

### 1. Answer – D) Netherlands

#### **Explanation:**

On October 31, 2018, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Environment, Forest and Climate Change announced that the Kingdom of Netherlands will be the Partner Country 25th DST – CII Technology Summit to be organized in 2019. This was announced at the Silver Jubilee edition of Technology Summit – 2019. This is due to the cooperation between India and Netherlands in sectors such as affordable medical devices, urban water systems, big data and Internet of Things (IoT). The 25th Technology Summit -2019 will be made a global event and the visit of their Prime Minister to India in May 2018 has marked the 10th anniversary of Science, Technology & Innovation collaboration between the two countries

### 2. Answer – C) Odisha

#### **Explanation:**

On October 30, 2018, Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik launched 'Soura Jalanidhi' scheme to increase use of solar energy for helping farmers in irrigation. 'Soura Jalanidhi' is a dug well based solar pump irrigation system in convergence mode. The total cost of the scheme allocated by the state government is: Rs. 27.18 crore in the 2018-19 financial year. Under this scheme, 5,000 solar pumps will be provided to farmers at a subsidy of 90 per cent to irrigate 2,500 acres of land. The Chief Minister distributed four go-ahead orders for installation of solar pump to the farmers.

### 5) Answer-B ) 66

#### **Explanation:**

On October 31, 2018, in the latest ranking of the Global Passport Index, The Indian passport was ranked 66th in the world. The position of 66 has been improved nine notches since the previous year and means that the Indian passport holders has been granted visa-free access to 66 countries. Other than India, Kyrgyzstan and Zimbabwe share the 66th rank. Singapore and Germany have the world's "most powerful" passport with access to 165 countries. In the last place of the list is Afghanistan, ranked 91 with a score of 22, followed by Iraq at 90, Pakistan at 89 and Syria at 88 and Somalia at 87.

### 4. Answer – B ) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Explanation:

HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, launched the 'Cyber Security Awareness Week' from October 21 to October 27, 2018. 'Cyber Security Awareness Week' aimed to create awareness about cybercrime and promote the need of cyber security among individuals under its theme '#HackSeLado'. Discussions were held on the increasing number of cybercrimes in India and the on-going challenges faced by people.

### 5. Answer – B ) World Bank

#### **Explanation:**

On October 31, 2018, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched an early warning dissemination system (EWDS). It has been developed as a part of the Central and state government project with the assistance of World Bank. It aims to provide early and timely information on natural calamities to the people of the state. It is a part of the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project and covers 6 coastal districts namely– Balasore, Bhadrak, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Puri and Ganjam. It has a State emergency centre in Bhubaneswar. Under this, a total of 122 towers were installed in the coastal districts along the 480-km long coastline , approximately at a distance of 1.5 km. It has a satellite based mobile data voice terminals, digital mobile radio, universal communication interface and mass messaging system to provide timely warning via alert messages on mobile phones.

6.

Answer – A ) Odisha

**Explanation:**

On November 1, 2018, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved renaming of Jharsuguda Airport of Odisha as “Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda”. Veer Surendra Sai is a well-known freedom fighter of Odisha. This was done as per demand of the Odisha Government for giving tribute to the freedom fighter representing the state.

7.

Answer – B ) 77

**Explanation:**

On October 31, 2018, according to the World Bank Group’s Doing Business 2019 report, India has shot up by 23 spots to reach the 77th position among 190 nations in World Bank’s Ease of Doing Business ranking. India is now recognized as among top ten improves for the 2nd consecutive year and has ranked first among South Asian countries compared to 6th rank in 2014. In 2017, India progressed 30 positions to reach the top 100. From 2014 to 2018, India moved from the 142nd place in the index to the 77th spot. According to the report, India has improved on six of the 10 parameters on starting and doing business in a country. This include: ease of starting a business, construction permits, getting electricity, getting credit, paying taxes, trade across borders, enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency.

8.

Answer Answer – A ) S. S. Deswal

**Explanation:**

On October 31, 2018, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Shri S. S. Deswal, as Director General, Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). He took charge from Shri R K Pachnanda, the outgoing DG of ITBP. Shri Deswal will also hold the additional charge of the post of DG, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

9. Answer – A ) MC Mary Kom

**Explanation:**

On 30th October 2018, Olympic bronze medalist boxer MC Mary Kom was named as the brand ambassador of the 10th edition of AIBA Women’s World Championship, which will be held from November 15-24, 2018, in New Delhi. Boxing Federation of India (BFI) also launched the logo and anthem of the 10th AIBA Women’s World Championship. The logo depicted “fire and women’s empowerment”. Theme of the anthem was: “Make some noise, scream and shout! We are here to knock you out!!!” Near 300 pugilists from 70 countries across 10 weight categories will take part in the tournament.

10.

Answer – B ) Qatar

**Explanation:**

Qatar will host the 23rd edition of the World Corporate Games between 6 and 9 November 2019. This event will be an opportunity for corporations throughout the world to exhibit their competitiveness through sports. This is the first time the World Corporate Games will be held in the Middle East. It will be organized by Sports for Life. This event takes place every one to two years. The last edition was

held in Houston, US in 2017. Nearly 8,000 international and local participants will take part. It will be the first time, the World Corporate Games will have eSports and mindsports. It features both individual and team competitions for women and men of all ages and abilities. It is an all-inclusive event with paragames for various categories.

11.

Answer – D ) Japan

**Explanation:**

On November 1, 2018, first-of-its-kind exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN – 2018, a joint military exercise between Indian & Japanese Armies, commenced at Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School, Vairengete, Mizoram, India. It will be a 14 days long exercise continuing till November 14, 2018. The exercise aims to build and promote army to army relations in addition to exchanging skills.

12.

Answer – C ) Kolkata

**Explanation:**

On November 2, 2018, according to a study named 'Ease of Moving Index' by Ola Mobility Institute, city of Kolkata topped among all Indian metro cities in public transport. 80% of people in cities — would prefer using public transport over personal vehicles. Kolkata secured the highest score while Patna and Bhubaneswar topped the list for growing and emerging cities. Kolkata outscored the other metros in terms of cleanliness and tops the charts when it comes to affordability of public transport. People in Chennai are the heaviest users of public transport among the metro cities while Mumbai scores lowest.

13.

Answer – A ) INS Viraat

**Explanation:**

On November 2, 2018, the conversion of decommissioned carrier INS Viraat into a floating museum was approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet. The project is worth Rs. 852 crore and will be implemented through public-private-partnership (PPP). The decision was aimed to make the new generation familiar with the glorious history of INS Viraat. The carrier will be housed on a concrete foundation near Nivati Rocks in Sindhudurg in Konkan region of Maharashtra.

14. Answer – A ) Medan, Indonesia

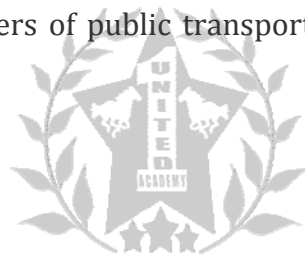
**Explanation:**

On October 28, 2018, the first-of-its-kind 'Little India Gate' was inaugurated at Kampung Madras or Madras Village area in Medan city, Indonesia. It was jointly inaugurated by India's ambassador to Indonesia and Timor Leste Pradeep Kumar Rawat and Mayor of Medan H T Dzulmi Eldin S. It was developed to recognize the contribution of Indian community in the development of Medan city, the 4th largest city of the country. It will be promoted as an iconic tourist spot in Medan city as it is the first such structure in entire Indonesia. It represents Bhinneka Tunggal Ika' or Unity in Diversity of Indonesia and of the Indian belief in 'Vasudev Kutubakam', meaning the world is one family.

15. Answer – D ) Justice Ramesh Ranganathan

**Explanation:**

On 2nd November 2018, Justice Ramesh Ranganathan was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Uttrakhand High Court. Previously, he served as the senior-most judge of the Hyderabad High Court. He replaces



Justice KM Joseph who was promoted to the Supreme Court. Ramesh Ranganathan was administered the oath by Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya in Raj Bhavan, Dehradun. Ramesh Ranganathan was born in Delhi on July 28, 1958. He was a Government Pleader from 1996 to 2000. He was Additional Advocate General from 2000 to 2004.

17. Answer – A ) 200 million euro

**Explanation:**

On 2nd November 2018, Indo-French Conclave was held in Nagpur, Maharashtra, in which French and Indian firms signed 12 agreements worth 200 million euro. The Indo-French Conclave was organized by Indo French Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IFCCI) and the Embassy of France in India. The 12 agreements signed include:

- French multinational Thales Group signed agreements with 7 Indian firms: Godrej Precision Engineering, Bharat Forge, Amphenol Interconnect India, Larsen & Toubro, Solar Explosives, Mahindra Defence Systems and Coriolis.
- Agreement between energy firm Technique Solaire and the Maharashtra Energy Development Agency
- Agreement between aeronautical firm Turgis & Gaillard and the Maharashtra Airport Development Company (MADC).
- French ropeway firm Poma gave letters of intent for 2 projects in Nagpur and Tadoba, in Vidarbha region.
- French hospitality major Accor Hotels exchanged a letter of intent with Gurugram-headquartered Interglobe Hotels Limited.

18. Answer – B ) M Mukundan

**Explanation:**

On November 3, 2018, 76-year old noted Malayalam writer M Mukundan has been selected for 2018 Ezhuthachan Puraskaram award, the highest literacy prize of the Kerala government. He will be conferred for his overall contributions to the language and literature. The award carries a cash prize of Rs five lakh and citation. Mukundan is popularly known as the writer of Mayyazhi and has been a recipient of the Chevalier of Arts and Literature by the French Government in 1998. He also won many noted literary awards including the Kendra Sahitya Academy award, Kerala Sahitya Academy award, Vayalar award, MP Paul award, Muttathu Varkey award and NV Puraskaram.

19. Answer – B ) ClaRAN

**Explanation:**

Researchers have taught an Artificial Intelligence (AI) bot named “ClaRAN” to identify galaxies in deep space. The AI bot named “ClaRAN” used to recognise faces on Facebook. It has been trained to scan images taken by radio telescopes. It can spot radio galaxies – galaxies that emit powerful radio jets from supermassive black holes at their centres. ClaRAN is the brainchild of big data specialist Dr Chen Wu and astronomer Dr Ivy Wong from The University of Western Australia node of the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR).

20. Answer – B ) Durban, South Africa

**Explanation:**

On November 2, 2018, the 18th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers Meeting was held in Durban, South Africa. The Theme of the IORA meeting was: “IORA: Uniting the Peoples of

Africa, Asia, Australasia and the Middle East through enhanced cooperation for Peace, Stability And Sustainable Development”. South Africa is the current chairman of the IORA organization. The Meeting was chaired by Honourable Minister Lindiwe Sisulu, Foreign Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa, and Chair of the Association. Declaration on Guidelines for Enhancing Interaction with Dialogue Partners in IORA was adopted. The eThekweni Communique was produced as the final outcome document of the 18th COM.

21.

Answer – A ) Singapore

**Explanation:**

Singapore has maintained its rank as number one Asian city in the Sustainability Index by engineering firm Arcadis. The Sustainability Index assessed cities based on 3 pillars: profit pillar, people pillar and planet pillar. Singapore secured fourth place in global rankings. As per the study, Singapore ranked first for the profit pillar that assesses the business environment and economic performance of cities. Singapore ranked 31st out of 100 cities, for the people pillar that tests social mobility and quality of opportunity and life. Singapore secured 41st spot for the planet pillar that assesses the management of energy use, pollution and emissions.

22. Answer – C ) 12

**Explanation:**

India has ranked 12th in the world in terms of web-borne threats, according to a recent report by global cybersecurity company, Kaspersky Lab. In the 3rd quarter (July- September), 32.8 % of users were attacked by web-borne threats in India. Kaspersky Lab products detected 48,093,743 Internet-borne malware incidents on computers of KSN participants in India. Regarding vulnerabilities in browsers and their plugins (drive-by download), infection happened when visiting an infected website, without any intervention from user and without their knowledge. This is the most used method by cybercriminals for these kind of attacks.

23. Answer – B ) Rs 5540.07 crore

**Explanation:**

On November 4, 2018, the Bihar cabinet, chaired by CM Nitish Kumar, approved redevelopment of Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH) into world's largest 5462-bed hospital. It also took 33 more decisions in the cabinet. The estimated cost for the project is: Rs. 5540.07 crore. Established in 1925, the hospital would be redeveloped by Bihar Medical Services & Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (BMSICL) and would be redeveloped in three phases in seven years. It would be world's largest hospital having 5462 bed, as against the present 1754 bed, with 36 super speciality departments against the present eight super speciality department. Also, the number of MBBS seats would be increased to 250 against the existing 150.

25. Answer – A ) Gafur Rakhimov

**Explanation:**

On November 5, 2018, Gafur Rakhimov, an Uzbek businessman, was elected president of International Boxing Association (AIBA), the amateur boxing federation. He replaced previous president CK Wu. He won 86 out of 134 second-round votes against his only opponent, former boxer Serik Konakbayev. He was a former boxer and coach and has been involved in AIBA since 1995. In January 2018, he became

AIBA Interim President. Rahimov was awarded with the Honorary Order of the Olympic Council of Asia in 2003, after being a member of its Council since 1999.

**26. Answer – A ) Delhi**

**Explanation:**

On November 4, 2018, Delhi's Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated the iconic 'Signature Bridge'. It is being dubbed as 'Delhi's Eiffel Tower'. The estimated cost of the project is: Rs. 1,594 crore. Built over Yamuna River, it will reduce the travel time between north and northeast Delhi and share the burden of the Wazirabad Bridge. It will also connect the Outer Ring Road on the western bank of the Yamuna river with Wazirabad Road on the eastern side.

27.

**Answer – D ) New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

On November 5, 2018, Union Minister for Tourism, Shri K.J. Alphons, inaugurated the Tourist Facilitation and Information Counter at Indira Gandhi International Airport New Delhi. 24×7 information to both domestic and international visitors arriving into IGI Airport, New Delhi. The is first of its kind facilitation centre is located at the T3 terminal arrival gates of the IGI Airport. The counter will be connected to the 24×7 Helpline – '1363' of the Tourism Ministry where the non-English speaking tourists can speak directly to agents and get guidance. The languages represented by the helpline no are: French, German, Italian, French, Portuguese, Russian, Japanese, Korean, Chinese and Arabic.

28.

**Answer – A ) N Ram**

**Explanation:**

Journalist and the Hindu Group of Publications Chairman N Ram has been chosen for the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award, presented by the Press Council of India (PCI), for his contribution to journalism. The award will be presented on November 16, 2018, on the occasion of the National Press Day. PCI has also announced other winners of the National Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2018. Award winners under various categories are listed below:

- Rural Journalism: Ruby Sarkar, Chief Correspondent, Deshbandhu, Bhopal & Rajesh Parshuram Joshte, Daily Pudhari, Ratnagiri
- Developmental Reporting: VS Rajesh, Deputy Editor, Kerala Kaumudhi
- Photo Journalism-Single News: Subhash Paul, Rashtriya Sahara, Delhi
- Photo Journalism-Photo Feature: Mihir Singh of the Punjab Kesari, Delhi
- Best Newspaper Art: covering cartoons, caricature and illustrations: P Narasimha, Cartoon Editor, Nava  
Telangana, Hyderabad.

**29. Answer – A ) Karunya Keshav & Sidhanta Pathak**

**Explanation:**

'The Fire Burns Blue: A History of Women's Cricket in India', a book on history of women's cricket in India, will be launched on November 30, 2018. The book is co-authored by sports journalists Karunya Keshav and Sidhanta Pathak. It is published by Westland Sport, a new imprint of Westland Publications. It will provide a detailed narrative of cricket, from its origin to present day. It will also have rare photographs to show the highs and lows of the early years of women's cricket.



**30. Answer – A ) Freedom fighter**

**Explanation:**

On 3rd November 2018, V. Rathinam, freedom fighter and member of Indian National Army (INA), passed away following a short term illness at Chathirakudi, Ramanathapuram, in Tamil Nadu. V. Rathinam was 99 years old. He was born on August 16, 1919. He hailed from S. Kodikulam in Paramakudi block, Ramanathapuram. He had gone to Burma and joined the INA led by Nethaji Subash Chandra Bose, during the Second World War in 1940s. After inducted into the INA, he had fought against the British. He was imprisoned by the British and had served jail terms in various prisons.

31.

**Answer – D ) Lucknow**

**Explanation:**

On November 7, 2018, UP Governor Ram Naik approved renaming of Ekana International Cricket Stadium in Lucknow in the memory of late PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee. As per the proposal, the Ekana International Cricket Stadium in Lucknow was renamed as the “Bharat Ratan Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium”. It has a seating capacity of around 50,000. It was renamed as a token of acknowledgement towards the late Vajpayee, who represented Lucknow in the parliament for five consecutive times between 1991 and 2009. This change was done ahead of the India-West Indies T20I international match that will be hosted at the venue for the first time.

**32. Answer – A ) \$172.20 million**

**Explanation:**

On November 7, 2018, the Central and Andhra Pradesh governments and the World Bank have signed the loan agreement for \$172.20 million to enhance agricultural productivity, profitability, and climate resilience of poor and marginalised farmers in Andhra Pradesh. The agreement for the project was signed by:

- Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance,
- P S Raghavaiah, State Project Director, APIIATP on behalf of the Government of Andhra Pradesh and
- Junaid Ahmad, Country Director, World Bank India.

**33. Answer – A ) Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

**Explanation:**

On November 7, 2018, India was re-elected as a Member of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Council at the elections of the council held during ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 at Dubai, UAE. India would be the Member of ITU Council for 4 more years (2019-2022 ). India secured the 3rd rank among the 13 countries , by getting 165 votes, from the Asia-Australasia region. Globally, it ranked 8th among the 48 countries.

**34. Answer – A ) Krishna Trilok**

**Explanation:**

On 3rd November 2018, Oscar award winning musician A.R. Rahman’s biography “Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of A.R. Rahman” was launched in Mumbai. The biography has been written by author Krishna Trilok. It has been launched in association with Landmark and Penguin Random House. The biography narrates the journey of A.R. Rahman and unveils parts of his creative and personal life that are not known to many people.

35.

Answer – B ) 6.9 %

**Explanation:**

Unemployment rate in India has increased to 6.9% in October 2018, the highest in 2 years, as per a study by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy. Labour participation rate, a measure of the proportion of adults willing to work, has declined to 42.4%, the lowest since January 2016. Estimated number of persons employed during October 2018 was 397 million. This is 2.4% lower compared to the 407 million persons employed in October 2017. Count of the unemployed persons actively looking for jobs almost doubled to 29.5 million in October 2018 from 14 million in July 2017 (and 21.6 million in October 2017).

37. Answer – A ) 7.3 %

**Explanation:**

On November 8, 2018, Moody's Investor Service in its report titled 'Global Macro Outlook 2019-20' stated that Indian economy will slow down to 7.3% in 2019. Indian economy will expand 7.4 per cent in 2018, but the growth will slow down to 7.3 per cent in the next fiscal. The economy grew 7.9 per cent in the first half (January-June) of 2018, reflecting post demonetisation base effect. The downfall has been cited cause of the effect of domestic demand on higher borrowing cost due to rising interest rates.

38.

Answer – A ) Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh

**Explanation:**

On 6th November 2018, a new world record was set as 3,01,152 diyas were lit on the banks of River Sarayu, during Deepostav 2018, in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. Deepostav 2018 was organised by Uttar Pradesh government on the occasion of Diwali. It has entered the Guinness Book of Records for lighting 3,01,152 earthen lamps. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and South Korean first lady Kim-Jung Sook were present while achieving this feat. They also performed 'aarti' with the earthen lamps. Yogi Adityanath also announced that a new airport will be named after Lord Rama, and a medical college will be named after Raja Dashratha in Uttar Pradesh.

39. Answer – B ) Jeff Sessions

**Explanation:**

On 7th November 2018, United States Attorney General Jeff Sessions resigned from his position, at US President Donald Trump's request. Matthew Whitaker has been appointed the acting Attorney General of United States.

40. Answer – A ) Rohit Sharma

**Explanation:**

On 6th November 2018, Rohit Sharma became the first batsman to score four Twenty20 International (T20I) centuries. He achieved this feat in 58 balls during the second T20I match against the West Indies at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium in Lucknow. He has surpassed the record of New Zealand's Colin Munro who had scored three centuries. He has also surpassed Virat Kohli to become the highest run-scorer of India in T20Is. Overall, Rohit Sharma is the second-highest run-scorer now with 2203 runs in T20Is behind New Zealand's Martin Guptill with 2,271 runs.



**41. Answer – A ) Labour and Employment**

**Explanation:**

On 8th November 2018, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Italy for training and education in the fields of Labour and Employment. Advantages of the MoU:

It will facilitate expansion of the training and education activities to promote decent work in the nature of work, through:

- conducting joint training programmes on training methodologies and techniques
- developing new training modules for various social partners
- organizing customized training programmers in various themes on labour and employment
- undertaking evaluation of training methodologies
- exchanging of good practices in training programmes, especially in labour administration; assisting each other in the delivery and facilitation of training modules and organizing study visits
- exchanging of trainers for sharing knowledge and information.

**42. Answer – A ) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

On 8th November 2018, Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved setting up of a Central Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh. Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh will be set up in Relli village of Vizianagaram District as mentioned in the 13th Schedule to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 (No. 6 of 2014 ). Cabinet has also approved provision of Rs. 420 crore for first phase expenditure in setting up the Central Tribal University.

43.

**Answer – D ) Assam**

**Explanation:**

On 30th October 2018, Union government awarded the Assam Police for “good practices” under the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS), an e-governance project. The award was presented at the 2-day conference on “CCTNS–Good practices and Success Stories” organised by the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) in New Delhi. Ministry of Home Affairs also awarded Anil Kumar Jha, Special Director General (CID) of the force, for his outstanding contribution in implementing the project. The award has been given for citizen centric service delivery. Assam police has automated passport verification and Permanent Residential Certificate (PRC) services using the online CCTNS. Under the CCTNS, a mobile application was launched recently for ease of availability of services to the citizens.

**44. Answer B ) Snehlata Shrivastava**

**Explanation:**

On November 8 2018 Speaker Sumitra Mahajan extended tenure of Snehlata Shrivastava, the first woman Secretary General of the Lok Sabha for one year from December 1, 2018 up to November 30, 2019. She was scheduled to retire on November 30 2018. She had various experiences by served as Secretary in the Ministry of Law and Justice and as Special/Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Finance. She was also handled senior positions in the Madhya Pradesh government, including Principal Secretary in the departments of Culture and Parliamentary Affairs.

**45. Answer – B ) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Supreme Court has approved a separate High Court for Andhra Pradesh and it will start functioning from 1st January 2019. This will be the 25th High Court in India. It will temporarily function from a makeshift building. A permanent structure is built in the Justice City complex in Andhra Pradesh's de-facto capital Amaravati. At present, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have a common High Court at Hyderabad. This court will be known as the Telangana High Court from 2019.

**46. Answer – D ) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

On November 7, 2018, West Bengal cabinet, headed by CM Mamata Banerjee, decided to set up development boards for the Matua and Namasudra communities. The names of the two boards will be:

- West Bengal Namasudra Welfare Board and
- West Bengal Matua Welfare Board.

The chairperson and members of the welfare boards will be decided by the State Chief Minister, Ms. Mamata Banerjee. This decision was taken for social representation and welfare of the 2 communities present in large numbers in the state. The boards will also ensure better implementation of the government's developmental projects.

47.

**Answer – B ) Singapore**

**Explanation:**

On November 10, 2018, the 25th edition of SIMBEX, an acronym for "Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise" started off Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, between India and Singapore. The 2018 edition marks the Silver Jubilee of SIMBEX and will continue till November 21, 2018. The sea phase of this year's edition is being conducted under the Command of Rear Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, NM, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet. SIMBEX 2018 will be the largest edition since 1994 in terms of scale and complexity.

**4) Answer – C ) Palau**

**Explanation:**

On November 10, 2018, Palau became the first country in the world to impose a ban on sunscreens toxic to coral reefs. The laws passed by the Western Pacific nation will go into effect in 2020. According to the law, retailers will be fined \$1,000 for selling sunscreens that contain 10 chemicals deemed harmed for coral and marine life. This is part of a larger push to reduce the impact of tourism on the archipelago. Other than Palau, Hawaii also passed a reef-harming sunscreen ban which will come into effect in 2021. Additionally, Thailand also announced in October that it would have to close Maya Bay indefinitely.

**49. Answer – B ) Jawahar Lal Sarin**

**Explanation:**

On November 9, 2018, Jawahar Lal Sarin was conferred with France's highest civilian honour 'Knight of the Legion of Honour'. It was given by French Ambassador to India Alexandre Ziegler. He received the honor due to his outstanding contribution to enhancing Indo-French cultural cooperation and promoting the French language. He is currently the president of the governing body of Alliance Franaise.

**50. Answer – A ) Justice Sanjay Karol**

**Explanation:**

On November 10, 2018, the Central government cleared the appointment of Chief Justices of 4 High Courts namely: Allahabad, Patna, Madhya Pradesh and Tripura. The most senior judge of the Rajasthan High Court, Justice Govind Mathur, was appointed as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court. The most senior judge of the Allahabad HC, Justice A P Sahi, was appointed the Chief Justice of Patna HC. The senior-most judge of the Madhya Pradesh HC, Justice S K Seth, was appointed as the Chief Justice of the MP High Court. The most senior judge of Himachal HC, Justice Sanjay Karol, was appointed as the Chief Justice of Tripura HC. Also, Justice M R Shah, who has been the CJ of Patna HC has been elevated as a Supreme Court judge.

**51. Answer – A ) Novak Djokovic**

**Explanation:**

On November 11, 2018, ATP World Tour Awards 2018 were announced. They were presented by Moët &

Chandon. Following are the winners of the award:

Category	Winner
Comeback Player of the Year	Novak Djokovic
ATP World Tour No. 1 Doubles Team	Oliver Marach- Mate Pavic (1 <sup>st</sup> time)
Most Improved Player of the Year	Stefanos Tsitsipas
Newcomer of the Year	Alex de Minaur
Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award	Rafael Nadal (2 <sup>nd</sup> time)
Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award	Tommy Robredo
ATP Coach of the Year	Marian Vajda
Fans' Favourite (Singles)	Roger Federer (16 <sup>th</sup> time)
Fans' Favourite (Doubles)	Mike Bryan & Jack Sock
Ron Bookman Media Excellence Award	Sue Barker
ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Tournament of the Year	BNP Paribas Open (5 <sup>th</sup> time)
ATP World Tour 500 Tournament of the Year	Fever-Tree Championships (2 <sup>nd</sup> Time)
ATP World Tour 250 Tournament of the Year	Intrum Stockholm Open (2 <sup>nd</sup> time)

**52. Answer – A ) Ladakh, India**

**Explanation:**

On November 9, 2018, winners of 2018 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation was announced. 10 projects from five countries – Australia, China, India, Japan and Thailand – have been recognized by an international jury of conservation experts. These were selected among 41 entries from eight countries across the Asia-Pacific region. The awards will be given out on 2019 which will mark the 20th anniversary of the Awards in Penang, Malaysia, where the Awards

programme was originally launched. The event will be organized in collaboration with Malaysia's urban regeneration organization Think City. The winners of the awards are:

Category	Winner	Country
Award of Excellence	Renewal of the early 20 <sup>th</sup> -century Shijo-cho Ofune-hoko Float Machiya	Japan
Award of Distinction	The LAMO Center	Ladakh, India
Award of Merit	5 Martin Place	Sydney, Australia
	5 Martin Place	Fujian, China
	Commercial Bank of Honjo Warehouse	Saitama, Japan
Honourable Mention	Hengdaohezi Town	Heilongjiang, China
	Rajabai Clock Tower & University of Mumbai Library Building,	Mumbai, India
	Ruttonsee Muljee Jetha Fountain	Mumbai, India
New Design in Heritage Contexts	Kaomai Estate 1955,	Chiang Mai, Thailand
	The Harts Mill	Port Adelaide, Australia

53. Answer – B ) Bajrang Punia

**Explanation:**

The United World Wrestling (UWW) declared Bajrang Punia as the world number one freestyle wrestler in the 65 kg weight category, on 10th November 2018, he is the First Indian to receive such accolade. Bajrang Punia, who clinched the silver medal in the World Championships in Budapest in October 2018 rose to the top spot after gaining a massive 30-point lead over Alejandro Enrique Valdes Tobier of Cuba. Russia's Akhmed Chakaev is now placed at the third position with 62 points.

54. Answer – A ) Kento Momota

**Explanation:**

From 6th to 11th November 2018, 2018 Fuzhou China Open badminton tournament was held in Fuzhou, China. It was the 23rd tournament of the 2018 BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour. It was part of the China Masters championships. The tournament was organized by Chinese Badminton Association. It was sanctioned by BWF. Total prize money for the tournament was \$700,000. Winners:

Event	Winners	Runners-up
Men's Singles	Kento Momota (Japan)	Chou Tien-chen (Chinese Taipei)
Women's Singles	Chen Yufei (China)	Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)
Men's Doubles	Marcus Fernaldi Gideon, Kevin Sanjaya	He Jiting, Tan Qiang (China)

	Sukamuljo (Indonesia)	
Women's Doubles	Lee So-hee, Shin Seung- chan (South Korea)	Mayu Matsumoto, Wakana Nagahara (Japan)
Mixed Doubles	Zheng Siwei, Huang Yaqiong (China)	Wang Yilyu, Huang Dongping (China)

**55. Answer – B ) Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

**Explanation:**

On November 13, 2018, the 2 day 3rd annual meeting of World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Future Councils concluded in Dubai, UAE. This year's Annual Meeting theme is: Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Comprising 38 distinct councils, the community of Global Future Councils covers subject areas like: Global financial system, geopolitics, cities and urbanization, cybersecurity and the bio-economy. Ideas generated at the meeting will be adopted and integrated into the programme of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2019 in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, in January 2019.

**56. Answer – B ) Siddharth Tiwari**

**Explanation:**

On November 13, 2018, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) announced appointment of Siddharth Tiwari as Chief Representative for Asia and the Pacific. He succeeded Eli Remolona, who was Chief Representative of the Asian Office from 2008 to 2018. Prior to this, he served as the Executive Secretary to the G20 Eminent Persons Group on Global Financial Governance. He also is a veteran of the International Monetary Fund.

**57. Answer – B ) National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)**

**Explanation:**

On November 14, 2018, Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh launched of a scheme named "Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme". This scheme was launched while inaugurating the 65th All India Cooperative Week organised by the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) in New Delhi. Its objective is to provide cheaper loans to startups in the cooperative sector. This scheme will be implemented by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) by linking it to Rs 1000 crore 'Cooperative Start-up and Innovation Fund (CSIF) created by it. This schemes would provide term loans with 2% less than the applicable rate of interest to projects costing up to Rs 3 crore including 2 years moratorium on payment of principal. General category projects would be provided 70% of the project cost whereas special categories would be getting up to 80% of the project cost.

**58. Answer – B ) Narendra Singh Tomar**

**Explanation:**

On November 13 2018, Union Ministers DV Sadananda Gowda and Narendra Singh Tomar were assigned additional portfolios of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers and the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs due to the sudden demise of Union Minister and Karnataka BJP leader Ananth Kumar. Ananth Kumar, a Union Minister died at a private hospital on November 12 2018 due to severity of lung cancer. So Union Ministers DV Sadananda Gowda and Narendra Singh Tomar were assigned the additional portfolios which were earlier held by Ananth Kumar.

59.

Answer – **B ) GSAT-29**

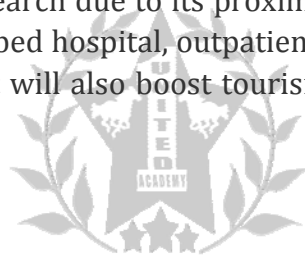
**Explanation:**

On 14th November 2018, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched its latest communication satellite GSAT-29, which was put in Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit by India's 5th generation heavy-lift rocket Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III D2 (GSLV-Mk III D2 ). GSLV Mk III D2 was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. This was the second successful developmental flight for GSLV Mark III, which is considered ISRO's most powerful rocket. GSLV Mark III is India's heaviest launch vehicle. GSAT (Geo synchronous Satellite) -29 is the heaviest satellite launched in orbit by an Indian launch vehicle. GSAT-29 satellite weighs 3423 kg. It carries Ka and Ku band high throughput transponders that will provide communication services to remote places in the North East and Jammu and Kashmir. GSLV Mark III D2 placed the satellite in the Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit in a little over 16 minutes after the lift off. The satellite will be placed in its final Geostationary Orbit using the onboard propulsion system within few days after separation from launcher to reach the orbital slot.

60. Answer – **A ) Dhargal, Goa**

**Explanation:**

On November 13, 2018, Union minister of state for Ayush Shripad Naik laid the foundation stone for the All India Institute of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy at Dhargal, North Goa. The project will be a medical hub and will contribute to research due to its proximity to the biodiverse Western Ghats and the sea. The institute will house a 100-bed hospital, outpatient department and a research centre; and offer postgraduate and PhD courses. It will also boost tourism in Goa by offering various short-term courses on yoga and naturopathy.



61.

Answer – **B ) Delhi**

**Explanation:**

On 14th November 2018, the Delhi Police launched 'NIPUN', an e-learning portal to impart in-service training to its personnel. It was launched by Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik. NIPUN aims to provide online training and information through specialized courses designed by experts. It aims to enable information sharing between the faculty and trainees at the Police Training Institutes of the Delhi Police. It will help police officers investigating cases by offering online resource and information on law, standing orders, investigation checklists, forms for case files, latest High Court and Supreme Court rulings. Most of the courses have been developed in-house. Some have been developed in collaboration with the University Grant Commission (UGC), FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry), NHRC (National Human Rights Commission), NCPDR (National Commission for Protection of Child Rights), and Janaki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University (DU) under the project "The Collaborative Learning and Partnership" (CLAP).

62. Answer – **A ) Rs 12,000 crore**

**Explanation:**

On November 15, 2018, Reserve Bank of India pumped in Rs 12,000 crore into the system through purchase of government securities. This was done via conduction of an Open Market Operations for an aggregate amount of Rs 120 billion through multi-security auction using the multiple price method. In the announcement it stated that RBI would purchase government dated securities maturing in 2021,

2022, 2024, 2027 and 2033 bearing various interest rates. The eligible participants submitted their offers in electronic format on the Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) system on November 15.

### **63. Answer – B ) Natural gas**

#### **Explanation:**

On November 13, 2018, according to report by International Energy Agency (IEA) titled World Energy Outlook 2018, natural gas is expected to overtake coal as the world's second largest energy source after oil by 2030. This change is expected due to a drive to cut air pollution and the rise in liquefied natural gas (LNG) use. Energy demand would grow by more than a quarter between 2017 and 2040. Global gas demand would increase by 1.6 percent a year to 2040 and would be 45 percent higher by then than the present. Global electricity demand will grow 2.1 percent a year and will account for a quarter of energy used by 2040. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions would rise by 10 percent to 36 gigatonnes in 2040, mostly driven by growth in oil and gas. The estimates are based on the IEA's "New Policies Scenario" that reflects legislation and policies to reduce emissions and fight climate change.

### **64. Answer – A ) Cyril Ramaphosa**

#### **Explanation:**

On November 14, 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a 2-day visit to Singapore. He attended the 33rd edition of the ASEAN Summit, 13th East Asia Summit, 16th ASEAN-India Summit and other related meetings. He also attended the 2nd RCEP Summit Meeting on November 14, 2018. This was Prime Minister's second visit to Singapore after the Shangri-La Dialogue in June 2018. He upon his arrival had his first engagement in a keynote address, as the guest speaker, at the Indian pavilion at the Singapore Fintech Festival. It was the 3rd edition of the festival but was first time that a Head of Government has been a keynote speaker. He launched the Application Programming Interface Exchange (APIX) which is a platform through which the ASEAN financial institutions, innovators and users would connect with the Indian users. South African president Cyril Ramaphosa will be chief guest at the 2019 Republic Day parade of India.

### **65. Answer – D ) Kerala**

#### **Explanation:**

On 16th November 2018, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched the 'Gau Samridhi Plus scheme' or 'Cow Samridhi Plus Scheme' to offer insurance coverage to dairy farmers in Kerala. Cow Samridhi Plus Scheme is a government subsidized scheme. It will provide insurance coverage to dairy farmers at low premium rates. Farmers from general category will receive 50% subsidy on premium. Farmers from Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) category will receive 70% subsidy on premium. Also, the Kerala government in collaboration with the Central government has decided to establish a regional autism and research centre at the National Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (NIPMR) in Thrissur.

### **66. Answer – B ) Eritrea**

#### **Explanation:**

On 14th November 2018, United Nations Security Council (UNSC) unanimously agreed to lift sanctions against Eritrea after 9 years. UNSC conducted a vote on the resolution that was drafted by the United Kingdom and backed by the United States and its allies. UNSC unanimously adopted a resolution 2444 to lift arms embargoes, travel bans, asset freezes and targeted sanctions on Eritrea imposed in 2009.

They were imposed on Eritrea due to claims that Eritrea supported al-Shabab militants in Somalia. The sanctions have been lifted amid the improvement in relations between Eritrea and its neighbouring countries following years of conflict.

**67. Answer – B ) Singapore**

**Explanation:**

On November 15, 2018, PM Narendra Modi attended the 33rd edition of the ASEAN Summit (Nov 11 to 15) held at Suntec Singapore Convention Centre, Singapore. The summit continued from November 11, 2018 and concluded the 13th East Asia Summit (EAS), 2nd Regional Comprehensive Economic Summit, (RCEP) and ASEAN plus summits. It was inaugurated and addressed by Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Singapore, current Chairman of this 2018 Summit and The theme of Singapore's Chairmanship was "Resilient and Innovative".

**69. Answer – B ) Hima Das**

**Explanation:**

On 14th November 2018, Asian Games gold-medallist sprinter Hima Das was appointed as the first ever youth ambassador of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) India. As a Youth Ambassador, Hima Das will work towards creating awareness about the rights and needs of children. She hails from Nagaon district of Assam. She had won gold medal in Women's 4 x 400 m Relay event at the 2018 Asian Games. She had also won a silver medal in Women's 400m Race event with a timing of 50.59 seconds. She is the first Indian athlete to win a gold medal in a track event at the IAAF World U20 Championships. She was awarded Arjuna Award in 2018.

**70. Women**

**5) Answer – A ) Rs 15,000**

**Explanation:**

On 15th November 2018, The Women and Child Development Ministry announced that the Government will reimburse employers the salaries for 7 of the 26 weeks of maternity leave for women, who is earning more than Rs 15,000 a month. This decision was taken to encourage the employers to hire women and keep them employed during maternity period. To become eligible for maternity benefits, a woman must have worked for 80 days in last 12 months. The salary of female employees will be refunded from labor Welfare Cess. As per government, till March 2017, 7500 crores out of 32632 crores of labor welfare cess fund was not utilized. So this fund will be used for reimbursement of salary of female employees. Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Bill 2016 increases the maternity leaves from 12 weeks to 26 weeks.

**71. Answer – C ) Mathura, Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

On November 17, 2018, India's first specialized hospital for elephants was unveiled at Churmura village in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh. It is located close to the elephant conservation and care centre of Wildlife SOS. The medical centre offers the following: wireless digital X-ray, laser treatment, dental X-ray, thermal imaging, ultrasonography, hydrotherapy and quarantine facilities, medical hoist for lifting elephants. It also has an observation deck which will allow veterinary students to observe elephant's behavior.

**72. Answer – A ) \$105 million**



**Explanation:**

On November 16, 2018, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$105 million loan to continue financing the transmission system upgrades in Himachal Pradesh. This was the tranche 3 loan of the \$350 million multi-tranche financing facility (MFF) for Himachal Pradesh Clean Energy Transmission Investment Program approved by the ADB Board in September 2011. This loan would help in increased supply of hydropower to the state and the national grid and supports the institutional capacity development of the state transmission utility. The executing agency for this project is: Himachal Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited (HPPTCL).

73. Answer – **B ) Stephen Barclay**

**Explanation:**

On 16th November 2018, Stephen Barclay, Junior Health Minister who voted to leave European Union in the 2016 referendum has been appointed as the new Brexit Secretary by British Prime Minister Theresa May. Stephen Barclay replaced Dominic Raab who resigned over Theresa May's draft plan for leaving EU. Barclay will focus on domestic readiness for Brexit. Earlier he served as a financial services minister.

74.

Answer – **B ) Kerala**

**Explanation:**

On November 18, 2018, the Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE) unveiled its Online Open Learning training platform named- KOOL. It will be enable training to teachers, students and the general public and the first batch will commence from December 2018. It will be used under a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) model, which will enable the state's schools to go Hi-Tech. This will help Kerala to become India's first complete digital state in Education. The state government is yet to approve KOOL Certificate acceptable for declaring the probation of teachers.

76. Answer – **D ) Russia**

**Explanation:**

On November 18, 2018, the 10th joint military exercise between Indian and Russia- EXERCISE INDRA, under the United Nations (UN) started at Babina Field Firing Ranges, Babina Military Station, in Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh. This exercise will continue for 11 days ending in November 28, 2018. It will focus upon:

- Training on enhancing team building,
- Special tactical level operations such as Cordon and Search,
- To share best practices and
- For peace keeping/ enforcement environment.

77.

Answer – **B ) Punjab**

**Explanation:**

On 18th November, 2018, Punjab becomes 3rd Indian state after Maharashtra and Gujarat to permanently ban Hookah bars or lounges. The ban was announced after President Ram Nath Kovind has given assent to a bill passed by Punjab state assembly. Punjab state assembly has passed the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of advertisement and Regulation of trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and distribution) (Punjab Amendment) Bill 2018 in March this year.

Smoking of hookah increases the health risks such as exposure to toxic chemicals that are not filtered out by water and tuberculosis which is an infectious disease resulting from sharing of hookah.

78. Answer – **A ) Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**

**Explanation:**

On 17th & 18th November, 2018, 2-day APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) Summit 2018 concluded in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. It was hosted by Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, Peter O'Neill. All 21 member countries of APEC participated in the Summit. It is the 1st such summit which in its 25-year history failed to agree on a formal joint statement.

79. Answer – **A ) NSE goBID**

**Explanation:**

National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) launched a mobile app NSE goBID and web based platform for retail investors to buy government securities. Ajay Tyagi, Chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) launched the NSE goBID App. This platform will allow investors to invest in treasury bills (T-Bills) of 91, 182 and 364 days and government bonds from one year to almost 40 years. The NSE goBID app will be available to all registered retail investors.

80. Answer – **A ) November 19-25, 2018**

**Explanation:**

Quami Ekta week (National Integration Week) begins with a aim to emphasise on themes of secularism, anti-communalism and non-violence. It will be observed all over the country from 19th November to 25th November. The National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH), an autonomous organization with Ministry of Home Affairs organizes the campaign which will coincide with Communal Harmony Flag Day on 25 November. 19 November 2018 will be observed as National Integration Day, November 20 will be observed as Welfare of Minorities day, November 21 will be observed as Linguistic Harmony day, November 22 will be observed as Weaker Sections day, November 23 will be observed as Cultural Unity Day, November 24 will be observed as Women's day and November 25 will be observed as Conservation day.

81. Answer – **C ) United States**

**Explanation:**

On November 19 2018 'Vajra Prahar', a 12-day long joint military exercise between India and the United States was started in Jaipur. US contingent comprises of an United States Pacific Commander and 10 other ranks from the Special Forces Group arrived at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges on November 18 and informed Rajasthan Defence PRO Lt Col Sombhit Ghosh for undertaking Joint training with the Indian Special Forces. Both forces train on different aspects including hostage rescue, building intervention, desert survival, medical aid and combat firing and also undertake a three-day outdoor exercise to validate their practices.

82. Answer – **B ) Maldives**

**Explanation:**

On 19th November 2018, Maldives new President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih made the announcement that Maldives Cabinet approves re-joining of Commonwealth after 2 year of withdrawal. Maldives had left commonwealth in 2016 under the leadership of former President Abdulla Yameen amid

speculations of corruption and fraud. The Proposal has been sent to the Maldives parliament for ratification.

83. Answer – **B ) Shubhankar Sharma**

**Explanation:**

On 18th November 2018, Chandigarh based Young Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma became the first Indian to win Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the year in DP WORLD TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP held in Dubai.

84. Answer – **A ) R. Chandrashekhar**

**Explanation:**

On 19th November 2018, R. Chandrashekhar, an independent director at Yes Bank, resigned from his position. R. Chandrashekhar is the third person to resign from Yes Bank, in the recent time. Non-executive Chairman Ashok Chawla resigned on November 14, 2018. O.P. Bhatt, resigned from the panel set up to find a new CEO, on 15th November 2018. Yes Bank is in the process of finding a new CEO to replace the incumbent CEO, Rana Kapoor.

86. Answer – **C ) Amritsar, Punjab**

**Explanation:**

On November 21, 2018, the Union Minister of Culture, Shri Mahesh Sharma, announced centre's proposal to set up a first-of-its-kind institute of Inter-Faith Studies in Amritsar, Punjab as a part of the year-long activities to commemorate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak in 2019. To promote brotherhood and diversity. The government will also develop Sultanpur Lodhi in Punjab where Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, spent most of his life. It will be developed as a heritage city incorporating 'Pind Babe Nanak Da' and a high powered telescope will be installed in Indian territory to view Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan where spent his last days. UNESCO will be requested to publish Shri Guru Nanak Devji's writings in world languages. Ministry of Railways will run a special train passing through the various holy places associated with Shri Guru Nanak Devji, for pilgrims and tourists.

87. Answer – **A ) Justice G Rohini**

**Explanation:**

On November 22, 2018, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the extension of the term of the Commission examining the issue of Sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes (in the Central List) for six months beyond 30th November, 2018 and till 31st May 2019. The commission consists of a five-member panel headed by Justice G Rohini (retd), which was formed in October 11, 2017. Based on the processed data, the Commission suggested a round of discussion be had with the States and their Backward Classes Commission before finalizing the sub-categorized lists and the Report.

88. Answer – **B ) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank**

**Explanation:**

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ujjivan Financial Services Limited introduced a new personal loan scheme for salaried individuals. By this offer, it became the first small finance bank to introduce this type of facility. The 14 tier I and tier II locations where the product will be launched are Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Delhi, Kolkata, Pune, Surat, Mumbai, Mysuru, Ankaleshwar, Coimbatore, Kochi, Chennai and Vadodara. Personal loans starting from Rs 50,000 up to Rs 15 lakhs

will be offered to salaried professionals who are earning a monthly salary above Rs 15, 000. Key features of the product include, loan without any collateral or deposit of any asset and its attractive interest rate with complete digital processing. However the credit history of the individual will be considered while passing the loan. To pay EMI, a flexible time frame of 12 to 60 months will be provided by the bank.

**89. Answer – B ) Paytm**

**Explanation:**

Softbank-backed, digital payments service provider, Paytm (One 97 Communications Limited) has partnered with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to offer online insurance premium payments on its platform. Paytm now has 30 insurance companies on its platform including LIC, ICICI Prudential Life, Reliance Life, Max Life Insurance, HDFC Life, TATA AIA, SBI Life, Aditya Birla Sun Life, Canara HSBC Life Insurance, Shri Ram Life and Star Health among others. A simpler and faster method of premium payments will be offered through the Paytm app with the freedom of paying premium through debit card, credit card, net banking and Paytm Wallet, besides availing the benefit of several deals and offers. Life insurance sector in India is the biggest in the world in terms of policy count with about 360 million policies. It is expected to increase at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 12-15 % over the next five years. The insurance market is also expected to quadruple over the next decade from its current size of US\$ 50 billion.

**90. Answer – A ) Joyce Msuya**

**Explanation:**

On 22nd November, Tanzanian biologist Joyce Msuya has been appointed as acting Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) after the resignation of Erik Solheim resigned from the post of Executive director of UNEP following an internal audit report that said he had gobbled up \$500,000 in unnecessary and budgeted travel expenses in just 22 months. Joyce Msuya had previously worked with World Bank and she is consistently advocating for conservation of the planet. UNEP is the leading global environment authority that works with wide range of partners including UN entities, international organization, national government and non-governmental organizations to promote sustainable development of global environment.

**91. Answer – D ) Ending the Emergency: Science, Leadership, Action Explanation:**

On November 23, 2018, the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) released the agenda to host the 4-day 50th Union World Conference on Lung Health in Hyderabad on 30 October – 2 November 2019. The conference theme will be: “Ending the Emergency: Science, Leadership, Action”. It would be held after the first ever United Nations (UN) High-Level Meeting on TB and the third UN High-Level Meeting on non-communicable diseases. The Indian government has committed to eliminate TB in India by 2025. This year the conference held in The Hague, Netherlands.

**93. Answer – D ) Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB)**

**Explanation:**

On November 22, 2018, United Nations Environment awarded Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India with the 3rd Asia Environment Enforcement Awards, 2018 for combating transboundary environmental crime. Decided by a selection panel set up by the UN Environment, this is the second time in a row India is the recipient of the awards are being given by UN Environment. The 2018 Awards are presented by UN Environment in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations

Office on Drugs and Crime, INTERPOL, USAID, Freeland Foundation, and the Government of Sweden. It publicly recognizes and celebrates excellence in enforcement by government officials and institutions/teams combating transboundary environmental crime in Asia. The 2018 edition had the theme of "Fighting Transboundary environmental crime". Overall 9 winners were selected for various categories.

94.

Answer – **B ) Nahid Afrin**

**Explanation:**

On 22nd November, 2018 popular Assamese singer, Nahid Afrin was appointed as the first 'Youth Advocate' of the north eastern region by the United Nations Children's Fund, (UNICEF) to fight for child rights at an event held in Guwahati. Nahid Afrin from Biswanath Chariali, Assam made her playback debut in 2016 in the Bollywood film Akira, starring Sonakshi Sinha and won several awards. The 17-year-old Nahid received the best female playback singer award at the Assam state Film Award 2018. UNICEF India also appointed Hima Das as India's Youth Ambassador on 15th Nov 2018.

96.

Answer – **B ) Monaco**

**Explanation:**

The 'Oscars of sports', the Laureus World Sports Awards 2019 will be held in Monaco on February 18 next year. Sport's premier global awards ceremony will celebrate the best of 2018 across eight individual and team categories, with the winners collecting a prized Laureus Statuette. Sports fans around the world will also get to play their part by voting for the Laureus Sporting Moment of the Year Award. Former India cricket captains Kapil Dev, Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar are members of the Laureus Academy. Last year, tennis Player Roger Federer won the Laureus Sportsman of the Year award for a record fifth time, while Serena Williams won the Sportswoman of the Year recognition for the fourth time.

97. Answer – **B ) Lupin**

**Explanation:**

On November 24, 2018, Pharma Company Lupin launched a chatbot named 'ANYA' to provide medically verified information for health-related queries, at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes, in Bengaluru. This is India's first chatbot for patients, to provide information on their ailments. ANYA is chatbot trained to help patients with health-related concerns as part of their disease-management. At its initial stage it would address queries related to diabetes and eventually the scope will increase. In its disease management journey, it would partner with doctors to manage ailments and give ready access to medically verified information, for their queries at any given time.

98. Answer – **D ) Jammu and Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

On November 23, 2018, Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik inaugurated a week long annual 'Jhiri Mela' festival at village Jhiri in Jammu district of Jammu and Kashmir. The governor announced the construction of a 'Sarai' (inn) at village Jhiri for the devotees. The annual fair is celebrated as a commemoration to the memory of a martyred farmer named, 'Baba Jittoo'. A cultural programme comprising folk songs and a Dogri dance was presented by the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages on the occasion.

99. Answer – C ) Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Explanation:

On November 24, 2018, the Uttarakhand government chaired by Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat, approved a total of 27 proposals including renaming the Dehradun airport after former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. As per the approved proposal, the Jolly Grant airport in Dehradun, Uttarakhand will be renamed after Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The cabinet also gave its approval to the setting up of the Uttarakhand State Agency For Public Services to ensure time-bound delivery of services and redressal of complaints.

100. Answer – B ) Australia

Explanation:

From 9th November to 24th November, The Sixth Edition of International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's T20 World Cup was hosted by the defending champion West Indies. It was the second ICC Women's World Twenty20 hosted was West Indies after 2010 edition. 10 Countries participated and total 23 matches were played in the event. Australia defeated England by eight wickets in the final held in Antigua to secure their fourth Women's World Twenty20 title. England scored 105 in the final which was easily chased by Australia with the loss of only 2 wickets in 15.1 Overs. Australia's Alyssa Healy was named the player of the tournament. India's quest for a maiden ICC Women's World T20 title ended with an eight-wicket defeat against England in the Semi-Finals of the ICC Women's World T20.

101. Answer – B ) Mary Kom

Explanation:

15th to 24th November 2018, International Boxing Association (AIBA) Organized Women's World Boxing Championship 2018 at Indira Gandhi Sport Complex in New Delhi. India ended the Championship at 3rd position with 4 medals including 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze. China topped the medal tally with 5 medals including 4 gold and Chinese Taipei ranked at second position with 2 medals (2 Gold). On 24th November 2018, India's MC Mary Kom won the Gold in the Women's Boxing championship 2018 by defeating Ukraine's Hanna Okhota by 5-0 in Women's Light Fly (45-48 kg) Category. Mary Kom became the 1st ever woman boxer to win 6 world championship titles.

102. Answer – B ) Rajgir, Bihar

Explanation:

On November 25, 2018, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled a 70-feet tall statue of Lord Buddha at Rajgir in Nalanda district, Bihar. He also inaugurated a three-day Rajgir Mahotsava. This is the second tallest statue of Buddha in India. The statue is made of 45,000 cubic foot pink sandstone and has been installed above a 16-metre radius pedestal in the middle of Lake Ghora Katora.

103. Answer – C ) Gujarat Explanation:

On November 25, 2018, according to the National Health Agency, after 2 months of launch of Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, Gujarat has emerged as the top performer among the states under the scheme. As of November 23, Gujarat accounts for 26% of the total number of sanctioned hospital admissions under the scheme. Around 76,000 hospital admissions have been cleared in Gujarat since September 23, Tamil Nadu ranked second at 54,273 and Chhattisgarh third at 53,180 sanctioned hospitals. One reason behind Gujarat's success is that it has already been implementing a similar scheme, known as the Mukhyamantri Amrutam 'MA' Yojana, since 2012. Karnataka and Maharashtra rank 4th and 5th closing off the top 5 ranks under the scheme.

104. Answer – C ) Greater Noida

**Explanation:**

On 25th November, 2018 the United Nations selected Noida and Greater Noida, twin cities in Gautam Buddh Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh, adjoining New Delhi to participate in its Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative in the “University City” category ahead of Mumbai and Bengaluru which were also under UN’s consideration for the initiative, as the only invitee from India. The initiative aims to create 25 model cities across the world in five categories that will be fully compliant with the sustainable development goals by 2025. The twin cities have been formally invited to participate in the showcase ‘Race to Sustainability’ among 25 global cities which will be competing with elite university cities such as Cambridge, Palo Alto and Heidelberg. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030, also known as the Global Goals, were adopted in September 2015, by the UN General Assembly.

105. Answer – A ) Sameer Verma

**Explanation:**

From 20th to 25th November 2018, Badminton World Federation (BWF) Organized Syed Modi International Badminton Championship at the Babu Banaras Das Indoor Stadium in Lucknow, India with the total prize of \$150,000. Syed Modi International is HSBC BWF World Tour Super 300 tournament named in the memory of the 1982 Commonwealth Games men’s singles Champion Syed Modi. On 25th November 2018, India’s 24 years old Sameer Verma won the Men’s single title by defeating China’s Lu Guangzu in the final to retain the title. One of the India’s greatest Badminton player, Saina Nehwal missed an opportunity to get Gold after her defeat against China’s Han Yue in Women’s Singles event. She has to satisfy with Silver Medal. India’s Satwiksairaj and Rankireddy got silver medal in the Men’s double event. They were defeated by Indonesia’s Men’s Pair of Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto in the finals. In the Women’s double event India continues its good performance as India’s Women’s pair Ashwini Ponnappa and Reddy N. Sikki won Silver. They missed an opportunity of Gold with the defeat against Malaysia’s Chow Mei Kuan and Lee Meng Yean in the finals. India’s pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnappa has to settle with Bronze medal in the mixed double event.

106.

Answer – C ) Odisha

**Explanation:**

On November 27, 2018, Odisha government released lexicons of 21 tribal languages for multilingual education (MLE) purposes for elementary schools in tribal dominated districts. It aims to bring back the tribal languages in circulation and prevent them from vanishing. This initiative has been prepared by Special Development council which will further enhance proficiency in tribal languages. Thus, this step towards tribal proficiency will help in better connection between the government functionaries and the tribal communities. Furthermore, the CM of Odisha, Shri. Naveen Patnaik, announced upgradation of the tribal museum as the Odisha State Tribal Museum.

108. Answer – C ) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

**Explanation:**

On November 27, 2018, Government of India and the Asian Development Bank signed a \$75 million loan in New Delhi to fund projects under Karnataka Integrated Urban Water Management Investment

Program. Its objective is to provide 24 x7 water supply in 4 coastal towns of Karnataka and improve sanitation infrastructure for Mangalore town. The 4 towns of Karnataka to have 24x7 water supply are: Kundapura, Mangalore Puttur and Udupi. The signatories to the tranche 2 loan agreement of were

- Mr. Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary (Fund Bank and ADB), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, who signed for the Government of India, and
- Mr. Sabyasachi Mitra, Deputy Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission.

**109. Answer – D ) Ramananda Chakrabarti and Punyasloke Bhadury Explanation:**

On November 27, 2018, 14 scientists have been selected for the prestigious Swarnajayanti fellowship award instituted by the Department of Science and Technology, for the year 2017-18. The awards were given in the areas of: Chemical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Earth &

Atmospheric Sciences, and Mathematical Sciences. Following shows the list of awardees:

- Sripada S V Rama Sastry, Sebastian C Peter in Chemical Sciences
- KG Arun, GV Pavan Kumar in Physical Science
- Girdhari Lal, Chandrima Das, Arun Kumar Shukla in Life Sciences.
- Mayank Vatsa, Yogesh Singh Chauhan and Ashish Kumar Sen in Engineering Sciences
- Saket Saurabh and Parthanil Roy in Mathematical Sciences.
- Ramananda Chakrabarti and Punyasloke Bhadury in Earth and atmospheric sciences.

**110. Answer – A ) Sunil Arora**

**Explanation:**

On 26th November, 2018 Sunil Arora, who is the senior-most commissioner in the poll panel, has been appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) by President Ram Nath Kovind. Arora will take charge as the CEC on December 2 by replacing current CEC OP Rawat, who retires on December 1. Mr Arora was appointed to the election body in September last year. A 1980-batch IAS officer of the Rajasthan cadre, Arora was the skill development secretary before he was appointed as the top bureaucrat in the I&B Ministry. He has also worked in ministries and departments such as Finance, Textiles and Planning Commission and was also CMD of Indian Airlines for five years besides working as the principal secretary to the CM of Rajasthan from 2005-2008.

111.

**Answer – B ) InSight**

**Explanation:**

On 26th November, 2018 NASA's InSight spacecraft, the first robotic lander designed to study the deep interior of a distant world, touched down safely on the surface of Mars after a six-month long and about 300 million-mile (548 million-kilometre) journey. It was NASA's ninth attempt to land at Mars since the 1976 Viking probes with 8 of them successfully landing on the Mars. InSight spacecraft is on a two-year mission. The InSight has carried with itself, the instruments that detect planetary heat and seismic rumblings never measured anywhere else but Earth.

112.

**Answer – B ) New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

On November 27, 2018, Defence Minister, Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, launched 'Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti' in New Delhi. Its objective is to provide a boost to the Intellectual Property Right (IPR) culture in indigenous defence industry. The event showcased the successful outcomes of adopting and utilizing the Intellectual Property Right (IPR) applications which enhanced inventions and innovations



among Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs). Department of Defence Production and Directorate General Quality Assurance (DGQA) had a significant role in spreading awareness about the benefits of creating the Intellectual Property culture in the defence sector. Thus, the Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) was further entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating and implementing the programme to fulfill its objective.

113. Answer – C ) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

**Explanation:**

On November 27, 2018, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched a Survey on India's Startup Sector (SISS) to create a profile of the startup sector in India consisting of dimensions relating to turnover, profitability and workforce. Its objective is to understand the problems faced by the startup sector. The details of the start-up entities were made available by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in March 2018.

114. Answer – B ) President Ram Nath Kovind

**Explanation:**

On 27th November, 2018 The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, received the first copy of the book "Making of New India: Transformation under Modi Government", from Arun Jaitley, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The book is edited by the nationalist think tank Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF) and members of the Niti Aayog: Dr Bibek Debroy, Dr Anirban Ganguly and Shri Kishore Desai. The book contains 51 essays on themes ranging from economy to diplomacy, education to public health. The book endeavours to elaborate on how the government has set out to realise the vision of a New India. Recently Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had also unveiled a curated coffee table book titled 'The Illustrated History of Indian Hockey: A Saga of Triumph, Pain and Dreams' on 22nd November 2018.

115. Answer – D ) United Kingdom

**Explanation:**

On 28th November 2018, the bilateral KONKAN exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of the United Kingdom started off at Goa. KONKAN-2018 will be conducted from 28 Nov to 06 Dec 2018. The Bilateral KONKAN exercise provides a platform for the two Navies to periodically exercise at sea and in harbour, so as to build interoperability and share best practices. The harbour phase is scheduled from 28 Nov to 30 Nov 18, followed by the sea phase from 02 to 06 Dec 18. The Royal Navy will be represented by HMS Dragon, a Type 45 Class Destroyer equipped with an integral Wildcat helicopter. The Indian Navy will field INS Kolkata, the first ship of latest Kolkata class destroyers; equipped with integral seaking, besides IN submarine and maritime patrol aircraft, Dornier. Besides exercises at sea, KONKAN-2018 will also incorporate professional interactions and sports fixtures. The 10th edition of Indo-Russian joint military exercise EX INDRA- 2018 concluded on 28 November 2018.

116. Answer – C ) Himachal Pradesh

**Explanation:**

On November 28, 2018, Himachal Pradesh became the first Indian state to launch a single emergency number "112", connecting police, fire, health and other helplines through an Emergency Response Centre (ERC) in the state. Central government provided financial assistance of Rs. 4.71 crore and 13 vehicles for the implementation of the project in the state. One ERC has been established in Shimla and 12 District Command Centres have been made available across the state. The ERC has been integrated with police

(100), fire (101), health (108) and women helpline (1090) services via single emergency number 112. The service is part of the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) under which '112 India' mobile app is available and has been integrated with panic button of smartphones and ERSS state website.

Additionally, a 'SHOUT' feature has been introduced in '112 India' mobile app, exclusively for women, to seek immediate assistance.

**117. Answer – C ) Azim Premji**

**Explanation:**

On 28th November 2018, Global Software Major Wipro's Chairman Azim Premji was conferred with Highest French Civilian Award "Chevalier del la Legion d'Honneur" which means "Knight of the Legion of Honour" by the French Ambassador to India Mr. Alexandre Ziegler. The award is presented the Azim Premji for his Contribution towards developing Information Technology (IT) industry in India, his economic outreach in France and his contribution towards society through Azim Premji Foundation and University.

**118. Answer – A ) Donbass (Ukraine)**

**Explanation:**

On November 28, 2018, the nine day long 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2018 concluded in Panaji, Goa. The Awards given out in the 49th IFFI are as follows:

Award category	Description of Award	Winner
IFFI Special Award	Lifetime contribution to Cinema	Salim Khan
Best Film in IFFI 2018	Golden Peacock trophy, certificate and a cash prize amount of Rs. 40,00,000.	Donbass (Ukraine)
Best Director award	Silver Peacock Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 15,00,000	Lijo Jose Pellissery for the film 'Ee. Ma. Yau.',

	and cash Prize of Rs 10,00,000.	Pustovit for the Ukrainian film "When the Trees Fall".
Best Actor (Male)	Silver Peacock Trophy and cash Prize of Rs 10,00,000	Chemban Vinod for the film 'Ee. Ma. Yau'
Special Jury award	Silver Peacock Award and a cash prize of Rs. 15,00,000	Milko Lazarov for movie 'Aga'
Centenary award for 'Best Debut Feature Film of a Director'	Silver Peacock, a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 10 lakh	Alberto Monteras II for his Filipino Movie 'Respeto'.
ICFT –UNESCO Gandhi Medal		Ladakhi Movie 'Walking with the Wind, directed by

		Praveen Morchhale.
Lifetime Achievement Award		Veteran Israeli filmmaker Dan Wolman

**119. Answer – C ) Arvind Saxena**

**Explanation:**

On November 28, 2018, the President appointed Shri Arvind Saxena as Chairman, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) till 07. 08.2020, i.e., until he attains the age of 65 years. Prior to joining UPSC as Member, Shri Saxena was working as Director of the Aviation Research Centre (ARC). He is a recipient of Awards for Meritorious Services (2005) and Distinguished Services (2012 ).

**120. Answer – B ) Hyper Spectral Imaging Satellite (HysIS)**

**Explanation:**

On 29th November 2018, the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C43 ) successfully launched 31 satellites from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota. The rocket injected the country's first Hyper Spectral Imaging Satellite (HysIS), dubbed 'Sharp Eye', in its intended orbit besides 30 small commercial satellites from various countries into the orbits requested by the customers. HysIS is an earth observation satellite built around ISRO's Mini Satellite-2 (IMS-2 ) bus weighing about 380kg. The mission life of the satellite is five years. The HysIS satellite will be used for a wide range of applications including agriculture, forestry, soil/geological environments, coastal zones and inland waters, etc. The 30 satellites are one each from Australia, Canada, Colombia, Finland, Malaysia, Netherlands and Spain, and 23 from the USA and the total weight of these satellites was about 261.50 kg. The next big event for the Indian space organisation will be its awaited mission to the moon – Chandrayaan-2 – in early 2019.