

1) Answer – **A) Lilima Minz Explanation:**

On October 1, 2018, the Ekalabya committee selected Odia hockey player Lilima Minz for the prestigious Ekalabya Puraskar, 2018. The annual award comprises of a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh along with a citation. She represented the Indian senior team for the first time in 2011 during a four-nation tournament in Argentina. She also participated in the 2016 Summer Olympics and also won the gold medal Womens Hockey Asia Cup after a gap of 13 years in Japan on November 5, 2017. Apart from her, 2 other sportswomen would felicitated with the award. They are: weight lifter Jhili Dalabehera and Badminton player Rutuparna Panda.

2) Answer – **A) Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad Explanation:**

On 1st October 2018, Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad was elected the new President of Hockey India (HI). Earlier, Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad was the Secretary General of HI. He replaces Rajinder Singh. Other appointments: • Gyanendro Ningombam – Senior Vice President • Asima Ali, Bhola Nath Singh – Vice Presidents • Rajinder Singh – Secretary General • Tapan Kumar Das – Treasurer • Firoz Ansari, Asunta Lakra – Joint Secretary

3) Answer – **C) Japan Explanation:**

Japan's two Minerva-II-1 rovers have sent first video images from the surface of asteroid Ryugu. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) has released a 15-frame clip and new photographs taken by the two Minerva-II-1 rovers. The rovers were deployed by unmanned spacecraft Hayabusa2 about 60 metres on to Ryugu's surface after a 3.5 year journey. Ryugu is 280 million km away from Earth. This is the world's first moving, robotic observation of an asteroid surface. The rovers can jump upto 15 m across the asteroid's surface and stay airborne for 15 minutes.

4) Answer – **B) Municipal Solid Waste Management Explanation:**

On 1st October 2018, World Habitat Day was observed all over the world. In 1985 United Nations General Assembly declared the first Monday

of October as World Habitat Day. It was first celebrated in 1986. This day aims to highlight the state of our towns and cities, and on the fundamental right to adequate shelter. Theme for World Habitat Day 2018 is "Municipal Solid Waste Management".

5) Answer – **B) Niwari Explanation:** On September 30, 2018, the state Cabinet of Madhya Pradesh approved the proposal of induction of Niwari district in the state. It became the 52nd district of the state. IAS officer Akshay Kumar Singh has been appointed as the first interim District Collector of the district.

6) Answer – **D) Odisha Explanation:** On October 2, 2018, the Odisha government launched its own State Food Security Scheme (SFSS). Under this scheme, 18.32 lakh poor and eligible people will receive 5 kg of rice at the rate of Rupee 1 per kg. These people were not covered under National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA). Additionally, 6.68 lakh people will be added in the list by October 10, 2018. This is in response to the failure of the central government's approval against the state's request to include 25 lakh people under the NFSA.

7) Answer – **A) James P Allison, Tasaku Honjo Explanation:**

On October 2, 2018, Nobel Prize committee presented the Nobel Medicine Prize 2018 award to 2 joint winners – James P Allison of US and Tasaku Honjo of Japan. They received this prestigious award for their discovery of cancer therapy by "inhibition of negative immune regulation". The 2018 Nobel Prize for Physics was awarded to Arthur Ashkin, Gerard Mourou and Donna Strickland for their groundbreaking discoveries in 'laser physics'.

8) Answer – **3) Gita Gopinath Explanation:**

On October 1, 2018, International Monetary fund appointed Gita Gopinath as its chief economist. She succeeded Maurice (Maury) Obstfeld. She is currently working as John Zwaanstra Professor of International Studies and Economics at Harvard University. She is co-editor of the American Economic Review

and co-director of the International Finance and Macroeconomics Program at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). She received her Ph.D. in economics from Princeton University in 2001 after earning a B.A. from the University of Delhi and M.A. degrees from both the Delhi School of Economics and University of Washington.

9) Answer – **A) Football Explanation:**

Russia goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev has announced his retirement from international football. Igor Akinfeev is 32 years old. He played for CSKA Moscow club. He has earned 112 caps for Russia. He made his debut in 2004. He captained the Russian national team to World Cup 2018 quarter-finals in Russia. He had played a major role in helping his team reach the quarter-finals.

10) Answer – **B) Utkrisht Explanation:**

On October 2, 2018, Indian Railways launched its Project 'Utkrisht' to upgrade 140 rakes of Mail/Express trains in the first phase. The project aims to do the following: • Installing 'Swachh Rail Toilet', • Fitting of energy-efficient LED lights – in the main interior, doorway, gangway and inside toilets, • Braille signage & night glow stickers, • LED panel photo frame in first AC coaches, new types of bottle holders, big size mirrors, • Anti-graffiti vinyl wrapping in the gangway area, • New types of fire extinguishers, • Health faucets, auto janitors, odonil containers, big size mirror etc.

11) Answer – **D) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation: On October 2, 2018, on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu launched the 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Nestham' scheme in Amaravati. According to the scheme, an amount of Rs. 1000 will be given as monthly unemployment allowance to eligible jobless youth of the state. It would also provide skill training to 10 lakh youth and 260 training partners have been appointed for this purpose. The training partners are from the countries of: Singapore, UK and Germany.

12) Answer – **B) New Delhi Explanation:**

On October 25, 2018, the 2-day 11th Global Agriculture Summit 2018 concluded in New Delhi. It aimed to provide the platform towards facilitating farmers connect with the technologies, markets, industry, institutions and the Governmental programs. The Global Summit and Award ceremony was organized by Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) with support of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Ministry of Commerce. It was inaugurated by Secretary Agriculture and Co-operation, Sanjay Agrawal. The theme of the summit was: 'Connecting Farmers to Market'.

13) Answer – **B) Dubai, United Arab Emirates Explanation:**

On 23rd to 25th October 2018, the 20th Water, Energy, Technology, and Environment Exhibition (WETEX) 2018 was held at Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. WETEX is organized by Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) every year. It is held under the directives of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. It is conducted under the patronage of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance and President of DEWA. WETEX 2018 is the largest edition in the 20 year-history of WETEX. It was held under the umbrella of the Green Week, in conjunction with the 3rd Dubai Solar Show, and the 5th World Green Economy Summit (WGES). It displayed latest solutions in conventional and renewable energy, water, sustainability, and conservation.

14) Answer – **A) Bangladesh Explanation:**

On October 25, 2018, India and Bangladesh signed several agreements for enhancing inland and coastal waterways connectivity between the two countries for trade and cruise movements. The MOUs were signed by: Shipping Secretary Shri Gopal Krishna, and his Bangladesh counterpart Shri Md. Abdus Samadin. The MOUs are as follows: • To use Chattogram and Mongla Ports in Bangladesh for movement of goods to and

from India, • 'Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade' (PIWTT) between India and Bangladesh for inclusion of Dhubri in India and Pangaon in Bangladesh as new Ports of Call, • Inclusion of Rupnarayan river (National Waterway-86) from Geonkhali to Kolaghat in the protocol route, • Declare Kolaghat in West Bengal and Chilmari in Bangladesh as new Port of Call, • Declare Badarpur on river Barak (NW 16) as an Extended Port of Call of Karimganj in Assam and Ghorasal of Ashuganj in Bangladesh.

15) Answer – **C) Vietnam Explanation:** On October 3, 2018, a joint exercise of 'Sahyog-Hop Tac 2018' commenced off Chennai coast between Vietnam and India. In this bilateral exercise, Vietnam Coast Guard ship CSB 8001 took part in it for the first time. A vessel 'Sagar Manjusha', owned by National Institute of Ocean Technology and vessels from Indian coast guard took part in it as well. This exercise enhances cooperation between the two Coast Guards in areas of maritime safety and security.

16) Answer – **A) Simons Town, South Africa Explanation:** On October 1, 2018, the 14 –day 6th edition of IBSAMAR, a joint Multi – National Maritime Exercise between the Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies commenced at Simons Town, South Africa. The Indian Navy is represented by: Guided Missile Frigate INS Tarkash, Guided Missile Destroyer INS Kolkata, Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P81, Seaking and Chetak helicopters as well as a MARCOS contingent. Alongside this exercise, an IBSA Joint Defence Working Group meeting will also be held in South Africa.

17) Answer – **B) Indonesia Explanation:** On October 3, 2018, India launched 'Operation Samudra Maitri' in Central Sulawesi Province of the Republic of Indonesia. Its objective is to assist victims of earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia. The humanitarian assistance operation consisted of the two IAF Aircrafts, C-130J and C-17 along with medical personnel and relief material. The aircrafts also had tents and equipments to set up a field hospital along with medicines,

generators and water. Also, 3 Indian Naval Ships – INS Tir, INS Sujatha and INS Shardul set sail for the to carry out humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR).

18) Answer – **A) \$150 million Explanation:** On October 1, 2018, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$150 million loan to finance regional connectivity projects in North Bengal and North Eastern states. It is the 2nd tranche of a \$500 million loan agreement for the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Road Connectivity Investment Program. It was approved in 2014 and was aimed to develop 500 kms of roads in India's North Bengal and northeastern region for better regional connectivity to regional and other SASEC member countries. The new loan will involve: Upgradation of 66 kms of national and 103 kms of state highways in Manipur, Construction of about 1.5 km of an international bridge between India and Nepal.

19) Answer – **A) Justice Ranjan Gogoi Explanation:** On 3rd October 2018, Justice Ranjan Gogoi was sworn-in as the 46th Chief Justice of India (CJI). Justice Ranjan Gogoi was administered the oath by President Ram Nath Kovind. He is the first Chief Justice of India from the north-east. His term will end on November 17, 2019. He replaces Dipak Misra. He hails from Dibrugarh in Assam. He was born on November 18, 1954. In 2001, he started his career as a Permanent Judge of the Gauhati High Court. In 2010, he was transferred to the Punjab and Haryana High Court and became its Chief Justice in 2011. In 2012, he became a Supreme Court judge.

20) Answer – **C) Barham Salih Explanation:** On 2nd October 2018, Barham Salih was elected as 8th president of Iraq. Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK)'s Barham Salih secured 219 votes while his rival Fuad Hussein of Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) obtained 22 votes in the presidential election. Barham Salih replaces Fuad Masum. Barham Salih is 58 years old.

He is a former prime minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government and a former deputy prime minister of the Iraqi federal government. He has named Adel Abdul Mahdi as prime minister-designate and has bestowed him the responsibility of forming a new government.

21) Answer – **C) 28 Explanation:** On October 4, 2018, in the 2018 Government E-Payments Adoption Ranking (GEAR), compiled by The Economist Intelligence Unit commissioned by payments company Visa ranked India as 28th country to progress in the digital transformation journey. The survey is a 73-country ranking survey with Norway leading the pack followed by France and Denmark. India moved up to 28th in 2018, from 36th in 2011. It holds the top ranking on B2G and G2B, and comes third on C2G jointly with Argentina. India leads the B2G category, along with other countries like Australia, Singapore and South Korea.

22) Answer – **B) Boost Explanation:** On October 3, 2018, MobiKwik launched an instant loan approval and disbursement product called 'Boost'. As per the offer, loans of upto Rs 60,000 can be sanctioned as well as disbursed in a matter of 90 seconds. The approval time for the loan would be 30 seconds based on an innovative risk scoring model called 'Mobiscore'. The minimum amount of loans that can be approved is for Rs. 5000 and the users will have the option to transfer the amount in their bank accounts. They can pay the loan in easy monthly installments of 6-9 months.

23) Answer – **C) Frances Arnold Explanation:** On 3rd October 2018, US scientists Frances Arnold and George Smith and British researcher Gregory Winter won the Nobel Chemistry Prize. They were awarded the Nobel Chemistry Prize for applying the principles of evolution to develop enzymes used to make various items from biofuels to pharmaceuticals. Frances Arnold is the 5th woman to win the Nobel Chemistry Prize. She received half of the 9 million Swedish kronor (nearly USD 1.01 million) award. George Smith and

Gregory Winter shared the other half. The three scientists used the same principles of evolution: genetic change and selection, to develop proteins.

24) Answer – **C) Saurabh Kumar Explanation:** On 24th October 2018, Saurabh Kumar was appointed the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Union of Myanmar. Saurabh Kumar is an Indian Foreign Service Officer (IFS) of 1989 batch. At present, he is the Ambassador of India to Iran. He will take up this assignment soon. Saurabh Kumar will succeed Vikram Misri who has been serving as Ambassador of India to Myanmar since 2016. In September 2018, Vikram Misri was appointed the Indian Ambassador to China.

25) Answer – **C) Serbia Explanation:** Serbia women's volleyball team beat the Italian team 3:2 in a grand finale of the Volleyball Women's World Championship in Yokohama, Japan, on 20th October 2018. Serbia won the Volleyball Women's World Championship title for the first time.

26) Answer – **B) Ravi Viswanath Explanation:** On October 5, 2018, IRDAI approved Reliance Health Insurance, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Capital, to begin operations. It will commence operations by December 2018. Ravi Viswanath has been designated as the CEO of the firm.

27) Answer – **B) Astra Explanation:** Flight trials of Astra Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVR-AAM) were conducted successfully by the Indian Air Force (IAF) between September 26 and October 3, 2018, at Integrated Test Range (ITR), Balasore, Odisha. The trials included complex tests for engagement of pilotless target in various modes of manoeuvring, off-boresight, medium and long ranges. Astra has been tested 6 times under various launch conditions and ranges as part of the final development trial. It had active participation from IAF. Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed the missile and integrated the weapon on Su-30 and other air platforms.

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Nasik, played a major role in modifying Su-30 aircrafts for Astra weapon integration and support during trials.

28) Answer – **C) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation: On October 5, 2018, President Ramnath Kovind formally inaugurated the 4-day 4th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2018 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh for the first time. The theme of this year's festival is Science for Transformation. This Festival aims to apply science and technology for transformation of the country and enable positive change for social and economic progress. It features 23 special events, and is being attended by about 10000 delegates. A "science village" was set up at National Botanical Garden in Lucknow for interaction of science with common people.

29) Answer – **D) Goa Explanation:** The 36th National Games will be held from March 30 to April 14, 2019 in Goa. This announcement was made by Sports Authority of Goa (SAG) Executive Director V M Prabhudesai in Panaji. The Opening and Closing ceremonies will be held at P J N Stadium, Fatorda. Shooting and cycling events will be held in New Delhi since Goa does not have the facilities for these sports. Five sports: Rugby, Wushu, Modern Pentathlon, Lawn Bowl, and Billiards and Snooker, will be added to the Games programme. Expected budget of the Event is Rs.400 Crore.

30) Answer – **D) Patna Explanation:**

National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC), India's and Asia's first such centre would be soon opened on the banks of river Ganga river in the Patna University premises, Bihar. The NDRC has been set up to safeguard the endangered Gangetic river dolphin. They are killed in huge numbers for their flesh, fat and oil.

31) Answer – **D) Maha Madat Explanation:**

On October 6 2018, The Maharashtra Government has launched a website and an application 'Maha Madat' for collectively analysing the rainfall, crop situation and

underground water level using modern technology. The website has been created by the Relief and Rehabilitation Ministry with the help of the Maharashtra Remote Sensing Application Centre (MRSAC).

32) Answer – **D) Karnataka Explanation:**

On October 6 2018, Karnataka state government, unveils the Unnati scheme, which will invest up to Rs 20 crore to create end-to-end support infrastructure for startups and entrepreneurs from a marginalised background. The Objective is to deliver sustainable development and social welfare which will identify, mentor, and promote young entrepreneurs from the SC/ST communities.

33) Answer – **B) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh Explanation:**

On October 7, 2018, the 3rd edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX) commenced at Visakhapatnam. It will be a week long exercise concluding on October 15, 2018. In the exercise: Indian side is represented by: INS Satpura, INS Kadmat, INS Shakti, one submarine, P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft, under the command of Rear Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Flag Officer Commanding, Eastern Fleet. Japanese Side is represented by: Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) Ships Kaga, an Izumo Class Helicopter Destroyer and Inazuma, under the command of Rear Admiral Tatsuya Fukada, Commander, Escort Flotilla-4 (CCF-4). JIMEX-18 is aimed to enhance interoperability, improve understanding and imbibe the best practices of each other.

34) Answer – **A) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna Explanation:**

Union Agricultural Minister Radha Mohan Singh stated that the government has decided to cover damages to crops in wild animal attacks under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna in select districts on an experimental basis. The government has also brought under the Fasal Bima Yojna ambit certain horticultural crops on an experimental basis. Damages to individual or limited number of cultivators in localised events like water logging, land slide,

hailstorms etc did not fall under the ambit of the Centre's crop insurance scheme earlier, but they too are being covered now under new provisions.

35) Answer – **B) Japan Explanation:** On October 6, 2018, Japan joined the joint exercise codenamed- 'Kamandag' (venom) with US and Filipino troops in the Philippines for the first time since World War II. This marked the first time Japanese armoured military vehicles were used on foreign soil since 1945. This exercise consists of about 150 US, Filipino and Japanese troops participating in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief training.

36) Answer – **C) Rs 10 Explanation:** A delay in procurement of raw material for coins has forced Reserve Bank of India to cut its demand for Rs 10 coins by half, raising the specter of shortage in circulation. RBI, which manages the supply, adjusted the entire coin indent plan for FY19 by raising the demand for smaller denomination of coins in lieu of Rs 10 coins, following India Government Mints' failure to procure Rs 10 coin blocks on time

37) Answer – **A) Bargarh, Odisha Explanation:** On October 9, 2018, Governor of Odisha Prof Ganeshi Lal laid the foundation stone on country's first 58-acre Second Generation (2G) Ethanol Bio-Refinery plant at Baulsingha village in Bargarh district of Odisha. This was announced in the presence of Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan. This refinery will be set up by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL). The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1000 crore. It will be producing 3 crore litre of fuel grade ethanol annually. Commercial production will start from 2020. It is one among 12 refineries planned in 11 States in the country. It will utilise about two lakh tonne of rice straw annually from locations like Bhatli, Ambabhona, Attabira, Sohela, Burla and Lakhanpur.

38) Answer – **A) Haryana Explanation:** On October 9, 2018, Chief Minister of Haryana Manohar Lal Khattar announced the launch

of an anti-terrorist force (ATF) called 'Kavach'. The force will comprise of specially trained recruits from the state police, to deal with security challenges. For this, Haryana police recruits will be trained by the National Security Guard (NSG).

39) Answer – **A) Astana, Kazakhstan Explanation:** On 25th and 26th October 2018, the 2nd International Conference on Primary Health Care (PHC) towards UHC & SDGs, is held in Astana, Kazakhstan. The conference is cohosted by the Government of Kazakhstan, World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund). The conference aims to renew the commitment to primary health care to achieve universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals. J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare addressed the Second Plenary Session of the conference, on the theme "The Future of Primary Health Care".

40) Answer – **C) Ashis Mukherjee Explanation:** On October 23, 2018, Indian National Science Academy (INSA) selected Tezpur University professor Ashis Mukherjee for the prestigious "Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Teachers Award (2018)". He was selected for his consistent and high-level of teaching, and inspiration and mentoring students to take up careers in Science and Technology. He will be conferred the award at the Anniversary General Meeting of the Academy in December 2018. He has also received Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) in Biotechnology from Calcutta University and the Visitor's (President of India is the visitor of all central universities of India) Award for Research in Basic and Applied Sciences-2018 from the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi.

41) Answer – **A) William Nordhaus and Paul Romer Explanation:** On 8th October 2018, the Nobel Prize in Economics was jointly awarded to Americans William Nordhaus and Paul Romer for integrating climate change and technological innovation into the macroeconomic analysis. William Nordhaus is a professor at Yale University.

In 1990s, he became the first person to develop a quantitative model that described the interplay between economy and climate. Paul Romer is from New York University's Stern School of Business. He has shown how economic forces govern the willingness of firms to produce new ideas and innovations. This laid the foundation for endogenous growth theory.

42)Answer – **B) MedWatch Explanation:**

On October 8, 2018, the Indian Air Force, on its 86th anniversary, announced an innovative mobile health App named 'MedWatch'. It was launched by Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa in New Delhi. It is the first such health app provided in the three Armed Services and is an initiative of the IAF with zero financial outlay. Its objective is to provide health information to airwarriors and all citizens of India. It has been developed by Directorate of Information Technology (DIT) and idea was conceived by IA doctors. It is in sync with Prime Minister's vision of 'Digital India, Ayushman Bharat and Mission Indradhanush'. The app is available on www.apps.mgov.gov.in.

43)Answer – **A) National Skill Development Agency (NSDA)**

Explanation: On October 10, 2018, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the merger of National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) and the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) into the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET). The functions of NCVET will be as follows: • Recognition and regulation of awarding bodies, assessment bodies and skill related information providers; • Approval of qualifications developed by awarding bodies and Sector Skill Councils (SSCs); • Indirect regulation of vocational training institutes through awarding bodies and assessment agencies; • Research and information dissemination; • Grievance redressal.

44)Answer – **A) Rohtak, Haryana**

Explanation: On October 9, 2018, PM Narendra Modi visited Haryana. Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 64-foot-

tall statue of peasant leader Sir Chhotu Ram at his native village Sampla in Rohtak district of Haryana. The 64-feet-tall statue has been sculpted by renowned sculptor and Padma Bhushan-recipient Ram Vanji Sutar. For the construction of the statue, 5500 farmers donated iron metal from their behalf. He further paid floral tribute to the peasant leader and watched a 4 minute documentary on the leader. He also inaugurated a museum built in his memory of the leader at Sir Chhotu Ram Complex. Additionally, he also inaugurated a rail coach factory worth Rs. 500 crore in Haryana's Sonipat.

45) Answer – **B) 147 Explanation:** On October 10, 2018, UK-based charity 'Oxfam International's report named 'Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Index was released. The analysis was done by Oxfam and non-profit research group Development Finance International (DFI). India ranked 147th among 157 countries analysed and was labeled as "a very worrying situation" with respect to the rising inequality in the country. Government spending on health, education and social protection is low which is more subsidized to the private sector. Despite having a good tax structure, the practice of progressive taxation is not transparent and the collection often is avoided in cases of incomes of the richest. Also the labour laws and position of women at work place is quite low which brings the bar down for India.

46)Answer – **B) Veena Sendre**

Explanation: On 7th October 2018, Veena Sendre from Chhattisgarh was selected as India's first 'Miss Trans Queen', in Mumbai. Veena Sendre defeated Namita Ammu of Tamil Nadu and won the title at the national-level beauty contest. Veena Sendre is a former Miss Chhattisgarh. She hails from Mandir Hasaud village in Raipur. She had dropped out of school when she was in 5th standard. She has participated in various ramp walks at Lucknow and Bengaluru fashion weeks.

47)Answer – **C) China Explanation:** 9th October 2018, China successfully launched two remote sensing satellites belonging to

the Yaogan-32 family by a Long March-2C rocket with an upper stage on its top, from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in China. The remote sensing satellites have been launched to conduct electromagnetic environmental probes. The satellites have entered the planned orbits. They will be involved in electromagnetic environment surveys and related technology tests. This was the first flight of the upper stage named Yuanzheng-1S, or Expedition-1S. This launch was the 286th mission of the Long March rocket series.

48) Answer – **D) Senegal Explanation:** International Olympic Committee (IOC) has made Senegal the host of the 2022 Youth Olympic Games, making it the first African host of any Olympics. Senegal will host the youth games in 3 places: Dakar, Diamniadio and Saly. Senegal President Macky Sall announced that a 50,000-seat Olympic Stadium will be built. The budget for the games is estimated to be \$150 million. The construction project for the games include a rail link and an athletes village.

49) Answer – **D) Bengaluru Explanation:** On 10th October 2018, India's first India-Israel Innovation Centre (IIIC), an entrepreneurial technology hub, was launched in Bengaluru. IIIC will help Israeli companies enter India. It will enable local partnerships and joint ventures between companies from India and Israel. It will create an ecosystem to support entrepreneurship, partnership with vendors, mentoring and non-formal community development and covers business, technology, investors and customers. Start-ups that are part of IIIC will be offered mentorship, guidance and opportunities to participate at all IIIC's global events.

50) Answer – **B) Haryana Explanation:** On October 25, 2018, the Haryana Government introduce the 'Pashu Sanjeevni Sewa' scheme to provide free of cost health care services to livestock in the state through mobile veterinary clinics. The decision was taken during a meeting of the animal husbandry and dairy department, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal

Khattar. The service will be first started in all the blocks of Jind, Yamunanagar and Nuh districts for pilot run. One mobile vehicle would be pressed into service in each block of these 3 districts. Each mobile vehicle would have a three-member team comprising a veterinary doctor, one para vet and one helper-cum-driver.

51) Answer – **A) Rs 12,000 crore Explanation:** On October 10, 2018, Reserve Bank announced injection of liquidity worth Rs 12,000 crore into the system through purchase of government bonds on October 11 under Open Market Operations. The government will purchase bonds with maturity ranging between 2020 to 2030. As part of the OMOs, the purchase of government securities maturing will bear interest rate of: • 8.27 per cent in 2020, • 8.15 per cent in 2022, • 7.35 per cent in 2024, • 8.15 per cent in 2026 and • 7.61 per cent in 2030.

52) Answer – **A) State Bank of India (SBI) Explanation:** On October 10, 2018, State Bank of India signed a 3 year MOU with Kathmandu-based National Banking Institute (NBI) for development of human resources. Under the MOU, SBI will help establish a mutually beneficial strategic alliance for NBI's human resources development by providing education, training and research.

53) Answer – **B) Tushar Mehta Explanation:** On 10th October 2018, Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Tushar Mehta was appointed as the Solicitor General of India by the central government. Tushar Mehta replaces Ranjit Kumar. The post had been lying vacant since October 20, 2017. Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment for a period till June 30, 2020. Tushar Mehta became Additional Solicitor General (ASG) in 2014. Solicitor General is a legal officer who represents a state or central government in legal proceedings.

54) Answer – **A) Central University of Jammu (CUJ) Explanation:** On October 11, 2018, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) signed an MoU with the

Central University of Jammu (CUJ) in Jammu to set up Satish Dhawan Center for Space Science, a Space Applications Centre in the University campus. It is the first of its kind institute coming up in Jammu and Kashmir and the building is proposed in an area of about 1,150 sq. m. This will help in various fields like disaster management, health, education, communication, weather forecasting, land use planning, etc. Considering the recurring natural calamities, the area can be easily monitored from space through remote sensing.

55) Answer – **C) Ram Vanji Sutar**
Explanation: On October 26, 2018, the Ministry of Culture announced the Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony for the years 2014, 2015 & 2016. These will be conferred to: 2014: Manipuri dancer Sh. Rajkumar Singhajit Singh; 2015: Chhayanaut (a cultural organization of Bangladesh) and 2016: Sculptor, Sh. Ram Vanji Sutar.

56) Answer – **C) China**
Explanation: On October 26, 2018, Indian railways announced the world's highest railway line that will run along the India- China border. The rail line will have a highest road point of 5,360 metres above mean sea level. The estimated cost to build this 465 km-line will be Rs 83,360 crore. It will consist of 74 tunnels, 124 major bridges and 396 minor bridges and 30 stations. Keylong station on the route will be build inside a tunnel at a height of 3,000 metres, a first in India. More than half of the train route will be covered in tunnels, longest being 27 km, and the total length of the tunnels would be 244 km.

57) Answer – **A) Belawan harbour, Indonesia**
Explanation: On October 11, 2018, Indian navy ship and aircraft joined in for the 16-day 32nd edition of India – Indonesia coordinated patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) held from 11 – 27 Oct 2018 in Belawan harbour, Indonesia. The Indian side is represented by: Indian Naval Ship Kulish, a Kora class missile corvette, commanded by Commander Deepak Bali and Indian Dornier (naval maritime time patrol aircraft) from Andaman and Nicobar command. The Indian delegation is led by

Commodore Ashutosh Ridhorkar, Naval Component Commander, Andaman and Nicobar Command. Under CORPAT, both the countries would undertake patrolling on the respective sides of 236 nautical miles long International Maritime Boundary Line. It would be conducted in three phases: From 14 – 24 Oct 2018 followed by a closing ceremony at Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Island, scheduled from 25 – 26 Oct 2018.

58) Answer – **A) 8 %**
Explanation: On October 13, 2018, the Finance Ministry increased interest rates for non-governmental provident funds, gratuity and superannuation to 8 percent from existing 7.6 percent. Also, the interest rates for small savings schemes has been hiked by 40 basis points. These include: Public Provident Fund (PPF), Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme, National Savings Certificate and post office time deposits. The changes are effective from October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, for the 3rd quarter.

59) Answer – **B) Colombo, Sri Lanka**
Explanation: On October 11, 2018, "The Indian Ocean: Defining our Future" Conference was held for 2 days till October 12, 2018 held at Temple Trees, in Colombo, Sri Lanka. It is aimed to explore strongest challenges in the Indian Ocean region. It was organized by the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute in collaboration with the Global Maritime Crime Programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The inaugural address of the Conference was delivered by President Maithripala Sirisena while Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe delivered the keynote address. Also, the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean, Ambassador Peter Thomson addressed the inaugural session.

60) Answer – **C) Sikkim**
Explanation: On 12th October 2018, Sikkim won the United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) Future Policy GoldAward for its achievement in becoming the world's first totally organic agriculture

state. The award is nicknamed the “Oscar for best policies”. It is co-organised by FAO, the World Future Council (WFC) and International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM – Organics International). Brazil, Denmark, Quito and Ecuador received the Silver award. Sikkim has completely banned the sale and use of chemical pesticides. With this transition to organic farming, the tourism sector has benefited with the number of visitors increasing by more than 50 % between 2014 and 2017.

61)Answer – D) Jammu and Kashmir

Explanation: On October 15, 2018, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), in its 63rd meeting, approved to enhance free accident insurance cover provided to pilgrims visiting Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir. The decision was taken at the Raj Bhavan in Srinagar under the chairmanship of J&K Governor and chairman of SMVDSB, Satya Pal Malik. Under this, the accidental cover extended to each pilgrim free of cost has been enhanced to Rs 5 lakh from Rs 3 lakh, after 8 years. This will be available to pilgrims, who avail the services of the upcoming Passenger Ropeway between Bhawan and Bhairon Ghati. The premium on providing insurance cover to the pilgrims will be borne by the Shrine Board.

62)Answer – C) 3 Explanation: On October 13, 2018, India was elected to the United Nations’ top human rights body, UNHRC for a period of three years. The elections were conducted by UN General Assembly. This period would commence from January 1, 2019. India got 188 votes out of 193, the highest number of votes among all candidates. Along with India, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Fiji and Philippines were also selected for 5 seats in the Asia Pacific category. It is a part of the 18 new members elected in the UN Human Rights Council.

63) Answer – A) Ask Disha Explanation:

On October 13, 2018, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) launched ‘Ask Disha’, the new artificial intelligence-enabled chat bot. This was

launched on its e-ticketing website, irctc.co.in. and is a first-of-its-kind initiative for any Indian government website. It has been jointly developed by IRCTC and CoRover Private Limited, a Bangalore-based startup. It will be integrated in IRCTC Rail Connect Android app and will be voice-enabled soon. It can be used by Indian Railways passengers to get their questions answered through the chat bot. It also has auto suggestion options for the customer.

64)Answer – B) Priyank Kanoongo

Explanation: Priyank Kanoongo has been appointed the Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) by the appointments committee of the cabinet for a term of 3 years. Priyank Kanoongo will be the 5th Chairperson of NCPCR. He replaces Stuti Kacker, whose tenure ended on September 16, 2018. Priyank Kanoongo has been member of NCPCR since November 2015. His tenure as member is about to end. He hails from Madhya Pradesh. He is a graduate in science. He was assigned to work on education when he was appointed member of NCPCR.

65)Answer – B) Shekhar C. Mande

Explanation: On October 15, 2018, India’s leading expert in DNA fingerprinting and diagnostics, 56-year-old, Shekhar C. Mande was appointed Director-General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). He will serve as secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and head 38 labs of CSIR. He replaced biotechnologist Girish Sahni, who retired on 31 August. He is currently director at the National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), Pune. He is the vice-president of Vijnana Bharati, a widely-known science outreach organisation. He is also a life member of the Indian Crystallographic Association, and is chairman at the National Committee for the International Union of Crystallography.

66) Answer – C) West Bengal Explanation:

On October 16, 2018, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, on the occasion of World Food Day, launched ‘Khadya Sathi’

scheme. This would ensure food security to more than 8.5 crore people of the state. Special assistance will be given to the people of Jangalmahal and Hill areas besides Aila-affected areas and farmers of Singur, tea garden workers as well as the Toto tribe.

67) Answer – **B) Prayagraj Explanation:** On October 15, 2018, Uttar Pradesh cabinet decided to change the name of Allahabad city to Prayagraj. It was announced by the state Health Minister Siddharth Nath Singh. It was renamed after proposal to do so ahead of 2019 Kumbh Mela during Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's trip to Allahabad.

68) Answer – **C) Norway Explanation:** On 25th October 2018, NATO's (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) Trident Juncture 2018 military exercise began in Norway. This is NATO's biggest military exercise since the Cold War. Trident Juncture 2018, will be held till November 7, 2018. Nearly 50,000 personnel from all 29 NATO allies, partners Finland and Sweden, are taking part. Around 65 vessels, 150 aircraft and 10,000 vehicles are taking part. The drill will be conducted in central and eastern Norway, the North Atlantic and the Baltic Sea. It aims to train the Alliance to mobilise quickly to defend an ally under attack. Russia, which shares a border with Norway, was invited to monitor the exercise, but Moscow is still angered by the exercise.

69) Answer – **A) Swastha Bharat Yatra Explanation:** On 16th October, On the Occasion of the World Food Day, Government of India Launched a Campaign named "Swastha Bharat Yatra" to create awareness about Safe Food. The Government gives an annual subsidy of about Rs.2 Lakh crore with public Distribution System and through other welfare Schemes in order to make available of foods to all the people. The Campaign is Launched by Central Governmnet association with the State Government and it is led by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). The 'Swastha Bharat Yatra' is launched simultaneously at Leh(in Jammu & Kashmir), Panaji(Goa),

Thiruvananthapuram(Kerala),Puducherry, Ranji (Jharkhand) and Agartala (Tripura). Around 7500 Cyclists are to be participated in over 18000 Km relay cycle across the states and UT for 100 days from October 16 to January 27.

70) Answer – **D) 58 Explanation:** On 17th October, World Economic Forum(WEF) released the Index on Most Competitive Economy for 2018, in which India ranked 58th out of 140 Countries. India jumped 5 places from 2017. India Scored 62.0 in the latest Global Competitiveness Index. This is the largest gain among all G20 economies. US topped the Index, Singapore and Germany followed it. China Ranked at the 28th Position with a score of 72.6 among the BRICS Countries, Russia ranked 43rd Position with a score of 65.6, South Africa with a score of 60.8 ranked 67th Position and Brazil ranked with 72nd Position with a score 59.5. The Country is ranked on the following factor: Institutions, Infrastructure; Technological readiness; Macroeconomic context; Health; Education and skills; Product market; Labour market; Financial system; Market size; Business dynamism; and Innovation.

71) Answer – **B) Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi Explanation:** On 15th October 2018, music director Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi known as 'Khayyam', was named for 2018 Hridaynath Award for Lifetime Achievement. The award consists of a cash prize of Rs 100,000 and a memento. It will be presented by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis at a ceremony on October 26, 2018 in Mumbai. Khayyam is a music composer, lyricist and writer. He is 91 years old. He started his music career in Ludhiana in 1943. He has received Padma Bhushan, National Award, Filmfare Award, etc. In 2016, along with his wife Jagjit Kaur he started the 'Khayyam-Jagjit Kaur KPG Charitable Trust'.

72) Answer – **B) Suheil F. Tandon Explanation:** Suheil F. Tandon has won the International Olympic Committee's Sport and Active Society Commission's Grant

Award for his contribution to sports for development. Suheil F. Tandon is a social Entrepreneur. He is the Founder of Pro Sport Development (PSD) and Executive Director of Martha Farrell Foundation. International Olympic Committee (IOC) redistributes more than 90 % of its income to the wider sporting movement, to help athletes and sports organisations throughout the world. These grants are worth USD 25,000 each. They are awarded to grassroots organisations conducting effective sport for all programmes in various parts of the world.

73) Answer – **C) Mumbai Explanation:** On October 17, 2018, Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi unfurled India's highest tricolor flag at the majestic Haj House in Mumbai. The flag is 20x30 feet in dimensions and stands 350 feet above the ground. It is atop a 20-metre high mast on top of the iconic building near the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) in south Mumbai. This makes it the highest tricolour installed on the terrace of any building of such height in the country. This flag has been manufactured by Flag Company. The minister also inaugurated a special 'viewers gallery' atop the Haj House to overlook the gems of Mumbai. He also announced the schedule of Haj 2019 which will be 100 per cent subsidy free.

74) Answer – **A) Bihar**

75) Answer – **C) Meghalaya Explanation:** On October 26, 2018, Meghalaya launched the flagship scheme "Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries". For this, the Central Government has sanctioned 51 crore rupees. This would enable self-sufficiency in fish production.

76)Answer – **D) Tamil Nadu Explanation:** Tamil Nadu has created a national record by opening over 16 lakh postal savings accounts under the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana. Tamil Nadu's Chief Postmaster General (CPMG) M Sampath made this announcement in Trichy, Tamil Nadu, on 26th October 2018. The Chief Postmaster

General (CPMG) also inspected the Vaalavanthankottai rural branch post office in Trichy to assess the progress of the Digital Advancement of Rural Post Offices in New India – Darpan scheme. He stated that over 1500 post offices, out of the total 6717 post offices in Tamil Nadu have already migrated to the Darpan system.

77)Answer – **B) Bajrang Punia**

Explanation: From 20th to 28th October 2018, 2018 Senior World Wrestling Championships, was held in Budapest, Hungary. It was the 15th edition of World Wrestling Championships of combined events. A 30-member Indian team led by Olympic medalist Sakshi Malik and Asian Games gold medalist Bajrang Punia represented India. Jagminder Singh was the chief coach of freestyle team and Kuldeep Malik was in charge of women's squad. India won 2 medals: 1 bronze medal and 1 silver medal. India's 24-year-old Pooja Dhanda from Haryana defeated Grace Jacob Bhullen of Norway 10-7 and won bronze medal in the 57kg category. She has become the 4th Indian woman wrestler to have won a medal (all bronze) at the World Championships. India's Bajrang Punia, won a silver medal in the 65kg freestyle division. He lost to Japanese Takuto Otoguro in the final.

78)Answer – **A) Stephen Hawking**

Explanation: On October 18, 2018, Stephen Hawking's final work "Brief Answers to the Big Questions" was launched. It has been completed by the theoretical physicist's family and academic colleagues, with material drawn from his vast personal archive. It tackles various issues including existence of God, potential time travel and human intelligence during the next 100 years.

79) Answer – **D) Kerala Explanation:** On October 18, 2018, Kerala became the first state in the country to have 100% penetration of LPG in public sector oil companies. With three bottling plants at Kochi, Kozhikode, and Kollam, LPG is being brought to 49.79 lakh customers through 308 distributors. The Indian Oil is also

prepared to provide with new generation fuels like CNG and other green fuels. Indian Oil has 50% of the market share with the remaining being shared by HPCL and BPCL.

80) Answer – **B) Assam Explanation:** On October 18, 2018, Assam celebrated its 3rd Bihu festival known as the 'Kati Bihu' festival across the state. The name of the other 2 Bihu festivals are: Rongali and Bohagi Bihu. The festival derives its name from the Assamese month of Kati. The festival is held at this time of the year since the granaries of the farmers usually remain empty and therefore it is known as Kongali (poor) Bihu. On the occasion of Kati Bihu, women, both in urban and rural areas, try to ward off evil and pray for a rich harvest by lighting earthen lamps.

81) Answer – **C) China Explanation:** China is planning to launch its own 'artificial moon' by 2020 to replace streetlamps and lower electricity costs in urban areas. Chengdu, a city in southwestern Sichuan province, is developing "illumination satellites" which will shine in tandem with the real moon, but are eight times brighter. The first man-made moon will launch from Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Sichuan, with three more to follow in 2022 if the first test goes well.

82) Answer – **C) Himachal Pradesh Explanation:** On October 20, 2018, India for the first time announced a railway station named, the Keylong station, to be built inside a tunnel at a height of 3,000 metres in Himachal Pradesh. This will be built along the Bilaspur-Manali-Leh line close to the Sino-India border. The station will be at a height of around 3,000 metres and will be inside a 27- km-long tunnel. It will connect all important locations between Bilaspur and Leh like Sundernagar, Mandi, Manali, Keylong, Koksar, Darcha, Upshi and Karu and other towns of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. After completion, the line will halve the duration taken to cover the distance between Delhi and Leh, from 40 hours to 20 hours.

83) Answer – **B) Mumbai Explanation:** On October 20, 2018, to develop Cruise Tourism in the country, India's first ever passenger cruise ship was launched between Mumbai and Goa. It was launched by Union Shipping, Ports and Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari in Mumbai. It is a joint venture between Mumbai Port Trust and Angriya Sea Eagle Pvt Ltd. The cruise ship Angriya has been named after first Maratha Navy Admiral Kanhoji Angre and the great Angria bank coral reef near Vijaydurg, Maharashtra.

84) Answer – **A) Brahmaputra Explanation:** On October 21, 2018, it was announced that India's longest river bridge will be built across the Brahmaputra, connecting Dhubri in Assam to Phulbari in Meghalaya, by 2026-27. It will be a 19.3 km, four-lane bridge that will cut road travel by 203 km. The new bridge will complete the missing link of NH127B from Assam to Meghalaya. The bridge will also improve connectivity from West Bengal to Assam. For the project, the National Highways and Industrial Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), recently reached out to global players in France.

85) Answer – **D) SBI Wealth Hub Explanation:** On October 20, 2018 State Bank of India has launched "SBI Wealth Hub". SBI is the first bank to introduce wealth business services for its customers. The wealth hub was launched by SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar. The bank has also launched Wealth Business services for NRIs and is in the process of setting of a state-of-the-art global e- Wealth centre at Kochi.

86) Answer – **B) USD 43.4 million Explanation:** On October 22 2018 UN-backed fund has approved USD 43.4 million for supporting climate resilience of millions of people living in the coastal states of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha of India to combat extreme impacts of climate change during the 21st meeting of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board at Manama, Bahrain. The new project will be supported through the United Nations

Development Programme (UNDP), and is an essential step for India in reaching its goals outlined in the Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Government of India will finance an additional US\$86.8 million toward the new project to mainstream and accelerate the impacts of the Green Climate Fund grant.

87) Answer – **A) Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**
Explanation: On 21st October 2018, Uzbekistan Ambassador to India Farhod Arziev inaugurated a 4-day international dance festival titled “Udbhav Utsav” in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. This dance festival is sponsored by the Greenwood group of schools. This is the 15th year for this festival. The inaugural session was held in Jiwaji Club, Gwalior. Dance troupes from Bulgaria, Turkey and Sri Lanka, and 25 teams from India, will participate. Keshav Pandey is the organising committee president.

88) Answer – **B) Russia**
Explanation: From 22nd October to 4th November 2018, ‘Druzhba-III’, the 3rd edition of joint bilateral military training exercise between Pakistan and Russia is held in Pakistan. The exercise will be held at the training range in Nowshera district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, in Pakistan. More than 70 soldiers from Russia’s southern military district will participate. This will be the 3rd joint military drill between Pakistan and Russia under the bilateral training cooperation agreement. This exercise is held since 2016. Armed forces from both the countries will perform tasks at an altitude of 1,400 meters above sea level. In August 2018, an agreement was signed allowing Pakistani troops to train in Russia. It was signed during the 1st Russia-Pakistan Joint Military Consultative Committee (JMCC) meeting on security and defence.

89) Answer – **A) PayPay**
Explanation: On October 22 2018 Paytm, run by One 97 Communications Ltd has launched a QR-based smartphone payment service called ‘PayPay’ in Japan in collaboration with SoftBank and Yahoo Japan Corporation. PayPay allows users to store money from a

bank account in their “PayPay” wallet and aims to promote the use of cashless payment in Japan. Japan accounts for only 20% of overall cashless transactions in the country. Yahoo Japan will terminate its current smartphone settlement function “Yahoo! Wallet” with the launch of payment service called “PayPay”.

90) Answer – **D) Cricket**
Explanation: On 20th October 2018, Indian pacer Praveen Kumar announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Praveen Kumar is 32 years old. He hails from Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. He represented India in 84 international matches between 2007 and 2012 and gained 112 wickets in Tests, One Day Internationals (ODIs) and Twenty20 International (T20I). He made his ODI debut in 2007. He is known for his ability to swing the ball in both ways. He also played for Kings XI Punjab, Royal Challengers Bangalore, Sunrisers Hyderabad, and Gujarat Lions teams in the Indian Premier League (IPL) tournament. He took 90 wickets in 119 matches. He played a major role in India’s title win in the Commonwealth Bank ODI tri-series in Australia in 2008. He is also India’s highest wicket-taker on England tour in 2011, where he took 15 wickets in 3 Tests.

91) Answer – **A) Myanmar**
Explanation: On 22nd October 2018, India and Myanmar signed a MoU for the appointment of a private Port Operator for the Operation and Maintenance of Sittwe Port, Paletwa Inland Water Terminal and associated facilities included in the Kaladan Multi Model Transit Transport Project in implementation of India’s Act East Policy. The MoU was signed by Vijay Gokhale, Foreign Secretary, India, and U Win Khant, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Myanmar. Once operations commence at this port, it will provide new infrastructure for trade between India and Myanmar. It will enhance job opportunities and development in the entire region, mainly in the Rakhine and Chin States of Myanmar.

92) Answer – **B) Singapore -**
Explanation: On October 19, 2018, Defence Minister Smt

Nirmala Sitharaman attended the 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) in Singapore. Singapore hosted and chaired the meet for the second time since its establishment in 2006. The conference was attended by defence ministers from Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Russia and the US.

93)Answer – **A) United States**
Explanation: On 21st October 2018, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the United States (US) started a two-week military exercise named “Iron Magic 19” in the Arabian Gulf. Iron Magic 19 will be held till November 1, 2018. It is part of a series of joint military exercises throughout the year between the UAE armed forces and the armed forces of other countries. This exercise aims to enhance cooperation, joint actions and exchange of expertise in military areas. A major part of UAE military hardware, like F-16 fighter jets, Mirage jets and Apache Longbow attack helicopters, are manufactured by companies from the US, Britain and France.

94)Answer – **A) Rs 728 crore**
Explanation: On October 23, 2018, Public sector Syndicate Bank announced capital infusion of Rs 728 crore from the government in lieu of preferential allotment of shares. The government in its October 17th order issued that it would infuse Rs 728 crore to Syndicate Bank against preferential allotment of equity shares during 2018-19. On October 22 the bank had received the amount and kept it in Syndicate Bank Share Application Money.

95)Answer – **A) HD Deve Gowda**
Explanation: On 24th October 2018, former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda will be conferred with the Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti Award on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti, in Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, Karnataka. HD Deve Gowda is awarded for his contribution to the welfare of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes communities. The award will be given by Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy. HD Deve Gowda will not be available to receive the award as he will be travelling to London. HD Deve Gowda was

born on May 18, 1933. He served as the 11th Prime Minister of India from June 1, 1996 to April 21, 1997. He was also the 14th Chief Minister of Karnataka from 1994 to 1996.

96) Answer – **A) Paul Biya**
Explanation: On 23rd October 2018, Paul Biya, won the 7th term as President of Cameroon. Paul Biya has been ruling Cameroon since 1982. He is 85 years old. He had won 71.3 % of the ballot in the presidential election held on October 7, 2018. His rival Maurice Kamto came second with 14.2 % of the vote.

97)Answer – **A) Rs.7,522 crore**
Explanation: On October 24, 2018, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved creation of special Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF). It will have an estimated fund size of Rs.7,522 crore. It will be comprised of: • Rs.5,266.40 crore to be raised by the Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs), • Rs. 1,316.6 crore beneficiaries contribution and • Rs.939.48 crore budgetary support from the Government of India.

98)Answer – **B) Lakshadweep**
Explanation: On 22nd to 24th October 2018, International Conference on Status and Protection of Coral Reefs (STAPCOR – 2018) was held at Bangaram coral Island of Lakshadweep. The conference was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan. Theme for the conference was: “Reef for Life”. Nearly 150 delegates from India and other countries participated. The conference was organized by: Department of Environment and Forest, Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration with technical support of Zoological Survey of India and in association with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, IUCN, ENVIS, following the declaration of 2018 as 3rd decadal International year of Reefs.

99)Answer – **A) Narendra Modi**
Explanation: The Seoul Peace Prize Committee has decided to confer the 2018

Seoul Peace Prize on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is conferred this award in recognition of his efforts to improve international cooperation, global economic growth, Human Development of people of India, economic growth in the world's fastest growing large economy and development of democracy through anti-corruption and social integration efforts. He was chosen from more than 1300 nominators from across the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the 14th recipient of this award. He has accepted the award. The award will be presented by the Seoul Peace Prize Foundation at a mutually convenient time.

100) Answer – **B) Cochin Explanation:** On October 30, 2018, the Union Minister for Shipping , Road Transport and Highways, Mr Nitin Gadkari and Kerala Chief Minister Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan laid foundation of India's largest Dry Dock at Cochin Shipyard. The new Dry Dock is being constructed at a cost of Rs 1799 Crore and is expected to be completed by May 2021. It will be 310 m long, 75m wide, with a depth of 13 m and draught of 9.5m. It will be designed to handle both ship building and repairs, and bear a load up to 600 T/m. It will have a water treatment plant and Green Belt Development. It will be used to build specialized and technologically advanced large vessels like LNG Carriers, drill ships etc for the Indian Navy.

