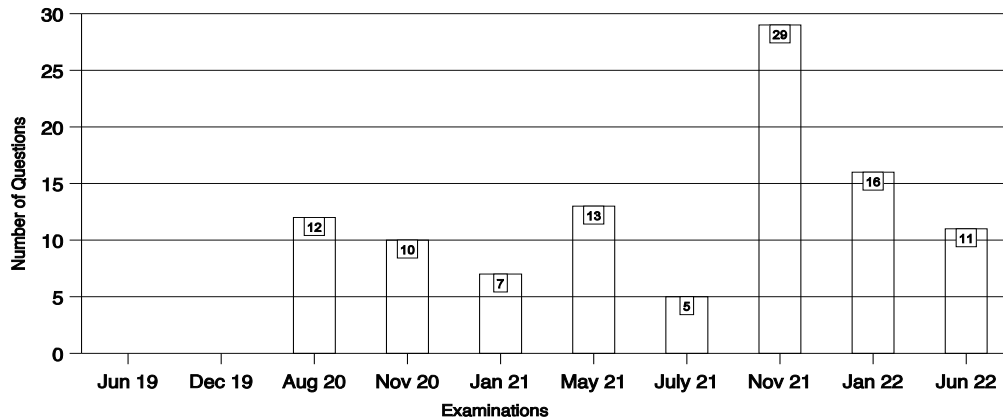


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CHAPTER AT A GLANCE

1.1 IMF

- Full form International Monetary Fund
- It comprises of 189 countries
- It was created in 1945
- Its executive board comprises of 24 directors each representing single country or group of countries.
- It has its headquarter in Washington, D.C.
- Its Aims
 - Promotion of international monetary cooperation
 - Promotion of exchange stability
 - It facilitates expansion and growth of international trade
 - Helps in establishment of multilateral system of payment

- The largest borrowers are Argentina, Ukraine, Greece, Egypt.
- The largest precautionary loans are Mexico, Colombia, Morocco.
- IMF has projected economic recovery of India in 2020-21
- Growth rate is expected to be shoot up from estimate of 4.8% for the current fiscal year by 1% to 5.8% in 2020-2021.

1.2 ASEAN

- The full form of ASEAN is “Association of South East Asian Nations”.
- The motive of ASEAN is to promote economic cooperation in South East Asia and ensure economic stability in the region.
- The Association of South East Asian Nations, or ASEAN, was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand, with the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) by the Founding Fathers of ASEAN, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.
- Its members: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- The group has played a central role in Asian economic integration, signing six free-trade agreements with other regional economies and helping spearhead negotiations for what could be the world’s largest free trade pact.
- The ASEAN Vision 2020, adopted by the ASEAN Leaders on the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN, agreed on a shared vision of ASEAN as a concert of Southeast Asian nations, outward looking, living in peace, stability and prosperity, bonded together in partnership in dynamic development and in a community of caring societies.
- Its Aims
 - Promoting regional peace and stability through abiding respect for justice
 - Promoting collaboration and mutual assistance on the matters of common interest

- Providing assistance to members in the form of training and research facilities in various fields.
- Promotion of Southasian studies
- 35th summit of ASEAN and the related summits was held in Bangkok from 1– 4 November, 2019.
- The theme of the summit was ‘**Advancing Partnership for sustainability**’.
- The 16th India-ASEAN submit was held on 3rd November, 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand
- The award ceremony of 5th ASEAN Youth Video Contest was held on 19th July, 2019 in Vientiane Lao PDR, at the Gala Dinner of 11th ASEAN Ministerial meet on Youth.

- It is an association of five major emerging national economies: **Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.**
- India became its member in 2016
- Brazil hosted the most recent 11th BRICS summit on 13-14 November 2019. The theme of submit was ‘**Economic growth for innovative future**’
- The five nations in BRICS have the bilateral relationship which focuses on the mutual benefit, equality and non interference basis.
- “The World must unite as one to decisively confront global challenges. Corrective action must begin with the reform of institutions of global governance. This has been on the BRICS agenda since its inception”.
- **Narendra Modi**
- India proposed to hold 1st meeting of BRICS Water Ministers in India
- India has signed a deal worth ₹ 1500 crore to buy R-27 air-to-air missile from Russia with an objective to boost the capabilities of Indian Air Force.
- First BRICS Ministerial meeting was held on 20 September, 2006 in New York.

1.4 SAARC

- SAARC stands for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
- Its member states are **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka**
- It was founded in Dhaka on 8 December, 1985
- The Secretariat of Association was set up in Kathmandu on 8th December, 1985
- Its objectives:
 - To promote the welfare of people of South Asia
 - To accelerate economic growth
 - To promote and strengthen collective self reliance among South-Asian countries
 - To strengthen cooperation among members in International forums on matters of common interest.
- On March 11, 2019 – Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina jointly unveiled dozen of development projects in Bangladesh.
- The 4th meeting of SAARC Agricultural Ministers was held in Thimphu, Bhutan on 27th June, 2019 for promoting cooperation in agriculture and rural development.
- The 9th edition of SAARC Film Festival for the year 2019 was held at National Film Corporation Cinema Hall, Colombo, Sri Lanka and India won 6 awards.
 - Best Feature Film – Nagarkirtan
 - Best Director – Kaushik Ganguly for Nagarkirtan
 - Best Actor – Riddhisen
 - Best Original Score – Prabuddha Bannerjee
 - Best Short Film – Na Bole wo Haram
 - Special Jury Award for Direction and Story – Walking with the wind.

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1.5	G-20
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- G-20 stands for Group of Twenty is the premier international forum for global economic cooperation.
- The members of the G-20 are **Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States and European Nation.**
- G20 members accounts for 85% of the World Economy, 75% of the Global Trade, and 2/3rd of the World's population.
- G20 meets annually at the G20 Summit. Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meet regularly. Engagement Groups maintains dialog with the policy makers. These groups represents civil society, business and labour leaders, the scientific and research community, think- tanks, women and youth.
- The G20 summits 2020 will be held in the city of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- The 17th G20 Summit will be held in India in 2022, the year the country would celebrate the 75th anniversary of its Independence.

1.6	BIMSTEC
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- BIMSTEC Stands for Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation.
- It came into existence on 6th June, 1997 through Bangkok Declaration.
- It is an international organization of seven nations of South Asia and South East Asia, The BIMSTEC 5 member states deriving from South Asia including **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and two from South East Asia including Myanmar and Thailand.**
- The Objective:
To harness shared and accelerated growth through mutual cooperation in different areas of common interests by mitigating the onslaught of globalization and by utilizing regional resources and geographical advantages.

- It is a Sector driven organization including **trade, technology, energy, transport, tourism and fisheries.**
- It expand to embrace 9 more sectors- including agriculture, public health, poverty alleviation, counter terrorism, environment, culture, people to people contact and climate change in 2008.
- Leaders of BIMSTEC were invited to Indian prime minister's swearing ceremony held on May 30, 2019.
- The three days 'International Seminar on Climate Smart Farming System' for BIMSTEC countries organized in New Delhi on December 11,2019 by Department of Agricultural Research & Education, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare and Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
- The 4th BIMSTEC summit organized at Kathmandu in August 2019. The Objective of the seminar was to have experience sharing to enable improvement of tropical smallholder farming systems for greater productivity and resilience to climate change through ecological approach.

1.7 NITI AAYOG

- NITI AAYOG abbreviation for National Institution for Transforming India.
- Established in January 2015 by Government of India in keeping with its reform agenda to replace the planning commission which was established in March, 1950.
- Objective
 - To act as a platform for resolution of cross- sectoral issues between central and state governments, capacity building and to act as knowledge and innovation hub.
 - To foster cooperative federalism through direct interactions with the line ministries, also helps to address issues in a relatively shorter time.
 - To foster Competitive federalism by performance based rankings to states across various verticals. It helps to identify best practices in different states in various sectors and then try to replicate them to

other states.

- Think Tank for innovative ideas from all possible sources- Industry, academic, civil society or foreign specialist and flow into government system for implementation.
- Provides technical advice to centre and states.

- **Constitution**

- Chairperson- Sri Narendra Modi
- Vice Chairperson- Dr. Rajiv Kumar
- Ex-Officio Members: Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Sitaraman and Narendra Singh Tomar.
- Special Invites: Nitin Gadkari, Piyush Goyal, Thawar Chand Gehlot and Rao Inderjit Singh.
- Chief56

Executive Officer (CEO): Amitabh Kant

- Reserve Bank of India was established on April 1, 1935 in accordance with the provisions of Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- The Central Office of Reserve Bank where Governor sits and where policies formulated was initially established in Calcutta but was permanently moved to Mumbai in 1937.
- Though privately owned initially, it was nationalised in 1949 and since then fully owned by Government of India.
- Basic Function of RBI- "to regulate the issue of Bank notes and keeping of reserves with a view to securing monetary stability in India and generally to operate the currency and credit system of the country to its advantage; to have a modern monetary policy framework to meet the challenge of an increasingly complex economy, to maintain price stability while keeping in mind the objective of growth."
- Policy Rates as on February 03,2020
 - Policy Repo Rate: 5.15%
 - Reserve Repo Rate: 4.90%

- Marginal Standing Facility Rate: 5.40%
- Bank Rate: 5.40%
- Reserve Rates as on February 03,2020
 - Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR): 4%
 - Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR): 18.25%

1.9 Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

- SEBI was established on April 12, 1992 in accordance with the provisions of Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.
- Basic function of SEBI- "...to protect the interests of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate the securities market and for matters connected there with or incidental there to".
- SEBI has to be responsive to the needs of three groups which constitute the market:
 - Issuers of securities
 - Investors
 - Market intermediaries
- Constitution:
 - Chairman: Ajay Tyagi
 - Whole Time Member: Madhabi Puri Buch, S K Mohanty, Ananta Barua.
- The Supreme Court on January 27, 2020 has set a four month deadline for SEBI to probe complaints received on its SCORES platform with regard to alleged wrongful disclosures by the promoters of Bharat Nidhi, PNB and Camac.
- SEBI tightened the norms for pledging of shares by promoters of listed companies.
- In its circular, Sebi directed every listed firm to disclose detailed reasons for pledging of shares by its promoters along with the amount of stake pledged within two days if the total amount of shares pledged by the promoter or the promoter group crosses 50% of the total stake held by

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the promoter or if it is more than 20% of the concerned company's total share capital. At present, a listed firm needs to disclose about share pledges by its promoters within seven days of such an action.

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Competition Commission of India (CCI)

- The Competition Act, 2002, as amended by Competition (Amendment) Act 2007 prohibits anti- competitive agreements, abuse of dominant position by enterprises and regulates combinations (acquisition, acquiring of control and Merger & Acquisition) which cause or likely to cause an appreciable adverse effect on competition within India.
- CCI consists of a Chairperson and 6 Members appointed by the central government.
- Duty of Commission to eliminate practices having adverse effect on competition, promote and sustain competition, protect the interests of consumers and ensure freedom of trade in the market of India.
- Its first Chairman was Dhanendra Kumar.
- CCI organized 4th National Conference on Economics of Competition Law at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on March 01,2019 Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian, Chief Economic Advisor, Government of India was keynote speaker at the conference.

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The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)

- IBBI was established on 1st October 2016 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
- IBBI is responsible for implementation of code that consolidates and amends the laws relating to reorganization and insolvency resolution of corporate persons, partnership firms and Individual in a time bound manner for maximization of the value of assets of such persons, to promote entrepreneurship, availability of credit and balance the interests of all the stakeholders.

- It has regulatory oversight over the Insolvency Professionals, Insolvency Professional Agencies, Insolvency Professional Entities and Information Utilities. It writes and enforces rules for processes, namely, corporate insolvency resolution, corporate liquidation, individual insolvency resolution and individual bankruptcy under the Code.
- It has recently been tasked to promote the development of, and regulate, the working and practices of, insolvency professionals, insolvency professional agencies and information utilities and other institutions, in furtherance of the purposes of the Code. It has also been designated as the 'Authority' under the Companies (Registered Valuers and Valuation Rules), 2017 for regulation and development of the profession of valuers in the country.
- Presently, Constitution of IBBI:
 - Dr. M. S. Sahoo currently serves as Chairperson
 - Dr. Navrang Saini, Dr. (Ms.) Mukulita Vijayawargiya and Sh. Sudhaker Shukla are the Whole time members of the Board.
- The IBBI and Vidhi Centre for legal policy, in Partnership with the Faculty of Laws and Commercial Laws Centre, Harris Manchester College at University of Oxford, organised a conference titled 'Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016' impact on Market and Economy in New Delhi on December 16,2019.

Promulgation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved a proposal to promulgate an Ordinance and to amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. The Amendment will remove certain ambiguities in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and ensure smooth implementation of the Code.

Insolvency Research Foundation

- Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India, in his inaugural address at Insolvency Research Foundation inauguration, said that the enactment of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code was one of the success stories of Indian economic reforms and that it played a critical role in

reshaping the behaviour of borrowers.

- He further said that the government has initiated a series of economic reforms to improve the investment climate in diverse areas and make India an attractive destination. As you all are aware, India has jumped by several ranks in the ease of doing business and stands at 77 positions.

- ICSI is a Professional body set up under the act of Parliament, the Company Secretaries Act, 1980.
- ICSI functions under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.
- ICSI has its headquarters at New Delhi, 4 Regional Offices at New Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai and 70 chapters across India.
- Institute has Introduced CS Executive Entrance Test (CSEET) in place of foundation programme from February 3, 2020. It is only qualifying test.
- The 2 days National Conference for Corporate CS on theme 'Governance beyond Compliance: Expanding Horizons for Company Secretaries' inaugurated at Mumbai Maharashtra on 4th January 2020.
- Unique Document Identification Number is a unique number which is mandatorily required to be generated by every practicing member of the Institute at the time of issuing /certifying any document with effect from 1st October 2019.
- Purpose of UDIN:
 - Prevent counterfeiting of various attestations/ certifications.
 - Provide ease of maintaining the Register of attestations/ certifications service rendered.
 - Ensure compliance of the Guidelines issued by the Institute w.r.t ceilings on the number of the various certification /attestation services that may be rendered by the practitioners.
 - This would enable the stakeholders to verify the authenticity of various documents certified by Company Secretaries in Practice.

1.13 G7 SUMMIT

- G7 Introduced in 1975 with world's six leading Industrial nations- **UK, US, France, Germany, Japan, Italy and Canada joined 1976.**
- It become G8 in 1998 when **Russia** joined group but suspended in 2014.
- Group regards as “**a community of values**”, with freedom and human rights, democracy and rule of laws, and prosperity and sustainable development as its key principle.
- 45th G7 summit was held on 24–26 August 2019, in Biarritz, France on theme combating inequality and main focus on climate and bio-diversity.
- Objective:
 - fighting inequality of opportunity, promoting in particular gender equality, access to education and high quality health services;
 - reducing environmental inequality by protecting our planet through climate finance and a fair ecological transition, preserving bio-diversity and the oceans;
 - strengthening the social dimension of globalization through more fair and equitable trade, tax and development policies;
 - taking action for peace against security threats and terrorism which weaken the foundations of our societies; and
 - tapping into the opportunities created by digital technology and artificial intelligence (AI).
- G7 Summit was hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron and annual meet was attended by 7 state members.
- This year, France had also invited non-member countries who are playing an important part in world politics. The invited guest nations included India, Australia, Spain, South Africa, Senegal and Rwanda. These countries were invited as "Biarritz partner country".
- The US will take over the G7 Presidency from 1 January 2020.

1.14 India in G7 Summit

- India has been invited to attend the G7 summit after a gap of almost 10 years.

- The last time India was invited to the summit was in 2005, when the then British Prime Minister Tony Blair had invited the then Indian PM Manmohan Singh to attend the G7 summit in Gleneagles, Scotland

- (G20) is the premier international forum for global economic cooperation. The participants are leaders from 19 countries and the European Union (EU).
- The members of the G20 are: **Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Republic of South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America, and the European Union (EU).**
- G20 Summit is formally known as the “**Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy**”. As the “premier forum for international economic cooperation” (agreed by leaders at the Pittsburgh Summit in September 2009), representing more than 80% of the global GDP, the G20 has made continuous efforts toward achieving robust global economic growth.
- As globalization progresses and various issues become more intricately intertwined, the recent G20 summits have focused not only on macro economy and trade, but also on a wide range of global issues which have an immense impact on the global economy, such as development, climate change and energy, health, counter- terrorism, as well as migration and refugees.
- G20 has sought to realize an inclusive and sustainable world through its contributions towards resolving these global issues.
- The host country of the G20 summit leads the group over the course of one year from December through the following November as the G20 presidency. The G20 presidency also organizes relevant ministerial and working group meetings.

History of G20 Summit

- After the Asian Financial Crisis in 1997-1998, it was acknowledged that the participation of major emerging market countries is needed on discussions on the international financial system, and G7 finance ministers agreed to establish the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in 1999.
- G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meetings were centered on major economic and monetary policy issues amongst major countries in the global financial system and aimed at promoting cooperation toward achieving stable and sustainable global economic growth for the benefit of all countries.
- In November 2008, the inaugural G20 Summit was held in Washington, D.C. in response to the global financial crisis that occurred in the wake of the collapse of the Lehman Brothers.
- G20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors was upgraded to the head of state level, as a forum for leaders from major developed and emerging market countries.
- In September 2009, the third summit was held in Pittsburgh where the leaders designated the G20 as the “premier forum for international economic cooperation.” From thereon, the summit meetings were held semi-annually until 2010 and annually from 2011 onwards.

1.16 G20 Summit 2019

- It was the first time for Japan to take on the G20 presidency.
- The G20 Osaka Summit was held on June 28-29, as well as relevant ministerial meetings in eight cities in 2019. The summit adopted the “**Osaka Declaration**”.

India At The G20 Summit

- India will host the G20 summit in 2022 for the first time (2020- in Saudi Arabia, 2021 – in Italy).
- India’s growth and development policies are very much aligned with the principles highlighted in the Osaka declaration.

- India refused to sign the declaration on "Osaka Track" - an overarching framework launched by Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe promoting cross-border data flow - at the recently concluded G20 Summit in Japan
- India, Indonesia, Egypt and South Africa did not sign the declaration.

India to host 'No Money for Terror' Conference 2020

- The announcement made at No Money for Terror conference in Melbourne, Australia. No Money for Terror conference organized by Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) of over 100 countries jointly called The Egmont Group.
- The countries which participated in the meeting should also effectively enforce the standards mandated by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and UN listings.
- The members are required to initiate discussion on Counter Financing of Radicalisation (CFR), which would prevent radicalization - an essential prerequisite of terrorism.

- The Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG), in association with Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India and the State Government of Meghalaya organized the 22nd National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) 2019 on 8-9th August, 2019 at Shillong, Meghalaya.
- The theme of this Conference was '**Digital India: Success to Excellence**'. At the valedictory session of the two days conference, 'Shillong Declaration' on e-Governance was adopted after intensive deliberations during the sessions.
- Over the two days, discussions were held on six sub-themes in Plenary sessions - India Enterprise Architecture (INDEA), Digital Infrastructure, Inclusion and capacity building, Emerging Technology for Practitioners, Secretariat Reforms, National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA).

- Four Breakout Sessions were held on sub-themes - One Nation One Platform, Engaging with Innovators and Industry, End-to-End Digital Services: IT initiatives of State Governments. An Exhibition was also organized during the event to showcase India's achievements in the field of e-Governance
- NCeG 2019 provided a platform for the delegates, including senior government officers from across the country, industry stalwarts and researchers, to share best practices, latest technology developments and leveraging them for achieving effective governance and public service delivery.
- The focus of all the sessions was on learning with each other's experiences to ensure effective e-governance for citizen satisfaction and achieve Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance'.

1.18 Key Highlights of Shillong Declaration

- Improve the citizen's experience with Government services by promoting timely implementation of India Enterprise Architecture (IndEA).
- Consolidate the plethora of successful State level e-Governance projects with a focus to replicate them as a common application software
- Take steps to further improve connectivity in North Eastern States by addressing the issues of telecommunications connectivity at grassroot level
- Take steps to enhance the activities of Electronics Sector Skill Council in North Eastern States and explore the possibility for opening an electronics skill center in Shillong
- Promote use of e-Office and move towards less paper State Secretariats in the North-Eastern States and in the District level offices.

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NuGen Mobility Summit 2019

- Held at the International Centre for Automotive Technology Centre, ICAT in Gurugram, Haryana from 27-29 November 2019.
- Summit was addressed by the Minister of Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari. The 2019 NuGen Mobility Summit discussed the auto industry to think about future technologies as skilled man-power, cheap labour, and technology that are available in the auto sector.

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National Youth Summit, 2019

- National Youth Summit was held on September 7, 2019 in New Delhi organised by the Youth Awakening Mission, a youth wing of Paavan Chintan Dhara Charitable Trust, Ghaziabad.
- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the summit.
- The summit aimed to work for the betterment and welfare of ourselves, society and country.
- Eight hundred million youth of our country, with their creative power, can take India to new heights of progress and human civilization.
- President said that we have to work for the betterment and welfare of ourselves, society and country. The role of education is the most important in awakening the right vision and prudence to achieve this objective. He said that a self-reliant and nation-loving person can contribute to nation- building by working in any field of life.

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1st National Conference on Cybercrime Investigation and Forensics

- The First National Conference on Cyber Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics was held on 4-5 September 2019 at Central Bureau of Investigation Headquarters in New Delhi.

- The objective was to create a platform and bring together investigators, forensic experts, academia and lawyers to discuss challenges related to cybercrime and ways to find solutions. Further, to create capacity building and a pool of competent investigators, judicial officers, prosecutors and digital forensic analysts who are digitally aware and to provide a platform for sharing good practices to learn from experiences of various State police and Law Enforcement Agencies, this conference was organised.
- During the conference, various topics/themes of law enforcement interest, including, Mobile/Digital Forensics, Inter-LEA information/intelligence exchange, obtaining digital evidence from abroad, online harming including child sexual abuse, Social Media, establishing standard formats for data exchange between service providers and LEAs, Intermediary liability, Admissibility of Electronic Evidence were discussed

1.22 Business Personalities**Mukesh Ambani**

- Mukesh Dhirubhai Ambani (born 19 April 1957) is an Indian billionaire business magnate, and the chairman, managing director, and largest shareholder of Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL), a Fortune Global 500 company and India's most valuable company by market value.
- He is the richest man in Asia and the 13th richest person in the world as of December 2019.
- He received BE degree in Chemical Engineering from Institute of Chemical Technology. Ambani later enrolled for an MBA at Stanford University .
- He is a member of foundation board of World Economic Forum, United State National Academy of Engineering, Global Advisory Council of Bank of America and International Advisory Council of the Brookings Institutions.

Azim Premji

- Azim Hashim Premji (born 24 July 1945) is an Indian business tycoon, investor, engineer, and philanthropist, who is the chairman of Wipro Limited.
- He is currently the tenth richest person in India.
- Premji has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree from Stanford University.
- In 2001, he founded Azim Premji Foundation, a non-profit organization for improving elementary education in India. By the end of first decade of 21st century, the foundation extended computer aided education to more the 16000 schools.

Kumar Mangalam Birla

- Kumar Mangalam Birla (born 14 June 1967) is an Indian billionaire industrialist, and the chairman of the Aditya Birla Group.
- He has MBA degree from London Business School, where he is an honorary fellow. He is also a Chartered Accountant from Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).
- He is also the chancellor of the Birla Institute of Technology & Science], and the chairman of the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi[and Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad.
- He was a director on the central board of directors of the Reserve Bank of India.
- He was Chairman of the Advisory Committee constituted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and served on The Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Trade and Industry.
- Chairman of the Committee on Corporate Governance constituted by SEBI to promote and raise standard of Corporate Governance in respect of Listed Companies.

Tim Cook

- Timothy Donald Cook (born November 1, 1960) is an American business executive and industrial engineer. Cook is the chief executive officer of Apple after Steve Jobs succumbed to cancer in 2011.
- He has developing new product lines and opening Apple retail stores in China.
- He has also led a very public battle against FBI and their demand that Apple creates a backdoor for users' iPhones.

Bill Gates

- Bill Gates (born October 28, 1955) is an American business magnate, software developer, investor, and philanthropist. He is best known as the co-founder of Microsoft Corporation world's largest personal computer software company.
- He is second wealthiest person in the world.
- He created the Charitable Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which was identified by the Funds for NGOs company in 2013
- The goal of the foundation is to provide 120 million women and girls, in the poorest countries, with high-quality contraceptive information and services, with the longer-term goal of universal access to voluntary family planning.
- Gates and his foundation have taken an interest in solving global sanitation problems.

Elon Musk

- Elon Musk born on June 28, 1971 in South Africa. He is an engineer, industrial designer, inventor, investor and technology entrepreneur
- He is listed by Forbes as the 20th-richest person in the world.
- In March 1999, Musk co-founded X.com, an online financial services and e-mail payment company One year later, the company merged with Confinity, which had a money-transfer service called PayPal.
- Space X founded in 2002 by Elon Musk with the goal of reducing space transportation costs to enable the colonization of Mars.

Warren Buffett

- Warren Edward Buffett born on August 30, 1930 Buffett in Omaha, Nebraska. He is also referred as **Wizard of Omaha**. He is an American business magnate, investor, and philanthropist, who is the chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway.
- He is considered one of the most successful investors in the world as of December 2019, making him the fourth-wealthiest person in the world.
- Buffett is a notable philanthropist, having pledged to give away 99 percent of his accumulated wealth after his death.

Narendra Modi

- He was born on 17 September 1950 is an Indian politician serving as the 14th and current Prime Minister of India since 2014.
- As India's Prime Minister on 30 May 2019 started his second term in office.
- He was the Chief Minister of Gujarat from 2001 to 2014 and is the Member of Parliament for Varanasi.
- On 2 October 2014, Modi launched the Swachh Bharat Mission ("Clean India") campaign.
- In September 2014, Modi introduced the Make in India initiative to encourage foreign companies to manufacture products in India, with the goal of turning the country into a global manufacturing hub.
- Modi's government put in place the Goods and Services Tax, the biggest tax reform in the country since independence. It subsumed around 17 different taxes and became effective from 1 July 2017.
- On 9 November 2016, the government demonetised 500 and 1000 banknotes, with the stated intention of curbing corruption, black money, the use of counterfeit currency, and terrorism.

Donald J. Trump

- Donald John Trump (born June 14, 1946) is the 45th and current President of the United States. Before entering politics, he was a businessman and television personality.
- He received a bachelor's degree in economics from the Wharton School.
- Trump entered the 2016 presidential race as a Republican and defeated 16 other candidates in the primaries.
- On June 16, 2015, Trump announced his candidacy for President of the United States at Trump Tower in Manhattan. In the speech, Trump discussed illegal immigration, offshoring of American jobs, the U.S. national debt, and Islamic terrorism, which all remained large priorities during the campaign. He also announced his campaign slogan: "Make America Great Again".
- In foreign policy, Trump has pursued an America First agenda, withdrawing the U.S. from the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade negotiations, the Paris Agreement on climate change, and the Iran nuclear deal, eventually increasing tensions with the country.

Howdy, Modi-Shared Dreams, Bright Future

- Event organized in Houston on 22nd September, 2019 at NRG Stadium.
- "First time the leaders of the world's two biggest democracies are appearing together at such an event to share their resolve to build strong partnership,"
- It focuses on the contribution of Indo-Americans in the United States and also a strong and lasting partnership between India and the US.
- Showcase the growing US-India geopolitical partnership, commitment to global peace and prosperity through entrepreneurship, hard work and sacrifice of the people of both nations.
- He also focused on diversity which is the foundation of our vibrant democracy.

Rajnath Singh become 1st Defence Minister to fly LCA Tejas

- Tejas fighter aircraft from the HAL airport in Bengaluru, becoming the first defence minister to fly in the indigenously built light combat aircraft (LCA).
- He undertook 30-minute sortie in LCA tejas along with Air Vice Marshall Narmadeshwar Tiwari at Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) airport in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Commercial Roll out of JIO Fiber by Mukesh Ambani

- Jio Giga Fiber renamed as Jio Fiber started commercial services in India from September 5, 2019.
- Jio Fiber connection accompanied by fixed line phone service, set-top-box capable of gaming, Free 4k TV and Jio IoT services.
- At launch Jio Fiber expected to offer one of the cheapest broadband plans.
- The cheapest Jio Fiber plan will start from ₹ 700 per month and will offer 100 Mbps speed. The most expensive plan of Reliance Jio Fiber comes at ₹ 10,000 a month and offers a hair-raising 1Gbps speed.

Karmayoddha Granth on the Life of PM Narendra Modi

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah released the book 'Karmyodha Granth', written on the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on January 07, 2020.
- The book explains various works by PM Narendra Modi during his tenure. As per the book, Narendra Modi gave the states 10% of more budget which reflects the fulfillment of Antyodaya resolution of Pandit Deendayal.
- The book informs that Health facilities are being provided to the people under Ayushman Yojana which was a dream project of Narendra Modi.
- Narendra Modi has strengthened the security policy of the country and gave a strong message to the world by performing surgical and air strikes after the Uri and Pulwama attacks.

Turbulence and Triumph – The Modi Years

- “Turbulence and Triumph – The Modi Years” written by Rahul Agarwal and Bharti S Pradhan.
- Published by Om Books International.
- Book traces the journey of Narendra Modi from his days as young boy from vadhagar in Gujarat to New Delhi as the 14th Prime Minister in India.
- The politician, the leader, the orator and the ascetic committed to the idea of a New India, has been composed into a single frame.

Savarkar

- Echoes from a Forgotten Past, 1883–1924 book describe the life of freedom fighter and philosopher Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. He is popularly known as Veer Savarkar.
- It express and explains the incidents from his birth in 1883 to his conditional release to Ratnagiri in 1924.
- This book brought out missed aspects of politician Vinayak Damodar Savarkar life and times.

Listening, Learning and Leading

- ‘Listening, Learning and Leading’, based on M. Venkaiah Naidu’s two years in office as Vice President of India
- It was launched by Union Minister for Home Affairs, Amit Shah in Chennai, Tamil Nadu on August 11, 2019.
- The book captures glimpses of Vice President’s 330 public engagements across all states and Union Territories of the country during last two year period.

Vivekadeepini

- This short book is a summary of Prashnottara Ratnamalika written by Adi Shankaracharya.
- Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book.
- The book has been translated into ten languages namely English, Hindi, Bengali, Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Marathi Gujarati and Odia.

- The book has compiled a select 36 verses drawn from 67 verses of Prashnottara Ratnamalika.
- The verses are written in Question-Answer format. It contains universal truths and are the starting point for reflection.

'World Games Athlete of the Year' Award

- Rani Rampal, captain of Indian women's hockey team, became the first hockey player in the world to win the prestigious 'World Games Athlete of the Year' Award.
- The World Games announced the winner on January 31, 2020, after a 20-day voting process by sports lovers around the world.
- This award is given for outstanding performance, social concern, and good behavior. People across the world select the winner through voting.

2019 Spirit of Cricket Award

- Indian skipper Virat Kohli was named captain of both ICC Test and ODI teams of 2019 and awarded ICC 2019 'Spirit of Cricket' award.
- Virat Kohli was honoured with the ICC award 'Spirit of Cricket' for his touching gesture during India vs Australia world cup match when he had gestured the crowd to cheer for Steve Smith instead of booing.
- Rohit Sharma was also honoured with the ICC ODI Cricketer of the year 2019 award.
- The ICC Awards were announced on January 15, 2020.

ICC Cricket World CUP 2019

- The 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup was the 12th Cricket World Cup, a quadrennial One Day International (ODI) cricket tournament contested by men's national teams and organised by the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- It was hosted between 30 May to 14 July across eleven venues in England and Wales with the tournament being the fifth time that England had hosted the World Cup while for Wales it was their third.

- The tournament was contested by 10 teams and was the culmination of a global qualification process that run over 5-6 years.
- The top 8 teams in ICC one day rankings at the given date (approximately 18 months prior to CWC) qualified automatically. The final 2 teams came from the ICC cricket world cup qualifier which took place a year prior to cricket world cup. This event provides opportunity for every ICC member to progress through the qualification process and participate in CWC.

Common Wealth Games Federation

- It is the international organisation responsible for the direction and control of the Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games, and is the foremost authority in matters relating to the games.
- CGF delivering on the vision of the Common wealth sports movement to build peaceful, sustainable and prosperous communities globally by inspiring Commonwealth Athletes to drive the impact and ambition of all Commonwealth citizens through Sports.
- The headquarters of CGF are located in London, England but working across 71 members nations and territories.
- Next Common wealth games will be hosted by England expected to take place between 27 July and 7 August 2022.

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Summer Olympic Games (July 24 to August 9,2020 at Tokyo Japan)

- After 56 years The Summer Olympic Games having organized in Tokyo, Japan(They first hosted it in the year 1964), start on Friday, July 24 and end on Sunday, August 9, 2020.
- Tokyo is the first city in Asia to host an Olympics twice.
- At the games, athletes will compete in sports like swimming, athletics, gymnastics, various martial arts, ball sports, weightlifting, and wrestling.

- The city has been renovating stadiums and rebuilding where they can: of 43 venues, 25 were already standing, while eight are new and 10 more temporary.
- The Nippon Budokkan is getting fixed up as the site of judo competition and karate, for example, while the Baji Koen Park will host equestrian events and the Yoyogi National Gymnasium will be the spot for handball. (Back in 1964, it was the center of the swimming and diving events.)
- In 2020, the country will host its 4th Games, if we include the Winters Games 1972 in Sapporo and 1998 in Nagano.

Winter Olympic Games (February 04-20, 2020, at Beijing, people's Republic of China)

- Beijing become the first city in the world to have hosted both the Summer and winter editions of the Olympic Games.
- With the vision- "Joyful Rendezvous Upon Pure Ice and Snow" Beijing 2022 build on the legacies of the landmark Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and expects to encourage million of people across China to embrace Winter Sports.
- 109 events in seven Olympic Winter Sports will be held in the three competition zones of Central Beijing, Yanqing and zhangjiakou.

Khelo India Youth Games Programme

- Khelo India programme has been introduced to revive the sports culture in India at the grass-root level by building a strong framework for all sports played in our country and establish India as a great sporting nation.
- Talented players identified in priority sports disciplines at various levels by the High-Powered Committee will be provided annual financial assistance of INR 5 lakh per annum for 8 years.
- To accomplish the above objectives, Khelo India programme has been divided into 12 verticals, namely:
 - Play Field Development.
 - Community Coaching Development
 - State Level Khelo India Centre
 - Annual Sports Competition

- Talent Search and Development
- Utilization and Creation/ Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure
- Support to National/ Regional/ State Sports Academics
- Physical Fitness of School Children
- Sports for Women
- Promotion of Sports among people with disabilities
- Sports for peace and development
- Promotion of rural and indigenous/ tribal games

Kapil Dev to be the First Chancellor of Rai Sports University

- The Haryana Government has appointed cricket legend Kapil Dev, who traces his roots to Haryana, as the first Chancellor of Sports University, Rai (Sonapat).
- The appointment of Kapil Dev, captain of India's 1983 Cricket World Cup winning team, was announced by Haryana Youth and Sports Minister Anil Vij
- The Sports University will be the third Sports University established by state government in the country after Swarnim Gujarat sports University (Ghandhinagar) and Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (Chennai)
- The University will conduct academic and training programme in physical education and sports sciences including sports technology and sports medicine.
- This course embrace coaching of sports management, sports infrastructure engineering, sports scientific discipline, sports nutrition, sports journalism and sports promoting.

PV Sindhu won gold at the 2019 BWF world Championship

- PV Sindhu become first Indian to win BWF World Championship, crushing Japans Nozomi Okuhara 21-7 in just 38 minutes in a one sided final on August 25, 2019.
- Sindhu wins full set of medals at world championship- 2 bronze medals, 2 Silver medals, and a gold medal

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- She become only 4th singles player ever to have set of world championship medals.

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Languages and National Symbols: Languages

- Today, 7111 languages are living languages spoken in the world but only 23 languages account more than half the world's population.
- Pacific Island nation of Papua New Guinea, country in Oceania tops the list with 840 living languages.

Languages in India

- Article 345 of Constitution of India "Official language or languages of a State"
- Subject to the provisions of Article 346 and 347, the Legislature of a State may by law adopt any one or more of the languages in use in the State or Hindi as the language or languages to be used for all or any of the official purposes of that State:
- Provided that, until the Legislature of the State otherwise provides by law, the English language shall continue to be used for those official purposes within the State for which it was being used immediately before the commencement of this Constitution.
- Article 346 of Constitution of India "Official language for communication between one State and another or between a State and the Union" .
- The language for the time being authorised for use in the Union for official purposes shall be the official language for communication between one State and another State and between a State and the Union:
- Provided that if two or more States agree that the Hindi language should be the official language for communication between such States, that language may be used for such communication.
- Article 347 of Constitution of India "Special provision relating to language spoken by a section of the population of a State"

- On a demand being made in that behalf the President may, if he is satisfied that a substantial proportion of the population of a State desire the use of any language spoken by them to be recognised throughout that State or any part thereof for such purpose as he may specify.
- As per Ethnologue, number of individual Language listed for India is 460.
- 447 of which are living, while 13 are extinct.
- The 447 living languages are further subclassified in Ethnologue as follows:
 - Institutional – 63
 - Developing – 130
 - Vigorous – 187
 - In trouble – 54
 - Dying – 13
- Hindi is one of the main language of India and is spoken around by 40% of the Indian population. It is native language for most of the people living in Hindi belt of North India comprising of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan. It is also Spoken in many countries of the world including Pakistan, Mauritius, Trinidad, Surinam etc.

International Mother Language Day 2020

- International Mother Language Day has been observed every year since February 2000, on 21 February to promote linguistic and cultural diversity.
- UNESCO has identified over 7000 languages that are used in different countries across the world
- MHRD (Ministry of Human Resource Development) also observed Matribhasha Diwas on 21st February to highlight linguistic diversity of our country.

Theme of 2020

- The Central Theme of International Mother Language Day 2020 is ‘ Languages without borders’.

- According to UNESCO, 'Local ,Cross board languages can promote peaceful dialogue and help to preserve indigenous heritage'.

Importance for India

- India Celebrate its cultural heritage under 'Unity in Diversity' principle and languages are not exception to this.
- India has 22 officially recognized languages.
- With Theme' Languages without borders'.It gives India Linguistic heritage to India to showcase its strength of how it has managed so many languages within the same geographical boundaries.

National Hindi Diwas

- Celebrated every year on September 14. to commemorate the adoption of the Hindi language, written in Devanagari script, as one of the two official languages of the Republic of India by Constituent Assembly of India.
- there are 22 Scheduled languages of India, of which, two are officially used at Union level: Hindi and English.
- Hindi is one of the official language of Union Government, with the other being English.
- According to Ethnologue, Hindi is the 3rd most spoken language in the world.
- The President presents Rajbhasha award in Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan to those who have contributed immensely to growth and promotion of Hindi.

Inclusion of Nepali and Santhali language in the scheme for grant of senior/ junior fellowships of ministry of culture and tourism.

- Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism, Prahlad Singh Patel announced to include the language from 8th schedule of the Indian Constitution- Nepali and Santhali in the sub field of literature in the scheme component award of senior/ junior fellowship of outstanding artistes in the field of culture.
- The Government award the fellowships for undertaking research oriented project.

- Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) is the nodal Institute for handling the scheme of the fellowship till selection process.

1.29 National Symbols

National Symbols are intrinsic to the Indian identity and heritage. They infuse a sense of pride and patriotism in every Indian's heart.

National Flag

- National Flag of India is a horizontal rectangular tricolour of India saffron, white and India green; with the Ashoka Chakra, a 24-spoke wheel, in navy blue at its centre.
- Top colour Saffron indicates Strength and courage, White in the middle indicates peace and truth with dharma chakra and Green shows fertility, growth and auspiciousness of the land.
- It was adopted in its present form during a meeting of the Constituent Assembly held on 22 July 1947, and it became the official flag of the Dominion of India on 15 August 1947.
- The flag is based on the Swaraj flag, a flag of the Indian National Congress designed by Pingali Venkayya.

National Currency

- Indian Rupee is the Official currency of the Republic of India and controlled by Reserve Bank of India.
- The new symbol officially adopted in 2010 and started in circulation on 8 July 2011.

State Emblem

- A representation of Lion Capital of Ashoka was initially adopted as the emblem of the Dominion of India in December 1947.
- Adaptation from the Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka. There are 4 lions, standing back to back symbolising power, courage, confidence, and pride, mounted on a circular base. At the bottom is a horse and a bull, and at its center is a wheel (Dharma chakra).

- The abacus is girded with a frieze of sculptures in high relief of The Lion of the North, The Horse of the West, The Bull of the South and The Elephant of the East, separated by intervening wheels, over a lotus in full bloom, exemplifying the fountainhead of life and creative inspiration. Carved from a single block of sandstone, the polished capital is crowned by the Wheel of the Law (Dharma Chakra).

National Bird

- The Indian Peacock, *Pavo Cristatus*, National Bird of India is a colourful, swan sized bird, with a fan shaped crest of feathers, a white patch under the eye and a long, slender neck.
- The male of the species is more colorful than the female with a glistening blue breast and neck and a spectacular bronze-green tail of around 200 elongated feathers.
- The female is brownish, slightly smaller than the male and lacks the tail.
- Peacock occupies a respectable position in Indian culture and is protected not only by religious sentiments but also by parliamentary statute. It is fully protected under the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

National Animal

- 'Royal Bengal Tiger' became the National animal of India in 1973 after the inception of the Project Tiger in 1973.
- It has a thick yellow coat of fur with dark stripes.
- The combination of stamina, strength, agility and tremendous power has made the tiger as the national animal of India.

National Flower

- Lotus, botanically known as the *Nelumbo Nucifera Gaertn* is the national flower of India.
- The lotus flower has a very significant position in Indian mythology. It is the flower of goddess Laxmi and symbolises wealth, prosperity, and fertility.

Olympic Symbol

- The rings are five interlocking rings, from left to right, coloured blue, yellow, black, green and red on a white field, known as the "Olympic rings". The symbol was originally created in 1913 by Coubertin.
- Rings represent the five continents: Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Oceania.
- The symbol expresses the activity of the Olympic movement and represents union of the five continents and meeting of athletes from throughout the world at the Olympic Games.

1.30 Awards and Honours

The Government Instituted two Civilians Awards- Padma Vibhushan in 1954. The latter had three classes namely Pehela varg, Dusra varg, Tisra varg and subsequently renamed as Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri vide Presidential notification issued on January 8,1955.

Padma Awards

- The Padma Awards are one of the highest civilian honours in India announced annually on the eve of Republic day.
- Award recognize in all fields of activities or disciplines where an element of public service involved.
- Padma Awards were instituted in the year 1954.
- The award is given in three categories, viz. Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri, in the decreasing order of importance.
- Padma Vibhushan for "exceptional and distinguished service". Padma Vibhushan is the second-highest civilian award in India.
- Padma Bhushan for "distinguished service of a high order". Padma Bhushan is the third-highest civilian award in India .
- Padma Shri is awarded for "distinguished service". Padma Shri is the fourth-highest civilian award in India.
- This Award conferred on recommendations made by Padma Award Committee, which is constituted by Prime Minister every year. Nomination Process open to public, even self nomination can be made.

- The awards are conferred by the President of India at ceremonial functions which are held at Rashtrapati Bhawan usually around March/April every year.
- In year 2020, President approved 141 Padma Awards comprises of:
 - 7 Padma Vibhushan
 - 16 Padma Bhushan
 - 118 Padma Shri
- 33 of the awardees are women and the list also includes 18 persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI and 12 Posthumous awardees.

Bharat Ratan

- Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian award of the country. It is awarded in recognition of exceptional service/performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavour.
- The recommendations for Bharat Ratna are made by the Prime Minister to the President of India.
- The number of Bharat Ratna Awards is restricted to a maximum of three in a particular year.

Summary of Awards as under:

– Bharat Ratan:	48
– Padma Vibhushan:	314
– Padma Bhushan:	1271
– Padma Shri:	3123

Awards in the field of Cinema – (Dadasaheb Phalke Award)

- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's highest award in cinema introduced in 1969.
- It is presented annually at the National Film Awards ceremony by the Directorate of Film Festivals, an organisation set up by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- The recipient is honoured for their "outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema" and is selected by a committee consisting of eminent personalities from the Indian film industry.

- Dadasaheb Phalke who is popularly known as and often regarded as "the Father of Indian cinema", was an Indian film maker who directed India's first full-length feature film, Raja Harish chandra in 1913.
- The first recipient of the award was actress Devika Rani, who was honoured at the 17th National Film Awards.
- The award comprises a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and a cash prize of ₹ 10,00,000/- (Ten Lakhs)
- The most recent recipient of the award is actor Amitabh Bachchan on December 29,2019 who was honoured at the 66th National Film Awards ceremony.

1.31 International Awards**The King Hamad Order of the Renaissance and Order of Zayed Award**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred the King Hamad Order of the Renaissance by Bahrain's King Hamad Bin Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa in recognition of his efforts to strengthen Bilateral relations with key Gulf nation during his visit to Bahrain in August, 2019.
- Narendra Modi is the First Indian Prime Minister to visit Bahrain and receive the honour in recognition of his efforts to strengthen bilateral relations with the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- Abu Dhabi Crown Prince, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan also honoured Prime Minister Narendra Modi with 'Order of Zayed', the UAE's highest civilian award during his visit to UAE, in recognition of his pivotal role in building the strategic relationship between the two countries.

Order of St. Andrew Award

- A Russian official said the 'Order of St Andrew the Apostle' is awarded to prominent statesmen, public figures and those working in the fields of science, culture and arts in recognition of their exceptional services in promoting prosperity and glory of Russia.
- The Order of St Andrew the Apostle is the highest order of the Russian Federation.

- The Russian government honoured Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April, 2019 highest state decoration of Russia for "exceptional services" in promoting special and privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India and friendly relations between the Russian and Indian people.
- The foreign awardees of the award included President of China XI Jinping, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev and President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Geydar Aliev.
- The award ceremony is usually held at the St Andrew Hall of the Grand Kremlin Palace.
- The Order was established in 1698 by Tsar Peter the Great, in honour of Saint Andrew, the first apostle of Jesus and patron saint of Russia, said the official.

Order of The Distinguished Order Nishan Izzuddeen

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the Maldives' highest honour "Order of Nishan Izzuddeen" during his two-day state visit to Maldives in June 2019 in recognition of many services he has performed to cement the longstanding, amicable ties between the two countries, and for the assistance Indian Government countries to the Maldives under PM Modi's stewardship.
- The prestigious award was presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.

Global Goalkeeper Award

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred the 'Global Goalkeeper Award' for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan launched by the government.
- The award from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was presented to PM Modi by Bill Gates in New York on September 25, 2019.
- Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, or the Clean India Mission, was one of the first few ambitious projects that PM Modi launched in his first term at the Centre in 2014.

1.32	International Diplomacy
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Namaste Trump Event, February 24, 2020

- Namaste Trump was a rally on February 24, 2020 in Ahmedabad, India. Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad hosted US President Donald Trump along with Indian Prime minister Narendra Modi.
- Namaste Trump event was witnessed by three-hour –long cultural programme and Trump’s interaction with the people of Gujarat at the Motera Stadium.
- President Trump’s Ahmedabad visit was first leg of his two days visit to India. Later, he visited Taj Mahal, Agra on February 24,2020 and New Delhi on February 25,2020.
- During the visit Following Documents are Concluded:
 - Memorandum of Understanding on Mental Health
 - Memorandum of Understanding on the Safety of Medical Products
 - Letter of Cooperation

Howdy Modi Event, September 2019

- How PM’s Outreach With ‘Howdy Modi’ will help cement India’s Image Abroad
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi played host to US President Donald Trump at Houston’s NRG Stadium for the event during September 22,2019 that saw around 50,000 Indian- American in attendance.
- No US President ever addressed a community event along with Prime Minister before this.
- Event highlighted Sharp Shift in Indian Diplomacy and new level of India-US bilateral relations.
- Event showcased Friendship and Warmth between two Leaders, One representing most powerful nation (USA) of the globe and other the largest democracy of world (India) and sent out very strong message that US- led by Donald Trump is standing firmly with India in its fight against Terrorism.

- The event also showed how the US is interested in exploring new avenues of cooperation in India.

Visit to the Far East Region of Russia

- Narendra Modi is the first PM to visit this region aims to diversify and further strengthen bonds of two nation's robust bilateral relations.
- The key objective behind visit to participate in 5th Eastern Economic Forum as the chief guest at invitation of Russian President and to conduct 20th Indian Russian Annual Summit.
- Both nations cooperate in the strategic fields of defence, civil nuclear energy, and peaceful use of space.
- India and Russia are also part of BRICS group of the major emerging economies along with Brazil, China, South Africa.
- India and Russia are also part of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), which is an east-Asian political, economic and security alliance.

Defence Ministerial Meeting

- India and Japan organised a **Defence Ministerial meeting**, co-chaired by Union Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** and Japanese Defence Minister **Takeshi Iwaya**, in Tokyo on September 2, 2019.
- The meeting involved discussions on various issues of mutual concern such as ways to further strengthen the existing bilateral co-operative arrangements and adopt new initiatives towards achieving peace and security in the region.
- Overall, India and Japan realized the need to strengthen Defence Equipment and Technology Co-operation.

India Signed 3 MoUs With Bahrain

- Detailed talks were held between PM Modi and Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain on a wide range of issues on bilateral, regional and international front.
- India and Bahrain expressed satisfaction with the current state of bilateral relations and agreed to further broaden and deepen the engagement in diverse fields of mutual interest, and underlined the importance of enhancing high-level political exchanges, defence and

higher education cooperation, trade and economic relations and people-to-people linkages.

- The two sides also noted the increasing trend of bilateral trade and existing potential for two-way investments, reaffirmed their desire to provide favourable environments for trade and investments.
- **Following Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between the two nations:**
 - Statement of Intent on collaboration between ISRO and National Space Science Agency in the area of Space Technology
 - Statement of Intent on collaboration of the Kingdom of Bahrain with International Solar Alliance (ISA)
 - Cultural Exchange Programme between India and Bahrain

Signing of MoUs With Bhutan

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bhutanese counterpart Lotay Tshering held wide-ranging talks on August 2019. They reviewed the entire gamut of the bilateral relations and ways and means to further enhance it.
- India and Bhutan also signed 10 Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) in IT, Power, Education, Space Research, and Aviation sectors.
- PM Modi announced an additional \$100 million to Bhutan under SAARC currency swap framework to meet the foreign exchange requirement.
- Both PM jointly inaugurated SATCOM network and Ground Earth Station, developed with the assistance from ISRO for utilization of South Asia Satellite in Bhutan.

G20 Summit 2019- Prime Minister met Saudi Crown Prince

- G20 Summit at Osaka, Prime Minister had a bilateral talk with the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammad Bin Salman and discussed about deepening cooperation in trade and investment, energy security, and counter terrorism.

Purpose of International Diplomacy

- To strengthen the State, Nation or Organization serves in relation to other by advancing interest in its charge.

- Diplomatic activity endeavor to maximize a group's advantages without the risk and expense of using force and preferably without causing resentment.
- It strives to preserve peace and it is strongly inclined towards negotiation to achieve agreements and resolve issues between states.
- It seeks to develop goodwill towards the state it represents, nurturing relations with foreign nations and peoples that will ensure their cooperation.

Five Archaeological Locations to be developed into 'Ironic Sites'

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced in her budget speech that five archeological locations of India will be developed as 'iconic sites'. She also added that each site will have an on-site museum.
- These five archeological locations are – Sivasagar (Assam), Rakhigarhi (Haryana), Dholavira (Gujarat), Hastinapur (Uttar Pradesh) and Adichanallur (Tamil Nadu).

550th Anniversary of Guru Nanak celebrated on November 12, 2019

- On this occasion Government approved the building and development of the Kartarpur corridor from Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur district to the international border, to facilitate pilgrims from India to visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur on the banks of the Ravi river, in Pakistan, where Shri Guru Nanak Devji spent 18 years.
- On October 24, 2019 India signed Agreement with Pakistan for the operationalization of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor at Zero Point, International Boundary.
- The representative of Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs and representative from Punjab government were present during ceremony.

Bharti Huda Site

- The Archaeological Survey of India, which had discovered ancient artefacts and grain during excavations at Bharati Huda in Jallarpur

village in Odisha's Cuttack district last year, said a rural settlement had thrived at the site about 3600 years ago.

- The age of the settlement was arrived at after radiocarbon dating of charcoal samples found at the site by the Inter University Accelerator Centre (IUAC) in New Delhi using Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS).
- "The excavated remains indicate existence of Chalcolithic culture in the valley as attested by the presence of mud structural remains, large quantity of potsherds, ground and polished stone tools, bone tools, beads of semi-precious stones, terracotta objects, huge quantity of faunal remains and carbonized grains. It was confirmed by the scientific dating done by IUAC, New Delhi," he said.
- The site has cultural similarity with Golabai Sasan, Suabarei and other excavated and explored sites in the Mahanadi delta and partial similarity with the chalcolithic sites of middle Mahanadi valley and sites of central and eastern India.
- The inhabitants practiced agriculture and animal husbandry as attested by the findings of domesticated varieties of rice and jute and evidence of domesticated cattle among the faunal remains as well as terracotta bull figurine.

Virasat-e-Khalsa Museum

- Recently, the Asia Book of records has listed Virasat-e-Khalsa museum in Punjab's Anandpur Sahib town as most visited museum on a single day in the Asian sub-continent.
- Museum witnessed a record footfall of 20,569 visitors on a single day on March 20 becoming most visited museum in the Indian sub-continent on a single day.

Ironic Tourist Sites Initiative

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that 17 "Iconic Tourist Sites" in the country would be developed by the government "into world class tourist destinations, to serve as a model for other tourism sites".
- The selected sites are as under:

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- Taj Mahal and Fatehpur Sikri (Uttar Pradesh)
 - Ajanta & Ellora (Maharashtra)
 - Humayun's Tomb, Red Fort and Qutub Minar (Delhi)
 - Colva (Goa)
 - Amer Fort (Rajasthan)
 - Somnath and Dholavira (Gujarat)
 - Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh)
 - Hampi (Karnataka)
 - Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu)
 - Kaziranga (Assam)
 - Kumarakom (Kerala)
 - Mahabodhi Temple (Bihar).
- Initiative will endeavour overall development from the tourism point of view, in and around three sites- includes roads and infrastructure, hotels and lodges, connectivity and access.
 - Ministry of Tourism is Nodal agency to implement the initiative

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. What is the full form of ASEAN?
 - (a) Association of South East Asian Nations
 - (b) Administration of Southern East Asian Nations
 - (c) Organisation of South East Asian Nations
 - (d) Administration of South East Asian Nations

Answer:

2. How many members are in the ASEAN?
 - (a) 18
 - (b) 67
 - (c) 10
 - (d) 53

Answer:

3. Which of the following country is not the member of the ASEAN?

- (a) Laos
- (b) Cambodia
- (c) Philippines
- (d) Mauritius

Answer:

4. Which of the following statement is NOT correct about the ASEAN members?

- (a) Indonesia has highest population among the ASEAN members.
- (b) Singapore has highest Per Capita GDP among the ASEAN members.
- (c) Cambodia has lowest nominal GDP among the ASEAN members.
- (d) Brunei has the lowest population among the ASEAN members.

Answer:

5. When was ASEAN established?

- (a) 1963
- (b) 1967
- (c) 1985
- (d) 1996

Answer:

6. Where was first ASEAN summit held?

- (a) Manila
- (b) Singapore
- (c) Bali
- (d) Jakarta

Answer:

7. Where is the headquarters of ASEAN?

- (a) Bali
- (b) Jakarta
- (c) Manila
- (d) Singapore

Answer:

8. What is the objective of the ASEAN?
- (a) To increase competition among the members countries for better products.
 - (b) To integrate the economies of the region to make region more attractive for investors
 - (c) To promote economic cooperation in South East Asia and ensure economic stability in the region.
 - (d) (b) and (c) both

Answer:

9. 5 banks of BRICS nations have agreed to establish credit lines in _____ currencies.
- (a) Legal
 - (b) Plastic
 - (c) Crypto currency
 - (d) National

Answer:

10. What is the first BRICS declaration that named terrorist groups LeT and JeM?
- (a) Heart of Asia declaration
 - (b) Xiamen declaration
 - (c) Dunhuang declaration
 - (d) Shenzhen declaration

Answer:

11. What does BRICS ARP stand for?
- (a) Agricultural Research Portal
 - (b) Asian Research Platform
 - (c) Asian Research Portal
 - (d) Agriculture Research Platform

Answer:

12. Where was the 7th meeting of BRICS Trade Ministers held from 1 to 2 August 2017?
- (a) Shanghai
 - (b) Beijing
 - (c) Tokyo
 - (d) Rio De Janeiro

Answer:

13. BRICS countries Labour and Employment minister's meeting was held in which country in 2017?
- (a) China
 - (b) Brazil
 - (c) Russia
 - (d) India

Answer:

14. Union Cabinet cleared a Memorandum of Cooperation in tax matters on 19th July between India and which group of nations?
- (a) BRICS
 - (b) ASEAN
 - (c) SAARC
 - (d) OPEC

Answer:

15. Who has been appointed chairperson of BRICS Business Council?
- (a) Iqbal Ali
 - (b) Iqbal Ghate
 - (c) IqbalSurve
 - (d) None of the above

Answer:

16. 9th BRICS Summit's first Sherpas meeting was in _____
- (a) Nanjing
 - (b) Xinjiang
 - (c) Shanghai
 - (d) Beijing

Answer:

17. Where was the BRICS meeting of revenue heads and tax experts held?

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Kolkata

Answer:

18. BRICS Nations inked three agreements during which summit held in Goa, India on 16th Oct, 2016?

- (a) 8th
- (b) 9th
- (c) 10th
- (d) 11th

Answer:

19. Currently how many members are in the SAARC organisation?

- (a) 6
- (b) 7
- (c) 8
- (d) 10

Answer:

20. When was SAARC established?

- (a) 1967
- (b) 1995
- (c) 1953
- (d) 1985

Answer:

21. Which of the following statement is NOT correct about the SAARC?

- (a) First SAARC summit was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- (b) Till date 18 SAARC summits have been held
- (c) As on 2015, SAARC comprises 3% of the world's area, 21% of the world's population and 3.8% (US\$2.9 trillion) of the global economy.
- (d) 20th SAAARC summit will be held in New Delhi

Answer:

22. Which of the following country is not the member of the SAARC?

- (a) Myanmar
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Maldives

Answer:

23. Which of the following SAARC member has the highest population?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Afghanistan

Answer:

24. Which of the following SAARC member has best HDI rank in the whole group?

- (a) India
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Bhutan

Answer:

25. What was the theme of the SAARC year 2016-17?

- (a) Year for Girls
- (b) Year for Environment
- (c) Year of Good Governance
- (d) Year of Cultural Heritage

Answer:

26. Who is the current Secretary General of the SAARC?

- (a) Sheel Kant Sharma
- (b) Amjad Hussain
- (c) Ahmed Saleem
- (d) Arjun BahadurThapa

Answer:

27. Where is the headquarters of the SAARC?

- (a) Manila
- (b) Kathmandu
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Jakarta

Answer:

28. 31st Charter Day of the 8 member grouping SAARC was observed on which day in Nepal?

- (a) 7th December
- (b) 8th December
- (c) 9th December
- (d) 10th December

Answer:

29. When was G20 established?

- (a) 1995
- (b) 1999
- (c) 1985
- (d) 2000

Answer:

30. Which of the following statement is not correct regarding the G 20?

- (a) Now the G20 summits are attended by the Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of the member countries only.
- (b) India never hosted any G20 summit
- (c) Its main aim is to eliminate poverty from the world
- (d) Its meetings are held annually.

Answer:

31. Which of the following city is organizing the recent G20 summit held in June 2019?

- (a) Brisbane
- (b) Osaka
- (c) Antalya
- (d) Hamburg

Answer:

32. What is the theme of the G20 summit held in Germany in June 2019?
- (a) Shaping an Interconnected World
 - (b) Fighting poverty with rigidity
 - (c) "Human-Centred Future Society"
 - (d) Making the world together

Answer:

33. Which of the following is not the member of the G20?
- (a) Indonesia
 - (b) Singapore
 - (c) Mexico
 - (d) Turkey

Answer:

34. Which of the following statement is not correct regarding the G20?
- (a) In the meetings of the G20, EU is represented by the European Commission and by the European Central Bank
 - (b) The G20 economies account for around 85% of the gross world product (GWP)
 - (c) The G20 economies account for around 80% of world trade
 - (d) The G20 economies account for around 40% population of the world

Answer:

35. Where was the first summit of G20 held?
- (a) USA
 - (b) Britain
 - (c) Canada
 - (d) France

Answer:

36. Till date how many summits of G20 has been held?
- (a) 5
 - (b) 9
 - (c) 11
 - (d) 14

Answer:

37. Which of the following statement is correct about G20?
- (a) The Presidency of G20 is supported by a "troika" made up of the current, immediate past and future host countries
 - (b) The G20 have a permanent secretariat
 - (c) In 2015 the G20 Presidency is held by China
 - (d) The G20 Presidency rotates at every two year
- Answer:**
38. When will India hod the G-20 Summit?
- (a) 2020
 - (b) 2021
 - (c) 2022
 - (d) None of the above
- Answer:**
39. Which organisation is the lead agency for the BIMSTEC DMEEx-2017?
- (a) National Disaster Response Force
 - (b) National Disaster Management Force
 - (c) National Disaster Security Force
 - (d) National Disaster Rehabilitation Force
- Answer:**
40. India will host the NSA meeting of which grouping?
- (a) BIMSTEC
 - (b) SAARC
 - (c) OPEC
 - (d) None of the above
- Answer:**
41. Which of the following are mentioned in the BIMSTEC Leaders' Retreat 2016 Outcome Document?
- 1. Aquaculture
 - 2. Fisheries
 - 3. Maritime boundaries
- (a) 1, 3
 - (b) 1, 2

- (c) 2, 3
- (d) All of the above

Answer:

42. BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility is proposed to be setup in

- (a) India
- (b) Thailand
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Nepal

Answer:

43. Which of the following are mentioned in the BIMSTEC Leaders' Retreat 2016 Outcome Document?

1. Conservation of the mountain eco-systems
 2. Establishment of joint defence strategies against enemy nations and attacks
 3. Cooperation in disaster management through joint exercises
- (a) 1, 3
 - (b) 1, 2
 - (c) 2, 3
 - (d) All of the above

Answer:

44. Which of the following are mentioned in the BIMSTEC Leaders' Retreat 2016 Outcome Document?

1. Development of Buddhist Tourist Circuit and Temple Tourist Circuit
 2. Establishment of the BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Commission
 3. Establishment of the BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Observatory
- (a) 2, 3
 - (b) 1, 2
 - (c) 1, 3
 - (d) All of the above

Answer:

45. Which of the following is/are true regarding BIMSTEC Leaders' Retreat 2016 Outcome Document?

1. Draft BIMSTEC Motor Vehicle Agreement was discussed during the meeting of the BIMSTEC leaders.
2. BIMSTEC Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters was also signed.

- (a) Only 1
(b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer:

46. Fourth BIMSTEC Summit will be held in

- (a) Myanmar (b) Bangladesh
(c) Nepal (d) India

Answer:

47. Which of the following are the highlights of the Goa Declaration of the 8th BRICS Summit?

1. Resolution on civil war in Syria
2. Urgent need to reforms of the United Nations, including UN Security Council
3. Included Pakistan-sponsored terrorism

- (a) 1, 3
(b) 1, 2
(c) 2, 3
(d) All of the above

Answer:

48. Which of the following are key initiatives taken during the 8th BRICS Summit held in India?

1. BRICS TB/AIDS Council
2. BRICS Digital Conclave
3. BRICS Film Festival

- (a) 2, 3

- (b) 1, 3
- (c) 1, 2
- (d) All of the above

Answer:

49. The Reserve Bank of India was established on _____.
- (a) April 1, 1935
 - (b) July 12, 1982
 - (c) May 26, 2006
 - (d) September 30, 2005

Answer:

50. Who works as RBI's agent at places where it has no office of its own?
- (a) State Bank of India
 - (b) Ministry of Finance
 - (c) Government of India
 - (d) International Monetary Fund

Answer:

51. Which of the following is true about the functions performed by RBI -
- (i) It is the Bank of Issue
 - (ii) It acts as banker to the Government
 - (iii) It is the banker of other banks
 - (iv) It regulates the flow of credit
- (a) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (b) Both (iii) and (iv)
 - (c) All the Above
 - (d) None of the above

Answer:

52. Which among the following is incorrect?
- (a) RBI is the Bank of Issue
 - (b) RBI acts as Banker to the Government
 - (c) RBI is Banker's Bank
 - (d) RBI does not regulate the flow of credit—

Answer:

53. India is a member of the International Monetary Fund since _____.

- (a) 1934
- (b) 1935
- (c) 1947
- (d) 1949

Answer:

54. Which of the following is true about the restrictions on RBI?

- (i) It is not to compete with the commercial banks.
 - (ii) It is not allowed to pay interest on its deposits.
 - (iii) It cannot engage directly or indirectly in trade.
 - (iv) It cannot acquire or advice loans against immovable property.
 - (v) It is prohibited from purchasing its own shares or the shares of any other bank or any company or granting loans on such security.
- (a) only (i),(ii),(iii), and (iv)
 - (b) only (v)
 - (c) all the above
 - (d) none of the above

Answer:

55. When did the Reserve Bank of India notify the draft regulations relating to the Credit Information Companies (Regulation) Act, 2005?

- (a) April 5, 2006
- (b) May 26, 2006
- (c) June 29, 2007
- (d) September 30, 2005

Answer:

56. When did the draft guidelines for building grievance redressal mechanism within NBFCs (Non-Banking Financial Companies) publish?

- (a) April 5, 2006
- (b) May 26, 2006
- (c) June 29, 2007
- (d) September 30, 2005

Answer:

57. When did the Centre acquire the Reserve Bank of India's entire 59.73% equity stake in the State Bank of India (SBI) at over ₹ 35,531 crore in New Delhi?

- (a) April 5, 2006
- (b) May 26, 2006
- (c) June 29, 2007
- (d) September 30, 2005

Answer:

58. According to which guidelines did the Government pick up the entire SBI shares held by the RBI?

- (a) National Stock Exchange of India
- (b) Securities Commission
- (c) Financial Regulations
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Answer:

59. What is the NABARD pilot project for digitisation of SHGs called?

- (a) e-Shakti
- (b) e-Samriddhi
- (c) e-Shanti
- (d) e-Samraksha

Answer:

60. Telangana government has signed anMoU with whom for INR 874 crore?

- (a) NABARD
- (b) ICRISAT
- (c) NAMA
- (d) FSSAI

Answer:

61. NABARD has entered into collaboration with which European country for a special programme on Soil Protection and Rehabilitation for Food Security?

- (a) Germany

- (b) France
- (c) Spain
- (d) Italy

Answer:

62. Which of the following got accredited by the Green Climate fund as a national implementing entity for undertaking climate change related projects in India?

- (a) SIDBI
- (b) NABARD
- (c) MUDRA
- (d) EPFO

Answer:

63. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Competition Commission of India (CCI)?

1. The tenure of chairman is five years or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier
 2. Justice A K Sikri committee was appointed for choosing next chairperson.
- (a) Only 1
 - (b) Only 2
 - (c) Both
 - (d) None

Answer:

64. Which among the following is/are incorrect with respect to Competition Commission of India

1. It is a constitutional body .
2. It is responsible for enforcing The Competition Act, 2002 .

Select the correct answer from the following:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer:

65. Consider the following statements regarding Competition Commission of India

1. It was established in 2003.
2. Commission has been functioning as a single member body right from its inception.

Which among the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer:

66. Who has been appointed as the IBBI ED with effect from Aug 16, 2017?

- (a) Mamta Singh
- (b) Mamta Seth
- (c) Mamta Suri
- (d) Mamta Singhania

Answer:

67. Who will host 'No Money for Terror' conference, 2020?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) India
- (c) USA
- (d) North Korea

Answer:

68. Who took charge as whole time IBBI member on April 13, 2017?

- (a) Mukulita Das
- (b) Mukulita Sen
- (c) Mukulita Vijayawargiya
- (d) None of the above

Answer:

69. What is the criteria for an Insolvency Professional according to IBBI?

- (a) The IP must not engage in any employment
- (b) IP cannot play two roles - profession and employment - at once
- (c) Both (a) and (b)

(d) Neither of the above

Answer:

70. Which former CAG officer has been appointed as a whole time IBBI member?

- (a) Vinod Rai
- (b) Suman Saxena
- (c) Navrang Saini
- (d) None of the above

Answer:

71. As part of implementing the bankruptcy code, government of India has constituted the IBBI. What does IBBI stand for?

- (a) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
- (b) International Bankruptcy Board of India
- (c) Insolvency and Banking Regulations Board of India
- (d) None of the above

Answer:

72. Which of the following enactments was not amended as part of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016?

- (a) The Customs Act, 1962
- (b) The Limitation Act, 1963
- (c) The Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007
- (d) The Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008

Answer:

73. The management of the affairs of a corporate debtor undergoing corporate insolvency resolution process vests in the_____.

- (a) Interim Resolution Professional
- (b) Board of Directors
- (c) Committee of Creditors
- (d) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

Answer:

74. Which of the following statement is not true about the International Monetary Fund?

- (a) IMF was established along with the word bank

- (b) IMF is the result of the Bretton Woods conference
- (c) Christine Lagarde is the current Chief Executive Officer of the IMF
- (d) Currently 193 countries are the members of the IMF

Answer:

75. When was IMF established?

- (a) Dec. 27, 1945
- (b) Jan. 30, 1947
- (c) Jan. 1, 1946
- (d) Sept. 24, 1947

Answer:

76. Which of the following statement is NOT correct regarding the membership of the IMF?

- (a) Currently its membership is 189
- (b) All "member countries" of the IMF are members of the United Nations
- (c) All member countries of the IMF are not sovereign states
- (d) Nauru is the latest member of the IMF

Answer:

77. Which of the following is not the objective of the IMF?

- (a) To promote international monetary cooperation
- (b) To ensure balanced international trade
- (c) To ensure exchange rate stability
- (d) To provide loan to private sectors

Answer:

78. Which of the following statement is NOT correct about the quota at the IMF?

- (a) Voting power in the IMF is based on a quota system
- (b) USA has highest quota in the IMF
- (c) Germany has third highest quota in the IMF
- (d) Indian quota in the IMF stands at 2.79% of the total quotal quota

Answer:

79. If the Balance of Payment of a country is adverse, then which institution will help that country?

- (a) World Bank

- (b) World Trade Organization
- (c) International Monetary Fund
- (d) Asian Development Bank

Answer:

80. Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) was established with the main objective of seeking sustains _____?
- (a) economic growth among its member countries
 - (b) cooperation in Defense of its member countries
 - (c) economic and army cooperation
 - (d) None of them

Answer:

81. OECD was established in _____?
- (a) 1963
 - (b) 1961
 - (c) 1962
 - (d) 1960

Answer:

82. The Organisation for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC) was founded In 1948 to help administer the Marshall Plan for the reconstruction of Europe after World War II. It was renamed as _____?
- (a) European Union (EU)
 - (b) Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
 - (c) Council of the European Union (CEU)
 - (d) General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)

Answer:

83. Where is the Secretariat of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)?
- (a) Tokyo, Japan
 - (b) London, UK
 - (c) Paris, France
 - (d) New York, USA

Answer:

84. Which of the following countries have been blacklisted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on refusing to adopt new rules for openness and serving as Tax Havens?
- (a) Costa Rica, Switzerland, Austria and Andorra
 - (b) Costa Rica, Malaysia, Philippines and Uruguay
 - (c) France, Japan, Laos and Libya
 - (d) the Philippines, Latvia, Lesotho and Ireland

Answer:

85. On which day of the year 1966, Asian Development Bank was established?
- (a) 19 December
 - (b) 1 January
 - (c) 1 April
 - (d) 24 September

Answer:

86. Which of the following statement is NOT correct about the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?
- (a) ADB started working on January 1, 1967.
 - (b) The chairmanship of the ADB is always given to the Japanese
 - (c) Currently it has 53 members
 - (d) here are 48 members of the ADB belongs to the Asia and Pacific Region

Answer:

87. Which of the following is the main aim of the ADB?
- (a) To create a trade block in the Asian continent to save the environment of the region
 - (b) To accelerate the social and economic development of the Asia and Pacific Region
 - (c) To establish a trade block in the Asia to deal with the competition coming from the European countries.
 - (d) None of the above

Answer:

88. Which of the following is the newest member of the ADB?

- (a) Armenia
- (b) Turkmenistan
- (c) Luxembourg
- (d) Niue

Answer:

89. Where is the headquarters of the ADB?

- (a) Manila
- (b) Kathmandu
- (c) Jakarta
- (d) Dhaka

Answer:

90. Who is the current President of the ADB?

- (a) Takehiko Nakao
- (b) Haruhiko Kuroda
- (c) Tadao Chino
- (d) Shinzô Abe

Answer:

91. Which of the following country has the highest subscribed capital of the ADB?

- (a) India
- (b) USA
- (c) Japan
- (d) China

Answer:

92. Who is the India's governor on the board of the governors of the Asian Development Bank?

- (a) Prime Minister of India
- (b) Finance Minister of India
- (c) Governor of Reserve Bank of India
- (d) Foreign Minister

Answer:

93. Which of the following country has highest voting power in the ADB?

- (a) USA
- (b) India
- (c) China
- (d) Japan

Answer:

94. Why World Bank was established?

- (a) To promote the International Trade
- (b) To reconstruct the economies damaged during the Second World War
- (c) To improve the adverse Balance of Payment situation of the non member countries
- (d) None of the above

Answer:

95. Which of the following statement is correct?

- (a) Every member country of the IMF automatically becomes the member of the World Bank
- (b) The World Bank has 45 founder members
- (c) India is not the founding member of the World Bank
- (d) IMF is the part of World Bank group

Answer:

96. Who is the current President of the World Bank Group?

- (a) Robert Zoellick
- (b) David Malpass
- (c) Christine Lagarde
- (d) Jim Yong Kim

Answer:

97. Which of the following statements are correct?

- (a) World Bank was established 73 years ago.
- (b) Headquarter of World Bank is in Washington D.C.
- (c) Adam Smith is the founding father of the World Bank

(d) Only (a) and (b)

Answer:

98. Who of the following never appointed as the President of the World Bank Group?

- (a) Paul Krugman
- (b) Robert Zoellick
- (c) George Woods
- (d) Eugene Meyer

Answer:

99. Which of the following is not the function of the World Bank?

- (a) To provide long term loan to the member countries
- (b) To provide loan to private investors belonging to member countries on its own guarantee
- (c) To ensure exchange rate stability
- (d) To provides loan mainly for productive activities

Answer:

100. Which of the following institutions is not part of the World Bank community?

- (a) IBRD
- (b) WTO
- (c) IDA
- (d) IFC

Answer:

101. The 45th G7 Summit for the year 2019 was held in _____ place ?

- (a) Rome, Italy
- (b) Berlin, Germany
- (c) Ottawa, Canada
- (d) Biarritz, France

Answer:

102. When was new symbol of Rupee (₹) adopted?

- (a) 8 July 2000
- (b) 8 July 2011
- (c) 8 July 2015

(d) 5 November 2015

Answer:

103. National flag was adopted as official flag on —

- (a) 26th January, 1950
- (b) 15th August, 1950
- (c) 15th August, 1947
- (d) 26th January, 1948

Answer:

104. Lion Capital of Ashoka was adopted as National emblem on —

- (a) August, 1948
- (b) December, 1945
- (c) January, 1947
- (d) December, 1947

Answer:

105. Recommendation of Bharat Ratna is made by

- (a) Prime Minister
- (b) President
- (c) both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of these

Answer:

106. Padma Award was instituted in the year

- (a) 1983
- (b) 1954
- (c) 1956
- (d) 1957

Answer:

107. Award for 'distinguished service of a high order' is —

- (a) Bharat Ratna
- (b) Padma Vibhushan
- (c) Padma Shri
- (d) Padma Bhushan

Answer:

108. Fourth highest civilian award in India is —

- (a) Padma Shri
- (b) Bharat Ratna
- (c) Padma Bhushan
- (d) Padma Vibhushan

Answer:

109. Highest civilian award of the country is —

- (a) Padma Bhushan
- (b) Padma Awards
- (c) Padma Vibhushan
- (d) Bharat Ratna

Answer:

110. In December, 2019 which famous actor was awarded with Dadasaheb Phalke Award?

- (a) Amitabh Bachchan
- (b) Anupam Kher
- (c) Shahrukh Khan
- (d) Irfan Khan

Answer:

111. The first recipient of Dadasaheb Phalke Award was —

- (a) Kishore Kumar
- (b) Devika Rani
- (c) Amitabh Bachchan
- (d) Rishi Kapoor

Answer:

112. 22nd National Conference of E-governance 2019 was held at?

- (a) Shillong, Meghalaya
- (b) Bangalore, Karnataka
- (c) Imphal, Manipur
- (d) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer:

113. The NuGen Mobility Summit, 2019 was held in which of the following place in India?

- (a) Nashik
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Guntur
- (d) Gurugram, Haryana

Answer:

114. Who inaugurated the National Youth Summit 2019 organized by Youth Awakening Mission in New Delhi?

- (a) Ram Nath Kovind
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Venkaiah Naidu
- (d) Narendra Modi

Answer:

115. Which Indian personality has been conferred 2019 ABLF Global Asian award?

- (a) Mukesh Ambani
- (b) Gautam Adani
- (c) Azim Premji
- (d) Kumar Mangalam Birla

Answer:

116. Who is the current CEO of the NITI Aayog?

- (a) Rajeev Kumar
- (b) Arvind Subramanyam
- (c) Amitabh Kant
- (d) Narendra Modi

Answer:

117. Which of the following statement is correct about the NITI Aayog?

- (a) NITI Aayog was Formed 25 January 2016
- (b) NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (c) The full form of NITI Aayog is National Institute for Transforming India
- (d) The NITI Aayog is a policy think tank of the Government of India

Answer:

118. When was NITI Aayog established?

- (a) 1 January 2015
- (b) 25 January 2016
- (c) 14 May 2014
- (d) 1 July 2015

Answer:

119. Which of the following statement is/are correct about the NITI Aayog?

- I. The aim of NITI Aayog is to achieve Sustainable Development Goals and to enhance cooperative federalism in the country.
 - II. The Prime Minister of India is the ex officio Chairperson of the NITI Aayog
 - III. There are 8 full time members in the NITI Aayog
- (a) Only II & III
 - (b) Only II
 - (c) Only I
 - (d) Only I & II

Answer:

120. Who of the following is the part of Governing Council of NITI Aayog?

- (a) All Chief Ministers of the states
- (b) Chief Ministers of Delhi and Puducherry
- (c) Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Island
- (d) All of the above

Answer:

121. Which of the following is not the function of the NITI Aayog?

- (a) To evolve a shared vision of national development priorities sectors and strategies
- (b) To foster cooperative federalism
- (c) To give final approval to the Five Year Plans of India
- (d) To create a knowledge, innovation and entrepreneurial support system

Answer:

122. Which of the following district topped the rank of Aspirational district for the period of June 1, 2018, and October 31, 2018.

- (a) Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu)
- (b) Mewat (Haryana)
- (c) Pakur (Jharkhand)
- (d) Hailakandi (Assam)

Answer:

123. Which of the following is true about the Aspirational district initiative of NITI Aayog?

- (a) Aspirational ranking of districts is based on 10 parameters
- (b) The first delta ranking for aspirational districts was released in June 2018.
- (c) The aspirational district programme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 5, 2016.
- (d) All of the above statements are true

Answer:

124. Which of the following is not matched correctly about NITI Aayog?

- (a) NITI Aayog head office: Delhi
- (b) Narendra Modi: Chairman
- (c) Parent Agency: Government of India
- (d) NITI Aayog replaced: National Development Council

Answer:

125. UDIN stands for

- (a) Unique Document Identification Notification
- (b) Unique Document Identification Number
- (c) Universal Document Identification Number
- (d) Unique Documentation Index Number

Answer:

126. The ICSI UDIN will be mandatory for every document except an e-form, signed or certified by a CS with effect from

- (a) 1st April, 2019

- (b) 1st April 2020
- (c) 1st October, 2019
- (d) 1st January, 2020

Answer:

127. Which city hosted the 2019 Conference of the 'No Money For Terror'?

- (a) Paris
- (b) New York
- (c) Melbourne
- (d) Beijing

Answer:

128. Which country will host 'No Money For Terror' conference to be held in 2020 ?

- (a) India
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) New York
- (d) Melbourne

Answer:

129. Who is Chairman and Managing Director of Reliance Industries Ltd.

- (a) Anil Ambani
- (b) Mukesh Ambani
- (c) Jerry Johnson
- (d) Akash Ambani

Answer:

130. Which of the following statement is true about Mukesh Ambani?

- (a) He is a member of The Foundation Board of the World Economic Forum.
- (b) He is an elected Foreign Member of the prestigious United States National Academy of Engineering.
- (c) He is a member of the Global Advisory Council of Bank of America.
- (d) All of these

Answer:

131. Who is the Chairman of Wipro?

- (a) Azim Premji

- (b) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- (c) Tim Cook
- (d) Elon Musk

Answer:

132. Who is the chairman of Aditya Birla Group?

- (a) Anand Mahindra
- (b) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- (c) Tim Cook
- (d) Elon Musk

Answer:

133. Who is the CEO of Apple?

- (a) Elon Musk
- (b) Bill Gates
- (c) Tim Cook
- (d) Warren Buffett

Answer:

134. Who founded Microsoft?

- (a) Elon Musk
- (b) Bill Gates
- (c) Tim Cook
- (d) Warren Buffett

Answer:

135. Who is known as “Wizard of Omaha” ?

- (a) Elon Musk
- (b) Bill Gates
- (c) Tim Cook
- (d) Warren Buffett

Answer:

136. Who founded PayPal and SpaceX?

- (a) Elon Musk
- (b) Bill Gates
- (c) Tim Cook

(d) Warren Buffett

Answer:

137. Which of the following statements are true about Narendra Modi?

- (a) He is the first ever Prime Minister to be born after Independence
- (b) He was the longest serving Chief Minister of Gujarat
- (c) Both of these
- (d) None of these

Answer:

138. Who is the President of United States of America?

- (a) Donald Trump
- (b) Theresa May
- (c) Boris Johnson
- (d) Barak Obama

Answer:

139. Where was 'Howdy, Modi' event held?

- (a) Houston
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) America

Answer:

140. Who was the 1st Defence Minister to fly LCA Tejas?

- (a) Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman
- (b) Arun Jaitley
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Jaswant Singh

Answer:

141. Which book is written on the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- (a) Karmayoddha Granth
- (b) Savarkar
- (c) Listening, Learning and Leading
- (d) Vivekadeepini

Answer:

142. Who wrote the book 'Turbulence and Triumph'?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S. Pradhan
- (c) Vikram Sampath
- (d) Adi Shankaracharya

Answer:

143. Who wrote the book 'Savarkar'?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S. Pradhan
- (c) Vikram Sampath
- (d) Adi Shankaracharya

Answer:

144. Who wrote the book 'Listening, Learning and Leading'?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S. Pradhan
- (c) Vikram Sampath
- (d) Venkaiah Naidu

Answer:

145. Who wrote the famous book 'Vivekadeepini'?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Adi Shankaracharya
- (c) Vikram Sampath
- (d) Venkaiah Naidu

Answer:

146. Who was the first hockey player in the world to win the prestigious 'World Games Athlete of the Year' Award?

- (a) Rani Rampal
- (b) Nicola White
- (c) Navjot Kaur
- (d) Vandana Katariya

Answer:

147. Which Player was honoured with 'Spirit of Cricket' award ?

- (a) Rohit Sharma
- (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) Yuvraj Singh
- (d) K. Rahul

Answer:

148. Who was also honoured with the ICC ODI Cricketer of the year 2019 award ?

- (a) Rohit Sharma
- (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) Yuvraj Singh
- (d) K. Rahul

Answer:

149. The ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 was held in

- (a) India
- (b) Australia
- (c) New Zealand
- (d) England and Wales

Answer:

150. Next Common wealth games will be hosted by

- (a) India
- (b) Australia
- (c) New Zealand
- (d) England

Answer:

151. Which program has been introduced to revive the sports culture in India?

- (a) Summer Olympic Games
- (b) Winter Olympic Games
- (c) Khelo India Youth Games
- (d) ICC World Cup

Answer:

152. Who is to be the first chancellor of Rai Sports University?

- (a) Kapil Dev
- (b) Sachin Tendulkar
- (c) Saurav Ganguly
- (d) Ravi Shastri

Answer:

153. First Indian to win the BWF World Championships?

- (a) P.T. Usha
- (b) P.V. Sindhu
- (c) Sania Mirza
- (d) Jwala Gupta

Answer:

154. As per Ethnologue, number of individual languages listed for India is

- (a) 447
- (b) 460
- (c) 119
- (d) 138

Answer:

155. International Mother Language Day is celebrated on

- (a) 1st December
- (b) 21st February
- (c) 14th September
- (d) 8th July

Answer:

156. Hindi Diwas is celebrated every year on

- (a) 1st December
- (b) 21st February
- (c) 14th September
- (d) 8th July

Answer:

157. According to the organization Ethnologue, Hindi is the _____ most spoken language in the world.

- (a) Second
- (b) Third
- (c) Fourth
- (d) Fifth

Answer:

158. In the Indian National Flag, the top saffron colour, indicates

- (a) Strength and courage of the country
- (b) Peace and truth
- (c) Fertility, growth and auspiciousness of the land
- (d) Chakra

Answer:

159. In the Indian National Flag, white middle band, indicates

- (a) Strength and courage of the country
- (b) Peace and truth
- (c) Fertility, growth and auspiciousness of the land
- (d) Chakra

Answer:

160. In the Indian National Flag, dark green at the bottom, indicates

- (a) Strength and courage of the country
- (b) Peace and truth
- (c) Fertility, growth and auspiciousness of the land
- (d) Chakra

Answer:

161. Which of the following statement is false

- (a) Indian Rupee is the official currency of the Republic of India
- (b) The state emblem is an adaptation from the Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka
- (c) The design of the National Flag was adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India on 22 July 1947
- (d) The new symbol of Indian Rupee was officially adopted in 2017

Answer:

162. Which of the following statement is/are true

- (a) The Indian peacock, Pavocristatus, the National Bird of India
- (b) Lotus (Nelumbo Nucifera Gaertn) is the National Flower of India
- (c) The Olympic symbol consists of five interlaced rings of equal dimensions
- (d) All of these

Answer:

163. The highest civilian award of the country is

- (a) Padma Bhushan
- (b) Bharat Ratna
- (c) Dada saheb Phalke Award
- (d) Padma Shri

Answer:

164. Padma awards are announced on occasion of

- (a) Independence day
- (b) Republic day
- (c) Gandhi jayanti
- (d) Teacher's day

Answer:

165. Who was honoured with India's highest award in cinema, the Dada saheb Phalke Award on December 29, 2019.

- (a) Devanand
- (b) Kishore Kumar
- (c) Amitabh Bachchan
- (d) Akshay Kumar

Answer:

166. Who has been conferred the King Hamad Order of the Renaissance by Bahrain's King Hamad Bin Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa in recognition of his efforts to strengthen bilateral relations with the key Gulf nation during his visit to Bahrain in August, 2019?

- (a) Donald Trump

- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Imran Khan
- (d) Sushma Swaraj

Answer:

167. Abu Dhabi crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan also honoured _____ with the 'Order of Zayed', the UAE's highest civilian award.

- (a) Donald Trump
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Imran Khan
- (d) Sushma Swaraj

Answer:

168. _____ was honoured with Russia's highest state decoration, the Order of St Andrew the Apostle in April 2019, for 'exceptional services' in promoting special and privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India and friendly relations between the Russian and Indian peoples.

- (a) Ram Nath Kovind
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Arun Jaitley
- (d) Sushma Swaraj

Answer:

169. Who was conferred with Maldives' highest honour 'Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen' in June, 2019?

- (a) Donald Trump
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Imran Khan
- (d) Sushma Swaraj

Answer:

170. Who was conferred the Global Goalkeeper award by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan launched by Indian government?

- (a) Ram Nath Kovind
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Arun Jaitley
- (d) Sushma Swaraj

Answer:

171. President Trump attended the 'Namaste Trump' event at the newly-constructed _____ at Ahmedabad.

- (a) Motera Cricket Stadium
- (b) SoFi Stadium
- (c) Sheikh Hasina International cricket stadium
- (d) Allegiant stadium

Answer:

172. How many archeological locations of India will be developed as 'iconic sites' as announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitha raman in her Union budget 2020?

- (a) Two
- (b) Five
- (c) Seven
- (d) Four

Answer:

173. On the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, which of the following was inaugurated?

- (a) Wagah-Attari Border
- (b) Kartarpur corridor
- (c) Rann of Kutch
- (d) Sunauli Border

Answer:

174. How many artists were honoured with the annual Lalit Kala Akademi award by President Ram Nath Kovind on March 4, 2020?

- (a) 15
- (b) 20
- (c) 10

(d) 18

Answer:

175. Which Indian women cricketer has topped the latest women's T20 International batting rankings?

- (a) Poonam Yadav
- (b) Deepti Sharma
- (c) Smriti Mandhan
- (d) Shafali Verma

Answer:

176. Who has been newly appointed as BCCI's selection committee chairman?

- (a) Vinod Kambli
- (b) Javagal Srinath
- (c) Sunil Joshi
- (d) Atul Wassan

Answer:

177. India has signed defence deals worth \$3 billion with which nation?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Germany
- (c) US
- (d) Australia

Answer:

178. Which city will host India's first Artificial Intelligence summit-RAISE 2020?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Pune
- (d) New Delhi

Answer:

179. Which film has recently won the best film award in Film fare Awards 2020?

- (a) Article-15
- (b) Uri

- (c) Student of the Year 2
- (d) Gully Boy

Answer:

180. Which state is hosting 'Bio Asia 2020 Today Tomorrow' conference?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Telangana

Answer:

ANSWER

1	(a)	2	(c)	3	(d)	4	(c)	5	(b)	6	(c)
7	(b)	8	(d)	9	(d)	10	(b)	11	(d)	12	(a)
13	(a)	14	(a)	15	(c)	16	(a)	17	(b)	18	(a)
19	(c)	20	(d)	21	(d)	22	(a)	23	(b)	24	(c)
25	(d)	26	(c)	27	(b)	28	(b)	29	(b)	30	(c)
31	(d)	32	(c)	33	(b)	34	(d)	35	(a)	36	(d)
37	(a)	38	(b)	39	(b)	40	(a)	41	(b)	42	(c)
43	(a)	44	(d)	45	(d)	46	(c)	47	(b)	48	(a)
49	(a)	50	(a)	51	(c)	52	(d)	53	(c)	54	(c)
55	(a)	56	(b)	57	(c)	58	(d)	59	(a)	60	(a)
61	(a)	62	(b)	63	(c)	64	(a)	65	(a)	66	(c)
67	(b)	68	(c)	69	(a/b)	70	(b)	71	(a)	72	(b)

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73	(a)	74	(d)	75	(a)	76	(b)	77	(d)	78	(c)
79	(c)	80	(a)	81	(b)	82	(b)	83	(c)	84	(b)
85	(a)	86	(c)	87	(b)	88	(d)	89	(a)	90	(a)
91	(c)	92	(b)	93	(d)	94	(b)	95	(a)	96	(b)
97	(d)	98	(a)	99	(c)	100	(b)	101	(d)	102	(b)
103	(c)	104	(d)	105	(c)	106	(b)	107	(d)	108	(a)
109	(d)	110	(a)	111	(b)	112	(a)	113	(d)	114	(a)
115	(d)	116	(c)	117	(d)	118	(a)	119	(d)	120	(d)
121	(c)	122	(a)	123	(b)	124	(d)	125	(b)	126	(c)
127	(c)	128	(a)	129	(b)	130	(d)	131	(a)	132	(b)
133	(c)	134	(b)	135	(d)	136	(a)	137	(c)	138	(a)
139	(a)	140	(c)	141	(a)	142	(b)	143	(c)	144	(d)
145	(b)	146	(a)	147	(b)	148	(a)	149	(d)	150	(d)
151	(c)	152	(a)	153	(b)	154	(a)	155	(b)	156	(c)
157	(b)	158	(a)	159	(b)	160	(c)	161	(d)	162	(d)
163	(b)	164	(b)	165	(c)	166	(b)	167	(b)	168	(b)
169	(b)	170	(b)	171	(a)	172	(b)	173	(b)	174	(a)
175	(d)	176	(c)	177	(c)	178	(d)	179	(d)	180	(d)

QUESTIONS OF AUGUST 2020

1. In September 2019, who among the following has been appointed as the Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)?
 - (a) Nilesh Shah
 - (b) Nimesh Shah
 - (c) Saurabh Nanavati
 - (d) A Balasubramaniam
2. In March 2020, which country has proposed setting up of a common online platform for all SAARC nations to share and exchange information, expertise and best practices in combating the COVID-19 pandemic?
 - (a) India
 - (b) Nepal
 - (c) Sri Lanka
 - (d) Maldives
3. In January 2020 ISRO Chief K. Sivan announced that, India's second spaceport for launching small satellites would be located in:
 - (a) Mahendra Giri
 - (b) Tooth Kudi
 - (c) Sriharikota
 - (d) Port Blair
4. As of January 2020, which of the following options is INCORRECT with reference to the companies that have reached USD 1 trillion in market capitalisation?
 - (a) Apple, Inc
 - (b) Alphabet, Inc
 - (c) Microsoft
 - (d) Facebook
5. G20 is the Premier Forum for international economic. The 2019 G20 summit was held in:
 - (a) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

- (b) Davos, Switzerland
(c) Rome, Italy
(d) Osaka, Japan
6. In May 2020, Government of India launched which of the following missions to provide COVID-19 related essential medicines to the countries in southern Indian Ocean?
(a) Mission Sagar
(b) Mission Gagan
(c) Mission Suraksha
(d) Mission Aditya
7. Kristalina Georgieva was selected as the Managing Director of which of the following global institutions in 2019?
(a) World Health Organization
(b) World Bank
(c) International Monetary Fund
(d) United Nations Children's Fund
8. Read the dialogue and choose the most appropriate option to complete the dialogue.
Smitha _____
Do you want me to drop you at your office today?
Navin _____
Smitha It's a pleasure.
(a) It's raining heavily, How will you drive?
(b) Don't worry, I'll manage.
(c) I'm not going to office today.
(d) That'd be very helpful.
9. Choose the correct meaning for the underlined idioms/phrase.
The police came to the scene in the nick of time.
(a) after everything happened
(b) after some time
(c) at the right time
(d) before everything happened

10. In which city is India's first underwater metro rail project expected to be complete by March 2022?
- (a) Ahmedabad
 - (b) New Delhi
 - (c) Kolkata
 - (d) Agra
11. Read the following and choose the most appropriate option to complete the dialogue:
- Snigdha: Hello, am I speaking to Mr. Martin?
Mr. Martin: Yes speaking.
Snigdha: Did you want a booking for next Thursday on the Flying Rani?
Martin: Yes, but _____.
- Snigdha: Thank you Sir, I am sure I can manage the day, but I will get back to you with the seats availability in a few minutes.
- (a) I now want it on Friday and two tickets
 - (b) book a ticket for next Thursday on Flying Rani
 - (c) I want the ticket quickly delivered
 - (d) your service is very discouraging
12. Fill in the blank with the correct option:
- Our coasts were preyed _____ by pirates in olden days.
- (a) for
 - (b) to
 - (c) in
 - (d) upon

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1. (b) Mr. Nimesh Shah was appointed as the Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
2. (a) India has proposed to set up a common online platform for all SAARC nations.
3. (c) Sriharikota was chooses to locate as a centre for launch of small satellites.

4. (a) Apple, Inc. has not reached the mark of USD 1 Trillion in market capitalisation.
5. (d) Osaka, Japan was the venue which was chosen as a venue for G20 Summit of 2019.
6. (c) Mission Suraksha was launched in May 2020 to provide COVID-19 related essential medicines to the countries in southern Indian Ocean.
7. (c) International Monetary Fund choose Kristalina Georgieva as its Managing Director.
8. (d) Smitha: Do you want me to drop you at your office today?
Navin: That'd be very helpful.
Smitha: It's a pleasure.
9. (c) "at the right time" is the correct meaning of the idioms 'in the nick of time'.
10. (c) Kolkata is the city in which India's first underwater metro rail project is expected to be completed by March 2022.
11. (b) Snigdha: Hello, am I speaking to Mr. Martin?
Mr. Martin: Yes speaking.
Snigdha: Did you want a booking for next Thursday on the Flying Rani?
Martin: Yes, but book a ticket for next Thursday on Flying Rani
Snigdha: Thank you Sir, I am sure. I can manage the day, but I will get back to you with the seats availability in a few minutes.
12. (d) Our coasts were preyed upon by pirates in olden days.

QUESTIONS OF NOVEMBER 2020

1. The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) celebrated its 52nd Foundation Day through Virtual Mode recently. When it was celebrated?
(a) 2nd October, 2020

- (b) 4th of September, 2020
 - (c) 4th of October, 2020
 - (d) 5th September, 2020
2. The Informal meeting of the SAARC Council of minister was held in virtual mode in September, 2020. The meeting was chaired by which country.
- (a) Pakistan
 - (b) Nepal
 - (c) India
 - (d) Bangladesh
3. In the World Bank's annual Ease of Doing Business Report, 2020. What is India's rank among 190 economies?
- (a) 77th
 - (b) 63rd
 - (c) 53rd
 - (d) 100th
4. Who among the following is the incumbent Chairman of the Rajya Sabha?
- (a) M. Hamid Ansari
 - (b) Harivansh Narayan Singh
 - (c) P. J. Kurien
 - (d) M. Venkaiah Naidu
5. Identify the company that has developed an RT-PCR kit named R-Green kit, that promises diagnosis of Covid-19 infection in about 2 hours
- (a) Reliance life Sciences
 - (b) Jubilant life Sciences
 - (c) Dr. Reddy's Laboratories
 - (d) Alkem Laboratories
6. On 20th March 2020, the four convicts of which of the following cases were hanged till death after Supreme Court dismissed all the Petitions filed by them?
- (a) Shah Bano Case
 - (b) Ruchika Girhotra Case

- (c) Nirbhaya Case
(d) Shaheen Bagh Case
7. In October, 2020, who among the following is appointed as the Chairman of State Bank of India?
(a) Dinesh Kumar Khara
(b) Swaminathan Janakiraman
(c) Ashwin Kumar Tiwari
(d) Rajnish Kumar
8. Which of the following option is CORRECT with reference to 'Swachh-Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan' that was organized in November, 2019?
(a) It is beach Cleaning drive
(b) It is river Cleaning drive
(c) It is a cleanliness drive of the city roads
(d) It is Programme for rain water harvesting.
9. In September, 2020 'INDRA NAVY 2020', a bilateral maritime exercise was conducted between India and which of the following countries?
(a) Brazil
(b) France
(c) Russia
(d) United Kingdom
10. Which of the following business leaders was honoured with the Padma Bhushan award on 71st Republic day of India?
(a) Anand Mahindra
(b) Jai Prakash Agarwal
(c) Bhaskar Bhat
(d) Ratan Tata

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1. (c) The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) celebrated its 52nd Foundation Day on Sunday, the 4th of October 2020 on the theme "governance from grass root to global" through virtual mode.

2. (b) An informal meeting of the SAARC Council of ministers was held virtually on 24th September 2020. It is held every year on the sidelines of the United Nations generally assembly, New York for consultations and exchange of views on the vital issues of SAARC member states. The meeting was chaired by Nepal.
3. (b) According to the Economic times, India Jumps to 63rd position in World's Bank Ease of doing business 2020 report.
4. (d) M. Venkaiah Naidu is the incumbent chairmen of Rajya Sabha. He is an India Politician, and the current vice president & the chairman of Rajya Sabha.
5. (a) The RT-PCR promises for developing quantitative PCR (RT-PCR) kit for COVID-19 detection. Reliance develops RT-PCR kit that can give COVID 19 results in 2 hours.
6. (c) The 4 convicts, who got death penalty for the gang rape and murder of a 23-year old medical student in Delhi- dubbed Nirbhaya-more than 7 years ago, were hanged on March 20, at 5:30am.
7. (a) The Central Government appoints Dinesh Kumar Khara as Chairman of SBI for a period of three years with effect from the date of his taking over charge of the post on or after October 7, 2020 or until further order.
8. (a) Swachh Nirmal Tat Abhiyan was launched by the ministry of environment. Forest & climate change and to make **beaches clean** and create awareness amongst citizen about the coastal ecosystem in beaches across 10 states/Union territories.
9. (c) INDRA NAVY is a joint bilateral maritime exercise conducted by India and Russia The word Indra is related to participants respective countries.
10. (a) On the eve of India 71st Republic Day The Government of India announced the name of Industrialists Anand Mahindra and Veru Srinivasan for the third highest civilian honour - Padma Bhushan - for their contribution to the field of trade and industry.

QUESTIONS OF JANUARY 2021

1. Who won the US Open 2020 Women's Singles title?
 - (a) Serena Williams
 - (b) Bianca Andreescu
 - (c) Naomi Osaka
 - (d) Victoria Azarenka
2. Which of the following is an Indian crewed orbital spacecraft intended to send astronauts to space for a minimum of seven days by 2022, as part of the Indian Human Spaceflight Programme?
 - (a) Mangalyaan 2
 - (b) Akashyaan
 - (c) Gaganyaan
 - (d) Prithvi 2
3. A recent study by the Ministry of Science and Technology has revealed that due to climatic change one among the following Himalayan States' glaciers are losing mass faster than the other states. Identify the state.
 - (a) Sikkim
 - (b) Arunachal Pradesh
 - (c) Uttar Pradesh
 - (d) Himachal Pradesh
4. In September 2020, which State in India bagged United Nations award for its outstanding contribution towards prevention and control of non-communicable disease?
 - (a) Karnataka
 - (b) Gujarat
 - (c) Goa
 - (d) Kerala
5. The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit 2020 was virtually conducted and hosted by which of the following countries.
 - (a) Japan
 - (b) New Zealand

- (c) Indonesia
(d) Malaysia
6. In November 2020, India and which other country inaugurated a water centre virtually that will promote water related research, teaching and training between the two countries?
(a) Poland
(b) Afghanistan
(c) Nether lands
(d) Australia
7. Fill in the blank with the correct option.
She's _____ early riser.
(a) a
(b) No Article
(c) the
(d) an

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1. (c) **Naomi Osaka** won the US open 2020 women's singles title. This was Osaka's second US open title and third major overall.
2. (c) **Gaganyaan** is an Indian crewed orbital space craft intended to send astronauts to space for a minimum of seven days by 2022, as part of the Indian Human Spaceflight programme.
3. (a) **Sikkim**
4. (d) In September 2020, **Kerala** bagged United Nations awards for its outstanding contribution towards prevention and control of non-communicable disease.
5. (d) The Asia - Pacific Economic Corporation (APEC) Summit 2020 was Virtually conducted and hosted by **Malaysia**. This was the first time that all 21 APEC Economic Leaders met virtually due to ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic.
6. (d) In November 2020, India and **Australia** country inaugurated a water centre virtually that will promote water - related research teaching

and training between the two countries.

7. (d) She's **an** early riser.

QUESTIONS OF MAY 2021

1. Which among the following politicians was posthumously conferred with the Padma Bhushan Award - 2021 in the field of Public affairs?
 - (a) Pranab Mukherjee
 - (b) Motilal Vora
 - (c) Suresh Angadi
 - (d) Ram Vilas Paswan
2. For the year 2021, who among the following is serving as the Vice President of ICSI?
 - (a) CS.Vineet K Chaudhary
 - (b) CS Devendra Vasant Deshpande
 - (c) CS Deepak Kumar Khaitan
 - (d) CS Manish Gupta
3. The First Startup conclave of BIMSTEC nations was organised in virtual mode during January 15-16, 2021, by which of the following countries?
 - (a) Myanmar
 - (b) Bangladesh
 - (c) Bhutan
 - (d) India
4. In 2021 Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has agreement with space agency of which of the following countries for co-operation on country's first human space mission Gaganyaan?
 - (a) Russia
 - (b) France
 - (c) Japan
 - (d) China
5. Which international bank has recently announced to exit its retail banking business in India?
 - (a) Citi Bank

- (b) Bank of America
 - (c) Deutsche Bank
 - (d) Barclays Bank
6. Who among the following players became the first Indian woman cricketer to score 10,000 runs in International Cricket across all formats?
- (a) Harmanpreet Kaur
 - (b) Smriti Mandhana
 - (c) Mithali Raj
 - (d) Sweta Verma
7. In January, the Davos Agenda 2021 was virtually held to address challenges linked to the Covid-19 Pandemic. This meeting was organised by
- (a) World Economic Forum
 - (b) World Health Organisation
 - (c) European Union
 - (d) Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development
8. Who among the following famous singers was posthumously awarded Padma Vibushan Award - 2021?
- (a) T. M. Soundararajan
 - (b) Wajid Khan
 - (c) S. P. Balasubrahmanyam
 - (d) Bhupen Hazarika
9. Which of the following corporate giants has announced its first deal to buy renewable energy in India?
- (a) Facebook
 - (b) Google
 - (c) Microsoft
 - (d) Amazon
10. Which of the following countries is not the part of G20 group of nations?
- (a) Mexico
 - (b) Bangladesh
 - (c) Japan
 - (d) Saudi Arabia

11. Identify the humanitarian initiative undertaken by the Indian Government to provide Covid-19 vaccines to countries around the world.
 - (a) Vaccine Bandhu
 - (b) Vaccine Maitri
 - (c) Vaccine Care
 - (d) Vaccine Help
12. To accelerate AI-led Innovation in India, the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has announced the AI Gamechangers' program in March 2021. Which of the following companies is the innovation partner for this program?
 - (a) Google
 - (b) Apple
 - (c) Microsoft
 - (d) Nvidia
13. The first ever QUAD summit was held virtually in March 2021 covering areas like vaccine, climate change, and emerging technologies which four nations were part of this summit?
 - (a) India, China, Japan and South Korea
 - (b) Australia, South Korea, India and Russia
 - (c) Russia, United States, France and India
 - (d) India, United State, Japan and Australia

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1. (d) **Ram Vilas Paswan** was posthumously conferred with the Padma Bhushan Award – 2021 in the field of public affairs. Padma Awards one of the highest civilian award of the country.
2. (b) **CS Devendra Vasant Deshpandey** is serving as the Vice President of ICSI. He was the Chairman of ICSI Centre for Corporate Governance, Research and Training.

3. (d) The BIMSTEC startup conclave was part of the start up **India** International summit organised by the Government of India on 15-16 January 2021.
4. (b) In 2021, India Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has agreement with space agencies of India and **France** on Thursday signed an agreement for cooperation for the former's first Human Space Mission Gaganyaan.
5. (a) **Citi Bank** has recently announced to exit its retail banking business in India and twelve other countries across Asia and parts of Europe to focus on its wealth, management business.
6. (c) Veteran batter **Mithali Raj** became the first Indian woman cricketer and second internationally to complete 10,000 runs across all formats, drawing praise from some iconic names of the game.
7. (a) In January, the Davos Agenda 2021 was virtually held to address challenges linked to the Covid-19 pandemic. This meeting was organized by **World Economic Forum**. The WEF's Davos 2020 summit was the last major global event to happened before the entire world went into lockdown.
8. (c) **S. P. Balasubrahmanyam** famous singers was posthumously awarded Padma Vibushan Award 2021. He has won six National Awards as best male playback singer for his works in four different languages:
 - Hindi
 - Tamil
 - Telgu
 - Kannada
9. (a) **Facebook** has signed a deal to buy renewable energy in India from a local firm's wind power project, the social media giant's first such deal in the south Asian nation, the companies said on Thursday.
10. (b) The members of G20 are:
 - Argentina
 - Australia
 - Mexico

Japan
Saudi Arabia
Turkey etc.

Except **Bangladesh**

11. (b) Vaccine Maitri is a humanitarian initiative undertaken by the Indian Government to provide Covid-19 vaccines to countries around the world.
Vaccine Maitri (English : Vaccine Friendship)
12. (c) Microsoft is the Innovation partner for this program. To accelerate AI Jed Innovation in India, The National Association of Software and Services Companies has announced the AI Gamechangers' program in March 2021.
13. (d) QUAD summit 2021: India, United State, Japan and Australia agree to provide a billion Covid-19 vaccine doses is Asia.

QUESTIONS OF JULY 2021

1. Who among the following actors is the recipient of the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2021?
- (a) Kamal Haasan
 - (b) Chiranjeevi
 - (c) Ajith Kumar
 - (d) Rajini Kanth
2. Which of the following Inter National Bodies in an organization of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors from 19 individual countries along with the European Union?
- (a) G20
 - (b) International Monetary Fund
 - (c) World Bank
 - (d) World Trade Organization

3. At the 48th National Convention of Company Secretaries, the ICSI Virtually inaugurated its Overseas Center at which of the following Countries?
 - (a) Hong Kong
 - (b) Indonesia
 - (c) Malaysia
 - (d) Singapore
4. Who among the following players won the men's singles title at Australian Open 2021?
 - (a) Rafael Nadal
 - (b) Novak Djokovic
 - (c) Dominic Thiem
 - (d) Daniil Medvedev
5. The sixth edition of India's premier conference on Geo-economics was held in April 2021. Which of the following conferences is being referred to?
 - (a) VAIBHAV Summit
 - (b) Prarambh Summit
 - (c) Davos Dialogue
 - (d) Raisina Dialogue

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1. (d) Actor **Rajnikanth** is the recipient of the prestigious Dadasheb Phalke Award for 2021. He received the award on May 3, 2021, Union Minister Prakash Jawadekar announced on April 1. Rajnikanth made his debut in 1975 and has completed over 45 years in kollywood.
2. (a) The Group of 20, also called **the G-20**, is a group of finance ministers and Central Bank Governors from 19 of the world's largest economies, including those of many developing nations along with the European Union. Formed in 1999, the G-20 has the mandate to

- promote global economic growth, international trade and regulation of financial market.
3. (d) ICSI virtually inaugurated its fourth overseas centre at **Singapore** at the hands of Shri Anurag Singh Thakur on the day Addressing the audience virtually. Hon'ble speaker of Lok Sabha Shri Om Birla said, "ICSI has made a significant contribution in ensuring ethical fair administration in the Corporate Sector.
 4. (b) Two-time defending champion **Novak Djokovic** successfully defended his title defeating Daniil Medvedev in the final to win the Men's Singles tennis title at the 2021 Australian Open. It was his record-extending ninth Australian Open title and his 18th Grand Slam title overall.
 5. (d) The India Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, once again partnered with Observer Research Foundation and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, alongside other organisations for this year's **RAISINA Dialogue** 2021 which is India's premier conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics committed to addressing the most challenging issues facing the global community

QUESTIONS OF NOVEMBER 2021

1. Who among the following popular personalities is the winner of the Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2021?
 - (a) Suresh Wadkar
 - (b) Asha Bhosle
 - (c) Sachin Tendulkar
 - (d) Manoj Mukund Narwane
2. In July 2021, who took over Jeff Bezos as Amazon CEO?
 - (a) David A. Zapolsky
 - (b) Andy Jassy
 - (c) Brian T. Olsavsky
 - (d) Shelley Reynolds

3. Which e-commerce company initiated an investigation in September 2021, after a whistle - blower within the company raised a complaint against its legal representatives for allegedly bribing Indian government officials?
 - (a) Myntra
 - (b) Big basket
 - (c) Flipkart
 - (d) Amazon
4. The Institute of Company Secretaries of India celebrated which of the following events from 26th July, 2021 to 1st August, 2021. On the theme “Envisioning the next phase of Capital Markets”?
 - (a) Capital Markets Week
 - (b) Share Markets Week
 - (c) Investor Week
 - (d) Shareholders Week
5. RBI has introduced a ‘Scheme of Penalty for Non-replenishment of ATMs’ recently. As per this scheme, with effect from 1st October 2021, the penalty on banks in case the ATMs remain out - of - cash for a total period of 10 hours in a month will be :
 - (a) ₹ 10,000 per ATM
 - (b) ₹ 5,000 per ATM
 - (c) ₹ 20,000 per ATM
 - (d) ₹ 15,000 per ATM
6. In September 2021, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Goyal launched NSWS, a digital platform for investors and businesses to improve ease of doing business NSWS stands for :
 - (a) National Simple Wealth System
 - (b) National Software Wealth Solution
 - (c) National Single Window System
 - (d) National Standard Window Solution
7. In May 2021, who among the following political leaders was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?
 - (a) C. Rajagopala Chari

- (b) M.K. Alagiri
(c) C.N. Annadurai
(d) M.K. Stalin
8. In June 2021, the cabinet approved a multi-disciplinary programme which aims to explore deep ocean for resources and develop deep Sea technologies for sustainable use of ocean resources. Identify the name of the mission.
(a) Mahasagar Vikas Abhiyan
(b) Marine Conservation Programme
(c) Deep Ocean Mission
(d) Samudrayaan Project
9. Who among the following Union Ministers of India has been appointed as India's Sherpa for the G-20 Summit which was held in the month of October?
(a) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
(b) Prahlad Joshi
(c) Piyush Goyal
(d) Dharmendra Pradhan
10. In June 2021, India has been elected to one of the main arms of United Nations for the term 2022-24. Identify the CORRECT option in this regard.
(a) Economic and Social Council
(b) Security Council
(c) Trusteeship Council
(d) General Assembly
11. Identify India's first indigenous aircraft carrier which successfully completed its five-day maiden sea voyage in August 2021?
(a) INS Vikramaditya
(b) INS Vikrant
(c) INS Tejas
(d) INS Dhruv
12. As of 2021, which among the following States in India have a common High Court?
(a) Gujarat and Maharashtra
(b) Haryana and Punjab

- (c) Kerala and Goa
 - (d) Bihar and Odisha
13. In 2021, Who among the following become the first Indian Woman and only the Second Indian Athlete to win two individual Olympic Medals?
- (a) Sakshi Malik
 - (b) Mary Kom
 - (c) P V Sindhu
 - (d) Vinesh Phogat
14. In August 2021, Who among the following hosted the inaugural meeting of the IBSA (India, Brazil, South Africa) National Security Advisers through Video Conferencing?
- (a) Home Minister- Amit Shah
 - (b) Defence Minister - Rajnath Singh
 - (c) Cabinet Secretary - Rajiv Gauba
 - (d) National Security Adviser - Ajit Doval
15. 'Home in the world', is a memo penned by which of the following Economists of India?
- (a) Abhijit Banerjee
 - (b) Amarty Sen
 - (c) Kaushik Basu
 - (d) Raghuram Rajan
16. Who among the following Indians has been named a member of a High-Level Advisory Group (HLAG) formed by the world bank and IMF in June 2021?
- (a) Montek Singh Ahluwalia
 - (b) Arvind Panagariya
 - (c) Bimal Jalan
 - (d) Raghuram Rajan
17. In August 2021, in a move to settle disputes of international companies running into billions of dollars, the Government of India scrapped which of the following taxes?
- (a) Capital Gains Tax
 - (b) Wealth Tax

- (c) Professional Tax
(d) Retro Tax
18. Who among the following has been unanimously elected as the Vice-President of Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA), for the year 2022?
- (a) CS Devendra V Deshpande
(b) CS Ranjeet Panday
(c) CS Nagendra D Rao
(d) CS Ashish Garg
19. In August 2021, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled a set of reforms for public sector banks (PSBs) called EASE 4.0 to further the agenda of customer centric digital transformation. EASE stands for
- (a) Extensive Access and Smart Expansion
(b) Enhanced Access and Service Exchange
(c) Easy Access and Service Exchange
(d) Electronic Access and Smart Ecosystem
20. Read the following statements and choose the CORRECT answer
- (i) The Reserve Bank of India has allowed cash withdrawal and merchant payment from pre paid instruments (PPIs) such as mobile wallets in its latest monetary policy announcement
- (ii) The Reserve Bank of India has allowed PPIs to become part of centralized payment systems such as RTGS (real-time gross Settlement) and NEFT (national electronic funds transfer)
- (a) (i) TRUE and (ii) FALSE
(b) (i) FALSE and (ii) FALSE
(c) (i) FALSE and (ii) TRUE
(d) (i) TRUE and (ii) TRUE
21. In May 2021, Who among the following was elected as the Chief Minister of Kerala?
- (a) K Sudhakaran
(b) Oommen Chandy
(c) Kodiyeri Balakrishnan
(d) Pinarayi Vijayan

22. In May 2021, a giant slab of ice sheared off from the frozen edge of Antarctica into the Weddell Sea becoming the largest iceberg currently afloat in the world, as confirmed by the European Space Agency. What is the name given to this iceberg?
- (a) A - 38
 - (b) A - 68
 - (c) A - 74
 - (d) A - 76
23. The Head Office of South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) is situated in which of the following countries?
- (a) Bangladesh
 - (b) Nepal
 - (c) Sri Lanka
 - (d) Indonesia
24. Identify the name given to the operation of evacuating the citizens of India from war-torn Afghanistan in 2021
- (a) Operation Rakshak
 - (b) Operation Devi Shakti
 - (c) Operation Good Samaritan
 - (d) Operation Parakram
25. In July 2021, the Government announced to undertake steps for large-scale production of India's first indigenous, cost-effective, wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for Covid - 19 patients. Identify the name of this product
- (a) Corona TECH
 - (b) Corona Scanner
 - (c) COVID 19 Monitor
 - (d) COVID BEEP
26. The headquarters of International Monetary Fund (IMF) an Organization of 190 countries, working to foster global monetary co-operation is located at
- (a) Dallas
 - (b) Washington D C

- (c) New York
(d) Boston
27. In July 2021, which among the following become the first High Court in India to begin live-streaming of court proceedings?
(a) Karnataka High Court (b) Patna High Court
(c) Madras High Court (d) Gujarat High Court
28. Who among the following sports persons were the flag-bearers of Indian team at the Tokyo Olympics opening ceremony?
(a) Mary Kom and Manpreet Singh
(b) Rani Rampal and Manpreet Singh
(c) PV Sindhu and Mary Kom
(d) Bajrang Punia and Rani Rampal
29. The CoWIN platform was made open-source as a public good to help the world combat Covid - 19 at the CoWin Global conclave held in July 2021. Which of the following statements is CORRECT with reference to COWIN?
(a) It is an Indian government web portal for COVID - 19 Vaccination registration
(b) It is an Indian COVID - 19 contact tracing, syndromic mapping and self-assessment mobile app
(c) It is India's first indigenous, wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for COVID - 19 patients
(d) It is a smart watch app that monitors the spread of COVID - 19 by collecting pulse rate, body temperature, sleep patterns

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1. (b) Maharashtra Cultural Affairs Minister Amit Deshmukh said the Maharashtra Bhushan Puraskar will be given to legendary playback singer Asha Bhosle for the year 2021. The minister visited the residence of the veteran singer and congratulated her by giving a flower bouquet.

2. (b) Jeff Bezos, who founded Amazon exactly 24 years ago on July 5, 1994, has officially stepped down and former AWS executive Andy Jassy has taken over as the CEO of the commerce behemoth in July 2021.
3. (d) Amazon has reportedly initiated an investigation against its legal representatives for allegedly bribing Indian government officials.
4. (a) The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) has been actively engaged in promoting the interest of investors and the orderly development of the capital market in India. As part of its continuous initiative towards investor education and good governance in Capital Markets, the ICSI observed its Capital Markets Week in the month of July, 2021 throughout the country.
5. (a) The scheme, which is aimed at ensuring availability of sufficient cash for the public through ATMs, has come into effect from October 1, 2021. As per the scheme, cash-out of more than ten hours at any ATM in a month will attract a flat penalty of 10,000 per ATM.
6. (c) Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, on Wednesday (September 22), launched the National Single Window System (NSWS), a one-stop portal for investors for approvals and clearances.

The minister believes that the NSWS portal will provide freedom to investors from the legacy of running to government offices for approvals. The move is expected to further improve the ease of doing business in India.
7. (d) Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin, the DMK president who led his party to a huge victory in the Assembly polls was sworn in as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on Friday. Governor Banwarilal Purohit administered the oath of office and secrecy to 68-year old Stalin, for whom this would be the first stint as CM, in a simple ceremony at the Raj Bhavan here.

Stalin immediately swung into action to fulfill his electoral assurances and rejig the administrative set up.

8. (c) Deep Ocean Mission is an Indian initiative to undertake the deep ocean exploration focused on India's exclusive economic zones and continental shelf. The program will consist of various manned and unmanned submersibles exploring the sea bed.
9. (c) Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Textiles, has been appointed as India's Sherpa for the G20.
G20 is a major international grouping that brings together 19 of the world's major economies and the European Union, with its members accounting for more than 80% of global GDP, 75% of global trade and 60% of global population.
10. (a) The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) serves as the central forum for discussing international economic and social issues, and for formulating policy recommendations addressed to Member States and the United Nations system
11. (b) India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant set sailed ahead of its planned induction into the Indian Navy by August next year. The 40,000-tonne aircraft carrier, the largest and most complex warship to be built in India, successfully completed a five-day maiden sea voyage in August.
Following the first sea trials, the Navy had said that the performance of key systems of the warship was found to be satisfactory. INS Vikrant, also known as Indigenous Aircraft Carrier 1, is an aircraft carrier constructed by the Cochin Shipyard Limited for the Indian Navy. It is the first aircraft carrier to be built in India. It was to be named as IAC - 1 but it was named as 'Vikrant' as a tribute to India's first Aircraft Carrier.
12. (b) Over Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. Guwahati High Court- has jurisdiction over Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, and Arunachal Pradesh. Kerala High Court- has jurisdiction over Kerala and Lakshadweep Islands. Punjab & Haryana High Court- has jurisdiction over Punjab, Haryana, and Chandigarh.

13. (c) There's no debate that badminton star PV Sindhu is the greatest athlete India had ever produced. The 27-year-old scripted history at the Tokyo Olympics; she became only the second Indian and the country's first woman to win two Olympic medals.
14. (d) 1st IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa) Youth Summit through online from 26-28 August, 2021. The inauguration of the 1st IBSA Youth Summit was held virtually on 26th August 2021 at 5.30 pm at the Sushma Swaraj Bhawan (formerly Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.
15. (b) Amartya Sen's Home in the World is really three books in one. A sensitively written memoir of the first thirty years of his life, it is interspersed with sharp commentaries on history and politics as well as intellectual disquisitions on economic theory and philosophy.
16. (a) The correct answer is **Montek Singh Ahluwalia**. Montek Singh Ahluwalia has named as a member of a High-Level Advisory Group (HLAG) formed by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the face of the dual crisis posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change.
17. (d) In August 2021, in a move to settle disputes of international companies running into billions of dollars, the govt. of India scrapped Retro tax.
18. (c) **CS Nagendra D Rao**, president of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), has been unanimously elected as the vice-president of the Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA), for the year 2022.
19. (b) Hon. FM Nirmala Sitaraman presented the EASE 4.0 reforms along with felicitating PSB's for their exceptional performance under EASE 3.0. Some of the banks that were felicitated are - State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, and Union Bank of India. The EASE 3.0 was a success as the PSB's reported healthy profits. These banks reported a profit of INR 31,817 crore in FY21 as compared to a loss of INR 26,016 crore in FY20. EASE stands for **ENHANCED ACCESS AND SERVICE EXCHANGED**.

20. (a) RBI as per the guidelines provided under the Payment and Settlement Act, 2005 **defined Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs)** as instruments of payment that facilitate buying of goods and services, including the transfer of funds, financial service and remittances, against the value stored within or on the instrument.
21. (d) **Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan** is elected as the chief minister of Kerala in may 2021.
22. (d) The iceberg, dubbed **A-76**, calved off the Ronne Ice Shelf into the Weddell Sea. The European Space Agency's twin Copernicus Sentinel-1 satellites spotted the giant slab of ice breaking away on May 13.
The U.S. National Ice Center — which is operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Navy and the Coast Guard — confirmed the calving event the following day and recorded the position of A-76 in the Weddell Sea.
23. (b) The head office of south Asian association for regional cooperation (SAARC) is situated in **Kathmandu, Nepal**.
24. (b) India's complex mission to evacuate its citizens and Afghan partners from Kabul after its swift takeover by the Taliban last week has been named as "**Operation Devi Shakti**".
The name of the operation was known when External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar mentioned it in a tweet on August 24 while referring to the arrival of a fresh batch of 78 evacuees in Delhi.
25. (d) **COVID BEEP** is India's first indigenous, cost effective, wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for COVID-19 patients, developed by ESIC Medical College Hyderabad in collaboration with Electronics Corporation of India Ltd. (ECIL) and Department of Atomic Energy.
26. (b) The headquarters of International Monetary Fund (IMF) an organization of 190 countries, working to foster global monetary cooperation is located in **Washington DC**.

27. (d) In a significant development, the **Gujarat High Court** on Wednesday announced that it is launching live streaming of court proceedings of all "willing benches" of the court from July 17, making it the first high court in the country to allow public viewing of the proceedings virtually.
28. (a) India sent 19 athletes, accompanied by six officials, for the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics on July 23. London Olympics bronze medallist **M. C. Mary Kom** and Indian men's hockey team captain **Manpreet Singh** were India's flag bearers.
29. (a) CoWin is an Indian government web portal for COVID-19 vaccination registration, owned and operated by India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It displays booking slots of COVID-19 vaccine available in the nearby areas and can be booked on the website.

QUESTIONS OF JANUARY 2022

1. The Wing Commander (Now Group Captain) Abhinandan Varthaman was accorded with which of the following gallantry awards (2021), for shooting down a Pakistani F-16 Fighter aircraft during aerial combat in February, 2019?
- (a) Kirti Chakra
 - (b) Ashoka Chakra
 - (c) Vir Chakra
 - (d) Param Vir Chakra
2. Who among the following has been appointed as the new Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in June 2021?
- (a) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal
 - (b) Rishi Kumar Shukla
 - (c) M Nageshwar Rao
 - (d) Alok Verma

3. Identify the venue where the 2nd 'National Conference of Corporate Company Secretaries' was organised on 11th November 2021.
 - (a) Kolkata
 - (b) New Delhi
 - (c) Bengaluru
 - (d) Mumbai
4. In August 2021 India's First 'Smog Tower; an experimental set up to purify air in a 1 Km. Radius around the structure at a rate of around 1,000 cubic metres of air per second was installed at which of the following cities of India?
 - (a) Mumbai
 - (b) Pune
 - (c) Chennai
 - (d) Delhi
5. In July 2021, Amazon Inc, founder Jeff Bezos and three passengers reached the edge of the space and returned back safely, in a rocket-powered launch vehicle developed for space tourism identify the name of this reusable suborbital rocket system.
 - (a) New Glenn
 - (b) New Shepard
 - (c) Falcon 9
 - (d) Long March 3
6. Which two Indian cities have featured among the world's top startup hubs, according to a comprehensive ranking of international startup hubs compiled by startup Genome for its annual Global Startup Ecosystem report 2021?
 - (a) Hyderabad and Noida
 - (b) Chennai and Delhi
 - (c) Pune and Hyderabad
 - (d) Mumbai and Bangalore
7. In October 2021, who became the first Indian women to reach the finals and with the silver medal at the 2021 world wrestling championships in the 57 kg. category?

- (a) Sakshi Malik
 - (b) Vinesh Phogod
 - (c) Anshu Malik
 - (d) Babita Kumari
8. In August 2021, who among the following leaders from India addressed the first ever G 20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment held in Holly in a hybrid format ?
- (a) Nirmala Sitharaman
 - (b) Shobha Karandlaje
 - (c) Meenakshi Lekhi
 - (d) Smt. Smriti Irani
9. In June 2021, the Group of Seven (G-7) advanced economies secured a landmark deal an corporate tax as per this deal the global minimum corporate tax rate for multinational companies would be at least.
- (a) 25%
 - (b) 10%
 - (c) 15%
 - (d) 5%
10. What was them of the 53rd Foundation Day celebrations of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)?
- (a) Powering Atmanirbhar Bharat through Entrepreneurship and Innovation
 - (b) Governance from grassroots to global
 - (c) PCS a value driven professional.
 - (d) Reshaping the Profession Creating new Niches
11. In September 2021, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav launched' Digi Saksham a digital skills programme to enhance the employ ability of youth which of the following companies has partnered with the Ministry of Labour and Employment for this initiative?
- (a) Google
 - (b) Microsoft
 - (c) Intel
 - (d) Meta

12. In October 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban (SBM-U) and the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), mission. These have been designed to realise the aspiration of making the cities of India.
- Pollution Free and Home Secure
 - Slum Free and Food Secure
 - Garbage Free and Water Secure
 - Crime Free and Food Secure
13. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has joined the Central Banks and Supervisors NGFS group as a member on April 23, 2021, NGFS stands for:
- Network for Governing the Financial System
 - Network for Governing the Financial Sector
 - Network for Greeting the Financial System
 - Network for Green Finance System
14. Read the following statements and choose the CORRECT answer.
- In October 2021, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$ 250 million loan to support the Government of India's National Industrial Corridors Development Program (NICDP)
 - This is the first subprogram of the programmatic \$ 500 million loan to develop 11 Industrial corridors spanning 17 states which will aid Indian government initiatives in strength institutional framework :
- (i) True and (ii) False
 - (i) True and (ii) True
 - (i) False and (ii) False
 - (i) False and (ii) True
15. Which of the following cricket teams won the ICC T20 World Cup 2021 hosted by Oman and UAE?
- Pakistan
 - Australia
 - New Zealand
 - West Indies

16. Which of the following countries chaired the 27th meeting of the BRICS Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI) held on 12-14 July 2021?
- (a) Brazil
 - (b) Russia
 - (c) India
 - (d) China

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1. (c) The Wing Commander (Now Group Captain) Abhinandan Varthaman was awarded with Vir Chakra by the Indian government for downing a PAF F-16 with his MiG-21 Bison — however, this claim has been disputed by Pakistan and independent sources.
2. (a) The Modi government appointed Maharashtra cadre IPS officer of 1985 batch, Subodh Kumar Jaiswal, previously Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), as CBI Director for two years in June, 2021.
3. (b) The 2nd National Conference of Corporate Company Secretaries, organized on the theme “Corporate Secretaries Navigating New Challenges” was inaugurated on 11th November 2021, at New Delhi.
4. (d) Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated the "country's first smog tower" at Connaught Place in Delhi, one of the most polluted cities in the world, and said it will prove to be a path-breaking milestone. "This is the first such smog tower in the country. It's a new technology. Imported from the US. The structure will suck polluted air from above and release clean air from below. It will purify 1,000 cubic metres of air per second,". The smog tower has 40 fans and 5,000 filters developed by experts at the University of Minnesota, which also helped design a 100-metre-high smog tower in Xian, China.

5. (b) New Shepard is a vertical-takeoff, vertical-landing (VTVL), crew-rated suborbital launch vehicle developed by Blue Origin as a commercial system for suborbital space tourism. Blue Origin is owned and led by Amazon founder and former CEO Jeff Bezos. The name New Shepard makes reference to the first American astronaut in space, Alan Shepard, one of the original NASA Mercury Seven astronauts, who ascended to space in 1961 on a suborbital trajectory similar to that of New Shepard.
6. (d) London, Mumbai and Bangalore have emerged as the top start-up hubs across the world, according to Start-up Genome for its annual Global Start-up Ecosystem Report 2021. London have maintained the second rank with New York for the second consecutive year.
7. (c) Anshu Malik is the first-ever Indian woman to enter the World Wrestling Championship finals. With a sweeping 11-0 victory on 6 October, the female wrestler beat Ukrainian silver medallist Solomia Vynnyk in the 57 kg category at the 2021 games being held in Oslo.
8. (d) The First-ever G20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment was held at Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy. It was held in mixed format i.e people participated in physical form and via video conference also. The Union Minister of Women & Child Development, Smt. Smriti Irani addressed the meet on behalf of India. The Union Minister reaffirmed India's commitment towards addressing gender and women-centric issues through mutual cooperation.
9. (c) G7 leaders agreed on Saturday to back a global corporate tax rate of at least 15 percent. "For too long, there has been a global race to the bottom in corporate taxes, where countries compete by lowering their tax rates instead of the well-being of their citizens and natural environments.
10. (a) The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) celebrated its 53rd Foundation Day on Monday, the 4th of October, 2021, on the theme "Powering Atmanirbhar Bharat through Entrepreneurship and Innovation" at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

11. (b) In September 2021, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav launched, “DIGI SAKSHAM”, a digital skills programme to enhance the employability of youth. Microsoft companies has partnered with the ministry of labour and employment for this initiative.
12. (c) Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban (SBM-U) and the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). He asserted that the missions were aimed at making India's cities garbage-free and water secure.
13. (d) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has joined the Central Banks and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) as a member. The central bank joined the NGFS on April 23, 2021.
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Both the statements are true.
15. (b) Australia won the ICC T20 world cup 2021 hosted by Oman and UAE defeating New Zealand.
16. (c) Meeting of the BRICS Contact Group on Economic and Trade issues (CGETI) held on 12-14 July 2021, chaired by India. For the year 2021, India is the Chair of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa).

QUESTIONS OF JUNE 2022

1. Indomitable A working woman's Notes on Life, Work and Leadership is authored by which of the following retired bankers of State Bank of India (SBI)?
 - (a) Arundhati Bhattacharya
 - (b) Shikha Sharma
 - (c) Usha Ananthasbramanian

- (d) Ranjana Kumar
2. In January 2022, the Central Government of India announced its decision to convert around 150 villages into villages of Excellence across 12 states with technical assistance from which of the following countries?
 - (a) Indonesia
 - (b) Iran
 - (c) Israel
 - (d) Japan
 3. India defeated which of the following countries by 2-0 to win the bronze medal at the 2022 women's Hockey Asia Cup tournament?
 - (a) China
 - (b) South Korea
 - (c) Japan
 - (d) Malaysia
 4. Identify the India born business executive currently serving as the CEO of Alphabet Inc. Conferred with Padma Bhushan 2022 under the category of Trade and Industry.
 - (a) Satya Narayana Nadella
 - (b) Amit Agarwal
 - (c) Sundararajan Pichai
 - (d) Shantanu Narayan
 5. Who among the following leaders has been re-appointed by the board of Tata Sons Pvt. Ltd. as the Executive chairman of the company for the second five years term ?
 - (a) Venu Srinivasan
 - (b) Ajay Piramal
 - (c) Natarajan Chandrasekaran
 - (d) Rajesh Gopinathan
 6. Identify the first foreign country to adopt India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) system paying the way for transforming the digital economy of the country –
 - (a) Sri Lanka
 - (b) Nepal
 - (c) Pakistan
 - (d) Myanmar

7. In January 2022, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) launched a mobile app On investor education in Mumbai with an aim to create awareness among investors about the basic concepts of the securities market identify the name of this app.
 - (a) Saathi
 - (b) Digi Locker
 - (c) Mkavach
 - (d) Digi sevak
8. The two day long study in India (Sii) 2022 was organized by the High Commission of India in which of the following countries with a view to strengthen friendly relations between the two nations ?
 - (a) Nepal
 - (b) Bhutan
 - (c) Indonesia
 - (d) Bangladesh
9. In 2022, who among the following scientists has been appointed as the new chairman of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) ?
 - (a) K. Sivan
 - (b) P. Kunhikrishnan
 - (c) S. Somnath
 - (d) Mylswamy Annadura
10. In November 2021, the Delhi High Court asked the Table Tennis federation of India to give a clean chit to which of the following players who had made a complaint against the National Sports body ?
 - (a) Manika Batra
 - (b) Sharath Kamal
 - (c) Sathiyam Gnanasekaran
 - (d) Neha Agarwal
11. In March 2022, India Global forum's (IGF) annual summit which brought together prominent faces of tech – driven disruption and those who have entered the unicorn club, as well as union ministers and Global business executives was held at –
 - (a) Chennai
 - (b) Ahmedabad
 - (c) Hyderabad
 - (d) Bengaluru

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1. (a) Arundhati Bhattacharya was the first woman to head India's largest bank, the State Bank of India. Indomitable is the engrossing story of her journey from modest beginnings, the challenges she faced, especially as a woman, and her grit and inventiveness in overcoming them.
2. (c) The Government of India has joined hands with the Government of Israel to create 150 'Villages of Excellence' in 12 States of the country, to help farmers to adopt the latest technology in the farm sector. Israel would provide technical assistance and other expertise to make agriculture a more profitable business.
3. (a) India women's hockey team won a bronze medal after beating China 2-0 in Hockey Women's Asia Cup on 28 January 2022. The match was held at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex in Muscat, Oman. India has won the title twice earlier.
4. (c) Pichai Sundararajan, better known as Sundar Pichai, is an Indian-American business executive. He is the chief executive officer of Alphabet Inc. and its subsidiary Google. Born in Madurai, India, Pichai earned his degree from IIT Kharagpur in metallurgical engineering.
5. (c) Natarajan Chandrasekaran (born 2 June 1963) is chairman of Tata sons. He was Chief operating officer (COO) and executive director of Tata consultancy service (TCS), where in 2009, he became Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He was also the chairman of Tata Motors and Tata Global Beverages (TGB). He became the first non-Parsi and professional executive to head the Tata Group. On 18 December 2019, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLAT) held the appointment of Chandrasekaran as illegal and restored Cyrus Mistry as executive chairman. In January 2020 the Supreme Court of India overruled NCLAT.

6. (b) Nepal has adopted the unified payment interface developed by India for digital transactions. Earlier this year, Bhutan also launched a BHIM-UPI based payment service for digital transactions.
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