

1) On August 1, 2018, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, cleared the purchase of 51 % controlling stake in IDBI bank by which entity?

- A) Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Reserve Bank of India
- D) Aditya Birla Insurance

ANSWER A) .Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)
Explanation: On August 1, 2018, The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, cleared the purchase of 51 per cent controlling stake in IDBI bank by state-run insurer Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). According to the deal the bank will get Rs 10,000 crore to Rs 13,000 crore depending on the share price. This was done to raise the capital of the IDBI Bank to pay off debts. Earlier LIC had 7-7.5 per cent stake in the bank.

2) On August 1, 2018, India and Germany signed an agreement on financial and technical cooperation. As per this agreement, Germany will give _____ for development of India?

- A) Rs 8,500 crore
- B) Rs 2,500 crore
- C) Rs 3,786 crore
- D) Rs 4,789 crore

ANSWER A) .Rs 8,500 crore Explanation: On August 1, 2018, India and Germany signed an agreement on financial and technical cooperation. According to this agreement, Germany will give nearly Rs 8,500 crore (1,055 million Euros) for development of India. This will focus on sustainable urban development and renewable energy in areas of sanitation, solid waste management and promotion of urban mobility. This cooperation will help reduce the greenhouse gases emission.

3) Where was the first 'Nepal-India Think Tank' Summit held on 31st July 2018?

- A) Kathmandu, Nepal
- B) New Delhi, India
- C) Mumbai, India
- D) Bengaluru, India

ANSWER A) .Kathmandu, Nepal Explanation: It was inaugurated by Former Prime Minister of Nepal and Co-Chairman of ruling Nepal Communist Party, Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'. It was jointly organized by the Asian Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs and Nehru Memorial Museum Library. It consisted of 4 sessions. The summit will be hosted alternatively in Nepal and India annually.

4) What is the name of new scheme launched by Ministry of Culture in India and total outlay of the

scheme is Rs. 325.00 Crores for financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20?

- A) Sukanya Samridhi Yojana
- B) Seva Bhoj Yojna
- C) Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna
- D) Pradhan Manthri Mudra Yojna

ANSWER B) Seva Bhoj Yojna Explanation: On August 2, 2018, the Ministry of Culture, Government of India launched the new scheme Seva Bhoj Yojna. Total outlay of the scheme is Rs. 325.00 Crores for financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20. To reimburse the CGST and IGST to Religious / Charitable Institutions who provide Food free of cost without any discrimination to Public/Devotees.

5) Who has launched Logo, tagline for Geographical Indications (GI) by Commerce and Industry?

- A) Minister of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- B) Minister of Science and Technology
- C) Minister of External affairs
- D) Minister of Commerce and Industry

ANSWER D) Minister of Commerce and Industry
Explanation: On August 2, 2018, the Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu launched a logo and tagline for Geographical Indications (GI) to create awareness about Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)

6) Which country based SBM Group became the first foreign lender has received Reserve Bank of India's approval to operate in the country as SBM Bank (India)?

- A) Maldives
- B) Bahamas
- C) Seychelles
- D) Mauritius

Answer – D) Mauritius Explanation: On August 2, 2018, RBI has given approval to State Bank of Mauritius to operate in the country through a wholly-owned subsidiary route under the name SBM Bank(India). It is the first such bank to get such approval

7) Name the Indian origin mathematician wins prestigious Fields Medal.

- A) Manjul Bhargava
- B) Akshay Venkatesh
- C) Kannan Soundarajan
- D) Srinivasa Reddy

ANSWER B) Akshay Venkatesh Explanation: On 1st August 2018, Akshay Venkatesh, an Indian-Australian mathematician, was awarded the Fields medal at the International Congress of Mathematicians in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Akshay Venkatesh is one of the 4

winner of the Fields medal. Fields medal is also known as the Nobel prize for mathematics.

8) Who has become the sixth Indian woman tennis player to enter the top-200 rankings in singles in the WTA chart with rank 200?

- A) Karman Kaur Thandi
- B) Ankita Agrawal
- C) Aruna Budda Reddy
- D) Poornima Rao

ANSWER A) .Karman Kaur Thandi Explanation: On August 3, 2018, Karman Kaur Thandi became the sixth Indian woman tennis player to crack the top-200 rankings in singles in the WTA chart. She is now ranked 200. She jumped 32 places to reach a career-best 200 in the WTA chart. She her maiden ITF singles title in Hong Kong and making the semifinals in two others in China.

9) Where has the World's First Intertidal Art Gallery named Coralarium been opened?

- A) Mauritius
- B) Maldives
- C) Seychelles Island
- D) Sri Lanka

ANSWER B) Maldives Explanation: The Intertidal art gallery called Coralarium is located at the Fairmont Madives Sirru Fen Fushi resort. The Art Gallery is filled with around 30 Sculptures acting as a habitat for coral and other marine species. The frame of the gallery is made up of pH-neutral marine steel and designed to reflect the blue hues surrounding it.

10) Which country was elected as the President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) for a period of two years, on 4th August 2018?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) United States
- D) Canada

ANSWER B) India Explanation: On August 4, 2018, India was elected as the President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) for a period of two years. India won for the first time against Iran. Director General of All India Radio F. Sheheryar was re-elected as chair of the executive board. Sri Lanka was elected as vice-chair. This took place at the 44th annual gathering of AIBD in Colombo in August 3, 2018 . The three-day gathering was inaugurated by Sri Lankan Minister of Finance and mass media Mangala Samarweera.

11) Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance has tied up with which small finance bank to offer specialised product offerings to the bank customers?

- A) Fincare Small Finance Bank
- B) Jana Small Finance Bank
- C) City Small Finance Bank
- D) AU Small Finance Bank

ANSWER A) .Fincare Small Finance Bank Explanation: On August 4, 2018, Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance has tied up with Fincare Small Finance Bank to offer specialised product offerings to the bank customers. It aims is to push life insurance to the rural population. As per the Mou, two products will be offered: Point of Sale (POS) product ('Saral Navesh' endowment life insurance plan) and a protection product. The PoS product offers a sum assured from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 million, with premium payments from Rs 5,000 to Rs 100,000 (annually) for a policy term of 10-20 years which may be purchased for either a death benefit or maturity benefit. This will give Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance access to a customer base.

12) How many additional days will be provided for resolution of 34 stressed power projects, according to a report by government committee under Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha?

- A) 120
- B) 60
- C) 90
- D) 180

ANSWER D) 180 Explanation: On August 5, 2018, according to a government report, additional 180 days will be provided for resolution of 34 stressed power projects. This would be allowed to commissioned power projects which have been commissioned before February 12 or have not been referred to NCLT. During this time banks should undertake more intensive monitoring of the said assets to avoid them into turning into NPAs. Power plants with capacity of about 40,000 MW will be considered differently.

13) On August 5, 2018, which country surpassed China and became the world's second-largest stock market, according to Bloomberg's data?

- A) Japan
- B) Russia
- C) Germany
- D) India

ANSWER A) .Japan Explanation: On August 5, 2018, according to Bloomberg's data Japan is now the world's second-largest stock market. It has overthrown China as its total equity is \$6.17 trillion and that of China's is \$6.09 trillion. The United States is the

world's biggest market for stocks, with total worth just over \$31 trillion. Earlier, China overtook Japan in 2014

14) When will the India Post Payments Bank be launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a focus on rural areas?

- A) August 21, 2018
- B) March 2, 2019
- C) January 1, 2019
- D) April 3, 2019

ANSWER A) August 21, 2018 Explanation: On August 5, 2018, the central government announced that PM Modi will launch India Post Payments Bank on August 21 with a focus on rural areas. 648 branches will be launched across country in every district. Government will link all the 1.55 lakh post office branches with IPPB services. This will create the country's largest banking network.

15) Which Indian golf player has won his first European Tour title at the Fiji International, at Natadola Bay Championship Golf Course, in Fiji?

- A) Ajeetesh Sandhu
- B) Navjeet Siddhu
- C) Gaganjeet Bhullar
- D) Pranesh Mathur

ANSWER C) Gaganjeet Bhullar Explanation: Gaganjeet Bhullar won the title at the Fiji International with a six-under 66 for a four-day total of 14-under 274. Australia's Anthony Quayle finished in the second position. South Africa's Ernie Els finished at tied third with Australia's Ben Campbell. Another Indian Ajeetesh Sandhu finished at tied 43rd position. This is Gaganjeet Bhullar's 10th overall title. Now he has become the most successful Indian golf player on Asian Tour.

16) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed non-fund-based _____ at State levels to revive India's co-operative banking sector?

- A) Umbrella organisations (UO)
- B) Prime organisations (PO)
- C) Terminal organisations (CO)
- D) Central Organisations (CO)

ANSWER A) Umbrella organisations (UO) Explanation: On August 5, 2018, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed non-fund-based Umbrella organisations (UO) at State levels to revive India's co-operative banking sector. It would conduct non-fund activities in the areas of training, capacity building and IT infrastructure and research. Gujarat is the first State in the country to have an UO for the UCB sector. Along with this, it is conducting a two-day conference and exhibition of co-operative banking sector under the

name Sahakar Setu 2018, in Ahmedabad, from August 4-5.

17) Which state government is setting up a biotech and pharma facility named B-Hub, which will be India's first organised cluster for life sciences Research & Development at Genome Valley?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Kerala
- D) Telangana

ANSWER D) Telangana Explanation: It has been built with an investment of Rs.60 crore. The space for the facility is: 40,000 square feet. The B-Hub will be set up through the PPP (Public-Private Partnership) model. Along with this a dedicated web portal for the life sciences sector has been launched. It would create an interface between the government, Industries, Research Institutions and Start-ups.

18) Which Indian state unveiled the world's first-ever thermal battery on 6th August 2018?

- A) Telangana
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Chhattisgarh

ANSWER B) Andhra Pradesh Explanation: On August 6, 2018, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu unveiled the world's first-ever thermal battery in Amravati, Andhra Pradesh state. It has been manufactured by the Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited (BEST). It had an estimated cost of Rs 660 crore. It has a capacity of 1,000 MW and would be enhanced to 10 GW in the next six to seven years. The plant in Andhra Pradesh is expected to start commercial operations by May 2019.

19) Where was the 5th Act East Business Show -2018 held from 20th to 23rd June 2018?

- A) Guwahati, Assam
- B) Agartala, Tripura
- C) Shillong, Meghalaya
- D) Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

ANSWER C) Shillong, Meghalaya Explanation: Aim: to strengthen business ties between ASEAN countries and northeastern states. Also, to explore the potential of Meghalaya and its neighboring states. Organised by: Indian Chamber of Commerce along with Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER). Participation: delegates from ASEAN countries like Singapore, Taiwan, and Vietnam, etc. participated. Inaugurated by: Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma. Main focus was to boost the bamboo sector of the region. North eastern states have great

potential for development of bamboo-based industries.

20) Who won the women’s singles title of BWF World Championships 2018, held in Nanjing, China?

- A) Carolina Marin
- B) P V Sindhu
- C) Naomi Okura
- D) Mayu Matsumoto

ANSWER A) .Carolina Marin Explanation:

Event Gold medal
Silver medal

Men’s Singles Kento Momota (Japan)
Shi Yuqi (China)

Women’s Singles Carolina Marin (Spain)
P V Sindhu (India)

Men’s Doubles

Li Junhui (China), Liu Yuchen (China)
Takeshi Kamura (Japan), Keigo Sonoda (Japan)

Women’s Doubles

Mayu Matsumoto (Japan), Wakana Nagahara (Japan)
Yuki Fukushima (Japan), Sayaka Hirota (Japan)

Mixed Doubles

Zheng Siwei (China), Huang Yaqiong (China)
Wang Yilü (China), Huang Dongping (China)

21) On August 7, 2018, the National Academy of Art, Lalit Kala Akademi (LKA) celebrated its 64th Foundation Day, in which the book “A Painter of Eloquent Silence” was launched. Name the author of the book?

- A) Anshul Agarwal
- B) Rajesh Vidyarthi
- C) Pranav Ranjan Ray
- D) Krishnamoorthy S

ANSWER C) Pranav Ranjan Ray Explanation: Dr. Mahesh Sharma released the logo of the 12th Triennale India which is scheduled to be organised by the Akademi in December 2018 . A book on eminent artist Ganesh Pyne- “A Painter of Eloquent Silence” written by Pranav Ranjan Ray was launched. A demonstration of clay modelling named ‘AAO..MITTI ME KHELE...’was organised by the Akademi at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Sarvodaya Vidyalaya situated at the President Estate. The objective of the workshop was to inculcate creativity in the children.

22) Name the joint military exercise between Indian Army and Royal Thai Army, that began on 7th August 2018, in Chachoengsao province , Thailand?

- A) Exercise Maitree
- B) Exercise Bimbax
- C) Exercise Garuda Shakthi
- D) Exercise Vijay Prahar

ANSWER A) Exercise Maitree Explanation: On August 7, 2018, the opening ceremony of Exercise Maitree, a joint military exercise between Indian Army and Royal Thai Army , was held in Chachoengsao province , Thailand. It will be conducted between August 6-19th 2018 . The exercise will comprise of • honing of tactical and technical skills in joint counter insurgency and • counter terrorist operations in rural and urban scenario under UN mandate, • increasing interoperability between forces from both countries , • tactical drills for neutralization of likely threats in urban warfare scenario

23) What is the rank of Indian men's hockey team in the latest FIH rankings released on 7th August 2018?

- A) 4
- B) 3
- C) 6
- D) 5

ANSWER D) 5 Explanation:

Rank	Country	Points
1	Australia	1906
2	Argentina	1883
3	Belgium	1709
4	Netherlands	1654
5	India	1484

24) On August 7, 2018, Mario Gomez announced his retirement from international football. Which country does he belong to?

- A) Germany
- B) France
- C) Australia
- D) Brazil

ANSWER A) Germany Explanation: On August 7, 2018, Veteran German striker Mario Gomez announced his retirement from international football. The 33-year-old made his debut for Germany in 2007. He scored 31 goals in 78 international appearances. He also represented his country at the FIFA World Cup in 2010 and 2018 and the Euro Cup in 2008 and 2012

25) Which tennis player has secured the top spot in the men's Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) world singles rankings released on 6th August 2018?

- A) Roger Federer
- B) Rafael Nadal
- C) Dominic Thiem
- D) Novac Djokovic

ANSWER B) Rafael Nadal Explanation:

Rank	Player	Points
1	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	9310
2	Roger Federer (Switzerland)	7080
3	Alexander Zverev (Germany)	5665
4	Juan Martin del Potro (Argentina)	5455
5	Grigor Dimitrov (Bulgaria)	4610
6	Kevin Anderson (South Africa)	4355

7	Marin Cilic (Croatia)	3905
8	Dominic Thiem (Austria)	3665
9	John Isner (USA)	3490
10	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	3355

26) On August 7, 2018, the Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Nitin Gadkari launched a portal named BIMS. Expand BIMS?

- A) Biofuel Information Management System
- B) Bidder Information Management System
- C) Banking Internal Management System
- D) Boosting Information Management System

ANSWER B) Bidder Information Management System
 Explanation: The portal will work as a data base of information about bidders, covering basic details, civil works experience, cash accruals and network, annual turnover etc. It will streamline the process of pre-qualification of bidders by analyzing data already stored in the portal. BIMS will be used by all the project implementation agencies of the Ministry for maintenance and evaluation of technical information of civil works. The bidders would be responsible for ensuring that their latest details are available on the BIMS portal.

27) Which country won the Women's Hockey World Cup 2018 that concluded in London on 5th August 2018, becoming world champions in Women's hockey for a record 8th time?

- A) Iran
- B) Ireland
- C) Netherlands
- D) South Korea

ANSWER C) Netherlands Explanation: Defending champions the Netherlands defeated Ireland 6-0 in the finals and won the Women's Hockey World Cup 2018 title. The Netherlands have emerged as the world champions in Women's hockey for a record 8th time. They have extended their unbeaten performance in all competitions to 32 matches. Kitty van Male, one among the 6 different goal scorers emerged as the top scorer of the tournament with 8 goals. Spain won the third place match by defeating Australia 3-1 and won their first World Cup medal. India finished the tournament at 8th position.

28) Who created a world record for the 50 metres backstroke as he won the European Championship title in Glasgow, Scotland, on 4th August 2018?

- A) Kliment Kolesnikov
- B) Liam Tancock
- C) Robert-Andrei Glinta
- D) Robert Alimov

ANSWER A) .Kliment Kolesnikov Explanation: On 4th August 2018, Kliment Kolesnikov of Russia created a world record for the 50 metres backstroke as he won the European Championship title in Glasgow, Scotland. Kliment Kolesnikov recorded 24 seconds and broke the previous record by 0.04 seconds which was set by Britain's Liam Tancock at the world championships in Rome in 2009. Kliment Kolesnikov won the gold medal and Romanian Robert-Andrei Glinta won the silver medal.

29) Name the 10 year-old swimmer who broken a record set by Olympian Michael Phelps in 1995, in the 100 meter butterfly, in the Far West International Swimming Championship?

- A) Clark Kent Apuada
- B) Tom Clark
- C) Michael Gregory
- D) John Freeman

ANSWER A) Clark Kent Apuada Explanation: n August 1 2018, Ten-year-old swimmer Clark Kent Apuada of California placed first in all seven events at the Far West International Swimming Championship and broke Olympian Michael Phelps record. In the 100 meter butterfly, he broke a record set by Olympian Michael Phelps at the same meet back in 1995. He broke the records by 1 .1 seconds.

30) Who won the Hungarian Grand Prix for the 6th time, at the Hungaroring circuit, in Hungary, on 29th July 2018?

- A) Valtteri Bottas
- B) Sebastian Vettel
- C) Lewis Hamilton
- D) Daniel Ricciardo

ANSWER C) Lewis Hamilton Explanation:

Position	Driver	Team	Country
1	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	United Kingdom
2	Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari	Germany
3	Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	Finland
4	Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull	Australia
5	Valtteri Bottas	Mercedes	Finland

31) Where was 51st ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held on 2nd August 2018?

- A) Malaysia
- B) Singapore
- C) China
- D) India

ANSWER B) Singapore Explanation: On August 2, 2018, 51st ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held in Singapore. Singapore was the rotating president of the meeting. Negotiations on regional comprehensive economic partnership agreement was held between

the ASEAN national. Further meetings of China-ASEAN foreign ministers meeting, the foreign minister meetings of the East Asia Summit and the ASEAN-China, Japan and Republic of Korea (10+3) foreign ministers' meeting will be held in Singapore.

32) State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a payments machine called MOPAD. What is the full form of MOPAD?

- A) Multi Option Payment Acceptance Device
- B) Multi Outlet Payment Acceptance Device
- C) Multi Option Payment Availability Device
- D) Master Output Payment Acceptance Device

ANSWER A) Multi Option Payment Acceptance Device
Explanation: On August 8, 2018, State Bank of India launched a payments machine called MOPAD. The full form of MOPAD is Multi Option Payment Acceptance Device. It is a Point of Sale (PoS) terminal that will allow to facilitate transactions from cards to QR code based payments. It would accept payments through UPI, Bharat QR, and SBI Buddy wallet which till now required different tools to receive payments. Customers won't have to carry cards and can just scan the QR code to make the payment.

33) On August 8, 2018, DMK chief M Karunanidhi died at the age of 94 . He was a five-time Chief Minister of which state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Telengana
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Karnataka

ANSWER C) Tamil Nadu Explanation: On August 8, 2018, DMK chief and five-time Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M Karunanidhi died at the age of 94 in Chennai. Mr Karunanidhi became a Chief Minister in 1969,1971,1989,1996 & 2006. He was popularly referred to as Kalaigarnaror the artist. Maanavanesan was his first manuscript magazine. In 1971 he created history by winning 184 Assembly constituencies.

34) The government has announced that it would implement _____ Committee's report to improve living standards of farmers and upliftment of farm sector?

- A) Narasimhan
- B) Swaminathan
- C) Madhavan
- D) Surjit Singh

ANSWER B) Swaminathan Explanation: On August 9, 2018, the agriculture minister Radha Mohan Singh announced that government would implement Swaminathan Committee's report to improve living standards of farmers and upliftment of farm sector. In 2006, President of the National Commission on

Farmers (NCF) Swaminathan had recommended the following: • reformatory schemes for welfare of farmers, • transparency in the market, increase productivity and eliminate malnutrition. • sustainable production and development on erosion of natural resources and climate change • improving the infrastructure.

35) Which is the 11th Biosphere Reserve from India to be included in the World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR) of UNESCO?

- A) Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve
- B) Great Nicobar Island Biosphere Reserve
- C) Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve
- D) Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve

ANSWER C) Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve
Explanation: On August 9, 2018, UNESCO designated World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR) included Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve in its list. This decision was taken at the 30th Session of International Coordinating Council (ICC) of Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme of UNESCO held at Palembang, Indonesia, from July 23-27, 2018 . It is India's 11th Biosphere Reserve that has been included so far.

36) Where did, Pacific Endeavor-2018 (PE-18), a communication exercise under the Multinational Communications Interoperability Program (MCIP) begun on 6th August 2018?

- A) Kathmandu, Nepal
- B) New Delhi, India
- C) Washington DC, United States
- D) London, United Kingdom

ANSWER A) Kathmandu, Nepal Explanation: Pacific Endeavor-2018 (PE-18) is held for 12 days. It was inaugurated by Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of Nepal, Major General Prabhuram Sharma Main objective: to develop common communications operating procedures to enable military forces in the Asia Pacific region to work together in times of disaster. Participation: nearly 270 personnel from 20 Asia-Pacific Countries are taking part. Organised by: Nepali Army and United States Pacific Command.

37) International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) to grow at _____ % in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, as per its report released on 7th August 2018?

- A) 7.6 B) 7.7 C) 7.5 D) 7.4

ANSWER C) 7.5 Explanation: On 7th August 2018, International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) to grow at 7.5 % in the 2019-2020 fiscal year. IMF has stated in its

report that, this growth is attributed to strengthening of investment and strong private consumption. It has said that, the near-term macroeconomic outlook for India is broadly favourable. India's GDP forecast is 7.3 % in fiscal year 2018/19 and 7.5 % in 2019/20. Headline inflation is projected to increase to 5.2 % in fiscal year 2018/19 due to tightening of demand conditions, recent depreciation of the rupee and higher oil prices, housing rent allowances and agricultural minimum support prices.

38) Who was elected as Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman, on 9th August 2018?

- A) B K Hariprasad
- B) Harivansh
- C) Amith Bharghav
- D) Saran Singh

ANSWER B) Harivansh Explanation: The election process in Rajya Sabha was initiated by Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu. Harivansh secured 125 votes and defeated Congress MP B K Hariprasad who got 105 votes. The post of Rajya Sabha deputy chairman has been vacant since 1st July 2018, following the retirement of P J Kurien.

39) Australia's Jarrod Lyle died after fighting cancer on 9th August 2018 . He was a _____?

- A) Writer
- B) Golfer
- C) Musician
- D) Politician

ANSWER B) Golfer Explanation: On 9th August 2018, Australian golfer Jarrod Lyle died after fighting cancer in Australia. Jarrod Lyle was 36 years old. He had won the feeder Web.com tour two times. He had played 121 US PGA Tour tournaments in his career.

40) Where did Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj inaugurate Mango Festival organised by government of Uttar Pradesh?

- A) Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- B) Astana, Kazakhstan
- C) Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- D) Madrid, Spain

ANSWER A) .Tashkent, Uzbekistan Explanation: On August 4-5, 2018 , External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj visited the Republic of Uzbekistan. Ms Swaraj, who is on her first visit to Uzbekistan, was personally received by her Uzbek counterpart Abdulaziz Kamilov at the airport. She also inaugurated a two-day Uttar Pradesh Mango Festival in Tashkent.

41) Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated

the first phase of UP Deference Corridor in _____ on 11th August 2018?

- A) Aligarh
- B) Lucknow
- C) Kanpur
- D) Chitrakoot

ANSWER A) Aligarh Explanation: On 11th August 2018, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the first phase of UP Deference Corridor in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh. 6 nodal points have been identified for the corridor: Agra, Aligarh, Lucknow, Kanpur, Chitrakoot and Jhansi. Stakeholder interactions have begun in Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra and Jhansi.

42) Where will the SCO Peace Mission Exercise 2018 be conducted from 22nd August to 29th August 2018?

- A) Pakistan
- B) Russia
- C) China
- D) Japan

ANSWER B) Russia Explanation: SCO Peace Mission Exercise is conducted as part of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) initiatives. It is conducted biennially for SCO member states. India is participating for the first time in the exercise after becoming a full member of the SCO in June 2017. The exercise consists of tactical level operations in an international counter insurgency or counter terrorism environment under SCO Charter. Indian contingent of 200 personnel for this exercise, mainly consist of troops from infantry and affiliated arms and services along with Indian Air Force.

43) Who has written the Book 'Bebak Baat', that was released by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu on 9th August 2018?

- A) Adharsh Goel
- B) Vijay Goel
- C) Vivek Singh
- D) Karthik Nagarajan

ANSWER B) Vijay Goel Explanation: On 9th August 2018, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released the Book 'Bebak Baat' written by Vijay Goel, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Statistics & Programme Implementation, in New Delhi. Venkaiah Naidu said that, continuous communication between public representatives and the public is important for the development of our country.

44) Who is writing the book named 'The Book of Untold Stories'?

- A) Survin Chawla
- B) Amitabh Bachchan

- C) Narendra Modi
D) Manisha Koirala

ANSWER D) Manisha Koirala Explanation: Actress Manisha Koirala is writing her first book titled The Book of Untold Stories. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2012 . The book is said to be based on her experience of surviving the illness.

45) The Parliament passed the National Sports University Bill 2018 on 9th August 2018 . This Bill aims to set up a first-of-its-kind National Sports University in which state?

- A) Manipur
B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Telengana

ANSWER A) .Manipur Explanation: On 9th August 2018, Parliament passed the National Sports University Bill 2018, as the Rajya Sabha approved it. The Lok Sabha had passed this Bill on 3rd August 2018 . This Bill aims to set up a first-of-its-kind National Sports University in Manipur to promote sports. The main campus will be in Manipur. Regional centres of the university will also be set up in other parts of India and other countries. The Chancellor of the University will be from the sports field. Also, the academic council and academic activities will have members from sports field.

46) The Global Innovation Index 2018 (GII- 2018) has been launched in India in New Delhi. What is India's rank on the Global Innovation Index (GII) in 2018?

- A) 69 B) 57 C) 48 D) 78

ANSWER B) 57 Explanation: The launch event was organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) along with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in collaboration with Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP). CII is one of the founding partners of GII. Global Innovation Index 2018 is the 11th edition of GII. The theme for GII 2018 is: "Energizing the World with Innovation". The GII 2018 analyses the energy innovation landscape of the next decade and identify possible new technological breakthroughs and innovative approaches and their sources at the country, region, or firm level.

47) Which bank has become the first bank in India to introduce Iris Scan Authentication feature for Aadhaar -based transactions through its micro ATM tablets? A) ICICI Bank
B) Axis Bank
C) HDFC Bank
D) State Bank of India (SBI)

ANSWER B) Axis Bank Explanation:

On August 10, 2018, Axis bank has become the first bank in the country to introduce Iris Scan Authentication feature for Aadhaar -based transactions through its micro ATM tablets. This is being run as a pilot project in 8 branches of rural Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. The bank will be launching the same process for loan processing, insurance, eKYC account opening and others sections mostly extending to the semi-urban and urban regions as well.

48) Name the author of the book 'Untold Story of Broadcasting' released by Minister of state for Culture (I/C), Dr. Mahesh Sharma, on 9th August 2018?

- A) Dr. Gautam Chatterjee
B) Dr. Gulab Kothari
C) Sachidanand Joshi
D) Kiran Kumar

ANSWER A) .Dr. Gautam Chatterjee Explanation: On 9th August 2018, Minister of state for Culture (I/C), Dr. Mahesh Sharma, released 3 books: 'Jewellery', 'Ghats of Banaras' and 'Untold Story of Broadcasting', at IGNCA (Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts), in New Delhi. 'Jewellery' was written by Dr. Gulab Kothari. 'Ghats of Banaras' was written by Dr. Sachidanand Joshi and 'Untold Story of Broadcasting' was written by Dr. Gautam Chatterjee.

49) Which bank has signed an MoU with member development banks of BRICS on collaboration in Blockchain Technology?

- A) Axis Bank
B) ICICI Bank
C) Exim Bank
D) HDFC Bank

ANSWER C) Exim Bank Explanation: Exim Bank of India is the nominated member development bank under the BRICS Interbank Cooperation Mechanism. Other member banks under this umbrella are: • Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Economico e Social – BNDES, Brazil; • State Corporation Bank for Development and Foreign Economic Affairs – Vnesheconombank, Russia; • China Development Bank Corporation, and • Development Bank of Southern Africa.

50) Which is the first Indian tribal language to get a Wikipedia edition in its own script?

- A) Konkani
B) Maithili
C) Tulu
D) Santhali

ANSWER D) Santhali Explanation: On August 12, 2018, Santhali has become the first Indian tribal language to get a Wikipedia edition in its own script. Wikipedia contributors from India, Bangladesh and Nepal generated the content. It has content of about 70,000 words. The home page of the Santhali edition of Wikipedia carries an article on Raghunath Murmu, who created the Ol Chiki script.

51) Indian-origin British national VS Naipaul died at his residence in London, on 11th August 2018 . He was a _____?

- A) Musician
- B) Film Maker
- C) Writer
- D) Geologist

ANSWER C) Writer Explanation: On 11th August 2018, Indian-origin British author VS Naipaul died at his residence in London. V S Naipaul was 85 years old. He was born as Vidiadhar Surajprasad Naipaul on 17th August 1932 in Trinidad. He received the Booker Prize in 1971 and Nobel Prize in Literature in 2001 . He received a knighthood from Queen Elizabeth in 1989. Some of his popular books are: A House for Mr Biswas, An Area of Darkness, India: A Million Mutinies Now, The Middle Passage and The Overcrowded Barracoon.

52) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a 7 member working group for norms regarding insurance surveyors. Who is the head of the group?

- A) Yegna Priya Bharat
- B) Sunil Mehta
- C) Neerav Shah
- D) Amit Ghosh

ANSWER A) .Yegna Priya Bharat Explanation: On August 14, 2018, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) constituted a 7 member working group for norms regarding insurance surveyors. The group will headed by Yegna Priya Bharat, Chief General Manager (Nonlife), IRDAI. The group will work on the following :

- areas pertaining to licensing, renewal and others as per the existing regulatory framework for Surveyors and Loss Assessors.
- analysis of the existing regulatory framework as per requirements of the industry.
- study the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of the Indian Institute of Insurance Surveyors and Loss Assessors (IISLA).
- make recommendations to bring about clarity and alignment with the Surveyor Regulations.
- issues related to the membership of IISLA.

53) Which city has topped the Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Index as 'world's most pleasant city to live in'?

- A) Vienna, Austria
- B) Melbourne, Australia
- C) Osaka, Japan
- D) Calgary, Canada

ANSWER A) .Vienna, Austria Explanation:

Rank	City
1	Vienna (Austria)
2	Melbourne (Australia)
3	Osaka (Japan)
4	Calgary (Canada)
5	Sydney (Australia)
6	Vancouver (Canada)
7	Toronto (Canada) and Tokyo (Japan)
9	Copenhagen (Denmark)
10	Adelaide (Australia)

54) Where was the two-day Nepal-India Literature Festival 2018 inaugurated on 14th August 2018?

- A) New Delhi, India
- B) Kathmandu, Nepal
- C) Birgunj, Nepal
- D) Mumbai, India

ANSWER C) Birgunj, Nepal Explanation: On August 14, 2018, Chief Minister of Province 2 Mohammad Lalbabu Raut of Nepal inaugurated the 2 day Nepal-India Literature Festival 2018 in Birgunj, Nepal. The event was organised by Nepal India Co-operation Forum. This was a literary exchange programme that aims to strengthen the old religious, cultural and social relations between the two countries. Around 250 participants from India and Nepal participated in this event. On this occasion eminent writers from both the countries were also felicitated.

55) Who was appointed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), on 13th August 2018?

- A) Ashish Kumar Bhutani
- B) Amritha Kumari
- C) Sudeep Bhagat
- D) Samar Mishra

ANSWER A) Ashish Kumar Bhutani Explanation: On 13th August 2018, Ashish Kumar Bhutani was appointed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). Ashish Kumar Bhutani is an IAS officer of the 1992 batch of Assam-Meghalaya cadre. He has been appointed the CEO of PMFBY till 9th May 2020.

56) Which country unveiled the latest generation of its Fateh ballistic missile named Fateh Mobin or Bright Conqueror, on 13th August 2018?

- A) Pakistan
- B) Iran
- C) Russia
- D) North Korea

ANSWER B) Iran Explanation: On 13th August 2018, Iran has successfully test fired and unveiled the latest generation of its Fateh ballistic missile named Fateh Mobin or Bright Conqueror. It is a short-range ballistic missile. It has a range between 300-500 kilometers. It is capable of striking targets on land and sea. It has been indigenously designed. It is an agile, radar-evading and tactical missile with pinpoint accuracy

57) Balramji Dass Tandon, died following a heart attack, on 14th August 2018 . He was the Governor of which state?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Gujarat

ANSWER B) Chhattisgarh Explanation:

Balramji Dass Tandon was 90 years old. He was born on 1st November 1927. In 1953, he became a Corporator in Amritsar Municipal Corporation. He was a six-time MLA. He was also deputy chief minister of Punjab. He was jailed from 1975 to 1977 during Emergency. He was one of the founding members of Jan Sangh, BJP's parent organization. He became the Governor of Chhattisgarh in July 2014

58) Which city has topped the 'Ease of Living Index 2018' released by Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, on 13th August 2018?

- A) Indore
- B) Bhopal
- C) Pune
- D) Hyderabad

ANSWER C) Pune Explanation:

Rank	City
1	Pune
2	Navi Mumbai
3	Greater Mumbai
4	Tirupati
5	Chandigarh
6	Thane
7	Raipur
8	Indore
9	Vijaywada
10	Bhopal

59) On August 13, 2018, Union minister of science and technology Harsh Vardhan inaugurated National Wildlife Genetic Resource Bank (NWGRB), which is India's only lab for conservation of endangered species, in which city?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Mumbai
- D) Hyderabad

ANSWER D) Hyderabad Explanation: On August 13, 2018, Union minister of science and technology Harsh Vardhan inaugurated and dedicated first scientific and most modern national wildlife genetic resource bank for conservation of Endangered Species at Hyderabad. It will be a part of Laboratory for the Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCON ES), a research wing of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB). It contains genetic resources of about 250 wildlife species. Presently it holds genetic material like DNA/RNA, cell lines, blood, semen, eggs and tissues of **23 endangered animals from India including Tiger, Lion, Thamin, Hyena, Wild Dog and Wild Ass.**

60) Which will be the first city in North India to get a full-fledged Space Technology Research Centre?

- A) Jammu
- B) Guwahati
- C) Lucknow
- D) Kanpur

ANSWER A) Jammu Explanation: On August 13, 2018, the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh announced that Jammu will be the first city in North India to get a full-fledged Space Technology Research Centre. It would be devoted to research, academics and post-graduation study and would be under Central University Jammu. Another Space Technology Research Centre will be set up in Agartala, Tripura in the Northeast. It would work under National Institute of Technology (NIT) Agartala

61) Which state government has lifted family income ceiling for the beneficiaries of women welfare scheme 'Kanyashree'?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Assam
- D) West Bengal

ANSWER - D) West Bengal Explanation: On August 16, 2018, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee lifted family income ceiling for the beneficiaries of women welfare scheme 'Kanyashree'. Earlier the ceiling was : Rs 120,000 or less. This would cost the state government

an additional Rs 200 crore. The state had already incurred an annual expenditure of Rs 1200 crore under the scheme in 2017.

62) Indian Government released additional _____ for the Postal Highway being constructed in Southern Plains of Nepal?

- A) NPR 470 million
- B) NPR 570 million
- C) NPR 320 million
- D) NPR 670 million

Answer – A) NPR 470 million Explanation: On 14th August 2018, Indian Government released additional NPR 470 million for the Postal Highway being constructed in Southern Plains of Nepal. Indian Ambassador to Nepal Manjeev Singh Puri handed over NPR 470 million to the Secretary of Nepal’s Minister for Physical Infrastructure and Transport Madhusudan Adhikari. This amount has been released for the ongoing construction of 14 road packages under Postal Highway Project. With this payment, a total of NPR 2.35 billion has been released to Nepal out of the total grant assistance of NPR 8 billion committed by Indian Government for implementing 14 road packages.

63) Where was the 24th World Congress of Philosophy (WCP) themed “Learning To Be Human” held on 13th August 2018?

- A) Beijing, China
- B) Tokyo, Japan
- C) New York, United States
- D) New Delhi, India

Answer – A) Beijing, China Explanation: On August 13, 2018, the 24th World Congress of Philosophy (WCP) was held in Beijing, China for the first time. This event will continue till Aug. 20, 2018. The theme for this event is: “Learning To Be Human”. This event has been organized by the International Federation of Philosophical Societies, and Peking University. It consists of more than 1,000 activities, such as plenary sessions, symposia, lectures and roundtables.

64) Bharti AXA has partnered with which bank to offer Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana?

- A) Karur Vysya Bank
- B) Airtel Payments Bank
- C) Vijaya Bank
- D) Karnataka Bank

Answer – B)Airtel Payments Bank Explanation: On August 16, 2018, Bharti AXA, Airtel Payments Bank team up to offer Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana. This aims to increase penetration of life insurance products among the underinsured masses and boost financial inclusion. IT is aimed to reach the

190 million under-insured Indians under Airtel Payments Bank. This would help to strengthen Bharti AXA Life Insurance’s presence in India.

65) On August 16, 2018, India Ratings reduced growth forecast of India to _____% from 7.4% for FY19?

- A) 7.1 %
- B) 7.2 %
- C) 7.3 %
- D) 7.0 %

ANSWER - B) 7.2 % Explanation: On August 16, 2018, according to India Ratings, growth forecast of India has been cut to 7.2% from 7.4% for FY19. Increasing crude prices and the government’s decision to fix the minimum support prices of all kharif crops at 1.5 times of the production cost. high level of bad loans. The private final consumption expenditure to grow 7.6% in FY19 compared to 6.6% in FY18. The annual value of exports to touch USD345 billion in FY19.

66) Which entity has announced partnership with IRCTC app ‘IRCTC Rail Connect’, to facilitate convenient, fast and secure payments?

- A) Paytm
- B) PayPal
- C) PhonePe
- D) MobiKwik

ANSWER - C) PhonePe Explanation: On August 16, 2018, PhonePe announced partnership with IRCTC app ‘IRCTC Rail Connect’, to facilitate convenient, fast and secure payments. This will enable PhonePe’s 100 million plus users to now pay directly from their bank accounts using UPI, credit and debit cards and also the PhonePe wallet. IRCTC app will have a trusted digital payment platform for the transactions.

67) Which entity has been named as a ‘Knowledge Partner’ to the Banks Board Bureau (BBB)?

- A) Egon Zehnder International
- B) Mark Tucker Consultants Ltd
- C) Edelweiss Consultants
- D) E&Y Consultants Pvt Ltd

ANSWER - A) Egon Zehnder International Explanation: Indian Banks’ Association has appointed Egon Zehnder International as a ‘Knowledge Partner’ to the Banks Board Bureau (BBB). As a Knowledge Partner, Egon Zehnder International will help to design, implement and institutionalise a flagship leadership development strategy for public sector banks in India. Also, Hay Consultants Private Limited, a part of Korn Ferry Group, will help BBB to assess leadership competencies and potential capabilities of candidates appearing for appointment as wholetime directors of public sector banks.

68) Who was re-elected as president of Mali, on 16th August 2018?

- A) Soumaila Cisse
 B) Ibrahim Boubacar Keita
 C) Abdul Wahab
 D) Masood Ali Sahad

ANSWER - B) Ibrahim Boubacar Keita Explanation: On 16th August 2018, Ibrahim Boubacar Keita was re-elected as president of Mali. Ibrahim Boubacar Keita won 67 percent of the vote and defeated his opponent Soumaila Cisse in the presidential election. Ibrahim Boubacar Keita will serve his second five-year term as President of Mali. He is 73 years old. He will assume office on 4th September 2018 .

- 69) Who was sworn in as the new President of Paraguay, on 16th August 2018?
 A) Pedro Sanchez
 B) Murrari Bennet
 C) Mario Abdo Benítez
 D) Lee Bennet

ANSWER - C) Mario Abdo Benítez Explanation: On August 16, 2018, 46-year-old Mario Abdo Benítez has been sworn in as the new President of Paraguay. He replaced Horacio Cartes. He belongs to the conservative Colorado Party.

- 70) Atal Bihari Vajpayee, passed away following a long term illness, in Delhi, on 16th August 2018 . How many times did he serve as Prime Minister of India?
 A) 4 B) 3 C) 5 D) 2

ANSWER - B) 3 Explanation: In 1996, Atal Bihari Vajpayee became Prime Minister of India. However, he held the position for only 13 days due to lack of majority. In 1998, he was again elected as Prime Minister. But his term ended in 13 months, due to lack of stable majority. In 1999, he was re-elected as Prime Minister and served a full five-year term. He was the first non-Congress Prime Minister to serve a full five-year term. He was also the first BJP leader to become Prime Minister of India. He also served three terms as Prime Minister of India (first term: 1996, second term: 1998–1999, third term: 1999–2004).

- 71) Where is the 'iCRAFPT '18' (International Conference on Recent Advances in Food Processing Technology) held from 17th to 19th August 2018?
 A) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
 B) Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu
 C) Mandya, Karnataka
 D) Calicut, Kerala

ANSWER - B) Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu Explanation: On August 17, 2018, commemorating its golden jubilee 'iCRAFPT '18', the Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIFPT), started an international conference

on recent advances in food processing technology till August 19, 2018 at its campus in Thanjavur. It would be inaugurated by union minister of food processing industries, Harsimrat Kaur Badal. The theme of the conference is: 'Doubling Farmers Income through Food Processing'.

- 72) Sarvatra Technologies has launched _____ as 450th co-operative bank on National Financial Switch (NFS)?
 A) Sevalia Urban Co-operative Bank
 B) Sadapthi Urban Co-operative Bank
 C) Sarvatra Urban Co-operative Bank
 D) Samiksha Rural Co-operative Bank

ANSWER - A) Sevalia Urban Co-operative Bank Explanation: On August 17, 2018, Sarvatra Technologies has launched 'Sevalia Urban Co-operative Bank' as 450th co-operative bank on National Financial Switch (NFS). Sarvatra brings many co-operative banks on digital payment platform by making them interoperable with large banks. It aims to add another 50 plus co-operative banks by FY 2019. It has provided digital payment platform to larger banks like ICICI and IDBI bank and payment banks like Paytm Payments Bank, Equitas Small Finance Bank etc.

- 73) Name the Indian cyclist who won a silver medal in the Men's Keirin event, at the 2018 UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships in Aigle, Switzerland?
 A) Ravindra Bhatia
 B) Arun Kumar
 C) Esow Alben
 D) Ravi Parthiban .

ANSWER - C) Esow Alben Explanation: Indian cyclist Esow Alben has won India's first medal (a silver medal) at the 2018 UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships in Aigle, Switzerland. In the Men's Keirin event, Czech Republic's Jakub Stastny won gold medal. Esow Alben finished 0.017 seconds behind him and won silver medal. Kazakhstan's Andrey Chugay won the bronze medal. Esow Alben also participated in the men's team sprint event with Mayur Pawar and James Keithellakpam Singh. But the team did not qualify for the finals.

- 74) The 11th World Hindi Conference was inaugurated on 18th August 2018 in Port Louis, Mauritius. What is the theme of the conference?
 A) Stories of India
 B) Evolution of Hindi
 C) Hindi World and Indian Culture
 D) Cultural Significance of Hindi

ANSWER - C) Hindi World and Indian Culture Explanation: On August 18, 2018, the Mauritian Prime

Minister Pravind Kumar Jagnauth inaugurated the 3 day 11th World Hindi Conference in capital city Port Louis in Mauritius. The theme for 2018 World Hindi Conference is : “Hindi World and Indian Culture”. A report will also be released on the recommendation made during the 10th conference held in Bhopal in 2015 . **This would be the first time that representatives from all 29 states and Union Territories of Delhi, Chandigarh and Puducherry will be attending the conference along with External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj.**

75) Name India’s first mission to study the solar corona, that is planned to be launched in 2019-2020, by Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-XL) from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh?

- A) Akash – I
- B) Apoorva – I
- C) SuryaDev – M1
- D) Aditya-L1

ANSWER - D) Aditya-L1 Explanation: ISRO’s Aditya-L1 mission, India’s first mission to study the solar corona, is planned to be launched in 2019-2020, by Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-XL) from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. Aditya – L1 will be inserted in a halo orbit around the Lagrangian point 1 (L1) that is 1.5 million km from the Earth. Solar corona is the outer layers of the Sun. Lagrangian point is a point where the attraction by the Sun and the Earth becomes equal. This point does not experience gravitational force. This satellite will observe the Sun’s Photosphere and the Chromosphere and will also conduct additional experiments.

76) Kofi Annan, passed away following a short term illness, at a hospital in Bern, Switzerland, on 18th August 2018 . He was the former secretary general of _____?

- A) International Cricket Council (ICC)
- B) United Nations
- C) World Trade Organisation (WHO)
- D) World Bank

ANSWER - B) United Nations Explanation: On 18th August 2018, former UN secretary general Kofi Annan, passed away following a short term illness, at a hospital in Bern, Switzerland. Kofi Annan was 80 years old. He was born on 8th April 1938 in Kumasi, Ghana. He was the seventh UN secretary general. He served two terms between 1997 and 2006. He received the Nobel peace prize for his humanitarian work jointly with the UN as an organisation in 2001

77) Name the Retired chief of the Army staff, Indian Army, who was awarded the Legion of Merit (Degree

of Commander) by the United States government, on 19th August 2018?

- A) General Mahavir Singh Bhagat
- B) General Dalbir Singh Suhag
- C) General Prathik Singh Talwar
- D) General Sushil Kumar Shindey

ANSWER - B) General Dalbir Singh Suhag Explanation: On August 19, 2018, the United States government awarded the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) to General Dalbir Singh Suhag (Retired) chief of the Army staff, Indian Army. This was earlier announced by the US Government in March 2016. It was presented to him on August 17, 2018, at Pentagon, Washington DC.

78) Fast bowler Mitchell Johnson retired from all forms of cricket on 19th August 2018 . Which country does he belong to?

- A) South Africa
- B) Australia
- C) Zimbabwe
- D) New Zealand

ANSWER - B) Australia Explanation: On August 19, 2018, 36-year-old Australian fast bowler Mitchell Johnson retire from all forms of cricket. He would retire from the franchise-based Big Bash League. He announced his retirement during the Indian Premier League 2018 . He still expects to play in the various Twenty20 competitions till mid 2019.

79) Where did the Esala Maha Perehera festival start on 16th August 2018?

- A) Birgunj, Nepal
- B) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- C) Kandy, Sri Lanka
- D) Jammu & Kashmir, India

ANSWER - C) Kandy, Sri Lanka Explanation: On 16th August 2018, the historic Esala Maha Perehera festival started in Kandy, Sri Lanka. The festival will be held for 10 days. It started with a grand procession from Sri Dalada Maligawa, the biggest Buddhist temple in Sri Lanka. This festival is held in the month of Esala (July or August). This month is believed to commemorate the first teaching of Buddha after his enlightenment. The procession is carried out to obtain the blessings of the Gods for cultivation of crops and enrichment of the kingdom.

80) According to Ifo institute, which country’s current account surplus will remain the world’s largest in 2018?

- A) Japan
- B) China
- C) United States
- D) Germany

ANSWER - D) Germany Explanation: On 20th August 2018, the Ifo institute said that, Germany's current account surplus will remain the world's largest in 2018, in spite of increased trade tensions. Current account surplus measures the flow of goods, services and investments. Germany's current account surplus will remain the world's largest for the third year in 2018 at \$299 billion. It is followed by Japan in second position with \$200 billion. The Netherlands would be third with a current account surplus of around 110 billion dollars.

81) Which Country won the 2018 SAFF U-15 Women's Championship that was held at Changlimithang Stadium, in Bhutan, from 9th to 18th August 2018?

- A) Bhutan
- B) Bangladesh
- C) India
- D) Nepal

ANSWER - C) India Explanation: From 9th to 18th August 2018, the 2018 SAFF U-15 Women's Championship was held at Changlimithang Stadium, in Bhutan. It was the 2nd edition of the SAFF U-15 Women's Championship. Six countries participated: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka. Indian U-15 women's team emerged as champions of the SAFF U-15 Championship. India defeated defending champions Bangladesh 1-0 in the final. Sunita Munda scored a goal for India in the second-half.

82) Chhattisgarh Cabinet has approved the proposal to rename Naya Raipur, capital of Chhattisgarh as _____, to honour former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee?

- A) Atalji City
- B) Vajpayee Nagar
- C) Atal Nagar
- D) ABJ City

ANSWER - C) Atal Nagar Explanation: On August 21, 2018 Chhattisgarh Cabinet approved the proposal to rename Naya Raipur, capital of Chhattisgarh as 'Atal Nagar'. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh announced the renaming of some other institutions and projects after Vajpayee. The Bilaspur University will be known as Atal Bihari Vajpayee University. Narrow Gauge Line will be called Atal Path. The Central Park, which is being constructed will be named as Atal Park.

83) Where did the first-ever joint air exercise involving the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) begin on 20th August 2018?

- A) Subang, Malaysia
- B) New Delhi, India
- C) Mumbai, India

D) Pune, India

ANSWER - A) Subang, Malaysia Explanation: On August 20 2018, The first-ever joint air exercise involving the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) commenced at Subang Air Base in Malaysia. This is the inaugural bilateral exercise between IAF & RMAF. It was inaugurated by Gp Capt CUV Rao, team leader IAF & Col Mahadzer, Ex director of RMAF. It's a platform to exchange Knowledge & Good practices with each other. RMAF and IAF ended its first ever bilateral exercise launching two Sukhoi Su-30MKM and Su-30MKI Flankers each from Subang airport.

84) Which month will be celebrated as the National Nutrition Month every year to mark India's fight against malnutrition?

- A) August
- B) October
- C) September
- D) November

ANSWER - C) September Explanation: This announcement was made by the Ministry of Women and Child Development at the second meeting of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges under the Poshan Abhiyaan on 25th July 2018 . The Ministry of Women and Child Development will conduct programmes to create awareness on issues related to malnutrition like stunting, under-nutrition, anemia and low birth weight in children. The programmes will be focused on adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

85) Central Government declared the floods occurred in which state as a calamity of "severe nature", on 21st August 2018?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Karnataka
- D) Gujarat

ANSWER - B) Kerala Explanation: On August 21 2018 , Centre has declared the Kerala floods as a calamity of "severe nature". The central government has also scaled up its relief and rescue operations. Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju said the Kerala floods were being treated as natural calamity of severe nature. National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC), chaired by Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha informed that Centre dispatched 100 tonnes of pulses and 52 tonnes of essential medicines to the State. Around 20 tonnes of bleaching powder and 1 crore chlorine tablets. Ministry of Power has moved equipment such as electricity meters, coils and transformers to restore the distribution network.

86) Odisha government has decided to set up a state-of-the-art interpretation centre at which National Park to showcase its flora, fauna and rich biodiversity?

- A) Simlipal National Park
- B) Manas National Park
- C) Bhitarkania National Park
- D) Keoladeo National Park

ANSWER - C) Bhitarkanika National Park Explanation: On August 21 2018 ,Odisha government has decided to set up a state-of-the-art interpretation centre at Bhitarkanika National Park to showcase its flora, fauna and rich biodiversity. Now, the national park has an interpretation centre at Dangmal but it proved to be inadequate in preserving the vast reserve of the finest biodiversity. So Government plan to set up a specialized and world-class interpretation centre at Bhitarkanika to showcase its efforts in protecting crocodiles and preserving its rich mangrove diversity. The project has been approved under the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Programme (ICZMP) at an estimated cost of Rs 3 crore.

87) Who was appointed the Governor of Tripura, on 21st August 2018?

- A) Kaptan Singh Solanki
- B) N N Vohra
- C) Jagdish Mukhi
- D) Vidyasagar Rao

ANSWER - A) Kaptan Singh Solanki Explanation: Tripura governor Tathagata Roy has been appointed as Governor of Meghalaya. He replaces Ganga Prasad. Roy was the President of the West Bengal state unit of BJP from 2002 till 2006. Governor of Meghalaya, Ganga Prasad has been appointed as Governor of Sikkim. He succeeds Shrinivas Dadasaheb Patil. Prasad was elected to the Legislative Council of Bihar in 1994 and had been a member for 18 years. On 30 September 2017, Prasad was appointed by President Ram Nath Kovind as the new Governor of Meghalaya. Haryana governor Kaptan Singh Solanki has been appointed as Governor of Tripura, He succeeds Tathagata Roy. Since August 2009 Kaptan was the member of the Parliament of India representing Madhya Pradesh State in the Rajya Sabha, the upper house until May 2014

88) Name the European wind survey satellite launched from French Guyana, on August 23, 2018?

- A) Aeolus
- B) Zeus
- C) Venus
- D) Adolan

ANSWER - A) Aeolus Explanation: On August 23, 2018, Europe launched a rocket named "Aeolus" from French Guyana. This satellite will be put into orbit at an altitude of 320 kilometres (200 miles) above the Earth which will track global winds, allowing for improved weather forecasting. It is part of the Copernicus project, a joint initiative of the European Union and the European Space Agency (ESA) to track environmental damage and aid disaster relief operations. The new mission is also ArianeSpace's 50th launch for the European Space Agency.

89) As per Moody's Investor services report called Global Macro Outlook for 2018-19, the Indian economy will grow by what per cent in 2018 and 2019?

- A) 7.7 %
- B) 7.5 %
- C) 7.8 %
- D) 7.6 %

ANSWER - B) 7.5 % Explanation: On August 23, 2018, according to Moody's Investor services report called Global Macro Outlook for 2018-19, the Indian economy will grow by around 7.5 per cent in 2018 and 2019. The main reasons behind this is: strong urban and rural demand and improved industrial activity. Also due to the rise in energy prices the Headline inflation would rise as well temporarily. Earlier in May, Moody's cut the GDP from 7.5% to 7.3%. Retail inflation in India has been predicted to be around 5% and core inflation has risen to 6.2%.

90) What is the theme of the 6th "International Buddhist Conclave (IBC), 2018" held in India from 23rd to 26th August 2018?

- A) Buddha Path – The Living Heritage
- B) Evolution and spread of Buddhism
- C) Buddhism and its Glory
- D) The Noble Path of Buddha

ANSWER - A) Buddha Path – The Living Heritage Explanation: On 23rd August 2018, Indian President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the "International Buddhist Conclave (IBC), 2018" at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The conclave is held in New Delhi and Ajanta (Maharashtra). Site visits will be held in Rajgir, Nalanda and Bodhgaya (Bihar) and Sarnath (Uttar Pradesh). Theme of this conclave is: "Buddha Path – The Living Heritage". Partner Country for IBC 2018 is Japan.

91) Name the digital platform, that is to be set up to ease transportation of goods across India and exports, following the approval of committee of secretaries?

- A) Import Export Portal (IEP)
- B) National Logistics Portal (NLP)
- C) Indian Commerce Portal (ICP)
- D) National Commerce Portal (NCP)

ANSWER - B) National Logistics Portal (NLP)

Explanation: On August 24, 2018, A committee of secretaries has approved a proposal by department of commerce (DoC) to setup a National Logistics Portal (NLP). To ease transportation of goods across the country and export. The portal is being planned in three phases- • development of a logistics e-marketplace whose test run is being planned by March, • single window certification by bringing in 81 authorities on board, and • integrating financial services on the platform. It will have a common online platform to integrate all transactions involved in their production and export.

92) Which state cabinet approved a bill for creation of a price stabilisation fund to ensure that the state farmers get minimum support price (MSP), on 24th August 2018?

- A) Punjab
- B) Gujarat
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Madhya Pradesh .

ANSWER - A) Punjab Explanation: On August 24, 2018, The Punjab cabinet approved a bill for creation of a price stabilisation fund. This decision was taken by the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Amarinder Singh. This would ensure that state farmers get minimum support price (MSP). It would protect the interests of farmers in the event of a sudden fall in prices of certain agricultural commodities. Amendments will be made to sections 25 (A), 26 and 28 of the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1961

93) Which is the partner country for the 2nd edition of the 'Make in Odisha Conclave 2018' that will be held from 11th to 15th November 2018, in Odisha?

- A) Japan
- B) United States
- C) United Kingdom
- D) Russia .

ANSWER - A) Japan Explanation: In the 2nd edition of Make in Odisha Conclave 2018, Japan will be the 'partner country' and State Bank of India will be the banking partner. It will be the only country partner for Make in Odisha Conclave-2018 . This would include investment opportunities in the state across six focus sectors including: food processing and seafood, chemicals, plastics and petrochemicals, ancillary and downstream industries in the metal sector, electronic manufacturing, textiles, apparel and tourism. The state has also earmarked 600 acres of land in Bhubaneswar for the Japanese investors.

94) Where will be the mega anti-terror drill of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) named The Peace Mission 2018 held from 22nd to 29th August 2018, in which Indian and Pakistani troops will participate for the first time?

- A) Russia
- B) China
- C) Pakistan
- D) Egypt .

ANSWER - A) Russia Explanation: On August 22, 2018, for the first time, the militaries of India and Pakistan are taking part in a mega anti-terror drill of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) named The Peace Mission 2018 in Russia. India is participating in the drill for the first time since becoming a full member of the SCO in June 2017. It is aimed at expanding cooperation among the member countries to deal with terrorism and extremism. The joint exercise is being conducted by the Central Military Commission of Russia from August 22 to August 29 at Chebarkul, Russia.

95) Name India's only aircraft carrier which will get an upgrade for its air wing by Russian company Technodinamika?

- A) INS Sahyadri
- B) INS Vikramaditya
- C) INS Kalvari
- D) INS Prithvi

ANSWER - B) INS Vikramaditya Explanation: On August 24, 2018, India's only aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya will be upgraded and fitted with a marine hydraulic system to boost the air operations of the ship for the first time. This will be done by Technodinamika, a subsidiary of Russia's Rostec State Corporation by May 2019. Hydraulics technology uses fluid pressure to power machines and the systems to be installed are named "GS-1MF" and "GS-3". They will be used for refuelling, cleaning and pressurisation of hydraulic systems of aircraft and helicopters on board the INS Vikramaditya.

96) Cricketer Jhulan Goswami has announced her retirement from Twenty-20 Internationals (T20Is). Which country does she belong to?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) India
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Nepal

ANSWER - B) India Explanation: Indian cricketer Jhulan Goswami has announced her retirement from Twenty-20 Internationals (T20Is). She will only play ODIs hereafter. Jhulan Goswami is 35 years old. She represented India in 68 T20Is and has taken 56 wickets

at an economy rate of 5 .45 . She played her first T20I in August 2006. She has played 10 Tests and 169 ODIs so far. At present, she is the leading wicket-taker in the women's ODI format. She is also the first woman cricketer to take 200 ODI wickets.

97) Where was India Banking Conclave 2018 held on 23rd and 24th August 2018?

- A) Chennai
- B) Mumbai
- C) Bhopal
- D) New Delhi

ANSWER - D) New Delhi Explanation: On 23rd and 24th August 2018, India Banking Conclave 2018 was held in New Delhi. The India Banking Conclave 2018 was organized by Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR). Knowledge Partner of the conclave was NITI Aayog. The conclave focused on reforming the banking sector. Politicians, Industrialists, Bureaucrats, Analysts, Academicians, Chartered Accountants, Company Secretary, Corporate Lawyers, top bankers and ministers participated in the conclave.

98) With which country did India sign the Second Protocol amending the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) in New Delhi, on 24th August 2018?

- A) Mauritius
- B) United States
- C) Singapore
- D) Germany .

ANSWER - C) Singapore Explanation: On 24th August 2018, India and Singapore signed the Second Protocol amending the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) in New Delhi. The Protocol was signed by Deputy Chief Negotiators, Rajneesh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India and Francis Chong, Senior Director, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore. CECA was the 1st comprehensive agreement covering trade in goods, services and investments, signed by India with any of its trade partners. CECA was signed on 29th June 2005. Its first review concluded on 1st October 2007. Signing of the Second Protocol concludes the negotiations on 2nd review of CECA that started on 11th May 2010.

99) Name the app that has been launched by former President Pranab Mukherjee to enable voters to rate and review their political representatives?

- A) Report Card app
- B) Neta app
- C) Rate the Leaders app
- D) VotenReview app .

ANSWER - B) Neta app Explanation: On 24th August 2018, Neta app that allows voters to rate and review their political representatives was launched by former President Pranab Mukherjee. The Neta App aims to build political accountability and transparency among leaders. It will enable users to rate their MLAs and MPs. It is billed as an instrument to measure voter sentiment in Indian constituencies. The Neta app has been developed by Pratham Mittal, a 27-year-old entrepreneur. It uses Artificial Intelligence, advanced algorithms, one time password and Aadhaar numbers to make sure that the users are genuine.

100)Where was the 9th edition of Mountain Echoes Literary Festival 2018 held from 23rd to 25th August 2018?

- A) Jakarta, Indonesia
- B) Jammu & Kashmir, India
- C) Thimphu, Bhutan
- D) Sydney, Australia .

ANSWER - C) Thimphu, Bhutan Explanation: From 23rd to 25th August 2018, 9th edition of Mountain Echoes Literary Festival 2018 was held in Thimphu, Bhutan. This festival is an initiative of the India-Bhutan Foundation and Siyahi, an Indian literary agency. It was presented by the Jaypee Group and powered by the Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan. This year's festival celebrated 50 years of formal diplomatic relations between India and Bhutan.

101)Who was sworn in as Australia's 30th prime minister, on 24th August 2018?

- A) Scott Morrison
- B) Malcolm Turnbull
- C) Josh Frydenberg
- D) Peter Dutton

ANSWER - A) Scott Morrison Explanation: On 24th August 2018, Scott Morrison was sworn in as Australia's 30th prime minister. Scott Morrison is 50 years old. He was serving as Australia's treasurer. He defeated former Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton by 45 – 40 votes in an internal vote. This vote was conducted after former prime minister Malcolm Turnbull lost majority support of the Liberal party MPs. Josh Frydenberg was sworn in as the treasurer.

102)Name the former Indian cricketer who was appointed the head coach of Zimbabwe national cricket team, on 26th August 2018?

- A) Lalchand Rajput
- B) Anil Kumble
- C) Sunil Gavaskar
- D) Saurav Ganguly

ANSWER - A) Lalchand Rajput Explanation: On August 26, 2018, former India opener Lalchand Rajput was appointed the head coach of Zimbabwe national cricket team by the Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC). He is likely to remain in charge for the 2020 World T20 and beyond. He was earlier appointed as the interim head coach of Zimbabwe in May. He has been the manager of the MS Dhoni-led Indian team during the T20 World Cup in South Africa in 2007. He has secured Full Membership at the ICC and won six limited-overs series under Rajput Afghanistan.

103) Which country successfully sent twin BeiDou 3 navigation satellites into the space on the Long March-3B carrier rocket, on 26th August 2018?

- A) Japan
- B) China
- C) South Korea
- D) Russia

ANSWER - B) China Explanation: On August 26, 2018, China successfully sent twin BeiDou 3 navigation satellites into the space on the Long March-3B carrier rocket from Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan Province. This was the 283rd mission of the Long March-3B carrier rocket. They were developed by the Innovation Academy for Microsatellites of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. The twin satellites entered orbit more than three hours after the launch. They will work together with 10 other BeiDou-3 satellites already in orbit.

104) Who is the author of the book "Atal Ji Ne Kaha" that was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on 24th August 2018?

- A) Brijendra Rehi
- B) Sumit Rawat
- C) Vivek Kumar Singh
- D) Ranveer Sinha .

ANSWER - A) Brijendra Rehi Explanation: On 24th August 2018, "Atal Ji Ne Kaha" a book on former Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Atal Ji Ne Kaha has been written, compiled and edited by Brijendra Rehi. The book has been published by Darpan Publication. The book consists of 320 pages and 26 chapters. It has Atal Bihari Vajpayee's select speeches on economy, policies, small industries, social development, nuclear programme, science and technology, terrorism etc. It also has his photographs and three interviews by Brijendra Rehi.

105) Dudhwa Tiger Reserve has set up a helpline with toll-free number 1926 to control man-animal conflicts. Dudhwa Tiger Reserve is located in which state? A) Madhya Pradesh

- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Uttarakhand .

ANSWER - B) Uttar Pradesh Explanation:

The Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (DTR) has set up a toll-free number 1926 to curtail man-animal conflicts in Uttar Pradesh. The forest department has done this in collaboration with the Reliance Foundation. The helpline will work in tandem with the 'Dial 100' emergency service. This initiative will be launched in other tiger reserves also.

106) The Committee for reviewing framework dealing with offences under the Companies Act, 2013 submitted its report to the Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Arun Jaitley on 27th August 2018 . Who is the chairperson of the committee?

- A) Anil Kumar Jha
- B) Injeti Srinivas
- C) Pramod Singhvi
- D) Rajat Bhatia

Answer – B) Injeti Srinivas Explanation: On August 27, 2018, the Committee constituted by Government of India in July 2018 to review framework dealing with offences under the Companies Act, 2013 submitted its report to the Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Shri Arun Jaitley. This report as presented by the Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Shri Injeti Srinivas, who chaired the committee. It had a detailed analysis of all penal provisions in 8 categories based on the nature of offences.

107) Which airlines operated India's first biofuel-powered flight from Dehradun to Delhi on its Bombardier Q400 turboprop aircraft from Dehradun's Jolly Grant airport?

- A) Air India
- B) IndiGo
- C) SpiceJet
- D) AirCarnival

Answer – C) SpiceJet Explanation: On August 27, 2018, SpiceJet would fly India's first biofuel-powered flight from Dehradun to Delhi on its Bombardier Q400 turboprop aircraft from Dehradun's Jolly Grant airport. It has used a blend of the aviation turbine fuel and biofuel to power the flight. The flight had 20 people, including officials from aviation regulator DGCA and SpiceJet and was around 25 minutes. It would encourage sustainable and alternative fuels for the transportation & aviation sector under National Biofuels Policy. With this test, India will be among the first developing nations to adopt the sustainable alternative jet fuel.

108) Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) opened its first regional centre near which lake?

- A) Chilika Lake
- B) Wular Lake
- C) Vembanad Lake
- D) Sambal Lake

Answer – A) Chilika Lake Explanation: On August 27, 2018, Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) opened its first regional centre near Chilika Lake. The regional branch was inaugurated in the premises of the Wetland Research and Training Centre (WRTC) of the Chilika Development Authority (CDA) at Chandrapur in Chilika.

109) Where was the G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Meeting held from August 23-24, 2018?

- A) Bern, Germany
- B) Toronto, Canada
- C) Wuhan, China
- D) Salta, Argentina

Answer – D) Salta, Argentina Explanation: From August 23-24, 2018, the G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Meeting was held at Salta's Fine Arts Museum, and Salta Convention Centre in Salta, Argentina. It was chaired by Andrés Ibarra, Argentine Minister of Modernization, and Lino Barañao, Argentine Minister of Science, Technology and Innovative Production. It is a part of Sherpa Track for the 2018 G20 Leader's Summit, which is to be hosted by Argentina at the end of 2018. The theme for the 2018 meeting was: 'Building consensus for fair and sustainable development'. The agenda of the meeting was on 3 issues: the future of work, infrastructure for development, and a sustainable food future.

110) Which bank was rated as number one state-owned bank in terms of digital transactions, as per a report of Department of Financial Services, on 27th August 2018?

- A) Canara Bank
- B) Punjab National Bank
- C) Indian Bank
- D) Corporation Bank .

Answer – B) Punjab National Bank Explanation: On August 27, 2018, according to a report of Department of Financial Services, Punjab National Bank has been rated as number one state-owned bank in terms of digital transactions. The bank is rated as 'Good' by the government with a score of 71 which is the highest category of performance. In Digital performance, it ranked sixth overall amongst all banks.

111) Which bank was named the world's best bank for digital innovation while still maintaining stable

operations for its customers, by Global Finance magazine, on 27th August 2018?

- A) State Bank of India (SBI)
- B) DBS Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) ICICI Bank .

Answer – B) DBS Bank Explanation: On August 27, 2018, Global Finance magazine named DBS Bank as the world's best bank for digital innovation while still maintaining stable operations for its customers. It is the first Asian bank to receive the accolade. It was given to ING Bank in 2017. In 2016, finance magazine Euromoney named DBS the world's best digital bank. It also received the Asia's best bank title. In 2014, Ms Tan Su Shan, DBS' group head of consumer banking and wealth management, was recognised as the world's best leader in private banking at the PWM/The Banker Global Private Banking Awards.

112) Goldman Sachs appointed _____ as the managing director and chief India economist, on 27th August 2018?

- A) Prachi Mishra
- B) Sanjay Kanwar
- C) Athul Bohra
- D) Ranveer Mishra .

Answer – A) Prachi Mishra Explanation: On 27th August 2018, Goldman Sachs appointed Prachi Mishra as the managing director and chief India economist. Prachi Mishra will be based in Mumbai. Earlier, she was the deputy division chief of the western hemisphere department at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). She was the head of the strategic research unit at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from February 2016 to May 2017. She was also a specialist adviser at the RBI between November 2014 and February 2016. She was the first lateral recruit at the RBI. She also worked as a senior economist at IMF and the Finance Ministry of India.

113) Which cricketer set the world record for the most economical four-over bowling figures in the history of T20 cricket, on 27th August 2018?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Shikhar Dawan
- C) Mohammad Irfan
- D) Rashid Khan .

Answer – 3) Mohammad Irfan Explanation: On August 27, 2018, Pakistani fast bowler Mohammad Irfan set the world record for the most economical four-over bowling figures in the history of T20 cricket. This feat was achieved while playing for Barbados Tridents in the Caribbean Premier League 2018. He bowled 23 dot balls in a row, picking two wickets in the process. This

record was previously shared by South Africa's Chris Morris and Sri Lanka's Chanaka Welegedara.

114)Where was the International water colour festival held from August 23-27, 2018?

- A) Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- B) Ranchi, Jharkhand
- C) Guwahati, Assam
- D) Indore, Madhya Pradesh .

Answer – B) Ranchi, Jharkhand Explanation: From August 23-27, 2018, Jharkhand government held the International water colour festival at the Audrey House in capital city of Ranchi. It promotes rich culture and art of Jharkhand and international art and give recognition to local artists. It was organized by Department of Tourism, Art-Culture, Sports & Youth Affairs. 56 internationally renowned artists — from as many as 24 countries and 25 Indian states — participated in the five-day festival.

115)Which firm has launched commodity broking services with MCX and has become the first bank subsidiary to enter the commodity broking business?

- A) Axis Securities
- B) ICICI Mutual Funds
- C) HDFC Securities
- D) YES Financial Services .

Answer – A) Axis Securities Explanation: On August 28, 2018, Axis Securities launched commodity broking services with MCX and became the first bank subsidiary to enter the commodity broking business. All existing Axis Direct customers can now trade in 29 commodity futures and contracts through a one-time online registration process. These cover: industrial metals, energy and agricultural segments.

116)Who has been appointed as the Assistant Secretary General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?

- A) A S Kiran
- B) Praneeta Roy
- C) Danushree Dutta
- D) Satya S Tripathi

Answer – 4) Satya S Tripathi Explanation: Satya S Tripathi, an Indian development economist, has been appointed as the Assistant Secretary General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). This appointment was made by UN (United Nations) Chief António Guterres. Satya S Tripathi will succeed Elliott Harris of Trinidad and Tobago. Since 2017, Satya S Tripathi has served as Senior Adviser on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at UNEP. He has worked for the UN since 1998.

117)Name the platform that has been launched by Google to enable Indian publishers of regional languages to publish their content online?

- A) Swadesh
- B) Navlekha
- C) Kithab
- D) Write India

Answer – B) Navlekha Explanation: On 28th August 2018, Google announced Project Navlekha at its 4th edition of Google for India Event held in New Delhi. Project Navlekha has been launched to enable Indian publishers of regional languages to publish their content online, without facing the trouble of selling printed copies. The official website of Navlekha can be easily interpreted by users. Users can also obtain help from experts to set up their publication website. Google will not charge for its publication tools and the domain name for the first 3 years. Users can also sign up for Google's advertising placement service AdSense and monetise their website.the Uttarakhand government. It would also get the benefit of total power generation once the project is complete.

118)Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the increase in project outlay for the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) from Rs. 800 crore to _____, on August 29, 2018?

- A) Rs. 1,435 crore
- B) Rs. 1,879 crore
- C) Rs. 1,500 crore
- D) Rs. 2,890 crore

Answer – A) Rs. 1,435 crore Explanation: On August 29, 2018, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gave its approval for increase in project outlay for the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) from Rs. 800 crore to Rs. 1,435 crore. The additional Rs. 635 crore has been given in the following manner: Rs 400 crore for Technology Costs and Rs 235 crore for Human Resource Costs.

119)Which bank has changed names and IFSC codes of nearly 1,300 branches in India, after merger with its associates and BMB (Bharatiya Mahila Bank)?

- A) Axis Bank
- B) State Bank of India (SBI)
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) YES Bank

Answer – B) State Bank of India (SBI) Explanation: SBI has published a list of new branch codes as well as the IFSC codes of these branches. The merger of six associate banks and Bhartiya Mahila Bank (BMB) with State Bank of India (SBI) came to effect from April 1, 2017 resulting into increase in size and valuation of the

bank. A total of 1,295 branches have been changed across the country as per the SBI list enlisting the old and new IFSC codes after rationalisation/merger with associate banks and BMB.

120) Which Union Ministry has launched Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARRIA) to promote innovation and research in higher education?

- A) Union Ministry of Science and Technology
- B) Union Ministry of Human Resource Development
- C) Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D) Union Ministry of Urban Development

Answer – B) Union Ministry of Human Resource Development
Explanation: On August 31, 2018, the Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar announced the introduction of Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARRIA), an initiative of the union ministry to promote innovation. This has been established at the premises of All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) in New Delhi. It aims to promote a culture of innovation and research in higher education. It will rank educational institutions for innovation output based on all major indicators and parameters used globally. It would encourage every college to have an innovation cell.

121) Name the Union MSME Minister who announced the launch of 'One District One Product' scheme in Odisha, on 31st August 2018?

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Jual Oram
- C) Narendra Singh Tomar
- D) Giriraj Singh

Answer – D) Giriraj Singh
Explanation: On August 31, 2018, Union MSME Minister Giriraj Singh announced the launch of 'One District One Product' scheme in Odisha at a function of the SC-ST State Conclave cum Exhibition under National SC-ST Hub. Under this scheme, the Union MSME secretary Arun Panda will be conducting a survey of the potential of the MSME sector. This survey will be conducted in the following sectors: aromatic, agro, marine food processing, organic food marketing, turmeric and ginger processing and other section.

122) Where was the first South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Agri Cooperative Business Forum held from on August 28-30, 2018?

- A) Beijing, China
- B) Kathmandu, Nepal
- C) New Delhi, India
- D) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia .

Answer – B) Kathmandu, Nepal
Explanation: From August 28-30, 2018, the 3 day first South Asian

Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Agri Cooperative Business Forum was held in Kathmandu, Nepal. The theme of three-day Forum is the 'Organizing and Strengthening Family Farmers' Cooperatives to attain the Sustainable-Development-Goals-1 and 2 in South Asia'. It was organized by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of United Nations and Asian Farmers' Association with the support from International Fund for Agricultural Development. Dignitaries present were: representatives both from the government and non-governmental entities from the Member States of SAARC and regional and international organizations.

123) Idea Cellular and Vodafone have merged their India operations and the merged entity is named Vodafone Idea LTd. Who is the CEO of Vodafone Idea LTd?

- A) Balesh Sharma
- B) Himanshu Singh
- C) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- D) Prathik Pandey .

Answer – A) Balesh Sharma
Explanation: On August 31, 2018, Idea Cellular and Vodafone completed their merger of India operations. This deal is valued at roughly a \$23 billion (roughly Rs. 1.6 lakh crores). The name of the merged entity is: Vodafone Idea LTd. It is the country's largest telecom operator by subscribers and revenue. The combined entity will have a revenue share of about 40 percent in the market and a total customer base of around 408 million.

124) The Government has constituted a 21 member PM-STIAC (Science, Technology, Innovation Advisory Committee) to advise PM on science, tech-related policy issues. Who is the Chairperson of the committee?

- A) K Vijay Raghavan
- B) Sathish Reddy
- C) P K Malhotra
- D) Ramandeep Roy

Answer – A) K Vijay Raghavan
Explanation: On August 30, 2018, the Government has constituted a 21 member high power committee to advise it on policy matters related to science, technology and innovation. The committee will advise the Prime Minister on all matters related to S&T, innovation and monitor the implementation of PM's vision. The name of the committee is : PM-STIAC (Science, Technology, Innovation Advisory Committee). It is chaired by K Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government. There are 9 permanent members. Among them some are: VK Saraswat, Member NITI Aayog and former DG of DRDO; A S Kiran Kumar, ex-Chairman ISRO etc.

125) Which Indian Naval Ship entered the Port of Darwin, Australia on 29th August 2018 to participate in Exercise KAKADU 2018?

- A) INS Kalvari
- B) INS Sahyadri
- C) INS Vindhya
- D) INS Vikram

Answer – B) INS Sahyadri Explanation: On August 30, 2018, after participating in the MALABAR 18 at Guam and RIMPAC 18 at Hawaii, INS Sahyadri entered the Port of Darwin, Australia on 29 Aug 18 to participate in Exercise KAKADU 2018 . It is the 14th edition of the exercise and will be conducted from 29 Aug – 15 Sep 18. 23 warships, one submarine, 45 aircraft, 250 marines and approx 52 foreign staff from over 25 different countries would participate in it. From the Indian side INS Sahyadri is taking part under the captainship of Captain Shantanu Jha.

