, as well as chief selector.

- a) Imam-ul-Haq                      b) Sarfaraz Ahmed  
c) Shaheen Afridi                      d) **Misbah-ul-Haq**  
e) Shoaib Malik

Q.73) \_\_\_\_\_, the capital of Austria remains on the top of the most liveable cities among the 140 cities around the world, the annual Global Liveability Index researched by The EIU.

- a) Canberra                      b) Nairobi  
c) Bogota                      d) Lima  
e) **Vienna**

Q.74) The International Day of Charity is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_ was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012.

- a) 6 September                      b) **5 September**  
c) 7 September                      d) 4 September  
e) 8 September

Q.75) \_\_\_\_\_ has secured a strategic seven-year engagement, valued at \$300 million, from ICICI Bank, a leading private sector bank, to provide a comprehensive suite of services.

- a) Infosys Limited                      b) Tech Mahindra  
c) **Wipro Limited**                      d) HCL Technologies  
e) Tata Consultancy Services

Q.76) Teacher's Day is observed annually on September 5 to commemorate the birth anniversary of \_\_\_\_\_ was India's first Vice President and second President.

- a) **Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**  
b) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel  
c) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru  
d) Sir Dadabhai Naoraji  
e) Subhash Chandra Bose

Q.77) The Multi Commodity Exchange of India and Zhengzhou ZCE, the leading commodity exchanges in \_\_\_\_\_, have signed MoU for cooperation and the exchange of information.

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

Q.78) Asia's first 5th Generation – Virtual Reality based Advanced Driver Training Simulator Centre was launched at \_\_\_\_\_ by AASI.

- a) Bangalore                      b) **Chennai**  
c) Mumbai                      d) Srinagar



e) New Delhi  
Q.79) The CBSE will conduct Capacity Building Programs for high school teachers in association with \_\_\_\_\_ India with an aim to integrate cloud-powered technology in K12 teaching.  
a) **Microsoft** b) Google  
c) Wipro d) Intel  
e) Cisco  
Q.80) CBI organized the first National Conference on Cyber Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics on September 4-5, 2019 was inaugurated by CBI Director \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Alok Kumar Verma  
b) Dharamnath Prasad Kohli  
c) **Rishi Kumar Shukla**  
d) Amar Pratap Singh  
e) Anil Ram Sinha  
Q.81) \_\_\_\_\_ State Disaster Management Authority has won the IT Excellence Award, 2019 for its innovative conception by using information technology in the field of disaster management.  
a) Tamil Nadu b) Gujarat  
c) Maharashtra d) **Odisha**  
e) Karnataka  
Q.82) Google's YouTube will pay \_\_\_\_\_ to settle allegations by the Federal Trade Commission it earned millions by illegally collecting personal information from children.  
a) \$150 million b) **\$170 million**  
c) \$140 million d) \$160 million  
e) \$130 million  
Q.83) Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary staged a remarkable comeback to claim the mixed 10m air pistol gold, ending India's campaign on a rousing note in the World Cup in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Porto Alegre b) Belo Horizonte  
c) Ribeirao Preto d) Campo Grande  
e) **Rio de Janeiro**  
Q.84) India will be taking part with armies from Pakistan, China among others in the exercises TSENTR 2019 being held by \_\_\_\_\_ set to be kicked off from September 9.  
a) France b) Germany  
c) **Russia** d) Jamaica  
e) Turkey  
Q.85) Afghanistan leg spinner \_\_\_\_\_ holds a new record when he dons the whites for Afghanistan as captain is now the youngest skipper ever in the Test Cricket history.  
a) **Rashid Khan** b) Asghar Afghan  
c) Mohammad Nabi d) Gulbadin Naib  
e) Hazratullah Zazai  
Q.86) India has moved up six places to rank \_\_\_\_\_ on World Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index, driven by rich natural and cultural resources competitiveness, a WEF report.  
a) 28th b) 30th  
c) 32th d) **34th**  
e) 36th  
Q.87) India's young prodigy \_\_\_\_\_ has won a bronze medal in the World Martial Arts Membership Jiu-Jitsu at Chungju in Korea.  
a) Advait Kolarkar b) Priyanshi Somani  
c) Sahana Jamnis d) Lalita Kumari  
e) **Anupama Swain**  
Q.88) The \_\_\_\_\_ has made it mandatory for banks to link loans to retail customers and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to external interest rate benchmarks.  
a) Securities and Exchange Board of India  
b) **Reserve Bank of India**  
c) Government of India  
d) Ministry of MSME

e) Small industrial Development Bank of India  
Q.89) Renowned novelist and playwright, Sahitya Akademi award winner \_\_\_\_\_ died in Mumbai after a brief illness at the age of 77.  
a) **Kiran Nagarkar** b) Anandibai Galpa  
c) Kolkatar Kachhei d) Shesh Namaskar  
e) Panchashati Galpo  
Q.90) \_\_\_\_\_ has launched a DigiSmart credit card that is focussed on millennials has partnered with marquee brands such as Myntra, Grofers, Yatra, Zomato, Ola and INOX.  
a) HSBC Bank  
b) Royal Bank of Scotland  
c) **Standard Chartered Bank**  
d) Development Bank of Singapore  
e) The Bank of America  
Q.91) \_\_\_\_\_, a hero of Africa's independence struggle whose long rule in Zimbabwe descended into tyranny, corruption and incompetence, has died at the age of 95.  
a) Patrice Motsepe b) Malusi Gigaba  
c) Duduzane Zuma d) **Robert Mugabe**  
e) Nomvula Mokonyane  
Q.92) \_\_\_\_\_ becomes youngest to clear Tenali maha Pariksha.  
a) Shivarama Bhat  
b) Subramanya Ghanapathy  
c) Kuppa Narashimha Sharma  
d) **Priyavrata**  
e) Gururaja Kulkarni  
Q.93) The Fourth Conclave of the North East Democratic Alliance held in which city?  
a) **Guwahati** b) Mumbai  
c) Delhi d) Bengaluru  
e) Hyderabad  
Q.94) Which country appointed Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman as its new Energy minister?  
a) Bangladesh b) **Saudi Arabia**  
c) UAE d) Pakistan  
e) Afghanistan  
Q.95) The Eighth Asian Ministerial Energy Round-table (AMER) held in which country?  
a) India b) Australia  
c) Austria d) **UAE**  
e) Pakistan  
Q.96) SBI has reduced its MCLR by 10 basis points. What does "R" denotes in MCLR?  
a) Return b) Reverse  
c) Ratio d) Reserve  
e) **Rate**  
Q.97) Rafael Nadal has won US Open Men's singles beating Daniil Medvedev. He belongs to which country?  
a) Spain b) **Russia**  
c) US d) Serbia  
e) China  
Q.98) Eminent person Ram Jethmalani recently died at his home in Delhi. He belongs to which field?  
a) Journalist b) **Lawyer**  
c) Politician d) Both b and c  
e) Both a and c  
Q.99) Russian tennis player Oksana Selekhmeteva paired with Latvian Player \_\_\_\_\_ won junior doubles trophy at US Open.  
a) Anastasija Sevastova b) **Kamilla Bartone**  
c) Ernests Gulbis d) Karlis Lejnieks  
e) Larisa Savchenko-Neiland  
Q.100) 24th World Energy Congress is being held in which city?  
a) Sharjah b) Dubai  
c) **Abu Dhabi** d) Ghayathi  
e) Ruwais

Q.101) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited an innovation exhibition in which country?  
a) UAE b) Saudi Arabia  
c) Seychelles d) **Singapore**  
e) Australia  
Q.102) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to launch plastic waste management campaign under Swachhta Hi Sewa 2019. DPIIT is under which ministry?  
a) Ministry of Finance  
b) **Minister Commerce and Industry**  
c) Ministry of Corporate Affairs  
d) Ministry of Home Affairs  
e) Ministry of Railways  
Q.103) Former Union Minister Kalraj Mishra recently took oath as the governor of which of the following state?  
a) Gujarat b) Himachal Pradesh  
c) **Rajasthan** d) Uttar Pradesh  
e) Uttarakhand  
Q.104) Defence Expo India-2020 to be held in which city?  
a) Mumbai b) Chennai  
c) Jaipur d) **Lucknow**  
e) Delhi  
Q.105) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated the exhibition PRA-KASHI on the finest trends of contemporary weaving, in which city?  
a) Lucknow b) Varanasi  
c) Mumbai d) Chennai  
e) **New Delhi**  
Q.106) Which country hosts the 2019 AIBA World men Boxing championship?  
a) **Russia** b) Australia  
c) China d) Thailand  
e) India  
Q.107) Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank to merge with Union Bank of India. Where is the headquarters of Union Bank of India?  
a) Kolkata b) **Mumbai**  
c) New Delhi d) Allahabad  
e) Chennai  
Q.108) Motihari-Amlekhgunj cross border petroleum products pipeline project is between India and which country?  
a) Afghanistan b) Bangladesh  
c) **Nepal** d) China  
e) Pakistan  
Q.109) The sixth India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue, SED, concluded in which city?  
a) Guangzhou b) Beijing  
c) Mumbai d) **New Delhi**  
e) Shanghai  
Q.110) President Ram Nath Kovind invited professionals from which country to be part of the transformational journey of India?  
a) Austria b) Finland  
c) Greece d) Netherland  
e) **Iceland**  
Q.111) World's highest marathon held in which place?  
a) **Ladakh** b) Srinagar  
c) Amarnath d) Rajouri  
e) Gulmarg  
Q.112) World suicide prevention day is observed every year on September 10. What is the theme for the year 2019?  
a) Take a minute, Change a life  
b) **Working together to prevent suicide**  
c) Suicide can be prevented  
d) Connect, Communicate, Care  
e) With understanding New hope  
Q.113) The annual Joint Indo-Lanka maritime fleet exercise named SLINEX 2019 is being held from 7-12 September at which place?

a) Kochi  
c) **Visakhapatnam**  
e) Goa  
Q.114) Knight Frank India launched a report titled Insights on Co-living An Asia-Pacific Perspective. Which city topped in this report?  
a) Tokyo  
c) **Mumbai**  
e) New Delhi  
Q.115) Who is recently appointed as the MD of Microsoft India?  
a) Rich lesser  
c) Lisa su  
e) **Rajiv Kumar**  
Q.116) Which committee has recommended that Telangana's innovative model for start-ups should be assessed for possible replication in other states?  
a) **UK Sinha**  
c) Rajiv Kumar  
e) Bibek Debroy  
Q.117) PM Modi launches mega farmers welfare schemes in which state.  
a) HP  
c) Gujarat  
e) Assam  
Q.118) Who is the current governor of UP?  
a) Ram Naik  
c) **Anandiben patel**  
e) Tathagata Roy  
Q.119) Where is the headquarters of the United Nations Human Rights Council?  
a) Washington DC  
c) Austria  
e) **Geneva**  
Q.120) POSHAN Maah-2019 was inaugurated in which state?  
a) Gujarat  
c) **J&K**  
e) AP  
Q.121) In which country 31 pilgrims die in stampede at major shrines in Karbala?  
a) Iran  
c) Afghanistan  
e) Bangladesh  
Q.122) Who was sworn in as the governor of Himachal Pradesh?  
a) Kalraj Mishra  
b) **Bandaru Dattatreya**  
c) Kamlesh Patel  
d) Ravi  
e) Anandiben Patel  
Q.123) Who was appointed as the principal secretary to the PM?  
a) **Pramod Kumar Mishra**  
b) Jitendra Singh  
c) Dharmendra Pradhan  
d) Bandaru Dattatreya  
e) None of these  
Q.124) Which company is planning to double its investments in the U.S. with the opening of its new office in Washington, D.C?  
a) IBM  
c) TCS  
e) Reliance  
Q.125) Diego Matos handed life ban for match-fixing is related to which sports?  
a) Hockey  
c) Football  
e) **Tennis**  
Q.126) Which govt cuts mobile internet access in Rohingya camp?  
a) Iraq  
c) Russia  
e) US  
Q.127) What is the currency of Iraq?

a) peso  
c) Riel  
e) **Dinar**  
Q.128) Eighth Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER8) held in?  
a) Austria  
c) **Abu Dhabi**  
e) None of these  
Q.129) Who is the Governor of J&K?  
a) Satyadev Narayanan  
c) Bhubesh  
e) Ramesh  
Q.130) Which country host the first conference on military medicine for SCO member nations?  
a) Brazil  
c) United States  
e) Nepal  
Q.131) Who has received First Class Order of Zayed II award from UAE ?  
a) **The one who is High commissioner of India to UAE**  
b) The one who is High commissioner of India to Saudi Arabia  
c) The one who is High Commissioner of India to Bhutan  
d) The one who is High commissioner of India to Venice  
e) The one who is High Commissioner of India to South Africa  
Q.132) what is the full form FTA?  
a) Free trade applications  
b) Free Trial agreements  
c) **Free Trade Agreements**  
d) Free transport assignments  
e) Free Trade assignments  
Q.133) What is the eligible age limits for the scheme Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana ?  
a) 16-45  
c) 18-45  
e) 18-60  
Q.134) who is the present chief of United Nations?  
a) Takehiko Nakao  
c) **Antonio Guterres**  
e) Christine Lagarde  
Q.135) Which country designates Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan Chief Noor Wali Mehsud as global terrorist?  
a) Russia  
c) **United States**  
e) Iraq  
Q.136) where is the headquarters of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited is located?  
a) Mumbai  
c) Bhopal  
e) **New Delhi**  
Q.137) Where Mini Conclave of First Investor Summit-2019 is held  
a) **Leh**  
c) Dispur  
e) Karachi  
Q.138) Which Profession does Diego Matos belongs to ?  
a) Lawn Tennis  
c) Football  
e) Hockey  
Q.139) ONGC to invest more than Rs 13,000 cr to raise its oil & gas exploration in?  
a) Gujarat  
c) **Assam**  
e) Nagaland  
Q.140) \_\_\_\_\_ successfully flight-tests indigenously developed MPATGM missile  
a) NASA  
c) **DRDO**  
e) None of these

Q.141) 'Project Gaushala' was adopted by which state?  
a) **Madhya Pradesh**  
c) Gujarat  
e) Odisha  
Q.142) Southeast Asia's largest solar power farm is located in  
a) Venice  
c) Russia  
e) Bhutan  
Q.143) Track Asia cup competition conclude in  
a) **New Delhi**  
c) Lucknow  
e) Jaipur  
Q.144) PM Modi launches Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana in which state ?  
a) Gujarat  
c) Assam  
e) Uttar Pradesh  
Q.145) Who host the third largest start up network in the world with over 21,000 enterprises working on subjects as varied as robotics and vitiligo?  
a) Jaishankar  
b) Raveesh Kumar  
c) Narendra Damodardas Modi  
d) **Ram Nath Kovind**  
e) None of the Above  
Q.146) What is ITC?  
a) International Tax Credit  
b) India Tax Credit  
d) Internal Tax Credit  
e) None of the Above  
Q.147) CoP 14 going to be held at which place?  
a) Mumbai  
c) Pune  
e) **New Delhi**  
Q.148) Which country is in 4th place in exporting bulletproof jackets to over 100 countries?  
a) **India**  
c) China  
e) None of the Above  
Q.149) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana at .....?  
a) Mumbai  
c) Delhi  
e) None of the Above  
Q.150) MHRD introduces study of ..... at school level?  
a) Electronic  
c) **Artificial Intelligence**  
d) Robotic  
e) None of the Above  
Q.151) The Interpol has issued a Red Corner Notice (RCN) against Nehal Modi, brother\_\_\_\_\_ the main accused in the 14,000 crore Punjab National Bank scam case.  
a) Ramesh Goyal  
c) **Nirav Modi**  
e) None of the Above  
Q.152) Five Indian women police officers were honoured by the United Nations for their commendable services in UN mission in .....  
a) **South Sudan**  
c) South Africa  
e) None of the Above  
Q.153) Who among the following is the Union Minister of State for Tourism and Culture \_\_\_\_\_ 2019?  
a) Pralhad Joshi  
b) D.V. Sadananda Gowda  
c) Ravi Shankar Prasad  
d) **Prahlad Singh Patel**  
e) None of the Above  
Q.154) Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced that odd-even road rationing scheme will be



implemented in \_\_\_\_\_ from November 4 to 15?

- a) Mumbai                      b) Bangalore  
c) **Delhi**                         d) Hyderabad  
e) None of the Above

Q.155) Who among the following is the chief minister of Maharashtra?

- a) Pema Khandu  
b) **Devendra Fadnavis**  
c) Nitish Kumar  
d) Pramod Sawant  
e) None of the Above

Q.156) Retail inflation inched up marginally to 3.21 per cent in August this year from \_\_\_\_\_ per cent in July, mainly due to costlier food items

- a) **3.15**                              b) 3.20  
c) 3.40                              d) 3.25  
e) None of the Above

Q.157) The iconic \_\_\_\_\_ in New Delhi has been renamed as Arun Jaitley Cricket stadium.

- a) Shivaji Stadium  
b) Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium  
c) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium  
d) **Feroz Shah Kotla**  
e) None of the Above

Q.158) In which country did President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurates Mahatma Gandhi's bust?

- a) Australia                      b) South Africa  
c) **Switzerland**                      d) Germany  
e) None of the Above

Q.159) Which state's final list of NRC was published online?

- a) Odisha                         b) **Assam**  
c) Bihar                            d) West Bengal  
e) None of the Above

Q.160) Aadhaar must be mandatory for new dealers from \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) **January 2020**                      b) March 2020  
c) April 2022                      d) July 2022  
e) None of the Above

Q.161) Who launched a week-long programme 'Seva Saptah' to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- a) Arvind kejriwal                      b) **Amit Shah**  
c) Rajnath singh                      d) Vijay Rupani  
e) None of the Above

Q.162) Engineers day was celebrated on?

- a) September 5                      b) September 10  
c) September 16                      d) **September 15**  
e) None of the Above

Q.163) PMLA stands for?

- a) Pradhan mantri Money Laundering Act  
b) Prime Minister Labours Act  
c) **Prevention of Money Laundering Act**  
d) Protection of Marketing Labours act  
e) None of the Above

Q.164) Who is the present Finance Minister of India?

- a) Sushma Swaraj                      b) Arun Jaitley  
c) Shaktikanta Das  
d) **Nirmala Sitharaman**                      e) None of the Above

Q.165) Great Ganga Run 2019 was flagged off in?

- a) Mumbai                         b) Bangalore  
c) **New Delhi**                         d) Lucknow  
e) None of the Above

Q.166) Which ministry will undertake "Massive Shramdan" drive from Sep 17, focus on collection of plastic waste?

- a) Ministry of Home Affairs  
b) **Ministry of Railways**  
c) Ministry of Finance  
d) Ministry of Defence  
e) None of the Above

Q.167) India to conduct special training programme for which country's civil servants from September 16 in Delhi and Mussoorie?

- a) Bangladesh                      b) Nepal  
c) **Maldives**                         d) Sri Lanka  
e) None of the Above

Q.168) Who is going to join PM Modi's mega rally in Houston on September 22?

- a) **Donald Trump**                      b) Sheik Hasina  
c) Xi Jinping                         d) Cyril Ramaphosa  
e) None of the Above

Q.169) Where did Traditional Neermahal Jal Utsav concluded?

- a) Assam                              b) **Tripura**  
c) Delhi                                d) Maharashtra  
e) None of the Above

Q.170) Karolina Pliskova of Czechoslovakia belongs to which sports?

- a) Badminton                         b) **Tennis**  
c) Football                            d) Wrestling  
e) None of the Above

Q.171) Which Indian shuttler clinches men's singles title of Belgian International Challenge?

- a) **Lakshya Sen**                         b) Pankaj Advani  
c) Manu Attri                         d) Sumeeth Reddy  
e) None of the Above

Q.172) Who is the Minister of Information and Broadcasting Minister

- a) **Prakash Javadekar**                      b) Nitin Gadkari  
c) Piyush Goyal                      d) Arjun Munda  
e) None of the Above

Q.173) \_\_\_\_\_ clinches Vietnam Open Men's Singles title (Badminton)

- a) Pullela Gopichand                      b) P Kashyap  
c) Kaushal Dharmamer                      d) **Sourabh Verma**  
e) None of the Above

Q.174) Which Indian Shuttler clinched the Myanmar International Series ?

- a) Pullela Gopichand                      b) P Kashyap  
c) **Kaushal Dharmamer**                      d) K Srikanth  
e) None of the Above

Q.175) In which year Briefing media on the outcomes of COP-14, Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar reiterated India's commitment to achieving land degradation neutrality?

- a) 2020                                b) 2025  
c) 2021                                d) **2030**  
e) 2022

Q.176) Who among the following is the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs?

- a) **Hardeep Singh Puri**  
b) Santosh Kumar Gangwar  
c) Shripad Yesso Naik  
d) Jitendra Singh  
e) None of these

Q.177) BJP President and Home Minister Amit Shah today launched a week-long programme \_\_\_\_\_ to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- a) Swach Bharat mission  
b) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao  
c) Hridaya Plan  
d) **Seva Saptah**  
e) None of these

Q.178) Which insurance company will set-up one hundred bedded hospital at Srinagar and 30 bedded hospital at Leh?

- a) LIC                                 b) GIC  
c) **ESIC**                                d) UIIC  
e) OCIC

Q.179) Which state laid the foundation stone for around 7,500 crore rupees metro rail project in Indore?

- a) Bihar                                b) **Madhya Pradesh**  
c) Rajasthan                         d) Uttar Pradesh  
e) Sikkim

Q.180) Which state dedicated the Dikshi Hydroelectric Project to the people of the state?

- a) Maharashtra  
b) **Arunachal Pradesh**                      c) Rajasthan  
d) Manipur                            e) Odisha

Q.181) In which month Gujarat is celebrating Poshan Abhiyan- a campaign for awareness against malnutrition among the women, children and adolescents?

- a) October                              b) November  
c) **September**                         d) April  
e) March

Q.182) India and \_\_\_\_\_ have affirmed to give further fillip to the trade ties between the two countries ?

- a) **Poland**                                b) Germany  
c) US                                    d) China  
e) Japan

Q.183) Which state government has decided to provide 3,000 rupees as immediate assistance to all the families living in 896 panchayats of 18 districts affected by deficit rainfall or less crop sowing this year?

- a) **Bihar** b) Madhya Pradesh  
c) Rajasthan                         d) Uttar Pradesh  
e) Sikkim

Q.184) Foreign exchange reserves is increased by 1.004 billion US dollars to \_\_\_\_\_ in the week to September

- a) 455 billion dollars  
b) **429.608 billion dollars**  
c) 432.11 billion dollars  
d) 444.87 billion dollars  
e) None of these

Q.185) Sardar Sarovar Dam is located on which river?

- a) River Ganga                         b) River Yamuna  
c) **River Narmada**                         d) River Brahmaputra  
e) None of the Above

Q.186) \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation will honour PM Modi for providing safer sanitation to 50 crore people under Swachh Bharat Mission?

- a) Infosys  
b) **Bill & Melinda Gates**  
c) Tata Trust  
d) Microsoft  
e) None of the Above

Q.187) Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has said the Central government will give support of \_\_\_\_\_ rupees to Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India, ECGC, in the next five years.

- a) **Rs 8500 Crore**                         b) Rs 7500 Crore  
c) Rs 9000 Crore                         d) Rs 7000 Crore  
e) None of the Above

Q.188) \_\_\_\_\_ was conferred the Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019 instituted in the memory of former Indian President (Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalama)

- a) Narendra Modi                         b) **Sheikh Hasina**  
c) Ranil Wickremesinghe                      d) K P Sharma Oli  
e) None of the Above

Q.189) ITTF Asian Table Tennis Championship was held in \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) New Delhi, India  
b) Washington DC, USA  
c) Beijing, China  
d) **Yogyakarta, Indonesia**  
e) None of the Above

Q.190) Who among the following tops the ICC Test ranking for batsmen?

- a) **Virat Kohli**                                b) Kane Williamson  
c) Joe Root                                d) Steve Smith  
e) None of the Above

Q.191) Headquarters of Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India is located in?

- a) New Delhi                                b) **Mumbai**

c) Bangalore d) Lucknow  
e) None of the Above  
Q.192) Who among the following tops the ICC Test ranking for bowler?  
a) Pat Cummins b) Kagiso Rabada  
c) **Jasprit Bumrah** d) Colin Ackerman  
e) None of the Above  
Q.193) Central Railway has earned \_\_\_\_\_ crore in fines from 17.29 lakh cases of irregular travel between April and August this year  
a) Rs 85 Crore b) Rs 99 Crore  
c) **Rs 92 Crore** d) Rs 75 Crore  
e) Rs 100 Crore  
Q.194) \_\_\_\_\_ asserted that there is a need to spread awareness to curb plastic usage. Over 95 lakh tonnes of plastic waste is generated by single use plastic out of which 6 lakh tonnes go into the sea contaminating the waters.  
a) Ministry of Agriculture  
b) Ministry of Civil Aviation  
c) Ministry of Earth science, Information and Broadcasting  
d) **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**  
e) Ministry of Ayush  
Q.195) Ministry of Mines has allowed Steel Authority of India Limited, SAIL to offload in a year up to a quantity equivalent to \_\_\_\_\_ per cent of total iron ore production in the previous year.  
a) **25** b) 40  
c) 32 d) 38  
e) 58  
Q.196) Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has said that 22 thousand health and wellness centres have been made functional and \_\_\_\_\_ crore beneficiaries have received e-cards under the Ayushman Bharat scheme.  
a) 5 Crore b) 8 Crore  
c) 15 Crore d) **10 Crore**  
e) 16 Crore  
Q.197) Defence minister Rajnath Singh has said, India will achieve 26 Billion dollars Defence Industry by \_\_\_\_\_  
a) 2022 b) 2020  
c) **2025** d) 2024  
e) 2030  
Q.198) Which Documentary film based on the life of Uttarakhand farmer Vidyadutt was nominated for Oscars?  
a) Super 360 b) **Moti Bagh**  
c) Laal kaptaan d) Prassthnam  
e) Up and Down  
Q.199) Indian Air Force has successfully flight-tested air-to-air missile Astra off the coast of \_\_\_\_\_ from Sukhoi Su-30 MKI combat aircraft.  
a) Mumbai b) **Odisha**  
c) Rajasthan d) Kolkata  
e) Vishakhapatnam  
Q.200) \_\_\_\_\_ Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar gave away the Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar & National Safety Awards for the Year 2017 in New Delhi.  
a) Ministry of Home affairs  
b) Ministry of Defence  
c) Ministry of Textiles  
d) **Ministry of Labour and Employment**  
e) Ministry of Space  
Q.201) Who is the chairman of the Management Board and CEO of Rosneft?  
a) Sachin Pilot b) **Igor Sechin**  
c) Steve Coogan d) Jose Luis Brown  
e) Vladimir Chekhov

Q.202) India is the leading country of origin of international migrants in 2019 with a \_\_\_\_\_ million strong diaspora.  
a) **17.5** b) 21.5  
c) 15 d) 19.5  
e) 22.5  
Q.203) Who is the first Indian wrestler to qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?  
a) Bajrang Punia b) Deepa Kumari  
c) Pooja Dhanda d) **Vinesh Phogat**  
e) Geetha Phogat  
Q.204) AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships is being held in?  
a) **Yekaterinburg Russia**  
b) Bangkok, Thailand c) Beijing, China  
d) Hanoi, Vietnam e) Rome, Italy  
Q.205) Which Country beat Argentina to win the Basketball World Cup?  
a) Brazil b) Italy  
c) **Spain** d) England  
e) China  
Q.206) Govt notifies \_\_\_\_\_ interest rate for EPFO members.  
a) 7.5% b) **8.65%**  
c) 9.3% d) 6.85%  
e) None of the Above  
Q.207) Who is the Foreign Secretary of India?  
a) **Vijay Gokhale**  
b) Subramanyam Jaishankar  
c) Pramod Sawant  
d) Amit Shah  
e) None of the Above  
Q.208) Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) crosses \_\_\_\_\_ beneficiaries.  
a) 50 Lakh b) 75 Lakh  
c) **1 Crore** d) 10 Lakh  
e) None of the Above  
Q.209) Who is appointed as new Air Chief of India?  
a) Ajith kumar Doval  
b) **Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria**  
c) Siddhartha Mohanty  
d) Rishi Kumar Shukla  
e) None of the Above  
Q.210) Where did the 55th Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day is celebrated?  
a) Nepal b) Bhutan  
c) Myanmar d) **Bangladesh**  
e) None of the Above  
Q.211) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has mandated that payment aggregators and payment gateways maintain a minimum net worth of Rs \_\_\_\_\_ within a year of the issuance of these norms or else wind up operations, as part of the discussion paper.  
a) 200 Crore b) 150 Crore  
c) 250 Crore d) **100 Crore**  
e) None of the Above  
Q.212) RBL Bank-backed micro lender Utkarsh SFB plans around Rs \_\_\_\_\_ as IPO.  
a) 100 Crore b) **500 Crore**  
c) 250 Crore d) 400 Crore  
e) None of the Above  
Q.213) Which of the following has launched the banking and Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) debt fund?  
a) **Tata Mutual Fund**  
b) Indostar Capital fund  
c) Cholamandalam MS  
d) Muthoot Finance corporation  
e) None of the Above  
Q.214) Where will be the Summer Olympics 2020 is going to be held?  
a) Beijing, China  
b) Moscow, Russia  
c) Kulala Lampur, Malaysia

d) **Tokyo, Japan**  
e) None of the Above  
Q.215) B Sai Praneeth belongs which of the following sports?  
a) Tennis b) Table Tennis  
c) **Badminton** d) Golf  
e) None of the Above  
Q.216) World Wrestling Championships is being held at \_\_\_\_\_  
a) Beijing, China  
b) **Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan**  
c) Bangkok, Thailand  
d) Istanbul, Turkey  
e) None of the Above  
Q.217) Who gives assent to ordinance banning e-cigarettes?  
a) Prakash Javadekar  
b) **Ram Nath Kovind**  
c) Narendra Modi  
d) Venkaiah Naidu  
e) None of the Above  
Q.218) Supreme Court gets four new judges taking total strength to highest-ever of how many new judges?  
a) 23 b) 39  
c) **34** d) 41  
e) None of the Above  
Q.219) Who flew on familiarisation sortie on the indigenous fighter aircraft LCA Tejas in Bengaluru?  
a) Ram Nath Kovind b) **Rajnath Singh**  
c) Narendra Modi d) Amit Shah  
e) None of the Above  
Q.220) Who holds the review meeting with public sector banks?  
a) Shakthikanta Das  
b) Narendra Modi  
c) Smriti Irani  
d) **Nirmala Sitharaman**  
e) None of the Above  
Q.221) The entire September month is being celebrated as the Rashtriya Poshan Maah across the country to address which of the following?  
a) **Malnutritional challenges**  
b) Persons with disabilities  
c) Financial inclusion  
d) Armed forces  
e) None of the Above  
Q.222) Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment \_\_\_\_\_ has launched the MIS [Management Information System] portal under Accessible India Campaign?  
a) **Thaawarchand Gehlot**  
b) Ravi Shankar Prasad  
c) Rajnath Singh  
d) Piyush Goyal  
e) None of the Above  
Q.223) Which Ministry has taken an initiative to develop National Water Museum to raise awareness among people on conservation of the natural resource?  
a) Environment Ministry  
b) Finance Ministry  
c) Railways Ministry  
d) **Jalsakthi Ministry**  
e) None of the Above  
Q.224) Which state has become the number one to implement many government schemes?  
a) Madhya Pradesh b) Odisha  
c) **Uttar Pradesh** d) Gujarat  
e) None of the Above  
Q.225) Who is the governor of Jammu and Kashmir?  
a) Anushiya Uikey b) Kalraj Mishra  
c) Kalyan Singh d) **Satya Pal Malik**  
e) None of the Above



Q.226) Khaltmaagiin Battulga is the President of which of the following countries?  
a) **Mongolia**                      b) Estonia  
c) Madagascar                      d) Uruguay  
e) None of the Above

Q.227) RBI asked \_\_\_\_\_ to limit sharing of consumers’ credit data.  
a) SEBI and NHB  
b) FOREX and BSE  
c) NSE and BSE  
d) **Banks and NBFC**  
e) None of the Above

Q.228) IDBI Bank approves preferential issue to LIC, Govt of India; shares down by?  
a) 4%                      b) **3%**  
c) 2%                      d) 5%  
e) None of the Above

Q.229) Which of the following bank launches external Benchmark linked loans for retail borrowers?  
a) Union Bank of India                      b) **Allahabad Bank**  
c) Canara Bank                      d) Bank of India  
e) None of the Above

Q.230) Senior Women’s National Football Championship being held in?  
a) Tamil Nadu  
b) Andhra Pradesh  
c) Delhi  
d) **Arunachal Pradesh**  
e) None of the Above

Q.231) Who has been ruled out of the IAAF World Championships 2019 due to back injury?  
a) Bajrang Punia  
b) **Hima Das**  
c) Mohammad Anas  
d) Harshimrat Kaur Badal  
e) None of the Above

Q.232) AIBA World Men’s Boxing Championship is being held in?  
a) China                      b) USA  
c) **Russia**                      d) Germany  
e) None of the Above

Q.233) Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid foundation stone for Janganana Bhawan at Mansingh Road in New Delhi and it will be built at the cost of \_\_\_\_\_crore  
a) 50 crore                      b) 65 crore  
c) **44 crore**                      d) 30 crore  
e) 40 crore

Q.234) \_\_\_\_\_ the President of Advertising Agencies Association of India, Chairman of emeritus of DDB Mudra group has been elected as the chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2019-20.  
a) Praful sen                      b) Girish Ahuja  
c) **Madhukar Kamath**                      d) Milan saxena  
e) Roopa Rai

Q.235) Popular Bollywood playback singer \_\_\_\_\_has been honoured with the Magnificent Performing Arts Award at the annual 21st Century Icon Awards in London.  
a) Sunidhi Chauhan                      b) Shreya Ghosal  
c) Arijit Singh                      d) **Sonu Nigam**  
e) Kishore Kumar

Q.236) \_\_\_\_\_ International tour operator \_\_\_\_\_has collapsed after last-minute negotiations aimed at saving the 178-year-old holiday firm failed.  
a) Bliss Travels                      b) Bella Tours  
c) Venus Vacations                      d) **Thomas cook**  
e) Flamingo Travels

Q.237) Name the powerful typhoon \_\_\_\_\_ that hit the northeast of Japan after lashing parts of southern islands  
a) **TAPAH**                      b) HIKAA  
c) FAXAI                      d) JEBI

e) ROSITA

Q.238) Prime Minister Narendra Modi has discussed how to harness opportunities in the field of energy to address India’s growing energy needs during his meeting with 17 CEOs of global energy leaders held in \_\_\_\_\_  
a) Australia                      b) China  
c) UK                      d) **US**  
e) Japan

Q.239) The Climate Action Summit, hosted by UN Secretary \_\_\_\_\_aims to boost action to implement the 2016 Paris Agreement which will focus on nine interdependent tracks, will be led by 19 countries and aided by international organisations.  
a) **Antonio Guterres**                      b) Ban ki-Moon  
c) Jose Graziano da Silva                      d) Roberto Azevedo  
e) Tedros Adhanom

Q.240) The Finance Minister had slashed the base corporate tax for existing companies to \_\_\_\_\_ per cent from 30 per cent.  
a) 10 percent                      b) 13 percent  
c) 22 percent                      d) **15 percent**  
e) 20 percent

Q.241) Indian wrestler \_\_\_\_\_has won a bronze medal in men’s 61 kilogram free-style category at the World Championship in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.  
a) Sushil Kumar                      b) Jinder Mahal  
c) Yogeshwar Dutt                      d) Pawan Kumar  
e) **Rahul Aware**

Q.242) Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports \_\_\_\_\_ announced that Ministry of Sports will create 20 National Centres of Excellence to groom athletes for 2024 and 2028 Olympics.  
a) Jitendra Singh  
b) **Kiren Rijiju**  
c) Arjun Munda  
d) Harsimrat Kaur Badal  
e) D. V. Sadananda Gowda

Q.243) Director Zoya Akhtar’s “Gully Boy”, featuring Ranveer Singh in the lead, has been selected as India’s official entry in the International Feature Film category at the \_\_\_\_\_ Academy Awards.  
a) 91st                      b) **92nd**  
c) 89<sup>th</sup>                      d) 94th  
e) None of these

Q.244) India’s largest domestic airline, InterGlobe Aviation Limited operated IndiGo, has approved the appointment of advocate \_\_\_\_\_as an independent woman director in the company.  
a) **Pallavi Shardul Shroff**  
b) M. Damodaran  
c) Anupam Khanna  
d) Rahul Bhatia  
e) Rohini Bhatia

Q.245) Who has been appointed as the new Supreme Court Judge of Rajasthan?  
a) Ramasubramanian  
b) Hrishikesh Roy  
c) Krishna Murari  
d) **S Ravindra Bhat**  
e) Vineet Kothari

Q.246) Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot celebrated the Sign Language day on 23 September in enhancing the awareness of sign language to everyone. What is the theme?  
a) Sign Language Rights for Deaf Refugees  
b) Sign Language Rights for Deaf Women  
c) Sign Language Rights for All Children  
d) Sign Language Rights for People With Disabilities.

e) **Sign Language Rights for All!**

Q.247) Who became the 4th wrestler to win the World Wrestling Championships 2019 and secured a berth for the Tokyo Olympics 2020?  
a) Rahul Aware                      b) **Deepak Punia**  
c) Mausam Khatri                      d) B.Jitender  
e) Dinesh Kumar

Q.248) DoNER Ministry has approved more than 200 projects worth \_\_\_\_\_ crore in the Entire North East.  
a) **3000**                      b) 4000  
c) 5000                      d) 6000  
e) None of these

Q.249) Central government to ban the e-cigarettes, According to the ordinance, which had been approved by the President, first time violators will face a jail term of up to \_\_\_\_\_year and a fine of Rs \_\_\_\_\_lakh.  
a) 1yr and 2 lakh                      b) **1yr and 1 lakh**  
c) 6 month and 1 lakh                      d) 6 month and 2 lakh  
e) None of the Above

Q.250) \_\_\_\_\_ state administration directs DCs to identify land in each district for setting up industrial estates.  
a) Andhra Pradesh                      b) Uttar Pradesh  
c) Gujarat  
d) **Jammu & Kashmir**                      e) None of the Above

Q.251) India and \_\_\_\_\_ sign MoUs in areas including space, disaster management & culture.  
a) **Mongolia**                      b) US  
c) Russia                      d) Bangladesh  
e) None of the Above

Q.252) Piyush Goyal will be on two-day visit to UAE. He will also attend the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of India-UAE High-Level Task Force on Investment.  
a) **7th**                      b) 6th  
c) 5th                      d) 8th  
e) None of the Above

Q.253) Indian banks lost Rs \_\_\_\_\_crore to theft and online fraud in FY18.  
a) 109.55                      b) 119.75  
c) **109.75**                      d) 119.85  
e) None of the Above

Q.254) RBI Tightens Bank Norms to Bring Uniformity in Settling Failed Transactions .Financial compensations have been set at Rs \_\_\_\_\_per day if the reversal does not happen within a specified timeline.  
a) 150                      b) 200  
c) **100**                      d) 1000  
e) None of the Above

Q.255) \_\_\_\_\_ replaces TCS as top firm in m-cap valuation  
a) HDFC b) HDFC Bank  
c) Hindustan Unilever Ltd  
d) **Reliance Industries Limited**  
e) None of the Above

Q.256) DoNER Ministry includes construction of double-lane road from Lanka to Umrangso costing \_\_\_\_\_crore.  
a) 198.50                      b) 299.20  
c) **199.50**                      d) 196.50  
e) None of the Above

Q.257) Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana has completed one year of its launch and the day is being celebrated as Ayushman Bharat Diwas across the country. The scheme was launched in which of the following state \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) Jammu Kashmir                      b) Maharashtra  
c) **Jharkhand**                      d) Bihar  
e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.258) The family of a government servant, who dies within seven years of joining service, will now be eligible for family pension and the rate of family pension is hiked by what Percent?  
a) 30 percent                      b) 45 percent

c) 60 percent d) **50 percent**  
 e) 25 percent  
 Q.259) World's first camel hospital at \_\_\_\_\_ is set to expand its facilities by an additional 50 per cent in response to the increase in demand for its services.  
 a) Saudi Arabia b) **Dubai**  
 c) Afghanistan d) Israel  
 e) Lebanon  
 Q.260) Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSME Nitin Gadkari was addressing the National Conclave to scale up energy efficiency in MSME sector in New Delhi was organised by?  
 a) Department of Solar Energy (DSE)  
 b) Institute of Renewable Energy (IRE)  
 c) Department of Renewable Energy production (DREP)  
 d) **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)**  
 e) Institute of Atomic Energy  
 Q.261) Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan said that the country's steel production has increased from \_\_\_\_\_ million tonnes in 1990 to nearly 140 million tonnes now  
 a) 23 b) 17  
 c) 32 d) **22**  
 e) 34  
 Q.262) Who won the FIFA Men's Player of the Year award in FIFA The Best Football Awards at La Scala opera house in Milan?  
 a) Cristiano Ronaldo b) **Lionel Messi**  
 c) Mohamed Salah d) Neymar  
 e) Eden Hazard  
 Q.263) Science and Technology and Health Minister \_\_\_\_\_ launched 'UMMID' initiative to tackle inherited genetic diseases of newborn babies in New Delhi.  
 a) Prakash Javdekar b) Amit Shah  
 c) Prahlaad Singh Patel d) Piyush Goyal  
 e) **Harsh Vardhan**  
 Q.264) In \_\_\_\_\_ the most awaited country's first corporate run train from Lucknow to Delhi, Tejas Express is all ready to hit the tracks on 4th of October.  
 a) Uttarakhand b) Maharashtra  
 c) Goa d) Delhi  
 e) **Uttar Pradesh**  
 Q.265) \_\_\_\_\_ won the award for Outstanding Drama Series for its eighth and final season at 71st PrimeTime Emmy Awards.  
 a) Peaky Blinders b) **Game of Thrones**  
 c) Line of Duty d) Not going out  
 e) None of these  
 Q.266) Gold prices moved up by \_\_\_\_\_ rupees to 38,690 rupees per 10 gram in the national capital, in line with the global trend.  
 a) 100 b) 300  
 c) 150 d) **130**  
 e) 120  
 Q.267) Veteran cricketer \_\_\_\_\_ who made his Test debut against Pakistan at the Cricket Club of India in Mumbai in November 1952 and played his last test against West Indies at Kingston in April 1953 died recently is?  
 a) **Madhav Apte** b) Babar Azam  
 c) Saad Ali d) Sarfaraz Ahmed  
 e) Abid Ali  
 Q.268) Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the process of a Pen-Paper Census will be transformed to a digital census in the upcoming \_\_\_\_\_ census exercise by using the latest technology.  
 a) 2020 b) 2019  
 c) **2021** d) 2025

e) 2023  
 Q.269) Road, Transport and Bridges Minister of Bangladesh \_\_\_\_\_ said that the ongoing drive against corruption, drugs, and criminalisation will continue until the menace is uprooted.  
 a) Hamid Karzai  
 b) Namgyel Wangchuck  
 c) **Obaidul Quader**  
 d) Abdul Wahab Sheikh  
 e) Zakir Naik  
 Q.270) World Expo to be hosted by \_\_\_\_\_ on October 20, 2020.  
 a) France b) India  
 c) USA d) UK  
 e) **Dubai**  
 Q.271) The 5th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 will be held at \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) New Delhi b) Maharashtra  
 c) **Kolkata** d) Mysore  
 e) None of these  
 Q.272) The Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) \_\_\_\_\_ inaugurated the Cane and Bamboo Technology Park-cum-Office Premises of Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC) at Burnihat, Assam.  
 a) Kiren Rijiju  
 b) Santosh Gangwar  
 c) **Jitendra Singh**  
 d) Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre  
 e) Inderjith Singh  
 Q.273) Who inaugurated the 6th India Water Week-2019, (September 24, 2019) at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi ?  
 a) Narendra Modi  
 b) **Ram Nath Govind**  
 c) Rajnath Singh  
 d) Venkaiah Naidu  
 e) Prakash Javdekar  
 Q.274) \_\_\_\_\_ has received the prestigious Vaccine Hero award in recognition of Bangladesh's outstanding success in vaccination to immunise children.  
 a) Narendra Modi  
 b) Mukhammedkalyi Abylgaziev  
 c) Tom Thabane  
 d) Hassan Rouhani  
 e) **Sheikh Hasina**  
 Q.275) \_\_\_\_\_ Government has launched a housing loan subsidy scheme called Aponar Apon Ghar to provide financial assistance on purchase or construction of the first house for a family.  
 a) Gujarat b) Sikkim  
 c) Arunachal Pradesh d) New Delhi  
 e) **Assam**  
 Q.276) Which actor has been chosen as "goodwill ambassador" by the Chief Electoral Office in Maharashtra to create awareness among people about the importance of voting?  
 a) Priyanka Chopra b) Amitabh Bachchan  
 c) Hema Malini d) **Madhuri Dixit**  
 e) Deepika Padukone  
 Q.277) who has become the first woman officer from the state to be elevated to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Indian Army?  
 a) **Ponung Doming** b) Divya Ajith kumar  
 c) Priya Jingan d) Shanti Tigga  
 e) Mitali Madhumita  
 Q.278) Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that the government will implement the \_\_\_\_\_ under which 2.1 lakh streetlight will be installed across the city to light up dark spots.  
 a) Mukhyamantri Awas Yojana

b) Mukhyamantri Adharsh Yojana  
 c) Mukhyamantri ujjwala Yojana  
 d) Mukhyamantri LED Yojana  
 e) **Mukhyamantri Street Light Yojana**  
 Q.279) Which of the following minister will launch the Private Security Agency Licensing Portal for a safe and secure business environment?  
 a) Rajnath Singh b) **Amit Shah**  
 c) Ram Nath Kovind d) Narendra Modi  
 e) Piyush Goyal  
 Q.280) What is the theme of the 5th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019?  
 a) Digital Movement for the upliftment of the nation  
 b) **RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation**  
 c) Science – A leap towards high altitude  
 d) An Awakening Call  
 e) Science and Technology for Future  
 Q.281) \_\_\_\_\_ has been ranked third in the list of World's Best Regarded Companies, along with global payments technology company  
 a) TCS b) HDFC  
 c) **INFOSYS** d) WIPRO  
 e) AXIS  
 Q.282) China marks \_\_\_\_\_ years of Communist rule with a massive military parade in Beijing anchoring celebrations of its emergence as a global superpower.  
 a) 75th b) 72th  
 c) 80th d) **70th**  
 e) 85th  
 Q.283) Which country launches the World's Biggest Transport SpaceShip For Space Station?  
 a) China b) UK  
 c) France d) Germany  
 e) **Japan**  
 Q.284) \_\_\_\_\_ became the youngest T20I debutant for India when she was named in the playing XI for the first T20 against South Africa  
 a) Bala Devi b) Sanju  
 c) Gargi Banerjee d) **Shafali Verma**  
 e) None of these  
 Q.285) \_\_\_\_\_ has clinched the title of the 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship for the 20th time.  
 a) Jharkhand b) Arunachal Pradesh  
 c) Sikkim d) Meghalaya  
 e) **Manipur**  
 Q.286) The BEE's MSME Programme was launched at the National Conclave on Enhancing Energy Efficiency in MSME sector name the knowledge management portal launched during the conclave  
 a) NIDHAN b) SRITHSHA  
 c) **SIDHIEE** d) VIDHAN  
 e) NIVARAN  
 Q.287) What is the Theme of World Tourism Day?  
 a) **Tourism and Jobs: a better future for all**  
 b) Sustainable Tourism – a tool for development  
 c) Tourism and Community Development  
 d) One billion tourists, one billion opportunities  
 e) None of These  
 Q.288) Where is the Headquarters of World Tourism Organisation located?  
 a) Paris , France b) **Madrid, Spain**  
 c) Vienna, Austria d) New York, US  
 e) None of These  
 Q.289) Maluku Island is in which country?  
 a) Maldives b) Austria  
 c) Australia d) **Indonesia**  
 e) None of These  
 Q.290) Which country to offer Tourist visa for the first time?  
 a) **Saudi Arabia** b) China  
 c) Russia d) USA

e) India  
Q.291) First India-Caribbean leaders summit held in which city?  
a) New Delhi b) **New York**  
c) Mumbai d) Washington DC  
e) Helsinki  
Q.292) Mahatma Gandhi's 80-year-old letters wishing Jews "era of peace" unveiled in which country?  
a) Iraq b) Iran  
c) **Israel** d) Pakistan  
e) Hungary  
Q.293) Where is the headquarters of the United Nations General Assembly located?  
a) Paris, France b) Madrid, Spain  
c) **New York, US** d) Vienna, Austria  
e) None of These  
Q.294) World Tourism Day is celebrated on this day?  
a) September 25 b) September 28  
c) September 26 d) **September 27**  
e) September 29  
Q.295) Which state has bagged the Best State award for overall growth in tourism category?  
a) **Andra Pradesh** b) Goa  
c) Madhya Pradesh d) Uttarakhand  
e) Meghalaya  
Q.296) Which state was awarded best film promotion friendly state on the occasion of World Tourism Day?  
a) Andra Pradesh b) **Uttarakhand**  
c) Madhya Pradesh d) Goa  
e) Tamil Nadu  
Q.297) Which country is ready to assist India in development of single multi-purpose identity card?  
a) US b) Iran  
c) **Estonia** d) Russia  
e) England  
Q.298) CBDT has extended the due date for filing of income tax returns & Tax Audit Reports from September 30th 2019 to \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) 31st Jan 2020 b) 31st Dec 2019  
c) 31st Nov 2019 d) **31st Oct 2019**  
e) 31st March, 2019  
Q.299) Recently Jacques Chirac passed away. He is the former president of which country?  
a) **France** b) Russia  
c) China d) US  
e) Pakistan  
Q.300) What is the capital of Estonia?  
a) Narva b) **Tallinn**  
c) Parnu d) Valga  
e) Helsinki  
Q.301) Which Indian Wrestler recently claimed world number 1 spot in 86 kg?  
a) Yogeshwar Dutt b) Sushil kumar  
c) **Deepak Punia** d) Vinesh Phogat  
e) Yogeshwar Dutt  
Q.302) Who commissioned INS Khanderi into Indian Navy?  
a) Narendra Modi b) **Rajnath Singh**  
c) Nirmala Sitharaman d) Amit Shah  
e) Nitin Gadkari  
Q.303) How many countries including India signed agreement to stop spread of fake news online?  
a) **20** b) 22  
c) 18 d) 25  
e) 13  
Q.304) China and which country signed to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries on the sidelines of the UN climate summit?  
a) **Kiribati** b) Japan  
c) Malaysia d) India

e) China  
Q.305) Which country has announced the opening of its doors to tourists from all over the world with the launch of the e-tourist visa?  
a) UAE b) Qatar  
c) **Saudi Arabia** d) Nigeria  
e) Yemen  
Q.306) RBI initiates prompt corrective action against which of the following banks?  
a) Karur Vysya Bank b) Federal Bank  
c) ICICI Bank  
d) **Lakshmi Vilas Bank** e) HDFC  
Q.307) The government sets which date as the deadline for central PSUs to clear overdue payments to vendors and contractors as it looks to lift economic growth from six-year low by boosting expenditure?  
a) October 2 b) October 10  
c) **October 15** d) November 12  
e) October 23  
Q.308) India's forex reserves declined by \$388 million to \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) \$ 824.57 Billion b) \$ 624.57 Billion  
c) \$ 548.57 Billion d) **\$ 428.57 Billion**  
Q.309) CCI clears \_\_\_\_\_ stake acquisition in SABIC by Saudi Aramco.  
a) **70%** b) 72%  
c) 78% d) 68%  
Q.310) Who is the new President of Hyderabad Cricket Association?  
a) **Mohammad Azharuddin**  
b) Rahul Dravid  
c) Kapil Dev  
d) Sharat Pawar  
Q.311) Which high court banned the centuries-old tradition of animals sacrifice in religious places?  
a) Kerala b) **Tripura**  
c) Meghalaya d) Madras  
Q.312) \_\_\_\_\_ State/union territory will sell onions at Rs 23.90 per kilo through the 400 chosen fair price shops in the city till the market rate is stabilised.  
a) Jammu and Kashmir  
b) Andaman and Nicobar c) **Delhi**  
d) Chandigarh e) Puducherry  
Q.313) Union Minister for Human Resources Development \_\_\_\_\_ has said the Centre is giving utmost importance to fostering research activities in signifying the importance of promoting result-oriented research in the nation.  
a) Harsh Vardhan  
b) **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank**  
c) Nitin Gadkari  
d) Prakash Javdekar  
e) Rajnath Singh  
Q.314) Defence Minister launched the website \_\_\_\_\_ on the 11th edition of DefEXpo, to be held in Lucknow  
a) www.defence.gov.in  
b) www.defenceex.gov.in  
c) www.defex.gov.in  
d) **www.defexpo.gov.in**  
e) None of these  
Q.315) National Institution for Transforming India-Niti Aayog is planning to start keeping a nationwide record of crime incidents who is the vice chairman of Niti Aayog?  
a) Amitabh Kant b) Rajesh Kumar  
c) **Rajiv Kumar** d) Usha Subramanian  
e) Narendra Modi  
Q.316) \_\_\_\_\_ won the Ultimate GQ Man award and the Rule Breaker of the Year award at the 11th edition of GQ Men of the Year Awards held in Mumbai.  
a) Ayushmann Khurrana b) **Shahid Kapoor**  
c) Hrithik Roshan d) Akshay Kumar

e) Ranveer Singh  
Q.317) Nepal Rastra Bank Governor Dr. Chiranjibi has issued commemorative coins of 2,500, 1,000 and 100 Nepali rupees in Kathmandu on the \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.  
a) 540th b) 554th  
c) 525th d) **550th**  
e) 500th  
Q.318) A joint military exercise between India and Kazakhstan KAZIND-2019 with focus on counter terrorism operation in mountainous terrain will be held in \_\_\_\_\_  
a) St. Petersburg b) Astana  
c) **Pithoragarh** d) Vishakhapatnam  
e) Andaman and Nicobar  
Q.319) \_\_\_\_\_ inaugurates the 33rd Convocation of Ranchi University who called upon students to use modern technology and become job creators.  
a) Narendra Modi b) Suresh Menon  
c) Prakash Javedakar d) **Ram Nath Govind**  
e) Venkaiah Naidu  
Q.320) State Bank of India opened its Melbourne office becoming the first Indian bank to have a branch in the \_\_\_\_\_ state of Victoria  
a) USA b) Nigeria  
c) **Australia** d) Canada  
e) Germany  
Q.321) Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar inaugurated a unique exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy at Yasnaya Polyana, the birth place of Tolstoy in \_\_\_\_\_  
a) France b) **Russia**  
c) Italy d) Canada  
e) South Africa  
Q.322) Chief of the Army Staff \_\_\_\_\_ has left for an official visit to Maldives.  
a) **Bipin Rawat** b) Rakesh Sharma  
c) Sunil Arora d) BS Dhanoa  
e) None of these  
Q.323) In Hockey, Indian women beat \_\_\_\_\_ 2-1 in a thrilling opening encounter at Marlow in the five-match series being held in the United Kingdom.  
a) Italy b) France  
c) **Great Britain** d) Japan  
e) China  
Q.324) Which country may reduce tariff on 80% Chinese goods over 20 years?  
a) USA b) UK  
c) South Korea d) **India**  
e) Canada  
Q.325) Noted physicist \_\_\_\_\_ has received the M P Birla Memorial Award 2019 for his contributions to the world of cosmology.  
a) **Thanu Padmanabhan**  
b) Rajesh Kumar c) Vikram Sharma  
d) Suresh Kumar e) None of these  
Q.326) Who will be the new Chairperson of Armed Forces Tribunal?  
a) Justice Vikram Singh  
b) Justice Rajesh Sharma  
c) Justice Dinesh Sharma  
d) Justice Vinay Sharma  
e) **Justice Rajendra Menon**  
Q.327) \_\_\_\_\_ state in Bongaigaon District administration is going to launch a campaign 'Plants for Plastic' in order to gradually collect and remove the harmful plastics from the eco- system  
a) Uttarakhand b) Uttar Pradesh  
c) Gujarat d) Arunachal Pradesh  
e) **Assam**  
Q.328) What is the Theme of World Tourism Day?  
a) **Tourism and Jobs: a better future for all**



- b) Sustainable Tourism – a tool for development  
c) Tourism and Community Development  
d) One billion tourists, one billion opportunities  
e) None of These  
Q.329) Where is the Headquarters of World Tourism Organisation located?  
a) Paris , France                      b) **Madrid, Spain**  
c) Vienna, Austria                      d) New York, US  
e) None of These  
Q.330) Where is the headquarters of the United Nations General Assembly located?  
a) Paris , France                      b) Madrid, Spain  
c) **New York, US**                      d) Vienna, Austria  
e) None of These  
Q.331) Maluku Island is in which country?  
a) Maldives                      b) Austria  
c) Australia                      d) **Indonesia**  
e) None of These  
Q.332) Which country to offer Tourist visa for the first time?  
a) **Saudi Arabia**                      b) China  
c) Russia                      d) USA  
e) India  
Q.333) First India-Caribbean leaders summit held in which city?  
a) New Delhi                      b) **New York**  
c) Mumbai                      d) Washington DC  
e) Helsinki  
Q.334) Mahatma Gandhi's 80-year-old letters wishing Jews "era of peace" unveiled in which country?  
a) Iraq                      b) Iran  
c) **Israel**                      d) Pakistan  
e) Hungary  
Q.335) World Tourism Day is celebrated on this day?  
a) September 25                      b) September 28  
c) September 26                      d) **September 27**  
e) September 29  
Q.336) Which state has bagged the Best State award for overall growth in tourism category?  
a) **Andhra Pradesh**                      b) Goa  
c) Madhya Pradesh                      d) Uttarakhand  
e) Meghalaya  
Q.337) Which state was awarded best film promotion friendly state on the occasion of World Tourism Day?  
a) Andhra Pradesh                      b) **Uttarakhand**  
c) Madhya Pradesh                      d) Goa  
e) Tamil Nadu  
Q.338) Which country is ready to assist India in development of single multipurpose identity card?  
a) US                      b) Iran  
c) **Estonia**                      d) Russia  
e) England  
Q.339) CBDT has extended the due date for filing of income tax returns & Tax Audit Reports from September 30th 2019 to\_\_\_\_\_?  
a) 31st Jan 2020                      b) 31st Dec 2019  
c) 31st Nov 2019                      d) **31st Oct 2019**  
e) 31st March, 2019  
Q.340) Jacques Chirac passed away recently; He is the former president of which country?  
a) **France**                      b) Russia  
c) China                      d) US  
e) Pakistan  
Q.341) Which Indian Wrestler recently claimed world number 1 spot in 86 kg?  
a) Yogeshwar Dutt                      b) Sushil kumar  
c) **Deepak punia**                      d) Vinesh Phogat  
e) Yogeshwar Dutt

ENGLISH VOCABULARY

- 1) controversially  
**Meaning** : in a way that gives rise to controversy or public disagreement.  
**Synonyms** : disputed  
**Antonyms** : certain  
**Example** : "the horse was controversially disqualified from first place"  
2) invoking  
**Meaning** : cite or appeal to (someone or something) as an authority for an action or in support of an argument.  
**Synonyms** : conjure  
**Antonyms** : answer  
**Example** : "the antiquated defence of insanity is rarely invoked in England"  
3) executive  
**Meaning** : relating to or having the power to put plans or actions into effect.  
**Synonyms** : director  
**Antonyms** : attendant  
**Example** : "an executive chairman"  
4) rival  
**Meaning** : a person or thing competing with another for the same objective or for superiority in the same field of activity.  
**Synonyms** : competing  
**Antonyms** : assisting  
**Example** : "he has no serious rival for the job"  
5) Despite  
**Meaning** : contemptuous treatment or behaviour; outrage.  
**Synonyms** : against  
**Example** : "the despite done by him to the holy relics"  
6) demonstrate  
**Meaning** : clearly show the existence or truth of (something) by giving proof or evidence.  
**Synonyms** : determine  
**Antonyms** : conceal  
**Example** : "their shameful silence demonstrates their ineptitude"  
7) prorogued  
**Meaning** : discontinue a session of (a parliament or other legislative assembly) without dissolving it.  
**Synonyms** : delayed  
**Example** : "James prorogued this Parliament, never to call another one"  
8) dissolved  
**Meaning** : (with reference to a solid) become or cause to become incorporated into a liquid so as to form a solution.  
**Synonyms** : soften  
**Antonyms** : appear  
**Example** : "glucose dissolves easily in water"  
9) interim  
**Meaning** : the intervening time.  
**Synonyms** : provisional  
**Antonyms** : finished  
**Example** : "in the interim I'll just keep my fingers crossed"  
10) restrained  
**Meaning** : characterized by reserve or moderation; unemotional or dispassionate.  
**Synonyms** : discreet  
**Antonyms** : communicative  
**Example** : "his restrained, gentlemanly voice"  
11) pave  
**Meaning** : cover (a piece of ground) with flat stones or bricks; lay paving over.  
**Synonyms** : cobblestone  
**Antonyms** : strip  
**Example** : "the yard at the front was paved with flagstones"

- 12) dissolution  
**Meaning** : the action of formally ending or dismissing an assembly, partnership, or official body.  
**Synonyms** : divorce  
**Antonyms** : connection  
**Example** : "the dissolution of their marriage"  
13) unfettered  
**Meaning** : not confined or restricted.  
**Synonyms** : divorce  
**Antonyms** : connection  
**Example** : "his imagination is unfettered by the laws of logic"  
14) stretch  
**Meaning** : (of something soft or elastic) be made or be capable of being made longer or wider without tearing or breaking.  
**Synonyms** : extend  
**Antonyms** : contract  
**Example** : "my jumper stretched in the wash"  
15) obstinately  
**Meaning** : stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action, despite attempts to persuade one to do so.  
**Synonyms** : adamant  
**Antonyms** : amenable  
**Example** : "her obstinate determination to pursue a career in radio"  
16) indications  
**Meaning** : a sign or piece of information that indicates something.  
**Synonyms** : expression  
**Antonyms** : misinformation  
**Example** : "the visit was an indication of the improvement in relations between the countries"  
17) reinstating  
**Meaning** : restore (someone or something) to their former position or state.  
**Synonyms** : renew  
**Antonyms** : destroy  
**Example** : "the union threatened strike action if Owen was not reinstated"  
18) topple  
**Meaning** : overbalance or cause to overbalance and fall.  
**Synonyms** : collapse  
**Antonyms** : hold  
**Example** : "she toppled over when I touched her"  
19) distress  
**Meaning** : extreme anxiety, sorrow, or pain.  
**Synonyms** : affliction  
**Antonyms** : aid  
**Example** : "to his distress he saw that she was trembling"  
20) impacting  
**Meaning** : come into forcible contact with another object.  
**Synonyms** : clash  
**Antonyms** : compliment  
**Example** : "the shell impacted twenty yards away"  
21) exhibit  
**Meaning** : publicly display (a work of art or item of interest) in an art gallery or museum or at a trade fair.  
**Synonyms** : display  
**Antonyms** : hiding  
**Example** : "only one sculpture was exhibited in the artist's lifetime"  
22) unpredictability  
**Meaning** : inability to be predicted; changeability.  
**Synonyms** : anxiety  
**Antonyms** : calm

**Example :** "the unpredictability of the British weather"  
23) owing  
**Meaning :** (of money) yet to be paid.  
**Synonyms :** due  
**Antonyms :** green  
**Example :** "no rent was owing"  
24) hedging  
**Meaning :** the planting or trimming of hedges.  
**Tamil Meaning :**  
**Synonyms :** sidestep  
**Antonyms :** meet  
**Example :** "contract work for hedging and ditching"  
25) cartelised  
**Meaning :** (of manufacturers or suppliers) form a cartel in (an industry or trade).  
**Synonyms :** assemble  
**Antonyms :** divide  
**Example :** "the domestic industry retains the benefits of its expanded productivity by cartelizing the market"  
26) resort  
**Meaning :** turn to and adopt (a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one) so as to resolve a difficult situation.  
**Synonyms :** retreat  
**Example :** "the duke was prepared to resort to force if negotiation failed"  
27) waivers  
**Meaning :** an act or instance of waiving a right or claim.  
**Synonyms :** remission  
**Antonyms :** approval  
**Example :** "their acquiescence could amount to a waiver"  
28) relieve  
**Meaning :** cause (pain, distress, or difficulty) to become less severe or serious.  
**Synonyms :** alleviate  
**Antonyms :** distress  
**Example :** "the drug was used to promote sleep and to relieve pain"  
29) verdict  
**Meaning :** a decision on an issue of fact in a civil or criminal case or an inquest.  
**Synonyms :** decision  
**Antonyms :** accusation  
**Example :** "the jury returned a verdict of not guilty"  
30) implementation  
**Meaning :** the process of putting a decision or plan into effect; execution.  
**Synonyms :** application  
**Antonyms :** failure  
**Example :** "she was responsible for the implementation of the plan"  
31) adopt  
**Meaning :** legally take (another's child) and bring it up as one's own.  
**Synonyms :** accept  
**Antonyms :** disagree  
**Example :** "there are many people eager to adopt a baby"  
32) prod  
**Meaning :** poke with a finger, foot, or pointed object.  
**Synonyms :** nudge  
**Antonyms :** discourage  
**Example :** "he prodded her in the ribs"  
33) stance  
**Meaning :** the way in which someone stands, especially when deliberately adopted (as in cricket, golf, and other sports); a person's posture.  
**Synonyms :** posture

**Example :** "she altered her stance, resting all her weight on one leg"  
34) protest  
**Meaning :** a statement or action expressing disapproval of or objection to something.  
**Synonyms :** riot  
**Antonyms :** calm  
**Example :** "the British team lodged an official protest"  
35) crucial  
**Meaning :** decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something.  
**Synonyms :** decisive  
**Antonyms :** optional  
**Example :** "negotiations were at a crucial stage"  
36) grabbing  
**Meaning :** grasp or seize suddenly and roughly.  
**Synonyms :** capture  
**Antonyms :** give  
**Example :** "she grabbed him by the shirt collar"  
37) enable  
**Meaning :** give (someone) the authority or means to do something; make it possible for.  
**Synonyms :** empower  
**Antonyms :** delay  
**Example :** "the evidence would enable us to arrive at firm conclusions"  
38) protest  
**Meaning :** a statement or action expressing disapproval of or objection to something.  
**Synonyms :** challenge  
**Antonyms :** answer  
**Example :** "the British team lodged an official protest"  
39) lofty  
**Meaning :** of imposing height.  
**Synonyms :** soaring  
**Antonyms :** beneath  
**Example :** "the elegant square was shaded by lofty palms"  
40) citing  
**Meaning :** refer to (a passage, book, or author) as evidence for or justification of an argument or statement, especially in a scholarly work.  
**Synonyms :** allege  
**Antonyms :** conceal  
**Example :** "authors who are highly regarded by their peers tend to be cited"  
41) deficit  
**Meaning :** an excess of expenditure or liabilities over income or assets in a given period.(n)  
**Synonyms :** shortfall  
**Antonyms :** enough  
**Example :** "an annual operating deficit"  
42) slippage  
**Meaning :** failure to meet a standard or deadline; the extent of this.  
**Synonyms :** glide  
**Antonyms :** escalation  
**Example :** "slippage on any job will entail slippage on the overall project"  
43) revised  
**Meaning :** reconsider and alter (something) in the light of further evidence.  
**Synonyms :** adjusted  
**Antonyms :** kept  
**Example :** "he had cause to revise his opinion a moment after expressing it"  
44) augury  
**Meaning :** a sign of what will happen in the future; an omen.  
**Synonyms :** boding  
**Example :** "they heard the sound as an augury of death"  
45) reassuring

**Meaning :** say or do something to remove the doubts and fears of (someone).(v)  
**Synonyms :** assure  
**Antonyms :** annoy  
**Example :** "he understood her feelings and tried to reassure her"  
46) inducing  
**Meaning :** succeed in persuading or leading (someone) to do something.  
**Synonyms :** activate  
**Antonyms :** destroy  
**Example :** "the pickets induced many workers to stay away"  
47) underwhelming  
**Meaning :** fail to impress or make a positive impact on (someone); disappoint.(v)  
**Synonyms :** disappoint  
**Example :** "American voters seem underwhelmed by the choices for president"  
48) disquiet  
**Meaning :** a feeling of worry or unease.(n)  
**Synonyms :** anxiety  
**Antonyms :** calm  
**Example :** "public disquiet about animal testing"  
49) bunch  
**Meaning :** a number of things, typically of the same kind, growing or fastened together.(n)  
**Synonyms :** assortment  
**Antonyms :** individual  
**Example :** "a bunch of grapes"  
50) skewed  
**Meaning :** make biased or distorted in a way that is regarded as inaccurate, unfair, or misleading.  
**Synonyms :** bias  
**Antonyms :** maintain  
**Example :** "the curriculum is skewed towards the practical subjects"  
51) reassuring  
**Meaning :** cause or enable (a condition or situation) to continue.(v)  
**Synonyms :** continue  
**Antonyms :** abandon  
**Example :** "the need to maintain close links between industry and schools"  
52) buoyancy  
**Meaning :** the ability or tendency of something to float in water or other fluid.  
**Synonyms :** elasticity  
**Antonyms :** depression  
**Example :** "the drum's buoyancy forced it up again"  
53) contend  
**Meaning :** struggle to surmount (a difficulty).  
**Synonyms :** confront  
**Antonyms :** agree  
**Example :** "she had to contend with his uncertain temper"  
54) temptation  
**Meaning :** the desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise.  
**Synonyms :** allurement  
**Antonyms :** dislike  
**Example :** "he resisted the temptation to call Celia at the office"  
55) accruing  
**Meaning :** (of a benefit or sum of money) be received by someone in regular or increasing amounts over time.  
**Synonyms :** accumulate  
**Antonyms :** disperse  
**Example :** "financial benefits will accrue from restructuring"  
56) rustle

**Meaning :** a soft, muffled crackling sound like that made by the movement of dry leaves or paper.(v)  
**Synonyms :** crackle  
**Antonyms :** silence  
**Example :** "there was a rustle in the undergrowth behind her"  
57) requisite  
**Meaning :** made necessary by particular circumstances or regulations.(adj)  
**Synonyms :** essential  
**Antonyms :** nonessential  
**Example :** "the application will not be processed until the requisite fee is paid"  
58) revival  
**Meaning :** an improvement in the condition, strength, or fortunes of someone or something(n).  
**Synonyms :** recovery  
**Antonyms :** destruction  
**Example :** "a revival in the fortunes of the party"  
59) glaring  
**Meaning :** giving out or reflecting a strong or dazzling light.(adj)  
**Synonyms :** blatant  
**Antonyms :** concealed  
**Example :** "the glaring sun"  
60) transfused  
**Meaning :** transfer (blood or its components) from one person or animal to another.  
**Synonyms :** suffuse  
**Antonyms :** aid  
**Example :** "it is usual to transfuse blood screened for cytomegalovirus"  
61) exposure  
**Meaning :** the state of having no protection from something harmful.(n)  
**Synonyms :** disclosure  
**Antonyms :** certainty  
**Example :** "the dangers posed by exposure to asbestos"  
62) reveal  
**Meaning :** make (previously unknown or secret information) known to others.  
**Synonyms :** acknowledge  
**Antonyms :** conceal  
**Example :** "Brenda was forced to reveal Robbie's whereabouts"  
63) consent  
**Meaning :** permission for something to happen or agreement to do something.  
**Synonyms :** approval  
**Antonyms :** denial  
**Example :** "no change may be made without the consent of all the partners"  
64) disclosure  
**Meaning :** the action of making new or secret information known.  
**Synonyms :** admission  
**Antonyms :** concealment  
**Example :** "a judge ordered the disclosure of the government documents"  
65) donating  
**Meaning :** give (money or goods) for a good cause, for example to a charity.  
**Synonyms :** award  
**Antonyms :** conceal  
**Example :** "the proceeds will be donated to an AIDS awareness charity"  
66) tragic  
**Meaning :** causing or characterized by extreme distress or sorrow.(adj)  
**Synonyms :** deplorable  
**Antonyms :** blessed  
**Example :** "the shooting was a tragic accident"

67) contacting  
**Meaning :** communicate with (someone), typically in order to give or receive information.(v)  
**Synonyms :** influence  
**Antonyms :** avoidance  
**Example :** "anyone with any information should contact Darlington police"  
68) fewer  
**Meaning :** a small number of.  
**Synonyms :** less  
**Antonyms :** major  
**Example :** "may I ask a few questions?"  
69) imperative  
**Meaning :** of vital importance; crucial.  
**Synonyms :** compulsory  
**Antonyms :** inessential  
**Example :** "immediate action was imperative"  
70) viable  
**Meaning :** capable of working successfully; feasible.  
**Synonyms :** feasible  
**Antonyms :** unlikely  
**Example :** "the proposed investment was economically viable"  
71) transmissible  
**Meaning :** capable of working successfully; feasible.  
**Synonyms :** conveyance  
**Example :** "the proposed investment was economically viable"  
72) diagnose  
**Meaning :** identify the nature of (an illness or other problem) by examination of the symptoms.  
**Synonyms :** analyze  
**Antonyms :** miss  
**Example :** "two doctors failed to diagnose a punctured lung"  
73) awareness  
**Meaning :** knowledge or perception of a situation or fact.  
**Synonyms :** appreciation  
**Antonyms :** disregard  
**Example :** "we need to raise public awareness of the issue"  
74) confirm  
**Meaning :** establish the truth or correctness of (something previously believed or suspected to be the case).  
**Synonyms :** affirm  
**Antonyms :** confuse  
**Example :** "if these fears are confirmed, the outlook for the economy will be dire"  
75) precautionary  
**Meaning :** carried out as a precaution; preventive.  
**Synonyms :** careful  
**Example :** "she was taken to hospital as a precautionary measure"  
76) protracted  
**Meaning :** lasting for a long time or longer than expected or usual.  
**Synonyms :** continued  
**Example :** "a protracted and bitter dispute"  
77) encouraging  
**Meaning :** giving someone support or confidence; supportive.  
**Synonyms :** hopeful  
**Antonyms :** hopeless  
**Example :** "she gave me an encouraging smile"  
78) designated  
**Meaning :** appoint (someone) to a specified office or post.  
**Synonyms :** nominate

**Example :** "he was designated as prime minister"  
79) mandatory  
**Meaning :** required by law or mandate; compulsory.(adj)  
**Synonyms :** binding  
**Antonyms :** optional  
**Example :** "wearing helmets was made mandatory for pedal cyclists"  
80) indicating  
**Meaning :** required by law or mandate; compulsory.  
**Synonyms :** announce  
**Antonyms :** conceal  
**Example :** "wearing helmets was made mandatory for pedal cyclists"  
81) contrast  
**Meaning :** the state of being strikingly different from something else in juxtaposition or close association(n).  
**Synonyms :** contradiction  
**Antonyms :** agreement  
**Example :** "the day began cold and blustery, in contrast to almost two weeks of uninterrupted sunshine"  
82) widening  
**Meaning :** make or become wider(v).  
**Synonyms :** enlarge  
**Antonyms :** compress  
**Example :** "we should widen the scope of our investigation"  
83) abated  
**Meaning :** (of something unpleasant or severe) become less intense or widespread(v).  
**Synonyms :** diminish  
**Antonyms :** advance  
**Example :** "the storm suddenly abated"  
84) deficit  
**Meaning :** an excess of expenditure or liabilities over income or assets in a given period.(n)  
**Synonyms :** loss  
**Antonyms :** abundance  
**Example :** "an annual operating deficit"  
85) diversify  
**Meaning :** make or become more diverse or varied.(V)  
**Synonyms :** expand  
**Antonyms :** continue  
**Example :** "the trilobites diversified into a great number of species"  
86) tapping  
**Meaning :** a device by which a flow of liquid or gas from a pipe or container can be controlled(n).  
**Synonyms :** knock  
**Antonyms :** lose  
**Example :** "she turned the cold tap on"  
87) perennial  
**Meaning :** lasting or existing for a long or apparently infinite time; enduring or continually recurring.(adj)  
**Synonyms :** recurrent  
**Antonyms :** ceasing  
**Example :** "his perennial distrust of the media"  
88) inflows  
**Meaning :** the movement of liquid or air into a place.(n)  
**Synonyms :** incursion  
**Antonyms :** retreat  
**Example :** "an inflow of less salty water"  
89) concern  
**Meaning :** relate to; be about.(v)  
**Synonyms :** burden  
**Antonyms :** pastime  
**Example :** "the story concerns a friend of mine"  
90) stance



**Meaning** : the way in which someone stands, especially when deliberately adopted (as in cricket, golf, and other sports); a person's posture.(n)  
**Synonyms** : attitude  
**Antonyms** : unsteadiness  
**Example** : "she altered her stance, resting all her weight on one leg"  
91) retain  
**Meaning** : continue to have (something); keep possession of.(v)  
**Synonyms** : absorb  
**Antonyms** : abandon  
**Example** : "Labour retained the seat"  
92) defend  
**Meaning** : resist an attack made on (someone or something); protect from harm or danger.(v)  
**Synonyms** : contend  
**Antonyms** : assist  
**Example** : "we shall defend our island, whatever the cost"  
93) piecemeal  
**Meaning** : characterized by unsystematic partial measures taken over a period of time.  
**Synonyms** : gradual  
**Antonyms** : completely  
**Example** : "the village is slowly being killed off by piecemeal development"  
94) implement  
**Meaning** : put (a decision, plan, agreement, etc.) into effect.  
**Synonyms** : utensil  
**Antonyms** : exempt  
**Example** : "the scheme to implement student loans"  
95) reforms  
**Meaning** : make changes in (something, especially an institution or practice) in order to improve it.(v)  
**Synonyms** : amend  
**Antonyms** : break  
**Example** : "the Bill will reform the tax system"  
96) scourge  
**Meaning** : whip (someone) as a punishment.  
**Synonyms** : curse  
**Antonyms** : reward  
**Example** : "our people did scourge him severely"  
97) estimated  
**Meaning** : roughly calculate or judge the value, number, quantity, or extent of.(v)  
**Synonyms** : predicted  
**Antonyms** : computed  
**Example** : "the aim is to estimate the effects of macroeconomic policy on the economy"  
98) tended  
**Meaning** : regularly or frequently behave in a particular way or have a certain characteristic.(v)  
**Synonyms** : contribute  
**Antonyms** : dislike  
**Example** : "written language tends to be formal"  
99) chronic  
**Meaning** : (of an illness) persisting for a long time or constantly recurring.  
**Synonyms** : constant  
**Antonyms** : ceasing  
**Example** : "chronic bronchitis"  
100) defies  
**Meaning** : openly resist or refuse to obey.  
**Synonyms** : confront  
**Antonyms** : assist  
**Example** : "a woman who defies convention"  
101) apathy  
**Meaning** : lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern(n).

**Synonyms** : lethargy  
**Antonyms** : concern  
**Example** : "widespread apathy among students"  
102) morbid  
**Meaning** : characterized by an abnormal and unhealthy interest in disturbing and unpleasant subjects, especially death and disease(adj).  
**Synonyms** : grim  
**Antonyms** : cheerful  
**Example** : "his morbid fascination with the horrors of contemporary warfare"  
103) ambient  
**Meaning** : relating to the immediate surroundings of something(adj).  
**Synonyms** : ambient  
**Antonyms** : stationary  
**Example** : "the liquid is stored at below ambient temperature"  
104) notoriously  
**Meaning** : used to emphasize that a quality or fact, typically a bad one, is well known.  
**Synonyms** : notably  
**Example** : "the company is notoriously difficult to contact"  
105) lax  
**Meaning** : not sufficiently strict, severe, or careful(adj).  
**Synonyms** : careless  
**Antonyms** : attentive  
**Example** : "lax security arrangements at the airport"  
106) exposure  
**Meaning** : the state of having no protection from something harmful.(n)  
**Synonyms** : disclosure  
**Antonyms** : certainty  
**Example** : "the dangers posed by exposure to asbestos"  
107) accrue  
**Meaning** : (of a benefit or sum of money) be received by someone in regular or increasing amounts over time(v).  
**Synonyms** : accumulate  
**Antonyms** : disperse  
**Example** : "financial benefits will accrue from restructuring"  
108) ambient  
**Meaning** : relating to the immediate surroundings of something(adj).  
**Synonyms** : moving  
**Antonyms** : motionless  
**Example** : "the liquid is stored at below ambient temperature"  
109) stubble  
**Meaning** : the cut stalks of cereal plants left sticking out of the ground after the grain is harvested.  
**Synonyms** : bristles  
**Example** : "fields of yellow stubble"  
110) unbridled  
**Meaning** : uncontrolled; unconstrained.  
**Synonyms** : unchecked  
**Antonyms** : restrained  
**Example** : "a moment of unbridled ambition"  
111) ensure  
**Meaning** : make certain that (something) will occur or be the case(v).  
**Synonyms** : assure  
**Antonyms** : endanger  
**Example** : "the client must ensure that accurate records are kept"  
112) residues  
**Meaning** : a small amount of something that remains after the main part has gone or been taken or used.  
**Synonyms** : debris

**Antonyms** : base  
**Example** : "the fine residue left after the sorting of tea"  
113) keenly  
**Meaning** : in an eager or enthusiastic manner.  
**Synonyms** : attentively  
**Antonyms** : distractedly  
**Example** : "one of this year's most keenly anticipated movies"  
114) explored  
**Meaning** : travel through (an unfamiliar area) in order to learn about it.(v)  
**Synonyms** : analyze  
**Antonyms** : find  
**Example** : "he explored the Fontainebleau forest"  
115) crude  
**Meaning** : constructed in a rudimentary or makeshift way(adj).  
**Synonyms** : clumsy  
**Antonyms** : decent  
**Example** : "a relatively crude nuclear weapon"  
116) affluent  
**Meaning** : (especially of a group or area) having a great deal of money; wealthy.  
**Synonyms** : upscale  
**Antonyms** : destitute  
**Example** : "the affluent societies of the western world"  
117) densities  
**Meaning** : the degree of compactness of a substance.  
**Synonyms** : frequency  
**Antonyms** : sparsity  
**Example** : "a reduction in bone density"  
118) aking  
**Meaning** : draw, trace, or define the outer edge or shape of.  
**Synonyms** : defined  
**Example** : "her eyes were darkly outlined with kohl"  
119) imagery  
**Meaning** : visually descriptive or figurative language, especially in a literary work.  
**Synonyms** : symbolism  
**Example** : "Tennyson uses imagery to create a lyrical emotion"  
120) impose  
**Meaning** : force (an unwelcome decision or ruling) on someone.  
**Synonyms** : enforce  
**Antonyms** : disorder  
**Example** : "the decision was theirs and was not imposed on them by others"  
121) sworn  
**Meaning** : determined to remain in the role or condition specified.  
**Synonyms** : affirmed  
**Example** : "they were sworn enemies"  
122) gamble  
**Meaning** : play games of chance for money; bet(v).  
**Synonyms** : venture  
**Antonyms** : sureness  
**Example** : "he gambles on football"  
123) contender  
**Meaning** : a person or group competing with others to achieve something.(n)  
**Synonyms** : competition  
**Antonyms** : associate  
**Example** : "a presidential contender"  
124) mandate  
**Meaning** : an official order or commission to do something.  
**Synonyms** : command  
**Antonyms** : denial

**Example :** "a mandate to seek the release of political prisoners"  
125) carving  
**Meaning :** an object or design carved from a hard material as an artistic work.  
**Synonyms :** chisel  
**Antonyms :** combine  
**Example :** "a carving of an Asian elephant"  
126) conceded  
**Meaning :** admit or agree that something is true after first denying or resisting it.  
**Synonyms :** accept  
**Antonyms :** defend  
**Example :** "I had to concede that I'd overreacted"  
127) entrenched  
**Meaning :** (of an attitude, habit, or belief) firmly established and difficult or unlikely to change; ingrained.  
**Synonyms :** firm  
**Antonyms :** changeable  
**Example :** "an entrenched resistance to change"  
128) estimation  
**Meaning :** a rough calculation of the value, number, quantity, or extent of something.  
**Synonyms :** appraisal  
**Antonyms :** disapproval  
**Example :** "estimations of protein concentrations"  
129) cynical  
**Meaning :** believing that people are motivated purely by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity.  
**Synonyms :** derisive  
**Antonyms :** believing  
**Example :** "he was brutally cynical and hardened to every sob story under the sun"  
130) campaign  
**Meaning :** a series of military operations intended to achieve a goal, confined to a particular area, or involving a specified type of fighting.  
**Synonyms :** crusade  
**Antonyms :** inaction  
**Example :** "a desert campaign"  
131) implications  
**Meaning :** the conclusion that can be drawn from something although it is not explicitly stated.  
**Synonyms :** conclusion  
**Antonyms :** proof  
**Example :** "the implication is that no one person at the bank is responsible"  
132) facilitated  
**Meaning :** make (an action or process) easy or easier.  
**Synonyms :** ease  
**Antonyms :** cease  
**Example :** "schools were located in the same campus to facilitate the sharing of resources"  
133) bifurcation  
**Meaning :** the division of something into two branches or parts.  
**Synonyms :** complication  
**Antonyms :** cause  
**Example :** "the bifurcation of the profession"  
134) extension  
**Meaning :** a part that is added to something to enlarge or prolong it.  
**Synonyms :** delay  
**Antonyms :** decrease  
**Example :** "the railway's southern extension"  
135) scenario  
**Meaning :** a written outline of a film, novel, or stage work giving details of the plot and individual scenes.

**Synonyms :** plot  
**Example :** "the scenarios for four short stories"  
136) ally  
**Meaning :** a state formally cooperating with another for a military or other purpose.  
**Synonyms :** colleague  
**Antonyms :** detractor  
**Example :** "debate continued among NATO allies"  
137) terrain  
**Meaning :** a stretch of land, especially with regard to its physical features.  
**Synonyms :** contour  
**Example :** "they were delayed by rough terrain"  
138) abate  
**Meaning :** (of something unpleasant or severe) become less intense or widespread.  
**Synonyms :** decrease  
**Antonyms :** develop  
**Example :** "the storm suddenly abated"  
139) controversial  
**Meaning :** giving rise or likely to give rise to controversy or public disagreement.  
**Synonyms :** disputed  
**Antonyms :** definite  
**Example :** "years of wrangling over a controversial bypass"  
140) triggered  
**Meaning :** (of a response) caused by particular action, process, or situation.  
**Synonyms :** generate  
**Antonyms :** destroy  
**Example :** "a triggered memory of his childhood"  
141) rebels  
**Meaning :** rise in opposition or armed resistance to an established government or leader.  
**Synonyms :** opponent  
**Antonyms :** adherent  
**Example :** "the Earl of Pembroke subsequently rebelled against Henry III"  
142) emboldened  
**Meaning :** give (someone) the courage or confidence to do something.  
**Synonyms :** energize  
**Antonyms :** discourage  
**Example :** "emboldened by the claret, he pressed his knee against hers"  
143) widespread  
**Meaning :** found or distributed over a large area or number of people.  
**Synonyms :** common  
**Antonyms :** concentrated  
**Example :** "there was widespread support for the war"  
144) resistance  
**Meaning :** the refusal to accept or comply with something.  
**Synonyms :** defiance  
**Antonyms :** assistance  
**Example :** "they displayed a narrow-minded resistance to change"  
145) apprehensive  
**Meaning :** anxious or fearful that something bad or unpleasant will happen.  
**Synonyms :** concerned  
**Antonyms :** certain  
**Example :** "he felt apprehensive about going home"  
146) assurances  
**Meaning :** a positive declaration intended to give confidence; a promise.  
**Synonyms :** assertion  
**Antonyms :** denial

**Example :** "he gave an assurance that work would begin on Monday"  
147) territorial  
**Meaning :** relating to the ownership of an area of land or sea.  
**Synonyms :** provincial  
**Example :** "territorial disputes"  
148) integrity  
**Meaning :** the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.  
**Synonyms :** honesty  
**Antonyms :** deceit  
**Example :** "a gentleman of complete integrity"  
149) negotiations  
**Meaning :** discussion aimed at reaching an agreement.  
**Synonyms :** arbitration  
**Antonyms :** disagreement  
**Example :** "a worldwide ban is currently under negotiation"  
150) assurances  
**Meaning :** a positive declaration intended to give confidence; a promise.(n)  
**Synonyms :** affirmation  
**Antonyms :** denial  
**Example :** "he gave an assurance that work would begin on Monday"  
151) impose  
**Meaning :** force (an unwelcome decision or ruling) on someone.  
**Synonyms :** appoint  
**Antonyms :** disorder  
**Example :** "the decision was theirs and was not imposed on them by others"  
152) stance  
**Meaning :** the way in which someone stands, especially when deliberately adopted (as in cricket, golf, and other sports); a person's posture.  
**Synonyms :** posture  
**Example :** "she altered her stance, resting all her weight on one leg"  
153) despite  
**Meaning :** contemptuous treatment or behaviour; outrage.  
**Synonyms :** against  
**Example :** "the despite done by him to the holy relics"  
154) protestations  
**Meaning :** an emphatic declaration in response to doubt or accusation.(n)  
**Synonyms :** censure  
**Antonyms :** agreement  
**Example :** "her protestations of innocence were in vain"  
155) contrary  
**Meaning :** opposite in nature, direction, or meaning.  
**Synonyms :** antithetical  
**Antonyms :** agreeing  
**Example :** "he ignored contrary advice and agreed on the deal"  
156) avert  
**Meaning :** turn away (one's eyes or thoughts).  
**Synonyms :** deter  
**Antonyms :** allow  
**Example :** "she averted her eyes while we made stilted conversation"  
157) deferring  
**Meaning :** put off (an action or event) to a later time; postpone.  
**Synonyms :** delay  
**Antonyms :** allow  
**Example :** "they deferred the decision until February"  
158) dispense

**Meaning** : distribute or provide (a service or information) to a number of people.  
**Synonyms** : allocate  
**Antonyms** : conceal  
**Example** : "orderlies went round dispensing drinks"  
159) implying  
**Meaning** : indicate the truth or existence of (something) by suggestion rather than explicit reference.  
**Synonyms** : entail  
**Antonyms** : define  
**Example** : "salesmen who use jargon to imply superior knowledge"  
160) verdict  
**Meaning** : a decision on an issue of fact in a civil or criminal case or an inquest.  
**Synonyms** : award  
**Antonyms** : accusation  
**Example** : "the jury returned a verdict of not guilty"  
161) cheer  
**Meaning** : shout for joy or in praise or encouragement.  
**Synonyms** : optimism  
**Antonyms** : sadness  
**Example** : "she cheered from the sidelines"  
162) bleak  
**Meaning** : (of an area of land) lacking vegetation and exposed to the elements(adj).  
**Synonyms** : gloomy  
**Antonyms** : bright  
**Example** : "a bleak and barren moor"  
163) plight  
**Meaning** : a dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation.  
**Synonyms** : quandary  
**Antonyms** : advantage  
**Example** : "we must direct our efforts towards relieving the plight of children living in poverty"  
164) espionage  
**Meaning** : the practice of spying or of using spies, typically by governments to obtain political and military information.  
**Synonyms** : spying  
**Example** : "the camouflage and secrecy of espionage"  
165) ordeal  
**Meaning** : a very unpleasant and prolonged experience.  
**Synonyms** : tribulation  
**Antonyms** : delight  
**Example** : "the ordeal of having to give evidence"  
166) deter  
**Meaning** : discourage (someone) from doing something by instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.  
**Synonyms** : hinder  
**Antonyms** : support  
**Example** : "only a health problem would deter him from seeking re-election"  
167) sustained  
**Meaning** : continuing for an extended period or without interruption.  
**Synonyms** : stable  
**Antonyms** : destroyed  
**Example** : "several years of sustained economic growth"  
168) diplomatic  
**Meaning** : of or concerning diplomacy.  
**Synonyms** : tactful  
**Antonyms** : impolite  
**Example** : "diplomatic relations with Britain were broken"  
169) complicated

**Meaning** : consisting of many interconnecting parts or elements; intricate.  
**Synonyms** : intricate  
**Antonyms** : simple  
**Example** : "a complicated stereo system"  
170) pursuing  
**Meaning** : follow or chase (someone or something).  
**Synonyms** : trailing  
**Antonyms** : leading  
**Example** : "the officer pursued the van"  
171) conviction  
**Meaning** : a formal declaration by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge in a court of law that someone is guilty of a criminal offence.  
**Synonyms** : certitude  
**Antonyms** : doubt  
**Example** : "she had a previous conviction for a similar offence"  
172) repatriation  
**Meaning** : the return of someone to their own country.  
**Synonyms** : return  
**Antonyms** : exile  
**Example** : "the voluntary repatriation of refugees"  
173) inadvertently  
**Meaning** : without intention; accidentally.  
**Synonyms** : accidentally  
**Antonyms** : advertently  
**Example** : "his name had been inadvertently omitted from the list"  
174) trespassed  
**Meaning** : enter someone's land or property without permission.  
**Synonyms** : infringed  
**Antonyms** : retreated  
**Example** : "there is no excuse for trespassing on railway property"  
175) revive  
**Meaning** : restore to life or consciousness.  
**Synonyms** : restore  
**Antonyms** : destroy  
**Example** : "both men collapsed, but were revived"  
176) implemented  
**Meaning** : put (a decision, plan, agreement, etc.) into effect.  
**Synonyms** : applied  
**Antonyms** : exempted  
**Example** : "the scheme to implement student loans"  
177) hostage  
**Meaning** : a person seized or held as security for the fulfilment of a condition.  
**Synonyms** : prisoner  
**Antonyms** : hesitation  
**Example** : "they were held hostage by armed rebels"  
178) impoverished  
**Meaning** : make (a person or area) poor.  
**Synonyms** : poor  
**Antonyms** : affluent  
**Example** : "the wars had impoverished him"  
179) detention  
**Meaning** : the action of detaining someone or the state of being detained in official custody.  
**Synonyms** : retention  
**Antonyms** : release  
**Example** : "the fifteen people arrested were still in police detention"  
180) stringent  
**Meaning** : (of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting.  
**Synonyms** : rigorous  
**Antonyms** : flexible

**Example** : "stringent guidelines on air pollution"  
181) blatant  
**Meaning** : completely lacking in subtlety; very obvious.  
**Synonyms** : flagrant  
**Antonyms** : subtle  
**Example** : "she forced herself to resist his blatant charm"  
182) invoke  
**Meaning** : cite or appeal to (someone or something) as an authority for an action or in support of an argument.  
Tamil **Meaning** : செயலாக்க  
**Synonyms** : evoke  
**Antonyms** : dismiss  
**Example** : "the antiquated defence of insanity is rarely invoked in England"  
183) disregard  
**Meaning** : pay no attention to; ignore.  
**Synonyms** : ignore  
**Antonyms** : regard  
**Example** : "the body of evidence is too substantial to disregard"  
184) vindictive  
**Meaning** : having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge.  
**Synonyms** : vengeful  
**Antonyms** : forgiving  
**Example** : "the criticism was both vindictive and personalized"  
185) disregard  
**Meaning** : pay no attention to; ignore.  
**Synonyms** : ignore  
**Antonyms** : regard  
**Example** : "the body of evidence is too substantial to disregard"  
186) scathing  
**Meaning** : witheringly scornful; severely critical.  
**Synonyms** : mordant  
**Antonyms** : mild  
**Example** : "she launched a scathing attack on the Prime Minister"  
187) sedition  
**Meaning** : conduct or speech inciting people to rebel against the authority of a state or monarch.  
**Synonyms** : mutiny  
**Antonyms** : loyalty  
188) detained  
**Meaning** : keep (someone) from proceeding by holding them back or making claims on their attention.  
**Synonyms** : delayed  
**Antonyms** : available  
**Example** : "she made to open the door, but he detained her"  
189) revoke  
**Meaning** : officially cancel (a decree, decision, or promise).  
**Synonyms** : rescind  
**Antonyms** : collaborate  
**Example** : "the men appealed and the sentence was revoked"  
190) vengeful  
**Meaning** : seeking to harm someone in return for a perceived injury.  
**Synonyms** : spiteful  
**Antonyms** : benevolent  
**Example** : "a vengeful ex-con"  
191) confirmed  
**Meaning** : (of a person) firmly established in a particular habit, belief, or way of life and unlikely to change their ways.  
**Synonyms** : established  
**Antonyms** : changeable  
**Example** : "a confirmed bachelor"





Q.34)  $25 \times 13 + 45 \times 8 + 25\% \text{ of } 3000 = x + 855$

- a) 590                      b) 570                      c) 580  
d) 620                      d) 520

Q.35)  $\frac{55\% \text{ of } 7500}{11} \times 20 + 24\% \text{ of } 10000 = x$

- a) 9900                      b) 9300                      c) 10000  
d) 9500                      e) 9700

**D.36-40) What should come in place of question mark (?) in the following equations?**

Q.36)  $25\% \text{ of } 466 + \frac{2}{5} \text{ of } 1055 + ?\% \text{ of } 250 = 367 \times 2.5$

- a) 132.32                      b) 342.54                      c) 151.6  
d) 231.4                      e) None of these

Q.37)  $0.25 \times 0.8 + 0.8 \times 0.75 + ? = 230$

- a) 232.9                      b) 230.1                      c) 222.8  
d) 229.2                      e) None of these

Q.38)  $4^3 + \sqrt{289} \times 36 = ?^2$

- a) 34                              b) 24                              c) 38  
d) 28                              e) 26

Q.39)  $64 \times \frac{1}{3} \text{ of } 477 - 667 = ? - \sqrt{5476}$

- a) 9583                      b) 9345                      c) 8435  
d) 8796                      e) None of these

Q.40)  $24 \times \sqrt{169} \times 2.05 \times 3^2 + \sqrt{225} = ?$

- a) 4771.4                      b) 5771.4                      c) 4671.6  
d) 5671.6                      e) None of these

**D.41-45) What value should come in place of question mark (?) in the following equations?**

Q.41)  $238.5 + 28^2 \div \sqrt[3]{512} - 156.3 = ? + 22.2$

- a) 123                              b) 158                              c) 168  
d) 193                              e) 201

Q.42)  $24 \times 86 + 98 - 188 \div 4 = ?$

- a) 2115                              b) 3129                              c) 1090  
d) 3901                              e) 2091

Q.43)  $24\% \text{ of } 5460 + 15\% \text{ of } 9995 + 287 = ?$

- a) 3908.53                      b) 3095.54                      c) 3096.65  
d) 3920.23                      e) 3298.32

Q.44)  $87932 + 49230 - 39239 + 3292 - 9281 - 23123 + 12 = ?$

- a) 68879                      b) 48920                      c) 67053  
d) 68823                      e) 68738

Q.45)  $\frac{78 \times 184 \times 33}{\sqrt[3]{529} \times \sqrt[3]{2197}} = ?$

- a) 1783                              b) 2189                              c) 1893  
d) 1839                              e) 1584

Q.46)  $78 \times 47 + 48\% \text{ of } 2600 - \frac{5525}{325} = x - 13$

- a) 4900                              b) 4920                              c) 4908  
d) 4912                              e) None of these

Q.47)  $8^{\frac{7}{5} + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{7} + \frac{4}{35} - \frac{12}{35}} = 4096x$

- a) 1/512                              b) 1/64                              c) -1/512  
d) -1/64                              e) None of these

Q.48)  $39 \frac{9}{49} \times \frac{637}{13440} + \frac{13}{91} = x$

- a) 2                                      b) 4                                      c) 6  
d) 8                                      e) 3

Q.49)  $\frac{(23! \times 17! \times 19! \times 15!)}{20! \times 14! \times 18! \times 16!} = (506 \times 323) \times$

- a) 315                              b) 285                              c) 255  
d) 330                              e) None of these

**D.50-54) What will come in place of question mark in the following questions?**

Q.50)  $\frac{621}{13} \times \frac{156}{23} + \frac{992}{36} \times \frac{1332}{31} = (?)$

- a) 1408                              b) 1600                              c) 1608  
d) 1508                              e) 1510

Q.51)  $1.2 \times 1.5 + 3.2 \times 2.5 + 0.1 \times 2 = (?)$

- a) 24                                      b) 19                                      c) 18  
d) 12                                      e) 10

Q.52)  $40\% \text{ of } 3200 + (?)\% \text{ of } 2500 = 1580$

- a) 10                                      b) 12                                      c) 14

d) 16                                      e) 18

Q.53)  $15 \times 12 + 12 \times 19 + 19 \times 18 = (?)$

- a) 767                              b) 636                              c) 766  
d) 750                              e) 568

Q.54)  $1.123 + 2.321 + 10.123 = (?) - 0.433$

- a) 12                                      b) 13                                      c) 14  
d) 14.5                              e) 15

Q.55)  $\frac{46}{148} \times \frac{49}{276} \times 7^2 = 18$

- a) 324                              b) 18                                      c) 9  
d) 27                                      e) 4

Q.56)  $25 + ? = 4 \frac{2}{5} \text{ of } 200$

- a) 865                              b) 845                                      c) 855  
d) 905                              e) None of these

Q.57)  $\frac{7}{8} \text{ of } \sqrt{64} = \frac{32}{7} \text{ of } \sqrt[3]{512}$

- a) 32                                      b) 4                                      c) 8  
d) 16                                      e) 256

Q.58)  $? = 45.96\% \text{ of } 249.99 + 55.89\% \text{ of } 150.003 + 24.05\% \text{ of } 1201$

- a) 467                              b) 487                                      c) 484  
d) 492                              e) None of these

Q.59)  $25\% \text{ of } ? = 142.35 + 297.96 \div 1.99$

- a) 1746                              b) 1756                                      c) 1164  
d) 1174                              e) None of these

Q.60)  $x\% \text{ of } 5 \frac{6}{11} \text{ of } 13200 = 18300$

- a) 25                                      b) 32                                      c) 41  
d) 53                                      e) None of these

Q.61)  $126 \times 5 \frac{2}{3} + 816 - 922 = ?$

- a) 578                              b) 608                                      c) 671  
d) 712                                      e) None of these

Q.62)  $\frac{14}{9} \div \frac{84}{27} \times 0.005 = ?$

- a) 0.025                              b) 0.25                                      c) 0.0025  
d) 0.525                              e) None of these

Q.63)  $\frac{1}{4} \times \left( \frac{2}{5} - \left( \frac{3}{5} + 2 \frac{4}{5} \right) \right) = ?$

- a) -1                                      b) 2                                      c)  $-\frac{3}{4}$   
d)  $\frac{4}{5}$                                       e) None of these

Q.64)  $\sqrt{729} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} \times 510 - 1029 = ?$

- a) 3561                              b) 3781                                      c) 3921  
d) 3978                              e) None of these

Q.65)  $25\% \text{ of } \frac{1}{4!} \text{ of } 20\% \text{ of } 8! = ?$

- a) 84                                      b) 48                                      c) 96  
d) 87                                      e) 56

Q.66)  $\sqrt{308 - \sqrt{384 - \sqrt{558 - \sqrt{867 - 26}}} = ?$

- a) 15                                      b) 16                                      c) 14  
d) 17                                      e) 19

Q.67)  $55\% \text{ of } 7820 - x\% \text{ of } 6350 = 1761$

- a) 50                                      b) 10                                      c) 20  
d) 30                                      e) 40

Q.68)  $(203 \div 7) \times (119 \div 7) - (133 \div 7) \times (91 \div 7) = 3 \times ?$

- a) 92                                      b) 82                                      c) 72  
d) 52                                      e) 62

Q.69)  $(0.64 \div 0.8) + 19.2 + (2.7 \div 0.03) = 11 \times ?$

- a) 8                                      b) 9                                      c) 20  
d) 10                                      e) 11

Q.70)  $256 \times \frac{15}{8} + 912 \times \frac{9}{24} + 1050 \times \frac{11}{21} = ?$

- a) 1733                              b) 1677                                      c) 1289  
d) 1372                              e) 1366

Q.71)  $16 \times 2.5 + 64 \times 3.5 + 28 \times 1.5 = ? + 32 \times 4.5$

- a) 464                                      b) 450                                      c) 162  
d) 188                                      e) 268

Q.72)  $236 + 564 + 782.8 + 152.13 + 616.07 = ? + 2017$

- a) 368                                      b) 334                                      c) 350  
d) 448                                      e) 486

Q.73)  $28\% \text{ of } 550 + 30\% \text{ of } 700 \times 15\% \text{ of } 240 - 34\% \text{ of } 650 = ?$

- a) 7493                              b) 7943                                      c) 7864  
d) 7864                              e) 7394

Q.74)  $\sqrt{25 \times 16 \times 36 \times 49} = ? \times \sqrt[3]{3125}$

- a) 156                                      b) 159                                      c) 171  
d) 168                                      e) 170

Q.75)  $\sqrt[3]{343} \div 5 \times \sqrt{625} \times (\sqrt[3]{64})^2 = ?$

- a) 520                                      b) 480                                      c) 560  
d) 550                                      e) None of these

Q.76)  $? = 35\% \text{ of } 340 + 12\% \text{ of } 1400 - 13\% \text{ of } 400 + 45\% \text{ of } 160$

- a) 362                                      b) 412                                      c) 392  
d) 307                                      e) None of these

Q.77)  $\frac{7^2}{2} = \frac{14}{6} \times \frac{112}{8} \div \frac{36}{12} \times \frac{25}{4}$

- a)  $11 \frac{2}{3}$                                       b)  $12 \frac{3}{5}$                                       c)  $13 \frac{1}{2}$   
d)  $11 \frac{4}{5}$                                       e) None of these

Q.78)  $? = \frac{2}{3}\% \text{ of } 4200 - \frac{3}{4}\% \text{ of } 720 + \frac{32}{9} \div \frac{24}{27}$

- a) -412                                      b) -508                                      c) 326  
d) 448                                      e) -396

Q.79)  $? = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times 46 + 2 \frac{3}{4} \text{ of } 360}{25\% \text{ of } 380} \times 3 \frac{4}{5} \div \frac{12}{60}$

- a) 218.8                                      b) 227.3                                      c) 202.6  
d) 212.4                                      e) None of these

Q.80)  $1471 + 327 + 481 - 638 - 327 = X^2 + 689$ , then find the value of X?

- a) 625                                      b) 25                                      c) 196  
d) 525                                      e) 15

Q.81)  $\frac{1}{11} \left[ 3 \left\{ \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} \right\} \right] + \left[ 4 \left\{ \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \right\} \right] = ?$

- a)  $\frac{11}{48}$                                       b)  $\frac{7}{11}$                                       c)  $\frac{11}{24}$   
d)  $\frac{24}{11}$                                       e)  $\frac{7}{24}$

Q.82)  $4 \frac{1}{3} + 5 \frac{4}{7} - 2 \frac{5}{6} + 3 \frac{1}{2} - 5 \frac{1}{3} = ?$

- a)  $5 \frac{5}{21}$                                       b)  $7 \frac{2}{7}$                                       c)  $4 \frac{1}{42}$   
d)  $6 \frac{5}{6}$                                       e)  $5 \frac{2}{7}$

Q.83)  $170\% \text{ of } 30 + 13\% \text{ of } 700 + 60\% \text{ of } 70 + 13\% \text{ of } 600 = X\% \text{ of } 655$ , then find the value of X?

- a) 20%                                      b) 25%                                      c) 30%  
d) 35%                                      e) 40%

Q.84)  $\frac{2^{2.7} \times 7^{4.6} \times 21^{3.3} \times 6^{1.6}}{42^{4.3} \times 3^{0.6}} = 7^x$  find the value of x?

- a) 1.2                                      b) 2.3                                      c) 0.6  
d) 3.6                                      e) 1.9

Q.85)  $30\% \text{ of } 1270 + 25\% \text{ of } 3260 - ?\% \text{ of } 120 = 1142$

- a) 30                                      b) 40                                      c) 60  
d) 45                                      e) 35

Q.86)  $? = \left( 24 \times \frac{4}{5} \text{ of } 315 \right) - (75 \times 105 \div 21) + \left( \frac{3}{8} \text{ of } 112 \right)$

- a) 5715                                      b) 6215                                      c) 5835  
d) 5315                                      e) 5175

Q.87)  $\sqrt{7} = 12 \times \frac{\sqrt{225}}{\sqrt{400}} + (11^2 - 13^2 + 225)$

- a) 86                                      b) 7396                                      c) 43  
d) 3266                                      e) None of these

Q.88)  $? = (2.5 \times 48) + (5 \times 34.6) - (4.8 \times 20) + (18 \times 4.5)$

- a) 186                                      b) 170                                      c) 278  
d) 256                                      e) None of these

Q.89)  $5 \times (?) = \frac{35}{\sqrt{25}} \times \frac{560}{40} \times \frac{120}{(3 \times 4)} \times \frac{1}{70}$

- a)  $3 \frac{1}{5}$                                       b)  $2 \frac{4}{5}$                                       c)  $2 \frac{3}{5}$   
d)  $3 \frac{1}{4}$                                       e) None of these

Q.90)  $\frac{1}{4}\% \text{ of } 5600 + \left( \frac{3}{5} \times 56\% \text{ of } 225 \right) \div 9\% \text{ of } 120 = ? \times 11\% \text{ of } \frac{450}{99}$

- a) 7                                      b) 49                                      c) 42  
d) 56                                      e) 63

Q.91)  $\frac{\sqrt{(441 \div (21 \times 3) \times 7)}}{4^2 \div 64} - \sqrt[3]{4096} + 3^2 \times \frac{44}{6} = ?$

- a) 64                      b) 78                      c) 72  
d) 94                      e) None of these

Q.92)  $\frac{3.5}{5} \times 18 \times \frac{45}{7} + ? - (43 \times 3) = 256 - 14^2$

- a) 108                      b) 119                      c) 102  
d) 123                      e) 127

Q.93)  $\frac{125}{225} \times \frac{9}{13} \times 65 \div \sqrt{625} \times \frac{35}{175} = 5^?$

- a) 2                          b) -1                          c) 3  
d) -2                          e) -3

Q.94)  $? = 132 \div 55 \times 30 \div \sqrt{64} \times \frac{7}{15} \times 10 \div 5^2$

- a)  $2\frac{13}{15}$                       b)  $1\frac{11}{25}$                       c)  $2\frac{16}{25}$   
d)  $1\frac{17}{25}$                       e) None of these

Q.95)  $\frac{25}{100} \times \frac{\sqrt{324}}{\sqrt[3]{27}} \times (241 + 23) = (?)$

- a) 294                      b) 396                      c) 352  
d) 368                      e) 375

Q.96)  $314 + 2145 + 1454 = (?) + 312 + 233 + 123$

- a) 3245                      b) 3356                      c) 3455  
d) 3645                      e) 3765

Q.97)  $20\% \text{ of } 525 + 40\% \text{ of } 485 + 75\% \text{ of } 9600 = (?) - 1$

- a) 7200                      b) 7499                      c) 7500  
d) 7599                      e) 7659

Q.98)  $63 \times \frac{1}{1.5} + 247 \times \frac{1}{13} + 260 \times (?) = (343 + 227) \times 2 + (15^2 - 4)$

- a) 6                          b) 15                          c) 25  
d) 4                          e) 5

Q.99)  $1 + 111 + 1111 + 21 + 12 + 2 \times (?) = 1234 + 4312 - 112$

- a) 4178                      b) 2809                      c) 2098  
d) 2089                      e) 4718

Q.100)  $\frac{1}{13} \times \frac{1}{17} \times \frac{1}{6} \times 11934 = (?)$

- a) 20                          b) 18                          c) 9  
d) 21                          e) 19

Q.101)  $2\% \text{ of } 1350 + 3 \times \frac{1}{17} \times 221 = (?)$

- a) 56                          b) 66                          c) 60  
d) 58                          e) 72

Q.102)  $\frac{\sqrt{4624}}{17} + \frac{4125}{\sqrt{1089}} + \frac{9.9}{0.9} = (?)$

- a) 219                      b) 120                      c) 140  
d) 130                      e) 160

Q.103)  $141 + 198 + 200 + 310 + 311 = ? \times 5$

- a) 231                      b) 232                      c) 298  
d) 257                      e) 299

Q.104)  $23^2 + 43^2 - 51^2 + 21^2 \times 2 = ?$

- a) 660                      b) 670                      c) 659  
d) 657                      e) 669

Q.105)  $(56 \times 4) \div (901 - 899) + 12 \times 3 = ?$

- a) 158                      b) 141                      c) 143  
d) 148                      e) 159

Q.106)  $(72\% \text{ of } 350 + 18\% \text{ of } 50) \times (20\% \text{ of } 200 - 30\% \text{ of } 90) = ?$

- a) 3389                      b) 2321                      c) 3245  
d) 1145                      e) 3393

Q.107)  $25^2 \times 5^3 \times 625^2 \div 3125^3 = 5^?$

- a) 0                          b) 1                          c) 3  
d) 5                          e) 7

Q.108)  $\frac{87}{196} \times \frac{49}{29} \times \frac{98}{245} \times \frac{40}{12} \times 3 = ?$

- a) 1                          b) 3                          c) 5  
d) 2                          e) 0.5

Q.109)  $89 + 548 + 56 \times 2 - 756 \div 2 = ?$

- a) 521                      b) 415                      c) 371  
d) 398                      e) 401

Q.110)  $12 \times 4 \times 11 + 231 + \sqrt{676} - \sqrt{841} = ?$

- a) 736                      b) 744                      c) 741  
d) 756                      e) 751

Q.111)  $0.5 \times 16 + 1.5 \times 1.5 + 2.5 \times 20 = ? + 0.25$

a) 52                          b) 55                          c) 62

d) 61                          e) 60

Q.112)  $1322 + 2312 - 4121 + 2311 + 645 - 500 = ?$

- a) 1696                      b) 1699                      c) 1969  
d) 1996                      e) 1966

Q.113)  $\frac{1860}{15} + \frac{123}{15.375} + (?) = (2.6 \times 5)^2$

- a) 36                          b) 37                          c) 47  
d) 17                          e) 15

Q.114)  $131 \times 4 + 143 \times 3 + (?) = (8 \times 1.375)^3$

- a) 478                      b) 248                      c) 568  
d) 378                      e) 380

Q.115)  $1310 + 123 + 510 \times 2 + 1 + 320 = (?) \times 2 + 424 + 31 \times 3 + 3.5 \times 2$

- a) 2250                      b) 1365                      c) 1525  
d) 1125                      e) 1105

Q.116)  $[14\% \text{ of } 645 + 28\% \text{ of } 340] \times 2 - (?) = 7^3$

- a) 28                          b) 29                          c) 18  
d) 10                          e) 12

Q.117)  $4.44 + 444.404 + 404.44 + 40.4044 = (?) + 44.04 + 400.404 + 4.24 + 5.0044$

- a) 456                      b) 480                      c) 420  
d) 440                      e) 340

Q.118)  $? = 145\% \text{ of } 280 + 1\frac{1}{3} \text{ of } 24 - 20\% \text{ of } 150$

- a) 432                      b) 428                      c) 430  
d) 408                      e) None of these

Q.119)  $? = 434 \times 25 \div 35 - 128 \div 2^2 + \sqrt{324}$

- a) 278                      b) 296                      c) 292  
d) 312                      e) 288

Q.120)  $? = \frac{4}{9} \times 819 + \frac{7}{13} \times 104 - \frac{3}{10} \times 520 + \frac{4}{11} \times 198$

- a) 336                      b) 424                      c) 344  
d) 418                      e) 396

Q.121)  $\frac{7}{11} = 425 \div 25 \div 17 \times 24$

- a) 255                      b) 258                      c) 264  
d) 222                      e) None of these

Q.122)  $? = 69 + 13^2 \times 3 \div \sqrt{289} \times 34 - 26^2$

- a) 412                      b) 423                      c) 457  
d) 407                      e) None of these

Q.123)  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{49} \div \frac{25}{121}} = ?$

- a)  $\frac{11}{35}$                       b)  $\frac{11}{70}$                       c)  $\frac{11}{65}$   
d)  $\frac{4}{35}$                       e)  $\frac{11}{45}$

Q.124)  $13^{3.5} \times 169^{4.2} \times 4^8 \div 2^{4.1} = ?$

- a)  $13^{16}$                       b)  $16^{11.5}$                       c)  $26^{11.9}$   
d)  $13^6$                       e)  $26^{11.5}$

Q.125)  $20\% \text{ of } 225 + 22.5\% \text{ of } 200 = ? \text{ of } 450$

- a) 10%                      b) 15%                      c) 25%  
d) 20%                      e) 35%

Q.126)  $\frac{3}{7} \text{ of } \frac{4}{9} \text{ of } \frac{7}{5} \text{ of } 425 = ?$

- a) 133.33                      b) 111.33                      c) 333.33  
d) 123.33                      e) 113.33

Q.127)  $\frac{1800}{24} + 770 = 645 + ?$

- a) 170                      b) 200                      c) 210  
d) 190                      e) 185

Q.128)  $? = 45\% \text{ of } 180 + 33\% \text{ of } 200 - 12\% \text{ of } 350 + 23\% \text{ of } 400$

- a) 185                      b) 197                      c) 188  
d) 213                      e) 208

Q.129)  $(122 \times 42 \div 12 + 72 \div 36 \times 25) \div 3 = ? + 24$

- a) 142                      b) 135                      c) 120  
d) 145                      e) None of these

Q.130)  $? = (12^2 + 44 - 8^2) \div \sqrt[3]{64} \times 6^2 - 11^2 + 28$

- a) 1203                      b) 1017                      c) 1066  
d) 1023                      e) None of these

Q.131)  $? = \sqrt{324} \times \sqrt{256} \div \sqrt[3]{216} \times \sqrt[3]{512}$

- a) 284                      b) 312                      c) 384  
d) 288                      e) 326

Q.132)  $? = 2\frac{2}{3} - 3\frac{5}{6} + 5\frac{1}{4} + 4\frac{3}{8}$

- a)  $7\frac{17}{60}$                       b)  $9\frac{1}{20}$                       c)  $6\frac{3}{20}$   
d)  $8\frac{11}{24}$                       e) None of these

Q.133)  $\frac{10746}{27} \times \frac{38416}{19502} \times \frac{1683}{77616} = ?$

- a)  $\frac{19}{279}$                       b)  $\frac{23}{7823}$                       c) 13  
d) 27                          e) None of these.

Q.134)  $69\% \text{ of } 987 - \frac{1}{17} \times 8466.51 = x - \frac{3043}{17}$

- a) 352                      b) 452                      c) 362  
d) 376                      e) None of these

Q.135)  $\frac{79}{29} + \frac{27}{79} + \frac{29}{13} = x\% + \frac{17}{553}$

- a) 23.05                      b) 21.05                      c) 33.05  
d) 32.07                      e) 42.07

Q.136)  $(5^2 \times 14 + 1460) \div 5 = 1998 \div ?$

- a) 5.519                      b) 55.55                      c) 5.05  
d) 5.07                      e) None of these

Q.137)  $\frac{9}{13} \text{ of } (156) + 1\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) \text{ of } (279) = 241 + ?$

- a) 260                      b) 270                      c) 290  
d) 300                      e) 310

Q.138)  $\frac{4440}{40} + \frac{625}{25} + \frac{3991}{26} = ?$

- a) 280.5                      b) 321.5                      c) 345.4  
d) 289.5                      e) None of these

Q.139)  $36.5 \div \left(\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \text{ of } (25 + 33)\right) - \frac{27}{2} = ?$

- a) 2.89                      b) 24.56                      c) -12.27  
d) 12.27                      e) 9.57

Q.140)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \text{ of } 3842 + 15\% \text{ of } ? = 2449$

- a) 3520                      b) 3340                      c) 3540  
d) 3630                      e) 2720

Q.141) Find the value of  $\frac{1}{\left(3 + \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{3 - \frac{1}{3}}}\right)}$

- a) 3/10                      b) 10/3                      c) 27/89  
d) 89/27                      e) None of these

Q.142)  $\frac{[(7 \times 9) + (2 \times 12) + 3]}{[(12 \times 3) + \left(\frac{81}{9}\right)]} = ?$

- a) 4                          b) 60                          c) 1.75  
d) 4.5                          e) None of these

Q.143)  $2\frac{1}{3} + 4\frac{1}{6} - 2\frac{3}{4} - 1\frac{1}{2} = 2\frac{?}{3}$

- a) 1                          b) 2                          c)  $\frac{2}{3}$   
d) 4                          e) None of these

Q.144)  $\frac{(0.9 \times 0.9 \times 0.9 + 0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.8)}{(1.6 \times 1.6 \times 1.6 + 1.8 \times 1.8 \times 1.8)} = ?$

- a) 0.125                      b) 0.25                      c) 0.5  
d) 0.625                      e) None of these

Q.145)  $\frac{5^2 \times 14 + 1450}{5} = 1998 \div ?$

- a) 55.5                      b) 5.55                      c) 50.5  
d) 5.05                      e) 50.05

Q.146)  $(5\sqrt{8} + \sqrt{8}) \times (4\sqrt{8} + 8\sqrt{8}) - 21^2 = ?$

- a) 143                      b)  $72\sqrt{8}$                       c) 135  
d)  $70\sqrt{8}$                       e) None of these

Q.147)  $\sqrt{33856} \times \sqrt{2809} - 81^2 = ?^2 + 33^2 + (7 \times 11)$

- a) 43                          b) 45                          c) 47  
d) 44                          e) 41

Q.148) Find the value of  $\left(3 - \frac{1}{7}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{8}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{9}\right) \times \dots \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{99}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{100}\right)$

- a)  $\frac{1}{7}$                           b)  $\frac{1}{6}$                           c)  $\frac{1}{4}$   
d)  $\frac{1}{3}$                           e)  $\frac{1}{5}$

Q.149) If  $x = 3 - \frac{4}{3 + \frac{1}{4 - \frac{1}{5}}}$ , find the value of  $\frac{1}{25}x + \frac{8}{3} \times$

$0.5x - \frac{62}{75}x$

- a) 1                          b)  $\frac{75}{41}$                           c)  $\frac{3}{5}$   
d)  $\frac{3}{7}$                           e) 2

Q.150)  $\frac{3}{5}\% \text{ of } 493 + 73.28\% \text{ of } 4308$

$= ? - 27.15\% \text{ of } 8453 + 44\% \text{ of } 7201$



- a) 3326.162      b) 2286.4004      c) 2746.4004  
d) 3436.4004      e) None of these  
Q.151)  $24 \times 81 \div 9 + 76 - 12 = ?$   
a) 289      b) 271      c) 280  
d) 296      e) 367  
Q.152)  $\left(1\frac{2}{3} \text{ of } 1023 + 24\% \text{ of } 3500\right) \div 5 = ?^2 - 20$   
a) 31      b) 29      c) 13  
d) 25      e) 23  
Q.153)  $2\frac{4}{5} \text{ of } 285 + 3\frac{2}{7} \text{ of } 364 - 3\frac{5}{9} \text{ of } 2007 = ?$   
a) 4798      b) -5142      c) 5132  
d) -5232      e) -4989  
Q.154)  $876 - 758 + 15 + 155 - 78 + ? = 999$   
a) 798      b) 789      c) 768  
d) 779      e) 799  
Q.155)  $(\sqrt{27} \times \sqrt{27})^{1/2} + 9^{3/2} = (?)^3 - 37 + \sqrt{27}$   
a) 6      b) 5      c) 4  
d) None of these      e) 3  
Q.156)  
 $23 \times 18.5 - \frac{1}{7} \text{ of } 133\% \text{ of } 2\frac{2}{19} \text{ of } 750 = ?$   
a) 132.5      b) 133.5      c) 113.5  
d) 135.5      e) 125.5  
Q.157) What value should come in place of the question mark (?) in the given question.  
 $\frac{(15 \times 0.40)^4}{\left(\frac{1080}{30}\right)^4} \times (27 \times 8)^4 = (3 \times 2)^{7+5}$   
a) 4      b) 2      c) 3  
d) 5      e) 7  
Q.158) What value should come in place of the question mark (?) in the given question.  
 $3\frac{1}{2} + 2\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{5}{6} = \frac{(? )^2}{10} + 1\frac{5}{12} + \frac{3}{12}$   
a) 6      b) 7/12      c) 4  
d) 5/12      e) 5  
Q.159)  $\sqrt[3]{1728} + \sqrt[3]{3375} = -\sqrt{xx} + 6^2 + 4^2$   
a) 525      b) 630      c) 635  
d) 640      e) None of these  
Q.160)  $30\% \text{ of } 350 + 15\% \text{ of } 200 + \frac{3}{5} \times 100 + \frac{0.5}{0.25} \times 50 + 29 = \sqrt{xxx}$   
a) 208      b) 324      c) 432  
d) 542      e) None of these  
Q.161)  $0.12 + 0.18 + 0.22 - 0.10 + 0.11 + 0.07 + 0.15 + 0.25 = \sqrt{x}$   
a) 1      b) 2      c) 3  
d) 4      e) None of these  
Q.162)  $3^{xx} \times 3^3 = 243 \times 27 \times 3^{15}$   
a) 17      b) 18      c) 20  
d) 19      e) None of these  
Q.163)  $\frac{[(1024+36)^2 - (1024-36)^2]}{1024 \times 36} = x$   
a) 4      b) 5      c) 8  
d) 7      e) None of these  
Q.164)  $\frac{625^3 + 375^3}{625^2 - 625 \times 375 + 375^2} = xx$   
a) 1000      b) 1024      c) 1225  
d) 1331      e) None of these  
Q.165)  $4096 \times 8^{xx} = 8^4 \times 8^3 \div 512$   
a) 1      b) 2      c) 3  
d) 4      e) None of these  
Q.166)  $1 = 1^{xx}$   
a) 0      b) 1      c) 2  
d) Can't be determined  
e) None of these  
Q.167)  $0.125\% \text{ of } 800 + 0.2\% \text{ of } 500 + 0.375\% \text{ of } 1000 + \frac{0.25}{0.50} = xx^2$   
a) 2.5      b) 3.5      c) 4.5  
d) 5.5      e) 8  
Q.168)  $0.25 \times 25 - 1 + 6.75 + 2^2 + 3^2 = xx^2$   
a) 6      b) 5      c) 7

- d) 8      e) 9  
Q.169)  $250 \div 5 \times 4 \div 2 + \frac{1}{2}(1000 \div (50 \times 10)) = ?$   
a) 101      b) 151      c) 201  
d) 121      e) None of these  
Q.170)  $(32 + 10 + 8 + 4 - 2 - 2) \times \frac{1}{3}(10 \times 30 + 50 \times 6) = ?$   
a) 10050      b) 10000      c) 10500  
d) 20000      e) None of these  
Q.171)  $\left(\frac{1}{2} + 3\frac{1}{4} + 5\frac{6}{5} - 2\frac{3}{5}\right) \times 100 = ?$   
a) 725      b) 745      c) 735  
d) 785      e) None of these  
Q.172)  $\sqrt{576} \times \sqrt{144} + \sqrt{324} - \sqrt{400} = ?$   
a) 276      b) 296      c) 235  
d) 286      e) None of these  
Q.173)  $288 \div 4 - 20 \times 2 + 32 = 2^?$   
a) 6      b) 4      c) 3  
d) 2      e) None of these  
Q.174)  $426 \times 6 - 1556 = ? + 524$   
a) 276      b) 476      c) 436  
d) 566      e) None of these  
Q.175)  $20\% \text{ of } 800 + 30\% \text{ of } 500 - 280 = ?$   
a) 40      b) 20      c) 30  
d) 25      e) None of these  
Q.176)  $33000 \div 1100 \times 500 \div 20 = ? - 20 \times 20$   
a) 1150      b) 1700      c) 1650  
d) 1850      e) None of these  
Q.177)  $30\% \text{ of } \sqrt{676} \times 10 + 376 = ?$   
a) 454      b) 555      c) 544  
d) 354      e) None of these  
Q.178)  $(50 \times 14 \times 3) \div 25 + 55 = 3^? + 24 + 34$   
a) 4      b) 5      c) 6  
d) 3      e) None of these  
Q.179)  $\frac{(? )}{3.5} = (12 \times 4.5 + 34 \times 3.5) - 11 \times 12$   
a) 132.5      b) 126.5      c) 143.5  
d) 155.5      e) None of these  
Q.180)  $? = 135 \times 12 \div \frac{1}{6} \text{ of } 216 + 25\% \text{ of } 280$   
a) 145      b) 115      c) 125  
d) 160      e) 120  
Q.181)  $? = 12^2 \div 2^2 \times 15 - 3^2 + 141$   
a) 576      b) 712      c) 656  
d) 672      e) 632  
Q.182)  $? = \frac{144}{8} \times \frac{372}{12} \div \frac{30}{18} \times \frac{10}{108}$   
a) 31      b) 48      c) 106  
d) 76      e) 93  
Q.183)  $? = 117 \div \sqrt{169} \times \frac{45}{5} \times \frac{7}{\sqrt{81}}$   
a) 75      b) 84      c) 56  
d) 69      e) 63  
Q.184)  $? = \frac{7}{12} \times 372 + \frac{4}{13} \text{ of } 104 - \frac{5}{17} \text{ of } 204$   
a) 193      b) 211      c) 189  
d) 175      e) 195  
Q.185)  $15\% \text{ of } 280 + 18\% \text{ of } 450 - 20\% \text{ of } 150 = ? - 24\% \text{ of } 200$   
a) 121      b) 141      c) 182  
d) 153      e) 167  
Q.186)  $\frac{7}{12} = 15 \times 3\frac{1}{5} + 18 \times 4\frac{4}{9} + 12 \times 2\frac{1}{4}$   
a) 1760      b) 1860      c) 1880  
d) 1920      e) 1800  
Q.187)  $? = 4^2\sqrt{25} - \frac{15^2}{\sqrt{25}} + 88 \div \sqrt{121}$   
a) 58      b) 35      c) 43  
d) 49      e) 53  
Q.188)  $? = 4\frac{3}{8} + 3\frac{7}{12} - 6\frac{3}{4} + 8\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{5}{6}$   
a)  $7\frac{1}{8}$       b)  $6\frac{1}{8}$       c)  $-7\frac{1}{8}$   
d)  $6\frac{7}{8}$       e) None of these  
Q.189)  $128 \div 16 \times 64 - 324 = ?^2 + 124$   
a) 9      b)  $\pm 8$       c) 7

- d) -11      e) 5  
Q.190)  $\sqrt{324} \div 2 \times 9.5 + 13.25 = ?$   
a) 97.75      b) 78.45      c) 98.75  
d) 89.85      e) 85.95  
Q.191)  $26 \times 12 + 3\frac{3}{4} \text{ of } 840 - 667.5 = ?$   
a) 2398.9      b) 3920.5      c) 2190.4  
d) 2794.5      e) 1990.4  
Q.192)  $\sqrt{289 \times 841} + \sqrt[3]{125} = ? \times 3$   
a) 156      b) 192      c) 166  
d) 210      e) 225  
Q.193)  $15\% \text{ of } 980 - 1\frac{4}{5}\% \text{ of } 1600 + 846 = ?$   
a) 897.5      b) 964.2      c) 967.3  
d) 789.9      e) 893.4  
Q.194)  $1728.97 + 165.43 - 243.24 - 864.54 = ? - 11.26$   
a) 779.7      b) 876.97      c) 799.78  
d) 698.98      e) 797.88  
Q.195)  $846.64 + \sqrt{729}\% \text{ of } 8610 - 22.34 = ?$   
a) 3149      b) 3419      c) 3459  
d) 3248      e) 3388  
Q.196)  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{1089 \times \sqrt{2116} + \sqrt[3]{529}}}{\sqrt[3]{1331 \times 2}} = ?$   
a) 2.5      b) 5      c) 3  
d) 6.4      e) 11  
Q.197)  $588 \div 12 \div 3\frac{1}{2} \times 15 = ?$   
a) 311      b) 310      c) 215  
d) 210      e) 223  
Q.198)  $20\% \text{ of } 65^2 + 15\% \text{ of } 6 \times 2^2 + 43^2 = ?x + 17^2$   
a) 2890.2      b) 2981.6      c) 3198.9  
d) 3019.4      e) 2938.5  
Q.199)  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{15876}}{21} \times \frac{\sqrt{(? )}}{6} = (0.75 \times 8)^2$   
a) 1926      b) 1629      c) 1296  
d) 1962      e) 1269  
Q.200)  $64\% \text{ of } 1250 + (? )\% \text{ of } 650 = (30)^2 - (3)^2$   
a) 8      b) 10      c) 12  
d) 14      e) 16  
Q.201)  $32.5 + 42.5 + 1.25 + 7.25 = (? ) + (3 \times 4.5)$   
a) 82      b) 80      c) 79  
d) 60      e) 70  
Q.202)  $12.12 \times 4 + 6.565 \times 8 = (? )^2 + 1$   
a) 100      b) 101      c) 102  
d) 10      e) 110  
Q.203)  $17^2 + 3 \times (? ) = 26^2 - 18$   
a) 133      b) 124      c) 123  
d) 113      e) 112  
Q.204)  $[(0.32 \times 25) + (0.08 \times 150)]^2 = \frac{(? )}{2}$   
a) 800      b) 802      c) 700  
d) 600      e) 850  
Q.205)  $\frac{5609}{71} \times \frac{8439}{87} = (? )^2 \times (19.4 \times 15.8)$   
a) 25      b) 5      c) 50  
d) 100      e) 10  
Q.206)  $13.5\% \text{ of } 1200 + (0.28 \times 25) = \sqrt{(? )}$   
a) 13      b) 196      c) 169  
d) 64      e) 28561  
Q.207)  $(16 \times 19 + 16^2 + 13^3) = (? ) \times 229.75$   
a) 10      b) 12      c) 15  
d) 17      e) 18  
Q.208)  $\sqrt{8649} \times 3.5 + \frac{9506}{98} \times 2.5 = 2 \times (? )$   
a) 278      b) 264      c) 290  
d) 284      e) 300  
Q.209)  $365 \times 2.6 - 365 \times 2.4 = 9.125 \times (? )$   
a) 7      b) 3      c) 5  
d) 9      e) 8  
Q.210)  $\sqrt{7569} \times (25 + 68) = (8 \times 5 \times 2.275) + (? )$   
a) 8400      b) 8000      c) 8200  
d) 8700      e) 8900

- Q.211)  $54 \times 65 + 6548 \times 1.25 = 500 \times (?)$   
a) 21.39 b) 23.39 c) 33.39  
d) 23.09 e) 29.90
- Q.212)  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{9261+469}}{0.875 \times 8} \times (?) = 1190$   
a) 17 b) 19 c) 20  
d) 23 e) 27
- Q.213)  $\frac{4641 - \frac{2407}{51}}{3} = (?)^2 - (0.2 \times 30)$   
a) 64 b) 9 c) 8  
d) 45 e) 6
- Q.214)  $(1.2\% \text{ of } 3650 + 2.8\% \text{ of } (?)) \times 17 = 3791$   
a) 6400 b) 4500 c) 4600  
d) 5400 e) 2600
- Q.215)  $\frac{125 \times 3.6 - 26 \times 4.5}{3} = 13.875 \times (?)$   
a) 5 b) 6 c) 7  
d) 9 e) 8
- Q.216)  $265 \times 5 + 32 \times 68 + 13 \times 47 = (?) + (6.355 \times 120 + 12.4 \times 21)$   
a) 2084 b) 3089 c) 2984  
d) 2098 e) 2678
- Q.217)  $300 \times 1.35 + 420 \times 1.75 + (?) = (1.375 \times 8)^3$   
a) 190 b) 193 c) 191  
d) 192 e) 198
- Q.218)  $94 + 347 + 236 + 392 - (?) = 37 + 3728 - 3181$   
a) 472 b) 482 c) 490  
d) 475 e) 485
- Q.219)  $(0.81)^2 \div (0.729)^3 \times (0.9)^2 = (0.9)^{?-3}$   
a) 3 b) 6 c) 7  
d) 0 e) 4
- Q.220)  $34.5\% \text{ of } 1800 + 12.4\% \text{ of } 1500 = (?)^3 + 78$   
a) 3 b) 5 c) 7  
d) 8 e) 9
- Q.221)  $\sqrt{15^2 \times 12 \div (9) - 125 + 21} = ?$   
a) 13 b) 14 c) 17  
d) 18 e) 15
- Q.222)  $2\frac{1}{8} - 1\frac{1}{16} = ? + 1\frac{1}{32} - 1\frac{9}{64}$   
a)  $1\frac{11}{64}$  b)  $1\frac{1}{8}$  c)  $1\frac{1}{32}$   
d)  $2\frac{3}{8}$  e)  $1\frac{1}{4}$
- Q.223)  $65\% \text{ of } \sqrt{3136} \times 5 = ? + 154$   
a) 14 b) 7 c) 21  
d) 28 e) 35
- Q.224)  $7.2 \times 5.6 \div 11.2 + \frac{10.8}{18} - \frac{1}{10} = ?$   
a) 4.1 b) 3.2 c) 5.6  
d) 7.1 e) 3.3
- Q.225)  $150\% \text{ of } 2.4 + 250\% \text{ of } 4.4 - 75\% \text{ of } 3.6 = 50\% \text{ of } ?$   
a) 23.8 b) 25.3 c) 30.6  
d) 63.4 e) 17.2
- Q.226)  $1.1 \times 32 + 3.3 \times 16 + 1.1 \times 20 = ? \times 55$   
a) 4 b) 3 c) 2  
d) 5 e) 6
- Q.227)  $6^2 + 80\% \text{ of } 80 = \sqrt{?}$   
a) 100 b) 10000 c) 10  
d) 1 e) None of these.
- Q.228)  $\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{4}{9} \times \frac{27}{8} \times \frac{10}{15} = \frac{?}{24}$   
a) 8 b) 6 c) 7  
d) 5 e) 2
- Q.229)  $21.12 + 1221.21 - 21.21 + 12.21 + 21.01 = ?$   
a) 1245.34 b) 1254.34 c) 1134.76  
d) 1142.43 e) None of these
- Q.230)  $\sqrt{3249} - \sqrt{2209} + ? = \sqrt[3]{1000}$   
a) 10 b) 90 c) 5  
d) 0 e) 17
- Q.231)  $(\frac{1}{4}\% \text{ of } 2400) \times \frac{2}{5} \text{ of } 725 = ? - 12\% \text{ of } 25$   
a) 1765 b) 1868 c) 1439  
d) 1743 e) None of these

- Q.232)  $(81)^3 \times 9^8 \div (729)^3 = 9^?$   
a) 5 b) 0 c) 12  
d) 7 e) None of these
- Q.233)  $1.2 \times 1.3 \times 1.4 \times 1.5 \times ? = 39.312$   
a) 13 b) 22 c) 12  
d) 27 e) None of these
- Q.234)  $\frac{2}{5} \times 1000 + \frac{10}{2} \times 200 \times 500 + 3000 + 2000 = ?$   
a) 505400 b) 605440 c) 505300  
d) 500400 e) None of these
- Q.235)  $2\frac{2}{5} + 3\frac{2}{3} + 4\frac{1}{10} - 5\frac{2}{5} = ?$   
a)  $4\frac{29}{30}$  b)  $5\frac{30}{39}$  c)  $3\frac{29}{30}$   
d) 3 e) None of these
- Q.236)  $0.05 \times 0.2 + \frac{0.05}{0.25} \times 17 \times 15 = ?$   
a) 51.01 b) 61.01 c) 52.01  
d) 53.02 e) None of these
- Q.237)  $30\% \text{ of } 2000 \times 150\% \text{ of } 2000 \times 100\% \text{ of } 10 = ? - 200 + 300$   
a) 17999000 b) 17999900 c) 17990000  
d) 18900000 e) None of these
- Q.238)  $\frac{3}{5} \text{ of } 1000 + \frac{3}{2} \text{ of } 1000 - \frac{5}{4} \text{ of } 500 = ? - \frac{11}{2} \text{ of } 500$   
a) 3225 b) 4225 c) 2245  
d) 2345 e) None of these
- Q.239)  $13^2 - 10^2 + 21^2 + 9^2 - 2^2 - 4^2 = ?$   
a) 571 b) 582 c) 600  
d) 636 e) None of these
- Q.240)  $\frac{12^2}{24} + \frac{13^2}{13} - 1 = ? - \frac{45}{15} + \frac{133}{19}$   
a) 15 b) 14 c) 24  
d) 22 e) None of these
- Q.241)  $\frac{429}{33} + 55 + 66 - 30 = ? - 50 + 33 - 13$   
a) 135 b) 136 c) 134  
d) 124 e) None of these
- Q.242)  $\frac{10000}{50} \times \frac{500}{200} \times \frac{100}{250} \times \frac{1500}{60} \times \frac{5000}{1000} \times \frac{120}{100} = ?$   
a) 30000 b) 70000 c) 80000  
d) 50000 e) None of these
- Q.243)  $500 \times 22 + 600 \times 20 + 300 \times 4 - 1000 \times 4 - 200 \times 10 = ?$   
a) 18200 b) 19200 c) 18300  
d) 19300 e) None of these
- Q.244)  $20\% \text{ of } 200 + 40\% \text{ of } 120 + 65\% \text{ of } 3400 - 26\% \text{ of } 2700 = ?$   
a) 1346 b) 1596 c) 3575  
d) 2346 e) 3256
- Q.245)  $244.35 + 542.54 + 257.52 + 5753.46 + 859 + 78.658 - 735.528 = ?$   
a) 6500 b) 6800 c) 7200  
d) 7000 e) 8600
- Q.246)  $\frac{\sqrt{225}}{21} \times \frac{\sqrt{441}}{\sqrt{6.25}} \times \sqrt{x} = 1$   
a) 36 b) 6 c)  $\frac{1}{36}$   
d) 216 e)  $\frac{1}{6}$
- Q.247)  $\frac{0.375}{\sqrt{0.0625}} \times \frac{0.18}{0.75} \times (?)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{9}{25}$   
a)  $\frac{3}{5}$  b) 2 c) 0  
d) 1 e) -1
- Q.248)  $\frac{\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{2}{7}}{\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{2}{7}} \times (31 \times 2) = (?)$   
a) 35 b) 28 c) 36  
d) 40 e) 25
- Q.249)  $\frac{0.45}{\sqrt{0.1296}} \times \frac{\sqrt{0.1024}}{\sqrt{6.25}} = (?)^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
a) 2.56 b)  $(0.16)^2$  c)  $(1.6)^2$   
d) 0.16 e) 0.016
- Q.250)  $(2 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4}) \div (\frac{2}{3} - \frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{5}) \times (1 - \frac{1}{3}) = (?)$   
a) 2.5 b) 3.5 c) 3.5  
d) 7.5 e) 2.5

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