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## Current Affairs:

### NATIONAL

#### Swachh Survekshan-2018 launched to assess sanitation:

**Central government** launched 'Swachh Survekshan-2018' to rank all the **4,041 cities and towns** of the country based on infrastructure development for improved sanitation services and their sustainability, outcomes, citizen connect and visible impact on ground.

This would be the **first Pan-India survey** to assess sanitation levels in all the cities and towns of the country impacting the lives of about 40 crore urban citizens, considered as the largest of its kind in the world. Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs, **Narendra Singh Tomar** launched the survey.

#### Rajya Sabha passes Constitution (123rd Amendment) Bill, 2017 with amendments:

The **Rajya Sabha** passed the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-third Amendment) Bill, **2017** with amendments providing for setting up of a National Commission for Backward Classes, was passed after dropping **Clause 3**. The dropped clause pertains to the insertion of a **new article 338B** about the constitution and powers of the National Commission for Backward Classes.

#### Government to end LPG subsidy by March next year:

The **government** has ordered **state-run oil companies to raise subsidised cooking gas, LPG, prices by four rupees per cylinder** every month to **eliminate** all the subsidies by **March next year**. Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said.

#### SC bans use of five metals in firecrackers:

The **Supreme Court** imposed a **ban** on the use of **five harmful metals** including **lead** and **mercury** in firecrackers as they cause enormous air

pollution. A bench headed by **Justice Madan B Lokur** prohibited use of **lithium, mercury, arsenic, antimony, lead metals** which are used in the manufacturing of firecrackers.

#### PM Modi to inaugurate two-day Rajaswa Gyansangam on 1st September in New Delhi:

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **two-day "Rajaswa Gyansangam"** on 1st September in **New Delhi**. The focus of the discussion will be on GST as well as on **unearthing black money**.

#### Projects worth Rs 425 crore approved by NMCG:

The **Executive Committee** of **National Mission for Clean Ganga** in its **4th meeting** held approved seven projects worth **Rs 425 crore** in the sector of sewage infrastructure, Ghat development and research. All the six projects will be provided with Operation and Maintenance cost for **15 years** by Central government and 100 per cent central assistance.

#### Government enters into 9 unilateral APAs with taxpayers in July:

In a bid to foster a non-adversarial tax regime, the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** entered into **nine Unilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (UAPAs)** with Indian taxpayers during the month of July, the government said.

The **APA Scheme endeavours** to provide certainty to taxpayers in the domain of transfer pricing by specifying the methods of pricing and determining the Arm's Length Price of international transactions in advance for a maximum period of five future years.

#### Modi announces Rs 2,350-crore flood relief for North-East

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** announced a package of **Rs.2,350 crore** for all North-East states for mitigating the impact of floods on short- and long-term basis. From this special package **Rs. 2,000 crore** to the region for **relief and rehabilitation** and **Rs. 100 crore rupees** corpus to study and find a permanent solution to the **flood problem** in the **north eastern states**. Remaining Rs 250 crore was immediately to carry out relief and rehabilitation.

**Additional fund of Rs 110 cr allocated this fiscal for Border areas development: Kiren Rijju**

**Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijju** informed the **Lok Sabha** that additional fund of **110 crore rupees** has been allocated this fiscal for the development of border areas, taking the total amount to 1,100 crore rupees.

**Ravi Shankar Prasad inaugurates National Conference for Young SPs of States/UTs and Commandants of CAPFs:**

The Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology and Law & Justice, **Ravi Shankar Prasad** inaugurated the National Conference for Young SPs of States/UTs and Commandants of CAPFs in **New Delhi**. The two-day Conference is being organised by **Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D)**, Ministry of Home Affairs.

**Govt launched portal e-Rashtriya Kisan Agri Mandi:**

The **government** launched a **portal e-Rashtriya Kisan Agri Mandi (e-RaKAM)** which will **provide a platform to sell agricultural produce**. e-RaKAM is a first of its kind initiative that leverages technology to connect farmers of the smallest villages to the biggest markets of the world through internet. Food and Consumer Affairs Minister **Ram Vilas Paswan** and Union Minister of

Steel **Chaudhary Birender Singh** jointly launched the portal in **New Delhi**.

**About e-RaKAM:**

**e-RaKAM** is a **digital initiative** bringing together the farmers, PSUs, civil supplies and buyers on a single platform **to ease the selling and buying process of agricultural products**.

Under this initiative, e-RaKAM centres are being developed in a phased manner throughout the country to facilitate farmers for online sale of their produce. The farmers will be **paid through e-Payment directly** into their bank accounts.

**Indian Army develops app for soldiers to track promotions, postings:**

The **Indian Army** has **developed a mobile application** through which serving soldiers can **track details like postings and promotions**. An army official said that through the app named '**Humraaz**', soldiers can also **view their monthly salary slips** and the Form 16 and also download them.

For security reasons, the installation of the application has been linked to verification of **Aadhar details**. The Aadhar details will be verified with the **Army database over National Information Centre cloud** and Army personal will get a one-time-password on their registered mobile number.

**Cabinet approves MoU between India and BRICs countries to set up BRICS Agriculture Research Platform:**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has given its **ex-post facto approval** for a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** signed among India and various BRICs countries for establishment of the **BRICS Agriculture Research Platform (BRICS-ARP)**.

**BRICS-ARP** will be the **natural global platform** for **science-led agriculture-based**

**sustainable development** for addressing the issues of **world hunger**, under-nutrition, **poverty** and **inequality**, particularly between farmers' and non-farmers' income, and enhancing agricultural trade, bio-security and climate resilient agriculture.

The MoU on establishment of the Agricultural Research Platform was signed by the foreign Ministers of BRICS countries in the **8th BRICS Summit held on 16th October, 2016 at Goa**.

### Google's Internet Saathi programme reaches 100,000 villages:

American Internet giant, Google India said that it has reached a **milestone of 100,000 villages** with its Internet **Saathi programme** which was launched as a pilot in Rajasthan in July 2015 along with **Tata Trusts**.

Google will also be expanding the program in two new states - **Haryana and Bihar**.

### First meeting of Japan-India Coordination Forum (JICF) for Development of North-Eastern Region held:

The **first meeting** of the **Japan-India Coordination Forum (JICF)** for Development of North-Eastern Region was held in **New Delhi**. Secretary, Ministry of Development of **North-Eastern Region (DoNER)**, Shri Naveen Verma led the Indian side while the Japanese delegation was led by the Japanese Ambassador to India, **Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu**.

**Priority areas of cooperation** identified by Indian side including Connectivity and Road Network Development, especially inter-State roads & major district roads; Disaster Management; Food Processing; Organic Farming and Tourism were discussed in the meeting.

### 2nd Agri UDAAN, food & agribusiness accelerator program to be launched in Delhi:

In an attempt **to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in agriculture**, **Government will launch 2nd AGRI-UDAAN programme in New Delhi**. It will mentor start-ups and help them connect with potential investors.

This **6 month program** is a unique platform for scale up stage innovators, entrepreneurs and start-ups in the **Food and Agribusiness sectors**. Following the launch of the programme, AGRI-UDAAN will reach out to agri-start-ups in several cities like **Chandigarh, Ahmedabad, Pune, Bangalore, Kolkata and Hyderabad**.

Application will be available at **www.aidea.naarm.org.in**. Top 40 startups will be shortlisted and allowed to pitch in front of panel of evaluators during cohort finalization programme. Out of these about 8 to 12 startups will be selected for final cohort for capacity building workshop.

### Government moves bill in Lok Sabha to raise Nabard's capital to Rs 30,000 cr:

A bill to enable exit of **RBI** from **NABARD** and increase authorised capital of the development institution six times to **Rs 30,000 crore** was introduced in the Lok Sabha. The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 2017** introduced by **Finance Minister Arun Jaitley** also seeks to amend certain clauses in the light of reference of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 and the Companies Act, 2013 in the proposed legislation.

#### NABARD

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Harsh Kumar Bhanwala**

### SAMPADA programme to help promote Food processing sector: Harsimrat Kaur Badal:

**Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal** has said the **2000-crore-rupees SAMPADA programme** by the Centre would help **to promote Food processing sector** in the country in a big

way. The scheme would help improve infrastructure on food processing and establish forward and backward market linkages.

**Aadhaar number not mandatory for registering deaths, clarifies government:**

The government made **Aadhaar numbers** a pre-requisite **for issuing death certificates** to residents of all States, **barring Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya and Assam**, in order to establish the identity of the deceased. The **Registrar General India (RGI)**, in a notification, stated that the Aadhaar-linked death registration will start from **October 1**.

The government, however, clarified that it was not mandatory. If an applicant is not aware of the **Aadhaar number or Enrolment ID Number (EID)** of the deceased, he or she will be required to provide a certificate that the deceased person did not possess Aadhaar number to the best of their knowledge.

However, any false declaration given by the applicant would be treated as an offence as per the provisions of the **Aadhaar Act, 2016** and also the **Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969**. A reading of the **Aadhaar Act indicates** that the penalty for the said offence may be imprisonment up to **one year** and/or fine up to **Rs 25,000**.

**Indian Railways signs first EPC contract with L&T to speed up electrification:**

With the aim of boosting its **“Mission Electrification” plan**, Indian Railways signed its **first Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC)** contract with L&T for large electrification projects. The contract valuing **Rs 1,050 crore** for electrification of 781 route kilometres (RKM) was awarded by **Central Organisation for Railway Electrification (CORE)** and **Konkan Railways**.

**ISRO to sign MoU with CSIR-NPL to make desi GPS:**

Seeking to make desi **GPS** - indigenous **regional positioning system** named as **Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC)** - independent from the US clock system, the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** will on Friday sign an MoU with **CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (NPL)** for time and **frequency traceability services**.

The move will help the desi GPS get formally synchronized with the Indian Standard Time (IST) which is being maintained by the Delhi-based NPL - the timekeeper of India.

**Uber ties-up with Delhi Police to enhance women safety:**

**Uber** is collaborating with **Delhi Police** to allow quick access to **“Himmat”, a women safety mobile app**, through the rider app. This is Delhi Police's **first** partnership with a **technology company** to intensify its focus on the safety of women in the city. With this partnership, Himmat will now be accessible to **lakhs of women** riders in one go.

**IIT Delhi team develops a new antibacterial drug-delivery system:**

A **new antibiotic drug-delivery system** that **improves the efficacy of drugs** thereby reducing the dosage used for treating bacterial infections has been tested in a lab by researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi**. A peptide, which has not been approved for clinical use, bound to gold nanoparticles was able to kill *E. coli* and *Salmonella typhi* more efficiently at lower dosages.

**NCRB merged with bureau of police research:**

The government merged the **National Crimes Records Bureau (NCRB)** has been the principal source of reference by policy makers,

police, criminologists, researchers and media - both in India and abroad, with the **Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)**.

The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) **chief Meeran C Borwankar** said the merger will boost crime data collection and research efforts of the two organisations. It is also implementing the ambitious **crime and criminal tracking network (CCTNS)**. Both the organisations function under the **Union home ministry**.

### **Govt forms action plan for easy execution of trade facilitation agreement:**

The **government** has formulated a detailed action plan with timelines for smooth implementation of **WTO's trade facilitation agreement (TFA)**.

**Members of the World Trade Organisation (WTO)** including **India** has ratified TFA, which **aims** at easing customs procedures, expediting movement, release and clearance of consignments. Legislative changes have been proposed in the **Customs Act 1962**.

For the implementation of the pact, the government has last year set up Cabinet Secretary-headed **National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF)**. Implementation of the plan, which also includes suggestions of the private sector, has been divided into **short term (0-6 months)**, **medium term (6-18 months)** and **long term (18-36 months)**.

### **August 15 to be celebrated as 'Sankalp Parva':**

The Centre has decided to observe this Independence Day as '**Sankalp Parva**' and asked the people **to dedicate themselves to social causes** and share their ideas to make a new India. The **71<sup>st</sup> Independence Day on August 15** to be celebrated as the '**Sankalp Parva**', the Ministry of Personnel said. Terming '**Quit India Movement**' as an important milestone, the government has asked people to take a pledge to

create a new India that is strong, prosperous and inclusive.

### **Govt launches Measles-rubella vaccination campaign across India, 3.3 cr children covered:**

The **government** has launched the **Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccination campaign** in a phased manner for across the country to reduce measles morbidity and mortality; the Lok Sabha was informed.

Health minister **J P Nadda** said the MR vaccination campaign will cover children in the age group of **9 months** to less than **15 years**. **Eight states and UTs** - Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Telangana and Uttarakhand will be part of this phase.

The campaign has started in February 2017 from five states and UTs **Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Goa and Lakshadweep** and about 3.33 crores children have been vaccinated during this campaign.

### **NHAI undertakes massive plantation drive: over 2.5 lakh trees planted last year:**

In order to make **National Highways green, clean** and pollution free, the **National Highways Authority** of India has planted **2.59 lakh** plants in last one year. It has also been decided to institutionalize plantation as an integral part of highway development. A **PMIS portal** is also being developed for monitoring of the plantation progress.

**Chairman, NHAI Shri Deepak Kumar** has directed all Regional Officers to ensure plantation of **at least 1 lakh plants** during the current monsoon season.

### **"Environment Ministry Implementing Two Major Afforestation Schemes in the Country": Dr Harsh Vardhan**

To achieve the targets mentioned in the **National Forest Policy** to maintain **33% forest** and tree cover in the country the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is implementing two major afforestation / tree plantation schemes i.e. **National Afforestation Programme (NAP) scheme** and **National Mission for a Green India (GIM)**. While NAP is being implemented for afforestation of degraded forest lands, GIM aims at improving the quality of forest/increase in forest cover, besides cross-sectoral activities on landscape basis.

**Children aged below 14 not allowed participating in 'Dahi Handi' festival: Bombay HC**

The **Bombay High Court** accepted Maharashtra government's statement that it would **not allow children** below the **age of 14 years** to participate in the **'Dahi Handi'** festival. A division bench of Justices **B R Gavai** and **M S Karnik**, however, refused to impose restrictions on the height of human pyramid formation during the festival.

**NITI Aayog announces partnership with 6 states to transform Health & Education sectors:**

**NITI Aayog** has shortlisted **Uttar Pradesh, Assam** and **Karnataka** under its **'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital', SATH** initiative to handhold them and **transform** their **health sector**. The Aayog has also selected **Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand** and **Odisha** under its **SATH initiative** to transform their education sector. A Program Management Unit to push for efficiency and efficacy in governance structures and service delivery will now be available in the six chosen States for **a period of 30 months**. This **three-way partnership** between **NITI, State Governments** and a knowledge partner for each of the sectors is part of the **Sustainable Action for**

**Transforming Human Capital (SATH) initiative** of NITI Aayog.

**PM Narendra Modi asks people to work to create 'new India' by 2022:**

On the occasion of the **75th anniversary of Quit India movement**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged a pledge by all citizens to "free India from poverty, dirt, corruption, terrorism, casteism, communalism" and create a 'new India' by 2022. The PM launched a **'Sankalp Se Siddhi'**, or **'New India Pledge'** campaign to work shoulder to shoulder "to create the India that our freedom fighters would be proud of".

**DU college becomes first to get air quality monitoring station:**

**Delhi University's** PGDAV (Evening) College is set to get a fully automatic **Air Quality Monitoring Station**, in collaboration with the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC). The college said it was the first educational institute to have such a monitoring station. The station will cost about **Rs 2 crore** and is likely to start functioning by the second week of September.

**8th meeting of Regional Technical Group on Trade, Commerce and Investment held in New Delhi:**

The **eighth meeting** of the **Regional Technical Group** of Confidence Building Measure on **Trade, Commerce & Investment Opportunities** under the **Heart of Asia – Istanbul Process** was hosted by India, as the Lead Country, in **New Delhi**.

The meeting was co-chaired by the Acting Director General, Economic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, **Mr. Hassan Soroosh**, and Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, **Dr. Deepak Mittal**, and attended by representatives of 17 participating countries and supporting

international organisations, including **India, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, UAE, Australia, Egypt, Germany, the UK, the US, the EU and the UN.**

The initiative by India to develop a web portal, with participation of FICCI, for exchanging information on regional markets, trade and investment opportunities; and facilitating networking between businesses for the participating countries.

### **Kerala, Haryana top sanitation survey:**

According to the survey, almost all rural households in **Kerala and Haryana** access to a toilet report. The survey is released by the Ministry of **Drinking Water and Sanitation** and was carried out by the Quality Council of India (QCI). The **Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation** released the findings of the survey of **1.4 lakh rural households**, undertaken by the Quality Council of India (QCI) between May and June this year.

North-eastern States of **Sikkim, Manipur and Nagaland** were top performers with 95% rural households covered by toilets. And so were the Himalayan States of **Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand** with over 90% toilet coverage of the rural houses. Apart from Kerala, Tamil Nadu was the other performer as 79% rural households had access to a toilet. However, neighbouring Puducherry scored poorly with just 43%.

### **ISRO to develop full-fledged Earth observation satellite:**

A new set of future satellites called **hyper spectral imaging** satellites is set to add teeth to the way India is gleaned from about **600 km** in space. Hyper spectral imaging or hype imaging (imaging spectroscopy) combines the power of digital imaging and spectroscopy.

The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** says it plans to launch a full-fledged niche

Earth observation (EO) satellite called the **Hyper spectral Imaging Satellite or HySIS** using a critical chip it has developed. The HySIS satellite critical chip called an "**optical imaging detector array**" indigenously developed by ISRO.

### **Jaitley to present 2nd volume of Economic Survey 2016-17 in Parliament:**

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley presented the second volume of **Economic Survey 2016-17** in both houses of the Parliament. The second volume authored by **Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian** and his team, will contain updated macroeconomic data.

### **No renewal of insurance for vehicles without pollution certificate, says Supreme Court:**

In a bid to curb pollution, the **Supreme Court** issued a directive that insurance of a vehicle will not be renewed unless the owner provides **pollution under control (PUC) certificate**. Among the other slew of directions, the bench headed by **Justice Madan B Lokur** also asked the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to ensure that all fuel refilling centres in the **National Capital Region (NCR)** have PUC centres. The court considered the suggestions given by Environment Pollution Control Authority (EPCA).

### **Rs 5,000 EC for possessing banned plastic in Delhi: NGT**

The **National Green Tribunal (NGT)** imposed an interim ban on use of non-biodegradable plastic bags which are less than **50 microns** in the entire national Capital. A bench headed by **NGT Chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar** also announced an environment compensation of **Rs. 5,000** on anyone found in possession of such banned plastic.

### **Agri Ministry to celebrate "Sankalp to Siddhi: New India Manthan from Aug 19:**

**Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry** will celebrate **Sankalp to Siddhi - New India Manthan (2017-2022)** in all the districts of the country from **19th to 30th** of this month. Shri

Radha Mohan Singh informed that New India Manthan program to be organized in all Districts of the Country.

**Nabin Tan Mon Bikash Yojana launched:**

Heritage Conservation Society has launched a scheme – ‘Nabin Tan Mon Bikash Yojana’ – in memory of Nabin Sharma. The scheme is especially for school children. After August 15 the members will visit schools in the entire region to promote the scheme. Dr Navanil Baruah, Dharendra Nath Choudhury, Nirupama Borgahain were present at the launch of the scheme.

**Government launches new video of national anthem in sign language:**

Union Minister Mahendra Nath Pandey launched a new video of the National Anthem in sign language and said the government addressed the physically challenged “divyang” and not “viklang” to ensure there was no distinction. The 3.35 minute video, directed by Govind Nihalani, stars Bollywood star Amitabh Bachchan along with physically challenged children performing the anthem in sign language with the Red Fort in the background.

**Government reconstitutes existing CBFC for three years:**

The Centre has appointed lyricist Prasoon Joshi as Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification, CBFC, for a period of three years. Mr Joshi has replaced former Chairman Pahlaj Nihalani. Information and Broadcasting Ministry said, there are 12 members in the new board.

**ABOUT CBFC**

CBFC is a statutory body under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, regulating the public exhibition of films under the provisions of the Cinematograph Act. Any Film can be publicly

exhibited in the country only after they have been certified by it.

**CBFC**

- Headquarters: Mumbai

**Government approves 10 Namami Gange projects worth Rs 2,033 crore:**

The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has approved 10 projects in Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh worth about Rs 2,033 crore. “Eight of these projects pertain to sewage infrastructure and treatment, one to river front development and another to Ganga Knowledge Centres.

In Bihar, three major sewage infrastructure projects with a total estimated cost of Rs 1,461 crore in Barh, Kankarbagh and Digha have been approved. In West Bengal, three projects at an estimated cost of Rs 495.47 crore have been approved. Two of them pertain to sewage infrastructure, while the third one is for river front development. In Uttar Pradesh, sewage infrastructure work at Chunar in Mirzapur has also been approved at an estimated cost of Rs 27.98 crore.

The objectives of establishing GMCs (Ganga Monitoring Centres) are efficient monitoring of wholesomeness of river including pollution levels, flow levels, point and non-point sources of pollution, among other parameters.

**Environment Minister launches ‘Gaj Yatra’ to mark World Elephant Day 2017:**

In a bid to raise awareness about the shrinking space for wild elephants in the country, a ‘Gaj Yatra’ campaign has been launched in Mumbai. The campaign was launched by Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan with NGO Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) at the Siddhivinayak temple in Prabhadevi area.

Dr. Vardhan said that efforts for elephant conservation must bring about a qualitative improvement by the next **World Elephant Day** (August 12<sup>th</sup>). The 'gaj yatra', partnered by the **International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)**. The campaign is planned to cover 12 elephant range states.

### **Nation celebrates 71st Independence Day with patriotic fervour:**

The nation is celebrating its **71st Independence Day** today and the main function was held at the Red Fort in the national capital where Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unfurled the National Flag synchronized with 21-Gun Salute.

Mr Modi said call for the Quit India Movement was "**Bharat Chhodo**," but today, the call is "**Bharat Jodo**." The Prime Minister called for an end to the "chalta hai" attitude of complacency, and its replacement with an attitude of "**badal sakta hai**" for positive change.

### **India's first online course on Infusion Therapy launched:**

**Infusion Nurses Society (INS)** - a global authority in infusion therapy launched **India's first online course** on Infusion Therapy for nurses, under which it **aims** to train over 3,000 nurses in the vital medical procedure.

Announcing the initiative, which will boost nurses even in rural parts of India, INS said that utilising the reach and ease of the **digital platform**, the course will enable members to **access** the various infusion therapy modules and presentations through its website.

### **Independence Day: 112 Gallantry Awards to be given on I-Day**

President **Ram Nath Kovind** has approved **112 Gallantry Awards** to armed forces and paramilitary personnel on the occasion of the 71st

Independence Day. The Awards includes **5** Kirti Chakras, **17** Shaurya Chakras, **85** Sena Medals (Gallantry), **three** Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry) and **two** Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry). Of all 112, **19** are posthumous.

Those awarded the Kirti Chakra include **Major Preetam Singh Kunwar** of the Garhwal Rifles; **Havildar Giris Gurung** (Posthumous) from the First Gorkha Rifles; **Major David Manlun** (Posthumous), of the Naga Regiment; **Pramod Kumar** (Posthumous), Commandant, 49 Battalion, Central Reserve Police Force and Chetan Kumar Cheeta, Commandant, CRPF.

He also paid homage to Martyrs at **Amar Jawan Jyoti** in New Delhi on the occasion of 71st Independence Day.

### **PM Narendra Modi Launches Website To Honour Gallantry Award Winners Since Independence:**

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi** launched a website to honour all the gallantry award winners since Independence.

"In remembrance of our heroes who have been awarded gallantry awards since Independence, launched the site **<http://gallantryawards.gov.in>**," the Prime Minister said. If you have any information or photo that is missing and can be added to the portal, please share it through the feedback link on the site.

### **Lord Krishna-themed coin to be released by Chad on Janmashtami:**

A limited edition silver coin on Lord Krishna will be released on **Janmashtami on August 15** by the **Republic of Chad** in commemoration of the **5,244th birth anniversary** of the Hindu God. This **full-dimensional 3D coin** weighs 100 grams and has been made of pure silver, numismatist **Alok K Goyal**, the designer of the coin, said.

The Lord Krishna-themed coin has been decorated with more than **50 pieces** of Swarovski crystals. It has a **3D figure of baby Krishna on a leaf**. It is **65 mm** in diameter and of **40 mm height**. There will be **251 pieces** made available for sale in the Indian market out of a total of **501**. People who want to buy it have to do it online on **www.headytail.com**. The price has been kept at **Rs 25,555 per coin** with free shipping within India.

### **CCEA approves proposal of DIPAM for strategic disinvestment:**

The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA** has approved the proposal of **Department of Investment and public Asset Management, DIPAM** for the **strategic disinvestment**. The approval will help in **speedy completion of strategic disinvestment transactions**.

- (i) For setting up an **Alternative Mechanism (AM)** consisting of the Finance Minister, Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Minister of Administrative Department, to decide on the matters relating to terms and conditions of the sale from the stage of inviting of Express of Interests (Eols) till inviting of financial bid; and
- (ii) For empowering the **Core Group of Secretaries (CGD)** to take policy decisions with regard to procedural issues and to consider deviations as necessary from time to time for effective implementation of decisions of CCEA.

### **Cabinet approves raising of over 9000 cr through NABARD for completing irrigation projects under PMKSY:**

The Union Cabinet has approved raising extra budgetary resources up to **9,020 crore rupees** for **Long Term Irrigation Fund in 2017-18**. Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** said that the amount will be raised by **NABARD through Bonds**.

The Fund seeks to make loans from NABARD attractive for states by ensuring lending rate of 6

per cent per annum. The loans are for implementation of Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme works of **99 ongoing** prioritised irrigation projects under **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana**.

### **NHAI takes steps to facilitate availability of FASTags for Electronic Toll Collection:**

In order to facilitate the availability of **FASTags for Electronic Toll Collection**, NHAI has taken two revolutionary steps in consultation with **RBI** and **NPCI**. These include online sale of **FASTags** and **offline sale** through **Common Services Centre (CSC)** near toll plazas.

FASTag can also be purchased online from Issuer Banks websites / NHAI website / IHMCL website and will be delivered by courier at the door step of the purchaser. It is expected that this move will increase the sale of **FASTags** by **improving availability and access**.

### **North Eastern Cultural and Information Centre to be set up in Delhi: Dr. Jitendra Singh**

The **Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (I/C)**, Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, **Dr. Jitendra Singh** said that a North Eastern Cultural and Information Centre will be set up in Delhi soon. The project is expected to be completed within **1-2 years** and at a cost of approximately Rs. **50-55 crores**. It will act as a hub for cultural and convention related activities of North East.

### **EESL and IOCL, BPCL & HPCL sign MOUs for distribution of Energy Efficient appliances UJALA:**

**Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**, under the Ministry of Power, signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)** under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) for

distribution of energy efficient appliances under the flagship **Unnat Jeevan by Affordable LEDs** and appliances for **All (UJALA) scheme**.

According to the agreement, Oil Marketing Companies- **IOCL, BPCL and HPCL** will take up distribution of LED Bulbs, LED Tubelights and energy efficient Fans from select retail outlets across the country. In the first phase, distribution will commence from the states of **Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra**. The consumer can purchase high quality 9W LED Bulbs for Rs 70, 20W LED Tubelight for Rs 220 and Five-Star Rated Ceiling Fan for Rs 1,200/-.

Currently, over **25.5 crore** LED Bulbs, over **30.6 lakh** LED Tubelights and around **11.5 lakh** energy efficient fans have been distributed in the country under the UJALA scheme.

**Cabinet approves creation of a single non-lapsable corpus fund for Secondary and Higher education from the proceeds of Cess for Secondary and Higher Education levied under Section 136 of Finance Act, 2007:**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has accorded its approval for creation of a **non-lapsable pool** in the Public Account for secondary and higher, education known as "**Madhyamik and Uchchar Shiksha Kosh**" (**MUSK**) into which all proceeds of "Secondary and Higher Education Cess" will be credited.

The funds arising from the MUSK would be utilized for schemes in the education sector which would be available for the benefit of students of secondary and higher education, all over the country.

**PM addresses Young Entrepreneurs at the "Champions of Change" initiative organised by NITI Aayog:**

The Prime Minister interacted with Young Entrepreneurs at the "**Champions of Change**"

initiative organised by **NITI Aayog at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra**. He described the "Champions of Change" initiative as one effort to bring together diverse strengths for the benefit of the nation and society.

Six groups of Young Entrepreneurs made presentations before the PM on **themes** such as - **Soft Power: Incredible India 2.0; Education and Skill Development; Health and Nutrition; Energizing a sustainable tomorrow; and Digital India; New India by 2022.**

**Government extends tax exemption for industry in NE, hilly states:**

**Industries in the north eastern and Himalayan states** will continue to get **tax exemption till March 2027**, albeit as refund, under the current GST regime which was rolled out on July 1, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. Industries in the **north eastern and Himalayan states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand** under the previous excise regime used to get **10-year** exemption.

**Launch of GeMSamvad: The GeM -Industry forum**

An **MoU** was signed between **Government eMarketplace (GeM) SPV** and the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**, in the presence of Smt **Nirmala Sitharaman, Commerce & Industry Minister at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi**. Smt S Radha Chauhan, CEO GeM and Sh Chandrajit Banerjee, DG, CII signed the MoU on behalf of GeM SPV and CII respectively.

This MoU between GeM and CII is aimed at establishing **GeM Samvaad - a participative and collaborative approach** with the industry for promoting Indian industry and entrepreneurship. As part of this initiative GeM & the Indian industry shall work together to:

- Create GeM related awareness and onboard industry members from across the country.

- Create a GeM-Industry Forum for collaboration with the Indian Industry for, seeking inputs on the technical specifications of products and SLAs of services to be procured by the Government agencies, improving the quality of products/services procured especially from the MSMEs, organize annual Public Procurement Convention of all stakeholders and set up GeM Resource Centres at CII Regional Offices

**Govt doubles child care allowance for women with disabilities:**

Centre has **doubled** the child care allowance for women employees with disabilities to **three thousand rupees per month**.

At present, the allowance of **1,500 rupees per month** is given to **Divyang female employees** for taking care of their newborn child. An order issued by **Department of Personnel and Training** said, the allowance will be payable from the time of the child's birth till the child is two years old. It will be payable for a **maximum of two eldest surviving children**.

The DoPT said the above limit will be automatically go up by **25 per cent every** time the **Dearness Allowance** on the revised pay structure rises by **50 per cent**. The decision to hike the allowance is based on the recommendations of **seventh central pay commission**.

**CEOs Conference at New Delhi on 18th and 19th August, 2017:**

A two day **Chief Electoral Officers'** Conference of all States and Union Territories commenced in New Delhi. It was inaugurated by **Shri. A.K. Joti, Chief Election Commissioner of India** and **Shri. O.P. Rawat, Election Commissioner of India**.

He stressed on the need of providing **E-services to stakeholders** and emphasised the requirement to **develop E-Payment gateways** for various election services of Election commission of India.

The need for extensive training programmes on **VVPAT** (Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail) as ECI has decided to conduct all future elections using VVPAT along with **EVMs** (Electronic Voting Machines). CEC also stated that **SVEEP** (Systematic Voter Education and Electoral participation) be developed as core area of election management.

**PM meets crew of Navika Sagar Parikrama:**

**Navika Sagar Parikrama** is a project wherein a team of six women officers of the Indian Navy would circumnavigate the globe on an **Indian-built sail boat INSV Tarini**.

This is the first ever Indian circumnavigation of the globe by an **all-women crew**. The project is scheduled to commence in early Sep 17<sup>th</sup> from Goa, and expect to return to Goa in March 2018, after completing the circumnavigation. **INSV Tarini** is the sister vessel of **INSV Mhadei**. The project is considered essential towards promoting Ocean Sailing activities in the Navy while depicting Government of India's thrust for '**Nari Shakti**'.

The vessel will be skippered by Lt. Commander **Vartika Joshi**, and the crew comprises Lt. Commanders Pratibha Jamwal, P Swathi, and Lieutenants S Vijaya Devi, B Aishwarya and Payal Gupta.

**Govt extends date for filing GST returns, tax payment by 5 more days:**

The **last date for filing returns and payment of taxes** under the **GST regime** has been **extended by five days**. The cut-off for filing maiden GST returns for July was scheduled to end. The returns can now be filed till the 25th of this august month.

In a statement, the Finance Ministry said that certain flood-hit states as well as **Jammu and Kashmir had sought an extension**. There were also reports of GSTN portal facing technical issues because of a huge rush. For taxpayers who have to claim credit for past taxes paid by filing form

**TRANS 1**, the last date for returns will be **August 28<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Govt approves Rs 32,000 cr for Coast Guard:**

The **Centre** has approved a nearly **Rs 32,000 crore** plan for the **Coast Guard** that will give more teeth to **the maritime security agency** in maintaining **vigil on coastal waters**, defence sources said.

The action plan to give a boost to the Coast Guard in terms of **infrastructure and equipment like offshore patrol vessels, interceptor boats, helicopters, aircraft** and critical operational infrastructure were cleared at a meeting chaired by Defence Secretary **Sanjay Mitra**.

### **JP Nadda to launch 15 medical outlets of AMRUT Deendayal in Assam, UP & Punjab:**

**Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare JP Nadda** will launch **15 medical outlets of AMRUT Deendayal in Assam, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab** through Video Conference from Shimla.

**Mr Nadda** will also inaugurate one outlet of **AMRUT Deendayal at Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) Shimla**. Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment, **AMRUT Deendayal Pharmacy** is the flagship programme of Government of India.

The purpose of **AMRUT Deendayal** programme is to provide different kind of medicines and equipment's on **cheap rates** to the patients. The **discount up to 60 percent** on MRP is provided to the patients. The flagship programme was launched in November 2015 and 84 outlets have been opened in 18 states.

### **Union government to double Metro network in 18 months, add 4 new cities on map:**

In a major fillip to urban transport, the Union government is all set to double the **metro rail network** over the **next 18 months**, adding **three new cities** to the **metro map**. The biggest

gainers would be cities in BJP-ruled states, viz. **Lucknow, Ahmedabad and Nagpur**. **Lucknow Metro** would be the **first** off the block as it has received **safety clearance** and would be inaugurated within this month.

Election-bound Gujarat would get its **first 6.3 km stretch** in the capital city Ahmedabad next month. These two stretches would be followed by 28.4 km stretch in Delhi and 28 km in Hyderabad in September.

### **Defence Ministry approves delegation of powers to Border Roads Organisation:**

The **Ministry of Defence** has decided to **delegate administrative and financial powers** to the **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** to avoid delays on account of references between the Chief Engineer, HQ DGBR and the Ministry.

The Defence Ministry intends to bring transformational changes in the organisation in order to **improve the pace of execution of works** and to achieve desired outcomes according to the requirement of the armed forces. A chief engineer of the BRO can accord administrative approval up to **Rs. 50 crore**, ADGBR up to **Rs. 75 crore** and DGBR up to **Rs. 100 crore**.

### **PM reviews progress of Soil Health Cards and PMFBY:**

The Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi**, reviewed the progress of two key schemes related to the **agriculture sector - Soil Health Cards; and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana**.

The Prime Minister was informed that **16 States/UTs** have completed the first cycle of **Soil Health Cards distribution**, and the remaining States are likely to complete the same within weeks.

On **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana**, the Prime Minister was informed that in the Kharif season of 2016, and Rabi season of 2016-17, claims

of over **Rs. 7700 crore** have already been paid, and over **90 lakh farmers** have been benefited.

**National Workshop on Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights:**

The **Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM)**, a professional body under the aegis of the **Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP)**, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, is organizing a three-day workshop on **Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)** from 22nd – 24th August, 2017, in **New Delhi**.

**Shri Rajnath Singh, Union Minister of Home Affairs**, will be the Chief Guest in presence of Smt. **Nirmala Sitharaman**, Minister of State (I/C), Commerce & Industry, and **Shri Kiren Rijjiu**, Minister of State, Home Affairs at the inauguration of the workshop.

**Shri Piyush Goyal addresses the 8th World Renewable Energy Technology Congress:**

**Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal, Renewable Energy and Mines, Shri Piyush Goyal**, addressed a distinguished gathering of delegates attended **8th World Renewable Energy Technology Congress in New Delhi**. The Minister also gave away Energy and Environment Foundation Global Excellence awards 2017 during the inaugural session of the conference.

The annual conference is visualized and planned in the backdrop of India's vision on achieving "**Energy Independence and Power for all by 2022**". It focusses on new Green Technologies to ensure clean, reliable and affordable Renewable Energy supplies.

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**Govt to replace physical Police verification of Passport applicants with online verification within a year:**

**Physical police verification for passport** will not be needed from next year as the Centre is planning to connect the procedure with the **Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems, CCTNS**.

**Union Home Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi** said, the **CCTNS** is expected to be linked with the passport service of the External Affairs Ministry allowing online police verification for passports within a year.

The **CCTNS project finally got** signed by Home Minister Rajnath Singh launching the Digital Police portal that integrates the country's **15,398 police stations online** and allows citizens to report crime and request antecedents' verification online.

**40-member panel named to select films for IFFI:**

The **Information and Broadcasting Ministry** constituted a **40-member 'preview committee'** with filmmaker **Vivek Agnihotri** as its convenor to select movies for the **international film festival at Goa**. Film editor **Aarti Bajaj**, film critic and screenwriter **Khalid Mohamed**, and film director **Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury** are among the other members of the newly-constituted committee.

**The International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** will be held in **Goa** from **November 20 to 28**. Last week, I & B Ministry had constituted the steering committee and the technical committee for the IFFI.

**HRD Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar launches 'Swasth Bachche, Swasth Bharat':**

**'Swasth Bachche, Swasth Bharat'** Programme, an initiative of **Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan** to prepare a physical Health and Fitness Profile Card for more than 12 lakhs of

Kendriya Vidyalaya students was launched in Kochi.  
**Union Minister for Human Resource Development Prakash Javadekar** unveiled the Profile Card in a function held at Kendriya Vidyalaya at KV NAD, Aluva (Kochi).

### **NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant to launch Mentor India Campaign in New Delhi:**

**NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant** will launch the **Mentor India** Campaign in New Delhi. The campaign is a **strategic nation building initiative** to engage leaders who can nurture and guide students at more than **900 Atal Tinkering Labs**.

The labs are **dedicated workspaces** where students from **Class 6th to 12th** learn innovation skills and develop ideas that will go on to transform India. Atal Tinkering Labs have been established across the country as a part of the Atal Innovation Mission. The mission aims to set up over 900 such labs across India and have 2,000 such labs by the end of **2017**.

### **NITI Aayog**

- Niti Aayog CEO: **Amitabh Kant**
- Head Quarters: **New Delhi**

### **National Sports Museum to be established in New Delhi:**

The **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** is going to establish National Sports Museum, first of its kind, at **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi**. The decision was taken **three months** back and after a series of meetings and his personal visits to several locations in the capital, the current venue for museum was finalized by the **Sports Minister Shri Vijay Goel** himself.

### **Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh chairs 42nd AGM of Nehru Memorial Museum & Library Society:**

The **Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh** chaired the **42nd Annual General Body**

**Meeting** of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) Society.

The Meeting approved the Annual Report & Audited Accounts of the NMML Society for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16. During the meeting various issues including **up gradation and renovation of Museum, Digitization of documents, Acquisition** of Books in regional languages and setting up of a Museum for former Prime Ministers, were discussed.

### **Cabinet approves setting up of a Commission to examine the Sub-Categorization within OBCs:**

The **Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** approved a proposal for setting up of a Commission under **article 340** of the Constitution to examine the issue of sub-categorization of the **Other Backward Classes (OBCs)**. The Commission shall submit its report within **12 weeks** from the date of appointment of the Chairperson of the Commission. The Commission shall be known as the Commission to examine the **sub-categorization** of Other Backward Classes.

### **Finance Minister Arun Jaitley chairs 17th meeting of FSDC:**

**Finance Minister Arun Jaitley** chaired the **17th** meeting of the **Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)** in **New Delhi**.

The Council discussed the **issues and challenges** facing the Indian economy and stressed the need to keep constant vigil to manage any external and internal vulnerability. India has macro-economic stability on the back of improvements in its macro-economic fundamentals, structural reforms with the launch of the **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**, action being taken to address the **Twin Balance Sheet (TBS) challenge**, extraordinary financial market confidence, reflected in high and rising bond and especially stock

valuations and long-term positive consequences of demonetization.

The FSDC also took note of the developments and progress made in setting up of **Computer Emergency Response Team in the Financial Sector (CERT-Fin)** and Financial Data Management Centre. Chief Economic Adviser, **Dr. Arvind Subramanian** made a presentation on the state of economy. RBI Governor **Urjit Patel** was also present in the meeting.

### **UIDAI launches door step Aadhar enrolment in Delhi**

**UIDAI** has joined hands with **CSC India** for launching door step enrolment facility in the **national capital** for the elderly, patients and others who cannot travel the Aadhar centres. The van was flagged off by Law and IT Minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad**. UIDAI Chief Executive Officer **Ajay Bhushan Pandey** said at the '**National Conference on Emerging Opportunities through CSC**'.

CSC India provides permit and monitors operations of common service centres across India which are meant to provide government services in rural area. There are about **2.5 lakh** CSCs operational across country.

### **Cabinet approves framework of consolidation of public sectors banks:**

**Cabinet** has also approved framework of **consolidation of public sectors banks**. The decision is aimed at creating strong and **competitive banks in public sector** to meet the **credit needs of a growing economy, absorb shocks** and have capacity to raise resources without depending unduly on the State exchequer.

The decision about creating strong and competitive banks could be solely based on commercial consideration. Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** told reporters that the final scheme will be notified by the Central government in consultation with the **Reserve Bank of India**.

### **5% GST applicable on selling of space for advertisement in print media: Centre:**

**Government** has clarified that **five percent GST** is applicable on **selling of space for advertisement in print media** if an agency buys space from the newspaper and sells the same to clients on its own account.

However, the GST rate will be **18 percent** of the sale commission, if the agency works as an agent of the newspaper on commission basis. The Finance Ministry said, 18 percent GST will be liable, if the advertisement agency supplies any service other than selling of space for advertisement and such supply is not a part of any composite supply.

### **Cabinet approves Closure of loss making Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company:**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, has approved the proposal of Ministry of Railways to close the **Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company Limited (BWEL)** - a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under Ministry of Railways. The implementation will be done as per the timelines prescribed in the guidelines issued by **Department of Public Enterprises (DPE)** on time bound closure of sick/loss making CPSEs.

### **Govt finalises new cadre policy for IAS, IPS officers:**

A **new policy** for **cadre allocation** has been finalised by the **Central government for IAS, IPS and other officers**, aimed at ensuring "national integration" in the country's top bureaucracy. Officers of all-India services - the **Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Forest Service (IFoS)** - will have to choose cadres from a set of zones instead of states.

The existing 26 cadres have been divided into five zones in the new policy proposed by the personnel ministry. **Zone-I** has seven cadres - AGMUT (also known as Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territories), Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Rajasthan and Haryana.

**Zone-II** consists of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha, while **Zone-III** comprises Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. West Bengal, Sikkim, Assam-Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura and Nagaland will constitute **Zone-IV**, while **Zone-V** will have Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

## Commissioning of Second Ship of Landing Craft Utility MK-IV IN LCU L52' (GRSE Yard 2093) at Port Blair

**Dr. Jagdish Mukhi**, Lieutenant Governor, **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**, commissioned **IN LCU L52** into the **Indian Navy at Port Blair**. **IN LCU L52** is the second **Landing Craft Utility (LCU) Mk-IV** class to be inducted into the Indian Navy. The ship has been indigenously designed and built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata**. The commissioning of **L-52** is yet another manifestation of the potential of the country's indigenous design and ship building capability.

## Right To Privacy Is Fundamental Right Under Constitution, Declares Supreme Court:

The **Supreme Court** pronounced that **individual privacy** is a **fundamental right protected by the Constitution**. The ruling was delivered by a rare **nine-member bench** and is based on an array of petitions that challenge the mandatory use of Aadhaar cards which assign a unique **12-digit ID** to every citizen.

The bench, headed by **Chief Justice JS Khehar**, ruled privacy was part of the

**fundamental right to life and personal liberty** guaranteed to all citizens under **Article 21** of the **Constitution**. It also spoke of the right to marriage, procreation, privacy of home and the right to be left alone as other facets of privacy. The broad implication is that the government cannot frame any policy or law that completely takes away the citizen's right to privacy.

## India emerging as important regional strategic partner for US: Heather Nauert

**India** is emerging as a **very important regional strategic partner** for the US that has played an important role in helping Afghanistan by supporting the war-torn country's economy.

State Department Spokesperson **Heather Nauert** told reporters that the US recognises India's contributions in Afghanistan where New Delhi has pledged about **USD 3 billion** for various developmental projects since 2001.

## Cabinet approves New Central Sector Scheme - "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana":

The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** approved renaming the new central **food processing scheme SAMPADA** (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) as **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)** with an aim to benefit **20 lakh farmers** and generate **5.30 lakh jobs by 2020**. The scheme with an allocation of Rs 6,000 crore is expected to leverage investment of Rs 31,400 crore.

During 2015-16, the sector constituted as much as **9.1** and **8.6 per cent** of GVA in **Manufacturing and Agriculture sector respectively**.

(a) To provide impetus to investment in food processing and retail sector, govt. has allowed **100% FDI** in trading including through e-commerce, in respect of food products manufactured and / or produced in India.

(b) The govt. has also set up a Special Fund of **Rs. 2000 crore in NABARD** to make available affordable credit at concessional rate of interest to designated food parks and agro processing units in the designated food parks.

(c) Food and agro-based processing units and cold chain infrastructure have been brought under the **ambit of Priority Sector Lending (PSL)** to provide additional credit for food processing activities and infrastructure thereby, boosting food processing, reducing wastage, create employment and increasing farmers' income.

#### **Finance Minister Sh. Arun Jaitley unveils NITI Aayog's Three Year Action Agenda:**

NITI Aayog's **Three Year Action Agenda** was unveiled by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. The NITI Aayog while suggesting a host of reforms came out with a detailed plan for reforms in the **economy, judiciary, regulatory structure and social sectors**, in its 'Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20'. The Action Agenda is an integral part of the **15-year Vision Document of India** being drafted by the NITI Aayog.

#### **Civil Aviation Ministry launches 2nd round of bidding for UDAN:**

**Civil Aviation** Ministry launched the **second round** of bidding for its **Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN**. The scheme aims at providing connectivity to special priority areas which include **Jammu and Kashmir, North East, Lakshadweep, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands**. The important changes that are being effected, routes with stage length less than **150 Kms** will now be permitted for operations as RCS Routes through fixed wing aircraft.

#### **Govt sets up task force on artificial intelligence:**

**Government** has constituted a **task force** on **Artificial Intelligence** for the **country's Economic Transformation**. The **18-member panel**, headed by **Dr. V. Kamakoti of IIT Madras**, will comprise of experts, academics, researchers and industry leaders. It will explore the possibilities to leverage **Artificial Intelligence** for development across various fields.

The task force will submit concrete and implementable recommendations for government, industry and research institutions. **Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** said, with rapid development in the fields of information technology and hardware, the world is about to witness a fourth industrial revolution.

#### **EESL to procure 50 lakh Smart Meters for realization of Smart Grids in India Smart Meters are being procured for smart grid projects in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh:**

**Energy Efficiency Services Ltd. (EESL)**, under the **Ministry of Power, Government of India** had put out a mega tender for procurement of **50 lakh** smart meters in July, which would help in reducing AT&C losses, power theft and also help in monitoring of round the clock power supply eventually leading to greater efficiency and **24X7 power for all**.

The meters are being procured for implementation of smart grid projects in the states of **Haryana and Uttar Pradesh**. These meters will help these states in not only significantly reducing their AT&C losses way of increased billing efficiency, but will completely change the way in which electrical energy is presently being consumed and paid for by the ordinary consumers.

#### **Dr Jitendra Singh releases DARPG Grievance Study Analysis of 20 Ministries:**

The **Union Minister of State** (Independent Charge) of the **Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel,**

Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, **Dr Jitendra Singh** released the Department of Administrative Reforms and Grievances (DARPG)'s **Grievance Study Analysis of 20 Ministries**.

He also talked about the Government's initiatives for pensioners such as **Anubhav** and **Sankalp**. He said that Mobile App for pensioners is an example how the technology is being optimally utilised for good governance initiatives. He said that all ministries/departments will switch over to **e-office** by the end of this year.

### Rural Games set to take place in New Delhi:

The **first edition of Rural Games** or **Grameen Khel Mahotsav** will kick-start in Delhi. Sports Minister **Vijay Goel** announced it at a press conference in New Delhi. The games will start from August 28<sup>th</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Rural Games aims at popularising the indigenous games like **wrestling** and **athletics** and will also have fun games like **Matka Race**, **Tug of War** for senior citizens. In the first stage, the games will be held in Alipur, Mehrauli, Nangloi, Najafgarh and Shahadara in Delhi where ten thousand youngsters will participate. **Grameen Marathon** organised by the Sports Ministry marked the beginning of the Rural Games fever with participation of over 16,000 youth from rural Delhi.

### DRDO, IAI to produce MRSAM missile system by 2020 for Indian Army:

**Indian Army** will finally get an advanced **Medium-Range Surface To Air Missile (MRSAM)** system by **2020** which will be able to shoot down ballistic missiles, fighter jets and attack helicopters from a range of around 70 km. The missile system will be produced by premier defence research organisation DRDO in collaboration with the **Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)**.

The MRSAM system will be capable of shooting down enemy ballistic missiles, aircraft,

helicopters, drones, surveillance aircraft and **AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control Systems)** aircraft, the official said on condition of anonymity as he is not authorised to speak to the media. The current version of MRSAM is operational with the **Indian Air Force** and the **Navy**.

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has signed a **Rs 17,000 crore deal** with the IAI for the ambitious project. The MR-SAM, a land-based version of the long-range surface-to-air missile (LRSAM) for the Navy, will have a strike range of up to **70 km**. The deal envisages 40 firing units and around 200 missiles.

### Arun Jaitley launches BEML's ultra modern metro manufacturing facility:

**Defence Minister Arun Jaitley** launched **BEML's third Line Ultra Modern Metro Manufacturing Facility** to **enhance the production** of metro cars for the forthcoming **metro projects in India**. He inaugurated the indigenously designed and developed biggest ever diesel **excavator BE1800D** and crawler dozer BD475-1 and T-72 hull, meant for fitting into tanks, at Kolar Gold Fields (KGF) unit of Bharath Earth Movers Limited.

BEML had secured a **Rs. 1,421-crore** contract from Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation (BMRCL) for supply of metro cars. The contract is scheduled to be completed by **December, 2018**.

### Ministry of Textiles to organize Pan India camps from 7th-17th October:

**Ministry of Textiles** has decided to **organize Pan India camps** in **handlooms** and **handicrafts clusters**, under the initiative - **Hastkala Sahyog Shivir**. According to an official release, the camps will be organized during **7th to 17th of October** this year.

This initiative is dedicated to **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Garib Kalyan Varsh**, the

birth centenary year of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay**.

In these camps, services including credit facilities through **MUDRA scheme**, assistance for technological upgradation under Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayat and distribution of modern tool kits and equipments will be provided to the weavers and artisans.

**MNRE & GIZ Signs Agreement to Improve Framework Conditions for Grid Integration of Renewable Energies:**

The **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India** and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH India on behalf of the **Government of the Federal Republic of Germany** signed an agreement on technical cooperation under the “**Indo-German Energy Programme – Green Energy Corridors (IGEN-GEC)**”.

The **main objective** of this programme component is to improve the sector framework and conditions for grid integration of renewable energies.

In the distinguished presence of **Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy and Mines Shri Piyush Goyal** and the German Ambassador to India, H.E. Dr. Martin Ney, the agreement was signed by **Dr. Wolfgang Hannig**.

**Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu Launches Sports Talent Search Portal:**

**Ministry of Youth Affairs and sports** has launched **Sports Talent Search Portal** to spot the best talent from among the young population of the country. The portal was launched by the **Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu** at a function at the **Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi**.

Any person interested in registration on the portal can visit **www.nationalsportstalenthunt.com** Or **www.nationalsportstalenthunt.in** by following the registration procedure to upload their achievements and videos etc.

**Smriti Irani to inaugurate 92nd foundation course programme for civil services probationers:**

**Information and broadcasting Minister Smriti Irani** will inaugurate **92nd foundation course programme for civil services probationers** at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of administration in Mussoorie.

**First Synergy Conference on Defence Pension Organised by Defence Accounts Department:**

The **Defence Accounts Department (DAD)** organized its **first Synergy Conference on Defence Pensions**. The conference was attended by all Defence Pensioners Associations and was open to all Defence Pensioners. Additional Controller General of Defence Accounts (Addl. CGDA) **Shri Prashant Sukul**, emphasized the importance of stakeholder consultations by way of **Synergy Conferences initiated by DAD**.

The objective of the conference was to **obtain feedback from the pensioners** that would help the department to serve them better with constantly improving systems and procedures. Digitization of pension data and implementation of a **pensionsapp** were also discussed in detail.

**Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurates YUVA – a skill development programme YUVA is Delhi Police initiative under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana:**

The **Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the **YUVA – a skill development programme** and an initiative by

## Delhi Police under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana.

The 'YUVA' initiative by Delhi Police aims to connect with youth by upgrading their skill as per their competencies. It will help them to get a gainful employment under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna under the Ministry of Skill Development. Delhi Police has tied up with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for providing mass job linked skill training for the selected youth. It will provide job linked training through its Sector Skill Councils who are connected to industry and thereby provide job guarantee.

## ANDHRA PRADESH

### Andhra Pradesh first to implement Bharat QR digital payments to make Vizag less-cash city:

Andhra Pradesh's Eastern Power Distribution Company Ltd (EPDCL) and the Southern Power Distribution Corporation of AP Ltd (SPDCL) have become the first state-owned distribution companies in India to accept payments through Bharat QR, the world's first interoperable quick response code acceptance solution launched by the Reserve Bank of India. As part of the 'Vizag less-cash city' initiative underway between Visa and the Andhra Pradesh government, the state has witnessed a slew of initiatives aimed at increasing the rate of digital payment adoption.

### ISRO to launch new satellite on August 31:

Indian Space Research Organization ISRO has scheduled its next satellite launch on the 31st of this month. A release from the national space agency has said it would put into orbit the IRNSS-1H satellite at 18:59 hours on the day using the rocket PSLV-C39 from Sriharikotta.

The release has further said, the payload would augment the capacity of India's

seven-satellite 'NavIC' constellation in space. The NavIC constellation provides spatial information on moving and non-moving objects in and around the country.

### Andhra Pradesh:

- Capital: Amaravati
- Chief Minister: N. Chandrababu Naidu
- Governor: E. S. L. Narasimhan

## ASSAM

### Assam Farmers get relief from the Govt:

The Assam government is all set to distribute 13 lakh Soil Health Cards among farmers. State Agriculture Minister Atul Bora said, 1 lakh 41,000 cards have been distributed from April last year to June this year.

Under the scheme, the government plans to issue soil cards to farmers which will carry crop-wise recommendations of nutrients and fertilisers required for the individual farms to help farmers to improve productivity through judicious use of inputs. And Rs.7.54 crore has been released as subsidy to farmers under crop insurance.

It has been given to successfully implement Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichi Yojna in Assam, for community nursing to help flood hit farmers. Amount of 600 crore rupees have been sanctioned by the Centre for Prime Minister Awas Yojna Urban scheme in Assam.

### Centre declares entire Assam as 'disturbed' area under AFSPA for another month:

The Centre has declared entire Assam state as a disturbed area under the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, AFSPA for one more month, citing various violent activities by insurgent groups ULFA, NDFB, and others. The Home Ministry also declared Meghalaya's border areas adjoining Assam and three districts in Arunachal Pradesh as disturbed under the AFSPA.

### Assam govt proposes project to improve rural road connectivity:

The **Assam government** has proposed ambitious project to improve rural road connectivity. Managing Director of Assam State Transport Corporation A P Tiwari said that government is mulling to start **Chief Minister's Lok Parivahan Yojna**.

Apart from this, **140 uncovered routes** of the state will be covered. He also said that a slew of measures are being initiated to make the **corporation a profit making body**. Mr. Tiwari said that **commercial complexes** will be constructed at **PPP mode**. He further said that super deluxe buses including Mercedes will run in **Guwahati by October** this year.

#### **Compassionate family pension in Assam instead of employment**

The **Assam government** said that it will notify a scheme for **compassionate family pension** in lieu of job offers to family members as it did not serve the objective due to practical difficulties.

Accordingly, it is proposed to notify a new scheme called '**Scheme for Compassionate Family Pension in lieu of Compassionate Appointment**', which will be known as 'Compassionate Family Pension Scheme' or CFP Scheme.

The new scheme will be applicable to all employees of the state government, all others as eligible under **Assam Services (Pension) Rules, 1969**, all state government employees under NPS category and All India Services officers borne on Assam cadre.

#### **Eronet to be launched in Assam on Aug 28:**

In **Assam**, new internet based software '**Eronet**' introduced by **the Election Commission of India** will be launched in **Assam on 28th August**.

Eronet is useful for various activities relating to **electoral roll** such as the inclusion of name,

deletion, name correction, transfer of name including providing the new photo identity cards. General voters may apply online for facilitation of various activities relating to electoral roll through the already in-use portal **nvsp.in**.

#### **Assam**

- Capital: **Dispur**
- Chief Minister: **Sarbananda Sonowal**
- Governor: **Banwarilal Purohit**

#### **BIHAR**

#### **Bihar govt decides compulsory retirement for non performing teachers & officials of education department above 50:**

The **Bihar Government** has decided to **compulsory retire non performing** head masters, teachers and education department officials above the **age of 50 years**. This decision was taken after the review of the education department by Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar**.

#### **Centre launches scheme to provide legal aid easily in Bihar:**

The **Centre** in association with the **National Legal Service Authority (NALSA)** launched '**Tele-Law**' scheme in **Bihar** with an aim to **provide an opportunity** for the **common man** to **access legal aid easily**.

Under the scheme, villagers can have access to legal consultation with the help of para legal volunteers at **Common Service Centre (CSC)** which will be equipped with computers and Internet facility.

The **Tele-Law** scheme was launched in the presence of **Supreme Court Justice Dipak Misra**, who is also **executive chairman of NALSA**, Union Law and Justice and IT minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

#### **Nitish launches mobile therapy van for elderly people:**

**Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar** flagged off **mobile therapy vans** which would provide basic **medical assistance** to elderly people, widows and other section who requires social security.

The CM flagged off mobile therapy vans to launch "**Buniyadi Sanjivani Sewa**" at a function in presence of **Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi** and minister for Social Welfare department Manju Varma. The van is an outcome of a joint project of the **World Bank** and the **Bihar government** which is run by Social Welfare department.

**Narendra Modi announces Rs 500 crore flood relief package for Bihar:**

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi** announced a **Rs 500 crore relief package** for Bihar after conducting an aerial survey of the flood-hit regions in the state. Modi assured "all assistance" to Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. He also announced an ex-gratia of Rs **two lakh** to the **kin of the victims** and Rs **50,000** for those injured during the **floods**.

**Bihar**

- Capital: **Patna**
- Chief Minister: **Nitish Kumar**
- Governor: **Keshari Nath Tripathi**  
(Additional Charges)

**CHHATTISGARH**

**Raipur Becomes India's First City To Build A Micro-Forest, Wants To Create An Oxy-Zone:**

**Nineteen acres** of land which housed around 70 government office buildings in **Chhattisgarh's Raipur** is being converted into India's **first micro forest** in order to create an **oxy-zone**. The micro forest will provide fresh air to Raipur which is the seventh most polluted city in the world. It will reportedly be open to the public in the **next 8 months**.

**Raipur Starts Implementation of 'Raipur City Smart Payment System':**

The **Raipur Smart City** Ltd has initiated the process for implementing the '**Raipur City Smart Payment System**'. The system will comprise preparations of **City Smart Cards, Mobile App** and a web portal on **Public Private Partnership Model**.

The Naya Raipur Smart City System will comprise Smart Governance, City Surveillance, Intelligent Transport management System, Electricity and Water supply and City Command and Control Centre among others.

**Naya Raipur Development Authority (NRDA)** has also taken the next step in "**Smart City**" development with plans now for '**Information & Communication Technology**' enablement of infrastructure and citizen services. The project **aims** at designing a system that includes land management system, city surveillance besides a host of other systems that have been used only in developed countries.

**Chhattisgarh**

- Capital: **Raipur**
- Chief Minister: **Raman Singh**
- Governor: **Balram Das Tandon**

**GOA**

**Coconut palm declared State tree of Goa:**

The State government has decided to include **coconut palm** as **tree** in the **Goa, Daman and Diu (Preservation of Trees Act), 1984** to regulate felling of coconut trees under this Act," the Cabinet stated. The State Cabinet also resolved to declare the coconut tree as the "**State tree**".

**ICGS 'Shaurya' commissioned, Dharmendra Pradhan calls it 'joyous moment' for India:**

The Indian Coast Guard Ship '**Shaurya**', an indigenously built **offshore patrol vessel** by **Goa Shipyards**, was commissioned at Panaji, in **Goa**. The commission was inaugurated by **Union**

**Minister Dharmendra Pradhan**, who expressed his gratitude for being a part of this joyous moment.

This Goa Shipyard **to initiate a pilot project** to explore the use of compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG) in ships like Shaurya and have talked to the GAIL to collaborate in the venture. Focussing mostly on creating **Green Energy fuel**, Pradhan said that this would also help to create Goa as a state for green fuel conversion.

#### **Goa**

- Capital: **Panaji**
- Chief Minister: **Manohar Parrikar**
- Governor: **Mridula Sinha**

#### **GUJARAT**

##### **Gujarat first state to implement coal utilisation between power units:**

**Gujarat** has issued tender for power developers to receive cheap coal marked for the state in return of selling it coal-based power at less than **Rs 2.82 per unit**. Through the auction, Gujarat will transfer the coal allocated to power generating stations owned by **Gujarat State Electricity Corporation (GSECL)** to more fuel efficient private power plants.

The **reverse auction** would be held in September for procuring 1000 MW of power. The successful power plant would be selling electricity to the state from October 1 to June 30, 2018.

##### **Gujarat sets up 1555-hectare 'Japanese Industrial Park' ahead of Shinzo Abe visit:**

Ahead of the Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's scheduled visit to India in September, Gujarat government is setting up a brand new "**Japanese Industrial Park**" on the **Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC)** passing through **Ahmedabad**, which is spread on 1555 hectare and is 15 times bigger in size compared to an existing one.

A **new Japanese Park** will come up at Khoraj **near Sanand**. This is the **second** such park that we are setting up for the Japanese in the state. The state government is expected to spend over **Rs 400 crore** in building the basic infrastructure in this park.

##### **Gujarat govt to give 'Namo' tablets to 3.5 lakh college students for Rs 1000:**

Around **3.5 lakh college students** in **Gujarat** will get tablets at a subsidised rate of **Rs 1,000 each** under a state government scheme launched by chief minister Vijay Rupani in Ahmedabad. Under this scheme, the first year college students in the state will get 7-inch '**NAMO E-Tab**' tablets, which have a market value of Rs 8,000 each, by just paying Rs 1,000.

NAMO E-Tab is the acronym for '**New Avenues of Modern Education through Tablets**'. The state government has allocated **Rs 200 crore** for this scheme, Rupani said during the launch function.

#### **Gujarat**

- Capital: **Gandhinagar**
- Chief Minister: **Vijay Rupani**
- Governor: **Om Prakash Kohli**

#### **HARYANA**

##### **Gurgaon to get 50 new green-fuel stations in 3 years:**

The **Gurugram district** administration has decided to sanction **50 new green-fuel stations in Millennium City** in the **next three years** to control rising air pollution, a pollution control department said.

The **Haryana City Gas Distribution Ltd (HCGDL)**, an authorised dealer to sell **compressed natural gas (CNG)** in Gurgaon, has been given the responsibility construct the 50 stations. The city has 17 CNG stations are distributing 2.5 lakh kg of gas per day and the demand is expected to rise by up to **50 lakh kg** in next three years.

## Govt approves establishment of PG Institutes for Research in Yoga at Nagmangla, Jhajjar:

The **Government** has approved establishment of **Post Graduate Institutes** for **Research in Yoga** and **Naturopathy** at **Nagmangla** in **Karnataka** and **Jhajjar** in **Haryana**. Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik said.

## First-ever transgender beauty pageant to be held in Gurugram:

The first edition of **Miss Transqueen India**, a beauty pageant for transgenders, will take place in **Gurugram**. **Nitasha Biswas**, a trans woman who hails from Kolkata, was named the first Miss Transqueen India in **Gurgaon**.

**Loiloi** from Manipur bagged the first runner-up position and **Ragasya** from Chennai was crowned the second runner-up. Miss Transsexual Australia 2017 Laetia **Phylliscia Raveena** had crowned the first Miss Transqueen India.

## Haryana

- Capital: **Chandigarh**
- Chief Minister: **Manohar Lal Khattar**
- Governor: **Kaptan Singh Solanki**

## HIMACHAL PRADESH

### Every Child in Kangra To Be Covered For Rubella Vaccination:

For the **total eradication of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella** a **signature campaign** was started from the district hospital. District Medical Officer Dr. Rajesh Guleri announced that the awareness campaign about Rubella Vaccination was started by Ms Rajni Vyas, the mayor of Dharamshala Municipal Corporation. A MMR vaccination programme to protect children against measles, mumps and rubella will start in the district of Kangra from **August 1**, where every child between the **age of 9 months to 15 years** shall be vaccinated.

## Himachal Pradesh

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- Capital: **Shimla**
- Chief Minister: **Virbhadra Singh**
- Governor: **Acharya Dev Vrat**

## JAMMU & KASHMIR

### J&K govt would spend Rs 1 lakh crore on education & road connectivity:

The **Jammu and Kashmir government** would spend **Rs 1 lakh crore** on development works in the **next five years**, with special emphasis on **education and road connectivity**. This was stated by the Public Works minister **Naeem Akhtar**.

### J-K govt to setup Eco-Pak in Rajouri:

The **Jammu and Kashmir government** has decided to **build an Eco-Park** on over 34 acres of land reclaimed from encroachers in the **state's Rajouri district**. The park is a **first-of-its-kind** project in the region. It will have a botanical garden, a cactus garden, a cafeteria and other amenities, he said.

Nearly, 34 acres of land has been included in the Eco- Park project coming up at the Kandi belt of Rajouri, district. The project has been planned under the convergence of local resources and it is expected to be completed by **end of this year**.

## Jammu and Kashmir

- Capital: **Srinagar**
- Chief Minister: **Mehbooba Mufti**
- Governor: **Narinder Nath Vohra**

## JHARKHAND

### Jharkhand Cabinet approves Religious Freedom Bill 2017:

**Jharkhand Cabinet** has approved **Religious Freedom Bill 2017** in which forceful or allurements induced religious conversion will be a non-bailable criminal offence.

In the event of violation of section three, there will be up to three years imprisonment or **50,000 rupees** penalty or both. The release added,

if the crime involved a minor, woman or person from **SC or ST community** then the prison term would be up to four years and a penalty of **one lakh rupees**.

**Smriti Irani to inaugurate Orient Craft Textile facility in Jharkhand:**

**Union Minister for Textile and Information & Broadcasting, Smriti Irani** will arrive in **Ranchi** to inaugurate **Orient Craft Textile facility at Irba near Ranchi in Jharkhand**. It is being organised under special make in Jharkhand drive, called **“Momentum Jharkhand”**.

**Cabinet approves completion of balance works of North Koel Reservoir Project:**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has given its approval to the proposal to complete the balance works of the **North Koel Reservoir Project** in **Jharkhand and Bihar** at an estimated expenditure of **Rs.1622.27 crore** to be incurred during three financial years from the start of the project.

The Cabinet also approved storage of water in dam restricted at lower level than envisaged earlier to reduce the submergence and to protect **Betla National Park and Palamau Tiger Reserve**. The project is situated on North Koel river which is a tributary of **Sone river** finally joining the river Ganga.

**Jharkhand**

- Capital: **Ranchi**
- Chief Minister: **Raghubar Das**
- Governor: **Drapadi Murmu**

**KARNATAKA**

**Bengaluru to have India’s first heli-taxi service:**

Bengaluru’s **Kempegowda International Airport** will become the **first airport** in the country to have a **helicopter-taxi (heli-taxi)** service. The

service, which will be operated by **Thumby Aviation Private Limited**, is expected to take off within **three months**. Initially, services will be operated between **KIA and Electronics City**, where a heliport is expected to come up. Estimates by the company peg the **travel time at around 15 minutes**, a journey that takes a few hours by road otherwise.

In **Sao Paulo, Brazil**, a city similar in size to Bengaluru, there is 300 helicopters operating as heli-taxis.

**Suresh Prabhu to inaugurate FIAT Rail Bogie Karkhana in Karnataka:**

The **FIAT Rail Bogie Karkhana**, set up at **Badiyal and Kadachur Villages** in Yadgir district of Karnataka will be **inaugurated by Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu** on August 18. This will be the **first** Railway Production Unit to come up on South Central Railway.

The Karkhana was completed at a cost of **Rs 80.92 crore** and has come up on 150 acres of land given free by Government of Karnataka to Indian Railways. The Karkhana is set up with **Pre-Engineered Building (PEB)** technology. The PEB sheds offer several advantages including superior architectural features and excellent aesthetics.

**India’s first railways disaster management centre to come up near Bengaluru:**

**India’s first railways disaster management** village expected to come up near **Bengaluru** by **December 2018**. It will be used to replicate train accidents so that real time rescue operations could be carried out to improve such efforts.

The ministry has earmarked the **3.32-sqkm village of Hejjala**, with a population of 3,483 people, to develop its Disaster Management Institute and Safety Village at a cost of Rs 44.42 crore, according to the blueprint accessed.

## Karnataka launches 'Indira Canteen' in Bengaluru:

**Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi** launched the **Indira Canteen scheme** a state government initiative named after former prime minister Indira Gandhi aimed at **providing food at low cost to the urban poor**. The state government has launched 101 Indira canteens within city limits which will serve breakfast for **Rs 5**, and lunch and dinner for **Rs 10**.

## Cloud seeding begins in Karnataka:

The **cloud seeding** experiment taken up at cost of **35 crore**, called **Project Varshadhari**, began. This cloud seeding operation, a **first in Magadi and Ramanagaram**, aims to condense small water particles by clouds (size less than 10 microns) to droplets of **50 microns**, which can constitute rains.

The flight is expected to a one-hour sortie and will spray **Silver Iodide, Sodium Chloride and Potassium Chloride** to condense the water particles. A committee, comprising meteorologists, experts in cloud physics and hydrologists, will monitor the process.

## Jaitley launches HAL designed light combat helicopter:

**Defence Minister Arun Jaitley** announced the launch of the production of **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** designed 5.8-tonne category Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) in **Bengaluru**.

It was cleared for procurement by the **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** few months ago. The basic version of LCH has been cleared by the Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification, and the DAC has accorded the approval for the procurement of **15 LCH from HAL** under Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured category. Mr Jaitley also dedicated

the company's role changer design upgrade programme of **Hawk-I** to the nation.

The defence ministry had on November 7, 2016 cleared a **Rs 2,911 crore** procurement of 15 LCHs for the Army and Air Force. These were limited series production (LSP) orders for the armed forces.

## Air Force Chief inaugurates 56th annual aerospace conference:

**Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa** inaugurated the **56th annual three-day** conference of Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine in **Bengaluru**. IAM provides support to the **Indian Aviation Industry**.

## KSTDC announces special Golden Chariot packages for Dasara:

The Department of Tourism through **Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC)** has planned to launch "**Dasara Special Tour Package**" in **Golden Chariot Luxury Train** to promote the State festival. Golden Chariot is the South India's first and only luxury tourist train run by KSTDC. The train will depart from **Yeshwantpur railway station**.

## Karnataka to merge health schemes, launch 'Arogya Bhagya':

**Karnataka**, the **State government** has decided to merge various health schemes and launch unified '**Arogya Bhagya**' to cover all the 1.4 crore households.

The Universal Health Coverage scheme would help the card holder get treatment in all the empaneled private hospitals besides government hospitals to get treatment without paying any cash. The main theme of the '**Arogya Bhagya**' scheme is "**Treatment First and Payment Next**".

## Karnataka

- Capital: **Bengaluru**
- Chief Minister: **Siddaramaiah**
- Governor: **Vajubhai Vala**

**KERALA**

**Kochi Kick-starts E-Waste Management In Schools:**

Kochi initiated **e-waste disposal scheme** which is aimed at **cleaning e-waste like computer, PC** and other electronic equipment from the schools.

The E-waste disposal programme started with a removal Of **12,500 Kg** waste in a single day under an initiative aiming to clear accumulated junk, reportedly estimated at over one crore kg.

The **programme** was launched by **education Minister Prof C Raveendranath**, who flagged off the first vehicle of **E-waste** in a joint initiation by Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE) and Clean Kerala Company.

**Kerala**

- Capital: **Tiruvananthapuram**
- Chief Minister: **Pinarayi Vijayan**
- Governor: **P. Sathasivam**

**MADHYA PRADESH**

**India-ASEAN Youth Summit begins in Bhopal from Aug 14-19:**

**Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam** - will participate in the **India-ASEAN Youth Summit** to be held in **Bhopal** from **August 14-19**. Madhya Pradesh has been chosen for this event as the Sanchi stupa strengthens the state's cultural affiliation with the ASEAN countries.

The exercise will mark the **25th anniversary** of the **ASEAN-India dialogue partnership**. The event is being organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, India Foundation and the state government jointly on the commemorative year's theme **"Shared Values, Common Destiny"**.

Minister of State for External Affairs General VK Singh, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs

and Sports Vijay Goel and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will inaugurate the **five day Summit**. Taking into account the **"Act East Policy"** of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the event becomes even more significant.

**MAHARASHTRA**

**Deadline to apply for crop insurance scheme extended to Aug 5:**

**Maharashtra Agriculture Minister Pandurang Fundkar** informed that the state Government has **extended** the **deadline** for subscribing to the **Union government's crop insurance scheme**.

The extended deadline now is **August 5**. The Minister said the last day to apply for the scheme was **July 31**. But a large number of farmers have not been able to apply for the scheme. Their applications will now be accepted till August 5 at bank branches only and not at Common Service Centres (CSCs).

**PM Modi addresses 99th birthday celebrations of Dada Vaswani via video conference:**

The **Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi**, addressed via video conference, the **99th birthday celebrations** of **Dada Vaswani in Pune**. He recalled that he had first met Dada Vaswani 27 years ago at the World Religions Conference in the United Nations. Dada Vaswani's birthday is celebrated as a **Global Forgiveness Day (August 2<sup>nd</sup>)**.

**Maha govt launches Aadhaar-authenticated Direct Benefit Transfer portal:**

**Maharashtra Government** launched the **MahaDBT portal**, through which benefits of all government schemes will be transferred directly into bank accounts of beneficiaries in the state. **Maharashtra** Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis** **launched** **benefits** of all government schemes will be **transferred directly** into **bank accounts and**

**MahaVASTU** online portals at an event. Maharashtra is the **first state** to launch this system to give direct benefits with 'Aadhaar' authentication.

**MahaVASTU** is an Online Building Permission Management System with an electronic workflow for sanctioning building approvals. **MahaDBT portal** has been **designed on the lines of the central government's direct transfer benefit scheme**. Aadhaar will become mandatory to claim benefits through the portal, an official said.

### **Maharashtra to raise \$270 m from Green Climate Fund:**

The **2030 Water Resources Group (2030WRG)** will help the **Maharashtra Government raise \$270 million** from the Green Climate Fund, which will be invested in integrated **watershed programmes** such as **Jalyukt Shivar Yojana**.

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) is a new fund under the UN and is guided by the principles and provisions of the **UN Framework Convention on Climate Change**. The 2030WRG is hosted by the International Finance Corporation and is public-private-civil society collaboration for water resources reform in developing economies. Its ultimate aim is to close the gap between water demand and supply by the year 2030. The Co-Head (Asia and Middle East) of 2030WRG was **Bastiaan Mohrmann**.

### **Mumbai's first marine rescue centre to come up at Juhu:**

The **dolphins, whales, tortoises and turtles** that wash ashore Mumbai's beaches injured will soon get medical aid at the **city's first marine mammal rescue centre**. Proposed at **Juhu beach**, the centre is part of the government's plan to invest **Rs1 crore** to build rescue centres in every district along **Maharashtra's 720-km coastline**.

### **Maharashtra Government Launches 'Namo Yuva Rojgar Kendra':**

Maharashtra Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis** launched "**Namo Yuva Rojgar Kendra**" an initiative providing job opportunities to unemployed youth in Mumbai. There are various schemes like **farmers weekly market, farmers mobile market and mother's tiffin**, under this Yuva Rojgar Kendra and they can get fresh and healthy food, as well as farm, produce procured directly from farmers.

These products will be made available **with the help of mobile vans** all over Mumbai and the information about the location of the vans is made **available through an app**. This app was also launched by the Chief Minister.

### **Maharashtra CM inaugurates next gen projection mapping system:**

**Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis** inaugurated the next **generation projection mapping system** at the iconic Gateway of India in south Mumbai. The amazing show at Gateway is about the story of Mumbai as the city of cricket legends, dabbewalas and spirited fighters against terrorism.

Cricket legend **Sachin Tendulkar**, business tycoon **Anand Mahindra**, ministers **Subhash Desai, Ram Shinde, Jaykumar Rawal** were also present on the occasion.

### **India's First World Peace University Inaugurated in MIT, Pune:**

**MIT World Peace University**, the first of its kind in India, was inaugurated by **Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis**.

Following the celebrations, a two-day '**Global Summit Science and Spirituality for World Peace**' was organized on the next day discussing issues of national and international

importance and how a different outlook towards education could solve many of them.

**Sushma Swaraj to inaugurate first Videsh Bhavan in Mumbai:**

**External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** will inaugurate the **country's first Videsh Bhavan**, assimilating all **Regional Passport Offices** under one roof, at the **Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC)**.

The formal **inauguration on August 27** by Sushma Swaraj follows the shifting of the RPO from its **Worli premises** to the **Videsh Bhavan** from August 14 and merging of the **Thane and Mumbai RPOs** from August 21.

As a first pilot project, **four offices** of MEA — **Regional Passport Office (RPO)**, **Protector of Emigrants (PoE) office**, **Branch Secretariat** and **Regional Office of ICCR** — have been integrated and brought to function under one roof at the state-of-art office in **BKC**

Minister of State for External Affairs Gen. (Retd) **V.K. Singh**, Maharashtra Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis**, Administrator of Union Territories of **Daman & Diu** and **Dadra & Nagar Haveli** **Praful Patel** and other dignitaries will be present on the occasion.

**Mumbai: Railway Police to launch special helpline for reporting crime**

The **Government Railway Police (GRP)** in **Mumbai** is going to set up a **special emergency railway helpline** to respond to passengers' complaints quickly.

Commuters can dial **1512** to directly report thefts, harassment of women, fights, etc. to the nearest officer. Within **five minutes**, a GRP team will arrive outside the complainant's **compartment at the next station**.

**Maharashtra**

- Capital: **Mumbai**
- Chief Minister: **Devendra Fadnavis**

- Governor: **C. Vidyasagar Rao**

**MANIPUR**

**Nungthaang Tampak becomes North East's first 100 % computer literate village:**

**Nungthaang Tampak** village has emerged as the **'100 percent computer literate'** not only in the state but in the entire North East. The training program was organised by **Mangaal Rural**, an NGO working for rural development.

The computer course, which is affiliated to All India Society for Electronic and Computer Technology (AISECT), was organised by **Mangal Rural** as a part of the Digital India program. The **Nungthang Tampak** has become India's second 100 percent computer literate village in India. Kerala's **Chamravattom village** is the country's first 100 percent computer literate village.

**Manipur**

- Capital: **Imphal**
- Chief Minister: **N. Biren Singh**
- Governor: **Najma Heptulla**

**ODISHA**

**Illegal Mining: Odisha expects to collect Rs 17,000 cr as penalty**

**Odisha** government has said, it is expecting to collect **17000 crore rupees** fine from the mine owners who have **extracted minerals illegally**. The decision was taken in a meeting presided over by **Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi** in **Bhubaneswar** on the basis of a empowered committee estimate.

**Odisha govt and Facebook launches 'She Means Business' programme to train women entrepreneurs:**

**Chief minister Naveen Patnaik** launched **'She Means Business'** programme of **Facebook** for **women entrepreneurs in Odisha**. Under the scheme **25, 000 women** entrepreneurs and **self-**

**help group (SHG) members** will be given training on digital marketing skills within next one year. Number of new women-owned small and medium business pages on Facebook in India has increased approximately **six-fold in last four years** (2012-2015).

## Odisha: Special programme to prevent spread of malaria

A special programme would soon be launched to prevent the spread of malaria in remote areas of Odisha's Ganjam district. The programme has been christened as "**Durgama Anchalare Malaria Nirakaran**" (**DAMON**). The community health centres have been identified as Patrapur, Adapada, Badagada, Dharakote and Gallery (Ganjam).

People testing **positive** for malaria will be provided treatment under the programme. Besides other diseases **like malnutrition** among the children and complicity among the **pregnant women** will also be identified in the camps and necessary treatment will be provided. Around **15,000 people** would be covered under the programme.

## IOC to invest Rs 52,000 cr in Paradip refinery post pact with Odisha govt:

**State-owned Indian Oil Corp (IOC)** will invest about **Rs 52,000 crore** in expanding **Paradip refinery** and setting up **petrochemical complex** after the **Odisha government** agreed to restore part of tax incentives, a top source said.

The state government has agreed to give **Rs 700 crore** per annum of an **interest-free loan** for **15 years** to make up for the withdrawn incentive of **11-year deferment** on payment of sales tax on **Paradip refinery products** sold in the state.

## Grid connected rooftop solar projects programme launched:

**Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** inaugurated **grid connected roof top solar** programme in a **bid to enable public participation to harness renewable energy**.

A web platform **www.rtsodisha.gov.in** was also launched to help project stakeholders interact with consumers and provide services. This website created by **Odisha Renewable Energy Development Agency (OREDA)** will be useful in making the Rooftop Solar Program easily accessible to the common citizens.

The State government will provide **30 percent subsidy** to the consumers belonging to residential and institutional segments as well as to registered societies and trusts. At present, current investment for installation of a rooftop project is around **Rs 70,000 per KW**.

## Pradhan for setting up of memorial to commemorate Paika:

**Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** sought steps by the Centre to find a site at **Barunei Fort near Khurda** in coordination with Odisha Government for setting up a memorial to commemorate the **Paika rebellion of 1817**.

### Paika rebellion:

The Paika rebellion, also called the **Paika Bidroha**, was an armed rebellion against the British East India Company's rule in **Odisha in 1817**. The Paikas rose in rebellion under their leader Bakshi Jagabandhu Bidyadhar and the rebellion spread across most parts of Odisha. The Paikas were warriors and traditional landed militia of Odisha.

## Statue of Sanjukta Panigrahi unveiled:

The **Odisha government** unveiled a statue of **Sanjukta Panigrahi** on her **74th Birth anniversary** as a mark of respect to the state's foremost exponents of Odisha dance. **Odisha Culture Minister A C Panda** unveiled the statue in

the premises of **Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra** Odisha Research Centre.

**Sanjukta Panigrahi** (1944-1997) started dancing at the tender age of four and consequently trained in Indian Classical Dance forms of Kathak, Bharat Natyam and Odissi, but embraced Odissi as her passion.

She had extensively travelled and received applause for her performances in the USA, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, Greece, Israel, France and many other countries. She was conferred **Padmashree** in 1975 and **Sangeet Natak Akademy Award** in 1976.

#### **Odisha gets Rs 466 cr investment for seafood park units:**

The **Odisha government** said the **state** has received proposals worth **Rs 466 crore** for setting up processing units at **Seafood Park** in Deras, which will process **90,860 million tonnes per annum** (MTPA) sea food and generate over **7,000 jobs**.

The seafood park is being developed by **Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO)** with an investment of Rs 134 crore.

The major markets for seafood from Odisha include **South East Asia** (39 per cent) followed by USA (28 per cent), EU (11 per cent) and Japan (9 per cent) in terms of volume. In terms of value, **USA** with 35 per cent stands ahead of South East Asia (30 per cent) followed by EU (11 per cent), Japan (10 per cent) and the Middle East (3 per cent).

#### **Odisha**

- Capital: **Bhubaneswar**
- Chief Minister: **Naveen Patnaik**
- Governor: **S. C. Jamir**

#### **PUNJAB**

#### **Inauguration of National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute – Center of Innovative**

#### **and Applied Bioprocessing (NABI-CIAB) Campus by Dr. Harsh Vardhan:**

**Dr. Harsh Vardhan**, Union Minister for Science & Technology & Earth Sciences, Environment, Forest & Climate Change inaugurated the **new Administrative and Research Buildings** of **two national institutes** under the administrative control of Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India namely National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) and Center of Innovative and Applied Bioprocessing (CIAB) in **Punjab**.

He urged both the institutes to address the problems of **hunger & malnutrition** and to bring nutritional revolution in the country through biotechnology research and innovation for Food and Nutrition Security.

**NABI** is the **first Agri-Food** and **Nutritional** based Biotechnology Institute, which has been set up by the Dept. of Biotechnology in the Knowledge City, Sector 81, Mohali. **CIAB** has been set up adjacent to NABI and is the first institute dedicated **to generation of secondary agriculture bioproducts** through value addition to unutilized and underutilized biomass.

#### **Punjab**

- Capital: **Chandigarh**
- Governor: **V. P. Singh Badnore**
- Chief Minister: **Captain Amarinder Singh**

#### **RAJASTHAN**

#### **Global IT delivery centre coming up in Jaipur:**

A **global information technology (IT)** delivery centre is coming up in jaipur to provide the **ease of doing business** to the **engineering, architectural** and **professional companies** in their international operations. It has been specially designed to cater to the changing dynamics of the business world.

The centre, being set up with an investment of **Rs.100 crore**, is expected to give employment

to about **1,100 engineers, architects and IT and other professionals**, when fully operational. It is claimed to be a world-class facility with the latest workstations and servers, network and security system, power-backup and all allied services.

### Joint Indian Air Force-Border Security Force Women Camel Expedition:

**Indian Air Force** embarked upon an all women camel expedition along with Border Security Force from **Utarlai** (Barmer, Rajasthan) to **Attari** (Amritsar, Punjab). The expedition will conclude on **30 Sep 17**. The team was flagged off from **Air Force Station Uttarlai**. The expedition is planned with a team of 10 Women Air Warriors of IAF and 10 Women personnel from BSF.

The team of **10 IAF women Air Warriors** is led by **Sqn Ldr Anioushka Lomas** and is attempting this unique feat in desert areas of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Punjab. Earlier in the year 2011, IAF had created history by hoisting tricolour and IAF flag on top of the world during the all women Mt Everest Expedition.

### MOTTO:

Keeping the spirit of its motto '**Touch the Sky with Glory**', IAF team is poised to explore this adventurous journey of approximately **1400 Km**. During the expedition, the team will interact with civilians with an aim to spread awareness about '**Swachh Bharat**' and '**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**' Abhiyan.

### Rajasthan govt signed JV agreement for refinery project with HPCL:

**Rajasthan government** and state owned oil firm **HPCL** inked an agreement to form a joint venture company for **Barmer petroleum refinery** and petrochemical complex. In a new firm, **HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL)**, state government will have **26%** and **HPCL** will have **74 per cent** of partnership.

With JV in place, government is aiming to start and complete the construction work in **four years**. Principal Secretary Mines and Petroleum, **Aparna Arora** and director (finance) of HPCL, **J. Ramaswami** signed the JV agreement respectively on behalf of the state government and the HPCL

### NABARD sanctions Rs 1,350-cr loan to Rajasthan govt:

The **National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has sanctioned a **loan assistance** of Rs **1,349.55 crore** to the Rajasthan government for creation of rural infrastructure in the state under the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)**.

The sanction includes assistance for construction of two rural drinking water supply projects, strengthening/ rehabilitation of **1,614 rural roads** and modernisation of three major irrigation projects modernisation is located in **Udaipur, Banswara** and **Dungarpur** districts, a NABARD said.

### Prime Minister to inaugurate National Highway projects in Rajasthan:

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will inaugurate various **National Highway projects in Rajasthan**. The projects include six Lane **Cable Stayed Bridge** across River Chambal at Kota, four laning of **Gomati Chauraha - Udaipur section** and four laning of **Rajsamand - Bhilwara section**.

Mr Modi will also lay the foundation stone of various projects including the Jaipur Ring Road. The total outlay on these projects is estimated to be over **15,000 crore rupees**.

### PM inaugurates 1.4-km long hanging bridge in Rajasthan:

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated **1.4-kilometre** long hanging bridge across the **river Chambal** in **Rajasthan's Kota**. The bridge which is 30 metres wide and 125 metres

high, has been built at a cost of around 277.67 crore. PM Modi had earlier inaugurated 1.4-kilometre long cable stayed bridge across the river Narmada in **Gujarat** in March this year.

#### **Rajasthan**

- Capital: **Jaipur**
- Chief Minister: **Vasundhara Raje**
- Governor: **Kalyan Singh**

#### **TAMIL NADU**

##### **Govt. clears Tamilnadu NEET ordinance:**

The **Union Law Ministry** forwarded to the **President** the Tamil Nadu government's proposed ordinance on **one-year exemption from NEET**. The ordinance will be applicable for only government medical colleges in the State. Union Law Minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad** cleared the proposed ordinance based on the opinion of Attorney General **K.K. Venugopal**.

#### **Tamil Nadu**

- Capital: **Chennai**
- Chief Minister: **E Palaniswami**
- Governor: **CH. Vidyasagar Rao** (Additional Charges)

#### **TELANGANA**

##### **India's first private missile production facility unveiled:**

**India's first private sector missile sub-systems manufacturing facility**, a joint venture between the **\$2.5 billion Kalyani Group** and **Israel's Rafael Advanced Defence Systems Ltd.**, was inaugurated near Hyderabad. To begin with, the **Kalyani Rafael Advanced Systems (KRAS)** plant will make **anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) Spike**. Kalyani group has invested **Rs 60 cr** in the project. It is **51:49** joint venture between India's Kalyani Group and Israel's Rafael Advanced Defence Systems Ltd. It has been established line with the **'Make in India' initiative** and Government's policy to encourage private sector participation in defence production.

##### **Microsoft tied with Telangana to provide AI-based eye care solutions:**

**Microsoft** is going to help the government of Telangana use **artificial intelligence** to **provide eye care screening for children in the State**. As part of the agreement, Microsoft's cloud based machine learning eye care screening **Microsoft Intelligent Network for Eyecare (MINE)** will align with the **Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram programme** under the **National Health Mission**.

MINE is a global consortium of eye care providers, research and academic institutions that will apply artificial intelligence **to help in eye care delivery**.

##### **Lok Sabha passes Bill for setting up petroleum institute in Vizag:**

The **Lok Sabha** passed a Bill for establishing the **Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIPE)** in **Andhra Pradesh** that will impart high quality education and conduct advance research in all aspect relating to the **conventional hydrocarbons**. The **IIPE** is being set up in **Visakhapatnam** at a cost of **650 crore** as part of a package promised by the Centre to Andhra Pradesh after Telangana was carved out of it.

##### **Rs 2k cr boost for Telangana irrigation sector:**

Giving a major boost to the irrigation sector the State government has announced a **new supplementation scheme** for **Sriram Sagar Project (SRSP)** with an outlay of **Rs 2,000 crore**, half of which will be spent for modernisation of the canal system and the rest for installation of the pumping facility. The remaining **Rs 1,000 crore** would be spent on lifting water from Kaleshwaram. **Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao** will lay the foundation stone for the supplementation scheme.

## Hyderabad to host World Congress of Optometry:

The world's visually impaired will be the subject of some serious discussions at the upcoming **2nd World Congress of Optometry** to be held in **Hyderabad International Convention Centre** during **September 11-13**. The Congress will not only highlight and raise awareness of issues, but will also further the important strides made in India to improve both access to vision care and reduce avoidable blindness.

The conference theme is '**Accessible, quality vision and eye health**'. It ties into WHO's '**Universal Eye Health: A global action plan 2014-19**', which aims to reduce the prevalence of avoidable visual impairment by 25 per cent by 2019.

The CEO of the Australia-based Brian Holden Institute, **Kevin Naidoo**, the conference chair, said the conference will bring together experts in public health and clinical care. The Congress is being hosted by the World Council of Optometry, **the Asia-Pacific Council of Optometry and the India Vision Institute (IVI)**. The 1st World Congress was held in Medellin in 2015.

- CEO of the India Vision Institute (IVI): **Vinod Daniel**

## 19th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Meeting:

The **19th round of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC)** meetings and other related meetings were held from **17 to 28 July 2017 in Hyderabad, India**.

RCEP is a proposed comprehensive regional economic integration agreement amongst the **10-ASEAN countries (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam)** and its six **Free Trade**

**Agreements (FTAs)** partners, viz. Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, Korea and India.

During the 19th round, parallel meetings were held by the **three main Working Groups** on Trade in Goods, Trade in Services and Investment, including their respective Sub-Working Groups.

## Telangana

- Capital: **Hyderabad**
- Chief Minister: **Chandrasekhar rao**
- Governor: **E. S. L. Narasimhan**

## UTTARAKHAND

### Uttarakhand secretariats main building to be named after Kalam:

The main building of the **Uttarakhand secretariat** will be named after former **President A P J Abdul Kalam**. An announcement to this effect was made by Chief Minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat** on Independence Day.

The chief minister also announced that the **block meant for secretaries** at the secretariat complex will be named after **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose**. Similarly, the **SBI building (West Block)** will be named after **Soban Singh Jeena** and the FRDC building after Devendra Shastri, it said.

## Uttarakhand

- Capital: **Dehradun**
- Chief Minister: **Trivendra Singh Rawat**
- Governor: **Krishna Kant Paul**

## UTTAR PRADESH

### Govt inks MoA to set up IRRI's regional centre in Varanasi:

The **Agriculture Ministry** signed a **memorandum of association (MoA)** for setting up a **regional centre** of the **global rice research institute IRRI in Varanasi**, the prime minister's constituency, to develop high-yielding rice varieties.

The **Philippines-based International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)**, which has offices in

**17 countries**, is known for its work in developing rice varieties that contributed to the green revolution in 1960s. The MoA was signed between Agriculture Secretary **Shobhana K Patnaik** and IRRI Director General **Matthew Morell**.

**1000 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras to be opened in Uttar Pradesh:**

Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways, Shipping and Chemicals and Fertilizers, **Shri Mansukh Lal Mandviya**, presided over the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony between the Union Government and the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for opening **1000 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras** in the State.

The **Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI)**, under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, signed the MoU on behalf of Government of India with State Agency for Comprehensive Health and Integrated Services (SACHIS) representing Government of Uttar Pradesh. Under the PMBJP scheme is to **provide quality medicines** at affordable rates to the poor and marginalized sections of society.

**Agriculture Minister addresses gathering at Sankalp Se Siddhi program in Varanasi:**

**Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh** addressed a gathering at the **Sankalp Se Siddhi program in Varanasi**. The programme was organized by **ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute**, Kanpur, **Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology**, Faizabad and **Krishi Vigyan Kendra Varanasi**.

Mr Singh said the impact of Sankalp Se Siddhi campaign, which was launched on the 75th anniversary of Quit India Movement, can be seen across the country. On the occasion, the Minister asked the people to make a pledge to construct a

New India and **double farmers' income by the year 2022**.

He also address the **56th All India Wheat and Barley Research Workers' Meet** at the Banaras Hindu University, the Minister said that all the centers of All India Wheat and Barley Reform Project are making efforts to deal with Biotic and Abiotic factors to make wheat rich in **nutrition by 2050**. This integrated program is eco-friendly, economically beneficial and homogeneous and has led to increase in average yield per hectare from 0.91 tonnes in 1964-65 to 3.22 tonnes in **2016-17**.

**Supertech gets green nod for Rs1,130 crore Sports Village project in Greater Noida:**

**Realty firm Supertech** has received **green nod** for developing a **sports-centric housing project in Greater Noida** that would entail an investment of **Rs.1,130 crore**. The proposed residential project '**Sports Village**' will be launched during Diwali this year and will be completed in **four years**.

The 62-acre project will be developed in Sector **27 of Greater Noida** (west), known as **Noida Extension**. The Union Environment Ministry has given its clearance (EC) to the proposed '**Sports Village project**' after taking into account the recommendations of its expert panel, said the EC letter issued to the company.

**Uttar Pradesh**

- Capital: **Lucknow**
- Chief Minister: **Yogi Adityanath**
- Governor: **Shri Ram Naik**
- Narendra Modi constituency: **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**

**WEST BENGAL**

**Gobindobhog rice gets geographical indication status:**

**Gobindobhog rice**, a speciality from Burdwan district of West Bengal, has got the **geographical indication (GI) status**. The state

government had applied for GI status for Gobindobhog rice on **August 24, 2015**.

## West Bengal

- Capital: **Kolkata**
- Chief Minister: **Mamata Banerjee**
- Governor: **Keshari Nath Tripathi**

## INTERNATIONAL

### IFFM 2017: Aishwarya Rai Bachchan Becomes The First Woman To Hoist The Indian National Flag

**Aishwarya Rai Bachchan** became the **first Indian actor** to hoist the **Indian National Flag at the Indian Film Festival Of Melbourne (IFFM 2017)** that started on August 10 and shall continue till August 22. The Film Festival is **Australia's annual celebration of film from India and the subcontinent**.

### India ratifies 2nd commitment period of Kyoto Protocol:

**India** has ratified the **second** commitment period of the **Kyoto Protocol** that commits countries to contain the emission of **greenhouse gases**, reaffirming its stand on climate action. In a brief statement, **India's Permanent Mission** to the UN said that India deposited its Instrument of Acceptance of the **Doha Amendment** to the **Kyoto Protocol** under the **UN Convention on Climate Change**.

With this, India became the **80th country** to accept the amendment relating to the second commitment period of the **Kyoto Protocol**, the international emissions reduction treaty. The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement **linked** to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which commits its Parties by setting internationally binding emission reduction targets. The Kyoto Protocol was adopted in Kyoto, Japan, in December 1997 and entered into force in **February 2005**. The first commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol was from **2008-2012**. The second commitment period under the Kyoto

Protocol was from **January 2013 to December 2020**.

### India to host steering committee meeting of TAPI Gas Pipeline:

**India** will host the **next steering committee** meeting of the proposed **1,814 kilometre-long Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI)** gas pipeline, senior officials on both sides confirmed. The decision came during the sixth joint Inter-Governmental Committee (IGC) meeting on **trade, economic, scientific and technological cooperation**.

### ABOUT TAPI gas pipeline:

- The work on the long-awaited 1,814 km Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline, which will help ease energy deficiency in South Asia.
- Leaders of Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India performed the ground-breaking of the project in December 2015.

### Melbourne 'world's most liveable city' for seventh year:

**Melbourne** has been declared the **most liveable city** in the world for the seventh year running by **the Economist's annual global liveability survey**, while **Sydney** remains in 11th place. It is the **first time** in the survey's 15-year history that a city has held the **No.1 rank** in its own right for seven consecutive years.

**Damascus**, ranked the **least-liveable city** because of civil war in Syria, and Tripoli, ranked the third least-liveable city. All five Australian cities included in the survey are ranked inside the top 20: **Adelaide** at equal **fifth place** with Calgary in Canada; **Perth** ranked **seventh**; Sydney 11th, and **Brisbane 16th**. Cities in the US fared worse than Canada, which had three cities – **Vancouver, Toronto and Calgary** – in the **third to fifth spot** respectively. Auckland, Helsinki and Hamburg rounded out the top 10.

**Nepal, China sign three pacts to boost their ties:**

**Nepal and China** signed **three pacts** to further boost their **ties in power and energy sectors**. The pacts were signed to undertake a feasibility study to **excavate natural gas and petroleum** in the Himalayan country, including in the southern Terai plains.

Both the countries signed the deals after visiting Chinese vice premier **Wang Yang** held discussions with Nepal's deputy prime ministers **Bijaya Kumar Gachhadar** and **Krishna Bahadur Mahara**.

According to Nepal's foreign ministry, the agreements signed cover **economic and technological cooperation, oil and gas resources exploration, and promotion of investment**.

**SpaceX successfully launches HP's supercomputer to ISS:**

**SpaceX** successfully launched **Hewlett Packard Enterprise's (HPE) 'Spaceborne Computer'** towards the International Space Station using **Falcon 9 rocket**. The launch is part of HPE's joint experiment with **NASA** to test if high performance computing hardware can survive in outer space conditions. SpaceX also recovered the Falcon 9 rocket, marking its 14th successful rocket landing.

**Sir David Attenborough has 100-million-year-old damselfly from Burma named after him:**

**Sir David Attenborough** finally earned his wings after scientists named a **100-million-year-old damselfly** after the veteran broadcaster and naturalist. Researchers led by Professor Edmund A. Jarzembowski have formally named the insect as **Mesosticta davidattenboroughi** as a belated 90th birthday present to the world's most famous naturalist.

**Five Indian-origin persons in Fortune's '40 Under 40' list:**

**Five Indian-origin persons** have featured in Fortune's annual list of **40 young and influential people (40 under 40) in the field of business inspiring others with their work**.

The list has been **topped by** 39-year-old French President **Emmanuel Macron**. Irish Prime Minister **Leo Varadkar**, 38, whose father was born in India, has been ranked **fifth** on the list.

The Indian-origin 26-year-old **Divya Nag** who oversees Apple's ambitious ResearchKit and CareKit programmes has been ranked 27<sup>th</sup>. **Rishi Shah**, 31, and **Shradha Agarwal**, 32, who helm more than 10-year-old health-tech firm Outcome Health have been ranked **38th** on the list. **Leila Janah (31)** CEO and founder of non-profit Samasource has been ranked **40th** on the list.

**NASA launches satellite to help astronauts talk to Earth:**

**NASA** has launched the **latest in a series of satellites** aimed at ensuring astronauts at the **International Space Station can communicate with Earth**.

The **\$408 million** Boeing-made **Tracking and Data Relay Satellite (TDRS-M)** soared into space atop an Atlas V rocket that launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

**US-South Korea set for divisive military drills:**

The annual ten day "**Ulchi Freedom Guardian**" joint military exercise between the **US and South Korea** is routine. It begins, just days after dictator Kim Jong-un shelved plans to land four ballistic missiles in the waters around the American Pacific Territory Of Guam.

**Typhoon Hato slams Hong Kong; streets flooded and flights cancelled:**

**Typhoon Hato**, a **maximum category 10 storm**, to hit Hong Kong since typhoon Vicente in

2012. This slammed into **Hong Kong** lashing destructive winds and waves which uprooted trees and flooded streets.

### World's Highest-Paid Authors 2017: J.K. Rowling Leads With \$95 Million

**Harry Potter** creator **JK Rowling** has been named the **world's most highly-paid author** with earnings of **£72.2m (\$95mn)** this year.

The Edinburgh-based writer beat Dan Brown, Stephen King and John Grisham to top Forbes' list of the 10 highest earners in the global industry for the first time in almost **10 years**.

### UN Security Council imposes new sanctions on North Korea:

**United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** has **passed** a resolution **imposing new sanctions** on **North Korea** for its continued intercontinental ballistic missile testing and violations of UN resolutions. The UNSC unanimously approved tough new sanctions **ban on coal and other exports worth over 1 billion dollars**.

The measures would be the **seventh set** of UN sanctions imposed on North Korea since it first carried out a nuclear test in 2006. The resolution **prevents North Korea** from increasing the number of workers it sends abroad.

#### North Korea

- Currency: **won**
- Capital: **Pyongyang**
- Leader: **Kim Jong-un**

### Rajnath to attend SCO meet in Kyrgyz Republic:

A **two-day** Meeting of **Heads of Governments of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)** Member States will begin at Choplon Ata in **Kyrgyz Republic**.

The meeting will focus on **prevention and elimination of emergency situations**. Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** is leading the Indian

delegation which includes senior officers from Home and **External Affairs Ministries** and **National Disaster Management Authority**. **India** had joined the SCO in June in **Kazakhstan capital Astana**. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had attended the summit.

The participation of India as SCO Member **will open additional opportunities** for giving new impetus to the development of international cooperation in the field of protecting the population and territories from emergency situations within the framework of the Organisation.

#### Kyrgyzstan

- Currency: **Kyrgyzstani Som**
- Capital: **Bishkek**

### U.S. Sends First Coal Shipment To Ukraine To Bolster Energy Security:

The **United States** has sent its **first shipment of anthracite coal** to **Ukraine** from the **U.S. port of Baltimore** under a deal designed to increase Ukraine's energy security. Pennsylvania-based XCoal Energy and Resources signed a contract with Ukrainian state energy company Centerenergo on July 31 to provide **700,000 tons of anthracite coal in the next few months**. The deal followed talks between Ukrainian President **Petro Poroshenko** and U.S. President **Donald Trump's** administration in June.

### World's largest bicycle parking garage opens in the Netherlands:

**World's largest bicycle parking** garage opens in the **Netherlands**. It has over **10,000 cyclists** riding to work, school or home. Utrecht has opened the world's largest bicycle parking garage. The parking lot is spread in an area of over 17,100 sq m and three storeys.

#### Netherlands

- Currency: **Euro**
- Capital: **Amsterdam**

**Qatar restores diplomatic ties to Iran:**

**Qatar** has restored **full diplomatic relations with Iran**, disregarding the demands of **Arab nations** that it lessen its ties to **Tehran**.

Qatar's Foreign Ministry announced early that the **country's ambassador** would return to **Tehran**. Qatar pulled out its ambassador in early 2016 after Saudi Arabia's execution of a prominent Shiite cleric sparked attacks on two Saudi diplomatic posts in Iran, a move to show solidarity with the kingdom.

**US imposes financial sanctions on Venezuela:**

The **United States** has slapped **strong financial sanctions on Venezuela**, barring banks from any **new deals with the government**.

The President's **new action prohibits** dealings in new debt and equity issued by the **Venezuelan government** and **its state oil company**. It also prohibits dealings in certain existing bonds owned by the Venezuelan public sector, as well as dividend payments to the government.

**Venezuela**

- Currency: **Venezuelan bolívar**
- Capital: **Caracas**

**China bans new business with N Korea in line with sanctions:**

**China** has **banned North Korean individuals** and **enterprises** from **doing new business in the country**, in line with United Nations Security Council sanctions passed earlier this month.

According to a notice released on the Commerce ministry's website, new joint venture enterprises, new wholly owned businesses and the expansion of existing entities involving North Korean individuals or companies are prohibited in China. New sanctions by **China, Japan, the United States** and the United Nations are aimed at pressuring Pyongyang to end its nuclear weapons programme.

**Festival of India being Organised in Brazil from 31 August to 9 September 2017**

A **Festival of India** is being organized in **Brazil** from **31 August-9 September 2017**. The Festival will showcase diverse Indian culture, i.e. classical dances, literature, cuisine and **Exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi**. The following events will be held in the cities of **Brasilia, Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro**:

- Bharatnatyam Dance by Devayani and Group from 31 August-4 September 2017.
- Kathak Dance by Nandini Singh and Group from 1-5 September 2017
- Indian Food Festival from 3-9 September 2017
- Literary Festival from 5-9 September 2017
- Exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi from 31 August-9 September 2017

**Brazil**

- Currency: **Brazilian real**
- Capital: **Brasília**

**France to loan €430 million to Iraq: ministry**

**France** is to grant a **430-million euro loan** to **Iraq** whose economy has been weakened by low oil prices and its fight against jihadists, a French foreign ministry official said. **Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian** made the announcement during talks in Baghdad with Iraq's Prime Minister **Haider al-Abadi** and said the USD 512-million would be released before the end of 2017.

The loan is aimed at helping the **war-torn country implement reforms, improve public services** and boost the performance of its state enterprises. Le Drian also handed Abadi an invitation from French President Emmanuel Macron to visit Paris.

**Ocean forecasting system for Madagascar and Mozambique:**

The **Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)** of the Ministry of Earth Sciences inaugurated the **Ocean Forecasting System for Comoros, Madagascar, and Mozambique** at the third Ministerial Meeting of Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Asia and Africa (RIMES), held at **Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**.

## AFGHANISTAN

**India's Afghan role focused on economy, not security: US official**

A **senior Trump administration** official has said **New Delhi's role** in the war-torn Afghanistan is focused around **economic and democratic development** and **not on security issues**, asserting that nobody has talked about asking India to send troops to that country.

President Donald Trump reached out to **India** in his **Afghan and South Asia policy** speech last week seeking an enhanced role for New Delhi, especially in the economic field, to bring peace and stability in the war-torn Afghanistan.

### Afghanistan

- Currency: **Afghan afghani**
- Capital: **Kabul**

## BANGLADESH

**Dhaka to open diplomatic station in Chennai:**

**Bangladesh** will soon open a **new diplomatic station** in **Chennai**. The **main focus** of the new diplomatic station in Chennai will be to address the needs of Bangladeshi citizens who visit India for medical and educational purposes. We are opening **17 new diplomatic missions** across the world, including the new one in Chennai.

### Bangladesh

- Capital: **Dhaka**
- Currency: **Bangladeshi taka**

## BHUTAN

**India-Bhutan new trade pact comes into force from July 29: Govt**

The **commerce ministry** has said the new agreement on trade, commerce and **transit between India and Bhutan** which has come into force **from July 29**, will further strengthen economic ties between the two countries. The agreement provides for a **free trade regime** between the countries and it also gives duty free transit of Bhutanese goods for trade with third countries.

### Bhutan

- Currencies: **Indian rupee, Bhutanese ngultrum**
- Capital: **Thimphu**

## CANADA

**India, Canada start next round of free trade agreement talks:**

The **10th round** of negotiations for the proposed **free trade agreement** between **India and Canada** started in **New Delhi**.

The commerce ministry said both sides **discussed issues relating to goods market access**. The previous round of negotiations was concluded in New Delhi in March 2015.

The negotiations for the agreement, officially dubbed as the **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)**, were launched in November 2010 to boost bilateral trade and investments.

The proposed pact seeks to **eliminate or reduce duties** on goods, open services sector and facilitate investment proposals. The two-way trade dropped to USD 6.14 billion in 2016-17, from USD 6.25 billion in 2015-16.

### Canada

- Currency: **Canadian dollar**
- Capital: **Ottawa**

## CHINA

**Typhoon Haitang strikes China:**

Over 2 lakh people have been evacuated after **Typhoon Haitang struck China's eastern Fujian Province** with incessant rain battering different parts of the region.

**China opens first overseas base in Djibouti:**

**China** has formally opened its **first overseas military base in Djibouti** with a flag raising ceremony and military parade.

The event was timed to coincide with the celebration of the **90th anniversary** of the establishment of **China's military**, the People's Liberation Army, on August 1.

**China, BRICS trade ministers vow to fight protectionism:**

**China** and the **other BRICS** nations pledged to **fight protectionism** and **safeguard intellectual property rights**.

Trade ministers from **Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa** concluded two days of meetings in **Shanghai** agreeing to **deepen trade** and investment links, and "safeguard and develop" the multilateral trading system. The ministers also approved guidelines for cooperation between the **five countries on intellectual property rights (IPR)**.

**China Announces \$1 Mn Assistance to Flood-Hit Nepal:**

**China** announced **USD 1 million assistance** to **flood-hit Nepal** as the country's **Vice Premier Wang Yang** held talks with his Nepalese counterpart on **ways to enhance bilateral ties**.

**Wang Yang** made the announcement during the Nepal-China Deputy Prime Minister-level meeting he jointly chaired with Nepal's Deputy Prime Minister Bijay Kumar Gachchhadar, attended by other ministers of the cabinet.

**India, China to join Indian Ocean exercise:**

Despite growing tensions with China, official sources said the Indian Navy would join the **People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy** in a maiden maritime search and rescue exercise to be chaired by **Bangladesh** at the **Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)** in November this year.

**Bangladesh**, the current Chair, is scheduling a maiden **International Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (IMMSAREX)** in November in the **Bay of Bengal** to be attended by ships and aircraft of the members and observers of the IONS, an official source said.

The IONS is a regional forum of Indian Ocean littoral states, represented by their Navy chiefs, launched by India in February 2008. It presently has 23 members and nine observers.

**China launches first cyber court in e-commerce hub:**

**China** launched its **first cyber court specialising** in handling internet-related cases in the **e-commerce hub of Hangzhou** amid a spike in the number of online disputes. The Hangzhou Internet Court in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province will handle cases such as online trade disputes and copyright lawsuits.

**India denies fresh anti-dumping duties on Chinese products:**

**India** termed as "**factually incorrect**" a Chinese official media report claiming that it was planning to **impose fresh anti-dumping duties** this year on **93 products originating in China**, saying they were already in force after decisions over a course of **five years**.

**India and China agree to end border standoff:**

**India and China** have agreed to an "**expeditious disengagement**" of troops in a **disputed border area** where their soldiers have been locked in a stand-off for more than two months, India's foreign ministry said.

The decision comes ahead of a summit of the BRICS nations - a grouping that also **includes Brazil, Russia and South Africa** - in China beginning, which Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to attend. Indian and Chinese troops have been confronting each other at the **Doklam plateau** near the borders of India, its ally **Bhutan, and China**, in the most serious and prolonged standoff in decades along their disputed Himalayan border.

## China

- Currency: **Renminbi**
- Capital: **Beijing**
- Prime minister: **Li Keqiang**
- President: **Xi Jinping**

## IRAN

### India hopeful operations at Chabahar Port will start by 2018:

The **Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Shri Nitin Gadkari** has said that the government is keen on developing **Chabahar Port in Iran** and is hopeful of starting operations by **2018**. Shri Gadkari is in Teheran, to represent India at the taking over of office by President Hassan Rouhani for the second term. The Indian Government has allocated Rs **6 billion** for the development of the port. Out of this, tenders worth Rs **380 Crore** for equipment have already been finalized.

### About Chabahar Port

**Iran's Chabahar port** located in the **Sistan-Baluchistan Province** on the **south-eastern coast** is a port of great strategic utility for India. It lies outside the Persian Gulf and is accessed from India's western coast. As per an MoU signed between India and Iran in May last year, India is to equip and operate two berths in Chabahar Port Phase-I with capital investment of USD 85.21 million and annual revenue expenditure of USD 22.95 million on a 10-year lease.

## Iran

- Currency: **Iranian rial**
- Capital: **Tehran**
- President: **Hassan Rouhani**

## ISRAEL

### Israel Launches Its First Environmental Research Satellite:

The **first Israeli satellite** for environmental research was launched early from the **European spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana**. The satellite is a joint effort by the **Israel Space Agency**, under the aegis of the Science and Technology Ministry, and the French Space Agency (CNES) and was built in Israel by Israel Aerospace Industries. It weighs only 265 kilograms, at an altitude of 720 kilometers.

It is considered the **smallest satellite** of its kind in the world, and is built to survey and monitor large areas to **study soil, vegetation, forests, agriculture, water and air quality** and other aspects of the environment.

### Israel imposes new travel restrictions on Palestinians:

**Israel** has imposed new **travel restrictions** on **Palestinians**, preventing them from leaving blockaded Gaza with laptops. Israel and Egypt have enforced severe Gaza travel restrictions since the 2007 takeover of the territory by the Islamic militant Hamas.

### Israel fence systems, quick response team at Pakistan, Bangladesh borders:

**India** is deploying along its volatile border with **Pakistan a smart Israel-developed fencing system having a 'quick response team'** mechanism which strikes when the CCTV-powered control room detects an infiltration attempt. The BSF is implementing an ambitious project called the **Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS)** as part of the Narendra Modi government's plan to completely

seal the Indo-Pak and India-Bangladesh borders in the next **few years**. The BSF is tasked with guarding the over 6,300-km-long two borders and its chief.

**Jaitley hands over long-range surface-to-air missile to Navy:**

**Defence Minister Arun Jaitley** handed over the **Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM)** jointly developed by **India and Israel**, to the Indian Navy, at **Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL)**. **LRSAM** is an advanced combat suit for **missile defence** against air targets and missiles, and has full capabilities of air and surface surveillance, threat alert and fire control. Public sector **BDL** is the missile production agency for the **three armed forces**.

On a day of hectic activity, the minister also dedicated a first-of-its kind 50-tonne Rocket Motor Static Test Facility. The **₹48-crore facility for SAM (surface-to-air missile)** will support the design and vendor development activities needed for production of missiles.

Jaitley also inaugurated the **ASTRA Manufacturing Unit** at the **BDL's Bhanur unit**. The **ASTRA** weapon system is an indigenously developed air-to-air Beyond Visual Range (BVR) missile developed by the DRDO. Comprising a launcher and a missile, it is designed as a BVR missile with a range of 110 km in head-on mode and 20 km in tail-chase mode.

**Israel**

- Currency: **Israeli new shekel**
- Capital: **Jerusalem**

**ITALY**

**Italy to host fall G-7 interior minister's summit on security:**

**Italy** will host a summit of **Group of Seven Interior Ministers** centered on security issues in the fall. Italian Interior **Minister Marco Minniti** said, the meeting is being organised at the request

of Italy's G-7 partners- **Canada, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Japan and the United States**.

Italy currently holds the rotating helm of the **G-7 industrialised nations**. Minniti says the G-7 summit would probably be held in **October**.

**Italy**

- Currency: **Euro**
- Capital: **Rome**

**KAZAKHSTAN**

**Kazakhstan opens IAEA Low Enriched Uranium Bank:**

**Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev** inaugurated the **International Atomic Energy Agency's Low Enriched Uranium Bank** in the **Kazakh city of Oskemen**.

Nazarbayev handed over the building's keys to **IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano** and proposed holding a world summit on **nuclear security in Astana**, the capital of the Central Asian country.

The LEU Bank seeks **to provide a fuel reserve** for IAEA member states at market prices as a last resort should they not be able to obtain low-enriched uranium to generate energy on the international market.

**Kazakhstan**

- Currency: **Kazakhstani Tenge**
- Capital: **Astana**

**KENYA**

**Kenya imposes world's toughest law against plastic bags:**

**Kenyans** producing, selling or even using **plastic bags will risk imprisonment** of up to **four years** or fines of **\$40,000**, as the world's toughest law aimed at reducing plastic **pollution came into effect**.

The East African nation joins more than 40 other countries that have banned, partly banned or

taxed single use plastic bags, including **China, France, Rwanda, and Italy.**

## Kenya

- Currency: **Kenyan shilling**
- Capital: **Nairobi**

## NEPAL

### 15th BIMSTEC Ministerial meeting to be held in Kathmandu:

The working session of the 15th Bay of Bengal Initiative for **Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation, BIMSTEC**, Ministerial meeting is held at Kathmandu. Prime Minister **Sher Bahadur Deuba** has inaugurated and address the meeting. **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** is representing India in the meeting.

**Trade, Investment, Energy, Transport, Tourism, Poverty alleviation and Counter-terrorism** are the key areas expected to be focused in the meeting. After working session External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will have bilateral meetings with Bhutanese and Sri Lankan ministers. She will also attend a special programme "**India@70**" organised by Indian Embassy to mark **70 years of Independence.**

### About BIMSTEC

BIMSTEC is an international organisation involving a group of countries in South Asia and South East Asia. The member countries of BIMSTEC are **India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal.**

### Nepal govt announces to release Rs.1 billion to flood, landslide victims:

The **Nepal** government has announced to release **Rs.1 billion** to **flood and landslide victims.** The decision was taken at a meeting of the Prime Minister Disaster Relief Fund Committee held at Kathmandu.

According to a press release issued by the Office of the Prime Minister **Rs 50 crore** would be released immediately to carry out rescue

operations, distribution of relief materials and providing compensations to the flood and landslide victims.

### Cabinet Approves Indo-Nepal MoU On Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs:

The Union Cabinet chaired by the **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has given its approval for signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** between **India and Nepal** on **Drug Demand Reduction and Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances** and precursor chemicals and related matters.

The MoU indicates the **mechanism of information exchange** and the **competent authorities** in the two countries who are responsible for the implementation of the MoU and exchange of any information.

**Cooperation on drug matters** is expected to **curb the illicit traffic of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances** and precursor chemicals in the two countries. The MoU provides that the parties shall endeavour to develop mutual cooperation with a view to resolve the issue of **illicit traffic in narcotic drugs,** psychotropic substances and their precursors.

### India, Nepal agrees to boost joint infra projects:

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi** held comprehensive talks with his **Nepalese counterpart Sher Bahadur Deuba** and later in a joint statement the two leaders expressed satisfaction over the excellent state of India-Nepal relations. The two prime ministers noted with satisfaction the utilisation of the **two Lines of Credit** of **USD 100 million** and **USD 250 million** for development of **roads** and **power infrastructure** in Nepal.

The two prime ministers noted with satisfaction that the railway line from **Jayanagar to Janakpur** and from **Jogbani to Biratnagar** Custom Yard will be completed by 2018. The Nepali side committed to resolve all issues for expeditious completion of both the projects.

**8 MoUs signed with India on second day of Nepalese PM Deuba's visit:**

**India and Nepal** signed eight memorandums of understanding (MoUs) on the second day of the neighbouring country's visiting Prime Minister **Sher Bahadur Deuba** in New Delhi. The eight MoUs signed are:

1. Modalities for utilization of India's housing grant component to support **reconstruction of 50,000 houses**.

2,3,4. Implementation of the grant component of India's post-earthquake reconstruction package in the **education sector, cultural heritage sector & health sector** in Nepal. All the above four MoUs were signed by Nepalese Finance Secretary **Shanta Raj Subedi** and Indian External Affairs Secretary **S Jaishankar**.

5. Implementation arrangement on cost sharing, schedules and safeguard issues for construction of **Mechi Bridge** under ADB's SASEC Road Connectivity Programme (Tranche 2), funded by India. It was signed by Nepalese Physical Infrastructure and Transport Secretary **Devendra Karki** and Indian Road Transport and Highways Secretary **Yudhvir Singh Malik**.

6. Drug demand **reduction and prevention of illicit trafficking** in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursor chemical and related matters. The signatories to this MoU were Nepalese Home Secretary **Lok Darshan Regmi** and Indian Revenue Secretary **Hasmuck Adhia**.

7. Agreement on cooperation in the **field of standardisation and conformity assessment**. DG, Nepal Bureau of Standards and Metrology,

**Bishwo Babu Pudasaini**; and DG, Bureau of Indian Standards, **Sanjay Singh** signed this MoU.

8. An MoU was signed between the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India** and the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal**. **Prakash J Thapa**, president of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal, and **Nilesh S Vikamsey**, president of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, signed this MoU.

**CA Institute signs MoU with ICA Nepal:**

The **CA Institute** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the Institute of **Chartered Accountants of Nepal (ICAN)**. **Nilesh Vikamsey**, President, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and **Prakash Jung Thapa**, President--ICAN exchanged the MoU in the presence of **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and **Prime Minister of Nepal Sher Bahadur Deuba**.

The MoU seeks to establish **mutual co-operation** for the advancement of **accounting knowledge, professional and intellectual development**, advancing the interests of their respective members and positively contributing to the development of the accounting profession in Nepal and India.

**About ICAI**

**ICAI** has a membership base of over 5,000 members in Nepal. It may be recalled that ICAI was instrumental in establishment of ICAN in 1997, wherein the ICAI played an important role in establishing systems and procedures relating to examination, technical and administrative areas in ICAN.

**Nepal**

- Prime minister: **Sher Bahadur Deuba**
- Currency: **Nepalese rupee**
- Capital: **Kathmandu**

**NORWAY**

**Norway Has World's Fastest Mobile Internet:**

According to the **global leader** in **broadband testing Ookla**, **Norway** has the **fastest mobile Internet** in the world. In only 13 months, Norway has jumped from 11th to first place on the list of world best providers of fast Internet connection.

The development has been specially noticed after **Telenor**, a major operator in Norway, increased the speed on individual subscriptions last September. The **Netherlands** and **Hungary** are ranked number two and three on the list of the world's fastest mobile networks, the report said.

#### Norway

- Currency: **Norwegian krone**
- Capital: **Oslo**

#### QATAR

**Citizens of 80 countries including India now don't require visa to enter Qatar:**

**Citizens of 80 countries** including India can now enter **Qatar visa-free**. The countries include India, the **UK**, the **US**, **Canada**, **South Africa**, **Seychelles**, **Australia** and **New Zealand**.

A multi-entry waiver will be issued **free-of-charge** at the port of entry, upon presentation of a valid passport with a minimum validity of **six months** and a confirmed onward or return ticket.

**Qatar launches new direct sea route to Pakistan as Gulf blockade continues:**

**Qatar** has launched a **new direct route** between the **country's Hamad Port** and **Pakistan's port of Karachi**.

It will also offer "**fast and secure**" corridor for importers and exporters, with transit time of six days from Qatar to Karachi and eight days back. The new shipping line provides more options for customers, exporters and importers from both countries, covering new important ports from around the world, which will **play an important role** in supporting trade between Qatar and its partners of the world.

#### Qatar

- Currency: **Qatari riyal**
- Capital: **Doha**

#### RUSSIA

**India, Russia to hold joint military exercise in October:**

**India and Russia** will hold a **mega military exercise** in **October** involving their armies, navies and the air forces for the first time to further ramp up military ties.

The exercise "**Indra**", which will be held in **Russia from 19 to 29 October**, will primarily focus on achieving coordination between forces of the two countries in a **tri- services integrated theatre** command scenario, military officials said.

It will be for the **first time** that India will participate in a **tri-services military** exercise with a foreign country with such a large scale participation by the Navy, the Army and the Air Force (IAF).

**Indian Tri-Services Band participating in International Military Music Festival in Moscow:**

A **Tri-Services band** from the **Indian Armed Forces** is participating and performing in the prestigious **International Military Music Festival "Spasskaya Tower"** in **Moscow**.

"Spasskaya Tower" is the **parade** of the **best military music bands** of Russia and other countries that takes place every year at Red Square in Moscow. This Festival is a mega event, where military musicians represent the variety of national, artistic and military traditions of the world. It will continue **till 3 September 2017**.

The participation of the Tri-Services Band would foster better ties between the Armed Forces of the two countries and is also an acknowledgment of the professional skills of the Indian Armed Forces bands. The Indian Navy Band had also for the **first time** participated in the Royal

Edinburgh Military Tattoo, an international event of military music performance undertaken by the Armed Forces, which commenced on 1 August and will conclude on 26 August.

#### **Russia**

- Russian President: **Vladimir Putin.**
- Currency: **Russian Ruble**
- Capital: **Moscow**

#### **SCOTLAND**

##### **Navy band joins historic Edinburgh Military Tattoo:**

A 66-member **Indian Navy band** has joined the historic **Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo** in the **UK for this year's** musical event where they will mark the **70th year of India's Independence.**

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is an annual series of military tattoos — performance of music by **British Armed Forces, Commonwealth and international military bands** and artistic performance teams on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle in Scotland.

#### **Scotland**

- Currency: **Pound sterling**
- Capital: **Edinburgh**

#### **SOUTH KOREA**

##### **ICMR, Min of Health sign pact with South Korea's IVI for vaccine:**

The **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** and the **Union Ministry of Health** inked a pact with the **International Vaccine Institute (IVI), South Korea** to collaborate on **vaccine research and development.**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Dr **Soumya Swaminathan**, Director General of ICMR and Secretary, Department of Health Research, **Manoj Jhalani**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Dr Jerome H Kim, **Director General of IVI, South Korea.**

With this partnership, India is committing an annual contribution of **USD 5,00,000** to IVI and joins Sweden and South Korea as financially contributing signatories to IVI.

The ICMR is the **apex body** in the country for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research. An official statement said in New Delhi that with a long history of scientific collaboration with IVI, India officially became a signatory to the treaty of the **Seoul-based organisation** in 2012. The IVI has 35 signatory countries.

#### **South Korea**

- Currency: **South Korean won**
- Capital: **Seoul**
- President: **MOON Jae-in**

#### **SRI LANKA**

##### **Sri Lankan navy commissions India-built Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel:**

An **Indian-built Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel (AOPV)** has been commissioned by the **Sri Lankan navy** at a ceremony in **Colombo harbour.**

Sri Lankan **President Maithripala Sirisena** launched the country's newest acquisition "**SLNS Sayurala**" earlier this week at the ceremony at the Eastern Container Terminal of the Port of Colombo. Flag Officer Commander in Chief Southern Naval Command-Indian Navy, Vice Admiral **A.R. Karve**, attended the event.

Constructed by the **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)** in India, it is the first-ever brand **new AOPV** purchased from a foreign ship builder, custom-made for the specific requirements of the Sri Lankan Navy. In addition to SLNS Sayurala, Sri Lanka intends to acquire three more OPVs in accordance with SLN maritime strategy 2025.

##### **Sushma Swaraj to attend Indian Ocean meet in Sri Lanka:**

**External affairs minister Sushma Swaraj** will participate in the **two-day Indian Ocean Conference (ICO)** to be held in **Colombo**. The Sri Lankan Prime Minister and President are among key speakers in the event on the theme of "**peace, progress and prosperity**". This will be **second ICO conference**. The first was held in Singapore in 2016 in partnership with think tanks from Singapore, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

The conference will be inaugurated by **Seychelles vice-president Vincent Meriton, Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, Singapore foreign affairs minister Vivian Balakrishnan** besides Ms Swaraj, while Sri Lankan President **Maithripala Sirisena** will deliver the valedictory address.

#### **Srilanka**

- Currency: **Sri Lankan rupee**
- Capitals: **Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte**
- Prime minister: **Ranil Wickremesinghe**

#### **SOMALIA**

**India and Somalia sign agreement on transfer of sentenced persons:**

**India and Somalia** signed a **bilateral agreement for transfer of sentenced persons**. The agreement was signed between External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** and Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia **Yusuf Garaad Omar**.

An important step in **deepening humanitarian cooperation**, India and Somalia sign bilateral agreement for transfer of sentenced persons, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Gopal Baglay said.

**UN declares Somalia free of polio:**

The **UN World Health Organisation (WHO)** said it had not recorded any case of **polio disease in Somalia** in the **last three years**, declaring the **country polio free**. The WHO said

the country recorded the last case of **polio in 2014** in the central part of the country but has since then remained free of the paralyzing disease.

#### **Somalia**

- Currency: **Somali shilling**
- Capital: **Mogadishu**

#### **SPAIN**

**Cabinet apprised of MOU between India and Spain on India-Spain cooperation in renewable energy:**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has been apprised of the **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Spain** on India-Spain Cooperation in **renewable energy**. The MoU was signed on 30th May, 2017 at Spain. The MoU will help in **strengthening bilateral cooperation** between the two countries with the **exchange of expertise and networking of information**.

#### **Spain**

- Currency: **Euro**
- Capital: **Madrid**

#### **SWEDEN**

**Cabinet approves MoU between India, Sweden on IPR:**

The **Union Cabinet** cleared a MoU signed between **India and Sweden** on **intellectual property right (IPR) cooperation**, aimed at benefiting entrepreneurs, investors and businesses. This meeting is chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It will enable India to exchange experiences in **innovation and IP ecosystems**.

The MoU establishes a **wide-ranging and flexible mechanism** through which both countries can exchange best practices and work together on training programmes and technical exchanges to **raise awareness on IPRs** and better protect intellectual property rights.

The government hopes that the MoU signing will further the objective of **National IPR Policy**,

**2016**, and sees it as a landmark step towards becoming a major player in global innovation.

## Sweden

- Currency: **Swedish krona**
- Capital: **Stockholm**

## TAIWAN

### Taiwan launches first homegrown satellite:

**Taiwan** has launched **Formosat-5**, the **first homegrown observation satellite**, from an air base in the US, the island nation's National Space Organisation (NSO) announced.

The octagonal satellite - 2 metres high and 1.2 metres in diameter - cost some **3 billion Taiwanese dollars** (\$100 million) and made contact with a station in Norway at 4.13 a.m.

The satellite is equipped with Complementary Metal-oxide-semiconductor sensors to observe the Earth. **Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen** called the launch a great leap that demonstrates Taiwan's technological progress.

## Taiwan

- Currency: **New Taiwan dollar**
- Capital: **Taipei**

## TURKMENISTAN

### India, Turkmenistan hold talks on crucial transit corridor via Iran, Oman:

**India** and **Turkmenistan** discussed joining the **Ashgabat Agreement** that envisages establishment of International Transport and Transit Corridor between Iran, Oman and Turkmenistan.

**Arun Jaitley** Finance Minister, Minister of Defence and Minister of Corporate Affairs met **Rashid Meredov**, Deputy Prime Minister and Trade Minister of Turkmenistan. They also discussed ways to expand and deepen bilateral cooperation.

### India, Turkmenistan hold talks to boost ties:

**India** and **Turkmenistan** reviewed the entire **bilateral relations** and took stock of the progress achieved in key areas like **energy, trade**

and **security**, the Ministry of External Affairs said. The Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of **Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov** led a high-level delegation comprising senior officials of the **Government of Turkmenistan to New Delhi** from August 13-15.

The delegation participated in the **6th Session** of the **India-Turkmenistan Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation.**

## Turkmenistan

- Currency: **Turkmenistan manat**
- Capital: **Ashgabat**

## USA

### Trump signs Russia sanctions bill:

**U.S. President Donald Trump** signed into law **new sanctions against Russia**, a move Moscow said amounted to a full-scale trade war and an end to hopes for better ties with the Trump administration.

### US issues ban on tourist travel to North Korea:

The **United States** issued a **ban prohibiting** its citizens travelling to **North Korea**, a move triggered by the death of a US student imprisoned by Pyongyang during a tourist visit. The ban which comes into effect September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### Strategic partnership forum set up to deepen Indo-US ties:

A new representative body **US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)** is being set up to further **enhance business relations** between the **two countries**. USISPF is committed to creating the most powerful strategic partnership between the US and India. Promoting bilateral trade is an important part of USISPF's work but its mission reaches far beyond this.

The **non-profit corporation** aims to **promote bilateral trade** and work on creating

"meaningful opportunities that have the power to change the lives of citizens".

## India and US to co-host the Global Entrepreneurship Summit:

**India** and **US** will be co-hosting the **Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) at Hyderabad** from 28-30 November, 2017. The Summit is a **unique opportunity** for bringing together entrepreneurs and start ups with global leaders.

## US President Trump signs bill expanding college assistance for Veterans:

**President Donald Trump** has **signed** into law an **updated veterans' education bill** that marks the largest expansion of college assistance for military veterans in a decade.

The Forever GI act immediately removed a **15-year time limit** on the use of GI benefits. The measure also increases financial assistance for thousands serving in the **National Guard and Reserve, building** on a **2008 law** that guaranteed veterans a full-ride scholarship to any in-state public university, or a similar cash amount to attend private colleges.

**Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin**, who joined Trump for the signing, said the new law also provides benefits to Purple Heart recipients whose injuries forced them to leave the service.

## US, Japan vow to boost defence cooperation with India, S Korea, Australia:

The **US and Japan** have agreed to **advance their multilateral security and defence cooperation with countries like India, South Korea and Australia, amidst China's** growing assertiveness in the **Asia Pacific region**.

Both of them will cooperate to advance trilateral and multilateral security and defence cooperation with other partners in the region, notably the Republic of Korea, Australia, India and other south east Asian countries. It is jointly

addressed by Japanese **foreign minister Taro Kono** and defence minister Itsunori Onodera with US secretary of state **Rex Tillerson**.

## United States experts welcome two-by-two ministerial dialogue:

The decision by **India** and the **US** to establish a new **two-by-two ministerial** dialogue has been welcomed by top American experts who believe that it **would enhance strategic coordination** between the two nations. US President **Donald Trump** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** agreed to enhance **peace** and **stability** in the Indo-Pacific region by establishing a new two-by-two ministerial dialogue.

The new format would include **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** and **Defence Minister Arun Jaitley** and their American counterparts **Secretary of State Rex Tillerson** and **Defence Secretary James Mattis**.

## United States to install radar systems in Palau:

The **United States** has announced plans to **install radar systems** in **Palau** which is about **1,300 kilometres** south-west of Guam, the US Pacific territory that Pyongyang threatened to fire missiles towards earlier this month.

The US move will increase its **monitoring ability** in the **western Pacific region** recently rocked by threats from North Korea. In a joint statement, the US Defence Department and the Palau government said they are working to finalise the location of radar towers on the archipelago nation of 22,000 people.

## Donald Trump signs memo banning transgender recruits from US military:

**US President Donald Trump** has **signed a memo** ordering the Pentagon to ban an Obama-era plan of **recruiting transgender individuals** in the military, a move Democrats said was "cruel" and meant to "hurt and humiliate"

American soldiers. The memo requests the Pentagon to develop an implementation plan for the ban by **February 21, 2018**, which should be put in place on **March 23, 2018**.

**US awards \$727-million contract to support Afghan Air Force:**

The **US** has awarded a contract worth over **\$727 million** to support the **Afghan Air Force** and **Special Mission Wing unit**. This comes after President Donald Trump announced his new US strategy in Afghanistan. Notably, the US has spent over \$76 billion on weapons and equipment for Afghan security forces since 2002. Work will be performed in Kabul, Afghanistan, with an estimated completion date of **May 31, 2020**.

**USA**

- President of the United States: **Donald Trump**
- Currency: **United States Dollar**
- Capital: **Washington, D.C.**

**UZBEKISTAN**

**India, Uzbekistan should take trade to \$1 billion: Venkaiah**

**Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu** has said that **India** and **Uzbekistan** should work for increasing trade to the tune of **one billion US dollar** by **March 2018**. Mr Naidu said this while interacting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Uzbekistan, Abdulaziz Kamilov** who called on him in New Delhi.

He said that **India** and **Uzbekistan** have close **cultural** and historical connections and peoples have similar developmental aspirations. He expressed happiness over several cultural events which were held in Uzbekistan to commemorate the **25th Anniversary** of establishment

Policy Rate	Previous	Current
Repo Rate	6.25%	6.0%
Reverse Repo Rate	6.00%	5.75%
Marginal Standing Facility	6.50%	6.25%
Bank Rate	6.50%	6.50%
CRR	4%	4%
SLR	20%	20%

of diplomatic relations between the two nations.

**Uzbekistan**

- Currency: **Uzbekistani Som**
- Capital: **Tashkent**

**BANKING & BUSINESS**

**RESERVE BANK OF INDIA**

**RBI slaps Rs 1 crore penalty on Union Bank for KYC non-compliance:**

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** said it has imposed a **penalty of Rs 1 crore** on state-owned **Union Bank of India** for "**non-compliance**" with the directions on **Know Your Customer (KYC) norms**.

**Third Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement, 2017-18 Resolution of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Reserve Bank of India:**

On the basis of an assessment of the current and evolving macroeconomic situation, The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to:

- Reduce the **policy repo rate** under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) **by 25 basis points** from 6.25 per cent **to 6.0 per cent** with immediate effect.
- Consequently, the **reverse repo rate** under the LAF stands adjusted to **5.75 per cent**, and the **marginal standing facility (MSF)** rate and the Bank Rate to **6.25 per cent**.
- The decision of the MPC is consistent with a neutral stance of monetary policy in consonance with the **objective of**

**achieving** the medium-term target for consumer price index (CPI) inflation of 4 per cent within a band of +/- 2 per cent, while supporting growth.

**RBI Widens Basel-III-Compliant Asset Base:**

Ahead of the implementation of the stringent capital requirements under the

**Basel-III regime from 2019**, the Reserve Bank amended a slew of previous regulations on the same, helping banks shore up their **capital buffers and improves liquidity coverage ratios**.

### **RBI issues final guidelines for tri-party repo transactions:**

The **Reserve Bank** issued the final guidelines on **tri-party repo transactions** as part of its attempt to energise the **corporate bond market** and **generate more liquidity** in the segment.

### **ABOUT Tri –party repo**

A tri-party repo is a **contract** between a **buyer** and a **seller** of a security along with a **third party agent**. In most cases, the **third-party agent** may be a **custodian bank**, which will facilitate services like collateral selection, payment and settlement, custody and management during the life of the transaction.

Such repos can be traded **over-the-counter (OTC)** including on **electronic platforms**, or, **on stock exchanges**, and should reported within **15 minutes** of the trade for public dissemination to CCIL or to exchanges or any other reporting platform authorised for the purpose by the Reserve Bank, it said in a notification.

### **RBI makes Aadhaar linkage mandatory for farmers to avail short-term crop loans in 2017-18:**

**Reserve Bank** has made **Aadhaar linkage** mandatory for **farmers** who wish to avail short-term crop loans in 2017-18. In a notification issued from Mumbai, RBI has advised banks to make **Aadhaar linkage compulsory to ensure hassle-free benefits to farmers under the Interest Subvention Scheme**.

RBI has clarified that farmers can avail of short-term crop loans of up to **3 lakh** rupees at subsidised interest rate of **7 percent** in FY18 to the

farmers, with an interest subvention of 2% per annum to lending institutions like Public Sector Banks (PSBs), private banks on use of their own resources.

Meanwhile, in order to discourage distress sale and encourage farmers to store produce in warehouses, banks will provide subvention benefit to small and marginal farmers with **Kisan Credit Cards** for a further period of up to **6 months post-harvest**.

### **RBI to shortly issue new Rs 50 currency note:**

RBI will shortly issue new banknotes of **Rs 50 denomination** in the **Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series**. A **RBI press release** has informed that the base colour of the **new notes** will be **fluorescent blue** and its dimension will be **66 mm x 135 mm**. The new notes will bear the picture of the **iconic stone chariot at Hampi**, Karnataka on the reverse, depicting the country's cultural heritage along with the **Swachh Bharat logo, year of printing, numeral 50 in devnagiri** and the language panel.

The banknote will bear the signature of **RBI Governor Dr. Urjit R. Patel** on the front side along with the guarantee and promise clause and the RBI emblem.

It will have Mahatma Gandhi's portrait at the Centre and a see through register with enominal numeral 50. **Micro letters 'RBI', 'BHARAT', 'INDIA' and '50' and Ashoka Pillar emblem** on the right will also feature on the front side.

The security thread will have inscriptions **'BHARAT' and RBI**. The number panel will have numerals growing from small to big on the top left side and bottom right side. RBI has clarified that all banknotes in 50 rupee denomination issued in the earlier series will continue to be legal tender.

### **RBI to issue Rs 200 in denomination banknotes in Mahatma Gandhi (New) series:**

The Reserve Bank of India will issue the **200 rupee** denomination banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series, bearing signature of **Governor Dr. Urjit R. Patel**. The note will be issued from select RBI offices, and some banks.

The new denomination has Motif of **Sanchi Stupa** on the reverse, depicting the country's cultural heritage. The base colour of the note is **Bright Yellow**. The note has other designs, geometric patterns aligning with the overall colour scheme, both at the obverse and reverse. Dimension of the banknote will be **66 mm x 146 mm**.

**Banks should link home loan rates to repo rate: RBI appointed committee:**

A **Reserve Bank of India** appointed **committee on Household Finance** has suggested that banks link their **home loan rates to the RBI's repo rate**, the rate at which it lends to banks, instead of the **Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate (MCLR)**, which the banks follow now. The committee report is chaired by **Dr Tarun Ramadorai, Professor of Financial Economics**.

**Govt notifies Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act:**

The government has **notified** the **Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act**. The Act authorises the **Reserve Bank of India**, RBI to issue directions to banks to initiate insolvency resolution process to **recover bad loans**.

The banking sector is saddled with **non-performing assets**, NPAs of over **8 lakh crore rupees**, of which, **6 lakh crore rupees** are with public sector banks. The government in May had promulgated an ordinance authorising the RBI to issue directions to banks to initiate insolvency resolution process under the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016**.

The RBI had identified **12 accounts** each having more than five thousand crore of outstanding loans and accounting for **25 per cent** of **total NPAs of banks** for immediate referral for resolution under the bankruptcy law. The loan defaulters identified by the RBI include, **Essar Steel, Bhushan Steel, ABG Shipyard, Electrosteel and Alok Industries**. The bulk of the NPAs are in various sectors including power, steel, road infrastructure and textiles.

**STATE BANK OF INDIA**

**Samsung Pay now available for higher variants of State Bank of India debit cards:**

The **State Bank of India (SBI)** and **Samsung** India announced the availability of payment platform **Samsung Pay** for higher variants of SBI debit Card. This will allow SBI debit card holders to make payments using Samsung smart phones at **Point of Sale (PoS)** card machines at merchant outlets. SBI debit card users can also avail introductory cash back benefits upto Rs 500.

**SBI plans to raise Rs 2,000 cr via Basel-III bonds:**

**State Bank of India** plans to raise Rs. **2,000 crore** by allotting **Basel-III compliant bonds** to various investors. **SBI** said the bonds will carry a coupon rate of **8.15 per cent** per annum with a call option **after 5 years** or the anniversary date thereafter.

**Lok Sabha passes bill approving merger of associate banks with SBI:**

The government said the merger of the **five associate banks** with the **SBI** will lead to increased capital base and availability of loan, as the Lok Sabha passed the bill approving the amalgamation.

The Lok Sabha passed the bill to repeal the **SBI (Subsidiary Banks) Act 1959, State Bank of Hyderabad Act 1956** and to further amend the

**State Bank of India Act, 1955**, following the merger of five associates with the parent SBI.

**Minister of State for Finance Santosh Gangwar** said that with this merger, the SBI has come in the list of top 50 banks globally and is ranked at the **45th** position. The five associates that were merged are State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur (SBBJ), State Bank of Hyderabad (SBH), State Bank of Mysore (SBM), State Bank of Patiala (SBP) and State Bank of Travancore (SBT). SBI had **90 per cent** shareholding in the State Bank of Mysore, **75.07 per cent** shareholding in the State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur and **79.09 per cent** shareholding in the State Bank of Travancore.

#### SBI

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Arundhati Bhattacharya**

#### GDP growth in Jun quarter to be around 6.6% in India: Nomura

**India's GDP** growth is likely to be higher at **6.6 per cent** in the **June quarter** from the previous three months this year even as the pick-up in growth numbers in India has lost some momentum on account of GST, says a report.

According to Japanese financial services major Nomura, the pick-up in growth which was visible toward end-of March quarter had lost some momentum towards end of the June quarter due to destocking and **uncertainty ahead of the Goods and Services tax (GST)**.

#### India, China home to 39% of world's young Internet population: UN report

Neighbouring countries **India and China** are home to **39 per cent** of the **830 million youngsters** worldwide who use the **Internet**, according to the data released by the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**, the United Nations specialised agency for Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs).

#### Mukesh Ambani overtakes Hong Kong's Li Ka-shing to become second richest man in Asia: report

**Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani** has overtaken **Hong Kong** business magnate **Li Ka-shing** to become **Asia's second-richest man**. According to the **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**, Ambani's wealth has seen a rise of \$12.1 billion with the oil-to telecom conglomerate's shares seeing a surge with investors rallying behind his decision to launch the cheapest 4G phone, according to a Bloomberg report.

#### India in line to meet fiscal deficit target of 3.2%: Report

The Indian government is on track to achieve the **fiscal deficit target** of **3.2%** of **GDP** in the current fiscal year, said a report by UBS.

The Centre's fiscal deficit narrowed from a peak of 6.5% of GDP in 2009-10 to 3.5 % of GDP in 2016-17 and is estimated to fall further to **3.2% of GDP** in 2017-18.

#### Airtel Payments Bank, HPCL tie-up for digital payments:

Aiming to further boost digital payments in the country, **Airtel Payments Bank** announced a strategic partnership with **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)**. All **14,000 HPCL fuel stations** will act as banking points for Airtel Payments Bank. These cashless payments can be made via smart phones (MyAirtel App) as well as feature phones (USSD).

#### 1st time India becomes net export country in Steel: Birender Singh

**Minister for Steel Chaudhary Birender Singh** said that first time India has become a net export country in Steel. The steel import in the country has gone down by 39 per cent and an export has gone up by 102 per cent last year. Crude

steel production has registered **3.5 per cent** growth during April-June 2017-18.

### Flipkart completes eBay India merger:

**E-commerce major Flipkart** said it has **completed** the **merger** with **eBay India's operations**. With this, **eBay.in** will now be a Flipkart Group company. The deal was announced in April when the Flipkart group raised \$ 1.4 billion from global technology major's eBay, Tencent and Microsoft.

### India permitted to construct Kishanganga, Ratle projects under Indus Water Treaty: World Bank

**India** is allowed to construct **Kishanganga hydroelectric power** facilities on tributaries of the **Jhelum** and **Chenab** rivers with certain restrictions under the **1960 Indus Waters Treaty (IWT)**, the World Bank has said.

### India signs Global Environment Facility (GEF) Grant Agreement with the World Bank for USD 24.64 Million for "Ecosystems Service Improvement Project":

A Grant Agreement from the **Global Environment Facility (GEF)** of the World Bank of **USD 24.64 million** for "**Ecosystem Service Improvement Project**" was signed by **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Joint Secretary (MI)**, Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Government of India and **Mr. Hisham Abdo Kahin**, Acting Country Director for India on behalf of the World Bank. The project's duration is **5 years**. The **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)** will implement the project in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh through Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education under the National Mission for Green India.

The **objective** of the project is to strengthen the institutional capacity of the

Departments of Forestry and Community Organisations to enhance forest ecosystem services and improve the livelihoods of forest dependent communities in central Indian highlands.

### World Bank

- Headquarters: **Washington, D.C., United States**
- President: **Jim Yong Kim**
- CEO: **Kristalina Georgieva**

### SEBI forms committee on fair market conduct:

Regulator **SEBI** set up a committee on '**fair market conduct**' which will suggest measures for **improving surveillance of the markets** and **strengthen rules for algo trades**, among other norms.

The panel, under the chairmanship of former law secretary **T K Viswanathan**, would suggest measures for improvement in **PIT (Prohibition of Insider Trading)** norms, **PFTUP (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices)** regulations and mainly related to 'trading plans'.

### SEBI launches online registration for custodians of securities:

**Securities and Exchange Board of India, SEBI**, has introduced an online registration mechanism for **custodians of securities** to make it **convenient** for them to do business. Markets regulator said, the new system will help custodian of securities to **complete registration** and other regulatory filings with SEBI much faster and in a cost-effective manner.

The custodian of securities seeking approval as **Designated Depository Participant (DDP)** in terms of SEBI (FPI) regulations shall also apply through this portal. It said, all applicants desirous of seeking registration as a Custodian of Securities are now required to submit their applications online only, through SEBI Intermediary Portal.

## SEBI ties up with Securities & Exchange Organization (SEO) of Iran for technical assistance:

**Markets regulator** Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) and Securities & Exchange Organization (**SEO**) of Iran have entered into a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for mutual cooperation and technical assistance. It will facilitate mutual assistance, contribute towards efficient performance of the supervisory functions, and enable effective enforcement of laws and regulations governing the securities markets. The MoU was signed by **SEBI chief Ajay Tyagi** and **SEO Iran chairman Shapour Mohammadi**.

### SEBI

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Ajay Tyagi**

## PayPal unveils two innovation labs:

**PayPal** has unveiled its **newest Innovation Labs** at the **Chennai** and **Bengaluru** Tech centres. The lab is the **first** by PayPal in India and third **after the U.S. and Singapore**. The firm said the lab will serve as a platform **to promote** innovation which is a core value for PayPal globally.

## India, ASEAN-5 more fetching to FDI than other emerging markets:

**India** along with **Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines** and **Vietnam** is more attractive to FDIs as compared to other emerging markets and flows to these nations are expected to surge to around **\$240 billion** by **2025**, says a Nomura report. The Japanese financial services major have dubbed India and ASEAN-5 (**Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam**) as "Asia's tiger cubs".

## MCX inks MoU with Mahindra Agri for data on farm pricing:

The **Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)** and **Mahindra Agri Solutions** have signed

a pact **to provide agriculture related price information**.

The **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** will enhance the decision-making ability of the farmers further. To start with, MCX will be **providing price information**, open interest information, spot price, future price and derived data (analytics) for all the agri commodities namely - CPO (crude palm oil), cotton, cardamom and mentha oil etc.. This information will be available on its mobile application — '**MyAgriGuru**'.

## India signs USD 329 million loan pacts with AIIB for Gujarat road project:

**India** has signed a loan agreement with **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** for financing of **329 million US dollar** for **Gujarat Rural Roads Project**. The agreement was signed by Joint Secretary in the **Ministry of Finance, Sameer Kumar Khare** and Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, **AIIB, D J Pandian**.

The objective of the project is to improve the rural road connectivity and accessibility (by providing all weather road connectivity) to **1,060 villages** in all the **33 districts** in **Gujarat** state benefiting about **8 million** people.

### AIIB

- Headquarters: **Beijing, China**
- Chairman: **Jin Liqun**

## Government announces new PSU ETF called Bharat-22 with diversified portfolio:

**Finance Minister Arun Jaitley** announced creation of **new ETF (Exchange Traded Fund)** called **Bharat 2022**, comprising of **22 companies**, or investments from central public sector undertakings, public sector banks and some other strategic holdings.

Compared to energy heavy **CPSE ETF, Bharat 22** is a well diversified portfolio of companies from six sectors (**basic materials, energy, finance, FMCG, industrials & utilities**)

with a **20% cap** on each sector and a **15% cap** on each stock.

It will feature four banking stocks- **SBI, Axis Bank, Bank of Baroda** and **Indian Bank** other than CPSEs such as **Nalco, ONGC, IOC, BPCL and Coal India**.

### **Bank of Baroda cuts interest on savings a/c by 50 bps:**

The **Bank of Baroda cuts interest rate on savings bank balance** of up to **Rs 50 lakh** has been reduced to **3.5 per cent** from the current annual **4 per cent**. However, for balance **above of Rs 50 lakh**, the bank has retained the rate at **4 per cent**.

On July 31, the country's largest lender **State Bank of India** had slashed interest rate on savings account deposits by **50 basis points** to **3.5 per cent** on balance of **Rs 1 crore and below**. However, SBI continues to offer **4 per cent interest** on savings account balance of **Rs 1 crore and above**.

### **Bank of Baroda**

- Headquarters: **Vadodara**
- CEO: **P. S. Jayakumar**

### **Kotak Bank's new forex service:**

**Kotak Mahindra Bank** has launched **Kotak Remit – an Aadhaar-based integrated outward forex remittance solution** for both **customers and non-customers**.

The **24x7 forex** remittance service offers a completely paperless process that enables users to register online using **Aadhaar and PAN numbers**, and initiate remittances instantly.

### **MobiKwik partners Bajaj Finance for larger financial services pie:**

Taking a big step towards positioning itself as a top consumer finance brand in the digital space, mobile wallet major **MobiKwik** has entered into a **strategic partnership** with **Bajaj Finance**

Ltd to transform itself into **financial services App from a payment App**.

Under this strategic partnership, Bajaj Finance has picked up 10.83 per cent equity stake in MobiKwik for about **Rs. 225 crore** and offer its lending (purchase finance, credit card, mortgage loans and personal loans) and insurance products to be sold through MobiKwik App.

### **MobiKwik**

- Headquarters: **Gurgaon, India**
- CEO: **Bipin Preet Singh**
- Co-Founder: **Upasana Taku**

### **MasterCard, PayPal expand partnership into Asia Pacific:**

**MasterCard** and **PayPal** have extended their **partnership into Asia Pacific to enhance the consumer experience** and make MasterCard a clear payment option with PayPal.

### **PNB customers to pay higher charges for non-credit services:**

**PNB customers** will have to **pay charges for depositing cash above Rs 5,000 in a non-base branch** even if it is located in the same city.

Currently, the customers of **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** are **levied charges only for depositing cash over Rs 25,000** at a non-base branch within the same city. It has been decided to revise the **non-credit related charges (exclusive of GST)** with **effect from September 1, 2017 for cash deposit above Rs 5,000** at other than base branch within the same city.

A customer will have to pay **Re 1 per Rs 1,000** for above **Rs 5,000** cash deposit or part thereof with **a minimum of Rs 25 per transaction**. At an outstation branch, cash deposit up to **Rs 5,000 will be free of cost from September 1**, which at present is **limited for Rs 25,000**.

While, for above Rs 5,000 cash deposit at outstation branch, the bank will levy **Rs 2 per Rs**

**1,000** or part thereof with a **minimum of Rs 25 per transaction**. The bank has also revised upwards the **cheque returning charges** for a payment of above **Rs 1 crore to Rs 2,000** for first cheque and Rs 2,500 for subsequent bounces. **Currently**, for a cheque return of **above Rs 1 crore**, the charges are Rs 1,000 for first cheque and Rs 1,500 for subsequent instances.

#### **Punjab National Bank**

- Headquarters: **New Delhi**
- Chairman: **Sunil Mehta**

#### **Iran signs its biggest-ever car deal with France's Renault:**

Iran's official news agency says **two Iranian companies** have signed the country's biggest-ever car deal worth **several hundred million** dollars with French multinational automobile manufacturer Group Renault to produce 150,000 cars, beginning in 2018.

#### **Bank of Maharashtra cuts rates:**

**Bank of Maharashtra** (BoM) has reduced its **benchmark lending rate** known as marginal cost of funds based lending rate — by **5-15 basis points** (bps) across loan tenures. It is the first public sector bank to reduce lending rates following the **25 bps repo rate cut** by **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** last week.

#### **Bank of Maharashtra**

- Headquarters: **Pune**
- Chairman: **Ravindra Prabhakar Marathe**

#### **Amazon to offer training, aid to Telangana weavers:**

**Amazon India** has said it signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Telangana Department of Handloom and Textiles**, to educate, train and enable weavers and artisans to directly sell their products to Amazon customers across the country.

#### **ONGC Videsh to pump \$150 million in Colombia, Kazakhstan & Bangladesh:**

**ONGC Videsh**, the overseas arm of the **state-run Oil and Natural Gas Corp**, plans to invest **\$150 million** in exploration this fiscal year to drill more wells in Colombia, where it just made a commercial discovery, as well as in **Kazakhstan and Bangladesh**. **ONGC Videsh**, has made a commercial discovery in its exploration well **Mariposa-1**.

#### **Axis Bank cuts savings rate to 3.5 percent for deposits up to '50 lakh':**

**Axis Bank** lowered the interest rate on **savings accounts (SAs)** of up to **Rs 50 lakh** by **50 basis points (bps)** to **3.5 per cent**. The bank will continue to pay **4 per cent** interest on savings accounts with balances of **more than Rs 50 lakh**.

The cut follows a similar move by State Bank of India (SBI) on July 31 for deposits of up to Rs 1 crore. **As on June 30, Axis Bank** had a savings-account base of Rs **1.22 lakh crore**, up **22 per cent** from the year-ago period, but 3 per cent lower than the March-end figure of Rs 1.26 lakh crore.

#### **Axis Bank to waive 12 EMIs on regular home loan repayment:**

With competition getting hotter in the **affordable housing finance sector**, **private lender Axis Bank** will waive **12 equated monthly installments** (EMIs) on regular repayments of loans of up to **Rs. 30 lakh** under the new scheme **Shubh Aarambh Home Loans**.

The lender has introduced **Shubh Aarambh Home Loans**, in which 12 EMIs are waived — four EMIs each after the fourth, eighth and 12th year — from the date of the first disbursement. The waiver will be in the form of **reduction in tenure**.

#### **Freyr Energy ties up with Axis Bank:**

Solar energy services company **Freyr Energy** has tied up with **Axis Bank** to offer term loans ranging from **₹5 lakh to ₹50 lakh** for tenures up to five years, for solar rooftop installations in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

The loans will be given to MSMEs and self-employed individuals to install Freyr rooftop solar plants for industrial and commercial purposes. It **will help MSMEs** significantly reduce their electricity bills. Over the past three years, Freyr has installed over **800 solar systems** across 14 States in India and Ghana.

### **Axis Bank**

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Shikha Sharma**

### **IDFC Bank partners with Zeta for digital payments solution:**

Private sector lender **IDFC Bank** has **partnered** with digital payments company **Zeta**, to launch '**IDFC Bank Benefits**' - a payment solution for corporate that **digitises employee** spends and claims, **making the process simple, real-time and paperless.**

The **end-to-end** digital solution comprises an **IDFC Bank Benefits Card** and **Zeta app** which integrates the full suite of allowances and reimbursements offered by an employer into one preloaded card. Employees can also access the Benefits Card via the Zeta app on mobile or web. This enables them to track **spends, entitlement limits** and **submit claims**, digitally, while on-the-move.

### **IDFC Bank**

Headquarters: **Mumbai**  
CEO: **Vikram Limaye**

### **Amazon launches virtual customer service in four Indian cities:**

**Amazon** announced the launch of **virtual customer service (VCS) model**, an initiative launched to create cost efficient employment

prospects for skilled candidates seeking more flexible work opportunities.

VCS has currently been launched in **Hyderabad, Pune, Coimbatore and Noida** and is hiring for entry level job opportunities along with opportunities for team managers and group managers in these cities, it said.

### **ICICI Bank introduces instant credit card:**

- First bank in the country to provide customers a credit card instantly
- Customers can immediately start online shopping

**ICICI Bank**, India's largest private sector bank by consolidated assets, announced the **launch of instant credit cards. This first-of-its-kind offering in the Indian banking industry** enables the savings account customers of the Bank to get a credit card instantly, in a completely digital and paperless manner.

This new offering enables a **few lakhs of pre-qualified customers** to instantly get the **credit card number and other important details online**, using which, he/she can immediately start shopping online, without having to wait for the physical card to arrive.

Available round-the-clock and on all days, a customer can get a **credit card instantly** with a **credit limit** of up to **Rs four lakh** based on pre-checked bureau scores.

### **ICICI Bank cuts savings account interest rate by 0.5 pct:**

After second largest private sector lender in the country, HDFC Bank cuts its savings bank interest rate, another private sector lender, this time **ICICI Bank** has cut its rate too. The bank announced that it has **slashed its interest rate by 50 basis points to 3.5 per cent** on deposits **below Rs 50 lakh**. However, it has also indicated that the rate on deposits of **Rs 50 lakh** and above will remain unchanged at **4 per cent**. The interest

rates that have been revised will come into effect from August 19 itself.

## ICICI

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- CEO: **Chanda Kochhar**

## Finance Ministry panel to resolve bank pensioners' issues:

The **Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance**, has set up a committee to resolve the **pending issues of bank pensioners and retirees**.

Demands of the pensioners/retirees include **100 per cent DA neutralisation for pre-2002 retirees**; improvement in family pension, medical insurance and a medical benefit scheme; pension updation; second options to compulsorily retired officers and resignees who have put in a pensionable service. **Suprita Sarkar**, acting general secretary, said that the Confederation had been pursuing these with the government and the **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)**.

## Vijaya Bank opens self-employment training institute in Indore:

**Vijaya Bank** has disbursed loan sanction letters to beneficiaries who were trained at the **Vijaya Bank Self Employment Training Institute (VIBSETI)** in Bhenslay Village, Indore, **Madhya Pradesh**.

**VIBSETI** trains youth for starting their own enterprises. **Kishore Sansi, Managing Director and CEO, Vijaya Bank**, inaugurated the new premises recently. So far, more than **50,000** candidates have been trained, **70 per cent** of whom have set up their own micro enterprises.

## Vijaya Bank

- Headquarters: **Bengaluru**
- CEO: **Kishore Sansi**

## NSDC, Google India to launch mobile app development programme:

The **NSDC and Google** India will come together to **train app developers** for mobile platform on the **Android and web platforms**, a move aimed at improving the country's mobile application development ecosystem.

The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is a public-private partnership enterprise under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. Under the initiative, NSDC will introduce a specific course with the scope to **train developers to create applications for the mobile platform** that can be used on Smartphone and tablets running on the Android operating system.

The **100-hour duration course** is designed to be delivered by NSDC's partner agencies, outside the formal education system. **NSDC MD & CEO Manish Kumar** said the collaboration aims to accelerate mobile skill training and create opportunities for youth in the country.

## NCLT admits insolvency proceedings against Lanco Infratech:

The **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** has admitted insolvency proceedings against **Lanco Infratech Ltd**, among the **12 identified cases** referred to the tribunal following the Reserve Bank of India. The Hyderabad bench of NCLT accepted the petition moved by IDBI Bank and appointed **Savan Godiawala** as the **interim insolvency professional**.

## IDFC arm raises Rs250 crore to refinance two solar plants:

**IDFC Alternatives Ltd's India Infrastructure Fund II** has raised long-term project finance of **Rs250 crore** by selling **non-convertible debentures** to infrastructure debt funds and financial institutions.

The proceeds will be used to refinance two of its solar plants, which it has recently acquired from Gurgaon-based **Punj Lloyd group** and to **repay existing loans**. The acquisition of the two

plants, both located in **Punjab**, was made through IDFC's renewable energy platform **Vector Green Energy Pvt. Ltd.** The company has a long-term agreement with the state utility for the sale.

### Facebook launches YouTube competitor called 'Watch':

In an apparent bid to take on **Google-owned YouTube**, **Facebook** has rolled out 'Watch' - a redesigned video platform for creators and publishers. The social media giant last year launched 'Video' tab in the US which offered a predictable place to find videos on Facebook.

### Softbank to invest over \$2.5 billion in Flipkart:

**Softbank** announced that it has invested over **\$2.5 billion**— a mix of primary and secondary capital—in the e-commerce company. With this massive infusion, Softbank has become one of Flipkart's **largest** shareholders.

#### SOFT BANK

- Headquarters: **Minato, Tokyo, Japan**
- Chairman: **Masayoshi Son**

### Union Bank board clears induction of Dai-ichi Life arm as partner in AMC:

**Union Bank of India's** board of directors gave 'in-principle' approval to induct **Dai-ichi Life Holdings** group company Asset Management One Company as a strategic partner in **Union Asset Management Company Pvt Ltd** (Union AMC). **Rajkiran Rai G, MD & CEO, Union Bank of India**, said the foreign partner will own **40 per cent stake** in Union AMC.

Dai-ichi Life Insurance has a three-way life insurance joint venture with **Bank of India and UBI**. While the Japanese life insurer holds 45.94 stake in Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance, BoI and UBI hold 28.96 per cent and 25.10 per cent stakes, respectively.

### Union Bank signs insurance deals:

**Union Bank of India** entered into a **corporate agency** agreement with **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** and **Cholamandalam MS**

**General Insurance** for distribution of their insurance products. The public sector bank already has a corporate agency agreement with The New India Assurance.

### Union Bank of India

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- MD and CEO: **Rajkiran Rai G**

### MCX gets SEBI approval for launching gold options:

The **Multi Commodity Exchange Ltd (MCX)** has received capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI)** approval to **launch options on gold**, said two people with direct knowledge of the matter.

**Non-agri commodities**, according to SEBI rules, need to have an average turnover of **Rs1,000 crore** and the commodity needs to be in the top five list in terms of daily turnover. Based of these criterion, MCX chose gold, which is the most liquid commodity on its platform.

SEBI on 26<sup>th</sup> April had cleared the issues around settlement by finalizing amendments to the **Stock Exchange and Clearing Corporation (SECC) regulations and Securities Contract Regulation Act.**

### Delhi India's largest, Asia's fastest growing city:

**Delhi** will have the **fastest growth** of any city in **Asia**, with the economy of the city-state likely to become almost **50% larger in 2021** than it was at the end of last year.

Indian cities are set to expand the most across the Asian region, with growth speeding up from the past five years, according to a new study from Oxford Economics, which has ranked Asia's 30 largest cities.

### Rajya Sabha passes banking regulation bill:

**Parliament** passed a bill that will empower the RBI to deal with stressed assets in the banking sectors which have soared **to Rs 8 lakh crore.**

The **Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2017**, which was passed by a voice vote in the Rajya Sabha, replaces an ordinance promulgated in May.

#### Canara Bank unveils two new digital services:

State-run Canara Bank unveiled **two new digital services** for online payments.

**"Bharat QR (Quick Response)** is for payment settlement at merchant locations and **Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)** is an integrated bill payment system for net banking customers.

The **first service** is a mobile application, which enables a merchant to accept payments as settlement for sale of goods or services. The **second product** (BBPS), an initiative of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and managed by the National Payments Corp of India (NPCI), offers bill payment services to the bank's net banking customers with network of agents.

#### Flipkart World's 3rd Most Funded Pvt Co:

With the **\$2.4 billion** it just received from Japanese technology and telecom giant SoftBank, **Flipkart** has become the **third most funded private company globally**. The top two are both ride hailing platforms — China based **Didi Chuxing** and US based **Uber**. Flipkart is the **only e-commerce company** in the **top 10**.

#### Indian Oil Corporation buys first shale oil from US:

State-owned **Indian Oil Corp (IOC)** has bought the country's **first shale oil from the US** and is looking to step up imports from America as part of its crude diversification strategy.

IOC bought **1.9 million barrels** of US crude in its second import tender seeking oil from the Americas, company Director (Finance) **A K Sharma** said. IOC has received government nod for buying one cargo (or shipload) of US oil every month **till March 2018**.

#### Hike Messenger acquires Bengaluru-based tech start-up Creo:

Homegrown messaging and social media technology company **Hike Messenger** said it has acquired Bengaluru-based tech **start-up Creo** for an undisclosed amount. The Creo team constitutes over 50 members and was founded in December 2013 by Sai Srinivas Kiran G and Shubham Malhotra.

#### IoT incubation centre at Basar:

**iBuild Innovations India**, an organisation established to facilitate innovation and entrepreneurship through startup hubs spread across the country, is setting up an **internet of things (IoT) incubation centre** in **Basar** in collaboration with **Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT)**. The centre will be operational next month. IoT is an **inter-networking of physical devices**, vehicles, buildings, and other objects embedded with electronics, software, sensors and network connectivity which enable these objects **to collect and exchange data**.

iBuild is also conducting **"Power to India"** workshops in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh **to create awareness** on entrepreneurship and advanced technologies among youth, especially from Tier-2, Tier-3 cities.

#### TAL Manufacturing launches educational cell in robotics:

After the successful launch of the country's first indigenously developed robot '**BRABO**' in April 2017, TAL Manufacturing, a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Tata Motors**, has launched '**Robo Whiz**', an education cell designed for universities and polytechnics. Robo Whiz **will provide students hands-on experience and help develop skills** needed for effective use and management of Robotics and Automation Technology.

#### TAL Manufacturing Solutions Ltd

- Non-Executive Director and Chairman: **R S Thakur**

**Jaitley holds FDI policy meet:**

Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** chaired a meeting to review the **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy** in certain sectors. The meeting appears to be a follow-up of the meeting Prime Minister had called last month on FDI policy.

The meeting assumes significance as the government is considering **to liberalise** FDI policy in certain sectors such as single brand retail, multi brand retail and construction. Foreign direct investment in the country grew **9 per cent to \$43.47 billion in 2016-17.**

**Over 9.3 crore PANs linked with Aadhaar:**

More than **9.3 crore Permanent Account Numbers (PAN)** have been linked with Aadhaar, a senior Income Tax Department officer said. Of the total **PAN-Aadhaar** seeding, which is nearly 30 per cent of the total about 30 crore PAN holders, about three crore linkages were done in June and July.

By August 5, which was the last date for filing Income Tax Returns (ITRs), over 9.3 crore PAN-Aadhaar linkages have been registered by the I-T department. According to the officer, the tally is expected to grow as the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**, the policy-making body of the department, has already extended the last date for linking the two unique numbers **till August 31.**

**Govt asks Google, Facebook, Whatsapp and others to remove Blue Whale links:**

**Government** has directed internet majors - **Google, Facebook, Whatsapp, Instagram, Microsoft and Yahoo** - to immediately remove the links of **dangerous** online game "**Blue Whale Challenge**", which has led to suicide of children in India and other countries. **Mumbai** and **West Midnapore** district have reported deaths linked to this game.

**Ministry of Electronics and IT (Meity)** instructed the internet majors in a letter to ensure that any such link of this deadly game in its own name or similar game is immediately removed from their platform. The letter was issued following instructions from Law and IT Minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad.**

The Blue Whale challenge is reportedly a **suicide game** in which the player is given certain tasks to complete for a period of 50 days and the final task leads to suicide. The player is also asked to share photos after finishing the challenge.

**Retail inflation rises to 2.36% in July:**

**Retail inflation** rose to **2.36 per cent** in July this year, chiefly driven by hardening prices in sugar and confectionery items, pan, tobacco, and intoxicants. Retail inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, had stood at 1.46 per cent in June.

Data released by the **Central Statistics Office** showed that retail inflation in sugar and confectionery items rose to **8.27 per cent** in July, while inflation in pan, tobacco and intoxicants was 6.39 per cent. But food inflation saw deflationary pressure, or a fall in prices, at minus **0.29 per cent** in July. Retail inflation in pulses and products was minus 24.75 per cent in July, and in vegetables it was minus **3.57 per cent.**

**Wholesale inflation jumps to 1.88% in July:**

**Wholesale inflation** rose to **1.88 per cent** in July this year, year-on-year, as the prices of some commodities increased. Inflation based on the wholesale price index had stood at 0.9 per cent in June this year, and 0.63 per cent in July last year.

Government data released showed that wholesale inflation in food items rose to **2.15 per cent** in July. In June, food prices had contracted 3.47 per cent. Inflation in vegetables climbed to **21.95 per cent** in July. In the **fuel and power**

**segment**, inflation fell to **4.37 per cent** in July, from 5.28 per cent in June.

### Indian export grows 4 percent in July:

The country's exports grew **3.9 percent** in July this year, on a yearly basis, to 22.5 billion dollars. Exports rose due to an increase in shipments of petroleum, chemicals and marine products. Official data showed that imports rose **15.4 per cent** in July, to 34 billion dollars, due to a rise in inward shipments of crude oil and gold.

### ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund launches new website:

**ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund** has launched a **new website 'PlanYourGoal.com'** to **help users plan their investments** according to their future financial goals. The **website guides** the users to plan their big spends, tax investments as well as the corpus required during retirement. The website also provides recommendations based on calculations.

### ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- CEO: **Nimesh Shah**

### Government slaps \$264 million penalty on RIL, BP:

The **government** has imposed a **new penalty of \$ 264 million** (about Rs 1,700 crore) on **Reliance Industries Ltd** and its partners for producing less than the targeted natural gas from eastern offshore KG-D6 fields in 2015-16.

### BSE's IndiaINX to commence gold options from Aug 30 at GIFT IFSC:

The international exchange from **BSE, IndiaINX**, received an approval from the regulator, **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**, to commence trading in Gold Options contracts - the **first for India at GIFT IFSC**.

The exchange at GIFT City was launched by the Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** in January this year and commenced its operations on January 16. The trading in gold options will commence from August 30, 2017.

BSE's IndiaINX has one of the **most advanced technology platforms** with a turn-around time of 4 micro seconds and operates for 22 hours a day to allow international investors and Non Residents Indians to trade from anywhere across the globe.

### City Union Bank offers instant credit cards:

The **Kumbakonam-headquartered bank** introduced the option of an "**instant credit card**" for free for its Net banking customers. And, the product, which was soft-launched, seems to have caught the fancy of its customers instantly.

### CUB

- Headquarters: **Kumbakonam**
- CEO: **N Kamakodi**

### Karur Vysya Bank inaugurates AADHAAR enrolment centre:

**Karur Vysya Bank** unveiled the **Aadhaar Enrolment Centre** following UIDAI's directive last month. The Unique Identification Authority of India had advised commercial banks to provide Aadhaar enrolment and updation facility at various branches in its July 13 notification.

**Karur Vysya Bank** identified the branches and ensured early implementation of the service. **KVB** is the **first private sector bank** to provide this service in the country, the bank said in a release. The process of enrolment or updating the details in **AADHAAR** can be completed in about **15 minutes**.

### HDFC Bank cuts interest rates on savings accounts to 3.5%:

HDFC Bank Ltd cut interest rates on most of its savings accounts to **3.5%** from **4%**. Customers

with savings bank account balance of **5 million rupees** and above will continue to earn interest at **4 percent per annum**.

**State Bank of India** had cut deposit rates on most of its savings accounts to a six-year low last month to boost net interest margins, prior to the interest rate cut by the **Reserve Bank of India**. Lenders such as Yes Bank Ltd and Axis Bank Ltd among others have also cut interest rates on certain savings accounts.

### **BharatQR, SMS Pay or even UPI, HDFC Bank launches all-in-one PoS machine:**

**HDFC Bank** announced a **software upgrade** to create a **single point-of-sale (PoS) machine** which will accept payments through **Unified Payments Interface (UPI), BharatQR, SMS Pay** and the bank's mobile wallet, in addition to the traditional mode of swiping cards. The bank plans to carry out a software upgrade of its existing base of **4 lakh PoS** machines to create what it calls a **DigiPoS** at no cost to merchants.

#### **HDFC**

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- CEO: **Aditya Puri**

### **Emma Stone named 2017's highest-paid female actor with \$26m:**

**Emma Stone** has been named **Hollywood's best-paid female actor** in Forbes' annual list of top earners. The 28-year-old made \$26m in the last 12 months, the majority of which was earned from her Oscar-winning performance in the musical romance *La La Land*. The film made over **\$445m** worldwide.

### **BSNL launches digital wallet powered by MobiKwik:**

**State-run Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL)** unveiled its mobile wallet in partnership with **MobiKwik** to enable one-tap bill payment for its over **100 million subscribers**. Besides, the

subscribers will also be able to use the digital wallet at over 1.5 million merchants across India.

The **digital wallet, developed by MobiKwik for BSNL**, is in line with the telecom corporation's intent to take the reach of digital payments to semi-urban and rural India.

CMD of BSNL: **Anupam Srivastava**

### **Telecom regulators of 23 Asia-Pacific countries to meet in Delhi:**

**Telecom regulators of 23 countries** from the **Asia-Pacific** will meet in **Delhi** this month to discuss challenges in **framing rules for digital ecosystem** and regional roaming, among others. Regulatory heads of **Australia, Afghanistan, Iran, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Vanuatu, Fiji** and some others are slated to attend the international meet.

#### **TRAI**

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **R S Sharma**

### **First regional centre of NDB opens in South Africa:**

The **first regional centre** of the **New Development Bank**, set up by India and other BRICS nations, was officially opened by **South African President Jacob Zuma** and the **banks Indian head K V Kamath**.

The idea for setting up NDB was proposed by India at the **4th BRICS summit in 2012** held in New Delhi. The creation of a NDB was the main theme of the meeting.

#### **About NDB:**

The **New Development Bank (NDB)**, formerly referred to as the **BRICS Development Bank**, is a multilateral development bank established by the BRICS states (**Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa**) with an initial authorised capital of the bank is **USD 100 billion**.

#### **South Africa**

- Currency: **South African rand**

- Capitals: **Cape Town, Pretoria, Bloemfontein**

## Power Grid inks \$500 million loan pact with Asian Development Bank:

**State-run power transmission utility Power Grid Corp** said it will get a loan of **\$500 million** from the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** for its various projects.

According to the statement, the proceeds of the loan are proposed to be utilised for funding of **Green Energy Corridor** (Part D); 800KV High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) bipole link between Western Region (Raigarh, Chhattisgarh) and Southern Region (Pugalur, Tamil Nadu) and 320 KV HDVC link between Pugalur and North Trichur (Kerala).

## Regional rural banks' mergers get exemption from CCI:

The **mergers of regional rural banks** that are ordered by the government are **now exempt** from seeking **CCI approval**, according to a notification a move that will lead to faster closure of such transactions. The exemption has been granted for a period of **five years**.

The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** keeps a tab on unfair business practices across sectors. **Mergers and acquisitions** beyond a certain threshold compulsorily require clearance from the fair trade watchdog.

**Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)** set up under the **RRB Act, 1976** provide credit and other facilities to small farmers, agricultural labourers and artisans, among others, in the rural areas. The provisions of **Section 5 and 6** of the Competition Act would not be applicable for five years on such transactions.

## Govt extends BHIM cash back scheme for merchants till March:

The **government** has **extended till March** a cash back scheme that **offers incentives** of up to **Rs.1,000** to merchants for accepting payments through the Bharat Interface for Money (**BHIM**) application.

The **BHIM cash back scheme** for merchants will be operational **till 31 March 2018**, a note by ministry of electronics and information technology (IT) said.

### About BHIM:

The scheme was launched by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on **14 April** for a period of six months for promoting cashless payments through the BHIM app. Under the scheme, a merchant can get cash back of **Rs 50** for **20-50 transaction**, **Rs 2** for every transaction there after **till Rs 950**.

The **monthly limit** of BHIM cash back scheme is **Rs.1,000**. The condition for availing benefit is that **at least 20 transactions** should have been accepted by the merchant during the month from unique users of the BHIM with each amounting to minimum of **Rs. 25**.

The app user can make transaction by using **UPI address, ISFC code** and **bank account** of the recipient and by scanning QR code that can be generated in the app itself.

## Banks need to pay 3% IGST on bullion imports: CBEC

**Banks** will have to pay **3 per cent Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST)** on imports of **gold** and **silver**, which can be claimed as input tax credit, the **Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC)** said.

The **3 per cent IGST** is payable with effect from **July 1**, the day of implementation of the new indirect tax regime. Under the new GST regime, apart from the 3 per cent IGST, a basic customs duty of 10 per cent is payable on gold imports.

## TRAI, Malaysian Telecom Regulator Ink Pact:

The **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India** has inked an agreement with the **Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)** to deepen bilateral cooperation in telecom and broadcasting regulation.

The **two telecom regulators** signed a **letter of intent (LoI)**, under which they will exchange information and regulatory best practices. **TRAI chairman RS Sharma** and **MCMC chairman Halim Shafie** were signatories to the pact, which will enhance cooperation and bilateral ties between the two entities. The telecom regulators of India and Malaysia will also undertake joint capacity building exercises in telecom and broadcasting regulation.

#### Malaysia

- Currency: **Malaysian ringgit**
- Capital: **Kuala Lumpur**

#### ONGC board approves HPCL takeover of 51.11% stake:

The board of **state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corp, ONGC**, has given 'in-principle' approval to acquire government's **51.11 per cent stake** in **Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd**. The government last month had approved sale of its **51.11 per cent stake** in oil refiner HPCL to India's largest oil producer ONGC. The deal will be completed within a year.

Prior to the merger, **HPCL** is likely to take over **Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL)** to bring all the refining assets of ONGC under one unit. ONGC currently owns 71.63 per cent of MRPL while HPCL has 16.96 per cent stake in it.

#### FDI jumps 37% to \$10.4 billion during April-June 2017:

**Foreign direct investment (FDI)** into the country grew by **37 per cent** to **USD 10.4 billion** during the first quarter of the current fiscal, DIPP said.

According to the figures of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), India had received **USD 7.59 billion** FDI during April-June 2016-17.

#### Shahrukh, Salman and Akshay on Forbes list of highest paid actors:

Indian actors **Shahrukh Khan, Salman Khan** and **Akshay Kumar** are **among the top 10 highest paid actors** in the **world** in a list compiled by Forbes. The list is topped by Hollywood action star **Mark Wahlberg**.

**Shahrukh** is at the **eighth spot** on the list with earnings of 38 million dollars, followed by **Salman** on **ninth** position with 37 million dollars. **Akshay** is the **10th** highest paid actor in the world with 35.5 million dollar earnings.

**Wahlberg** the leading man in the Forbes list has earning of **68 million dollars** in the scoring period. He replaced last year's top-ranked star, Dwayne Johnson who comes in at the second spot with 65 million dollar earnings. On the third spot is Vin Diesel with 54.5 million dollar earnings.

#### Two regional rural banks record over ₹150-cr profit in FY17:

Of the **56 regional rural banks (RRBs) in the country**, two notched up net profit of over **₹150 crore each during 2016-17**. These are among the **49 RRBs** that recorded a profit in 2016-17.

The three RRBs promoted by **Syndicate Bank – Prathama Bank, Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank, and Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank** – improved their net profit over 2015-16 and emerged in the top league of profit-making RRBs during 2016-17.

#### PM Modi, Priyanka Chopra Feature In LinkedIn Power Profiles List of 2017:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and actress **Priyanka Chopra** have found a spot in the

## LinkedIn Power Profiles List of 2017.

Professional networking giant LinkedIn announced its fourth edition of Power Profiles, a list of the most viewed LinkedIn profiles of professionals in India. **Modi** with his **2.2 million followers** on the platform is a third time return to the list.

Other influencers are **Kailash Satyarthi**, Founder of Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, Congress MP **Shashi Tharoor**, Global Chief People Officer, **Cipla**, **Prabir Jha** and **Manu Kumar Jain**, Vice President and Managing Director, **Xiaomi Technology**.

## Good prospects for India to achieve over 8 % growth in 2-3 years: Niti Aayog

**India** has **good prospects of achieving over eight per cent** growth within **two to three years** and the chances of massive cut in the poverty rate in the upcoming decade are excellent.

This was stated by **Niti Aayog** in its three Year Action Agenda unveiled. It has come out with a detailed plan for reforms in the **economy, judiciary, regulatory structure and social sectors** in its **'Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20'**.

The Action agenda proposes linking central government expenditure to future priorities, shifting additional allocations to high-priority sectors which are more likely to promote development. The Aayog has suggested ways to facilitate urbanization in the country and deal with key challenges like affordable housing, infrastructure development, public transport and promotion of Swachh Bharat.

## Microsoft launches 'Project Brainwave' for real-time AI:

**Software giant Microsoft** has announced its **Project Brainwave** deep learning acceleration platform for **real-time artificial intelligence (AI)**.

With the help of ultra-low latency, the system processes requests as fast as it receives

them. The **'Project Brainwave'** uses the massive field-programmable gate array (FPGA) infrastructure that Microsoft has been deploying over the past few years.

## Agriculture price forecasting model to get a Microsoft update:

**Software giant Microsoft** will come to the aid of **farmers in Karnataka** who constantly struggle **with an unpredictable market**. The Agriculture Department has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with **Microsoft** India to develop an unique **'farm price forecasting model'** using the latest IT tools in a bid to help farmers, administrators and other stakeholders understand the market behaviour in advance.

The proposed initiative is said to be the first-of-its-kind in the country, as it is a 'multi-variate' one that takes into consideration various factors beyond the conventional supply-demand equation. It will examine a slew of **related factors, including weather, rainfall and external factors, that impact market behaviour**.

## Dhanlaxmi Bank, DHFL Pramerica tie up for bancassurance:

**DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance Company** has signed on **Kerala-based Dhanlaxmi Bank** as its **bancassurance** partner, under which the latter will distribute retail and group life insurance products to its customers across 260 branches in India.

**G Sreeram, Managing Director and CEO, Dhanlaxmi Bank**, said the bank has consistently enhanced its portfolio to meet the diverse financial needs of its customers.

## TRAI orders Idea to pay Rs. 3 cr. for 'overcharging' customers:

The **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** has imposed a penalty of almost **Rs.**

**3 crore on Idea Cellular** for overcharging subscribers for calls they made to two public sector operators – **BSNL and MTNL**.

**Govt restricts import of gold, silver items from S Koreas by up to 50 lakh kg in next three years:**

The **government** restricted **imports of gold and silver items from South Korea** in a bid to check spurt in inbound shipments of precious metals from that country. The importers will now have to obtain a license from the **Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)** for importing gold and silver from South Korea.

These restrictions are being imposed against the backdrop of sudden surge in imports of precious metal from South Korea, with which India has a free trade agreement since January 2010.

**Google brings free WiFi to Indonesia:**

**Google** is extending its successful **Google Station program** to **Indonesia**, according to **TechCrunch**. The company is partnering with internet service providers (ISPs), venue owners, and system integrators in Indonesia to provide consumers with free access to Wi-Fi at railway stations, universities, and other public areas.

**Indonesia**

- Currency: **Indonesian rupiah**
- Capital: **Jakarta**

**NPCI approves Spice Digital's operation under Bharat Bill Payment System:**

The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has given a **nod** to **Spice Digital Ltd.** for processing bill payments under the **Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)** as a **Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU)**. The BBPS through its centralised bill payment system will allow the users to use a single website or outlet to pay all their monthly or repetitive bills such as mobile phone and electricity.

According to the **Digital Payments 2020 report** by Google and Boston Consulting Group, non-cash contribution in the consumer payments segment will double to 40 percent. Since January, 2017 the Bharat bill payment market has grown by nearly 70 times in over six months. According to the same report in this new era of digitisation, India will see digital payments exceed USD 500 billion by **2020** and non-cash transactions exceed cash transactions by **2023**.

**Seven Indian companies among world's top 200 green energy firms:**

**Seven Indian companies** have made it to the **latest Clean200 list**, featuring the **world's largest publicly traded companies** making significant revenue from clean energy.

The Carbon Clean200 report, compiled by non-profit organisation **As You Sow and Corporate Knights**, was topped by Munich-headquartered **Siemens AG**, while Greater China had the most representation on the list with 68 companies in the top 200.

The seven companies on the list released earlier this month are **Suzlon Energy** (Rank 55), **Bharat Heavy Electricals** (Rank 85), **Tata Chemicals** (Rank 144), **Exide Industries** (Rank 155), **IDFC Ltd** (167), **Thermax Ltd** (Rank 169), and **Havells India** (Rank 200).

The Clean200 are listed by their estimated green revenues in US dollars and only include companies with over **\$1 billion** of market capitalisation (at Q3 2017-end) and those that earn more than 10 percent of total revenues from New Energy sources.

**IRDAI launches central database of insurance sales persons:**

The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has launched a **Central Database** of all **Insurance Sales Persons** in the country.

Named `Envoy', the database will ensure that all licensed insurance sales persons working for insurers and intermediaries including entities such as insurance agents, broker qualified persons, specified persons of corporate agents, authorised verifiers of web aggregators, point of sales persons (POS) etc do not work with multiple insurers and intermediaries in the same business category.

### Work on \$16.5bn Carmichael coal plant in Australia to begin in Oct: Adani

**Adani Group** plans to start work on its **\$16.5 billion Carmichael coal project** in **Australia** in October, chairman Gautam Adani said, buoyed by the dismissal of appeals filed against the project by Australian activists. Adani, who ranked **250** in the **Forbes World's Billionaire List 2017** with a net worth of **\$5.8 billion**, linked the controversies to the Carmichael project.

### Tuvalu Island Is the Least-visited Country in the World:

**Tuvalu** Island Is the **Least-visited Country** in the World has also become a compelling place to study the effects of climate change. Sea levels have been rising sharply, and the **U.N. listed** it as one of the **islands** the most likely to **disappear** into the ocean in the **21st century**.

### DIPP releases next edition of consolidated FDI policy:

The **Commerce and Industry Ministry** released the **next edition** of its consolidated **FDI policy document**, incorporating all the changes made over the past year.

The DIPP, which deals with **FDI related matters**, compiles all policies related to **foreign investment regime** into a single document to make it simple and easy for investors to understand. The whole exercise is **aimed** at providing an investor friendly climate to foreign

players and, in turn, attract more FDI to boost economic growth and create jobs.

During the last one year, the government has **liberalised FDI policy** in over a dozen sectors, including **defence, civil aviation**, construction and development, private security agencies and news broadcasting. Foreign investments are considered crucial for India, which needs around **1 trillion US Dollars** for overhauling its infrastructure sector such as ports, airports and highways to boost growth.

### ICEX launches world's first diamond futures contracts:

The **Indian Commodity Exchange (ICEX)** launched the **world's first diamond futures contracts** to provide exporters with a **hedging tool**.

The **merger of Ahmedabad-based National Multi Commodity Exchange (NMCE)** into ICEX was also announced. ICEX will soon approach the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Ahmedabad, to initiate the merger procedure. After merger clearance, ICEX would automatically get approval for the launch of some agricultural commodities like rubber, coffee. The launch will also lead to **efficient price** discovery based on demand and supply and nationwide market participation.

### I-T Dept once again warned people against cash dealings of Rs 2 lakh & more:

The **Income Tax Department** once again **warned** people against cash dealings of **2 lakh rupees and more**, saying any violation of this cap will invite strict penalty under law. In a public message, the department said accepting **2 lakh rupees or more in aggregate from a single person** in a day for one or more transactions relating to one event or occasion is prohibited. The department in the past has issued similar public advertisements.

Similarly, receiving or repaying **20,000 rupees** or more in cash for transfer of immovable property and paying more than **10,000 rupees in cash** relating to expenditure of business or profession is also banned. The newly inserted **section 269ST** in the Income Tax Act bans such cash dealings on a single day, in respect of a single transaction or transactions relating to one event or occasion from an individual.

The tax department has also asked the public to report such violations or those pertaining to black money to their jurisdictional principal commissioner of I-T department or email the same to **blackmoneyinfo@incometax.gov.in**. The central government had banned cash transactions of **2 lakh rupees or more from April 1, 2017, through the Finance Act 2017**.

### **Twitter launches digital education program for media agency professionals:**

Twitter launched a new media agency program named “**#TweetToTheTop**”, dedicated to **young media executives**. **Eleven agencies** from global media and advertising networks including Dentsu, GroupM, IPG and Omnicom would participate in the initiative in **five nations** of Asia Pacific that includes India, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines and Australia.

It **aims to attract** hundreds of young media planners and executives from the five markets to showcase their best work using Twitter solutions. The top **25 among them** will compete to have their work entered into **The Cannes Festival of Creativity in July 2018**.

### **Airtel, Symantec partner to fight cyber wars:**

**Bharti Airtel** has entered into a **partnership** with **Symantec Corporation** to protect businesses in India from **online threats**. The partnership comes amid a spike in cyber attacks over the past few months, including

**ransomwares such as Petya and WannaCry** that disrupted systems across the world.

According to the agreement, **Airtel** will be the exclusive Cyber Security Services partner for Symantec in India, and will distribute the **US-based software firm's** enterprise security software. Through the partnership, the two companies **will target the IT security requirements** of large enterprises, small and medium businesses, as well as the government.

### **Alibaba's Jack Ma Again Asia's Richest Man:**

According to Forbes, **Jack Ma**, the **founder of the leading e-commerce giant in China**, was worth \$37.4 billion, with Tencent (TCEHY) Chairman **Ma Huateng now ranked second with a \$36.7 billion fortune**. According to Forbes' real-time billionaires list, the two Chinese businessmen go back and forth as the richest in Asia. Global rankings put Ma at No. 18 while Huateng is No. 19.

### **GST collections hit Rs 92,283 crore in July: Arun Jaitley**

India's maiden **GST revenue** mop-up got off to a bumper start, with Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** saying that taxes worth **Rs 92,283 crore** were collected in July from just 64.42 per cent of the total taxpayer base.

Tax collections for July, the first month when a unified Goods and Services Tax (GST) was implemented across the country in place of more than a dozen central and state levies like **excise duty, service tax and VAT**, are likely to further go up when all the tax payers file returns. Of the tax collected, Jaitley said, Rs 14,894 crore have come in as **Central GST**, Rs 22,722 crore as **State GST** and Rs 47,469 crore as **Integrated GST**. The collections so far are in excess of the finance ministry's internal estimate of Rs 91,000 crore.

### **Uber to provide free insurance for its drivers in India:**

Global ride-hailing firm **Uber Technologies** will give **free insurance** to its **450,000** driver partners in India that will cover death, disability or hospitalisation due to accidents, the company said.

The insurance by **ICICI Lombard General Insurance** will be applicable from **Sept. 1**, and will provide cover ranging from **500,000 rupees** (\$7,814) in case of death to 50,000 rupees (\$781) for outpatient treatment, the company said.

### **Fringe benefits availed by employees liable to GST:**

The new **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** will be applicable on **any non-monetary fringe benefit an employee** gets from his employer, the government said.

Monetary compensation paid to employees is not considered supply and will not attract GST, the **Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC)** said. **No GST is chargeable** if free replacement is provided by a business to customers without consideration under warranty. Also, goods sent for a demonstration on returnable basis would not be considered supply as there is no transfer of title involved.

### **Deadline for declaring Aadhaar for social schemes will be extended to Dec 31:**

The **Union government** will extend the September 30 deadline by three months for people to declare their **Aadhaar numbers** in order to continue **receiving welfare benefits**.

Attorney general **K K Venugopal**, the Centre's representative, said the government will now shift the Aadhaar declaration deadline to **December 31** for social services such as free cooking gas cylinders that women from poor families are entitled to.

### **BSNL aims to set up 1 lakh Wi-Fi hotspots by March 2019:**

**BSNL Chairman and Managing Director Anupam Shrivasta** said that the state-run telecom operator is going to set up **1 lakh Wi-Fi spots** across the country by March, 2019. As many as **25,000 Wi-Fi hotspots** will be set up in the rural areas.

The company will invest about **Rs 1,800 crore** in setting up 70,000 Wi-Fi hotspots and the USOF is providing a fund of Rs **900 crore**, including three years of operation and maintenance for setting up 25,000 hotspots.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Sameer Garde named Cisco India and SAARC President:**

**Tech giant Cisco** has named former **Philips Healthcare executive, Sameer Garde** as president for its **India and SAARC operations**. He succeeds Dinesh Malkani, who is leaving the company to pursue other opportunities.

#### **US Senate confirms Christopher Wray to lead FBI:**

The **US Senate** has confirmed **Christopher Wray** to lead the **FBI**, replacing **James Comey**, who was abruptly fired by President Donald Trump amid the investigation into Russia meddling in last year's presidential election.

#### **Justice Krishna to head expert group on Data Protection Framework for India:**

Recognising the importance of data protection and keeping personal data of citizens secure and protected, **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**, Government of India has, on 31st July 2017, constituted a **Committee of Experts** under the **Chairmanship of Justice B N Srikrishna**. The committee will also suggest a **draft Data Protection Bill**. Protection of Data is expected to provide big boost to Digital economy of the country.

**Shashi Tharoor will be the first chief of the All India Professionals' Congress:**

**Shashi Tharoor** will be the **first** chief of the **All India Professionals' Congress organisational departments – All India Professionals' Congress** and Unorganised Workers Congress – in the AICC.

**SEBI approves Dhirendra Swarup's appointment as BSE chairman:**

Leading stock exchange **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** said markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has approved the appointment of **Dhirendra Swarup** as the bourse's new chairman.

**Swarup**, former Chairman of the **Pension Funds Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)**. He also a public interest director at the BSE, replaces incumbent **Sudhakar Rao**.

**Lt Gen Abhay Krishna named chief of eastern command:**

**Lt. Gen. Abhay Krishna** has been **appointed** as head of the Army's crucial **Eastern Command** which guards a major part of Sino-India border including the Sikkim sector where armies of India and China have been locked in a face-off. **Lt. Gen. Krishna**, who was heading the Army's South Western Command and has vast experience of the Sikkim sector, succeeds **Lt. Gen. Praveen Bakshi**.

**NITI Aayog vice-chairman Arvind Panagariya quits:**

**Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Arvind Panagariya** said he **will leave** the government **think tank on August 31** and return to Columbia University. The **Indian-American**, who joined as the **first Vice Chairman of Niti Aayog** in January 2015, is the second high profile academic-economist after former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan to quit a top job in India to return to the teaching profession in the US.

**FICCI appoints Sanjaya Baru as secretary general:**

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's media advisor and senior journalist **Sanjaya Baru** has been named **new secretary general** of industry chamber **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry**. Mr Baru will assume the charge from September 1. He will **replace A. Didar Singh**.

**FICCI**

- Headquarters: **New Delhi**
- Chairman: **Pankaj Patel**

**Controversial PM Peter O'Neill re-elected Papua New Guinea PM:**

**Papua New Guinea's** controversial Prime Minister **Peter O'Neill** has secured a second term after a troubled election process that took almost six weeks. Peter O'Neill has been **re-elected prime minister** of **Papua New Guinea** by a newly elected parliament.

**Papua New Guinea**

- Currency: **Papua New Guinean kina**
- Capital: **Port Moresby**

**Prince Philip of UK retires after 65 years of service:**

96-year-old **Prince Philip**, the **Duke of Edinburgh** will begin his **retirement** from royal duties after appearing for one final solo public engagement. He is the longest-serving consort to a British monarch with 65 years of public service.

**Iran's Hassan Rouhani sworn in for second term:**

**Iran's President Hassan Rouhani** was officially **sworn** in for a **second term** at a ceremony overseen by supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

## InCred ropes in Rahul Dravid as brand ambassador:

Fintech startup **InCred** has signed up former Captain of Indian Cricket Team, **Rahul Dravid**, as its brand ambassador. The **Mumbai-based start-up** has raised **\$85 million**, one of the largest rounds of funding of a start-up in the Indian financial services industry recently.

### InCred

Founder & CEO: **Bhupinder Singh**

## Walmart India appoints Devendra Chawla as EVP and COO:

**Walmart India** has appointed **Devendra Chawla** as **Executive Vice President** and **Chief Operating Officer**.

## Air Marshal Hemant Narayan Bhagwat AVSM VM is New Air Officer-in-charge Administration (AOA) of Indian Air Force:

**Air Marshal Hemant Narayan Bhagwat AVSM VM** has taken over as **Air Officer-in-Charge** Administration of Indian Air Force at Air Headquarters (VB), **New Delhi**. Air Marshal HN Bhagwat AVSM VM was commissioned in Administrative branch of the IAF in Jun 1981.

## Rwandan President Paul Kagame set for landslide win in presidential election:

**Rwanda's President**, who has ruled the tiny African nation for 17 years, won the country's latest election with a massive landslide. With 80 per cent of ballots counted, Paul Kagame looked set to secure **98.66 per cent** of the vote, easily brushing aside his rivals **Frank Habineza** of the **Democratic Green Party of Rwanda**, who took just 0.45 per cent, and independent candidate Phillippe Mpayimana, who took 0.72 per cent

In the previous two presidential elections in **2003** and **2010**, Kagame took 90 and 93 per cent of the vote respectively.

### Rwanda:

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Madurai | Trichy | Salem | Coimbatore | Chandigarh | Bangalore | Erode | Namakkal | Puducherry | Thanjavur  
Official Website: [www.raceinstitute.in](http://www.raceinstitute.in) | Official Blog: [www.bankersdaily.in](http://www.bankersdaily.in)

- Currency: **Rwandan franc**
- Capital: **Kigali**

## US: Senate confirms three Indian-Americans to key government positions

In the **United States**, the Senate has unanimously confirmed **three Indian-Americans** to key government positions. The Senate confirmed **Neil Chatterjee** as a member of the **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission** and **Vishal Amin** as **Intellectual Property (IP) Enforcement Coordinator** in the Trump administration. **Krishna Urs** was confirmed as the **US ambassador to Peru**.

A career foreign service officer since 1986, Krishna - after **Nikki Haley** is the second Indian American to have been selected for an ambassadorial position by the administration.

## AIFF names Banerjee as chairman of Transfers Dispute Committee:

The **AIFF (All India Football Federation)** named senior advocate **Ushanath Banerjee** as the **chairman of a special committee** that will be dealing with players' transfer disputes.

### AIFF:

- President: **Praful Patel**
- Headquarters: **Dwarka, Delhi**

## Prabhat Kumar as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Kazakhstan:

**Shri Prabhat Kumar**, (IFS: 1991), **presently Ambassador of India to Colombia** has been appointed as the **next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Kazakhstan**.

## Mohammad Mustafa appointed CMD of SIDBI:

Senior bureaucrat **Mohammad Mustafa** was appointed as **Chairman** and **Managing Director** in **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**. The Appointments Committee of

the cabinet has approved his appointment to the post for **three years**.

Mustafa, a 1995 batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre, is at **present Joint Secretary in Department of Financial Services**.

**Venkaiah Naidu elected as Vice President:**

The **ruling NDA** candidate and former **Union minister M Venkaiah Naidu** was elected as the **next Vice-President of India**.

He will replace **Mohammad Hamid Ansari**, whose second term ends. **Mr. Naidu**, former Union Minister was **elected as the 13th Vice President**, after he defeated the Opposition nominee Gopalkrishna Gandhi.

**Economist Rajiv Kumar to be new Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog:**

**Economist Rajiv Kumar** will be the **new Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog**. He will succeed **Arvind Panagariya**, the **first Vice Chairman** of the NITI Aayog. Mr. Panagariya had recently resigned from his post.

Earlier, he was **Secretary General of the FICCI** and had **also served as Director and Chief Executive of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations**. He has also served as the **chief economist of the Confederation of Indian Industries** and held **senior positions in the Asian Development Bank**, the Indian Ministry of Industries, and the Ministry of Finance.

The government has also appointed **Dr Vinod Paul**, a **pediatrician** at the **All India Institute of Medical Sciences as a member of the NITI Aayog**. Dr Paul has done substantial work in public health.

**Indo-Canadian named Canada's consul general in San Francisco:**

**Rana Sarkar**, an **Indo-Canadian entrepreneur**, has been appointed as **Canada's**

**Consul General in San Francisco** as well as a member of the Canadian official team tasked with renegotiating the **North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA** with the **US and Mexico**. Sarkar was till recently national director for high growth markets at the Toronto-based multi-national KPMG. Sarkar is part of a **13-member** group tasked with helping the Canada navigate the renegotiation of NAFTA.

**S. Aparna appointed Executive Director, World Bank:**

**S. Aparna**, an **IAS officer from Gujarat cadre** has been **appointed as Executive Director, World Bank** to represent the constituency of **India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka for three years**.

A **1988-batch IAS**, she is currently Principal Secretary to **Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani**. At the World Bank, she will **replace Subhash Garg**, who was recently appointed **Economic Affairs Secretary, Ministry of Finance**.

**Indian-American appointed Deputy Comptroller for Minority Affairs of Nassau Country:**

**Indian-American Dilip Chauhan** has been appointed to a **senior position** focusing on increasing outreach to the **minority communities in Nassau Country**. Chauhan was named **Deputy Comptroller for Minority Affairs** by Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos.

**Hrithik Roshan inks Rs 100 crore deal with startup Cure.Fit:**

**Health and wellness startup Cure.fit** has signed on **actor Hrithik Roshan as brand ambassador** in what is touted as one of the largest endorsement deal signed by an Indian startup.

The **five-year** association, valued at **Rs 100 crore**, includes the actor's equity stake in the

company in lieu of cash investment, promotions and royalty from his personal brand HRX's specialised workout plan.

### Justice Dipak Misra set to become 45th Chief Justice of India:

The Centre on August 8, 2017 cleared the file for appointment of **Justice Dipak Misra** as the **45th Chief Justice** of India with effect from **August 28, 2017**.

Justice Misra, the senior most judge of the Supreme Court after the current CJI, Justice **J.S. Khehar**, who is **retiring on August 27, 2017**, will have a tenure of about 14 months till October 2, 2018.

### Kenya President Uhuru Kenyatta re-elected:

In **Kenya**, **Uhuru Kenyatta** has been **re-elected** as President. According to Election Commission Head Wafula Chebukati announced in Nairobi that Kenyatta got 54.27 per cent votes beating his rival Raifa Odinga who got 44.74 per cent of votes.

### WHO appoints Milkha Singh as Goodwill Ambassador for physical activity:

**Sprint legend Milkha Singh** has been appointed as the **World Health Organisation's goodwill ambassador for physical activity** in South-East Asia Region (SEAR), the global health body said.

As WHO goodwill ambassador, Singh, also known as **'the Flying Sikh'**, will promote WHO SEAR's non-communicable diseases (NCDs) prevention and control action plan which seeks to reduce the level of insufficient physical activity by 10 per cent and NCDs by 25 per cent by 2025, **Poonam Khetrpal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia** said.

### Marapana is Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister:

**Tilak Marapana** of the **United National Party (UNP)** assumed charge as **Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister**, following his predecessor Ravi Karunanayake's resignation.

### Reenat Sandhu concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of San Marino

Ms. **Reenat Sandhu**, (IFS: 1989), presently Ambassador of India to Italy, has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of San Marino**, with residence in Rome.

Ambassador Reenat Sandhu began her career in the **Indian Foreign Service** in 1989. Ambassador Sandhu was Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the WTO in Geneva during 2011-14.

### Dilip Asbe is appointed as the acting chief executive of NPCI, after A.P. Hota retires:

**National Payments Corporation of India** has appointed **Dilip Asbe**, its chief operating officer, to act as its chief executive officer in the wake of the retirement of **A. P. Hota**, its founding managing director. Hota who had served as the MD of NPCI since its inception retired on August 10.

Dilip Asbe, had joined NPCI as its **first employee in 2010** as its chief technology officer and was elevated to the position of the chief operating officer in 2013.

### David Rasquinha appointed as Exim Bank MD:

**David Rasquinha**, who is currently Deputy Managing Director **of Exim Bank of India**, has been appointed as **Managing Director of the bank**. This appointment will be valid for a period of **three years**.

### Santosh Sharma appointed Hindustan Copper CMD:

**Santosh Sharma** was appointed as **chairman and managing director (CMD) of Hindustan Copper Ltd (HCL)**. He is currently director (operations) in the same company. The appointments committee of the cabinet (ACC) has

approved his appointment to the post for a period of **five years**.

**Tata Motors appoints P B Balaji as CFO from November:**

**Auto major Tata Motors** announced the appointment of **P B Balaji** as its group **Chief Financial Officer**. He will replace C Ramakrishnan who retires at the end of his term on September 30.

Balaji started his career with **Unilever in 1995** and worked in different corporate finance roles across Asia, Switzerland, the UK and India.

**Sandhu-Rojon appointed UN deputy representative for West Africa:**

UN Secretary General **Antonio Guterres** has appointed senior **UN official Ruby Sandhu-Rojon** as his **new Deputy Special Representative for West Africa** and the **Sahel**.

Sandhu-Rojon succeeds **Hiroute Guebre Sellassie**, who completed her assignment this month.

**Prasar Bharati chief Vempati given additional charge of Rajya Sabha TV:**

**Shashi Shekhar Vempati**, **chief executive officer (CEO)** at public broadcaster **Prasar Bharati** has been appointed as the **chief of Rajya Sabha TV**. Vempati will replace **Gurdeep Singh Sappal** who has been serving as the CEO and editor-in-chief of Rajya Sabha TV since 2011.

**CEOs quit Trump council over response to violence:**

The chief executives of **Intel Corp., Merck & Co. Inc.** and **Under Armour Inc.** resigned from U.S. President **Donald Trump's American Manufacturing Council**, following Mr. Trump's initially tepid response to weekend violence at a rally of white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia.

- Intel Chief Executive - **Brian Krzanich**
- CEO of Drugmaker Merck and an African-American - **Kenneth Frazier**.
- CEO of Under Armour - **Kevin Plank**

**I V Subba Rao appointed secretary to Venkaiah Naidu:**

Retired IAS officer **I V Subba Rao** was appointed **secretary to Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu**. In which Naidu assumed charge as the **15th vice president of the country**. Rao, a 1979 batch **IAS officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre**, retired from service as special chief secretary last year.

**Lalit Modi resigns from Nagaur Cricket Body:**

**Lalit Modi** resigned as **President of the Nagaur District Association**, marking an end to his presence in the Rajasthan Cricket body, which was banned by the BCCI for allowing the tainted administrator in its fold. The 50-year-old Modi, who left India after being charged with money laundering, sent his resignation to both the **RCA as well as BCCI CEO Rahul Johri**.

**Sankara Rao to be IFCI Chief Executive:**

IFCI Ltd, a government company, is set to have a new Managing Director & CEO in **E Sankara Rao**, who is currently Chief General Manager at India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL). Rao's appointment will be valid for **three years**.

**Vishal Sikka resigns as MD and CEO of Infosys:**

**Vishal Sikka** has resigned as the **Chief Executive Officer** and **Managing Director of Infosys**. **Pravin Rao** has been appointed as the **interim CEO**. Sikka will now be the executive **vice-chairman** of the company.

**Paris Saint-Germain new boy Neymar takes up goodwill ambassador position for Handicap International:**

**Brazilian star Neymar** has become a **goodwill ambassador for Handicap International**, pledging to work for millions who are 'less visible' but deserve equality.

Fresh from his first win with Paris Saint-Germain and his world-record signing from Barcelona, which Sportsmail reported was worth **£198million**, Neymar was announced as a goodwill ambassador outside the United Nations in Geneva.

### **Sanjiv Gupta appointed president and MD of General Motors India:**

**General Motors India** announced the appointment of **Sanjiv Gupta** as the **new President and Managing Director** of the company.

The current President and Managing Director **Kaher Kazem** will hand over the reins of the company to **Gupta**, who is Chief Financial Officer, effective September 1.

### **Sohail Mahmood Takes Charge as Pak's High Commissioner to India**

**Pakistan's High Commissioner-designate Sohail Mahmood** arrived in India and took charge at the **Indian High Commission**. Mahmood served as the Ambassador of Pakistan to Thailand from **2009-2013**.

One of the senior-most officers of the Pakistan Foreign Service, he succeeds career diplomat **Abdul Basit**, who served as the country's envoy for **four years**.

### **Adnan Sami, Yesudas appointed Bharat Bhavan trustees:**

**Pakistan-origin singer Adnan Sami**, who got Indian citizenship last year, and **eminent Carnatic musician** and playback singer **K J Yesudas** have been nominated as trustees of the city-based Bharat Bhavan, a senior Madhya Pradesh government.

### **Lanka appoints first Tamil Navy chief after four decades:**

Rear Admiral **Travis Sinniah** was appointed as the chief of **Sri Lankas naval** forces, making him **the first** from the minority Tamil community to head the Navy since the brutal civil war erupted in the country 45 years ago.

Sinniah, who played a decisive role in the destruction of the **LTTE warships** in deep sea during the height of the civil war, was appointed as the Navy chief by President Maithripala Sirisena. **Sinniah** succeeds Vice Admiral **Ravi Wijegunaratne** who has retired.

### **Putin appoints Nikolay Kudashev as Russia's new ambassador to India:**

**Russian President Vladimir Putin** appointed career diplomat **Nikolay Kudashev as Russia's new ambassador to India**. The appointment of Kudashev comes nearly seven months after the death of Russia's previous ambassador to India **Alexander Kadakin**.

Kudashev, a specialist in South East Asia, is currently the **Deputy Director General Secretariat** of the Ministry of foreign Affairs of Russia.

### **CBFC chief Joshi, Kukunoor part of IFFI steering committee:**

The **information and broadcasting ministry** constituted a steering committee for the **International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** with film director **Nagesh Kukunoor** and **lyricist Prasoon Joshi** among its members. The IFFI is proposed to be held from November 20-28 in Goa.

The information and broadcasting ministry said the steering committee will have **13 members**, including **Jahnu Barua (convener)**, **Piyush Pandey, creative director of Ogilvy & Mather** (India), and film director and producer **Shoojit Sarcar**. The director of NFDC is also a member of the committee.

**Karur Vysya Bank appoints P R Seshadri as managing director & chief executive officer:**

**Karur Vysya Bank Ltd** has informed BSE that the **Reserve Bank of India** has accorded their approval for the appointment of Shri P R Seshadri as **Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer** of the Bank for a period of **three years** from the date of his taking charge.

**Steve Bannon steps down as Donald Trump's chief strategist:**

**Stephen Bannon**, the **chief strategist** of US President Donald Trump, steps down even as US administration is engulfed in a storm over latter's remarks on **Charlottesville violence**.

Bannon, 63, who played a key role in the electoral victory of Trump last year, became the **third high-profile** White House official to have left the Trump administration in recent weeks.

**Dr. (Ms.) Mamta Suri takes charge as Executive Director, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI):**

**Dr. (Ms.) Mamta Suri** took charge as **Executive Director, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)** in New Delhi.

Before joining IBBI, Dr. Suri was serving as Chief General Manager, Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India. She has also received honorary membership for **High Scholastic Achievement from USA**.

**Shri Dharmendra Kumar appointed as DG, Railway Protection Force:**

**Shri Dharmendra Kumar, IPS** appointed as the **Director General, Railway Protection Force, Railway Board**. Presently he is working in CISF as Additional DG.

Kumar is a 1984 batch IPS officer of Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram-Union Territories (AGMUT) cadre. Before being appointed Additional

Director General (ADG), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF, Kumar was serving as Special Commissioner (Special Unit) in the Delhi Police.

After the retirement of **S K Bhagat** in June this year, the additional charge of DG, RPF, was being handled by National Security Guard (NSG) DG, Sudhir Pratap Singh.

**Uber India appoints Vishpala Reddy as Chief People's Officer:**

The **US-based cab aggregator, Uber** has roped in former American Express executive **Vishpala Reddy** as the **Chief People's Officer** for its India and **South Asia operations**. With over 17 years of experience in human resources **will focus** on Uber India's diversity and inclusion agenda by developing programmes to foster an equal-opportunity workplace in the company.

**N.B. Gupta appointed as Director (Finance), PFC:**

**Shri N.B. Gupta** has been appointed by **Govt. of India as Director (Finance), Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC)** for a period of **five years** or date of his superannuation whichever is earlier.

**Shri Gupta** has assumed the charge of 'Director (Finance)' in PFC 18th August, 2017. Shri Gupta has more than 30 years of experience in Power Sector and carries with him rich experience in the fields of Fund raising, International Finance, Internal Audit and Accounts Finalization etc.

**Ajay Vipin Nanavati is new Syndicate Bank chairman:**

**Ajay Vipin Nanavati** was appointed as the **chairman of Syndicate Bank**. The appointments committee of the cabinet has approved his appointment as non-official director/non-executive chairman of Syndicate Bank for **three years**.

## Ashwani Lohani to be new Chairman of Railway Board:

**Ashwani Lohani** will be the **new Chairman of Railway Board**, the **appointment of Mr Lohani**, an officer of the Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers, IRSME, was cleared by Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

He is presently serving as the Chairman and Managing Director of **Air India**. He has previously served as DRM, Delhi Division, Director of National Rail Museum and Chief Administrative Officer of Rail Alternate Fuel.

Incumbent Railway Board Chairman **A K Mittal** resigned owning moral responsibility for Muzzafarnagar train accident which had claimed over 20 lives.

## Rajiv Bansal appointed interim Air India CMD:

**Rajiv Bansal**, the **Additional Secretary and the Financial Advisor** of the **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas**, has been appointed as the interim CMD of Air India after **Ashwani Lohani** took over as the Railway Board Chairman. He will be serving this additional charge for **three months** or until further orders.

## OPS sworn in as Tamil Nadu Deputy CM:

**Former Tamil Nadu chief minister O Panneerselvam** was sworn-in as deputy to **current incumbent K Palaniswami**, hours after the merger of the two AIADMK factions. At a simple ceremony at the Raj Bhavan, Governor **Ch Vidyasagar Rao** administered the oath of office and secrecy to Panneerselvam.

## Nandan Nilekani back at Infosys, named as Chairman of Board; R Seshasayee resigns as Chairman

**Nandan Nilekani**, the celebrated **technocrat** who seeded the idea of a unique identification number for every Indian, has returned to **Infosys** to restore the lustre of the country's

second-largest software services firm, replacing **R Seshasayee**, who resigned as **chairman** of the board.

## Cabinet nod to DSP's post for woman cricketer Harmanpreet:

**Punjab** cabinet approved the appointment of **woman cricketer** and **Arjuna Award winner Harmanpreet Kaur** as **DSP** in the state police department, while giving the go-ahead for government jobs to two children of martyr Naib Subedar Paramjit Singh, who was killed and mutilated while fighting an infiltration bid at the Line of Control (LoC) in May this year.

## Tata Sons appoints Roopa Purushothaman as chief economist:

**Tata Sons** has appointed **Roopa Purushothaman** as **chief economist** and head of policy advocacy. **Purushothaman**, who will join the group with **effect from 1 September**, will drive **macroeconomic research** as well as all policy and advocacy initiatives relevant to the businesses of the Tata group.

## Randhir Kumar Jaiswal appointed social secretary to Prez:

**Senior diplomat Randhir Kumar Jaiswal** was appointed as **social secretary** to President Ram Nath Kovind.

**Jaiswal** is a 1998-batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved his appointment to the post for a period of **two years**, an order issued by Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) said.

IRS officer **Praveen Siddharth** has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty in the president's secretariat.

## Australian Trade Minister to lead 'Business Week' in India:

With the focus on **strengthening collaboration** between **Australia and India** in

agri-business and food, higher education and research and smart cities and infrastructure, **Australia's Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Steven Ciobo** will lead a major mission to the country this month.

According to the statement, the **second Australia Business Week in India (ABWI)** arranged by the Australian Trade and Investment Commission from **August 28 to September 1** will attract many business leaders.

### **Dipak Misra sworn in as chief justice of India:**

**Justice Dipak Misra** was sworn in as the **45th chief justice of India**. He was administered the oath of office by President **Ram Nath Kovind** at a brief ceremony in the Darbar Hall of **Rashtrapati Bhawan**. Misra (64), who takes over from **JS Khehar**, began his career on February 14, 1977, when he was enrolled as an advocate.

### **Uber board picks Expedia's Dara Khosrowshahi as its new CEO:**

**Uber Technologies Inc** chose **Dara Khosrowshahi**, the **chief executive of travel company Expedia Inc**, as its chief executive, according to two sources with knowledge of the matter, handing him the challenge of leading the ride-services company out of a nearly year-long crisis. He would also have to contend with the legacy of **Travis Kalanick, Uber's pugnacious co-founder**, who was ousted as CEO in June.

### **Punjab govt to appoint cricketer Harmanpreet Kaur as DSP:**

**Cricketer Harmanpreet Kaur**, whose stellar innings against Australia steered India into the ICC Women's World Cup final, may soon as the **DSP of Punjab government** inducting her as a in the state police.

### **HSBC India investment banking head Sunil Sanghai resigns, joins Dhruva Advisors:**

Foreign lender **HSBC India's vice chairman** and investment banking head **Sunil Sanghai** quit the British banking giant and joined hands with the Dinesh Kanabar-promoted tax and regulatory firm **Dhruva Advisors** to start a merchant banking division.

### **Sri Lankan head for cricket team selection resigns:**

**Sri Lankan** head for cricket team selection **Sanath Jayasurya** has **resigned** from his post along with other members following **defeat against India** in both test and ODI series.

### **BSE seeks another 5-year term for Chauhan as CEO:**

**Top stock exchange BSE's board** has approved another **five-year** term for its chief **Ashish Chauhan**, who has steered a strong turnaround and a highly- successful IPO of the bourse with strong business expansion.

Chauhan, who joined BSE as Deputy CEO in 2009, was made MD and CEO **for a period of five years** with effect from November 2, 2012 to November 1, 2022.

### **AWARDS**

### **US President Donald Trump awards Medal of Honor to Army medic 48 years later:**

An Army medic who ran into danger to save wounded soldiers during a Vietnam War battle despite his own serious wounds became the first **Medal of Honor recipient under President Donald Trump**. 48 years after the selfless acts of bravery, **James McCloughan** is now nationally recognised.

### **Tata Power awarded for excellence in cost management at the 14th National Awards for Excellence in Cost Management 2016:**

**Tata Power, India's largest integrated power company** announced that the Company has been **awarded for excellence** in cost management

in the '**power distribution and transmission**' category at the **14th National Awards for Excellence in Cost Management 2016**.

#### About Award:

The award is given by the **Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI)** in recognition of Tata Power's continued efforts towards cost reduction and cost competitiveness. The award was presented to the Company by **Shri Piyush Goyal**, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy and Mines.

#### Indian Air Force felicitates India women's cricketer Shikha Pandey:

**Shikha Pandey**, member of **India women's cricket team** which ended as runners-up at ICC Women's World Cup 2017, was felicitated by the Indian Air Force. The cricketer received a cheque and medal from **Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa** at Air Headquarters in New Delhi.

#### National Geographic Announces 2017 Travel Photographer Of The Year:

A **photograph of an erupting volcano** hit by a **bolt of lightning** has earned **Sergio Tapiro Velasco of Mexico** the **prestigious title of 2017 National Geographic Travel Photographer of the Year** under Nature Category.

The 2017 National Geographic Travel Photographer of the Year contest recognizes spectacular photos taken within the last two years, with entries in three categories: Nature, People and Cities. Norbert Fritz of Hungary took top honors in the Cities category for his photo titled "**Levels of Reading**," while "**Worship**" by F. Dilek Uyar of Turkey won the People category.

#### Prem Nazir Award for actor Sharada:

**Veteran actor** and **national award winner Sharada** has been selected for this year's **Prem Nazir Award**. **Sharada** had won three national awards with the first being for her

performance in 1968 tragedy film 'Thulabharam'. She also won the award for Swayamvaram (1972, Malayalam) and Nimajjanam (1978, Telugu).

#### Indian philanthropist honoured by UAE govt:

An **Indian businessman** in the **UAE**, who has spent over **USD 4 million** to **help free prisoners languishing in jails** due to non-payment of debts, has been honoured with the **country's prestigious Community Service Medal**.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of the UAE, Lt General HH Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, honoured **Indian businessman** and **philanthropist Firoz Merchant** with the **Community Service Medal**.

#### Actor Dev Patel gets Asian Game Changer Award:

**Indian-origin actor Dev Patel** is to be honoured by a leading educational organisation for making a "**transformative and positive**" difference for the future of Asia and the world.

**London-born Dev Patel**, who became popular with his debut film **Slumdog Millionaire**, will be felicitated with the Asia Society 2017 **Asia Game Changers Award** at a ceremony to be held at the **United Nations, New York**, in November.

#### ASSOCHAM confers best skilling India award on NACER:

**ASSOCHAM**, which has instituted **skilling India awards to recognize** contributions by individuals and organizations in successfully integrating developmental initiatives, processes and operations to meet growing skilling needs of the country, has conferred the "**Best Skilling Award**" on **National Centre for Excellence of RSETIs (NACER)**. **NACER** is an apex level organization for mentoring and monitoring RSETIs working under ministry of rural development.

#### The Hindu Playwright Award 2017 presented:

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The **Hindu Playwright Award 2017** went to **Gerish Khemani** and **Akshat Nigam** for their play 'In Search of Dariya Sagar'. The 2 lakh award, instituted in 2008 to reward the best new unpublished and unperformed play-script in English, was presented during the launch of the **13th edition of The Hindu Theatre Fest** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Chennai.

**Sravanth Malla Clinches Title of National Champion at 2017 South Asian Spelling Bee:**

**Sravanth Malla** correctly spelled the word "Chytridiales", defined as an order of simple, aquatic fungi of the phylum Chytridiomycota, during the 2017 **South Asian Spelling Bee** finals to clinch the title of **national champion** and take home a cash prize of \$3,000.

**Renowned facial plastic surgeon Dr. Debraj Shome awarded Indian of the Year at India Leadership Conclave:**

World Renowned facial plastic surgeon **Dr. Debraj Shome** has been awarded with the prestigious 'Indian of the Year' award at the 8th Annual India Leadership Conclave & **Indian Affairs Business Leadership Awards 2017**, held in Mumbai.

**NALCO bags Appreciation Award in large mines category:**

**Panchpatmali bauxite mine of National Aluminium Company (NALCO)** has been awarded for its initiative in areas like environment, safety and health.

The Navaratna PSU has bagged **the Appreciation Award** in large mines category at the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) Eastern Region Safety **Health & Environment Excellence Awards 2016-17**. On behalf of NALCO, **S Chaudhuri**, General Manager (Mines) and Sanjaya Kumar Patnaik, AGM (Environment), received the award at the **11th Symposium on Safety and**

**award ceremony** organised by CII Eastern Region at Kolkata.

**Hindustan Unilever wins 'Green Marketer' Award at Marquee Awards 2017:**

**Hindustan Unilever (HUL)** won the 'Green Marketer' award at the debut edition of Marquee Awards 2017. Presented by News18 India, powered by COLORS and MTV and partnered by One India, the awards recognised excellence in marketing across India Inc.

The Special Award for 'Conquering an impregnable fortress' was won by **Bira 91. Pro Kabaddi League** was recognised as the brand that 'Traversed uncharted waters' and **Paytm** was recognised for 'Riding on an emerging wave'. **Honda Motorcycle & Scooter** was awarded for 'Breathing new life into a category', **Indian Accent** was recognised for 'Creating a Global Impact' while **Oppe** was recognised for 'Carving out a Niche' for themselves in a highly competitive category.

**Hugo Awards: N.K. Jemisin's 'The Obelisk Gate' wins Best Novel 2017**

The Hugo Award for **Best Novel 2017** was given to **Nora K. Jemisin**, an American speculative fiction writer for her work 'The Obelisk Gate'. The award was presented at the **75th World Science Fiction Convention** in Helsinki.

The awarded book was the second in the trilogy that started with 'The Fifth Season', which was New York Times Notable Book of 2015 and won Jemisin the Hugo Award for Best Novel in 2016.

**Nizamabad College bags Haritha Mitra award:**

**Nizamabad Government Polytechnic College** bagged **Haritha Mitra award for 2017**, for planting saplings and maintaining them. College representatives will receive the award from Chief Minister **K Chandrashekhar Rao** on Independence Day.

They started this **initiative before the launch** of State government's **Haritha Haram programme**, and have been growing the saplings to increase greenery in the college premises.

### **Skill Development Institute bags Innovation Award:**

In a glittering function held at New Delhi, Skill Development Institute, Visakhapatnam has been adjudged the '**Best Institute-Innovation of Skill Development**'. The curriculum is designed by National Skill Development Corporation whereas; the innovative schedules are designed by the institute. It was great moment for the institute to receive such a coveted award within 8 months of its operations at **Arilova** with the funding from **HPCL** and seven other public sector oil companies.

### **TJS George bags first Kesari award:**

Veteran journalist **T J S George** has been chosen for the **first Kesari Media Award**, instituted by the **Kesari Memorial Journalist Trust**. The award comprises a purse of Rs 50,000, citation and a statuette designed by renowned artist Bhatathiri.

### **NABARD awards for Corporation Bank:**

**Corporation Bank** has bagged the **best performance awards** for **SHG-bank linkage programme** for 2015-16 and 2016-17 among commercial banks operating in Karnataka from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**). The bank has formed more than 1.32 lakh self-help groups (SHGs) till date.

### **KVGB bags best performer award:**

**National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has conferred the '**best performance award**' for 2015-16 and 2016-17 to **Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB)** for its

work in the **field of credit-linking joint liability groups (JLGs)**.

### **Marconi Lifetime Award for Pune-born Stanford Prof:**

The **US-based Marconi Society** has announced its **Lifetime Achievement Award** to **Indian-born Stanford University professor Thomas Kailath**, for his outstanding contributions to modern communications.

"Kailath is the **sixth scientist** to be honoured with our Lifetime Achievement Award for his research contributions, which advanced modern communications technologies over the last six decades". The 82-year-old who was conferred the **Padma Bhushan** in 2009, is currently the Hitachi American Professor of Engineering, Emeritus, at Stanford.

### **Music icon Bappi Lahiri awarded 7th Dr. Ambedkar award:**

**Bappi Lahiri**, 1st music director who composed songs for **Bharat Ratna Shri. Atal Bihari Vajpayee & Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar** gifted the CDs to Honorable President of India **Mr. Ram Nath Kovind** in the presence of Home Minister Rajnath Singh.

### **Reliance Power's Sasan coal mine awarded National Safety Award:**

**Reliance Power** said its **Sasan captive coal mine** has been awarded the **National Safety Award** (Mines) for 2013 and 2014. Under "**commendable safe work environment and safety practices**" category.

The **Sasan Mine Moher and Moher Amlohri Extension coal mines** is a captive fuel source for **Sasan Ultra Mega Power Project (UMPP)** developed by Sasan Power, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Power. Sasan UMPP is the largest integrated power plant and coal mine

globally. Sasan Coal Mine is India's largest coal mine by volume handled.

**Dr Nanda Kumar Jairam bags FICCI's Healthcare Personality award:**

**Dr Nanda Kumar Jairam**, CEO, Chairman and Group Medical Director, **Columbia Asia Hospitals**, India, has been awarded the **'Healthcare Personality of the Year'** award.

Dr Jairam was given the award at the **ninth Healthcare Excellence Awards** instituted by the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)**. The programme is supported by the Quality Council of India.

**12-year-old Indian-origin TV star crowned Child Genius in UK:**

A **12-year-old Rahul Doshi Indian-origin boy** has been crowned as the **UK's 'Child Genius'** in a **popular television quiz competition**.

He won the **Channel 4 show 'Child Genius'** by beating his nine-year-old opponent Ronan in the programmes finale. The schoolboy from north London clinched the title by answering a question on 19th Century artists William Holman Hunt and John Everett Millais.

**'Durga of Indian football' Oinam Bembem Devi wins Arjuna Award:**

**Oinam Bembem Devi**, the **flag bearer of Indian women's football** over the past two decades was named the **winner** of the prestigious **Arjuna Award**. Bembem becomes the **second Indian woman footballer** to win the award, the first being Shanti Mullick in 1983.

**Bembem**, nicknamed the **'Durga of Indian Football'**, who had made her international debut in 1995, bowed out on a high after winning the SAF Games Gold Medal in Shillong in February 2015.

**CM K Chandrasekhar Rao gets Global Agriculture leadership award:**

The **Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA)** announced the **Global Agriculture Leadership Award** to Telangana chief minister **K Chandrasekhar Rao**.

The award was conferred on the Telangana CM for his **transformational role** in bringing new systems and improving farm sector. The award will be presented on September 5 at **Taj Palace Hotel** in New Delhi.

**Hyderabad startup wins award CMO Asia Excellence:**

**Hyderabad based startup, Paynear Solution** was awarded **'Best Use of Mobile Technology in Financial Services in Asia'** at the **'Eighth CMO Asia Excellence'** awards, which were held in Singapore.

**Arkansas Novelist Padma Viswanathan Awarded 2017 Porter Fund Literary Prize:**

**Indian American novelist and playwright Padma Viswanathan** is the recipient of the 2017 Porter **Fund Literary Prize for fiction**.

The **Porter Fund Literary Prize** is presented annually to an Arkansas writer who has accomplished a substantial and impressive body of work that merits enhanced recognition. The **\$2000 prize** makes it one of the state's most lucrative as well as prestigious literary awards.

**Preethi Srinivasan gets Kalpana Chawla award from Tamil Nadu CM:**

**Preethi Srinivasan**, the former State under-19 cricket captain, who braved a crippling accident to support those suffering from spinal cord injuries like her, was presented with the **'Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise'** award by Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami during the **71st Independence Day celebrations at Fort St. George in Chennai**.

## Odisha CM confers Biju Patnaik Award for Scientific Excellence:

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik conferred the **Biju Patnaik Award for Scientific Excellence for 2016** to **Prof. Digambar Behera**.

Instituted by Odisha Bigyan Academy (OBA), the award is given to any Odia scientist working anywhere in India or abroad each year for his/her lifetime research contributions in the field of science and technology.

The **Samanta Chandra Sekhar Award for 2016** was given to Prof Swapna Mahapatra, Prof Banshidhar Majhi and Prof Sukumar Mishra.

## Kendrick Lamar tops VMA winners in Los Angeles:

Rapper **Kendrick Lamar** has taken **six prizes** at the **MTV Video Music Awards** in **Los Angeles**. He won best video of the year for **Humble**, as well as best hip-hop artist, after opening the awards ceremony with a live performance.

## Scientists who proved Einstein wrong to get Bell Prize:

A **trio of scientists Bell** who defied **Albert Einstein** by proving that quantum particles, when correlated in pairs, interact with each other regardless of their distance, will be honoured with the **John Stewart Bell Prize** from the University of Toronto.

## NMCG Awards Contracts for Three STPs on Hybrid Annuity Mode:

In a big push to Namami **Gange programme, National Mission for Clean Ganga under Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation** has **awarded** for the first time contracts for **three STPs** (Sewage Treatment Plants) under hybrid annuity model. Two STPs of 68 MLD and 14 MLD will

be set up at Haridwar and one STP of 15 MLD at Varanasi.

This **Hybrid Annuity model** is first of its kind in the country's waste water **management sector**. The Central Government will completely fund the STPs construction ensuring that there is no shortage of resources for the project.

The **unique financial model** will ensure the transparency and accountability of the running of sewage treatment infrastructure. The contractors will not only establish the sewage treatment plant but they will also operate and maintain it for a period of **15 years**.

## 13-year-old Indian-origin boy in UK gets top score in Mensa IQ:

A **13-year-old Indian-origin boy Dhruv Garg**, from Wokingham in south east England, in the UK has got the highest possible score of **162** on a **Mensa IQ test**, placing him in the top one per cent people in the world who achieved this feat.

## National Research Development Corporation won Two Awards:

**National Research Development Corporation (NRDC)**, the technology transfer and commercialization arm of the **Ministry of Science & Technology** won two accolades.

It has won the **Assocham Services Excellence Award** and its Chairman and Managing Director, H Purushotham, an international recognition.

The **International Association of Advanced Materials (IAAM) Sweden** honored **Purushotham** with the **IAAM Medal 2017** for his outstanding R&D contributions in the Advanced Materials Science & Technology during its award ceremony in Stockholm, Sweden.

## NITI Aayog announces winners of the Women Transforming India Awards 2017:

Celebrating the outstanding achievements of women in India, **NITI Aayog**, in partnership with **MyGov** and the **United Nations**, announces winners of the **Women Transforming India Awards, 2017**.

Crowd sourcing thousands of stories of women undertaking phenomenal work to transform societies across India's cities, towns and villages, the second edition of the Awards, celebrates the critical role of women in empowering themselves and their communities.

#### **TOP 6 WINNER CONTESTANTS**

1. Laxmi Agarwal
2. Safeena Husain
3. Kamal Kumbhar
4. Subasini Mistry
5. Arunima Sinha
6. Jamuna Tudu

#### **SPORTS**

**Hockey tournament: ONGC wins Murugappa Gold Cup**

**ONGC and Bengaluru Hockey Association** had reached the final of the **91st MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup hockey tournament** after creating upsets in the semifinals. Finally **ONGC wins Murugappa Gold Cup** at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium in **Chennai**. **Man of the match** is Rajkumar Pal.

**Neymar becomes most expensive footballer:**

It has been confirmed that the **25-year-old player Neymar** has been bought for a staggering **€222 million** officially activating his release clause from Barcelona and smashing the **record for most expensive football player** (soccer player), in both single transfer & combined transfer fees title.

**Marathon magician Ekaterina Makarova downs Julia Goerges to win Citi Open:**

**Russian Ekaterina Makarova** turned on the **marathon magic** again to defeat **Julia Goerges** and win the **Citi Open** in **Washington DC**. **Seventh seed Makarova** came from a set

behind for the **third successive time** to claim her first WTA title in more than three years.

**Alexander Zverev beats Kevin Anderson, wins Citi Open for fourth title of the year:**

**German Alexander Zverev** used his dominant serve to claim a fourth ATP title of the year with a commanding win over **South African veteran Kevin Anderson** at the **Citi Open** in **Washington**.

**Alexander Zverev beats Roger Federer to win Rogers Cup final:**

**Alexander Zverev** kept his winning streak alive with a victory over **Roger Federer in the Rogers Cup final** in Montreal, Canada.

**South Korean Kim In-kyung wins women's British Open golf:**

**South Korea's Kim In-kyung** held off the challenge of England's **Jodi Ewart Shadoff** to claim the **women's British Open** at **Kings Barns, Scotland** for her first major title.

**BCCI ordered to lift lifetime ban on cricketer Sreesanth by Kerala HC:**

The **Kerala High Court** set aside the **lifetime ban imposed on cricketer S Sreesanth** by **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** alleging engagement in spot-fixing during an Indian Premier League (IPL) match in 2013. In his order, Justice **A Muhamed Mustaque** also set aside all proceedings against Sreesanth initiated by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

**2 silver, 6 bronze medals for India at Asian Junior boxing:**

**India** finished the **Asian Junior Boxing Championships** in **Puerto Princesa, Philippines** with **two silver** and **six bronze** medals.

**Satender Rawat** lost to Uzbekistan's Almatov Shokrukh in the 80 plus kilogram category in a split verdict, while **Mohit Khatana** went down to Kazakhstan's Togambay Sagyndyk in the 80

kilogram category. They settled for **silver medals** after losing their final bouts in the Championships.

Earlier, **Ankit Narwal** (57kg), **Bhavesh Kattimani** (52kg), **Sidhartha Malik** (48kg), **Vinit Dahiya** (75kg), **Akshay Siwach** (60kg) and **Aman Sehrawat** (70kg) had claimed **bronze medals**.

### FIBA Asia Cup to be held in Beirut:

**Asia's** biggest **basketball tournament**, known as **FIBA Asia Cup**, will be held in Beirut, Lebanon which runs from **August 8 to 20**. **Indian** men's team, led by **Amjot Singh Gill**, will participate in the tournament in group A, starting their campaign against Iran followed by games against Jordan and Syria.

#### Lebanon

- Currency: **Lebanese pound**
- Capital: **Beirut**

**Yulimar Rojas** wins **triple jump** to claim **Venezuela's 1st IAAF World Championships title**:

**Yulimar Rojas** claimed **Venezuela's first-ever World Athletics Championships title** when she won the women's triple jump by two centimetres from great rival Caterine Ibarguen in a see-saw battle.

#### Venezuela

- Currency: **Venezuelan Bolivar**
- Capital: **Caracas**

**Abhijeet Gupta** finishes **second** in **Czech Open chess tournament**:

**Commonwealth Champion Abhijeet Gupta** came up with a spirited effort to beat Florian Kaczur of Hungary and finish **second** in the **Czech International Open Chess tournament** at Pardubidze in Czech Republic.

**Summer Olympics: Los Angeles agrees to host 2028 Games; Paris gets 2024**

**Los Angeles** formally announced its bid for the **2028 Summer Olympics** after agreeing on a deal that paves the way for **Paris** to host in **2024**.

**Isner** downs **Harrison** for **fourth ATP Atlanta title**:

**John Isner** claimed his **fourth ATP Atlanta title**, saving a set-point in both sets en route to a win over Ryan Harrison. Isner, who has reached the final in seven of eight editions of the tournament, added a fourth title to those he won in **2013, 2014 and 2015**.

**Rahul Yadav, Manu Attri-Sumeeth Reddy** clinch **titles at Lagos Open**:

**C Rahul Yadav** clinched the men's singles title while **Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy** claimed the men's doubles title at the Lagos Open International challenge in Nigeria. India's **Mugdho Agrey** finished as runners-up in women's singles at the Molade Okoya-Thomas Hall of the **Teslim Balogun Stadium in Nigeria**.

### Junior World Wrestling Championship:

Two Indian wrestlers, **Veer Dev Gulia** (74kg freestyle) and **Ravinder**, (60 kg) made it to the **bronze** medal round of their respective weight categories. India's **Manju Kumari** (59 kg) won the **bronze medal** with a victory over Ilona Prokopevniuk of **Ukraine** in the **Junior World Wrestling Championship** in Tampere, Finland.

Two Indian Greco-Roman wrestlers **Manish (60kg)** and **Sajan (74kg)** have entered the **bronze-medal** round of their **respective weight categories**.

However, Divya Tomar (44kg), Nandini Salokhe (51kg) and Pooja Devi (67kg) failed to make it to the medal round.

**Jadeja** maintains **top position**, **Virat** stays **5th** in **ICC Test Rankings**:

Star **spinner Ravindra Jadeja** maintained **pole position** in the bowlers' list while **India skipper Virat Kohli** remained static at **fifth** place in the batting charts in the latest ICC Test Rankings released.

In the batsmen's rankings, **Cheteshwar Pujara** is **the top-ranked Indian** at the **fourth position** while opener Shikhar Dhawan climbed 21 places to be ranked 39th.

**Ravindra Jadeja becomes top-ranked Test all rounder for first time:**

**Ravindra Jadeja** was already the **top ranked Test bowler** in the ICC Test rankings but now he is also **World No 1** in **all rounder's** after eclipsing **Shakib Al Hasan** of **Bangladesh** in the latest rankings announced following the conclusion of England's series win over South Africa.

Meanwhile **R Ashwin** has been removed from his **second spot** in **ICC Test rankings** for bowlers with Jimmy Anderson's seven wickets propelling him to **World No 2**.

**Joshna-Dipika settle for bronze at World Doubles Squash Championship:**

The Indian pair of **Joshna Chinappa** and **Dipika Pallikal Karthik** settled for a **bronze medal** after losing to English duo of **Jenny Duncalf** and **Alison Waters** in the semifinals of the **WSF World doubles squash championship** in **Manchester, England**.

**Usain Bolt finishes 3rd in 100 meters Final at World Athletics C'ship:**

**Usain Bolt** has been stunned as he **finished third** in the 100 meters Final of World Athletics Championship at **London**. In his farewell 100 meters, Bolt clocked a time of 9.95 seconds but was left behind by veteran American sprinter **Justin Gatlin** who clocked **9.92 seconds** to claim **Gold**, his compatriot **Christian Coleman** came second with **9.94 seconds**.

**United Kingdom**

- Currency: **Pound sterling**
- Capital: **London**

**Vijender beats Zulpikar to win WBO Oriental Super Middleweight title:**

**Indian professional boxer Vijender Singh** outslugged his Chinese opponent **Zulpikar Maimaitiali** to retain the **WBO Asia Pacific Super Middleweight title** and win the WBO Oriental Super Middleweight title, **Mumbai**.

**Asian Shotgun Championship:**

**Indian shooter Ankur Mittal** clinched the individual as well as the team gold medal in men's double trap at the **7th Asian Shotgun Championship** at Astana, Kazakhstan. With scores of **Sangram Dahiya** and **Mohammad Asab** added to Mittal's final total, **India** managed to bag the **top prize** in the team event also. In the individual event, **Dahiya** finished **fourth**, while **Asab** had to be contending with the **fifth position**.

**Indian shooter Kynan Chenai** won a **bronze** in men's trap event, his first international medal at the senior level. **Abdulrahman Al Faihan** of Kuwait, who bagged the gold for a new Asian finals record and another Kuwaiti **Talal AlRashidi**, who bagged the silver in the event.

The Indian duo of **Mairaj Ahmad Khan** and **Rashmi Rathore** eked out a narrow 28-27 win over the Chinese pair of Liu Jiangchi and Gao Jianmei. The host combination of Vladislav Mukhamediyev and Olga Panarina settled for the bronze.

**Maheshwari Chauhan** clinched a **bronze** in the **women's skeet**, along with a team silver in the event before the **men's skeet team** picked up another **bronze**. India finished the championship with a **total of eight medals**. The results will serve as good encouragement for the upcoming **Shotgun World Championships in Moscow, beginning August 30**.

## Tenth successive global title for fabulous Farah:

**British athletics legend Mo Farah** won his **10th successive** global title claiming the **10,000 metres** world crown at the **London Stadium** where he won Olympic gold in 2012. Ugandan youngster Joshua Cheptegei took silver and Paul Tanui of Kenya claimed bronze with Farah having once again foiled their respective nations' tactics.

## World Athletics Championships:

In **World Athletics Championships**, Olympic Champion **Wayde Van Niekerk (South African)** won the men's **400 meters event** and retained his title in **London**. **Steve Gardiner** of Bahamas finished second in the event while **Abdalelah Haroun** of Qatar claimed the Bronze.

In the men's 800 meter French man **Pierre-Ambroise Bosse** had finished 4th in the Rio Olympics but he surprised everyone to claim the **Gold medal** in World Athletics Championships.

## British

- Currency: **Pound sterling**
- Capital: **London**
- Prime minister: **Theresa May**

## BWF Rankings Prannoy jumps to world no 15 in badminton ranking:

Indian Shuttler **HS Prannoy** improved two places to reach the **15th** spot in the latest BWF rankings. **Sourabh Verma**, who also reached the quarters at New Zealand, also jumped five places to reach the **32<sup>nd</sup>** spot while **Parupalli Kashyap** jumped one place to be **46th**. Ajay Jayaram and Sameer Verma dropped a spot each. **Ajay** is now placed at world no **17<sup>th</sup>**, while **Verma** is at the **29th** position.

**Kidambi Srikanth**, who clinched successive titles at Indonesia and Australia, remained at the **eighth spot**. In women's singles, Olympics silver medallist **PV Sindhu** and London Games bronze winner **Saina Nehwal** continue in their same

places. **Sindhu** is in the **5th** spot while **Saina** remains at the **16th** spot. In women's doubles, Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy are placed at the 25th spot.

## Legendary sprinter Usain Bolt retires, his last race marred by injury:

The greatest sprinter of modern times, **Usain Bolt** said good bye to the Athletics world. But the farewell ended in agony as he injured himself while running the last lap of the **men's 4x100m relay race** in the **World Athletics Championships** in **London**. **Britain** won the **gold** in 37.47 seconds while **United States** (38.01) and **Japan** took the silver and bronze respectively.

## Kang disappoints in javelin final, finishes 12<sup>th</sup>:

**Davinder Singh Kang** failed to make the final-round appearance count in the **men's javelin throw event** in the **World Athletics Championships** in **London**. He finished a disappointing **12<sup>th</sup>** as India continued their miserable show in the Championships. Kang, the **first Indian to qualify** for a world championship final round in javelin throw could only muster a best throw of **80.02m** in his third attempt.

**Johannes Vetter** of Germany, won the **gold** with a best throw of 89.89m, while Czech Republic duo **Jakub Vadlejch** (89.73m) and **Petr Frydrych** (88.32m), clinched the **silver** and **bronze** respectively. Reigning Olympic champion, Thomas Rohler, was fourth with a best throw of 88.26m.

## Gabriel chundan wins Nehru Trophy:

**Gabriel chundan** (snake boat) won the **65th Nehru Trophy Boat Race** at the Punnamada lake in **Alappuzha**. The chundans that entered the finals were Mahadevikad Thekkathil, Payippadan, Karichal, and Gabriel. Mahadevikad came second and Payippadan stood third.

**Cristiano Ronaldo: Real Madrid forward suspended for five games**

**Cristiano Ronaldo** has been suspended for **five games** after he was sent off in **Real Madrid's** win against Barcelona in the Spanish Super Cup first leg. He was given a one-match ban for being shown two yellow cards and a further four for pushing the referee in the back after he had been sent off. The **Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF)** banned Ronaldo for one match for drawing the red card and the other four for pushing the official.

**Indian boxers clinch 10 medals at Serbian tournament:**

**India** won **10 medals**, including two gold, four silver and four bronze medals. The **gold-medallists** were **Jyoti** (51kg) and **Vanlalharitpuii** (60kg). The **silver medals** were clinched by **Anjali** (48kg), **Sakshi** (54kg), **Ashtha** (69kg) and **Anupama** (81kg). **Mandeep** (57kg), **Nisha** (64kg), **Shruti** (75kg) and **Neha** (81+kg) settled for bronze medals after losing in the semi-finals. Glove women's Boxing Tournament at **Vojvodina, Serbia**.

**Indian men's hockey team beat Netherlands 2-1, win series:**

**Gurjant Singh** and **Mandeep Singh** scored a goal apiece as a resolute Indian men's hockey team overcome **World No. 4 Netherlands** with an exciting encounter. Led by **Manpreet Singh**, the team featured nine players from the junior team, but still beat an experienced Netherlands squad through goals from Gurjant (4th minute) and Mandeep (51). India, thus, won the three-match series.

**Lakshya wins Bulgaria Open Int'l Series**

Young Indian shuttler **Lakshya Sen** clinched the Bulgaria Open International Series title after notching up a hard-fought win over Croatia's

**Zvonimir Durkinjak** in the men's singles final in **Sofia, Bulgaria**.

**Rafael Nadal to return to No 1 for first time:**

**Rafal Nadal** is set to return to world number one for the **first time** in three years after Roger Federer withdrew from the **Cincinnati Masters** with a back injury.

The Swiss star **Roger Federer**, ranked **No. 3**, is sidelined along with **No.2 Andy Murray**, No.4 Stan Wawrinka, No.5 Novak Djokovic and defending champion and world number six Marin Cilic leaving Nadal as the top-seeded player remaining in the draw.

**Serena Williams named highest paid female athlete of 2017:**

**American tennis player Serena Williams** has topped the **Forbes' list of highest paid female athletes of 2017**, with **\$27 million** in earnings between June 2016 and June 2017.

**Indian athletes win big at World Dwarf Games, bag 37 medals**

As the **Indian consulate in Toronto** observed **Independence Day** on **August 15**, one group of participants at the celebrations stood tall – members of the Indian contingent that had just won a record haul of **37 medals** at the World Dwarf Games in Canada.

The 21-strong team was called on stage to loud applause as India's consul general to Toronto, **Dinesh Bhatia**, felicitated them and announced they had captured 37 medals at the international competition, including **15 gold medals**.

The **7th edition of the World Dwarf Games** was held over a week at the **University of Guelph in Ontario** province and featured nearly 400 athletes from 24 countries.

**Canada**

- Currency: **Canadian dollar**
- Capital: **Ottawa**

## Rinku Hooda bags silver at World U-20 Para Athletics Championships:

**Rinku Hooda** remembers the **Sport Arena in Nottwil, Switzerland** as the first international stadium. Competing in his first overseas meet in 2015, Hooda, **won a silver medal** in the **F46 javelin throw** event and subsequently became **the youngest Indian para-athlete to compete** at the **Rio Paralympics**.

## Virat Kohli retains top ICC ODI rankings for batsmen:

**India captain Virat Kohli** continued to be the world's top-ranked one-day batsman in the latest ICC ODI rankings. And in the **Second** placed is Australian **David Warner**.

Other Indian batsmen in the top-15 are former skipper **Mahendra Singh Dhoni (12th)**, **Shikhar Dhawan (13th)** and **Vice-captain Rohit Sharma (14th)**. However, no Indian bowler figure in the top-10 list. Pacer **Bhuvneshwar Kumar (13th)** is the lone Indian in top 15.

## Ghosh-Sathiyan settles for silver at Bulgaria Open:

The **Indian pair of Soumyajit Ghosh and G Sathiyan** came close to toppling the top-seeded Japanese duo of Jin Uda and Maharu Yoshimura, only to end with silver in the **men's doubles** at the **Bulgaria Open** in Panagyurishte.

## Shapath Bharadwaj wins bronze at Junior Shotgun World Cup:

**Teenager Shapath Bharadwaj** won a **bronze medal** in the double trap event while **Lakshay Sheoran** and **Manisha Keer** combined to win a **bronze** in the mixed team trap competition at the **ISSF Junior Shotgun World Cup in Porpetto, Italy**.

The **15-year old Bharadwaj**, from Meerut, shot a 48 in the final to finish behind gold-medal

winning Briton James Dedman and silver medalist Finland's Miki Ylonen. This was **India's first medal** in the competition apart from the bronze won by Sheoran and Keer in the mixed team trap competition, which had the status of a test event.

## Maxime Vachier-Lagrave at the Sinquefield Cup 2017:

**Maxime Vachier-Lagrave** won the Sinquefield 2017 convincingly. In a very strong field he won three games, drew six and became sole winner with 6.0/9, half a point ahead of **Magnus Carlsen** and **Levon Aronian**.

## Subroto Cup International Football Tournament begins in Delhi:

**58th edition of Subroto Cup** International Football Tournament began in Delhi. **Manipur** defeated **Haryana** by 5-0 in the opening match of the Tournament.

A total of 99 teams from India and abroad are participating across three categories in this edition of famous inter-school football tournament. Teams from **Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal, Afghanistan** and **Singapore** are participating in this edition.

The one month long football carnival will be played in three categories Sub-Junior boys (Under-14), Junior Girls (Under-17), Junior Boys (Under-17). This season seems to be more promising with a special emphasis on **"BETI-BACHAO, BETI-PADHAO, BETI-KHILAO"**.

## Wayne Rooney announces retirement from international football:

**England's record goal scorer Wayne Rooney** announced he is retiring from **international football** with immediate effect after manager Gareth Southgate tried to recall him to the squad.

**Australia crowned champions of Asia on tournament debut in Lebanon:**

**Australia**, playing for the **first time** at the rebranded **FIBA Asia Cup**, became the **first Oceanic team** to be crowned champions of Asia when they beat Iran in final. **Australia**, ranked **10th** in the world, accounted for Iran 79-56 in the Asia Cup final in Beirut to win the tournament in its first appearance.

**Australia**

- Capital: **Canberra**
- Currency: **Australian dollar**

**Ronaldo named 2016/17 Men's Player of the Year:**

The **32-year-old Ronaldo Portuguese international** – who last term helped the **Spanish team** to their **second successive UEFA Champions League** title and 12th overall in European football's premier club competition – received the award at the 2017/18 UEFA Champions' League group stage draw in Monaco.

**Farah ends track career in style:**

**Four-time Olympic champion Mo Farah** ended his **track career** in thrilling fashion with victory in the **5,000m at the Diamond League final** while world 100m champion Justin Gatlin slumped to defeat.

The **34-year-old Farah**, also a six-time World champion who will now switch to road running, clocked 13min 06.05sec to defeat Paul Chelimo of the United States and Muktar Edris of Ethiopia.

**Sri Lanka names Chamara Kapugedara as captain for 3rd, 4th ODI matches against India:**

**Sri Lankan cricket board** has named **Chamara Kapugedara** as the **captain of cricket team for third and fourth ODI matches against India.**

The announcement came as the **ICC imposed two match bans on Upul Tharanga** over slow over rate second ODI match which India won by three wickets to take a 2-0 lead in the series.

**England to host 2018 ITTF Team World Cup:**

The ITTF has awarded hosting rights for the event its second most prestigious tournament after the **World Championships to Table Tennis England**. It will be staged at the iconic Copper Box Arena in London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, from **February 22 to 25, 2018**.

**Sania settles for bronze at World Badminton Championships:**

At the **World Badminton championships**, **Saina Nehwal** has settled for a **bronze medal**. In the first women's singles semi-final at **Glasgow**, she lost to Nozomi Okuhara of Japan in three games.

**Okuhara** is the **first shuttler** from Japan to reach the finals of World Championship. Saina had won a silver medal two years ago in the World championship at Jakarta.

**PV Sindhu wins silver at World Badminton Championships 2017:**

**Rio Olympic silver medallist PV Sindhu** has made India proud yet again. The young badminton star has secured a **silver medal** at the **World Badminton Championships**. Sindhu was playing against Japan's **Nozomi Okuhara**.

**Lionel Messi becomes the first player to score 350 La Liga goals:**

**Messi** has been **La Liga's** all-time leading scorer for a few years now – the previous record was held by Telmo Zarra, with 251 career goals. **Messi** became the **first player** in **La Liga** history to reach the **350 goal mark**.

## India lifts SAFF Under-15 football Championship title:

India has lifted the **SAFF Under-15 football Championship title**. At Kathmandu, Lalrokima and Vikram struck in the second half to guide India edge past hosts Nepal in the final.

## Lewis Hamilton wins Belgian Grand Prix in his 200th Formula One race to close title gap:

Lewis Hamilton says selecting the wrong power mode actually helped him **stay ahead** of 2017 **Formula 1 world championship** rival Sebastian Vettel at the **Belgian Grand Prix**.

## West Indies pull-off historic Test win in England, first since 2000:

West Indies pulled off a dramatic **5-wicket win** against England at Headingley. This was their **first Test win** on English shores since 2000.

## Martens named 2016/17 Women's Player of the Year:

Dutch star **Lieke Martens** has been named **UEFA Women's Player of the Year for the 2016/17 season**.

The 24-year-old Barcelona forward, who recently helped the Netherlands to win **UEFA Women's EURO 2017** on home soil and aided Rosengård to the UEFA Women's Champions League quarter-finals, received the award at a ceremony during the 2017/18 UEFA Champions' League group stage draw in Monaco

## 14-yr-old beat 36-yr-old to become youngest TT champion:

Japanese table tennis player **Tomokazu Harimoto**, aged 14 years and 61 days, defeated 36-year-old German Timo Boll in the Czech Open final to become the **youngest winner** of an **ITTF men's singles tournament**. Harimoto broke the

record of China's Yu Ziyang, who was aged 16 years and 30 days when he won the Japan Open in 2014.

## BOOK & AUTHOR

### Worlds shortest woman unveils 51-foot high book:

The **world's shortest woman Jyoti Amge** unveiled a **51-foot high book** at a programme. The **book Kadve Vachan** written by **Jain saint Acharya Tarun Sagar Maharaj** was unveiled by her in the presence of BJP state president Ashok Parnami.

**Amge** is considered to be the **world's shortest woman** alive by the Guinness World Records at 62.8 cm. It is the ninth volume of the book written in Hindi.

### Prasar Bharati CEO Vempati launches corporate book on 'Mann Ki Baat' in Mumbai:

**CEO of Prasar Bharati Shashi Shekhar Vempati** launched a corporate book on **'Mann Ki Baat'** in Mumbai and said that the **'Mann Ki Baat'** by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has set a very high bar on mass outreach initiatives. He also **highlights** the efforts of many unsung heroes from everyday life calling it a great beginning.

### Raghuram Rajan pens book on RBI stint in 'Turbulent Times':

**Raghuram Rajan pens book on RBI stint in 'Turbulent Times'** Raghuram. Rajan is all set to publish a book about his tenure as Governor of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** where he explains economic concepts and talks of issues like tolerance and connection between political freedom and prosperity.

The book is a collection of essays and speeches during his stint as RBI head. And to send a strong message about the strength of India's institutions and the country's ongoing programme of reform, **publisher HarperCollins India** said.

**HISTORIC EVENTS OF THE DAY**

**World Breastfeeding Week: August (1-7) 2017**

**WBW2017** celebrates working together for the common good, which produces sustainable results, greater than the sum of our individual efforts. This year's Breastfeeding week is **August (1-7), 2017**. We learnt in WBW2016 how the protection, promotion and support for breastfeeding are a key to sustainable development.

**August 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 - Non-Cooperation Movement Day:**

The **non-cooperation movement** was launched on this day in 1920. It was aimed to resist British rule in India through non-violent means. It is celebrated on August 1<sup>st</sup> every year.

**Hiroshima Day: August 6<sup>th</sup>**

This **Hiroshima Day anniversary, 72 years** after we dropped the first atomic bomb as a weapon of war, will be different. It is observed on August 6<sup>th</sup> every year.

**About Hiroshima**

In the morning of **August 6, 1945**, the world witnessed the devastating impact of nuclear weapons for the very first time, when a U.S. plane dropped the atomic bomb "**Little Boy**" on the **Japanese city of Hiroshima**.

**National Handloom Day: August 7<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**National Handloom Day** is being observed to give an impetus to the **sector and encourage use of handmade loom** in the country. The main event had held in **Guwahati** to celebrate the **third National Handloom Day**.

**About Handloom Day:**

It was on this day that the **Swadeshi Movement** was launched in **1905**. The movement involved revival of domestic products and production processes. Central Government has declared **7th of August as National Handloom Day** to be **celebrated every year**. The first

National Handloom Day was celebrated on 7th August, 2015.

**NAGASAKI DAY: August 9<sup>th</sup>**

The weapon dropped over Nagasaki, **on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1945**, weighed five tons and was known as the **Fat Man**. When an atomic bomb was deployed over the Japanese city of Nagasaki 72 years ago.

**International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples - August 9<sup>th</sup>**

It's the **United Nations International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples** as well as the **tenth anniversary of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**.

**World Bio Fuel Day: August 10<sup>th</sup>**

The **Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG)** along with various energy conservation organizations is celebrating **World Bio Fuel Day on 10 August 2017** across 100 districts in India. The World Bio-Fuel Day is observed on 10th August every year in a bid to create awareness about **non fossil-fuels such as biodiesel, ethanol, biogas**, etc.

On this day in 1893, **Sir Rudolph Diesel**, the diesel engine inventor, for the first time successfully ran mechanical engine with peanut oil.

**International Youth Day-August 12<sup>th</sup>**

**International Youth Day 2017** is dedicated to celebrating young people's contributions to conflict prevention and transformation as well as inclusion, social justice, and sustainable peace. It is celebrated on **August 12<sup>th</sup>** every year.

Theme 2017: "**Youth Building Peace**"

**Independence Day of Pakistan: August 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Pakistan** hoisted the largest flag in its history at **Attari-Wagah border** near Lahore to mark the country's **70th Independence Day**.

Pakistan Army Chief **Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa** hoisted the flag at the border at 12 in the midnight, kicking off the festivities of Independence Day across the country.

### **TRIFED celebrates World Honey Bee Day:**

To create awareness about Beekeeping and uses of its products including Honey, **Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED)** is celebrating World Honey Bee Day (WHBD) on 19.08.2017 in the Country. TRIFED is an apex organisation at National Level and functioning under the administrative control of **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**.

### **World Photography Day: August 19<sup>th</sup>**

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** is observed as **World Photography Day**, which aims to inspire photographers across the planet to share a single photo with a simple purpose: to share their world with the world. **Information and Public Relations Department of Jharkhand** has announced a Photography Contest on August 19 on the occasion of World Photography Day. The theme of the contest is **Jharkhand: Land, People and Culture**.

### **World Humanitarian Day: August 19<sup>th</sup>**

Civilians in conflict are "**Not A Target**" (Theme), top United Nations officials stressed at a special event marking **World Humanitarian Day on August 19<sup>th</sup> every year**, which honours aid workers and pays **homage to those killed in service**, while also drawing attention to the millions of people today living in war zones.

### **Nation remembering Rajiv Gandhi on his 73rd birth anniversary: Sadbhavana Diwas**

The nation is remembering former **Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi** on his **73rd birth anniversary**. Former President of India **Pranab Mukherjee**, **Congress President Sonia Gandhi**, **Congress Vice President Rahul Gandhi**, former

Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra paid tribute to Rajiv Gandhi at his Samadhi, Vir Bhumi in the national capital.

### **About Rajiv Gandhi:**

Mr Rajiv Gandhi was born on **20<sup>th</sup> August 1944**. He served as the Prime Minister from 31st October 1984 to 2nd December 1989. He was assassinated on 21st May, 1991 at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu during a poll campaign.

### **20<sup>th</sup> August: World Mosquito Day**

**World Mosquito Day** was first established in **1897**, when the link between mosquitos and malaria transmission was discovered by **Sir Ronald Ross**. It is celebrated on **20<sup>th</sup> August** every year.

It aims to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented, as well as fundraising for research into the cure of malaria. Theme of 2017: "**Protect Yourself from Mosquito Bites**".

### **Birthday of Sri Guru Granth Sahib being celebrated:**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>** is the **413<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sri Guru Granth Sahib** the eleventh guru of Sikhs is being celebrated with religious fervor and Geity. Devotees are visiting Guru dwaras to pay obedience.

### **EPFO organizes Tiranga Yatra – Commemoration of 75th anniversary of the Quit India Movement in Mumbai: 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

The nation is observing the **75th anniversary of Quit India Movement**. The **Tiranga Yatra** is an opportunity to achieve '**Sankalp**' to '**Siddhi**' towards a '**New India**'.

The Tiranga Yatra was flagged off by the Minister of State(IC) for Labour and Employment, **Shri Bandaru Dattatreya**, at Bandra (E), Mumbai.

### **National Sports Day: August 29th**

National Sports day, the Day is celebrated on **29th august every year** to mark the **birthday of Dhyan Chand**. To celebrate the day various programs are being conducted through the country.

On this occasion, **President Ram Nath Kovind** will give away the sports Awards this evening. A total of 29 players have been selected to receive the honours from President. The President will confer Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award and Dronacharya Award at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

**United Nation to observe International Day against Nuclear Tests on august 29:**

The **UN-established International Day against Nuclear Tests** is going to be observed across the world on **August 29<sup>th</sup>** 'to galvanize the **United Nations**, Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, academic institutions, youth networks and the media to inform, educate and advocate the necessity of banning nuclear weapon tests as a valuable step towards achieving a safer world'.

**OBITUARY**

**Eminent Dhrupad singer Ustad Sayeeduddin Dagar passes away at 78:**

**Ustad Hussain Sayeeduddin Dagar**, one of the foremost exponents of the Dhrupad tradition, died in Pune. He was 78.

**Assam: former union minister Santosh Mohan Dev passes away**

In **Assam**, **senior congress leader** and **former union minister Santosh Mohan Dev** passed away in Silchar. He was 83.

**Pushpa Bhargava, Scientist And Activist, Dies At 89:**

**Veteran molecular biologist** and a vehement critic of genetically modified crops,

**Pushpa Mittra Bhargava**, died in Hyderabad. He was 89.

**Sam Shepard, Actor and Pulitzer-Winning Playwright, Is Dead at 73:**

**Sam Shepard**, Actor and Pulitzer-Winning Playwright whose hallucinatory plays redefined the landscape of the American West and its inhabitants, died in Kentucky. He was 73.

**Veteran actor Robert Hardy dies:**

**Robert Hardy**, a veteran British stage and screen actor who played Minister for Magic Cornelius Fudge in the **Harry Potter movies**, has died. He was 91.

**Olympic champion Betty Cuthbert dead at 79:**

**Olympic champion Betty Cuthbert** has died at the **age of 79**. The one-time world record holder died after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. **Cuthbert** was a **four-time Olympic gold medallist**, winning three at the 1956 Melbourne games in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay events.

**BJP MP from Ajmer & former Union minister Sanwar Lal Jat passes away:**

BJP's Member of Parliament from Ajmer and former Union minister **Prof Sanwar Lal Jat** passed away in New Delhi. He was 62. He served as Union Minister of State for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation till July last year.

**Ex-MP Vishvjit P Singh passes away:**

Rajya Sabha mourned the death of its former member **Vishvjit P Singh**. He had represented Maharashtra for two consecutive terms from April 1982 to April 1988 and April 1988 to April 1994.

## **Glen Campbell, Whose Hit Songs Bridged Country and Pop, Dies at 81:**

**Glen Campbell**, the **sweet-voiced, guitar-picking** son of a sharecropper who became a recording, television and movie star in the 1960s and '70s, waged a publicized battle with alcohol and drugs and gave his last performances while in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease, **died in Nashville**. He was 81.

## **World's oldest man dead in Israel at 113:**

**Israeli Holocaust survivor Yisrael Kristal**, certified last year by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest man, died at the age of **113**.

## **Former cricket writer Ted Corbett dies aged 82:**

**Former cricket Journalist Ted Corbett**, who **died** in Huntingdon, the UK, aged 82. Corbett worked for numerous publications like The Daily Herald, Daily Mirror, The Daily Telegraph, The Sun, and Daily Express, before being appointed as cricket correspondent for "**The Daily Star**" in 1982.

## **Ruth Pfau: Pakistan's 'Mother Teresa' dies aged 87:**

**Ruth Pfau**, a German doctor and nun who dedicated her life to eradicating leprosy in Pakistan and has been described as the country's Mother Teresa, has died in Karachi **aged 87**. Dr. Pfau **first** visited Pakistan in 1960 and was so touched by the plight of leprosy victims that she decided to stay forever in the country to treat them.

## **Riding the horse of life to death: Vijay Nambisan (1963-2017)**

Poet, writer and journalist **Vijay Nambisan**, who had been terminally ill for quite some time, died at the age of **54**. Nambisan's poem **Madras Central**, published in 1988, won him the first ever All India Poetry Competition award organised by the Poetry Society of India and the British Council.

## **Australia's Olympic champion Stephen Wooldridge dies at 39:**

**Australia's former Olympic** and world cycle champion **Stephen Wooldridge died** at the age of just 39. He was also a **four-time world champion** in the discipline and the 2002 Commonwealth Games champion.

## **Veteran photographer S Paul dies at 88:**

**Veteran photographer S Paul** died in New Delhi at the age of 88. Paul received recognition and **fame** as a **professional photographer** when his pictures were selected for publication in three renowned British publications Amateur Photographer, Miniature Camera and Miniature Camera World.

## **Ex-Kerala advocate general M K Damodaran passes away:**

Former Kerala advocate general **M K Damodaran passed away** in Kochi after a prolonged illness. Damodaran, died at the age of 77.

## **US comedian Jerry Lewis passes away in Las Vegas:**

**Jerry Lewis**, one of Hollywood's **most successful comedians** died in **Las Vegas**. He became the **highest-paid actor** in **Hollywood**, chalking up hits such as The Bell Boy, Cinderella and The Nutty Professor.

## **Former Manipur CM Rishang Keishing dies at 96:**

Former **Manipur Chief Minister** and a member of the **first Lok Sabha Rishang Keishing** passed away following brief illness in Imphal. The veteran Congress leader was 96. Keishing, a Naga, served as the chief minister of Manipur from 1980 to 1988 and from 1994 to 1997.

**India's oldest cinematographer Ramanda Sengupta passes away:**

**Country's oldest cinematographer Ramanda Sengupta**, who worked with legends like Jean Renoir, Ritwik Ghatak and Mrinal Sen, **died** in Kolkata at the age of 101.

**Tobe Hooper, 'Texas Chain Saw Massacre' director, dies at 74:**

**Tobe Hooper**, the horror-movie pioneer whose low-budget sensation "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre" took a buzz saw to audiences with its brutally frightful vision, **has died**. He was 74.

**Legendary footballer and Olympian Ahmed Khan dead at 90:**

**Ahmed Khan**, a member of India's gold winning football team at the **first Asian Games** in 1951, **passed away** at the age of 91 after prolonged illness.

**Current Affairs Quiz:**

Q.1) The Rajya Sabha passed the Constitution \_\_\_\_\_ Bill, 2017 with amendments for setting up of a National Commission for Backward Classes, was passed after dropping Clause 3.

- a) 121<sup>st</sup>                      b) 122<sup>nd</sup>                      c) 123<sup>rd</sup>  
d) 124<sup>th</sup>                      e) 125<sup>th</sup>

Q.2) From which month of next year onwards government has ordered state-run oil companies to raise subsidised cooking gas, LPG, prices by four rupees per cylinder every month to eliminate all the subsidies?

- a) January                      b) February                      c) March  
d) April                      e) May

Q.3) Who will inaugurate the two-day Conclave of Tax Officers "Rajaswa Gyansangam" scheduled to be held on 1st and 2nd September, 2017 in New Delhi?

- a) Arun Jaitley                      b) Narendra Modi  
c) Rajnath Singh                      d) Nitin Gadkari  
e) Narendra Singh Tomar

Q.4) The Executive Committee of National Mission for Clean Ganga (4th meeting) approved seven projects worth Rs \_\_\_\_\_ crore in the sector of sewage infrastructure, Ghat development and research.

- a) 400                      b) 425                      c) 450  
d) 475                      e) 500

Q.5) Name the union minister who launched 'Swachh Survekshan-2018' to rank all the 4,041 cities and towns of the country based on infrastructure development for improved sanitation services and their sustainability, outcomes, citizen connect and visible impact on ground.

- a) Arun Jaitley                      b) Narendra Modi  
c) Rajnath Singh                      d) Nitin Gadkari  
e) Narendra Singh Tomar

Q.6) Which of the following country gave the first Medal of Honor recipient to James McCloughan after 48 years the selfless acts of bravery, he is now nationally recognised?

- a) UK                      b) Bhutan                      c) China  
d) USA                      e) Japan

Q.7) Which country recently got struck by Typhoon "Haitang"?

- a) UK                      b) Bhutan                      c) China  
d) USA                      e) Japan

Q.8) Who came up with a spirited effort to beat Florian Kaczur of Hungary and finish second in the Czech International Open Chess tournament at Pardubidze in Czech Republic?

- a) Humpy Koneru                      b) Abhijeet Gupta  
c) Vishwanathan Anand                      d) Harika Dronavalli  
e) Tania Sachdev

Q.9) Which country will host 2024 summer Olympics?

- a) Japan                      b) Australia                      c) India  
d) France                      e) USA

Q.10) Who beats Ryan Harrison to claim fourth ATP Atlanta Open title, he has reached the final in seven of eight editions of the tournament, added a fourth title to those he won in 2013, 2014 and 2015?

- a) Roger Federer                      b) Nick Kyrgios

c) Andy Murray d) John Isner

e) Kevin Anderson

Q.11) Who was the youngest of the famous seven 'Dagar Bandhus' and had dedicated his life to keeping the Dhrupad tradition alive, died recently. He was born in Alwar, Rajasthan on April 29, 1939, he started his musical journey at the age of six?

a) Ustad sultan Sayeeduddin Dagar

b) Ustan Hussain Rashid Khan

c) Ustad sultan Sayeeduddin Khan

d) Ustad Hussain Sayeeduddin Dagar

e) Ustan Hussain Rashid Sayeeduddin Khan

Q.12) The Government has approved establishment of Post Graduate Institutes for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy at Nagmangla, \_\_\_\_\_ and Jhajjar, \_\_\_\_\_ at a total cost of 59.67 crore and 52.04 crore respectively.

a) Kerala and Karnataka

b) Karnataka and Haryana

c) Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh

d) Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

e) Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh

Q.13) Name the portal launched by Ram Vilas Paswan which will provide a platform to sell agricultural produce.

a) e-RaMAK b) e-RaKMA

c) e-RaAKM d) e-RaMKA

e) e-RaKAM

Q.14) Which country has signed a bilateral agreement with India for the transfer of sentenced persons, recently?

a) Somalia b) South Korea c) Syria

d) Australia e) Nigeria

Q.15) The 19th round of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) meetings and other related meetings were held from 17 to 28 July 2017 held at \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Mumbai b) New Delhi

c) Hyderabad d) Kolkata e) Chennai

Q.16) Who has been appointed as head of the Army's crucial Eastern Command which guards a

major part of Sino-India border including the Sikkim sector?

a) Abhay Krishna

b) J S Cheema

c) Kanwal Kumar

d) P K Srivastava

e) Suresh Sharma

Q.17) Non-Cooperation Movement Day was celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_.

a) 1<sup>st</sup> August

b) 2<sup>nd</sup> August

c) 3<sup>rd</sup> August

d) 4<sup>th</sup> August

e) 5<sup>th</sup> August

Q.18) Two Indian wrestlers, Veer Dev Gulia and Ravinder, made it to the bronze medal round of their respective weight categories at the Junior World Wrestling Championships held in \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Somalia

b) Finland

c) England

d) Australia

e) Nigeria

Q.19) Who has been appointed as the head of expert group on Data Protection Framework for India?

a) B N Srikrishna

b) Jagdish Singh Khehar

c) Aziz Mushabber

d) T S Thakur

e) Adarsh sein Anand

Q.20) Which of the following bank with Samsung India had announced the availability of payment platform Samsung Pay for higher variants of debit Card?

a) Dena Bank

b) Vijaya Bank

c) State Bank of India

d) Punjab National Bank

e) Canara Bank

Q.21) Which largest integrated power company, announced that their Company has been awarded for excellence in cost management in the 'power distribution and transmission' category at the 14th National Awards for Excellence in Cost Management 2016?

a) Integrated Electric co

b) Adani Power

c) Reliance Power

d) Tata Power

e) Power Integrated in India

Q.22) Which e-commerce major has completed the merge with eBay India's operations?

a) Snapdeal

b) Amazon

- c) Flipkart                      d) Google  
e) Yahoo
- Q.23) Which state Cabinet resolved to declare the "Coconut Tree" as the State tree?  
a) Maharashtra              b) Madhya Pradesh  
c) Goa                              d) Kerala  
e) Punjab
- Q.24) Which country has recently given its ex-post facto approval for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed among various BRICs countries for establishment of the BRICS Agriculture Research Platform (BRICS-ARP) ?  
a) Brazil                      b) India                      c) Russia  
d) China                      e) South Africa
- Q.25) Who has been appointed as the prime minister of Papua New Guinea?  
a) Peter O'Neill              b) Sam Abal  
c) Sir Michael Somare      d) Sir Mekere Morauta  
e) Bill Skate
- Q.26) Which bank has allowed India to construct hydroelectric power facilities on tributaries of the Jhelum and Chenab rivers with certain restrictions?  
a) Asian Development Bank  
b) International Monetary Fund  
c) National Development Bank  
d) World Bank  
e) Reserve Bank India
- Q.27) Which of the following organisation set up a committee on 'fair market conduct' which will suggest measures for improving surveillance of the markets and strengthen rules for algo trades, among other norms?  
a) SEBI                      b) RBI                      c) GOI  
d) IRDAI                      e) MEA
- Q.28) American Internet giant, Google India said that it has reached a milestone of 100,000 villages with its Internet Saathi programme which was launched as a pilot in Rajasthan in July 2015 along with Tata Trusts. Google will also be expanding the program in two new states \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Gujarat and Utter Pradesh  
b) Madhya Pradesh and Odisha

- c) Rajasthan and Punjab  
d) Andhra Pradesh and Telangana  
e) Haryana and Bihar
- Q.29) Ahead of the implementation of the stringent capital requirements under the Basel-III regime from \_\_\_\_\_, the Reserve Bank amended a slew of previous regulations on the same, helping banks shore up their capital buffers and improves liquidity coverage ratios.  
a) 2018                      b) 2019                      c) 2020  
d) 2021                      e) 2022
- Q.30) Which state government has decided to compulsory retirement for non performing head masters, teachers and education department officials above the age of 50 years?  
a) Bihar                      b) Maharashtra  
c) Madhya Pradesh      d) Odisha  
e) Uttar Pradesh
- Q.31) India along with ASEAN is more attractive to FDI's as compared to other emerging markets and flows to these nations are expected to surge to around \$\_\_\_\_\_ billion by 2025, says a Nomura report.  
a) 200                      b) 220                      c) 240  
d) 260                      e) 280
- Q.32) Who won the bronze medal with a victory over Ilona Prokopeniuk of Ukraine in the Junior World Wrestling Championship in Tampere, Finland?  
a) Manju Kumari              b) Navjot Kaur  
c) Pooja Devi                      d) Nandini Salokhe  
e) Divya Tomar
- Q.33) Which state Government launched the MahaDBT portal, through which benefits of all government schemes will be transferred directly into bank accounts of beneficiaries in the state?  
a) Bihar                      b) Maharashtra  
c) Madhya Pradesh  
d) Punjab                      e) Uttar Pradesh
- Q.34) From which country's Sergio Tapiro Velasco received the 2017 National Geographic Travel Photographer Of The Year award in the Nature category?

a) Colombia b) Peru

c) Mexico d) Chile e) Guatemala

Q.35) Who has taken over as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration of Indian Air Force at Air Headquarters, New Delhi?

- a) Anil Kumar Browne  
b) Pradeep Vasant Naik  
c) Hemant Narayan Bhagwat  
d) Arup Raha  
e) Fali Homi Major

Q.36) From which month onwards government made Aadhaar numbers a pre-requisite for issuing death certificates to residents of all States barring Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya and Assam, in order to establish the identity of the deceased?

- a) August 1<sup>st</sup> b) September 1<sup>st</sup>  
c) October 1<sup>st</sup> d) November 1<sup>st</sup>  
e) December 1<sup>st</sup>

Q.37) India has signed a loan agreement with Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for financing of \_\_\_\_\_ million US dollar for Gujarat Rural Roads Project.

- a) 319 b) 329 c) 339  
d) 349 e) 359

Q.38) In United States, the Senate has unanimously confirmed three Indian-Americans to key government positions. Who has been confirmed as the Intellectual Property (IP) Enforcement Coordinator in the Trump administration?

- a) Vishal Amin b) Neil Chatterjee  
c) Krishna Urs d) Nikki Haley  
e) Mike Pence

Q.39) Who was appointed as Chairman and Managing Director in Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) ?

- a) Vatsaraj b) Tushar Buch  
c) Arun Kumar Agarwal  
d) Mohammad Mustafa  
e) Dinesh Khara

Q.40) Who settled for a bronze medal after in the semifinals of the WSF World doubles squash championship in Manchester?

- a) Bhuvneshwari Kumari and Joshna Chinappa  
b) Ashwini Ponnappa and Bhuvneshwari Kumari  
c) Bhuvneshwari Kumari and Anaka Alankamony  
d) Saurav Ghosal and Anuroop B S  
e) Joshna Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal Karthik

Q.41) Which firm has signed an agreement with Telangana for use artificial intelligence to provide eye care screening for children in the State?

- a) Infosys b) Microsoft  
c) Cisco d) Google e) IBM

Q.42) Which bank after SBI, cuts interest rate on savings bank balance of up to Rs 50 lakh has been reduced to 3.5 per cent from the current annual 4 per cent?

- a) Bank of India  
b) Bank of Baroda  
c) Bank of Maharashtra  
d) Dena Bank  
e) Punjab National Bank

Q.43) Mr. Venkaiah Naidu former Union Minister was elected as the \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President, after he defeated the Opposition nominee Gopalkrishna Gandhi.

- a) 11<sup>th</sup> b) 12<sup>th</sup> c) 13<sup>th</sup>  
d) 14<sup>th</sup> e) 15<sup>th</sup>

Q.44) Name the Indian professional boxer outslugged his Chinese opponent Zulpikar Maimaitali to retain the WBO (World Boxing Organization) Asia Pacific Super Middleweight title.

- a) Shiva Thapa b) Jitender Kumar  
c) Akhil Kumar d) Vijender Singh  
e) Vikas Krishan Yadav

Q.45) Who has won his 10th successive global title claiming the 10,000 metres world crown at the London Stadium?

- a) Mo Farah b) Paul Tanui  
c) Joshua Cheptegei d) Patrick Makau  
e) Michael Johnson

Q.46) With the aim of boosting its 'Mission Electrification' plan, Indian Railways signed its first Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract with L&T for large electrification projects.

The contract is worth about Rs \_\_\_\_\_ crore for electrification of 781 route kilometres (RKM).

- a) 1000                      b) 1050                      c) 2000  
d) 2050                      e) 3000

Q.47) Which state government in association with the National Legal Service Authority (NALSA) launched 'Tele-Law' scheme with an aim to provide an opportunity for the common man to access legal aid easily?

- a) Punjab                      b) Rajasthan                      c) Bihar  
d) Telangana                      e) Assam

Q.48) Which Bank has launched an Aadhaar-based integrated outward forex remittance solution for both customers and non-customers?

- a) ICICI Bank                      b) Axis Bank  
c) HDFC Bank                      d) Kotak Mahindra Bank  
e) Yes Bank

Q.49) Who has been bought for a staggering €222 million officially activating his release clause from Barcelona and smashing the record for Most expensive football player (soccer player) , single transfer?

- a) Lionel Messi                      b) Cristiano Ronaldo  
c) Neymar                      d) Ronaldinho  
e) Zlatan Ibrahimovic

Q.50) Which Indian Institute develops a new antibacterial drug-delivery system that improves the efficacy of drugs thereby reducing the dosage used for treating bacterial infections?

- a) IIT-Mumbai                      b) IIT- Kolkata  
c) IIT- Madras                      d) IIT-Delhi  
e) IIT-Shimla

Q.51) Who launched the country's newest acquisition 'SLNS Sayurala' at the ceremony at the Eastern Container Terminal of the Port of Colombo?

- a) Narendra Modi  
b) Maithripala Sirisena  
c) Ranil Wickremesinghe  
d) Ram Nath Govind  
e) Pranab Mukherjee

Q.52) Who won the Men Citi Open 2017 in Washington DC?

- a) Juan Martin del Potro  
b) Leander Paes  
c) Alexander Zverev  
d) Thomas Fabbiano  
e) Rohan Bopanna

Q.53) Which state government would spend Rs 1 lakh crore on development works in the next five years, with special emphasis on education and road connectivity?

- a) Odisha                      b) Uttarakhand  
c) Uttar Pradesh                      d) Jammu & Kashmir  
e) Rajasthan

Q.54) MasterCard and \_\_\_\_\_ have extended their partnership into Asia Pacific to enhance the consumer experience.

- a) Paytm                      b) PayPal  
c) Mobikwik                      d) PhonePe  
e) BHIM

Q.55) Who has been appointed as Executive Director of World Bank to represent the constituency of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka for three years?

- a) Surendra Bagde                      b) V R Srinivas  
c) S Aparna                      d) N Dalvi  
e) H Govindraaj

Q.56) On which player recently Kerala High Court lifetime ban imposed by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) alleging engagement in spot-fixing during an Indian Premier League (IPL) match in 2013?

- a) Naman Ojha                      b) Praveen Kumar  
c) Ashish Nehra                      d) Gautam Gambhir  
e) S Sreesanth

Q.57) Which country hosted Asia's biggest basketball tournament, known as FIBA Asia Cup?

- a) Jordan                      b) UAE                      c) Lebanon  
d) Qatar                      e) Bahrain

Q.58) In which place India-ASEAN Youth Summit was held from August 14-19?

- a) Bhopal                      b) Ranchi                      c) Raipur  
d) Mumbai                      e) Jaipur

Q.59) Which country have signed the country's biggest-ever car deal with French multinational automobile manufacturer Group Renault to produce 150,000 cars, beginning in 2018?

- a) Israel                      b) Iran                      c) Iraq  
d) Palestine    e) Turkey

Q.60) The Centre has decided to observe this Independence Day as \_\_\_\_\_ and asked the people to dedicate themselves to social causes and share their ideas to make a new India.

- a) Sankalp Parvu              b) Sankalp Parva  
c) Sunkalp Parva              d) Sankulp Parva  
e) Sankalp Purva

Q.61) In order to make National Highways green, clean and pollution free, the National Highways Authority of India has planted \_\_\_\_\_ lakh plants in last one year.

- a) 1.59                      b) 2.59                      c) 3.59  
d) 4.59                      e) 5.59

Q.62) How many states has been shortlisted by NITI Aayog under its 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital', SATH initiative to handhold them and transform their health sector, recently?

- a) Two                      b) Three                      c) Four  
d) Five                      e) Six

Q.63) Which of the following country has hosted the eighth meeting of the Regional Technical Group of Confidence Building Measure on Trade, Commerce & Investment Opportunities under the Heart of Asia – Istanbul Process?

- a) India                      b) Turkey  
c) Tajikistan              d) Turkmenistan  
e) Kyrgyzstan

Q.64) Which of the following actor has signed as brand ambassador in Health and wellness startup Cure.fit?

- a) Salman Khan              b) Amitabh Bachchan  
c) Hrithik Roshan              d) Aamir Khan  
e) Shah Rukh Khan

Q.65) Who is to be honoured with the Asia Society 2017 "Asia Game Changers Award" at a ceremony

to be held at the United Nations, New York, in November?

- a) Varun Dhawan              b) Dev Patel  
c) Dilip Kumar              d) John Abraham  
e) Nawazuddin Siddiqui

Q.66) Who has been topped Test bowler in the ICC Test rankings in the latest rankings & also as World No.1 in all rounder's, announced following the conclusion of England's series win over South Africa?

- a) Jimmy Anderson              b) Ravindra Ashwin  
c) Ravindra Jadeja              d) Shakib Al Hasan  
e) Bhuvaneshwar Kumar

Q.67) Who took oath as the 45<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of India with effect from August 28, 2017?

- a) Jagdish Singh Khehar              b) Dipak Misra  
c) J. S. Verma                      d) Adarsh Sein Anand  
e) Y. V. Chandrachud

Q.68) Which state government is going to become India's first city to build a micro-forest in order to create an oxy-zone?

- a) Maharashtra                      b) Jharkhand  
c) Odisha                      d) Chhattisgarh  
e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.69) Which of the following country has ratified the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol that commits countries to contain the emission of greenhouse gases, reaffirming its stand on climate action?

- a) India                      b) Bangladesh  
c) Japan                      d) China                      e) USA

Q.70) Private sector lender IDFC Bank has partnered with which digital payments company to launch 'IDFC Bank Benefits' - a payment solution for corporate that digitises employee spends and claims, making the process simple, real-time and paperless?

- a) Free Charge                      b) Paytm  
c) Citrus Pay                      d) Zeta  
e) PayPal

Q.71) Vijaya Bank MD & CEO Dr. Kishore Sansi has inaugurated the new premises of the Vijaya Bank

Self Employment Training Institute (VIBSETI) in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Haryana
- e) Uttarakhand

Q.72) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) says it plans to launch a full-fledged niche Earth observation (EO) satellite called as \_\_\_\_\_ using a critical chip it has developed.

- a) Hyperspectral Intra Satellite
- b) Hyperspectral Imaging Satellite
- c) Hyperspectral Integrated Satellite
- d) Hyperspectral Invention Satellite
- e) Hyperspectral Inter Satellite

Q.73) How many Crore has been raised as long-term project finance by selling non-convertible debentures to infrastructure debt funds and financial institutions by IDFC Alternatives Ltd's India Infrastructure Fund?

- a) Rs.150 Crore
- b) Rs.200 Crore
- c) Rs.250 Crore
- d) Rs.300 Crore
- e) Rs.350 Crore

Q.74) ASSOCHAM has conferred with Best Skilling India award on NACER. In the term NACER, C Stands for \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Centre
- b) Credit
- c) Community
- d) Commerce
- e) Consul

Q.75) Who has authored the second volume of Economic Survey 2016-17, that is going to be presented by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in both houses of the Parliament?

- a) Shaktikanta Das
- b) Arvind Subramanian
- c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- d) Sushma Swaraj
- e) Amartya Sen

Q.76) India and US will be co-hosting the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) at \_\_\_\_\_ from 28-30 November, 2017.

- a) New Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Jaipur
- d) Kolkata

e) Hyderabad

Q.77) The working session of the 15th Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation, BIMSTEC, Ministerial meeting is held at \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Colombo
- b) New Delhi
- c) Kathmandu
- d) Dhaka
- e) Bangkok

Q.78) Who has issued the final guidelines on tri-party repo transactions as part of its attempt to energise the corporate bond market and generate more liquidity in the segment?

- a) RBI
- b) SEBI
- c) GOI
- d) IRDAI
- e) AMC

Q.79) Which country's foreign minister Ravi Karunanayake was recently resigned from the post, linked to a questionable financial arrangement with a controversial businessman?

- a) Thailand
- b) Malaysia
- c) Singapore
- d) Sri Lanka
- e) Myanmar

Q.80) Indian Shuttler HS Prannoy improved two places to reach the \_\_\_\_\_ spot in the latest BWF rankings.

- a) 11<sup>th</sup>
- b) 12<sup>th</sup>
- c) 13<sup>th</sup>
- d) 14<sup>th</sup>
- e) 15<sup>th</sup>

Q.81) Name the Indian Shooter who won a bronze in men's trap event, his first international medal at the senior level, at the 7th Asian Championship Shotgun at Astana, Kazakhstan?

- a) Kyanan Chenai
- b) Manavjit Singh Sandhu
- c) Heena Sidhu
- d) Haricharan Shaw
- e) Rahi Sarnobat

Q.82) Which state government has launched a new supplementation scheme for Sriram Sagar Project (SRSP) with an outlay of Rs 2,000 crore, half of which will be spent for modernisation of the canal system and the rest for installation of the pumping facility?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Telangana
- c) Gujarat
- d) Maharashtra

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.83) Name the programme that was launched by Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in all districts of the country from 19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 - resolution will be taken to free the country from various categories like poverty, corruption, terrorism, communalism, casteism etc.

- a) Paramparagat Krishi Siddhi – New India Manthan  
b) Fasal Bima Se Siddhi – New India Manthan  
c) Sankalp Se Siddhi – New India Manthan  
d) NAM Agriculture Rasoi Yojana – New India Manthan  
e) Krishi Chawal Siddhi Yojana – New India Manthan

Q.84) The members of Heritage Conservation Society, Dr. Navanil Baruah, Dharendra Nath Choudhury, Nirupama Borgahain were present at launch of 'Nabin Tan Mon Bikash Yojana' scheme – in memory of Nabin Sharma especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Government Officials      b) Mothers  
c) New born babies          d) Senior citizens  
e) School children

Q.85) Which of the following Chief Minister launched 'She Means Business' a programme of Facebook for 25, 000 women entrepreneurs and Self Help Group (SHG) members?

- a) Naveen Patnaik  
b) Pema Khandu  
c) Nitish Kumar  
d) Amarinder Singh  
e) Pawan Kumar Chamling

Q.86) Who was recently appointed as Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for a period of three years, replacing Pahlaj Nihalani?

- a) Leela Samson      b) Prasoon Joshi  
c) Sharmila Tagore      d) Anupam Kher  
e) Vijay Anand

Q.87) What was the position of SBI in the list of top 50 global banks after its merger with its associates announced by Minister of State for Finance Santosh Gangwar?

- a) 45<sup>th</sup>      b) 47<sup>th</sup>      c) 29<sup>th</sup>

d) 35<sup>th</sup>      e) 30<sup>th</sup>

Q.88) Which of the bank has unveiled two new digital services (Bharat QR (Quick Response) and Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)), an integrated bill payment system for net banking customers?

- a) State Bank of India      b) Canara Bank  
c) Bank of India  
d) Punjab National Bank  
e) Syndicate Bank

Q.89) Who has been appointed as the World Health Organization's goodwill ambassador for physical activity in South-East Asia Region (SEAR)?

- a) Danny Glover      b) Femi Kuti  
c) Harry Belafonte      d) Milkha Singh  
e) David Beckham

Q.90) Dr. Debraj Shome has been awarded with the prestigious 'Indian of the Year' award at the 8th Annual India Leadership Conclave & Indian Affairs Business Leadership Awards 2017, held in Mumbai. He is a famous \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Neurosurgeon  
b) Facial Plastic surgeon  
c) Cholecystectomy surgeon  
d) Cardio-vascular surgeon  
e) Pulmono-venal surgeon

Q.91) Which of the following company has won the 'Green Marketer' award at the debut edition of Marquee Awards 2017. Presented by News18 India and partnered by One India, the awards recognised excellence in marketing across India Inc.?

- a) ITC FMCG  
b) Godrej Consumer Products Ltd  
c) Dabur India Ltd  
d) Proctor & Gamble Ltd  
e) Hindustan Unilever Ltd

Q.92) What was the theme International Youth Day 2017 that is celebrated on August 12<sup>th</sup> every year?

- a) Youth and Mental Health  
b) Youth and Civic Engagement  
c) Youth and Public Engagement  
d) Youth Building Peace  
e) Youth Towards Nation Building

Q.93) Which state government launched "Buniyadi Sanjivani Sewa" at a function in presence of Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi and minister for Social Welfare department Manju Varma?

- a) Uttar Pradesh      b) Uttarakhand  
c) Bihar                d) Punjab  
e) Rajasthan

Q.94) What is the subsidized rate of 'NAMO E-Tab' provided to around 3.5 lakh college students in Gujarat that cost Rs. 8000 each launched by Chief Minister Vijay Rupani?

- a) Rs. 5000            b) Rs. 3500      c) Rs. 4000  
d) Rs. 2000            e) Rs. 1000

Q.95) Which of the following Indian actor became the first to hoist the Indian National Flag at the Indian Film Festival Of Melbourne (IFFM 2017) that started on August 10<sup>th</sup>?

- a) Shah Rukh Khan  
b) Aamir Khan  
c) Shabana Azmi  
d) Aishwarya Rai Bachchan  
e) Priyanka Chopra

Q.96) Name the oil company that has recently bought the country's first shale oil from the US of 1.9 million barrels as part of its crude diversification strategy and also received government nod for buying one cargo of US oil every month till March 2018.

- a) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd  
b) Hindustan Petroleum Ltd  
c) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd  
d) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation  
e) Reliance Petroleum Ltd

Q.97) Who is the Deputy Managing Director of EXIM Bank of India was recently promoted as Managing Director for a period of three years?

- a) M.D. Patra            b) Geetha Muralidhar  
c) M.K. Jain             d) David Rasquinha  
e) Romesh Yadav

Q.98) Name the author who received Hugo Award for "Best Novel 2017", for the novel 'The Obelisk

Gate', at the 75<sup>th</sup> World Science Fiction Convention in Helsinki.

- a) Seanan Mc Guire    b) Nora K. Jemisin  
c) Ursula Vernon      d) Kameron Hurley  
e) William Morrow

Q.99) Who was known as 'Pakistan's Mother Teresa, dedicated her life to eradicating leprosy in Pakistan died recently?

- a) Josef Mengele      b) Martin Luther  
c) Friedrich Hegel    d) Ruth Pfau  
e) Magnus Hirschfeld

Q.100) In which of the following place, the country's first aviation university has been inaugurated with an aim to facilitate and promote aviation studies, teaching, training and research?

- a) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh  
b) Nagpur, Maharashtra  
c) Fursatganj, Uttar Pradesh  
d) Secunderabad, Telangana  
e) Mangalore, Karnataka

Q.101) Name the Indian Coast Guard Ship indigenously built offshore patrol vessel by Goa Shipyards, which was inaugurated by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to be commissioned at Panaji, in Goa.

- a) Shaurya              b) Prahar  
c) Vikrant                d) Vikram  
e) Kavaratti

Q.102) Name the African country that was recently declared as 'Polio free' by the UN World Health Organisation (WHO) for the past three years.

- a) Ethiopia              b) Ghana  
c) Somalia                d) Libya  
e) Lesotho

Q.103) In which border the Pakistan hoist its largest flag in its history to mark the country's 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day (August 14<sup>th</sup>) by Pakistan Army Chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa?

- a) Poonch-Wagah border  
b) Amritsar-Husainiwala border  
c) Attari-Hussainiwala border  
d) Amritsar-Wagah border

e) Attari-Wagah border

Q.104) Which of the following country won in men's 4x100m relay race in the World Athletics Championships in London?

- a) Jamaica                      b) Germany    c) Britain  
d) United States                e) Japan

Q.105) Which city's Skill Development Institute, has been adjudged the 'Best Institute-Innovation of Skill Development' that receive such a coveted award within 8 months of its operations from the Rajiv Pratap Rudy in New Delhi?

- a) Bengaluru                      b) Visakhapatnam  
c) Jaipur                            d) Ahmedabad  
e) Mumbai

Q.106) Which of the following University scientists have recently developed a low-cost and highly sensitive blood test that may quickly detect cancer growth and spread?

- a) Harvard University  
b) Stanford University  
c) Cambridge University  
d) Indian Institute of Science  
e) All India Institute of Medical Science

Q.107) What is the total number of people who have linked their Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar Number as on 5<sup>th</sup> of August which is nearly 3% of total about 30 crore PAN holders as reported by senior IT Officer?

- a) 9.1 crore                         b) 9.3 crore  
c) 10.3 crore                        d) 10.5 crore  
e) 11.3 crore

Q.108) Name the country's second indigenously developed robot after 'BRABO' developed by TAL Manufacturing of Tata Motors which has specially designed for universities and polytechnics that will provide students hands-on experience and help develop skills?

- a) 'Robo Whiz'                    b) 'Robo Gigo'  
c) 'Robo Tal'                        d) 'Robo TalTat'  
e) 'Robo Eaze'

Q.109) Name the university with which iBuild Innovation India collaborate and established to set

up Internet of Things (IoT) incubation centre in Basar to facilitate innovation and entrepreneurship through start-up hubs spread across the country?

- a) Indian Institute of Science  
b) Jawaharlal Nehru University of Technologies  
c) Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies  
d) Birla Institute of Technology  
e) International Institute of Information Technology

Q.110) India and which country jointly discussed the establishment of International Transport and Transit Corridor and also discussed ways to expand and deepen bilateral cooperation?

- a) Tajikistan                        b) Uzbekistan  
c) Kazakhstan                      d) Kyrgyzstan  
e) Turkmenistan

Q.111) Which of the following ministry has directed internet majors - Google, Facebook, Whatsapp, Instagram, Microsoft and Yahoo - to immediately remove the links of dangerous online game "Blue Whale Challenge"?

- a) Ministry of Commerce  
b) Ministry of Information and Technology  
c) Ministry of Human Resource Development  
d) Ministry of External Affairs  
e) Ministry of Electronics and IT

Q.112) Who has bagged the best performance awards for SHG-bank linkage programme for 2015-16 and 2016-17 among commercial banks operating in Karnataka from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)?

- a) Dena bank                        b) Indian bank  
c) Corporation bank                d) Vijaya bank  
e) State bank of India

Q.113) How many medals has been cinched by India in Glove women's Boxing Tournament at Vojvodina?

- a) Six                                 b) Seven            c) Eight  
d) Nine                                e) Ten

Q.114) Which of the following organisation has introduced an online registration mechanism for

custodians of securities to make it convenient for them to do business?

- a) RBI                      b) SEBI                      c) GOI  
d) IRDAI                      e) AMC

Q.115) Which of the following country will host the next steering committee meeting of the proposed 1,814 kilometre-long Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline?

- a) Afghanistan                      b) Turkmenistan  
c) Pakistan                      d) India                      e) Oman

Q.116) Which state government secretariat will be named after former President A P J Abdul Kalam. An announcement to this effect was made by Chief Minister of the state on Independence Day?

- a) Maharashtra                      b) Madhya Pradesh  
c) Uttarakhand                      d) Uttar Pradesh  
e) Rajasthan

Q.117) Which city has been declared the most liveable city in the world for seven consecutive years?

- a) Brisbane                      b) Stockholm  
c) Perth                      d) Sydney                      e) Melbourne

Q.118) Which bank board of directors gave 'in-principle' approval to induct Dai-ichi Life Holdings' group company Asset Management One Company as a strategic partner in Union Asset Management Company Pvt Ltd (Union AMC)?

- a) Bank of India  
b) Union Bank of India  
c) Bank of Baroda  
d) United Bank of India  
e) Dena Bank

Q.119) Which of the following Mutual Fund has launched a new website 'PlanYourGoal.com' to help users plan their investments according to their future financial goals?

- a) Infrastructure Development Finance Company  
b) Kotak Mahindra Bank  
c) ICICI Prudential  
d) Motilal Oswal Group  
e) HDFC Small Cap Fund

Q.120) Name the person who is awarded for Marconi Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contributions to modern communications?

- a) Mumtaz Madhvani                      b) Jiri Menzel  
c) Shatrughan Sinha                      d) Thomas Kailath  
e) Uttam Singh

Q.121) Which of the following country recently appointed Tilak Marapana as Foreign Minister?

- a) Nepal                      b) Bhutan  
c) Malaysia                      d) Srilanka  
e) Myanmar

Q.122) Who has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of Tata Motors?

- a) Ravi Karunanayake  
b) Santosh Sharma  
c) P B Balaji  
d) Ramakrishnan  
e) Ramani Krishnan

Q.123) Which state government would be launched to prevent the spread of malaria in remote areas named "Durgama Anchalare Malaria Nirakaran" (DAMON) ?

- a) Andhra Pradesh                      b) Bihar  
c) Madhya Pradesh                      d) Maharashtra  
e) Odisha

Q.124) How many crore rupees have been approved by union cabinet for raising extra budgetary resources on Long Term Irrigation Fund in 2017-18?

- a) 9,000 crore                      b) 9,020 crore  
c) 9,070 crore                      d) 9,100 crore  
e) 9,200 crore

Q.125) Which of the following country has signed into law an updated veterans education bill that marks the largest expansion of college assistance for military veterans in a decade?

- a) USA                      b) UK                      c) Germany  
d) Japan                      e) China

Q.126) Which country's fencing system is followed by India along its volatile border with Pakistan for having a 'quick response team' mechanism which

strikes when the CCTV-powered control room detects an infiltration attempt?

- a) Iran                      b) Iraq                      c) Israel  
d) UAE                      e) Germany

Q.127) Which of the following organisation has given approval to BSE's IndiaINX to commence trading in Gold Options contracts - the first for India at GIFT IFSC?

- a) GOI                      b) SEBI                      c) RBI  
d) CCEA                      e) MEA

Q.128) How many million USD is granted via Agreement from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) of the World Bank for "Ecosystem Service Improvement Project"?

- a) 22.64 million              b) 23.64 million  
c) 24.64 million              d) 25.64 million  
e) 26.64 million

Q.129) In which of the following city, North Eastern Cultural and Information Centre will be set up?

- a) Aizwal                      b) Dibrugarh  
c) Agartala                      d) New Delhi  
e) Slichar

Q.130) Which of the following bank has conferred with 'best performance award' for 2015-16 and 2016-17 from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) ?

- a) Vijaya Bank  
b) Corporation Bank  
c) Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB)  
d) Chaitanya Godavari Grameena Bank  
e) Dena Bank

Q.131) The Union Law Ministry forwarded to the President, the Tamil Nadu government's proposed ordinance on \_\_\_\_\_ year exemption from NEET.

- a) One                      b) Two                      c) Three  
d) Four                      e) Five

Q.132) Industries in the north eastern and Himalayan states will continue to get tax exemption till March \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) 2020                      b) 2023                      c) 2025  
d) 2027                      e) 2023

Q.133) With which of the following country signed an MoU with Union Cabinet on intellectual property right (IPR) cooperation, aimed at benefiting entrepreneurs, investors and businesses?

- a) Portugal                      b) Spain                      c) Sweden  
d) Poland                      e) Germany

Q.134) With which of the following country India reviewed the entire bilateral relations and took stock of the progress achieved in key areas like energy, trade and security?

- a) Portugal                      b) Spain                      c) Sweden  
d) Poland                      e) Turkmenistan

Q.135) Which Bank has unveiled the Aadhaar Enrolment Centre, following UIDAI's directive last month?

- a) ICICI bank                      b) Karur Vysya bank  
c) Axis bank                      d) Yes bank  
e) HDFC bank

Q.136) Who has resigned as the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Infosys?

- a) R Seshasayee                      b) Pravin Rao  
c) Vishal Sikka                      d) Jeffrey Sean Lehman  
e) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

Q.137) Which of the following person has become a goodwill ambassador for Handicap International, pledging to work for millions who are 'less visible' but deserve equality?

- a) Neymar                      b) Lionel Messi  
c) Cristiano Ronaldo                      d) Zlatan Ibrahimovic  
e) Wayne Rooney

Q.138) Who has been appointed as the Pakistan High Commissioner to India?

- a) Abdul Basit                      b) Sohail Mahmood  
c) Satyabrata Pal                      d) Sharat Sabharwal  
e) TCA Raghavan

Q.139) Which company has been awarded with the National Safety Award (Mines) for the year 2013 and 2014?

- a) Musk power                      b) Soft Power  
c) Adani Power                      d) Tata Power  
e) Reliance Power

Q.140) Who is set to return to world number one for the first time in three years after Roger Federer withdrew from the Cincinnati Masters with a back injury?

- a) Stan Wawrinka
- b) Novak Djokovic
- c) Andy Murray
- d) Rafael Nadal
- e) Alexander Zverev

Q.141) Who inaugurated the "Orient Craft Textile facility" at Irba near Ranchi in Jharkhand?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Smriti Irani
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Radha Mohan Singh
- e) Arun Jaitley

Q.142) Navika Sagar Parikrama is a project wherein a team of women officers of the Indian Navy would circumnavigate the globe on an Indian-built sail boat named \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) INSV Sanghamitra
- b) INSV Mhadei
- c) INSV Tarini
- d) INSV Shakti
- e) INSV Sindhurakshak

Q.143) RBI will shortly issue new banknotes of Rs \_\_\_\_ denomination in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series, which will bear the picture of the iconic stone chariot at Hampi on the reverse side.

- a) 20
- b) 50
- c) 100
- d) 500
- e) 1000

Q.144) Which bank has informed BSE that the Reserve Bank of India has accorded their approval for the appointment of Shri P R Seshadri as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the Bank?

- a) Axis bank
- b) Yes Bank
- c) IndusInd Bank
- d) ICICI Bank
- e) Karur Vysya Bank

Q.145) Who is going to be part of information and broadcasting ministry constituted a steering committee for the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) recently?

- a) Ogilvy Barua
- b) Shoojit Sarcar
- c) Nagesh Kukunoor
- d) Jahnu Barua
- e) Piyush Pandey

Q.146) Which state/UT government Municipal Corporation launched special train called the 'mosquito terminator' in collaboration with the Northern Railway, to spray anti-larval chemicals along the tracks to control mosquito breeding?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Delhi
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Punjab
- e) Gujarat

Q.147) The centre has approved a nearly how many crore plan for the Coast Guard that will give more teeth to the maritime security agency in maintaining vigil on coastal waters.

- a) Rs 31,000 crore
- b) Rs 32,000 crore
- c) Rs 33,000 crore
- d) Rs 34,000 crore
- e) Rs 35,000 crore

Q.148) Which network unveiled its mobile wallet in partnership with MobiKwik to enable one-tap bill payment for its over 100 million subscribers?

- a) Airtel
- b) Aircel
- c) Idea
- d) BSNL
- e) Vodafone

Q.149) Which of the following bank entered into a corporate agency agreement with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and Cholamandalam MS General Insurance for distribution of their insurance products?

- a) Bank of India
- b) Bank of Baroda
- c) United Bank of India
- d) Union Bank of India
- e) Bank of Maharashtra

Q.150) Who has been appointed as the interim-managing director and chief executive by Infosys Ltd?

- a) VB Pravin Rao
- b) UB Pravin Rao
- c) SB Pravin Rao
- d) KB Pravin Rao
- e) RB Pravin Rao

Q.151) Who has been awarded as the 'Healthcare Personality of the Year' award by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)?

- a) Manish Kumar Jairam
- b) Vikas Kumar Jairam

c) Nanda Kumar Jairam

d) Vishal Kumar Jairam

e) Mahesh Kumar Jairam

Q.152) Which state government has proposed ambitious project to improve rural road connectivity through Chief Minister's Lok Parivahan Yojna?

a) Arunachal Pradesh b) Meghalaya

c) Mizoram d) Nagaland

e) Assam

Q.153) Which ministry has decided to delegate administrative and financial powers to the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) to avoid delays on account of references between the Chief Engineer, HQ DGBR and the Ministry?

a) Ministry of Urban Development

b) Ministry of Defence

c) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

d) Ministry of Home Affairs

e) Ministry of External Affairs

Q.154) The mergers of regional rural banks that are ordered by the government are now exempt from seeking CCI approval, according to a notification a move that will lead to faster closure of such transactions. In the term CCI, 2<sup>nd</sup> C stands for \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Competition

b) Commission

c) Consumer

d) Complaints

e) Company

Q.155) Which private sector lender will waive 12 equated monthly instalments (EMIs) on regular repayments of loans of up to Rs. 30 lakh under the new scheme Shubh Aarambh Home Loans?

a) ICICI Bank

b) Yes Bank

c) Axis Bank

d) HDFC Bank

e) IndusInd Bank

Q.156) Name the 12-year-old Indian-origin boy has been crowned as the UK's 'Child Genius' in a popular television quiz competition, days after he became an overnight sensation after answering all questions correctly?

a) Rithik Doshi b) Riswan Doshi

c) Rakesh Doshi d) Rahul Doshi

e) Rishikesh Doshi

Q.157) On Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, the Prime Minister was informed that in the Kharif season of 2016, and Rabi season of 2016-17, claims of over Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ crore have already been paid, and over 90 lakh farmers have been benefited.

a) 5500

b) 6600

c) 7700

d) 8800

e) 9900

Q.158) Physical police verification for passport will not be needed from next year as the Centre is planning to connect the procedure with CCTNS. In the term CCTNS, 2<sup>nd</sup> C stand for \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Cyber

b) Criminal

c) Crime

d) Common

e) Concept

Q.159) The cloud seeding experiment taken up at cost of 35 crore, called Project Varshadhari, began in which state.

a) Kerala

b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Telangana

d) Maharashtra

e) Karnataka

Q.160) Which country inked a pact with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Union Ministry of Health to collaborate on vaccine research and development?

a) South Africa

b) South Korea

c) Australia

d) USA

e) UK

Q.161) Who has been appointed as the Director General, Railway Protection Force, Railway Board. Presently he is working in CISF as Additional DG?

a) Dharshan Kumar

b) Dharmendra Kumar

c) Dhanajayan Kumar

d) Dhanrajan Kumar

e) Dhanapal Kumar

Q.162) Who won the bronze in double trap event at Junior Shotgun World Cup in Porpetto, Italy?

a) Lakshay Sen

b) James Dedman

c) Shapath Bharadwaj d) Lakshay Sheoran

e) Manisha Keer

Q.163) Banks will have to pay 3 per cent Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) on imports of gold and silver, which can be claimed as input tax credit,

the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) said. This 3 per cent IGST is payable with effect from \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) July 1<sup>st</sup>
- b) August 1<sup>st</sup>
- c) September 1<sup>st</sup>
- d) October 1<sup>st</sup>
- e) November 1<sup>st</sup>

Q.164) Which state government has received a loan assistance of Rs 1,349.55 crore from National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for creation of rural infrastructure in the state under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)?

- a) Punjab
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Uttarakhand
- e) Gujarat

Q.165) In which city UIDAI has joined hands with CSC India for launching door step enrolment facility in the national capital for the elderly, patients and others who cannot travel the Aadhar centres?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Bengaluru
- c) New Delhi
- d) Kolkata
- e) Bhopal

Q.166) Which organisation has inked an agreement with the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) to deepen bilateral cooperation in telecom and broadcasting regulation?

- a) IREDA
- b) RBI
- c) GOI
- d) MEA
- e) TRAI

Q.167) Which of the following company has given in-principle approval to acquire government's 51.11 per cent stake in Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd?

- a) GAIL
- b) SAIL
- c) IOCL
- d) ONGC
- e) Bharat Petroleum

Q.168) Who has been appointed by Government of India as Director (Finance), Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC) for a period of five years?

- a) R.B. Gupta
- b) K.B. Gupta
- c) M.B. Gupta
- d) S.B. Gupta
- e) N.B. Gupta

Q.169) Which city based start-up, Paynear Solution was awarded 'Best Use of Mobile Technology in Financial Services in Asia' at the 'Eighth CMO Asia Excellence' awards?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Bengaluru
- c) New Delhi
- d) Kolkata
- e) Hyderabad

Q.170) Name the Indian American novelist and playwright, who is the recipient of the 2017 Porter Fund Literary Prize for fiction.

- a) Manisha Vishwanathan
- b) Nikitha Vishwanathan
- c) Padma Vishwanathan
- d) Sathya Vishwanathan
- e) Sindhiya Vishwanathan

Q.171) Which of the following country is not participating in the 58th edition of Subroto Cup International Football Tournament, recently?

- a) Malaysia
- b) Singapore
- c) Nepal
- d) Bangladesh
- e) Indonesia

Q.172) Who has approved the proposal of Ministry of Railways to close the Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company Limited (BWEL) - a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under Ministry of Railways?

- a) Arun Jaitley
- b) Narendra Modi
- c) Radha Mohan Singh
- d) Nitin Gadkari
- e) Rajnath Singh

Q.173) How many crore rupees has been allocated to this fiscal year for the development of border areas by Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju?

- a) 900
- b) 990
- c) 1000
- d) 1100
- e) 1200

Q.174) The United States has sent its first shipment of anthracite coal to Ukraine from the U.S. port of Baltimore under a deal designed to increase Ukraine's energy security on July 31 to provide \_\_\_\_\_ tonnes of anthracite coal in the next few months.

- a) 500,000
- b) 600,000
- c) 700,000
- d) 800,000
- e) 900,000

Q.175) Which state has started signature campaign for the total eradication of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella?

- a) Haryana
- b) Gujarat
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Jharkhand

e) Punjab

Q.176) Name the person who headed the nine-member committee that ruled privacy was part of the fundamental right to life and personal liberty guaranteed to all citizens under Article 21 of the Constitution.

- a) Madan Lokur                      b) Jasti Chelameswar  
c) Dipak Misra                      d) JS Khehar  
e) Kurian Joseph

Q.177) Which of the following scheme has been approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) for renaming the new central food processing scheme SAMPADA?

- a) PMSSY                      b) PMKSY                      c) PMMSY  
d) PMUSY                      e) PMGSY

Q.178) Who unveiled NITI Aayog's Three Year Action Agenda along with Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan and NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Dr. Arvind Panagariya?

- a) Narendra Modi                      b) Arun Jaitley  
c) Sushma Swaraj                      d) Rajnath Singh  
e) Radha Mohan Singh

Q.179) The Reserve Bank of India will issue the \_\_\_\_\_ rupee denomination banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series, bearing signature of Governor Dr. Urjit R. Patel and the new denomination has Motif of Sanchi Stupa on the reverse.

- a) 10                      b) 50                      c) 500  
d) 100                      e) 200

Q.180) Which software giant will come to the aid of farmers in Karnataka who constantly struggle with an unpredictable market?

- a) Google                      b) Yahoo                      c) IBM  
d) Oracle                      e) Microsoft

Q.181) Which state cabinet approved the appointment of woman cricketer and Arjuna Award winner Harmanpreet Kaur as DSP in the state police department?

- a) Jharkhand                      b) West Bengal  
c) Bihar                      d) Uttar Pradesh

e) Punjab

Q.182) Who pens the book on RBI stint in 'turbulent times' all set to publish a book about his tenure as Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) where he explains economic concepts and talks of issues like tolerance and connection between political freedom and prosperity?

- a) Urjit Patel                      b) Raghuram Rajan  
c) D Subbarao                      d) Y V Reddy  
e) Bimal Jalan

Q.183) Who has conferred with Biju Patnaik Award for Scientific Excellence for the year 2016?

- a) Prof Swarna Maharajan  
b) Prof Swapna Mahapatra  
c) Prof Banshidhar Majhi  
d) Prof Sukumar Mishra  
e) Prof. Digambar Behera

Q.184) Who has received the award as 2016-17 Men's Player of the Year at the 2017-18 UEFA Champions' League in Monaco?

- a) Lionel Messi                      b) Cristiano Ronaldo  
c) Wayne Rooney                      d) Neymar  
e) Gianluigi Buffon

Q.185) Which of the following satellite has been scheduled by ISRO for its next launch using the rocket PSLV-C39 from Sriharikota on the 31st of August?

- a) IRNSS-1G                      b) IRNSS-1H  
c) IRNSS-1I                      d) IRNSS-1J  
e) IRNSS-1K

Q.186) Which of the following state has introduced a new internet based software 'Eronet', launched by the Election Commission of India?

- a) Assam                      b) Uttar Pradesh  
c) Haryana                      d) Bihar                      e) Odisha

Q.187) Who has released the Department of Administrative Reforms and Grievances (DARPG)'s Grievance Study Analysis of 20 Ministries?

- a) Narendra Modi                      b) Rajnath Singh  
c) Arun Jaitley                      d) Radha Mohan Singh  
e) Jitendra Singh

Q.188) Which of the following Minister sought steps by the Centre to find a site for setting up a memorial to commemorate the 'Paika rebellion of 1817'?

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Dharmendra Pradhan
- c) Arun Jaitley
- d) Radha Mohan Singh
- e) Jitendra Singh

Q.189) In which of the following district administration has decided to sanction 50 new green-fuel stations in Millennium City in the next three years to control rising air pollution.

- a) Faridabad
- b) Gurugram
- c) Panipat
- d) Mahendragarh
- e) Jhajjar

Q.190) Which of the following country is being slapped by United States with strong financial sanctions, barring banks from any new deals with the government?

- a) Venezuela
- b) North Korea
- c) South Korea
- d) UK
- e) China

Q.191) Which country has banned North Korean individuals and enterprises from doing new business in the country, in line with United Nations Security Council sanctions?

- a) USA
- b) UK
- c) Germany
- d) Japan
- e) China

Q.192) According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, who has overtaken the Hong Kong business magnate Li Ka-shing to become Asia's second-richest man?

- a) Shiv Nadar
- b) Lakshmi Mittal
- c) Dilip Shanghvi
- d) Anil Ambani
- e) Mukesh Ambani

Q.193) DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance Company has signed on Kerala-based \_\_\_\_\_ Bank as its bancassurance partner, under which the latter will distribute retail and group life insurance products to its customers across 260 branches in India.

- a) North Malabar Gramin Bank
- b) Federal Bank
- c) Dhanlaxmi Bank
- d) Kerala Gramin Bank

e) Palai Central Bank

Q.194) Who has been appointed as social secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind?

- a) Rakesh Kumar Jaiswal
- b) Randeep Kumar Jaiswal
- c) Ranvir Kumar Jaiswal
- d) Randhir Kumar Jaiswal
- e) Ranveer Kumar Jaiswal

Q.195) Name the Australian Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, who will lead 'Business Week' in India.

- a) Steven Cooper
- b) Steven Ciobo
- c) Steven Charles
- d) Steven Collins
- e) Steven Jack

Q.196) Which of the following country will host 2018 ITTF Team World Cup?

- a) Scotland
- b) Poland
- c) Australia
- d) Russia
- e) England

Q.197) A Festival of India is being organized in Brazil from 31 August-9 September 2017. The Festival will showcase diverse Indian culture, i.e. classical dances, literature, cuisine and Exhibition on \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Jawaharlal Nehru
- b) Indira Gandhi
- c) Ambedkar
- d) Mahatma Gandhi
- e) Subash Chandra Bosh

Q.198) Name the oldest cinematographer who worked with legends like Jean Renoir, Ritwik Ghatak and Mrinal Sen, died in Kolkata.

- a) Raman Sengupta
- b) Ramanadhan Sengupta
- c) Ramanda Sengupta
- d) Ramanadan Sengupta
- e) Ramanadha Sengupta

Q.199) Which of the following MoU is not signed by India and Nepal on the second day of the neighbouring country's visiting Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba in New Delhi?

- a) Modalities for utilization of India's housing grant component to support reconstruction of 5000 houses.

b) Implementation of the grant component of India's post-earthquake reconstruction package in the education sector in Nepal.

c) Implementation of the grant component of India's post-earthquake reconstruction package in the cultural heritage sector in Nepal.

d) Agreement on cooperation in the field of standardisation and conformity assessment.

e) Implementation of the grant component of India's post-earthquake reconstruction package in the health sector in Nepal.

Q.200) How many crore has been announced as a relief package for Bihar after conducting an aerial survey of the flood-hit regions in the state.

- a) 150 crore    b) 200 crore    c) 250 crore  
d) 350 crore    e) 500 crore

Q.201) Defence Minister Arun Jaitley announced the launch of the production of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) designed 5.8-tonne category Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Mumbai    b) Bhopal    c) New Delhi  
d) Kolkata    e) Bangalore

Q.202) The CA Institute has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of \_\_\_\_\_ to establish mutual co-operation for the advancement of accounting knowledge, professional and intellectual development.

- a) Bhutan    b) Nepal  
c) China    d) Pakistan  
e) Bangladesh

Q.203) Name the sports person who has settled for a bronze medal at the World Badminton championships held in Glasgow.

- a) PV Sindhu    b) Saina Nehwal  
c) Nozomi Okuhara    d) Ratchanok Intanon  
e) HE Bingjiao

Q.204) Name the minister who announced that the first edition of Rural Games or Grameen Khel Mahotsav will kick-start in Delhi.

- a) Manoj Sinha    b) Rajiv Pratap Rudy  
c) Rao Inderjit Singh    d) Vijay Goel

e) Piyush Goyal

Q.205) Name the person who chaired the committee on Household Finance has suggested that banks link their home loan rates to the RBI's repo rate, the rate at which it lends to banks, instead of the Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate (MCLR)?

- a) Naren Ramadorai    b) Tarun Ramadorai  
c) Varun Ramadorai    d) Arun Ramadorai  
e) Karun Ramadorai

Q.206) Who launched BEML's third Line Ultra-Modern Metro Manufacturing Facility to enhance the production of metro cars for the forthcoming metro projects in India.

- a) Narendra Modi    b) Radha Mohan Singh  
c) Arun Jaitley    d) Sushma Swaraj  
e) Smriti Irani

Q.207) The first edition of Miss Transqueen India, a beauty pageant for transgender, held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Varanasi    b) Lucknow  
c) Faizabad    d) Ghaziabad  
e) Gurugram

Q.208) In collaboration with which country Indian Army will finally get an advanced medium-range surface to air missile (MRSAM) system by 2020 which will be able to shoot down ballistic missiles, fighter jets and attack helicopters from a range of around 70 km?

- a) USA    b) Israel    c) Iran  
d) Russia    e) France

Q.209) Which of the following village in Manipur has emerged as the '100 percent computer literate' not only in the state but in the entire North East?

- a) Ningthoukhong Kha    b) Namoikhul  
c) Ngaikhong Khunou  
d) Nungthaang Tampak  
e) Ngaikhong Khullen

Q.210) Adani Enterprises plans to begin work in October to build the controversial Carmichael coal project in Australia, aiming to make its first shipment in March 2020. How many billion dollar worth of this project?

- a) \$ 14.5 billion      b) \$ 15.5 billion  
c) \$ 16.5 billion      d) \$ 17.5 billion  
e) \$ 18.5 billion

Q.211) In collaboration with which of the following country Indian navy jointly developed Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM) at Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) in Kanchanbagh, Telangana?

- a) USA                      b) Israel              c) Iran  
d) Russia                  e) France

Q.212) Which of the following is the theme of two-day Indian Ocean Conference (ICO) to be held in Colombo?

- a) Prosperity, peace and progress  
b) Peace, progress and prosperity  
c) Progress prosperity and peace  
d) Progress, peace and prosperity  
e) Peace, prosperity and progress

Q.213) Name the app that was developed by Indian Army through which serving soldiers can track details like postings and promotions etc?

- a) Humrraz                  b) Hummraz  
c) Huumraz                d) Humraaz  
e) Humaraz

Q.214) Which of the following country has launched Formosat-5, the first home grown observation satellite, from an air base in the US, the island nation's National Space Organisation (NSO)?

- a) Japan                    b) Russia              c) Finland  
d) Taiwan                  e) Norway

Q.215) How many Indian companies have made it to the latest Clean200 list, featuring the world's largest publicly traded companies making significant revenue from clean energy?

- a) Five                      b) Six                    c) Seven  
d) Eight                    e) Nine

Q.216) Who has been named as new secretary general of industry chamber Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)?

- a) Malvinder Mohan Singh  
b) A Didar Singh          c) Pankaj R Patel  
d) Arbind Prasad          e) Sanjaya Baru

Q.217) Which of the following country signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with India on Cooperation in renewable energy and also for the exchange of expertise and networking of information between them?

- a) Poland                    b) Spain                c) Finland  
d) Palestine                e) Israel

Q.218) Which of the following companies is not in the latest Clean200 list, featuring the world's largest publicly traded companies making significant revenue from clean energy?

- a) Suzlon Energy          b) Bharat Heavy Electricals  
c) Tata Chemicals        d) Adani Group  
e) Thermax Ltd

Q.219) Which of the following organisation has launched a Central Database of all Insurance Sales Persons in the country?

- a) RBI                        b) GOI                  c) IRDAI  
d) IREDA                    e) IBBI

Q.220) Which of the following bank has announced a software upgrade to create a single point-of-sale (PoS) machine which will accept payments through Unified Payments Interface (UPI) , Bharat QR, SMS Pay and the bank's mobile wallet, in addition to the traditional mode of swiping cards?

- a) ICICI Bank                b) HDFC Bank  
c) Axis Bank                d) Yes Bank  
e) IndusInd Bank

Q.221) Name the rapper who has taken six prizes at the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles.

- a) Kendrick Lamar        b) Lauryn Hill  
c) Wu-Tang Clan          d) Lil Uzi Vert  
e) Ghostface Killah

Q.222) Which of the following sports player has secured a silver medal at the World Badminton Championships held recently?

- a) Jwala Gutta              b) PV Sindhu  
c) Nozomi Okuhara        d) Saina Nehwal  
e) Parupalli Kashyap

Q.223) Which of the following ministry has decided to organize Pan India camps in handlooms and

handicrafts clusters, under the initiative of Hastkala Sahyog Shivir?

- a) Ministry of Finance
- b) Ministry of Textiles
- c) Ministry of Commerce
- d) Ministry of Human resource and development
- e) Ministry of Urban Development

Q.224) Which former Captain of Indian Cricket Team is appointed as a brand ambassador of Fintech startup InCred?

- a) MS Dhoni
- b) Virender Sehwag
- c) Anil Kumble
- d) Sourav Ganguly
- e) Rahul Dravid

Q.225) Name the India's first and only luxury tourist train runs by Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) to promote the State Dasara festival.

- a) Maharajas Express
- b) Deccan Odyssey
- c) Golden Chariot
- d) Palace on Wheels
- e) Maha Parinirvan Express

Q.226) How many crore has been entitled as an investment for developing a sports-centric housing project in Greater Noida by Realty firm Supertech?

- a) Rs.1110 crore
- b) Rs.1120 crore
- c) Rs.1130 crore
- d) Rs.1140 crore
- e) Rs.1150 crore

Q.227) Ministry of Textiles has decided to organize Pan India camps in handlooms and handicrafts clusters, under the initiative of Hastkala Sahyog Shivir. This initiative is dedicated to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sinchai Yojana
- b) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
- c) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Garib Kalyan Varsh
- d) Pradhan Mantri Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana
- e) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shramev Jayate Karyakram

Q.228) With which of the following country India has signed an agreement on technical cooperation for Green Energy Corridors to improve the sector

framework and conditions for grid integration of renewable energies?

- a) USA
- b) UK
- c) Russia
- d) Germany
- e) Japan

Q.229) Which country launched its first satellite for environmental research from the European spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana?

- a) Iran
- b) Iraq
- c) India
- d) Israel
- e) USA

Q.230) Ministry of Youth Affairs and sports has launched Sports Talent Search Portal to spot the best talent from among the young population of the country. The portal was launched by the Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu at a function at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) New Delhi
- b) Bangalore
- c) Mumbai
- d) Kolkata
- e) Hyderabad

Q.231) How many crore rupees outlay has been provided prime minister Narendra Modi for various National Highway projects in Rajasthan, recently?

- a) Rs 12,000 crore
- b) Rs 13,000 crore
- c) Rs 14,000 crore
- d) Rs 15,000 crore
- e) Rs 16,000 crore

Q.232) With which of the following country that India have agreed to an "expeditious disengagement" of troops in a disputed border area, where their soldiers have been locked in a stand-off for more than two months?

- a) Bhutan
- b) China
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Pakistan
- e) Afghanistan

Q.233) Information and broadcasting Minister Smriti Irani will inaugurate 92<sup>nd</sup> foundation course programme for civil services probationers at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Mussoorie
- b) Varanasi
- c) Lucknow
- d) Greater Noida
- e) Gurugram

Q.234) Which of the following Helpline Number was launched by Railway Police (GRP) in Mumbai to directly report thefts, harassment of women, fights, etc. to the nearest officer?

- a) 1511                      b) 1512                      c) 1513  
d) 1514                      e) 1515
- Q.235) Which of the following ministry inaugurated the Ocean Forecasting System for Comoros, Madagascar, and Mozambique at the third Ministerial Meeting of Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) for Asia and Africa?
- a) Ministry of Earth Sciences  
b) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy  
c) Ministry of commerce  
d) Ministry of Human resource and development  
e) Ministry of Urban Development
- Q.236) Name the new media agency program launched by Twitter that was dedicated to young media executives?
- a) "#TweetToTheYoung"  
b) "#TweetToTheTop"  
c) "#TweetToTheBottom"  
d) "#TweetToTheYoungsters"  
e) "#TweetToTheMedia"
- Q.237) The tax department has also asked the public to report such violations or those pertaining to black money to their jurisdictional principal commissioner of I-T department or email the same to \_\_\_\_.
- a) blackmoneyinfo@incometaxer.gov.in  
b) blackmoneyinfo@incometax.gov.co.in  
c) blackmoneyinfo@incometax.gov.in  
d) blackmoneyinform@incometax.gov.in  
e) blackmoneyinfo@incometax.gov.com
- Q.238) Which of the following entity has entered into a partnership with Symantec Corporation to protect businesses in India from online threats?
- a) Aircel                      b) Airtel                      c) Vodafone  
d) BSNL                      e) Idea
- Q.239) Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Kazakhstan?
- a) Nalin Surie    b) Jaimini Bhagwati  
c) Prabhat Kumar    d) Krishan Chander Singh  
e) C.M. Bhandari

- Q.240) Name a member of India's gold winning football team at the first Asian Games in 1951, passed away recently?
- a) Jamed Khan    b) Aneef Khan  
c) Aarif Khan    d) Mohamed Khan  
e) Ahmed Khan
- Q.241) Which has launched the world's first diamond futures contracts to provide exporters with a hedging tool?
- a) ICEC                      b) ICEX                      c) IEEX  
d) ICCX                      e) IECX
- Q.242) Which of the following country have lifted the SAFF Under-15 football Championship title at Kathmandu?
- a) Bhutan                      b) Bangladesh    c) China  
d) Japan                      e) India
- Q.243) Name the driver, who has won Belgian Grand Prix 2017.
- a) Sebastian Vettel    b) Lewis Hamilton  
c) Nico Rosberg        d) Daniel Ricciardo  
e) Kimi Raikkonen
- Q.244) In which of the following city Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa inaugurated the 56th annual three-day conference of Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine?
- a) New Delhi                      b) Hyderabad  
c) Bengaluru                      d) Mumbai                      e) Kolkata
- Q.245) Indian Army will finally get an advanced medium-range surface to air missile (MRSAM) system by \_\_\_\_\_, which will be able to shoot down ballistic missiles, fighter jets and attack helicopters from a range of around 70 km.
- a) 2018                      b) 2019                      c) 2020  
d) 2021                      e) 2022
- Q.246) How many million euro loan has been granted by France to Iraq whose economy has been weakened by low oil prices and its fight against jihadists?
- a) 230 million euro    b) 330 million euro  
c) 430 million euro    d) 530 million euro  
e) 630 million euro

Q.247) Who is the President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)?

- a) Ramesh Shivji Vikamsey
- b) Kamlesh Shivji Vikamsey
- c) Nilesh Shivji Vikamsey
- d) Sailesh Shivji Vikamsey
- e) Viklesh Shivji Vikamsey

Q.248) How much amount has been announced for those injured during the floods by Prime Minister Narendra Modi after conducting an aerial survey of the flood-hit regions in the state?

- a) 15,000
- b) 20,000
- c) 30,000
- d) 50,000
- e) 75,000

Q.249) Which of the following country's cricket board has named Chamara Kapugedara as the captain of cricket team for third and fourth ODI matches against India?

- a) Australia
- b) West Indies
- c) Pakistan
- d) Sri Lanka
- e) Bangladesh

Q.250) Name the head of the panel that will comprise of experts, academics, researchers and industry leaders and also explore the possibilities to leverage Artificial Intelligence for development across various fields.

- a) S Kamakoti
- b) L Kamakoti
- c) K Kamakoti
- d) V Kamakoti
- e) R Kamakoti

Q.251) Who has been appointed as the chief economist and head of policy advocacy in Tata Sons?

- a) Rakshitha Purushothaman
- b) Rinki Purushothaman
- c) Roshini Purushothaman
- d) Roopa Purushothaman
- e) Ritika Purushothaman

Q.252) Which software giant has launched its Project Brainwave deep learning acceleration platform for real-time Artificial Intelligence (AI) ?

- a) Google
- b) Yahoo
- c) IBM
- d) Oracle
- e) Microsoft

Q.253) India has good prospects of achieving over \_\_\_\_\_ per cent growth within two to three years and the chances of massive cut in the poverty rate in the upcoming decade are excellent, as per Niti Aayog.

- a) Five
- b) Six
- c) Seven
- d) Eight
- e) Nine

Q.254) A Tri-Services band from the Indian Armed Forces is participating and performing in the prestigious International Military Music Festival held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) China
- b) Russia
- c) USA
- d) Japan
- e) Germany

Q.255) Who got the 'Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise' award by Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami during the 71st Independence Day celebrations at Fort St. George in Chennai?

- a) Pranithi Srinivasan
- b) Parimala Srinivasan
- c) Pavithra Srinivasan
- d) Preethi Srinivasan
- e) Priya Srinivasan

Q.256) Which of the following country is playing for the first time at the rebranded FIBA Asia Cup, became the first Oceanic team to be crowned champions of Asia when they beat Iran?

- a) Netherlands
- b) Australia
- c) Iraq
- d) Japan
- e) China

Q.257) Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Air India for three months, replacing Ashwani Lohani?

- a) Rishikesh Bansal
- b) Rajiv Bansal
- c) Rakesh Bansal
- d) Ramesh Bansal
- e) Rajesh Bansal

Q.258) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank and Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank recorded net profit of more than Rs \_\_\_\_\_ crore during 2016-17.

- a) 100
- b) 125
- c) 150
- d) 200
- e) 250

Q.259) 58th edition of Subroto Cup International Football Tournament held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Mumbai
- b) Bengaluru
- c) New Delhi
- d) Kolkata

e) Hyderabad

Q.260) Which state government's Eastern Power Distribution Company Ltd (EPDCL) and the Southern Power Distribution Corporation of AP Ltd (SPDCL) have become the first state-owned distribution companies in India to accept payments through Bharat QR?

- a) Telangana                      b) Andhra Pradesh  
c) Kerala                              d) Karnataka  
e) Maharashtra

Q.261) In cloud seeding operation, a first in Magadi and Ramanagaram, aims to condense small water particles by clouds (size less than 10 microns) to droplets of 50 microns, which can constitute rains. The flight is expected to a one-hour sortie and will spray \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Silver Iodide                      b) Sodium Chloride  
c) Potassium Chloride              d) All of the above  
e) Only a and b

Q.262) Who launched 'Sankalp Se Siddhi', or 'New India Pledge' campaign in our country?

- a) Nitin Gadkari                      b) Ram Nath Kovind  
c) Narendra Modi                      d) Arun Jaitley  
e) Rajnath Singh

Q.263) Indian women's football star Oinam Bembem Devi nicknamed "Durga of Indian football" wins which award?

- a) Dhyan Chan award  
b) Arjuna award  
c) Dronacharya award  
d) Maharaja Ranjit Singh award  
e) Laureus world Sports award

Q.264) State-owned Indian Oil Corp (IOC) will invest about Rs \_\_\_\_\_ crore in expanding Paradip refinery and setting up petrochemical complex after the Odisha government agreed to restore part of tax incentives.

- a) 50,000                      b) 51,000  
c) 52,000                      d) 53,000                      e) 54,000

Q.265) Who continued to be the world's top-ranked one-day batsman in the latest ICC ODI rankings, released recently?

- a) Shikhar Dhawan                      b) David Warner  
c) Virat Kohli  
d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni  
e) Rohit Sharma

Q.266) How many million loan has sanctioned by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for State-run power transmission utility Power Grid Corp for its various projects, recently?

- a) \$ 200 million                      b) \$ 250 million  
c) \$ 300 million                      d) \$ 400 million  
e) \$ 500 million

Q.267) Which city will have first marine mammal rescue centre Proposed at Juhu beach?

- a) Mumbai                              b) Bengaluru  
c) Hyderabad                              d) Kolkata                      e) Jaipur

Q.268) Who recently resigned from US President Donald Trump's administration, he played a key role in the electoral victory of Trump last year, became the fourth high-profile White House official?

- a) Steve Bannon                      b) John Kelly  
c) Steve mascot                      d) John Shelly  
e) Richard Banne

Q.269) In which country Rear Admiral Travis Sinniah was appointed as the chief of naval forces making him the first from the minority Tamil community to head the Navy since the brutal civil war erupted in the country 45 years ago?

- a) Malaysia                      b) Singapore                      c) Japan  
d) Sri Lanka                      e) Mauritius

Q.270) Name the photographer who died recently, received the recognition and fame as a professional photographer when his pictures were selected for publication in three renowned British publications Amateur Photographer, Miniature Camera and Miniature Camera World.

- a) R Paul                              b) K Paul                              c) N Paul  
d) M Paul                              e) S Paul

Q.271) Which bank cut interest rates on most of its savings accounts balance below Rs 50 lakh to 3.5% from 4% after State bank of India, Axis bank recently?

- a) ICICI bank                      b) Karur Vysya bank

c) Kotak Mahindra bank

d) Yes bank e) HDFC bank

Q.272) Who has been appointed as new Deputy Special Representative for West Africa and the Sahel by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres?

a) Harmandip Ruby Sandhu-Rojon

b) Hiroute Guebre Sellassie

c) Sylvanus Dung Dung

d) Rajendra Pralhad Shelke

e) Samuel L Jackson

Q.273) How many million dollar has been imposed a new penalty on Reliance Industries Ltd and its partners for producing less than the targeted natural gas from eastern offshore KG-D6 fields in 2015-16.

a) 234 million

b) 256 million

c) 264 million

d) 276 million

e) 289 million

Q.274) Which state government inaugurated the next generation projection mapping system at the iconic Gateway of India?

a) Maharashtra

b) Madhya Pradesh

c) Uttarakhand

d) Uttar Pradesh

e) Rajasthan

Q.275) Wholesale inflation rose to \_\_\_\_\_ per cent in July this year, year-on-year, as the prices of some commodities increased.

a) 0.88

b) 1.88

c) 2.88

d) 3.88

e) 4.88

Q.276) National Mission for Clean Ganga has approved ten projects in Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh to the tune of about \_\_\_\_\_ crore. Eight of the ten projects pertain to sewage infrastructure and treatment, one to river front development and one to Ganga Knowledge Centre.

a) Rs 2000

b) Rs 2100

c) Rs 2175

d) Rs 2033

e) Rs 2303

Q.277) What is the theme for the India-ASEAN Youth Summit held in Bhopal, that marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ASEAN-India dialogue

partnership organized by Foreign Ministry and Madhya Pradesh government?

a) Shared Values, Common Destiny

b) One Vision, One Identity

c) Partnering for Change, Engaging the World

d) ASEAN-India Relation, A New Paradigm

e) Turning Vision Into Reality for a Dynamic ASEAN Community

Q.278) Which of the following city in Uttar Pradesh has been approved for sewage infrastructure work under Namami Gange project at an estimated cost of 27.98 crore?

a) Agra

b) Chunar

c) Ballia

d) Azamgarh

e) Auraiya

Q.279) Who replaced A P Hota and appointed as the CEO of National Payments Corporation of India?

a) M Balachandran

b) Satish Pradhan

c) Dilip Asbe

d) Manju Agarwal

e) Rajiv Roshan

Q.280) Who won the National Championship 2017 South Asian Spell Bee Title and cash price of \$ 3,000 by correctly spelling the word "Chytridiales", defined as an order of simple, aquatic fungi of the phylum Chytridiomycota?

a) Sravanth Malla

b) Pauline Bell

c) Betty Robinson

d) Helen Jensen

e) Sarah Malhotra

Q.281) Parliament passed a Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2017, that will empower the RBI to deal with stressed assets in the banking sectors which have increased to \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Rs. 5 lakh crore

b) Rs. 6 lakh crore

c) Rs. 7 lakh crore

d) Rs. 8 lakh crore

e) Rs. 9 lakh crore

Q.282) Which Union Minister has launched a new video of the the National Anthem in sign language for physically challenged. It is a 3.35 minute video, directed by Govind Nihalani, Bollywood star Amitabh Bachchan performing the anthem in sign language with the Red Fort in the background?

- a) Santosh Kumar Gangwar
- b) Ram Kripal Yadav
- c) Hansraj Gangaram Ahir
- d) Mahendra Nath Pandey
- e) Krishan Pal

Q.283) Which of the following company along with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) will come together to train app developers for mobile platform on the Android and web platforms, a move aimed at improving the country's mobile application development ecosystem?

- a) Infosys                      b) Yahoo                      c) Google
- d) IBM                              e) Wipro

Q.284) Which of the following states tops sanitation survey released the findings of the survey of 1.4 lakh rural households, undertaken by the Quality Council of India (QCI) between May and June this year?

- a) Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh
- b) Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat
- c) Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan
- d) Haryana, Kerala
- e) Uttarakhand, Odisha

Q.285) The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has admitted insolvency proceedings against which company, among the 12 identified cases referred to the tribunal following the Reserve Bank of India.

- a) Essar Steel Ltd                      b) Bhushan Steel Ltd
- c) Lanco Infratech Ltd                      d) Alok Industries Ltd
- e) SBI Infra Ltd

Q.286) Which Company announced the launch of Virtual Customer Service (VCS) model, an initiative launched to create cost efficient employment prospects for skilled candidates seeking more flexible work opportunities?

- a) Amazon                              b) Snapdeal
- c) Flipkart                              d) Myntra
- e) Jabong

Q.287) Which state becomes the first state to implement coal utilisation between power units?

- a) Maharashtra                      b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Gujarat                              d) Haryana

- e) Uttarakhand

Q.288) Olympic Champion Wayde Van Niekerk won the men's 400 meters event and retained his title in World Athletics Championships held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Tokyo                              b) Paris
- c) London                              d) Kathmandu
- e) Melbourne

Q.289) The government has formulated a detailed action plan with timelines for smooth implementation of WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). For the implementation of the pact, the government has last year set up Cabinet Secretary-headed by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) NCFT                              b) NFCT
- c) NCTF                              d) NTCF                      e) NTFC

Q.290) Which bank has reduced its benchmark lending rate known as marginal cost of funds based lending rate by 5-15 basis points (bps) across loan tenures. It is the first public sector bank to reduce lending rates following the 25 bps repo rate cut by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) last week?

- a) State Bank of India
- b) Bank of Maharashtra
- c) Bank of India
- d) Punjab National Bank
- e) Bank of Baroda

Q.291) Which state government is all set to distribute 13 lakh Soil Health Cards among farmers. Under the scheme, the government plans to issue soil cards to farmers which will carry crop-wise recommendations of nutrients?

- a) Punjab                              b) Rajasthan
- c) Bihar                              d) Maharashtra
- e) Assam

Q.292) Who clinched the individual as well as the team gold medal in men's double trap at the 7th Asian Shotgun Championship held in Astana, Kazakhstan?

- a) Ankur Mittal
- b) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
- c) Abhinav Bindra
- d) Gurbir Singh Sandhu

e) Manavjit Singh Sandhu

Q.293) Who has been selected for this year's Prem Nazir Award?

- a) Madhabi Mukherjee b) Nargis Dutt  
c) Sharada d) Waheeda Rehman  
e) Shabana Azmi

Q.294) Which city become the first airport in the country to have a helicopter-taxi (heli-taxi) service for those who cannot afford to spend time battling traffic to travel across the city?

- a) Bengaluru b) Mumbai  
c) Kolkata d) Chennai  
e) New Delhi

Q.295) Who has been named as the world's most highly-paid author with earnings of US\$95mn in this year?

- a) John Grisham  
b) Stephen King  
c) Arundhati Roy  
d) JK Rowling  
e) Christopher King

Q.296) Name the minister who inaugurated the YUVA – a skill development programme and an initiative by Delhi Police under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana.

- a) Narendra Modi b) Rajnath Singh  
c) Arun Jaitley d) Smriti Irani  
e) Radha Mohan Singh

Q.297) Which of the following state government has decided to merge various health schemes and launch unified 'Arogya Bhagya' to cover all the 1.4 crore households?

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Kerala  
c) Karnataka d) Telangana  
e) Maharashtra

Q.298) How many crore had given by the centre government for the construction of 1.4-kilometre long hanging bridge across the Chambal river in Kota, Rajasthan?

- a) Rs 217 crore b) Rs 237 crore  
c) Rs 257 crore d) Rs 277 crore  
e) Rs 297 crore

Q.299) Which of the following country inaugurated the International Atomic Energy Agency's Low Enriched Uranium Bank?

- a) Uzbekistan b) Kyrgyzstan  
c) Kazakhstan d) Tajikistan  
e) Afghanistan

Q.300) Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said that GST Revenue taxes worth Rs \_\_\_\_\_ were collected in July from just 64.42 per cent of the total taxpayer base.

- a) Rs 92,083 crore b) Rs 92,183 crore  
c) Rs 92,283 crore d) Rs 92,383 crore  
e) Rs 92,483 crore

**Answer Key:**

1. (c) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (e) 6. (d) 7. (c) 8. (b)  
9. (d) 10. (d) 11. (d) 12. (b) 13. (e) 14. (a) 15. (c)  
16. (a) 17. (a) 18. (b) 19. (a) 20. (c) 21. (d) 22. (c)  
23. (c) 24. (b) 25. (a) 26. (d) 27. (a) 28. (e) 29.  
(b) 30. (a) 31. (c) 32. (a) 33. (b) 34. (c) 35. (c) 36.  
(c) 37. (b) 38. (a) 39. (d) 40. (e) 41. (b) 42. (b)  
43. (c) 44. (d) 45. (a) 46. (b) 47. (c) 48. (d) 49. (c)  
50. (d) 51. (b) 52. (c) 53. (d) 54. (b) 55. (c) 56.  
(e) 57. (c) 58. (a) 59. (b) 60. (b) 61. (b) 62. (e)  
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70. (d) 71. (c) 72. (b) 73. (c) 74. (a) 75. (b) 76. (e)  
77. (c) 78. (a) 79. (d) 80. (e) 81. (a) 82. (b) 83. (c)  
84. (e) 85. (a) 86. (b) 87. (a) 88. (b) 89. (d) 90.  
(b) 91. (e) 92. (d) 93. (c) 94. (e) 95. (d) 96. (c) 97.  
(d) 98. (b) 99. (d) 100. (c) 101. (a) 102. (c) 103.  
(e) 104. (c) 105. (b) 106. (b) 107. (b) 108. (a)  
109. (c) 110. (e) 111. (e) 112. (c) 113. (e) 114. (b)  
115. (d) 116. (c) 117. (e) 118. (b) 119. (c) 120. (d)  
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145. (c) 146. (b) 147. (b) 148. (d) 149. (d) 150.  
(b) 151. (c) 152. (e) 153. (b) 154. (b) 155. (c) 156.  
(d) 157. (c) 158. (b) 159. (e) 160. (b) 161. (b)  
162. (c) 163. (a) 164. (b) 165. (c) 166. (e) 167. (d)  
168. (e) 169. (e) 170. (c) 171. (a) 172. (b) 173. (d)

174. (c) 175. (c) 176. (d) 177. (b) 178. (b) 179. (e)  
 180. (e) 181. (e) 182. (b) 183. (e) 184. (b) 185 .  
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 191. (e) 192. (e) 193. (c) 194. (d) 195. (b) 196. (e)  
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 203. (b) 204. (d) 205. (b) 206. (c) 207. (e) 208.  
 (b) 209. (d) 210. (c) 211. (b) 212. (b) 213. (d)  
 214. (d) 215. (c) 216. (e) 217. (b) 218. (d) 219. (c)  
 220. (b) 221. (a) 222. (b) 223. (b) 224. (e) 225.  
 (c) 226. (c) 227. (c) 228. (d) 229. (d) 230. (a) 231.  
 (d) 232. (b) 233. (a) 234. (b) 235. (a) 236. (b)  
 237. (c) 238. (b) 239. (c) 240. (e) 241. (b) 242. (e)  
 243. (a) 244. (c) 245. (c) 246. (c) 247. (c) 248. (d)  
 249. (d) 250. (d) 251. (d) 252. (e) 253. (d) 254.  
 (b) 255. (d) 256. (b) 257. (b) 258. (c) 259. (c) 260.  
 (b) 261. (d) 262. (c) 263. (b) 264. (c) 265. (c) 266.  
 (e) 267. (a) 268. (a) 269. (d) 270. (e) 271. (e)  
 272. (a) 273. (c) 274. (a) 275. (b) 276. (d) 277. (a)  
 278. (b) 279. (c) 280. (a) 281. (d) 282. (d) 283. (c)  
 284. (d) 285. (c) 286. (a) 287. (c) 288. (c) 289. (c)  
 290. (b) 291. (e) 292. (a) 293. (c) 294. (a) 295. (d)  
 296. (b) 297. (c) 298. (d) 299. (c) 300. (c)

### Aptitude:

D.1-100) What should come in place of the question mark (?) in **the** following questions?

Q.1) 20% of  $\frac{1}{5!}$  of 25% of 10! = ?

- a) 1512      b) 1482      c) 1962  
 d) 1872      e) 1562

Q.2)  $\sqrt{599 + \sqrt{651 + \sqrt{589 + 30 + \sqrt{36}}}} = ?$

- a) 24      b) 18      c) 20  
 d) 25      e) 19

Q.3) 55% of 7820 - ? % of 6250 = 585 + 60% of 1960

- a) 50      b) 10      c) 20  
 d) 30      e) 40

Q.4)  $(203 \div 7) \times (119 \div 7) - (133 \div 7) \times (91 \div 7) = 3 \times ?$

- a) 92      b) 82      c) 72  
 d) 52      e) 62

Q.5)  $(0.64 \div 0.8) + 19.2 + (2.7 \div 0.03) = 11 \times ?$

- a) 8      b) 9      c) 20

d) 10      e) 11

Q.6)  $(161 \div 23)^3 + (203 \div 7)^2 - (892 \div 4) = (?)^2$

- a) 20      b) 26      c) 33  
 d) 31      e) 32

Q.7)  $\frac{1}{9} \times \left[ 1\frac{2}{7} - \left( \frac{3}{7} + \frac{2}{7} \right) - \frac{1}{7} \right] = ?$

- a) 8/21      b) 5/21      c) 4/21  
 d) 2/21      e) 1/21

Q.8)  $962 \times 2\frac{1}{5} + 5\frac{1}{5} \div 8\frac{2}{3} = ?$

- a) 2118      b) 2119      c) 2117  
 d) 2120      e) 2121

Q.9)  $\frac{\frac{36}{6} - \frac{4}{81}}{\frac{12}{5} + 9} \times (18 \div 5) = ?$

- a) -1      b) 0      c) 2  
 d) 1      e) 3

Q.10)  $\frac{5}{6} \div \frac{6}{7} \times ? - \frac{8}{9} \div 1\frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{3} = 2\frac{7}{9}$

- a) 8      b) 4      c) 5  
 d) 7      e) 6

Q.11)  $\sqrt{13^2 \times 12 \div 5 + (5)^3 + 45.4} = (?)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

- a) 576      b) 625      c) 729  
 d) 529      e) 824

Q.12)  $\frac{5}{20} \div \frac{5}{14}$  of  $\left( 2\frac{4}{20} + 2\frac{3}{10} \right) + \frac{1}{10} \div 1\frac{2}{10} - \frac{2}{10} - \frac{2}{60} = ?$

- a) 4      b) 3      c) 5  
 d) 6      e) 7

Q.13)  $(1.96)^4 \div (2744 \div 1000)^3 \times (0.14 \times 10)^3 = (1.4)^?$

- a) -1      b) 0      c) 1  
 d) 2      e) -2

Q.14)  $\frac{20}{24}$  of  $576 \div 60 + (343 \times 2) \div 14 - 49 = ?$

- a) 9      b) 8      c) 7  
 d) 6      e) 10

Q.15)  $2 + (54 \div 3) + 8(7 - 4) + 15 = \sqrt[3]{216} + ?$

- a) 55      b) 54      c) 53  
 d) 56      e) 57

Q.16)  $\sqrt{576} \times 25 + 19 \times (4)2 - 609 \div 29 = ?$

- a) 720      b) 750      c) 740  
 d) 731      e) 700

Q.17)  $32 \times \left\{ \left( \frac{4}{5} \right)^2 \left( \frac{5}{7} \right)^2 \left( \frac{7}{8} \right)^2 \right\} = ?$

- a) 5      b) 6      c) 7  
 d) 8      e) 9

- Q.18)  $50\% \text{ of } \{186 \div 3 \times 30 \div 6 \times 60 \div 12 + 34 \times 64 = ?\}$   
a) 1750      b) 1754      c) 1863  
d) 1850      e) 1650
- Q.19)  $4\frac{1}{9} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \div 20\frac{23}{16} \times 1\frac{36}{111} \times 1\frac{3}{4} \times x = 16$   
a) 8      b) 9      c) 10  
d) 11      e) 12
- Q.20)  $1\frac{7}{8} + 2\frac{5}{4} + 3\frac{1}{8} - 5\frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{8} \times x^3$   
a) 3      b) 2      c) 4  
d) 5      e) 6
- Q.21)  $\frac{5}{11} \text{ of } \frac{2}{17} \text{ of } 3\frac{6}{15} \text{ of } 1\frac{5}{17} \text{ of } x = 1960$   
a) 8550      b) 8440      c) 8330  
d) 8660      e) 8770
- Q.22)  $\left(\frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{7}\right) + \left(\frac{3}{9} + \frac{2}{5}\right) = 5\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{x}{7}$   
a) 5      b) 4      c) 3  
d) 2      e) 6
- Q.23)  $2\frac{2}{7} \times 2\frac{3}{6} \times 1\frac{4}{5} \div 12\frac{9}{35} \times 3\frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{13} \times ?$   
a) 8      b) 9      c) 7  
d) 6      e) 5
- Q.24)  $\frac{(82-62)^2}{2^3} + \frac{5}{7} \text{ of } \frac{x}{125} = 60$   
a) 1650      b) 1750      c) 1850  
d) 1900      e) 1800
- Q.25)  $2 - \frac{23}{25} \div \frac{115}{125} \div \frac{138}{150} = ? - \frac{2}{23}$   
a) -1      b) 0      c) 2  
d) 3      e) 1
- Q.26)  $x = 20\% \text{ of } 400 + 35\% \text{ of } 540 + 40\% \text{ of } 1600 - 20\% \text{ of } 200$   
a) 869      b) 839      c) 891  
d) 849      e) None of these
- Q.27)  $24^x = \frac{((3 \times \sqrt{64})^4)^6 \times ((6 \times \sqrt{16})^2)^4}{(\sqrt{576})^8}$   
a) 26      b) 34      c) 24  
d) 28      e) 22
- Q.28)  $x = 2\frac{3}{15} + 4\frac{2}{5} + 6\frac{3}{4} + 7\frac{3}{20}$   
a) 14.5      b) 30      c) 12.5  
d) 20.5      e) 25
- Q.29)  $x = (4^2 + 64 \div 4 - \sqrt[3]{64}) \times (1024)^{\frac{1}{5}}$   
a) 36      b) 64      c) 112  
d) 4      e) 24
- Q.30)  $0.7^x = 0.7^{-8} \times 0.7^{-3} \times (0.07 \times 10)^{-2} \times 0.49^{11} \times 0.343^3$   
a) 18      b) 81      c) 27  
d) 49      e) 9
- Q.31)  $50\% \text{ of } 400 + 20\% \text{ of } 150 = \frac{5}{4} ? - 40\% \text{ of } 100 - 80\% \text{ of } 600$   
a) 800      b) 600      c) 900  
d) 950      e) 650
- Q.32)  $x = \sqrt{784} \times \sqrt{16} \text{ of } 30\% \text{ of } 50 + 306 \text{ of } 20\% \text{ of } 325 \div \sqrt{81}$   
a) 3480      b) 3780      c) 3152  
d) 3960      e) 3890
- Q.33)  $x^2 = 25\% \text{ of } \frac{1}{9} \text{ of } 324 - 8 \div 2 \times \sqrt[3]{27} + \sqrt{196} \times 2$   
a) 9      b) 8      c) 6  
d) 5      e) 7
- Q.34)  $\sqrt{930 + \sqrt{931 + \sqrt{850 + \sqrt{2450 + \sqrt{2500}}}}} = x$   
a) 34      b) 35      c) 31  
d) 25      e) None of these
- Q.35)  $x = 25\% \text{ of } 244 + 32 \times [25 \times 44 \div 55] - 343 - 7^2$   
a) 346      b) 309      c) 246  
d) 248      e) 348
- Q.36)  $(128 \div 8) \times (240 \div (6 \times 20 \div 5)) + 44 \times \frac{13}{1456} \times 112 = 2x$   
a) 302      b) 202      c) 102  
d) 404      e) None of these
- Q.37)  $x = \frac{446}{28} \times \frac{224}{35} \times \frac{245}{16} \div 1561 + 45\% \text{ of } 360$   
a) 163      b) 172      c) 164  
d) 148      e) None of these
- Q.38)  $\frac{4^2 \times 6^2}{2^3} + \frac{5^4 \times 2^6}{100} + \frac{(6^2 + 4^3)}{10} = x - 110$   
a) 572      b) 592      c) 582  
d) 528      e) None of these
- Q.39)  $x^3 = (675) \div (9 \times 15) + \sqrt{484} + (1058 \div 46 + 98)$   
a) 27      b) 81      c) 9  
d) 5      e) None of these
- Q.40)  $120\% \text{ of } 950 + 75\% \text{ of } 120 = 75\% \text{ of } 240 + 10x$   
a) 161      b) 163      c) 158  
d) 159      e) 105
- Q.41)  $(7 \times 3)^2 \times (\sqrt{7})^4 \div (7)^3 - 6 = (5)^2 + x$

a) 32                      b) 20                      c) 19  
d) 18                      e) 21  
Q.42)  $x = 40\% \text{ of } 1200 + \frac{7}{5} \text{ of } 40 - \frac{3}{8} \text{ of } 72 + 60\% \text{ of } 625$

a) 650                      b) 884                      c) 710  
d) 670                      e) None of these

Q.43)  $x = \frac{(18)^2 - (4)^3 + 10^2}{(3)^2 - (2)^2} + (196 \div 7 \times 38 \div 19)$

a) 64                      b) 74                      c) 128  
d) 78                      e) 80

Q.44)  $10\% \text{ of } 50x = \left(\frac{190}{5}\right) \div \left(\frac{360}{60}\right) \times 240$

a) 304                      b) 344                      c) 302  
d) 298                      e) None of these

Q.45)  $(30\% \text{ of } 740) + x + (15\% \text{ of } 280) = 140\% \text{ of } 340$

a) 335                      b) 187                      c) 235  
d) 212                      e) None of these

Q.46)  $\frac{x}{8} = \frac{32}{4} \text{ of } \sqrt{256} + (15\% \text{ of } 380)$

a) 1649                      b) 1480                      c) 8123  
d) 363                      e) None of these

Q.47)  $5\frac{1}{3} + \frac{25\% \text{ of } 160}{9} - \frac{7}{9} = x - 15\% \text{ of } 120$

a) 18                      b) 36                      c) 32  
d) 27                      e) None of these.

Q.48)  $x\% \text{ of } 25 = 12\% \text{ of } 550 + 40\% \text{ of } 80$

a) 422                      b) 346                      c) 392  
d) 490                      e) None of these

Q.49)  $\sqrt{3550 + \sqrt{2455 + \sqrt{2025}}} = x$

a) 60                      b) 70                      c) 80  
d) 50                      e) None of these

Q.50)  $45\% \text{ of } 400 + 35\% \text{ of } 440 + 30\% \text{ of } 9000 + \frac{4}{5} \text{ of } 550 = x$

a) 58150                      b) 5770                      c) 5620  
d) 5750                      e) 3474

Q.51)  $3\frac{2}{12} \text{ of } \frac{2}{16} \text{ of } \frac{3}{15} \text{ of } \frac{4}{19} \text{ of } 1860 = ?$

a) 31                      b) 32                      c) 33  
d) 34                      e) 35

Q.52)  $2\frac{8}{9} + 4\frac{5}{6} + 5\frac{3}{4} - 9\frac{5}{12} = \frac{1}{9} \text{ of } x$

a) 35                      b) 36.5                      c) 34.5  
d) 33.5                      e) None of these

Q.53)  $740 \div (10\{7 \times 3 + 2(75 - 4 \times (13 \times 12 \div 6))\}) = 2x$

a) 1                      b) 0                      c) -1

d) 2                      e) -2

Q.54)  $\sqrt{0.5 + \sqrt{0.25 + \sqrt{3.82 + \sqrt{0.0324}}}} = ?$

a) 2                      b) 3                      c) 4  
d) 5                      e)  $\sqrt{2}$

Q.55)  $\sqrt{3\frac{5}{25} + \sqrt{2\frac{6}{9} - \sqrt{(2 + \frac{7}{9})}}} = (?)^2$

a) 5.6                      b) 4.2                      c) 7.2  
d) 6.4                      e) None of these

Q.56)  $(4\sqrt{3} \times 3\sqrt{12}) \times (2197 \div 169) \times (1\frac{1}{6}) \times \frac{1}{7} = ?$

a) 140                      b) 136                      c) 156  
d) 175                      e) 196

Q.57)  $\sqrt{\frac{(15+24 \times 0.5)}{\sqrt{10.8-?}}} = 3$

a) 1                      b) 1.5                      c) 2  
d) 1.2                      e) 2.4

Q.58)  $\frac{3}{7} \text{ of } 329 + \frac{4}{11} \text{ of } 2530 = x^2 + 37$

a) 16                      b) 32                      c) 18  
d) 36                      e) None of these

Q.59)  $\sqrt{(2 + \frac{1}{144})} \div \sqrt{(1 + \frac{49}{576})} \times \frac{27}{34} = ? \div 25$

a) 9                      b) 18                      c) 27  
d) 81                      e) None of these

Q.60)  $[(5\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{7}) \times (4\sqrt{7} + 8\sqrt{7})] - (19)^2 = ?$

a) 143                      b) 154                      c) 166  
d) 128                      e) 165

Q.61)  $\frac{2\frac{1}{3} - \frac{3}{2} \text{ of } \frac{12}{9}}{4\frac{2}{7} \div \frac{1}{7} - (\frac{3}{2} + 2\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{1}{x}$

a) 90                      b) 87                      c) 91  
d) 92                      e) 93

Q.62)  $12 - [9\frac{1}{2} + \{7 - (6 - 1\frac{1}{2} + 5)\}] = x$

a) 7                      b) 6                      c) 5  
d) 8                      e) 9

Q.63)  $\frac{21.5}{5} + \frac{21}{6} - \frac{13.5}{15} = \left[\frac{(?^{\frac{1}{3}})}{4}\right] + \frac{9}{10}$

a) 12564                      b) 12865                      c) 14664  
d) 13824                      e) None of these

Q.64)  $\frac{\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}}{\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}} \div \frac{1}{8} = ?$

a) 2                      b) 16                      c) 24

- d) 32 e) 8
- Q.65)  $10\frac{1}{2} + [8\frac{1}{2} + \{6 - (7 - (6 - 4))\}]$
- a) 10 b) 20 c) 30
- d) 40 e) 35
- Q.66)  $\frac{\frac{4}{9} \times \frac{4}{9} \times \frac{3}{9} \times \frac{3}{9}}{\frac{4}{9} \times \frac{3}{9}} = ?$
- a) 7/9 b) 8/9 c) 5/9
- d) 4/9 e) 2/9
- Q.67)  $7\frac{1}{15} + \frac{91}{20} + \frac{85}{12} - \frac{261}{30} = ?$
- a) 8 b) 9 c) 6
- d) 10 e) None of these
- Q.68)  $29^2 + 59^2 - ?^2 = 7^3 + 19^2 + 246 + 2^3$
- a) 58 b) 85 c) 89
- d) 105 e) None of these
- Q.69) 25% of 4/5 of 50% of 720 + 4/5 of 6/7 of 350 = ?
- a) 354 b) 312 c) 289
- d) 225 e) 221
- Q.70) 80% of 1320 + 60% of 1960 - 2% of 1000 = ? % of 8400
- a) 25.8 b) 23.6 c) 26.33
- d) 27.8 e) 29.2
- Q.71)  $13 \times 15 - 579 \div 3 + ? = 32^2$
- a) 575 b) 634 c) 765
- d) 876 e) None of these
- Q.72)  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 20% of  $\frac{4}{5}$  of 3600 +  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 65700 = ?
- a) 16713 b) 19676 c) 39645
- d) 25445 e) 34225
- Q.73)  $\sqrt{95 + 26} + \frac{1}{3}$  of  $\frac{1}{5}$  of 360 = ?
- a) 23 b) 35 c) 38
- d) 43 e) 54
- Q.74) 40% of 350 + 30% of 720 + 20% of 640 = (?)<sup>2</sup>
- a) 20 b) 10 c) 22
- d) 25 e) 18
- Q.75)  $\sqrt{0.64} + \frac{1}{3}$  of 2.4 +  $\frac{1}{5}$  of 2 = ?
- a) 3 b) 0 c) 1
- d) 2 e) 2.8
- Q.76)  $4\frac{1}{2} + \frac{31}{3} + \frac{51}{4} - \frac{21}{3} - \frac{21}{4} - \frac{11}{2} = \frac{?}{12}$
- a) 113 b) 114 c) 118
- d) 116 e) 117
- Q.77)  $3.9 \times 1.5 + 25\% \text{ of } 940 + 2.4 \times 1.2 = ?$
- a) 278.86 b) 243.73 c) 262.73
- d) 268.12 e) 262.45
- Q.78)  $(\frac{80.25}{0.03}) + (\frac{79.2}{0.9}) + (\frac{581.25}{0.75}) = 1989 + ?$
- a) 1560 b) 1544 c) 2645
- d) 3163 e) 1549
- Q.79) 25% of 500 + 30% of 240 + 35% of  $\frac{5}{7}$  of 860 = ?
- a) 241 b) 416 c) 412
- d) 242 e) 254
- Q.80)  $\frac{20}{25} \times \frac{30}{72} \times \frac{8}{50} \times 28725 - 1530 = ?$
- a) 1 b) 0 c) -1
- d) 2 e) -2
- Q.81)  $7\frac{1}{3} + \frac{40\% \text{ of } 160}{9} - 1\frac{1}{9} = x - 20\% \text{ of } 120$
- a) 37.33 b) 34.55 c) 32.56
- d) 33.67 e) None of these
- Q.82) 25% of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 44 of 350 + 20% of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 640 = ?
- a) 1984 b) 1948 c) 1996
- d) 1957 e) 1956
- Q.83)  $\sqrt{112 - \sqrt{992 - \sqrt{991 - \sqrt{180 \times 5}}} = ?$
- a) 5 b) 6 c) 9
- d) 7 e) 10
- Q.84) 55% of 6520 + 25% of 63500 - x% of 1640 = 19051
- a) 25 b) 21 c) 22
- d) 23 e) 24
- Q.85)  $(217 \div 7) \times (154 \div 7) - (119 \div 7) \times (84 \div 7) = 2 \times ?$
- a) 292 b) 239 c) 272
- d) 252 e) 262
- Q.86)  $(3.24 \div 0.8) + 19.2 + (8.1 \div 0.03) + \frac{3}{4} = ?$
- a) 320 b) 296 c) 294
- d) 448 e) 325
- Q.87)  $\frac{7}{9} \times 11\frac{4}{7} \times ? - \frac{8}{9} \div 1\frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{3} = \frac{27}{9}$
- a) 1/9 b) 9/184 c) -1/192
- d) 11/162 e) 13/172
- Q.88)  $\frac{5}{14} \div \frac{5}{7} \text{ of } (2\frac{3}{10} + 2\frac{3}{5}) + \frac{1}{5} \div \frac{12}{5} = ?$
- a) 11/12 b) 17/19 c) 14/15
- d) 23/15 e) None of these

Q.89)  $640 \times 3\frac{1}{5} + 3\frac{1}{2} \div 2\frac{1}{3} = 3\frac{1}{2} \times ?$

- a) 4099/7      b) 5043/7      c) 6442/7  
d) 5259/7      e) 4356/7

Q.90)  $\frac{\frac{196}{24} - \frac{256}{720}}{\frac{14}{15} + \frac{16}{17}} = \frac{1}{255} \times ?$

- a) -5              b) -3              c) -2  
d) -1              e) None of these

Q.91)  $[(3\frac{1}{2} + 2\frac{1}{3}) \div (4\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{3})] \times 20\% \text{ of } 120 = ?$

- a) 9.67            b) 8.56            c) 9.33  
d) 6.64            e) None of these

Q.92)  $\frac{16}{7} \times \frac{9}{6} \times 1\frac{4}{5} \div 6\frac{9}{7} = 1\frac{4}{5} \times ?$

- a) 8/17            b) 7/16            c) 5/19  
d) 4/21            e) None of these

Q.93)  $5\frac{2}{7} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 20\% \text{ of } 465 \text{ of } 140 = 18\frac{1}{2} \times ?$

- a) 21550          b) 13020          c) 32545  
d) 42425          e) 25424

Q.94)  $242 \times \left\{ \left( \frac{9}{11} \right)^2 \left( \frac{12}{14} \right)^2 \left( \frac{7}{9} \right)^2 \right\} = ?$

- a) 64              b) 56              c) 72  
d) 81              e) 42

Q.95)  $24 \div (3\frac{1}{5} + 2\frac{4}{5}) + (3\frac{6}{7} \div 5\frac{2}{5}) + 1 = ?$

- a) 20/7            b) 23/7            c) 46/7  
d) 43/7            e) 40/7

Q.96)  $(\sqrt{196} \times \sqrt{625}) \div (\sqrt[3]{125} \times \sqrt[3]{343}) \times \frac{1}{2} \text{ of } \frac{3}{4} \text{ of } 640 = ?$

- a) 2800            b) 3200            c) 3600  
d) 2400            e) 54

Q.97)  $(3\sqrt{48} + 4\sqrt{108}) \div 6\sqrt{48} \times (4\sqrt{48} \times 3\sqrt{12}) = ?$

- a) 432            b) 486            c) 492  
d) 578            e) 645

Q.98) 10% of 20% of 30% of 40% of 50% of 60% of 500 =  $(?)^2$

- a) 2/5              b) 1/5              c) 3/5  
d) 4/5              e) None of these

Q.99)  $1\frac{2}{3} + 3\frac{4}{5} + 2\frac{5}{6} - 7\frac{1}{2} - 6\frac{2}{3} = ? - \frac{16}{30}$

- a) 6.75            b) -5.33            c) 0  
d) -5.33            e) -6.33

Q.100)  $(\frac{225}{\sqrt{9}} \times \sqrt{625}) \times (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{5}) = ? - \frac{4}{5}$

- a) 2063.3          b) 2466.7          c) 5365.78  
d) 4678.43          e) 2345.65

### Answer Key:

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (d) 6. (d) 7. (e) 8. (c)  
9. (d) 10. (e) 11. (a) 12. (b) 13. (d) 14. (b) 15. (c)  
16. (d) 17. (d) 18. (c) 19. (a) 20. (b) 21. (c) 22. (d)  
23. (a) 24. (b) 25. (e) 26. (a) 27. (c) 28. (d) 29. (c)  
30. (a) 31. (b) 32. (e) 33. (d) 34. (c) 35. (b) 36. (c)  
37. (a) 38. (b) 39. (d) 40. (e) 41. (a) 42. (b) 43. (c)  
44. (a) 45. (d) 46. (b) 47. (d) 48. (c) 49. (a) 50. (e)  
51. (a) 52. (b) 53. (c) 54. (e) 55. (b) 56. (c) 57. (d)  
58. (b) 59. (c) 60. (a) 61. (b) 62. (c) 63. (d) 64. (e)  
65. (b) 66. (a) 67. (d) 68. (a) 69. (b) 70. (c) 71. (e)  
72. (a) 73. (b) 74. (c) 75. (d) 76. (c) 77. (b) 78. (e)  
79. (c) 80. (d) 81. (a) 82. (d) 83. (c) 84. (a) 85. (b)  
86. (c) 87. (d) 88. (e) 89. (a) 90. (c) 91. (c) 92. (a)  
93. (b) 94. (c) 95. (e) 96. (d) 97. (a) 98. (c) 99. (d)  
100. (a)

What approximate value should come in place of (?) in the following question:

Q.1)  $24.76 \times 18.4 + 564.81 = ?$

- a) 1124            b) 1015            c) 1215  
d) 1020            e) 1143

Q.2)  $(\sqrt{729.27} \times 7.08) \div 17.17 = ?$

- a) 14              b) 19              c) 14  
d) 11              e) 17

Q.3)  $\sqrt{1550} \div \frac{386}{18} = ? - 516.901$

- a) 591            b) 589            c) 534  
d) 524            e) 519

Q.4)  $2087 \div 208.87 + (?)^2 = 73.08$

- a) 8              b) 4              c) 12  
d) 7              e) 5

Q.5)  $\sqrt{12000} \times 56.80 + 251.08 = ?$

- a) 6759            b) 6389            c) 6521  
d) 6537            e) 6620

Q.6)  $(5.24)^2 + (12.35)^2 + (4.72)^2 + (9.49)^2 = ?$

- a) 254            b) 265            c) 238  
d) 275            e) 284

Q.7)  $\left( \left( \frac{14}{12} \times \frac{15}{3} \right) \div (4.5 - 0.9) \right)^2 = ?$

- a) 3.4            b) 2.6            c) 1.8  
d) 3.1            e) 2.9

Q.8)  $5.81 + 281.15 + 12.89 \times 51.49 = ?$

- a) 915      b) 890      c) 876      a) 90      b) 102      c) 53  
d) 950      e) 987      d) 71      e) 21
- Q.9)  $24.68\% \text{ of } 594.81 \times 15.18\% \text{ of } 864 - 22 = ?$   
a) 19050      b) 20178      c) 19400      Q.22)  $12121.21 - 1212.12 + 121.212 + 212.12 = ? + 12.1212$   
d) 21050      e) 22009      a) 11230      b) 14156      c) 12230  
Q.10)  $784.777 + 93.642 \times 55.971 - 84.101 = ?$   
d) 11504      e) 11543  
a) 5690      b) 6211      c) 5289      Q.23)  $23\% \text{ of } \sqrt{1628} + (95\% \text{ of } 1432.39) \times \sqrt{166}$   
d) 5965      e) 6457      a) 17690      b) 17896      c) 17543  
Q.11)  $\sqrt[3]{50753} + (54.95)^2 = ?$   
d) 17409      e) 17430  
a) 3093      b) 3062      c) 3129      Q.24)  $\sqrt{968.18} \times 4.09 \div 14.97 = ?$   
d) 3211      e) 3021      a) 3      b) 10      c) 8  
Q.12)  $40\% \text{ of } 252 + 90\% \text{ of } 881 = ?$   
d) 21      e) 1  
a) 895      b) 862      c) 843      Q.25)  $(2398.54 + 429.43 - 325.98) \div \sqrt{749} = ?$   
d) 811      e) 940      a) 54      b) 79      c) 31  
Q.13)  $65.2\% \text{ of } 241.42 + ? \text{ of } 392.86 = 4521.81$   
d) 65      e) 93  
a) 32      b) 25      c) 11      Q.26)  $\sqrt{4761.24} \times \sqrt[3]{5831.91} = ? + \sqrt{289.65}$   
d) 43      e) 54      a) 1232      b) 1298      c) 1276  
Q.14)  $\frac{4}{7} \times 5112 + \frac{9}{13} \times 6414.21 = ?$   
d) 1225      e) 1209  
a) 7490      b) 7509      c) 7360      Q.27)  $243.43 \times 38.78\% \text{ of } 128.93 - 34.76 = ?$   
d) 7487      e) 7794      a) 12879      b) 12187      c) 12115  
Q.15)  $2424 \div 424 \times \sqrt{138} = ?$   
d) 12280      e) 12143  
a) 38      b) 61      c) 46      Q.28)  $198.65 \times 126.45 \div 13.87 + 178.44 - 294.77 = ?$   
d) 89      e) 72      a) 1674      b) 1789      c) 1635  
Q.16)  $\sqrt{8867} \times \sqrt{984} \div 14.78 + ? = 19867.89$   
d) 1712      e) 1699  
a) 19843      b) 19680      c) 18796      Q.29)  $\frac{69.4}{267.81} \times \frac{134.32}{23.03} = ?$   
d) 18475      e) 19307      a) 4.5      b) 2.4      c) 3.7  
Q.17)  $(12171.69 + 1284.8 + 2471.621) - (3742.11 + 2525.36 + 526.7) = ?$   
d) 1.5      e) 4.1  
a) 9154      b) 9253      c) 9183      Q.30)  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{19469.59}}{\sqrt[3]{2748}} = ? - 17.2^2$   
d) 9134      e) 9231      a) 249      b) 291      c) 213  
Q.18)  $(\frac{1}{5} \text{ of } 2305) \times \frac{2}{7} \text{ of } 488 = ? - 11\% \text{ of } 301$   
d) 209      e) 275  
a) 603      b) 751      c) 680      Q.31)  $15.78^2 + 19.09^2 - 29.45^2 + 17.2^2 = ?$   
d) 764      e) 700      a) 78      b) 99      c) 65  
Q.19)  $\frac{\sqrt{2212} \times \sqrt{1860}}{408} = ?$   
Q.32)  $\sqrt{299} \times 19 \times 22.58 = ?$   
a) 11      b) 18      c) 9      a) 7894      b) 7509      c) 7321  
d) 15      e) 5      d) 7198      e) 7429  
Q.20)  $\sqrt{7396} + 576.54 = ? + \sqrt{287} - 181.87$   
Q.33)  $(7486.748 + 8479.58 + 7589.39) \div \sqrt{4347} = ?$   
a) 893      b) 828      c) 834      a) 390      b) 418      c) 357  
d) 861      e) 819      d) 518      e) 389  
Q.21)  $\frac{4}{13} \text{ of } 341 + 1\frac{4}{9} \text{ of } 118 = 241 + ? - \sqrt{1512}$   
Q.34)  $\sqrt[3]{4100} - \sqrt{251} - 16.34 = ?$

- a) -16      b) 21      c) 19  
d) -18      e) 9
- Q.35)  $(3894.78 - 1993 - 1900.9) \text{ of } 349.55 \times ? = 32452.32$   
a) 87      b) 75      c) 53  
d) 93      e) 81
- Q.36)  $\frac{679.7 \times \sqrt[3]{6859}}{\sqrt{13000}} = ?$   
a) 165      b) 113      c) 189  
d) 148      e) 129
- Q.37)  $777777 \div \sqrt{5930} \div \sqrt{51} = ?$   
a) 2717      b) 2707      c) 1443  
d) 1017      e) 1107
- Q.38)  $9\frac{3}{4} \text{ of } 186 + (\sqrt{1299} \div 4.2) - ? = 414.41$   
a) 1544      b) 1455      c) 1366  
d) 1633      e) 1489
- Q.39)  $\sqrt{\sqrt{863.46} + \sqrt{2387.97}} = ?$   
a) 12      b) 11      c) 9  
d) 5      e) 19
- Q.40)  $\sqrt{(29.88\% \text{ of } 783) \times (24.8\% \text{ of } 156)} = \sqrt{?}$   
a) 9165      b) 9158      c) 8675  
d) 9240      e) 9265
- Q.41)  $\frac{2}{5} \text{ of } 228 + 54.8\% \text{ of } 1098 - \left(\frac{23}{8} \text{ of } 1990\right) = ?$   
a) -5908      b) 5687      c) -5275  
d) 5238      e) -5879
- Q.42)  $\left(3\frac{2}{9}\% \text{ of } 1123\right) \times \sqrt{3567} = (?^2)$   
a) 78      b) 89      c) 32  
d) 91      e) 47
- Q.43)  $(98.67\% \text{ of } 679) \div (76.28\% \text{ of } 881) + 89.67 \text{ of } 14.76 = ?$   
a) 1768      b) 1429      c) 1351  
d) 1409      e) 1256
- Q.44)  $\sqrt{\frac{5}{7} \text{ of } \sqrt{2411} - 58.98 + 40} = ?$   
a) 4      b) 9      c) 21  
d) 19      e) 11
- Q.45)  $398.45 + 902.9 \div (13.86 \div 2.4) \times 34.17 = ?$   
a) 4890      b) 4785      c) 4903  
d) 4190      e) 4389
- Q.46)  $\sqrt{(5673.86 + 5669.46 + 5636.87 - \sqrt{65.98 \times 87 + 735 - 857})} = ?$
- a) 98      b) 87      c) 55  
d) 76      e) 65
- Q.47)  $\frac{564.57 + 7846.65}{456.43 - 321.90} = ?^2$   
a) 22      b) 4      c) 14  
d) 8      e) 18
- Q.48)  $0.7\% \text{ of } 286 \times 0.9\% \text{ of } 732 \times 0.4\% \text{ of } 556 = ?$   
a) 45      b) 88      c) 31  
d) 21      e) 28
- Q.49)  $\frac{289 \times \sqrt{354}}{701 + \sqrt{354}} = ? - 654.45$   
a) 789      b) 694      c) 745  
d) 699      e) 710
- Q.50)  $(38\% \text{ of } 378.98) \div (12.76\% \text{ of } 219.09) \times 2\frac{4}{7} \text{ of } 335.3 = ?$   
a) 4320      b) 4225      c) 4258  
d) 4209      e) 4370
- Q.51)  $27383.83 + 84922.32 + 8491.53 - 8911.94 = ? - 7482.73$   
a) 1196752      b) 119476      c) 119368  
d) 118905      e) 119213
- Q.52)  $738.43 \times 12.34 \times 153.94 \div 21.21 = ?$   
a) 69084      b) 53210      c) 50932  
d) 64392      e) 61992
- Q.53)  $\sqrt{345.32 \times 673} \div 9.8 = ?$   
a) 98      b) 48      c) 32  
d) 56      e) 66
- Q.54)  $539.89 \div 15.02 + 238.08 \div 24.01 - 16.01 = ?$   
a) 22      b) 18      c) 45  
d) 30      e) 55
- Q.55)  $40\% \text{ of } 893 + 89.9 \div 8.7 - 365.09 = ?$   
a) 2      b) 9      c) 11  
d) 13      e) 6
- Q.56)  $\frac{11\frac{4}{7} \times 4\frac{2}{3}}{4\frac{11}{11} + 9\frac{13}{13}} = ?$   
a) 18      b) 9      c) 4  
d) 11      e) 17
- Q.57)  $? \% \text{ of } (189 \times 8.99 - 678.89) = 548.09$   
a) 89      b) 30      c) 92  
d) 47      e) 54
- Q.58)  $(7.04)^3 \times (847)^{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \times (27.87)^2 \div (8^3 - 16.45^2) = ?$   
a) 23897      b) 24789      c) 21487  
d) 29841      e) 28791

- Q.59)  $15\frac{2}{5} + 9\frac{3}{4} - 3\frac{5}{8} = ?$   
a) 65                      b) 45                      c) 22  
d) 34                      e) 77
- Q.60)  $\frac{4}{7}$  of 347.38 +  $\frac{7}{12}$  of 467 = ? × (1.99 + 1.07)  
a) 198                      b) 157                      c) 143  
d) 120                      e) 113
- Q.61)  $\sqrt{3237.37} \div 7.98 \times 14.03^2 + 47.009 = ?$   
a) 1328                      b) 1298                      c) 1187  
d) 1419                      e) 1387
- Q.62)  $\sqrt{7742} \times \sqrt[3]{9265} + 328.23 = ? + 65.85$   
a) 2155                      b) 2243                      c) 2110  
d) 2287                      e) 2170
- Q.63)  $(4398.33 + 9749.89 + 132.65) \div 9.4 + 7.46 = ?^2$   
a) 40                      b) 83                      c) 32  
d) 67                      e) 71
- Q.64)  $\sqrt{67543} \div 32.34 \times 542.09 + 383.78 - 143.26 = ?$   
a) 4398                      b) 4577                      c) 4323  
d) 4231                      e) 4501
- Q.65)  $4^7 \times \sqrt{226} = 455.991 \div 8.001 + 930.345$   
a) 9                      b) 5                      c) 3  
d) 13                      e) 17
- Q.66)  $(7237.438 + 3874.34 + 3437.95 - 4273.349) = ? \times 274.89$   
a) 28                      b) 32                      c) 17  
d) 45                      e) 37
- Q.67)  $32.76\% \text{ of } 543 + ?\% \text{ of } 3201 = 7474.38 \div 343.38 \times 17.43$   
a) 3                      b) 1                      c) 16  
d) 6                      e) 9
- Q.68)  $56.35^2 + 41^3 \div 46.687 - \sqrt{4656.56} = ?$   
a) 4278                      b) 4534                      c) 4473  
d) 4144                      e) 4311
- Q.69)  $\frac{4}{9}$  of 3764 -  $\frac{6}{13}$  of 438 = ? ÷ (131 - 26.8 × 3.2)  
a) 76390                      b) 73922                      c) 72311  
d) 73550                      e) 72421
- Q.70)  $489.887 \div 14.82 + 208.08 \div 8.01 - 16.09 = ?$   
a) 54                      b) 32                      c) 43  
d) 66                      e) 71
- Q.71)  $\frac{2}{3}$  of 578 ÷ ( $\frac{7}{8}$  of 12002) = ? × 168.78 - 457.87  
a) 1                      b) 3                      c) 7                      d) 11                      e) 15
- Q.72)  $5276.28 \div 34.82 \times 27.87 \times 712.93 \div 23.65 = ?^2$   
a) 356                      b) 472                      c) 388  
d) 498                      e) 312
- Q.73)  $\sqrt{54.58\% \text{ of } 3432 \times \sqrt[3]{832.83} - (\frac{2}{5} \text{ of } 819 + 34.98\% \text{ of } 832)} = ?$   
a) 128                      b) 188                      c) 145  
d) 176                      e) 155
- Q.74)  $\sqrt{\sqrt{5456.434} \times \sqrt{2476.243}} = ?$   
a) 45                      b) 32                      c) 87  
d) 97                      e) 61
- Q.75)  $(4657.576 + 54657.66 - 3546.5 - 2123.55) \div (2348.56 - 5543.6 + 3213) = ?$   
a) 2867                      b) 2781                      c) 2980  
d) 2879                      e) 2819
- Q.76)  $? \div 1564.67 \div 27.089 = (\frac{34.44}{245.09} \times \frac{139.76}{136})$   
a) 8                      b) 32                      c) 2  
d) 19                      e) 21
- Q.77)  $\frac{5786 + 8868.78}{5467.67 \div 90.76} = ?^2$   
a) 21                      b) 34                      c) 16  
d) 29                      e) 24
- Q.78)  $\frac{65679 + 34.78}{54.645 \times 7.67} = 768.78 - 56.87 - ?$   
a) 687                      b) 708                      c) 878  
d) 764                      e) 673
- Q.79)  $\frac{9}{42} \div \frac{108}{63.32} \times 327.987 - \frac{5}{6.6} + \frac{6.90}{5} = ?$   
a) 49                      b) 28                      c) 57  
d) 42                      e) 33
- Q.80) 18% of 256 + 35% of 290 + 15% of 385 = ?  
a) 268                      b) 257                      c) 243  
d) 299                      e) 205
- Q.81)  $(95\% \text{ of } 8784.34) \div ? = (134\% \text{ of } 45.6)^2 \times 2.4$   
a) 6                      b) 8                      c) 5  
d) 1                      e) 7
- Q.82)  $1\frac{2}{3} + 4\frac{11}{\sqrt{238}} - 3\frac{8.076}{9} + 11\frac{7}{18} = ?$   
a) 19                      b) 14                      c) 25  
d) 22                      e) 31
- Q.83)  $\sqrt{567.656} + \sqrt[3]{4876} \times \sqrt{1187} - \sqrt[4]{6560.87} = ?$   
a) 623                      b) 732                      c) 580  
d) 593                      e) 684

Q.84)  $(3927.57 \div \sqrt{4533}) = ? - 68.43\% \text{ of } 587$

- a) 73                      b) 24                      c) 21  
d) 32                      e) 19

Q.85)  $(\sqrt{3809.001} \div 7.98 \times (13.044)^2) \div 67.004 = ?$

- a) 16                      b) 20                      c) 29  
d) 18                      e) 31

Q.86)  $5.87 \times (216)^4 \times (35.56)^2 \div (1296)^3 = 6^?$

- a) 9                        b) 5                        c) 2  
d) 10                      e) 3

Q.87)  $7238.387 + 3676.26 - 1298.32 - 2356.33 - 2134 = ?$

- a) 5126                    b) 5839                    c) 5390  
d) 5295                    e) 5322

Q.88)  $34\% \text{ of } 985 - 122.31\% \text{ of } 376 + \frac{5}{9} \text{ of } 4834 = ?^2$

- a) 66                      b) 58                      c) 48  
d) 50                      e) 39

Q.89)  $\frac{\frac{373.3 \times 256.41}{32 \times 1865}}{52.34 \div 69.86} = ?$

- a) 5                        b) 18                        c) 22  
d) 6                        e) 2

Q.90)  $3333.33 + 3232.32 - 323.22 + 3322 = ? \times 32.32$

- a) 238                      b) 299                      c) 278  
d) 232                      e) 211

Q.91)  $67\% \text{ of } 369 + 67^2 - 19^3 \div 3.56^2 = ?$

- a) 4279                    b) 4809                    c) 4307  
d) 4879                    e) 4233

Q.92)  $(46.43)^2 \div [(32.75)^2 \div (23.41)^2] + (13.98)^3 = ?^2$

- a) 34                      b) 61                      c) 88  
d) 28                      e) 78

Q.93)  $8278 + 322.22 + 2333.43 - 3343.43 - 323.12 = ?$

- a) 7267                    b) 7143                    c) 7323  
d) 7209                    e) 7199

Q.94)  $\sqrt{\left(\frac{152}{226} \times \frac{168}{12} \times \sqrt[3]{542}\right)} = ?$

- a) 10                      b) 8                        c) 6  
d) 2                        e) 4

Q.95)  $\sqrt{5345.54} \div \sqrt{342.32} = ? \div 61.2$

- a) 266                      b) 298                      c) 211  
d) 247                      e) 271

Q.96)  $55.55\% \text{ of } 608 + 66\% \text{ of } 891 \times 34.44 = ?$

- a) 20330                    b) 22399  
c) 21999                    d) 22185  
e) 25641

Q.97)  $\frac{3}{6} \div \frac{28}{43} \times \frac{45}{32} \div \frac{21}{14} \times \frac{46}{25} = ?$

- a) 2.5                      b) 3.3                      c) 1.3  
d) 4.4                      e) 6.4

Q.98)  $8\frac{3}{13} \times 726 - ? = 8\frac{3}{4}$

- a) 5357                    b) 5123                    c) 5787  
d) 5799                    e) 5983

Q.99)  $(8.7\% \text{ of } 360) \div 0.4\% \text{ of } 320 = ? - 15.2 \times 4$

- a) 54                        b) 85                        c) 32  
d) 45                        e) 97

Q.100)  $\left(\left(\frac{7}{9} \times \frac{72}{2}\right) \div (6.7 - 0.9)\right)^2 = ?$

- a) 23                        b) 65                        c) 54  
d) 43                        e) 32

**Answer Key:**

1. (b) 2. (d) 3. (e) 4. (a) 5. (c) 6. (d) 7. (b) 8. (d)  
9. (c) 10. (d) 11. (b) 12. (a) 13. (c) 14. (c) 15. (e)  
16. (b) 17. (d) 18. (c) 19. (e) 20. (b) 21. (d) 22.  
(a) 23. (a) 24. (c) 25. (e) 26. (d) 27. (c) 28. (a) 29.  
(d) 30. (b) 31. (c) 32. (e) 33. (c) 34. (a) 35. (d) 36.  
(b) 37. (c) 38. (b) 39. (c) 40. (a) 41. (c) 42. (e) 43.  
(c) 44. (a) 45. (b) 46. (c) 47. (d) 48. (e) 49. (e) 50.  
(a) 51. (c) 52. (e) 53. (b) 54. (d) 55. (a) 56. (c) 57.  
(e) 58. (d) 59. (c) 60. (b) 61. (d) 62. (c) 63. (a) 64.  
(b) 65. (c) 66. (e) 67. (d) 68. (b) 69. (d) 70. (c) 71.  
(b) 72. (a) 73. (a) 74. (e) 75. (c) 76. (a) 77. (c) 78.  
(b) 79. (d) 80. (e) 81. (d) 82. (b) 83. (d) 84. (c)  
85. (b) 86. (b) 87. (a) 88. (d) 89. (e) 90. (b) 91.  
(c) 92. (b) 93. (a) 94. (b) 95. (d) 96. (a) 97. (c) 98.  
(e) 99. (b) 100. (a)

**D.1-50) Find the missing number in the following series**

- Q.1) 3, 11, 31, 69, ?  
a) 142                      b) 98                        c) 131  
d) 111                      e) None of these  
Q.2) 5, 16, 34, 71, 145, ?  
a) 220                      b) 280                      c) 270  
d) 240                      e) 190  
Q.3) 2, 4, 20, 74, 202, ?  
a) 384                      b) 468                      c) 442  
d) 452                      e) 352

- Q.4) 7, 128, 272, 441, 637, ?  
a) 762      b) 862      c) 842  
d) 742      e) None of these
- Q.5) 10, 14, 32, 80, 180, ?  
a) 320      b) 340      c) 360  
d) 380      e) 350
- Q.6) 6, 7, 29, 262, ?  
a) 4193      b) 5342      c) 6639  
d) 3769      e) None of these
- Q.7) 1999, 1992, 1973, 1936, ?  
a) 1895      b) 1995      c) 1885  
d) 1875      e) 1855
- Q.8) 15, 14, 13, 18, 41, ?  
a) 85      b) 97      c) 100  
d) 73      e) None of these
- Q.9) 21, 29, 93, 309, 821, ?  
a) 1293      b) 1821      c) 1857  
d) 1647      e) None of these
- Q.10) 8, 9, 18, 67, 236, ?  
a) 677      b) 599      c) 634  
d) 577      e) 667
- Q.11) 250, 432, 686, 1024, 1458, ?  
a) 1820      b) 2000      c) 2120  
d) 2400      e) None of these
- Q.12) 8, 9, 11, 14, 18, ?  
a) 24      b) 25      c) 26  
d) 23      e) 27
- Q.13) 25, 72, 147, 256, ?  
a) 450      b) 409      c) 390  
d) 405      e) None of these
- Q.14) 0, 8, 54, 192, ?  
a) 700      b) 600      c) 500  
d) 400      e) 350
- Q.15) 5, 2, 135, 16, 625, ?  
a) 48      b) 54      c) 64  
d) 124      e) None of these
- Q.16) 2, 5, 8, 13, 18, ?  
a) 16      b) 23      c) 25  
d) 20      e) None of these
- Q.17) 0.5, 4, 13.5, 32, 62.5, ?  
a) 112      b) 144      c) 72  
d) 108      e) None of these
- Q.18) 500, 729, 768, 686, 540, ?  
a) 375      b) 1125      c) 1390  
d) 1425      e) 475
- Q.19) 107, 214, 642, 2568, ?  
a) 11440      b) 12660      c) 10880  
d) 12840      e) None of these
- Q.20) 9450, 3780, 1260, 360, 90, ?  
a) 80      b) 20      c) 50  
d) 40      e) 30
- Q.21) 675, 1350, 1350, 900, 450, ?  
a) 170      b) 150      c) 180  
d) 210      e) 320
- Q.22) 20000, 4000, 1600, 960, 768, ?  
a) 628      b) 768      c) 818  
d) 334      e) None of these
- Q.23) 800, 401, 202.5, 104.25, ?  
a) 56.125      b) 55.125      c) 46.125  
d) 52.125      e) None of these
- Q.24) 11, 15, 21, 29, 39, ?  
a) 61      b) 51      c) 71  
d) 41      e) 50
- Q.25) 1, 1, 4, 36, 576, ?  
a) 14500      b) 11400      c) 13300  
d) 14400      e) None of these
- Q.26) 5, 7, 13, 25, 45, ?  
a) 65      b) 75      c) 60  
d) 70      e) 80
- Q.27) 3, 7, 16, 41, 90, 211, ?  
a) 360      b) 270      c) 420  
d) 380      e) 390
- Q.28) 15, 29, 85, 337, 1681, ?  
a) 10810      b) 10801      c) 10081  
d) 18001      e) None of these
- Q.29) 11, 12, 39, 164, 507, ?  
a) 1286      b) 1246      c) 1236  
d) 1256      e) 1336
- Q.30) 80, 81, 91, 191, 1191, ?  
a) 2191      b) 391      c) 11291  
d) 11191      e) None of these
- Q.31) 6944, 3472, 1736, 868, 434, ?  
a) 317      b) 217      c) 257  
d) 271      e) None of these

Q.32) 16, 40, 100, 250, 625, ?

- a) 1575.5    b) 1552.5    c) 1526.5  
d) 1562.5    e) 1532.5

Q.33) 13, 14, 30, 93, 376, ?

- a) 1985    b) 1885    c) 1775  
d) 1785    e) None of these

Q.34) 17, 9, 10, 16.5, 35, 90, ?

- a) 287    b) 237    c) 243  
d) 273    e) 247

Q.35) 5600, 560, 5040, 630, 4410, 735, ?

- a) 3675    b) 3875    c) 4225  
d) 3770    e) None of these

Q.36) 812, 824, 846, 878, 920, 972, ?

- a) 1124    b) 1028    c) 1034  
d) 1074    e) 1244

Q.37) 942, 870, 778, 666, 534, ?

- a) 482    b) 362    c) 382  
d) 472    e) 372

Q.38) 27, 29, 62, 192, 776, ?

- a) 2460    b) 3890    c) 3180  
d) 3870    e) None of these

Q.39) 1, 5, 35, 315, 3465, ?

- a) 42565    b) 45045    c) 43685  
d) 40115    e) 42565

Q.40) 360360, 72072, 10296, 1144, 104, ?

- a) 12    b) 18    c) 24  
d) 8    e) None of these

Q.41) 200, 242, 288, 338, 392, ?

- a) 450    b) 485    c) 460  
d) 455    e) 490

Q.42) 51, 104, 159, 216, 275, ?

- a) 349    b) 236    c) 336  
d) 386    e) None of these

Q.43) 5, 14, 51, 280, 2009, ?

- a) 23420    b) 22220    c) 12220  
d) 22000    e) 20220

Q.44) 6, 30, 300, 4500, 90000, ?

- a) 2525000    b) 2220000    c) 2250000  
d) 2550000    e) None of these

Q.45) 11, 88, 297, 704, 1375, 2376, ?

- a) 3773    b) 2773    c) 2473  
d) 3643    e) 2887

Q.46) 8, 4, 6, 15, 52.5, ?

- a) 254.50    b) 246.75    c) 256.25  
d) 236.25    e) None of these

Q.47) 9, 49, 239, 949, 2839, ?

- a) 5669    b) 5349    c) 5699  
d) 5449    e) 5329

Q.48) 1112, 788, 1044, 848, 992, ?

- a) 1092    b) 982    c) 892  
d) 782    e) None of these

Q.49) 446, 224, 113, 57.5, 29.75, ?

- a) 14.675    b) 15.875    c) 16.875  
d) 12.675    e) 18.125

Q.50) 1, 9, 64, 343, 1296, 3125, ?

- a) 5186    b) 4086    c) 5346  
d) 4096    e) 4156

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(c) 37. (c) 38. (b) 39. (b) 40. (d) 41. (a) 42. (c) 43.  
(b) 44. (c) 45. (a) 46. (d) 47. (a) 48. (c) 49. (b) 50.  
(d)

**Computer:**

Q.1) Microprocessor were started to be in use from which generation of computers?

- a) 1 st generation    b) 2 nd generation  
c) 3 rd generation    d) 4 th generation  
e) 5 th generation

Q.2) The first generation computer was programmed using

- a) machine language    b) assembly language  
c) high level language    d) C    e) C++

Q.3) Desktop and personal computers are also known as

- a) super computers    b) servers  
c) mainframes  
d) peripheral equipment  
e) microcomputers

Q.4) The speed of the third generation computer is

- a) milli seconds      b) micro seconds  
c) nano seconds      d) pico seconds  
e) none of these
- Q.5) The first general purpose electronic computer is  
a) ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and computer)  
b) EDVAC                      c) EDSAC  
d) all the above              e) none of these
- Q.6) The fourth-generation computer uses  
a) vacuum tubes      b) transistors  
c) ICs                      d) microprocessor  
e) none of these
- Q.7) IBM-Pc is an example of  
a) first generation      b) second generation  
c) third generation      d) fourth generation  
e) fifth generation
- Q.8) Which characters of computer distinguishes it from electronic calculators?  
a) accuracy              b) storage  
c) versatility              d) automation  
e) none of these
- Q.9) The first generation of computer could do  
a) batch processing      b) multi tasking  
c) networking              d) time sharing  
e) none of these
- Q.10) The memory used in second generation of computer is  
a) paper tapes              b) magnetic drum  
c) magnetic core          d) magnetic tape  
e) main memory
- Q.11) The first microprocessor was developed by  
a) Apple                      b) Microsoft  
c) NASA                      d) Intel  
e) none of these
- Q.12) The IC chips is made up of  
a) gold                      b) copper                      c) silver  
d) iron                      e) silicon
- Q.13) The father of the computer is  
a) John Naiper              b) Herman Hollerith  
c) Charles Babbage      d) Allan Turing  
e) Joseph Jacquard
- Q.14) Robotics is used in which generation of computers  
a) First                      b) second                      c) third  
d) fourth                      e) fifth
- Q.15) The computers counts data or signals as "on" or "off" in binary digits only is  
a) Analog computer      b) digital computer  
c) hybrid computer      d) super computer  
e) none of these
- Q.16) Which of the following computer is used for nuclear research?  
a) super computers      b) mainframe  
c) micro computers      d) mini computers  
e) none of these
- Q.17) Which of the following computer is used in centralized databases?  
a) super computers      b) mainframe  
c) micro computers      d) mini computers  
e) none of these
- Q.18) which of the following is the smallest computer?  
a) Laptop                      b) Desktop  
c) workstation              d) notebook  
e) none of these
- Q.19) Which of the following is the single user digital computer?  
a) minicomputers          b) mainframe  
c) supercomputers          d) microcomputers  
e) none of these
- Q.20) The speed of the Supercomputers is measured in  
a) IOPS                      b) DOPS                      c) FLOPS  
d) LOPS                      e) MOPS
- Q.21) Which of the following manages computer resources?  
a) ALU                      b) Control unit  
c) memory                      d) input unit  
e) output unit
- Q.22) A load instruction is used to designate a transfer from memory to a processor register known as  
a) accumulator

- b) Instruction register  
c) program counter  
d) memory address register  
e) none of these
- Q.23) Which of the following is a part of central processing unit?  
a) printer                      b) keyboard  
c) mouse                        d) control unit  
e) none of these
- Q.24) CPU retrieves its data and instruction from  
a) secondary memory    b) auxiliary memory  
c) main memory            d) all the above  
e) none of these
- Q.25) The communication line between the CPU and peripheral is  
a) bus                            b) line  
c) circle                        d) network  
e) none of these
- Q.26) The CPU is an example for  
a) peripheral                  b) software  
c) hardware                    d) program  
e) all the above
- Q.27) The CPU and memory are located on the  
a) Extension board        b) mother board  
c) storage device            d) output device  
e) none of these
- Q.28) Which refers to the structure and behavior of the computer?  
a) computer structure    b) computer architecture  
c) computer design        d) computer hardware  
e) none of these
- Q.29) The main circuit board contained in the computer is called  
a) mother board              b) system board  
c) planar board                d) logic board  
e) all the above
- Q.30) The connecting points of chips on the motherboard is  
a) buffer                        b) registers  
c) bus                            d) sockets  
e) none of these
- Q.31) Mouse was invented by  
a) Tim Berners Lee        b) Charles Babbage  
c) Alan Turing                d) Joseph Jacquard  
e) Douglas Engelbart
- Q.32) Which of the following produces high quality output?  
a) Impact printer            b) Non-Impact printer  
c) plotter                        d) all the above  
e) none of these
- Q.33) The printer that creates a digital image by propelling droplets of ink onto paper is  
a) inkjet printer              b) laser printer  
c) line printer                d) dot-matrix printer  
e) plotter
- Q.34) A computer accepts, examines and calculates the result is called  
a) sending                      b) processing  
c) performing                d) producing  
e) none of these
- Q.35) The input device which converts analog information into digital form is  
a) scanner                      b) digitizer  
c) OCR                            d) OMR  
e) barcode reader
- Q.36) The input device which is used for playing video games is  
a) mouse                        b) trackball  
c) joystick                      d) keyboard  
e) touch screen
- Q.37) The monitor and keyboard together are known as  
a) cathode ray tube  
b) liquid crystal display  
c) visual display terminal  
d) light emitting diode  
e) none of these
- Q.38) The diagonal distance between two colored pixels on a display screen is  
a) pitch                         b) dot pitch  
c) double pixel                d) pixel  
e) pel
- Q.39) Which printer is used for voluminous print output

- a) Dot-matrix printer    b) Daisy wheel printer  
c) Drum printers        d) ink-jet printers  
e) laser printers
- Q.40) Which of the following output device is mainly used for drawing CAD,CAM and AUTOCAD?  
a) printer                      b) plotter  
c) monitor                      d) visual display terminal  
e) none of these
- Q.41) Which of the following output device display information from the computer on to a large white screen  
a) monitor                      b) screen image projector  
c) printer                      d) data projector  
e) both b & d
- Q.42) Resolution of laser printer is specified in terms of  
a) DPI                          b) LPM                      c) CPM  
d) PPM                          e) none of these
- Q.43) Which part of a computer that one can touch and feel?  
a) Hardware                  b) software  
c) program                      d) algorithm  
e) all the above
- Q.44) Keyboards,scanners and mouse is an examples of  
a) software                      b) output devices  
c) input devices                d) utilities  
e) none of these
- Q.45) I/O devices are attached to the computer via  
a) connectors                  b) ports  
c) pins                              d) all the above  
e) none of these
- Q.46) Computer user interacts with the computer via  
a) memory unit                b) CPU  
c) I/O unit                        d) all the above  
e) none of these
- Q.47) The device that helps you to communicate with computer is called  
a) input device                b) output device  
c) software                      d) storage  
e) both a & b

- Q.48) ctrl,alt,shift are called  
a) typing keys                b) toggle keys  
c) modifier keys              d) cursor control keys  
e) numeric keys
- Q.49) When a key is pressed,a keyboard interacts with  
a) keyboard controller b) keyboard buffer  
c) hardware                      d) software  
e) all the above
- Q.50) The optical input device that interprets pencil marks on paper media is  
a) OMR                          b) OCR                      c) MICR  
d) optical scanners            e) bar code readers
- Q.51) Which of the following groups consists of only output devices?  
a) scanner,printer,monitor  
b) mouse,printer,monitor  
c) keyboard,printer,monitor  
d) plotter,printer,monitor  
e) none of these
- Q.52) The number of function keys in a keyboard is  
a) 12                              b) 13                          c) 14  
d) 15                              e) 16
- Q.53) A key that makes characters either upper or lower case and numbers to symbols is  
a) ctrl key                      b) alt key                      c) shift key  
d) esc key                        e) tab key
- Q.54) The pen shaped device which sense light and is used to point at spots on a video screen is  
a) mouse                        b) joy stick  
c) touch screen                d) light pen                  e) trackball
- Q.55) The mouse pointer usually appears in the shape of an  
a) hand                            b) circle                      c) arrow  
d) line                              e) square
- Q.56) Daisy wheel printer is a  
a) impact printer              b) non-impact printer  
c) laser printer                d) matrix printer  
e) none of these
- Q.57) A non-impact printer that can produce very high quality,letter perfect printing is  
a) inkjet printer                b) laser printer

c) daisy wheel printer d) dot matrix printer  
e) drum printer

Q.58) The US standard keyboard follows

- a) QWERTY model      b) ASDFGH model  
c) AZSXDC model      d) ZXCVBN model  
e) EDRFTG model

Q.59) Which memory need to be continually refresh to retain data?

- a) DRAM                      b) SRAM                      c) PROM  
d) ROM                      e) EEPROM

Q.60) The memory which is placed in between the CPU and main memory for increasing the speed is

- a) RAM                      b) ROM  
c) cache memory      d) secondary memory  
e) EEPROM

Q.61) The time required to locate and retrieve stored data from the storage unit in response to program instructions is called

- a) process time              b) access time  
c) retrieve time              d) load time  
e) none of these

Q.62) Which memory is non-volatile and written only once?

- a) PROM                      b) EEPROM                      c) EPROM  
d) EAPROM                      e) all the above

Q.63) The performance of the RAM is affected by

- a) access speed              b) size  
c) cost                      d) data transfer unit  
e) both a & d

Q.64) Which of the following is referred as CPU's 'working memory'?

- a) ALU                      b) CU                      c) registers  
d) input device              e) output device

Q.65) If the information is present in the cache, then it is called

- a) cache available              b) cache hit  
c) cache present              d) all the above  
e) none of these

Q.66) The temporary physical storage used to hold data during execution of process from one place to another is

- a) register                      b) buffer

c) accumulator              d) flag  
e) all the above

Q.67) Which of the following memory the burning process is reversible by the exposure to electric pulses?

- a) PROM                      b) EPROM                      c) RAM  
d) EAPROM                      e) EEPROM

Q.68) All the programs of the computer is installed in

- a) RAM                      b) ROM  
c) cache memory              d) hard disk drive  
e) EEPROM

Q.69) The main folder of a disk is

- a) directory                      b) root directory  
c) sub directory              d) all the above  
e) none of these

Q.70) Which of the following holds a block of data that is read or written at one time is

- a) sector                      b) track  
c) directory                      d) disk  
e) none of these

Q.71) Which of the following records data bits as tiny magnetic spots?

- a) directory                      b) sector  
c) track                      d) disk  
e) none of these

Q.72) Which of the following memory chip is faster?

- a) SRAM                      b) DRAM                      c) ROM  
d) All the above              e) none of these

Q.73) Which storage device is mounted on 'reels'?

- a) floppy disk                      b) hard disk  
c) magnetic tapes              d) CD-ROM  
e) none of these

Q.74) Cache memory and main memory will not be able to hold their contents when the power is off, they are

- a) dynamic                      b) static  
c) volatile                      d) non-volatile  
e) none of these

Q.75) The CD-ROM drive is used to

- a) play music                      b) play compact disk  
c) install software              d) all the above

e) none of these

Q.76) Memory is made up of

- a) set of wires                      b) set of circuits  
c) large number of cells          d) all the above

e) none of these

Q.77) Unit of storage capacity is

- a) bit                                      b) bus  
c) meters                                d) all the above

e) none of these

Q.78) Frequently accessed information is held in

- a) hard drive                          b) cache memory  
c) flash memory                      d) ROM                      e) RAM

Q.79) Which technology is used in CDs?

- a) mechanical                        b) electrical  
c) electro mechanical              d) laser

e) none of these

Q.80) The information stored in CD-ROM is in the form of

- a) binary                                b) codes  
c) analog                                d) digital

e) none of these

Q.81) Capacity of the hard disk is measured in

- a) bytes                                 b) kilobytes  
c) megabytes                         d) bits

e) gigabytes

Q.82) The central part of a disk is known as

- a) loop                                    b) hub  
c) surface                                d) cylinder

e) cluster

Q.83) The data on the tracks on a magnetic disks are written as

- a) tiny magnetic spots              b) 0 or 1  
c) high or low                         d) all the above

e) none of these

Q.84) How many write cycles are allowed to a RAM?

- a) 1                                        b) 2                                c) 3  
d) 4                                        e) 5

Q.85) The main memory of computer is also called as

- a) primary storage                  b) internal memory  
c) secondary memory                d) hard disk

e) none of these

Q.86) In Ms word zoom is a feature available in which tab?

- a) home                                 b) insert  
c) references                         d) review

e) view

Q.87) In Ms-Word the default alignment for paragraph is

- a) right                                 b) center  
c) left                                    d) justify

e) none of these

Q.88) The software which is use to keep track of a billing account is

- a) word processing                  b) powerpoint  
c) excel                                 d) Photoshop

e) none of these

Q.89) = sum(C1:C10) is an example of a

- a) function                              b) formula  
c) value                                 d) cell address

e) none of these

Q.90) The command used to save a document under a different name is

- a) Save                                 b) Save As  
c) New                                 d) different

e) none of these

Q.91) The process of making changes in an existing document is

- a) creating                              b) changing  
c) editing                                d) replacing

e) modifying

Q.92) Which of the following is not an option in clipboard?

- a) copy                                 b) cut  
c) paste                                 d) print

e) none of these

Q.93) Spell check is available in which tab?

- a) home                                 b) insert  
c) page layout                        d) view

e) review

Q.94) Ms word is a

- a) spread sheet software  
b) presentation software

- c) word processing software  
d) accounting software  
e) all the above
- Q.95) When you start Ms word,the opening document has the default name as  
a) document1            b) document  
c) word1                d) word  
e) all the above
- Q.96) In Ms word the default alignment for paragraph is  
a) left                    b) right  
c) justified                d) centered  
e) all the above
- Q.97) By default on which page the header or footer is printed?  
a) on the first page  
b) on the alternative page  
c) on every page  
d) all the above  
e) none of these
- Q.98) Thesaurus is available in which tab?  
a) home                    b) insert  
c) page layout            d) view                    e) review
- Q.99) To save a document for the very first time, the document uses  
a) Save                    b) Save As  
c) Both a & b              d) Replace  
e) none of these
- Q.100) Zoom button is available in  
a) home tab                b) insert tab  
c) page layout tab        d) view tab  
e) review tab
- Q.101) The minimum zooming percentage in Ms-Excel is  
a) 10%                    b) 20%                    c) 30%  
d) 40%                    e) 50%
- Q.102) A,B,C,D,E etc are used to describe  
a) columns                b) rows                    c) cell  
d) formulas                e) none of these
- Q.103) In Ms-Excel 2007 the last cell in an excel sheet will be  
a) ABC1048576            b) ABD1048576  
c) XFC1048576            d) XFD1048576  
e) XED1048576
- Q.104) Workbook is a collection of  
a) worksheets            b) buttons  
c) options                 d) documents  
e) none of these
- Q.105) In Ms-Excel the formula when used in a worksheet should begin with an  
a) +                        b) -                        c) \*  
d) /                        e) =
- Q.106) The operation of combining of two cells into a single cell in Ms-Excel is referred to as  
a) join cells                b) merge cells  
c) merge tables            d) join tables  
e) none of these
- Q.107) Which of the following identifies a cell in excel?  
a) formulas                b) name                    c) list  
d) label                    e) address
- Q.108) Which command in file menu is used for creating a document?  
a) open                    b) close                    c) new  
d) save                    e) save as
- Q.109) Which program is use to write a business letter?  
a) Ms-word                b) Ms-Excel  
c) Ms-Powerpoint        d) Ms-Access  
e) Ms-Outlook
- Q.110) In Excel ,this is a prerecorded formula that provides a shortcut for complex calculations  
a) value                    b) data series  
c) function                d) field  
e) none of these
- Q.111) A new presentation can be created from  
a) from existing presentation  
b) blank presentation  
c) from design template  
d) all the above  
e) none of these
- Q.112) The slide that is used to introduce related topic and set for the presentation is called the  
a) content slide            b) heading slide

- c) master slide      d) title slide  
e) graph slide
- Q.113) How many layouts are available for text layout by default in slide layout panel?  
a) 1                      b) 4                      c) 6  
d) 8                      e) 12
- Q.114) Boxes with dotted or hatch-marked borders that are part of most slide layouts are called  
a) clipart              b) placeholders  
c) line spacing      d) all the above  
e) none of these
- Q.115) To temporarily stop recording the time, click  
a) stop                  b) halt                  c) exit  
d) go                    e) pause
- Q.116) Which of the following is the file extension in powerpoint 2007?  
a) .ppt                  b) .pps                  c) .pptx  
d) .ppsx                e) none of these
- Q.117) Which of the following is the default page setup orientation for note pages, outlines and handouts  
a) landscape          b) horizontal  
c) vertical              d) portrait  
e) none of these
- Q.118) The maximum zoom size of Ms-powerpoint is  
a) 100%                b) 200%                c) 300%  
d) 400%                e) 500%
- Q.119) A method of moving items on a slide is  
a) slide moving      b) slide transition  
c) motion path      d) animation  
e) graphics
- Q.120) Which command brings you to the first slide in your presentation?  
a) first slide button   b) pageup  
c) home                d) Ctrl+home  
e) none of these
- Q.121) What does electronic spread sheet consists of?  
a) rows                b) columns  
c) cells                d) all the above  
e) none of these
- Q.122) Which key helps you to move the end of the line?  
a) home                b) page up  
c) end                  d) page down      e) ctrl+end
- Q.123) A special visual and audio effect applied in power point to text or content is  
a) flash                b) animation  
c) effects              d) dissolve  
e) none of these
- Q.124) Slideshow is a feature of  
a) MS-Word            b) MS-Access  
c) MS-Excel           d) MS-Outlook  
e) MS-PowerPoint
- Q.125) In power point, to delete a glow from the shape, point to glow and the click  
a) add glow            b) no glow  
c) delete glow        d) deselect glow  
e) none of these
- Q.126) The program which interprets commands given by the user is  
a) shell                b) spool  
c) kernel              d) thread  
e) none of these
- Q.127) Operating system is a  
a) Application software  
b) hardware            c) system software  
d) loader                e) module
- Q.128) Linux is a  
a) shareware          b) open source software  
c) freeware            d) retail software  
e) demo software
- Q.129) When a computer is turned on after it has been completely shutdown is  
a) warm booting      b) switch off  
c) cold booting      d) restart  
e) none of these
- Q.130) Which of the following is the function of Operating system?  
a) user interface      b) file system manipulation  
c) resource allocation   d) all the above  
e) none of these

Q.131) the command used to set a name to a disk in DOS is

- a) VOL                      b) REP                      c) LABEL  
d) CLS                      e) COPYCON

Q.132) The intermediate between the user of a computer and the computer hardware is

- a) system utilities      b) device driver  
c) operating system  
d) loader                      e) linker

Q.133) The OS have two or more processors for a single running process is

- a) multiprocessing OS  
b) multiuser OS  
c) single user and single task OS  
d) single user and multitasking OS  
e) real time OS

Q.134) The unit of work for the Operating system is

- a) task                      b) process  
c) work                      d) all the above  
e) none of these

Q.135) The running process may be interrupted by another process that needs to execute is

- a) continuous process  
b) non-pre-emptive scheduling  
c) pre-emptive scheduling  
d) concurrent process  
e) none of these

Q.136) Which of the following is an example of real time OS?

- a) DOS                      b) Window 95  
c) Window 7              d) Mac OS              e) LynxOS

Q.137) The buffer in a memory area or disk is

- a) spool                      b) register  
c) flags                      d) all the above  
e) none of these

Q.138) Grouping and processing all of a firms transactions at one time is called

- a) multi tasking  
b) batch processing  
c) real time system  
d) embedded system  
e) online system

Q.139) If you change Windows 98 to Windows XP, you are actually performing

- a) upstart                      b) upgrade  
c) update                      d) all the above  
e) none of these

Q.140) A computer cannot boot if it doesn't have

- a) loader                      b) assembler  
c) operating system      d) linker                      e) utilities

Q.141) Which of the following software is required for the maintenance of computer?

- a) OS                      b) system utilities  
c) system software      d) device driver  
e) application software

Q.142) Which of the following language is used to write the system software?

- a) machine language      b) assembly language  
c) compiler language      d) all the above  
e) both a & b

Q.143) Which of the following is the translator software?

- a) assembler                      b) compiler  
c) interpreter                      d) all the above  
e) none of these

Q.144) Which of the following software is off-the-shelf software sold in retail stores?

- a) demo software              b) retail software  
c) shareware                      d) freeware  
e) open source software

Q.145) Which of the following is used by the users to perform specific tasks?

- a) system software              b) application software  
c) device driver                      d) hardware  
e) utilities

Q.146) Which of the following software is used to load and re-locate the executable program in the main memory?

- a) compiler                      b) interpreter  
c) loader                      d) linker  
e) assembler

Q.147) The software that translates the program written in high level language into machine level language by converting it line by line is

- a) assembler      b) linker  
c) compiler      d) loader  
e) interpreter
- Q.148) Which among the following is an interpreted language?  
a) C                      b) C++              c) Java  
d) Visual Basic      e) both c & d
- Q.149) The system software which resides in main memory always is  
a) loader              b) linker  
c) assembler      d) utility  
e) none of these
- Q.150) Which of the following is system software?  
a) compiler              b) interpreter  
c) operating system      d) loader  
e) all the above
- Q.151) In OSI model, routing is performed in  
a) physical layer      b) application layer  
c) session layer      d) network layer  
e) datalink layer
- Q.152) Which of the following cables can transmit data at high speeds?  
a) co-axial cable      b) optical fibre cable  
c) flat cables          d) twisted pair cable  
e) UTP cable
- Q.153) The device operating at the physical layer is  
a) bridge              b) router  
c) repeater              d) gateway  
e) none of these
- Q.154) The network which is used to connect computer devices which are located within small geographical area like home, office, schools etc is  
a) LAN                      b) WAN              c) MAN  
d) SAN                      e) PAN
- Q.155) Every device has a dedicated point-to-point link to every other devices in  
a) bus topology      b) mesh topology  
c) star topology      d) ring topology  
e) tree topology
- Q.156) The electronic devices that join multiple networks together via wired or wireless connection is  
a) switch              b) bridge              c) router  
d) gateway              e) hub
- Q.157) The data link layer transmits data in the form of  
a) segments              b) bits              c) bytes  
d) frames              e) packets
- Q.158) The device used to convert digital into analog form at the sending end and back to digital signals from analog form at the receiving end is  
a) hub                      b) modem              c) NIC  
d) bridge              e) gateway
- Q.159) How many hosts are attached to class B IP address?  
a) 65594              b) 63452              c) 68775  
d) 65534              e) 65354
- Q.160) Telephone is an example for  
a) half duplex              b) simplex  
c) multiplex              d) full duplex  
e) none of these
- Q.161) The network IP addresses ranging from 192.0.0.0 to 223.0.0.0 is  
a) class A              b) class B  
c) class C              d) class D              e) class E
- Q.162) The primary measure of computer network speed is  
a) baud rate              b) bandwidth  
c) bps                      d) mps              e) kps
- Q.163) To connect two similar type of networks we can use  
a) bridge              b) switch  
c) router              d) gateway  
e) hub
- Q.164) Bluetooth is an example for  
a) LAN                      b) MAN              c) WAN  
d) CAN                      e) PAN
- Q.165) The first network that has planted the seeds of internet was  
a) ARPANET              b) I net              c) V net  
d) NSF net              e) none of these
- Q.166) The address of Ethernet is  
a) 64 bits              b) 48 bits              c) 32 bits  
d) 16 bits              e) 128 bits

Q.167) Wi-fi uses

- a) optic fiber
- b) phase line
- c) radio waves
- d) sound waves
- e) none of these

Q.168) The data transfer rate in LAN are

- a) bits per seconds
- b) kilo bits per seconds
- c) tera bits per seconds
- d) mega bits per seconds
- e) none of these

Q.169) Encryption and decryption are the functions of

- a) transport layer
- b) session layer
- c) physical layer
- d) presentation layer
- e) application layer

Q.170) What is the default subnet mask for class C network?

- a) 255.0.0.255
- b) 255.0.255.0
- c) 255.255.255.0
- d) 255.0.0.0
- e) 255.255.0.0

Q.171) Two or more computers connected to each other for sharing information form a

- a) client
- b) server
- c) super computer
- d) mainframe
- e) network

Q.172) The protocols used in application layer is

- a) SMTP
- b) FTP
- c) DNS
- d) Telnet
- e) all the above

Q.173) The flow of data is always in one direction is in

- a) simplex
- b) half duplex
- c) full duplex
- d) multiplex
- e) demultiplex

Q.174) The network device that connect two segments of a LAN is

- a) Hub
- b) Repeater
- c) gateway
- d) switch
- e) bridge

Q.175) Hub is associated with

- a) bus topology
- b) ring topology
- c) star topology
- d) mesh topology

e) none of these

Q.176) The background image of a desktop is called

- a) image
- b) deskcover
- c) wallpaper
- d) deskpaper
- e) none of these

Q.177) Moving an icon on your desktop is

- a) dragging
- b) double clicking
- c) right clicking
- d) pointing
- e) all the above

Q.178) Date and time are available on a desktop at

- a) keyboard
- b) recycle bin
- c) my computer
- d) task bar
- e) status bar

Q.179) A small figure which depicts some applications on the screen is called

- a) menu
- b) icon
- c) photo
- d) record
- e) none of these

Q.180) Which of the following factor makes the windows popular?

- a) multitasking
- b) desktop features
- c) user friendly
- d) being inexpensive
- e) none of these

Q.181) The cloud only allows systems and services to be within an organization is

- a) public cloud
- b) private cloud
- c) hybrid cloud
- d) community cloud
- e) none of these

Q.182) Amazon is an example for

- a) B2B e-commerce
- b) B2C e-commerce
- c) C2C e-commerce
- d) all the above
- e) none of these

Q.183) In cloud computing, the cloud model which allows business to buy servers, software, data center space or network equipment as a fully outsourced service is

- a) Business process-as-a-service
- b) software-as-a-service
- c) platform-as-a-service
- d) Infrastructure-as-a-Service
- e) none of these

Q.184) A software that works inside a search engine and can look into the website for the searched or required keywords and then returns the links of those websites which contain the required keywords as the search result is

- a) cookies      b) webmail interface  
c) spider        d) web crawler  
e) both c & d

Q.185) The secret code that gives you to access to some program is

- a) clue            b) password  
c) help            d) all the above  
e) none of these

Q.186) Which of the following cannot be a part of an e-mail address?

- a) period(.)      b) At sign(@)  
c) space( )      d) underscore( \_ )  
e) none of these

Q.187) The domain which is used for profit business is

- a) .com            b) .edu            c) .gov  
d) .org            e) .net

Q.188) The browser which is used for small mobile devices is

- a) VOIP            b) WAP browser  
c) PPP            d) Telnet  
e) none of these

Q.189) The private network that uses the internet protocol and the public telecommunication system to security share part of a business information is

- a) extranet      b) intranet  
c) internet      d) sharenet  
e) none of these

Q.190) A device that helps to connect networks which is using different protocol is

- a) bridge            b) router  
c) gateway        d) hub            e) repeater

Q.191) Which of the following is not malware?

- a) adware            b) spyware      c) rootkit  
d) virus              e) firmware

Q.192) The criminals try to trick users into thinking that they are connected to a trusted site, and then

harvest user name, passwords, credit card details is in

- a) spoofing            b) pharming  
c) Phishing            d) spyware  
e) none of these

Q.193) The key function of firewall is

- a) monitoring        b) deleting  
c) copying            d) moving  
e) none of these

Q.194) The first boot sector virus is

- a) creeper            b) brain  
c) mind                d) Elk Cloner  
e) all the above

Q.195) McAfee is an example of

- a) Anti-virus        b) virus  
c) accounting software  
d) word processing software  
e) photo editing software

Q.196) A virus that creates a new file with same existing filename is

- a) macro virus        b) companion virus  
c) trojan horse      d) adware  
e) spyware

Q.197) Which of the following where parents can install to monitor their children's activity on the internet?

- a) rootkit            b) adware  
c) spyware            d) key loggers  
e) ransomware

Q.198) Which of the following will blocks access to a computer system until money is paid?

- a) spyware            b) ransomware  
c) keylogger        d) rootkit  
e) macro virus

Q.199) Which of following virus infects .com files?

- a) scores virus        b) brain virus  
c) happy birthday 30<sup>th</sup> virus  
d) Lehigh virus      e) raindrops virus

Q.) 200 Which of the following spreads computer to computer through network?

- a) spyware            b) trojan  
c) keylogger        d) worms

- e) adware
- Q.201) To display SaveAS dialog box,press  
a) F6                      b) F2                      c) F8  
d) F7                      e) F12
- Q.202) To close a document,press  
a) Ctrl+C                      b) Ctrl+E  
c) Ctrl+S                      d) Ctrl+V                      e) Ctrl+W
- Q.203) The default extensions of Microsoft word and excel 2007 files are  
a) .doc,.xls                      b) .docx,.xlsx  
c) .docx,.xml                      d) .doc,.xml  
e) .doc,.xlsx
- Q.204) To delete files and folders permanently, press  
a) Shift+Delete                      b) Alt+Delete  
c) Ctrl+Delete                      d) Delete  
e) Shift+Alt+Delete
- Q.205) To move the cursor to the end of the document,press  
a) End                      b) Ctrl+End  
c) Esc                      d) Ctrl+Esc  
e) none of these
- Q.206) To select the entire document,press,  
a) Ctrl+W                      b) Ctrl+S  
c) Ctrl+K                      d) Ctrl+I                      e) Ctrl+A
- Q.207) PAN is  
a) Peripheral area network  
b) Post area network  
c) Personal area network  
d) Point area network  
e) Parallel area network
- Q.208) DNS is  
a) Domain name server  
b) Domain name system  
c) Domain name series  
d) Domain name sheets  
e) none of these
- Q.209) UNIVAC is  
a) Universal Automatic Computer  
b) Unique Automatic Computer  
c) Uniform Automatic Computer  
d) Union Automatic Computer
- e) none of these
- Q.210) CPU is  
a) Complete Processing Unit  
b) Common Processing Unit  
c) Central Processing Unit  
d) Concurrent Processing Unit  
e) none of these
- Q.211) To align the paragraph at right,press  
a) Ctrl+L                      b) Ctrl+A  
c) Ctrl+K                      d) Ctrl+J  
e) Ctrl+R
- Q.212) To select the entire row in Ms-Excel,press  
a) Alt+space                      b) Shift+space  
c) Ctrl+space                      d) Ctrl+Alt+space  
e) none of these
- Q.213) To insert a new slide in Ms-Power point press  
a) Ctrl+N                      b) Ctrl+E  
c) Ctrl+M                      d) Ctrl+K  
e) Ctrl+D
- Q.214) To open formula window in Ms-Excel,press  
a) Shift+F3                      b) Shift+F2  
c) Shift+F6                      d) Shift+F5  
e) Shift+F1
- Q.215) Which of the following file format can be added to a power point show?  
a) .jpg                      b) .gif  
c) .wav                      d) all the above  
e) none of these
- Q.216) To end the presentation,press  
a) Esc                      b) Del  
c) Hyphen                      d) E  
e) both a & c
- Q.217) Repeat the last command or action ,press  
a) Ctrl+U                      b) Ctrl+X  
c) Ctrl+Y                      d) Ctrl+R  
e) Ctrl+A
- Q.218) The shortcut key to copy a picture of the screen to the clipboard is  
a) CTRL+PrtSc                      b) PrtSc  
c) ALT+PrtSc                      d) SHIFT+PrtSc  
e) CTRL+ALT+PrtSc

Q.219) The shortcut key to split the document window is

- a) ALT+CTRL+C      b) ALT+CTRL+D  
c) ALT+CTRL+A      d) ALT+CTRL+S  
e) ALT+CTRL+W

Q.220) Switch to print Layout view,press

- a) CTRL+SHIFT+I      b) CTRL+ALT+P  
c) SHIFT+ALT+I      d) ALT+I  
e) SHIFT+I

Q.221) To increase font size one point,press

- a) SHIFT+ ]      b) SHIFT+  
c) CTRL+ [      d) CTRL+ ]  
e) ALT+[

Q.222) To print a document,press

- a) Ctrl+P      b) Ctrl+R  
c) Ctrl+Alt+P      d) Ctrl+Shift+P  
e) Ctrl+D

Q.223) To enter the current date,press

- a) ctrl+:      b) ctrl+\_  
c) ctrl+;      d) ctrl+''  
e) ctrl+'

Q.224) To apply bold in Ms word,press

- a) Ctrl+O      b) Ctrl+C  
c) Ctrl+D      d) Ctrl+A  
e) Ctrl+B

Q.225) To remove paragraph formatting,press

- a) Ctrl+Q      b) Ctrl+T  
c) Ctrl+Y      d) Ctrl+E  
e) Ctrl+W

Q.226) The purpose of the primary key in a database is to

- a) store the fields in the database  
b) uniquely identify a record  
c) update the fields in the database  
d) unlock the database  
e) none of these

Q.227) Which of the following is not a type of database?

- a) hierarchical      b) relational  
c) network      d) transition  
e) none of these

Q.228) The feature that database allows to access only certain records in database is

- a) query      b) forms  
c) reports      d) tables  
e) none of these

Q.229) In database customer phone number is called

- a) text      b) field  
c) record      d) both b and c  
e) none of these

Q.230) In a hierarchical model,records are organised as

- a) tree      b) graph  
c) list      d) links  
e) none of these

Q.231) A relational database consists of collection of

- a) tables      b) fields  
c) records      d) keys  
e) none of these

Q.232) Which of the following types of tables constraints will prevent the entry of duplicate rows?

- a) primary keys      b) foreign keys  
c) candidate key      d) unique key  
e) none of these

Q.233) In a relational database,a field is a

- a) label      b) a table of information  
c) group of related records  
d) category of information  
e) none of these

Q.234) In a relational database,which of the following organise the information about a single topic into rows and colums

- a) block      b) record  
c) tuple      d) table  
e) none of these

Q.235) Which of the following in a table represents a relationship among set of values?

- a) column      b) key  
c) row      d) entry  
e) none of these

Q.236) The step by step procedure for accomplishing a task is known as

- a) software                      b) hardware  
c) firmware program    d) programs  
e) algorithm

Q.237) The term is used to describe the intangible instructions that tells the computer what to do is known as

- a) hardware                      b) software  
c) storage                      d) input                      e) output

Q.238) The software that a user is allowed to try for free,for a specified period of time,as defined in license.when the trail period ends the software must be purchased or uninstalled is

- a) demo software              b) retail software  
c) freeware  
d) open source software  
e) shareware

Q.239) The software which provides the basic functionality to the computer is

- a) system software              b) application software  
c) device driver                  d) system utilities  
e) loader

Q.240) The software required for the maintenance of a computer is

- a) operating system              b) device driver  
c) loader                          d) linker  
e) system utilities

Q.241) 1GB is equal to

- a)  $2^{10}$  bytes                      b)  $2^{20}$  bytes  
c)  $2^{30}$  bytes                      d)  $2^{40}$  bytes  
e)  $2^{50}$  bytes

Q.242) What is the base or radix of the hexa decimal number system?

- a) 2                                  b) 8                                  c) 16  
d) 10                                  e) none of these

Q.243) A collection of 8 bits is called

- a) byte                              b) nibble                      c) bit  
d) decimal                          e) all the above

Q.244) TB stands for

- a) Terabyte                      b) Terabit                      c) Texabyte  
d) Texabit                          e) none of these

Q.245) In hexadecimal number system 'D' stands for

- a) 10                                  b) 11                                  c) 12  
d) 13                                  e) 14

Q.246) The Decimal equivalent of the binary number 111011 is

- a) 65                                  b) 63                                  c) 58  
d) 59                                  e) 61

Q.247) The Decimal equivalent of the binary number 110101

- a) 51                                  b) 52                                  c) 53  
d) 54                                  e) 55

Q.248) How many types of number system is there?

- a) one                                  b) two                                  c) three  
d) four                                  e) five

Q.249) 1 YB is equal to

- a) 1024 EB                          b) 1024 PB                          c) 1024 TB  
d) 1024GB                          e) 1024 ZB

Q.250) 1 Geop byte is equal to

- a) 1024 Zetta Byte                  b) 1024 Yotta Byte  
c) 1024 Exa Byte                      d) 1024 Bronto Byte  
e) 1024 Peta Byte

**Static GK:**

1. The Adelaide Oval stadium is located in **Adelaide, Australia.**
2. The Bundaberg Rum stadium is located in **Cairns, Australia.**
3. The Telstra Dome is located in **Melbourne, Australia.**
4. The Manuka Oval is located in **Canberra, Australia.**
5. The Marrara Cricket ground is located in **Darwin, Australia.**
6. The Melbourne Cricket ground is located in **Melbourne, Australia.**
7. The Sydney Cricket Ground is located in **Sydney, Australia.**
8. The W.A. C. A Ground is located in **Perth, Australia.**
9. The Bangabandhu National stadium is located in **Dhaka, Bangladesh.**
10. The Chittagong Stadium is located in **Chittagong, Bangladesh.**

11. The Edgbaston Stadium is located in **Birmingham, England.**
12. The Headingley Stadium is located in **Leeds, England.**
13. The Lord's Stadium is located in **London, England.**
14. The Old Trafford Stadium is located in **Manchester, England.**
15. The Sophia Gardens Stadium is located in **Cardiff, England.**
16. The St Lawrence Ground is located in **Canterbury, England.**
17. The Brit Oval stadium is located in **London, England.**
18. The Trent Bridge is located in **Nottingham, England.**
19. The Basin Reserve is located in **Wellington, New Zealand.**
20. The Eden Park stadium is located in **Auckland, New Zealand.**
21. The Jade Stadium is located in **Christchurch, New Zealand.**
22. The John Davies Oval is located in **Queenstown, New Zealand.**
23. The McLean Park is located in **Napier, New Zealand.**
24. The Arbab Niaz Stadium is located in **Peshawar, Pakistan.**
25. The Ayub National Stadium is located in **Quetta, Pakistan.**
26. The Gaddafi Stadium is located in **Lahore, Pakistan.**
27. The Kingsmead Stadium is located in **Durban, South Africa.**
28. The New Wanderers Stadium is located in **Johannesburg, South Africa.**
29. The Newlands Stadium is located in **Cape Town, South Africa.**
30. The St George's Park is located in **Port Elizabeth, South Africa.**
31. The Centurion Super Sport Park is located in **Pretoria, South Africa.**
32. The Colombo Cricket Club Ground is located in **Colombo, Sri Lanka.**
33. The Galle International Stadium is located in **Galle, Sri Lanka.**
34. The P. Saravanamuttu Stadium is located in **Colombo, Sri Lanka.**
35. The R. Premadasa Stadium is located in **Colombo, Sri Lanka.**
36. The Sinhalese Sports Club Ground is located in **Colombo, Sri Lanka.**
37. The Sabina Park Kingston is located in **Jamaica, West Indies.**
38. The Antigua Recreation Ground St John's is located in **Antigua, West Indies.**
39. The Guyana Cricket Stadium Georgetown is located in **Guyana, West Indies.**
40. The Albion sports complex is located in **Guyana, West Indies.**
41. The Mindoo Phillip Park Castries is located in **St Lucia, West Indies.**
42. The Kensington Oval Bridgetown is located in **Barbados, West Indies.**
43. The Harare Sports Club is located in **Harare, Zimbabwe.**
44. The Kwekwe Sports Club is located in **Kwekwe, Zimbabwe.**
45. The Queens Sports Club is located in **Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.**
46. The Bulawayo Athletic Club is located in **Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.**
47. The Sharjah Cricket Stadium is located in **Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.**
48. The Sheikh Zayed Stadium is located in **Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.**
49. The Perjiwa Stadium is located in **Tenggarong, Indonesia.**
50. The Merdeka Stadium is located in **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.**
51. The Queen of Arabian Sea in India is **Cochin.**
52. The Space City of India is **Bangalore.**
53. The Garden City of India is **Bangalore.**
54. The Silicon Valley of India is **Bangalore.**

55. The Electronic city of India is **Bangalore**.  
56. The Pink city of India is **Jaipur**.  
57. The Gateway of India is **Mumbai**.  
58. The Twin city of India is **Hyderabad – Secundarabad**.  
59. The City of festivals in India is **Madurai**.  
60. The Deccan Queen of India is **Pune**.  
61. The City of buildings in India is **Kolkata**.  
62. The Gateway of Eastern India is **Kolkata**.  
63. The Dakshin Ganga of India is **Godavari**.  
64. The Nickname of Old Ganga is **Godavari**.  
65. The Egg bowls of Asia is **Andhra Pradesh**.  
66. The Rice bowls of India is **Andhra Pradesh**.  
67. The Soya region of India is **Madhya Pradesh**.  
68. The Manchester of the South is **Coimbatore**.  
69. The City of Nawabs in India is **Lucknow**.  
70. The Venice of the East in India is **Cochin**.  
71. The Sorrow of Bengal in India is **Damodar River**.  
72. The Sorrow of Bihar in India is **Kosi River**.  
73. The Blue Mountains of India is **Nilgiri**.  
74. The Queen of the Mountains in India is **Mussoorie (Uttarakhand)**.  
75. The Sacred river of India is **Ganga**.  
76. The Hollywood of India is **Mumbai**.  
77. The City of Castles in India is **Kolkata**.  
78. The State of five rivers in India is **Punjab**.  
79. The City of weavers in India is **Panipat**.  
80. The City of lakes in India is **Srinagar**.  
81. The Steel city of India is **Jamshedpur (Called Tatanagar)**.  
82. The City of temples in India is **Varanasi**.  
83. The Manchester of the north in India is **Kanpur**.  
84. The City of Rallies in India is **New Delhi**.  
85. The Heaven of India is **Jammu & Kashmir**.  
86. The Boston of India is **Ahmedabad**.  
87. The Garden of spices of India is **Kerala**.  
88. The Switzerland of India is **Kashmir**.  
89. The Abode of the God is **Prayag (Allahabad)**.  
90. The Pittsburg of India is **Jamshedpur**.  
91. The Golden city of India is **Amritsar**.  
92. The Manchester of India is **Ahmedabad**.  
93. The City of seven islands is **Mumbai**.  
94. The Lime City of India is **Piduguralla**.  
95. The Pensioner's Paradise of India is **Kakinada**.  
96. The Sweet City of India is **Muzaffarpur**.  
97. The Scotland of India is **Coorg (Karnataka)**.  
98. The Rome of the East is **Mangalore**.  
99. The Power Hub of India is **Vadodara**.  
100. The Goa of the East in India is **Vishakapatnam**.  
101. The longest bridge across the river in India is **Bhupen Hazarika Bridge (9.15 Km), Assam** from 2017, before that Mahatma Gandhi Setu (5.75 km), Patna.  
102. The largest animal Fair in India is located in **Sonpur (Bihar)**.  
103. The largest Auditorium in India is located in **Sri Shanmukhananda Hall (Mumbai)**.  
104. The largest Fresh water Lake of India is located in **Kolleru Lake (Andhra Pradesh)**.  
105. The largest Desert of India is located in **Thar (Rajasthan)**.  
106. The largest cave Temple of India is located in **Kailash Temple (Ellora, Maharashtra)**.  
107. The largest Zoo in India is located in **Vandalur Zoo (1300 Acres), Chennai**.  
108. The largest Mosque in India is located in **Jama Masjid (Delhi)**.  
109. The longest Tunnel in India is located in **Pir Panjal Tunnel (J & K)**.  
110. The largest Delta in India is located in **Sunderbans (West Bengal)**.  
111. The State with maximum forest area is located in **Madhya Pradesh**.  
112. The longest Corridor of India is located in **Corridor of Ramanathaswamy Temple of Rameswaram (Tamil Nadu)**.  
113. The highest Waterfall in India is located in **Kunchikal Falls (Karnataka)**.  
114. The longest Road in India is located in **Grand Trunk Road (Kolkata to Delhi)**.  
115. The largest Church in India is located in **Saint Cathedral at old Goa (Goa)**.

116. The longest River in India is located in **The Ganga** (2640 km. long).

117. The largest museum in India is located in **Indian museum** (Kolkata).

118. The largest Dome in India is located in **Gol Gumbaz, Bijapur** (Karnataka).

119. The Tallest Statue in India is located in **Veera Abhaya Anjeneya Hanuman Swami**, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh (41 m).

120. The largest Public sector Bank in India is **State Bank of India**.

121. The largest Cantilever Bridge in India is located in **Rabindra Setu or Howrah Bridge** (Kolkata).

122. The longest Canal in India is located in **Indira Gandhi Canal or Rajasthan Canal** (Rajasthan).

123. The longest Railway platform in India is located in **Gorakhpur** (UP).

124. The Biggest Stadium in India is located in **Buddh International Circuit (Auto Racing Category), Salt Lake Stadium** (Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan) in Kolkata (**Foot Ball Category**).

125. The Most popular city in India is **Mumbai** (Maharashtra).

126. The Longest Passenger Train Route in India is located in **Dibrugarh to Kanyakumari**.

127. The Oldest Church in India is located in **St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Church** at Palayur, Thrissur (Kerala).

128. The longest National Highway is located in **N.H-7 (Varanasi to Kanyakumari)**.

129. The State with longest Coast Line in India is located in **Gujarat**.

130. The largest Inland Salt Lake is located in **Sambhar Lake**, Rajasthan.

131. The largest fresh water Lake in India is located in **Loktak Lake**.

132. The Largest Cave in India is located in **Amarnath** (J & K).

133. The longest river of Southern India is located in **Godavari**.

134. The longest Dam in India is located in **Hirakud Dam** (Orissa).

135. The Longest Sea Beach is located in **Marina Beach** (Chennai).

136. The largest artificial Lake is located in **Govind Sagar** (Bhakhra Nangal).

137. The deepest River Valley is located in **Bhagirathi & Alaknanda**.

138. The largest River without Delta is located in **Narmada & Tapi**.

139. The largest River Island is located in **Majuli**, Brahmaputra River (Assam).

140. The largest Planetarium in India is located in **Birla Planetarium** (Kolkata).

141. The Largest state of India in area is located in **Rajasthan** (3,42,239 sq.km).

142. The Smallest state of India in area is located in **Goa** (3,702sq.km).

143. The Largest Port of India is located in **Mumbai**.

144. The Densest Populated State in India is **West Bengal**.

145. The State with longest coastline in India is **Gujarat**.

146. The State with longest coastline of South India is **Andhra Pradesh**.

147. The Fastest Train in India is **Shatabdi Express** running between New Delhi and Bhopal.

148. The Longest Tributary river of India is **Yamuna**.

149. The Largest Lake (Saline Water) in India is **Chilka Lake**.

150. The Smallest Union Territory in India is **Lakshadweep**.

151. Badrinath Temple is located in **Chamboli district, Uttarakhand**.

152. The Konark Sun Temple is located in **Konark, Odisha**.

153. Brihadeeswara Temple (largest temple in India) is located in **Thanjavur, Tamilnadu**.

154. Somnath Temple is located in **Gir Somnath, Gujarat**.

155. Kedarnath Temple is located in **Kedarnath, Uttarakhand.**

156. Sanchi Stupa is located in **Raisen district, Madhya Pradesh**

157. Ramanathaswamy (Rameshwaram) Temple is located in **Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.**

158. Vaishno Devi Temple is located in **Katra, Jammu & Kashmir.**

159. Siddhivinayak Temple is located in **Mumbai, Maharashtra.**

160. Gangotri Temple is located in **Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.**

161. Golden Temple is located in **Amristar, Punjab.**

162. Kashi Vishwanath Temple is located in **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.**

163. Lord Jagannath Temple is located in **Puri district, Odisha.**

164. Yamunotri Temple is located in **Uttarkashi district, Uttarakhand.**

165. Meenakshi Temple is located in **Madurai, Tamil Nadu.**

166. Amarnath Cave Temple is located in **Anantnag, Jammu & Kashmir.**

167. Lingaraja Temple is located in **Bhubaneshwar, Odisha**

168. Tirumala Venkateshwara Temple is located in **Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh.**

169. Kanchi Kailasanathar Temple is located in **Kanchipuram** (The city of thousand temples), **Tamil Nadu.**

170. Khajuraho Temple is located in **Jhansi, Madhya Pradesh.**

171. Virupaksha Temple is located in **Bellary, Karnataka.**

172. Akshardham Temple is located in **Pandav Nagar, Delhi.**

173. Gomateshwara Temple is located in **Hassan, Karnataka.**

174. Sree Padmanabhaswamy temple is located in **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.**

175. Kamakhya Temple is located in **Guwahati, Assam.**

176. Birla Mandir Temple is located in **Delhi.**

177. Mahabodhi Temple is located in **Gaya, Bihar.**

178. Srisailem Temple is located in **Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.**

179. Sri Mookambika Temple is located in **Kollur, Karnataka.**

180. Ananthapura Lake Temple is located in **Kasaragod, Kerala.**

181. Atapaka Bird Sanctuary is located in **Andhra Pradesh.**

182. Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary is located in **Andhra Pradesh.**

183. Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary is located in **Andhra Pradesh.**

184. Uppalapadu Bird Sanctuary is located in **Andhra Pradesh.**

185. Bordoibam Beelmukh Bird Sanctuary is located in **Assam.**

186. Deepor beel Bird Sanctuary is located in **Assam.**

187. Panidihing Bird Sanctuary is located in **Assam.**

188. Nagi Dam Bird Sanctuary is located in **Bihar.**

189. Nakti Dam Bird Sanctuary is located in **Bihar.**

190. Najafgarh drain Bird Sanctuary is located in **Delhi.**

191. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary is located in **Goa.**

192. Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary is located in **Gujarat.**

193. Kutch Bustard Sanctuary is located in **Gujarat.**

194. Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary is located in **Gujarat.**

195. Porbandar Bird Sanctuary is located in **Gujarat.**

196. Attiveri Bird Sanctuary is located in **Karnataka.**

197. Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is located in **Karnataka.**

198. Bankapura Peacock Sanctuary is located in **Karnataka.**

199. Bonal Bird Sanctuary is located in **Karnataka.**

200. Gudavi Bird Sanctuary is located in **Karnataka.**

201. Kaggaladu Bird Sanctuary is located in **Karnataka.**

202. Magadi Bird Sanctuary is located in **Karnataka.**

203. Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary is located in **Karnataka.**

204. Thattekad Bird Sanctuary is located in **Kerala.**

205. Pakshipathalam Bird Sanctuary is located in **Kerala**

206. Kadalundi Bird Sanctuary is located in **Kerala.**

207. Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary is located in **Kerala.**

208. Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary is located in **Kerala.**

209. Karnala Bird Sanctuary is located in **Maharashtra.**

210. Mayani Bird Sanctuary is located in **Maharashtra.**

211. Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary is located in **Maharashtra.**

212. Harike Bird Sanctuary is located in **Punjab.**

213. Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary is located in **Rajasthan**

214. Khichan Bird Sanctuary is located in **Rajasthan.**

215. Tal Chhapar Sanctuary is located in **Rajasthan.**

216. Koeladeo Ghana Bird Sanctuary is located in **Rajasthan.**

217. Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary is located in **Rajasthan.**

218. Vettangudi Bird Sanctuary is located in **Tamil Nadu.**

219. Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary is located in **Tamil Nadu.**

220. Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary is located in **Tamil Nadu.**

221. Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary is located in **Tamil Nadu.**

222. Suchindram Theroor Bird Sanctuary is located in **Tamil Nadu.**

223. Udayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary is located in **Tamil Nadu.**

224. Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary is located in **Tamil Nadu.**

225. Vellode Birds Sanctuary is located in **Tamil Nadu.**

226. Thasrana Bird Sanctuary is located in **Uttar Pradesh.**

227. Bakhira Sanctuary is located in **Uttar Pradesh.**

228. Lakh Bahosi Sanctuary is located in **Uttar Pradesh.**

229. Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary is located in **Uttar Pradesh.**

230. Okhla Bird Sanctuary is located in **Uttar Pradesh.**

231. Patna Bird Sanctuary is located in **Uttar Pradesh.**

232. Saman Bird Sanctuary is located in **Uttar Pradesh.**

233. Samaspur Sanctuary is located in **Uttar Pradesh.**

234. Sandi Bird Sanctuary is located in **Uttar Pradesh.**

235. Chintamani Kar Bird Sanctuary is located in **West Bengal.**

236. Tepix Stock Exchange is located in **Iran.**

237. SET Stock Exchange is located in **Thailand.**

238. TAIEX Stock Exchange is located in **Taipei (Taiwan).**

239. S & P/TSX Stock Exchange is located in **Toronto, Canada.**

240. BOVESPA Stock Exchange is located in **Brazil.**

241. FTSEMIB Stock Exchange is located in **Italy.**

242. IPC Stock Exchange is located in **Mexico.**

243. SMI Stock Exchange is located in **Switzerland.**

244. IBEX35 Stock Exchange is located in **Spain.**

245. ADX Genral Stock Exchange is located in **United Arab Emirates.**

246. FTSE BURSA Stock Exchange is located in **Malaysia.**

247. American Stock Exchange (AMEX) is located in **New York.**

248. Montreal Stock Exchange (MSE) is located in **Canada**

249. Madrid Stock Exchange (Bolsa de Madrid) is located in **Spain**

250. Korea Stock Exchange (KOSPI) is located in **South Korea.**

**Banking Awareness:**

1. Which one of the following statements is true?

- a) Banks cannot accept demand and time deposits from public
- b) Banks can accept only demand deposits from public
- c) Banks can accept only time deposits from public
- d) Banks can accept both demand and time deposits from public
- e) Banks can accept demand and time deposits only from government

2. Which one of the following is the correct statement?

- a) State bank of India is the sole authority to issue and manage currency in India
- b) A Nationalized bank is the sole authority to issue and manage currency in India
- c) A co-operative bank is the sole authority to issue and manage currency in India
- d) RBI is the sole authority to issue and manage currency in India
- e) None of these

3. Interest payable on savings bank accounts is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Not regulated by RBI
- b) Regulated by State Government
- c) Regulated by Central Government
- d) Regulated by RBI
- e) Regulated by Finance Minister

4. The usual deposit accounts of banks are \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Current accounts, electricity accounts and insurance premium accounts

b) Current accounts, Post office savings bank accounts and term deposit accounts

c) Loan accounts, savings bank accounts and term deposit accounts

d) Current accounts, savings bank accounts and term deposit accounts

e) Current bill accounts and term deposit accounts

5. Fixed deposits and recurring deposits are \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Repayable after an agreed period
- b) Repayable on demand
- c) Not repayable
- d) Repayable after death of depositors
- e) Repayable on demand or after an agreed period as per bank's choice

6. Accounts are allowed to be operated by cheques in respect of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Both saving bank accounts and fixed deposit accounts
- b) Both Savings bank accounts and current accounts
- c) Both savings bank accounts and loan accounts
- d) Both savings bank accounts and cash accounts only
- e) Both current accounts and fixed deposit accounts

7. Which one of the following is the correct statement?

- a) Normally no interest is paid on current accounts
- b) Interest is paid on current accounts at the same rate as term deposit accounts
- c) The rate of interest on current account and savings account are the same
- d) No interest is paid on any deposit by the bank.
- e) Savings deposits are the same as current deposits

8. Mortgage is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Charge on a movable property, for a loan given by a bank
- b) Charge on an immovable property, for a loan given by a bank

- c) Concession on an immovable property, for a loan given by a bank  
d) sale of an immovable property for a loan given by a bank  
e) Security on immovable property for a deposit received by a bank
9. Which of following is known as cross selling by Banks?  
I. Sale of a debit card to a credit card holder  
II. Sale of Insurance policy to a depositor /borrower  
III. Assurance of Cash against policy for a Cheque presented by a third party  
a) Only I                      b) Only II  
c) Only III                    d) Both I and III  
e) All I, II and III
10. When a bank returns a cheque unpaid, it is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Payment of the cheque  
b) Drawing of the cheque  
c) Cancelling of the cheque  
d) Dishonour of the cheque  
e) Taking of the cheque
11. Which of the following types of accounts are known as 'Demat Account'?  
a) Accounts which are Zero Balance Accounts  
b) Accounts which are opened to facilitate repayment of a loan taken from the bank. No other business can be conducted from there  
c) An account through which shares of various companies are traded and held in electronic form  
d) Accounts which are operated through internet banking facility  
e) None of these
12. Interest on saving bank account is now calculated by banks on \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Minimum balance during the month  
b) Minimum balance from 7<sup>th</sup> to last day of month  
c) Minimum balance from 10<sup>th</sup> to last day of the month  
d) Maximum balance during the month  
e) Daily product basis
13. Largest shareholder (in percentage shareholding) of a nationalized bank is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) RBI                              b) NABARD  
c) LIC                              d) Govt. of India              e) IBA
14. Banks normally publicise offer of additional interest rate on retail domestic term deposits of :  
a) Minors                        b) Married women  
c) Senior citizens              d) Govt. employees  
e) Rural residents
15. A centralized database with online connectivity to branches, internet as well as ATM-network which has been adopted by almost all major banks of our country is known as :  
a) Investment banking              b) CORE banking  
c) Mobile banking                      d) National Banking  
e) Specialized banking
16. Which of the following is NOT a function of a commercial bank?  
a) Providing project finance  
b) Settlement of payments on behalf of the customers  
c) Deciding policy rates like CRR, SLR, & Repo Rates  
d) Issuing credit/ debit/ ATM cards  
e) Providing services such as locker facilities, remittances
17. Which is the ideal definition of money laundering?  
a) Conversion of assets into cash  
b) Concealing the source of funds which is illegally obtained  
c) Conversion of cash into gold  
d) Conversion of gold into cash  
e) Conversion of gold with foreign currency
18. 'C' stands for in the following term 'NACH'  
a) Clearing                        b) Crossing                      c) Cheque  
d) Current                        e) Credit
19. Which one of the following is not a measure taken by Reserve Bank of India to control inflation in our country?  
a) Increase in CRR  
b) Increase in SLR  
c) Contraction of supply of currency

- d) Raising of Repo Rate  
e) Decrease the SLR
20. What type of loan is normally granted by banks for purchase of white goods?  
a) Consumption loan                      b) Mortgage loan  
c) Consumer durables loan      d) Home loan  
e) None of these
21. What is a stale cheque?  
a) A cheque issued without drawer's signature  
b) A cheque with only signature of the drawer without mention of amount, payee etc  
c) A cheque which has completed three months from its date of issue  
d) A six months' post dated cheque  
e) Any one of these
22. Which one of the following is a 'material alteration' of a negotiable instrument?  
a) Altering the amount payable, on the instrument  
b) Converting a bearer cheque to order cheque  
c) Crossing of an uncrossed cheque  
d) Writing an amount on a blank cheque  
e) Putting a signature on the back of a cheque
23. Which one of the following constitutes the largest percentage of Retail loans in India?  
a) Auto loans                      b) Personal loans  
c) Personal overdrafts      d) Consumer loans  
e) Home loans
24. Credit risk to the bank is high from which of these cards?  
a) Debit cards                      b) Credit cards  
c) ATM cards                      d) All the above  
e) None of these
25. Depreciation of an asset occurs due to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Fire in the unit  
b) Theft                              c) Labour Trouble  
d) wear and tear.      e) None of these
26. Which of the following is NOT a source of funds for a commercial bank?  
a) Capital                              b) Borrowing from RBI  
c) Call money borrowings  
d) Deposits                              e) Cash Reserve with RBI
27. Which one of the following is a worldwide Credit Card network?  
a) Indian card                      b) Master card  
c) SBI card                              d) City Bank Cards  
e) BOB card
28. Which one of the following is not an electronic Banking delivery channel?  
a) Mobile Vans                      b) Mobile Phone Banking  
c) Internet Banking      d) Tele Banking  
e) ATM
29. The Rate at which the domestic currency can be converted into foreign currency and vice-versa is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Exchange rate                      b) CRR  
c) Call money rate                      d) Base rate  
e) SLR
30. Crossing of a cheque can be cancelled by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the cheque, under his full signature.  
a) Payee                              b) Drawee  
c) Endorser                              d) Holder  
e) Drawer
31. Banks which can undertake foreign exchange business directly are known as \_\_\_\_\_ in foreign exchange  
a) Authorised dealers      b) Foreign dealers  
c) Overseas branches      d) Approved dealers  
e) Exchange branches
32. Insurance cover for bank deposits upto Rs 1lakh in our country is provided by:  
a) SBI                                      b) Govt. of India  
c) GIC                                      d) LIC  
e) DICGC
33. Loan of small amount given to members of low income groups is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Cash credit                              b) Micro credit  
c) Simple overdrafts      d) No frills loans  
e) Rural credit
34. When a banker talks about CDR, what is he talking about?  
a) Corporate Debt Restructuring  
b) Corporate Debt Rollover  
c) Company Debt Rollover

- d) Corporate Deposit Restructuring  
e) Company Deposit Restructuring
35. Expand the term ALM as used in banking/finance sector?  
a) Asset Liability Management  
b) Asset Liability Maturity  
c) Asset Liability Mismatch  
d) Asset Liability Manpower  
e) Asset Liability Maintenance
36. Cash reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) are terms most closely related to which of the following industries/markets?  
a) Capital Market                      b) Banking industry  
c) Commodities market                d) Money Market  
e) Mutual fund industry
37. What is the maximum period for which domestic term deposits are normally accepted by banks in our country?  
a) 3 years                      b) 5 years                c) 7 years  
d) 10 years                      e) 12 years
38. The Banking ombudsman is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Is in charge of bank loans for buses  
b) Fixes the rates on interest for loans  
c) Resolves complaints of customers  
d) Issues licences for new bank branches  
e) Is the head of all nationalised banks
39. Which of the following is NOT classified as a scheduled commercial bank?  
a) Public sector bank    b) Foreign bank  
c) Private sector bank    d) Regional rural bank  
e) Primary agricultural credit societies
40. Which of the following is not in the business of Banking?  
a) HDFC                      b) IDBI                      c) YES  
d) SEBI                      e) ICICI
41. Monetary policy as an arm of the economic policy is administered by  
a) Government of India  
b) Reserve Bank of India  
c) State Bank of India  
d) Governments of the respective states  
e) None of these
42. As reported in some major financial newspapers, many times it is said that 'Other Income' boosts the profit of a bank to a substantial level. What is this other income for a bank? Pick up the option(s) which are the part(s) of this other income.  
i) Commission for selling insurance policies  
ii) Fee for providing various services (like ATM/Extra cheque etc)  
iii) Interest on advances and loans  
a) Only I                                      b) Only ii  
c) Both (i) and (ii)                      d) Only iii  
e) All (i), (ii) and (iii)
43. Which of the following represent correct meaning of 'REPO RATE'?  
a) Rate on which RBI sells Government Securities to banks  
b) Rate at which RBI lends to commercial banks  
c) Rate offered by banks to their prime customer  
d) Rate applicable for grant of priority sector loans  
e) None of these
44. Reserves which can act as a liquidity buffer for commercial banks during crisis times are  
a) CAR                                      b) CRR                      c) CAR & CRR  
d) CRR & SLR                      e) SLR
45. Savings bank accounts are opened by:  
a) Trading entities, manufacturing entities and individuals for saving purpose  
b) Traders and manufacturers for business purpose  
c) Individuals for saving  
d) Limited companies and partnerships for savings purposes  
e) Cooperative banks for savings
46. What does EMI stand for?  
a) Equated Money Index  
b) Easy Money Instalment  
c) Equated Monthly Instalment  
d) Equal Monthly Instalment  
e) Equal Minimum Instalment
47. CASA deposits refer to:  
a) Demand deposits  
b) Term deposits

- c) Hybrid deposits  
d) Recurring deposits  
e) Special schemes of banks
48. What is the meaning of NAV?  
a) Net Annual Value    b) Non Asset Value  
c) Net Actual Value    d) Net Asset Value  
e) Net Average Value
49. If the CRR is reduced by 1%, what will be its impact on the economy?  
a) Less liquidity in the market  
b) More liquidity in the market  
c) No change in the liquidity in the market  
d) Mobilization of more deposits by commercial-banks  
e) None of these
50. Despite large number of ATMs, many people still visit the bank branches. Which of the following reason can be attributed to this issue?  
I. It does not accept deposits  
II. It has a limited cash disbursement capacity  
III. Lack of human interface.  
a) Only I                      b) Only II  
c) Only I and II              d) Only I and III  
e) All I, II and III
51. Whose signature is found on a 50 rupee currency note in India?  
a) President of India  
b) Governor, RBI  
c) Finance Minister  
d) Prime Minister of India  
e) Secretary, Ministry of Finance
52. Among the following institutions, whose core activity is granting of Housing Loans?  
a) RBI                      b) SBI                      c) IBA  
d) ICICI                      e) HDFC
53. Which one of the following terms is not a banking terminology?  
a) Repayment              b) Loan                      c) NPA  
d) Manufacturing              e) Deposit
54. Almost all banks in our country have introduced \_\_\_\_\_ facility for granting crop loans to farmers.  
a) Term loans              b) Kisan Credit Cards
- c) Bank Guarantee    d) Foreign Exchange  
e) Reverse Mortgage
55. What is the full form of 'ECB'?  
a) Essential Commercial Banking  
b) European Credit Borrowing  
c) External Credit Business  
d) External Commercial Borrowing  
e) None of these
56. What is the minimum and maximum limit (in rupees) prescribed by RBI for RTGS transactions?  
a) The minimum is 1 lakh and the maximum is 10 lakh  
b) The minimum is 25000 and the maximum is 1 lakh  
c) The minimum is 2 lakh and there is no maximum limit  
d) The minimum is 25000 and there is no maximum limit.  
e) The minimum is 10 lakh and maximum is 100 lakh
57. A bank branch receives a counterfeit note of Rs. 100 from the customer, which he wants it back. Which of the following actions should be taken by the Bank?  
a) Will return to customer  
b) Will impound and not return  
c) Will ask for exchange of note  
d) Will replace with genuine note  
e) Will check all the notes in possession with the customer which are not being deposited also
58. Which of the following is not a mode of inflow of foreign funds into India?  
a) FDI                      b) NRI                      c) FII  
d) No frills accounts  
e) None of these
59. Cheque truncation can be done by?  
a) Using MICR data  
b) Sending cheque by speed post  
c) Using image processing  
d) Both (a) and (b)  
e) None of the above

60. Which one of the following Banks was not nationalised in 1969?

- a) Punjab National Bank
- b) Bank of India
- c) State Bank of India
- d) Bank of Baroda
- e) Bank of Maharashtra

61. Bad debts in the case of a company means which of the following?

- a) Amounts owed to a company that are going to be paid within a month
- b) Amounts owed to a company that are not going to be paid
- c) Amounts owed to a company that going to be paid within 1 year
- d) Amounts owed to a company that are not going to be paid within 3 years
- e) Amounts owed to a company that are not going to be paid within 6 months

62. Which of the following is NOT a bank or finance company?

- a) ABN Amro
- b) HSBC
- c) Lufthansa
- d) BNP Paribas
- e) Barclays

63. What is the maximum limit for investment in a PPF account in a financial year?

- a) Rs. 1 lakh
- b) Rs. 1,50,000
- c) Rs. 50,000
- d) Rs. 60,000
- e) There is no limit

64. A cheque remains valid for payment for \_\_\_\_\_ from the date of issue.

- a) 3 months
- b) 6 months
- c) 9 months
- d) 12 months
- e) 18 months

65. Which one of the following instruments cannot be transferred from one person to another by endorsement?

- a) Fixed Deposit Receipt
- b) Cheque
- c) Bill of Exchange
- d) Promissory Note
- e) None of these

66. 'Crossing' applies to which of the following instruments?

- a) Cheques
- b) Bills
- c) Promissory Notes
- d) Hundies
- e) Fixed Deposit receipts

67. Mortgage charge is applicable to which one of the following assets?

- a) Stocks
- b) Book Debts
- c) National Savings Certificates
- d) Shares
- e) Land and Building

68. What are teaser loans?

- a) Fixed rate of interest charged by Banks
- b) Floating rate of interest charged by banks
- c) Rate of interest in the initial period is very low and increases steeply in later years
- d) Rate of interest in the later years goes down substantially
- e) None of these

69. Which of the following is NOT a function of RBI?

- a) Issuance of currency notes
- b) To facilities external trade and payment and developing a foreign exchange market in India
- c) Maintaining price stability and ensuring adequate flow of credit to productive sectors
- d) Taking loans/credit from world Bank/IMF and ADB etc. and reallocating it for various activities decided by the Govt. of India
- e) Formulation and monitoring the monetary and credit policy

70. Basel-III norms are associated with which of the following aspects of the banking industry?

- a) Risk Management
- b) Manpower planning
- c) Retirement benefits for the employees.
- d) Corporate Governance
- e) None of above

71. Which of the following is NOT a banking/finance related term?

- a) Credit trap
- b) EMI
- c) Held to Maturity
- d) Exposure limit
- e) Diffusion

72. Expand the term FLCC

- a) Financial Literacy and Credit Counselling
- b) Financial Literacy Communication Centre

- c) Fiscal Literacy Call Centre  
d) Fiscal Literacy and Credit Counselling  
e) Fiscal Literacy and Cost Counselling
73. The approach of 'Micro-Credit' or 'Banking with the poor' is comparatively a new concept in the field of rural credit. This approach has been tried very successfully in which of the following countries?  
a) Bangladesh b) India c) China  
d) Japan e) Singapore
74. The concept of 'Micro Credit' essentially concentrates on  
a) consumption smoothening as and when needed  
b) providing safe place to hold savings  
c) accepting deposits  
d) provision of credit to the poor  
e) facility to transfer money
75. What is the full form of ULIP?  
a) Universal Life & Investment Plan  
b) Unit Loan & Insurance Plan  
c) Universal Loan & Investment Plan  
d) Uniformly loaded Investment Plan  
e) Unit Linked Insurance Plan
76. Which of the following is not a part of the scheduled banking structure in India?  
a) Private Moneylenders  
b) Public Sectors Banks  
c) Private Sector Banks  
d) Regional Rural Banks  
e) State Co-operative Banks
77. Banks with higher proportion of demand deposits will have  
a) Low cost money at its disposal  
b) Low interest money at its disposal  
c) Higher number of current and saving accounts  
d) High amount of liquid money  
e) All the above
78. What does PPP represent in relation to exchange rates?  
a) Public Per Capita Power  
b) Per Capita Potential Purchases  
c) Purchasing Power Parity  
d) Present Purchasing Power
- e) None of these
79. With reference to the Non-banking Financial Companies in India, consider the following statements:  
I. They cannot engage themselves in the acquisition of securities issued by the Government  
II. They cannot accept demand deposits like savings Bank account  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
a) I only b) II only  
c) Both I and II d) Either I nor II  
e) None of the above
80. In the Balance of Payment (BOP), the transfer of payment is included in which of the following?  
a) Current Account b) Capital Account  
c) Savings Accounts under Government Schemes  
d) Official Reserve Accounts  
e) All the above
81. Name the department that was set up by Union Finance Ministry to streamline government borrowings and better cash management with the overall objective of deepening bond markets.  
a) Debt Management Cell  
b) Department of Debt Management  
c) Cell for management of debt  
d) All the above  
e) None of the above
82. Fiscal policy in India is formulated by  
a) The Reserve Bank of India  
b) The Planning Commission  
c) The Finance Ministry  
d) The Securities and Exchange Board of India  
e) None of these
83. The Business Correspondence Model being adopted by the banks provides Banking facilities to which of the following?  
a) Only Corporate Borrowers  
b) Only Weaker sections of the society and people from small villages  
c) Only those who are taking housing loans  
d) All a, b and c  
e) None of these

84. What is the full form of SHG?

- a) Small Help Groups b) Self Help Group  
 c) Small Hope Grants d) Self Hope Groups  
 e) Small Hope Groups

85. Which of the following agencies/organisations in India maintains the Micro Finance Development and Equity Fund?

- a) Confederation of Industries in India (CII)  
 b) Indian Banks Association (IBA)  
 c) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)  
 d) Reserve bank of India (RBI)  
 e) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

86. Credit cards are known as

- a) Hard money b) Easy money  
 c) Soft money d) Plastic money  
 e) Real money

87. The lock-in period in case of a term deposit means -

- a) Locker service is not available  
 b) Premature withdrawal is not possible  
 c) Another account cannot be opened  
 d) No further investment is possible  
 e) None of these

88. When more than one bank are allowing credit facilities to one party in coordination with each other under a formal arrangement, the arrangement is generally known as :

- a) Participation b) Consortium  
 c) Syndication d) Multiple Banking  
 e) None of these

89. Open market operations, one of the measures taken by RBI in order to control credit expansion in the economy means :

- a) Sale of Govt. securities  
 b) Issuance of different denominations of currency notes  
 c) Auction of gold  
 d) To make available direct finance to borrowers  
 e) None of these

90. The bank rate means:

- a) Rate of interest charged by commercial banks to borrowers  
 b) Rate of interest at which commercial banks discount bills  
 c) Rate of interest allowed by commercial banks on their deposits  
 d) the rate of interest, which is charged by the Central bank on the loans, it advanced to commercial banks and other financial institutions.  
 e) None of these

91. What is an Indian Depository Receipt?

- a) A deposit account with a public sector bank  
 b) A depository account with any of Depositories in India  
 c) An instrument in the form of depository receipt created by an Indian depository against underlying equity shares of the issuing company  
 d) An instrument in the form of deposit receipt issued by Indian Banks  
 e) None of these

92. An instrument that derives its value from a specified underlying asset (currency, gold, stocks etc) is known as:

- a) Derivative  
 b) Securitisation Receipts  
 c) Hedge Fund  
 d) Factoring  
 e) None of these

93. Fiscal deficit is :

- a) Total income less Govt. borrowing  
 b) Total payments less total receipts  
 c) Total payments less capital receipts  
 d) Total expenditure less total receipts, excluding borrowing  
 e) None of these

94. In the Capital Market, the term arbitrage refers to:

- a) Purchase of securities to cover the sale  
 b) Sale of securities to reduce the loss on purchase  
 c) Simultaneous purchase and sale of securities to make profits from price variation in different markets

d) Settlement of disputes

e) Any of the above

95. Reverse repo means:

a) Injecting liquidity by the Central Bank of country through purchase of Govt. securities

b) Absorption of liquidity from the market by sale of Govt. securities.

c) Balancing liquidity with a view to enhance economic growth rate

d) Improving the position of availability of the securities in the market.

e) Any of the above

96. The stance of RBI monetary policy is :

a) Maintaining price stability, while keeping in mind the objective of growth.

b) Improving credit quality of the banks

c) Strengthening credit delivery mechanism

d) Supporting investment demand in the economy

e) Any of the above

97. Currency Swap is an instrument to manage :

a) Currency risk

b) Interest rate risk

c) Currency and interest rate risk

d) Cash flows in different currencies

e) All the above

98. "Sub-prime" refers to:

a) Lending done by banks at rates below PLR

b) Funds raised by the banks at sub-Libor rates

c) Group of banks which are not rated as prime banks as per Bankers Almanac

d) Lending done by financing institutions including banks to customers not meeting with normally required credit appraisal standards

e) All of the above

99. Euro Bond is an instrument :

a) Issued in the European market

b) Issued in Euro currency

c) Issued in a country other than the country of the currency of the Bond

d) All of the above

e) None of these

100. Money Laundering normally involves \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Placement of funds

c) Integration of funds

e) None of the above

b) Layering of funds

d) All of a, b and c

101. As we all know DIPP is the nodal agency in the field of foreign investments in India. What is the full form of DIPP?

a) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion

b) Department of Industrial Procedures and Promotion

c) Directorate of Industrial Procedures and Promotions

d) Directorate of Industrial Policy and Publicity

e) Directorate of Industrial Procedures and Publicity

102. Which of the following terms is NOT used in Economics?

a) Balance of Payment

b) Call Money

c) National Debt

d) Elasticity of Demand

e) Boyle's Law

103. What is the full form of 'NBFC' as used in the Financial Sector?

a) New Banking Finance Company

b) National Banking and Finance Corporation

c) New Business Finance and Credit

d) Non Business Fund Company

e) None of the above

104. A major Public Sector Bank raised interest rates on loans by 25 basis points – was news in some major financial newspapers recently. This means bank has raised interest by 25 basis points of

a) Savings Bank Interest Rate

b) Base Lending Rate

c) Repo Rate

d) Present Rates on Deposits

e) Discounted rates of interest

105. Government may reduce its budgetary deficit by various measures. Which of the following is NOT one such measure?

a) Market borrowing

b) Deficit financing

c) Foreign grants

d) Increasing taxes

e) Reducing taxes and increasing subsidies

106. What does the letter 'L' denote in term 'LAF' as referred every now and then in relation to monetary policy of the RBI?

- a) Liquidity                      b) Liability  
c) Leveraged                      d) Longitudinal  
e) Linear

107. Banks and other financial institutions in India are required to maintain a certain amount of liquid assets like cash, precious metals and other short term securities as a reserve all the time. In Banking World this is known as-

- a) CRR                                  b) Fixed Asset c) SLR  
d) PLR                                  e) None of these

108. Some banks have started issuing Biometric ATM Cards to its customers. To which type of account holders Biometric cards are generally issued?

- i) Illiterates  
ii) Sick and old persons  
iii) Inoperative account holders  
a) Only (i)                              b) Only (ii)  
c) Only (iii)                              d) Both (i) and (ii)  
e) All (i), (ii) and (iii)

109. 'L' stands for the following banking term 'ALM'

- a) Liability                              b) Long term  
c) Lending                              d) Liquidity  
e) None of these

110. If PAN details are not provided, the TDS is deducted at which of the following rates?

- a) 10%                                  b) 20%  
c) 10% for senior citizens and 20% for others  
d) 10% plus 10% surcharge  
e) None of these

111. Lending to Micro Finance Institutions by Bank considered as finance to

- a) Non Priority Sector b) Priority Sector  
c) Commercial Sector d) Agriculture Sector  
e) None of these

112. Which of the following was the reasons owing which base rate was introduced?

- i) BPLR, system fell short of RBIs objective bringing transparency in lending rates.

ii) Under BPLR system it was difficult for RBI to access transmission of policy rates.

iii) BPLR system was not beneficial to the customers

- a) Only (i)                              b) Only (ii)  
c) Only (i) and (ii)                      d) Only (ii) and (iii)  
e) All (i), (ii) and (iii)

113. Which of the following is/are various components/channels of the monetary policy of the RBI?

- I) Altering Money Supply  
II) Credit Availability  
III) Influencing exchange rates

- a) Only (I) and (II)                      b) Only (II) and (III)  
c) Only (I) and (III)                      d) Only (I)  
e) All (i), (ii) and (iii)

114. Which of the following is/are called Key Policy rates by the Reserve Bank of India?

- i) Bank rate  
ii) Repo rate, Reverse repo rate  
iii) CRR, SLR

- a) Only (i)                              b) Only (ii)  
c) All (i), (ii) and (iii) d) Only (iii)  
e) Only (i) and (iii)

115. The loan amount in case of a reverse mortgage is decided taking into account which of the following?

- i) Value of House Property  
ii) Age of the borrower  
iii) Prevalent interest rates

- a) Only (i)                              b) Only (ii)  
c) Only (iii)                              d) All (i), (ii) and (iii)  
e) None of these

116. Which of the following is/are the security features of the bank Notes used in India?

- i) Security thread  
ii) Micro lettering  
iii) Intaglio Printing

- a) Only (i)                              b) Only (ii)  
c) All (i), (ii) and (iii) d) Only (i) and (iii)  
e) Only (ii) and (iii)

117. Which one of the following will setup core banking infrastructure for rural banks?

- a) RBI                      b) NABARD      c) SIDBI  
d) IBA                      e) None of these

118. The letter 'F' denotes which of the following in the term IFRS.

- a) Formative              b) Formal          c) Functional  
d) Fiscal                      e) Financial

119. Which among the following is not an institution of Indian Money Market?

- a) Reserve Bank of India  
b) Bill Brokers  
c) Merchant Bankers  
d) Non-Banking Intermediaries  
e) SEBI

120. Which one of the following is not a function of the central bank in an economy?

- a) Dealing with foreign exchange  
b) Controlling monetary policy  
c) Controlling government spending  
d) Acting as a banker's bank  
e) Issuer of currency

121. India's foreign policy is based on several principles, one of which is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Panchsheel  
b) Satyamev Jayate  
c) Live and Let Live  
d) Vasudhaiv Kutumbkam  
e) None of these

122. Unique Identification Authority of India will set up data base for \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Identity and biometrics details of Indian residents  
b) Identity and biometrics details of Indian citizens  
c) Identity and biometrics details of person's residents in India or visiting India  
d) All the above  
e) None of these

123. RBI generally reviews the Monetary policy for every

- a) three months          b) six months  
c) nine months          d) ten months  
e) None of these

124. The rate at which the RBI lends short-term money to the banks

- a) PLR                      b) CRR              c) Repo Rate  
d) Reverse Repo Rate e) None of these

125. Which of the following acts govern the RBI functions?

- a) RBI Act, 1934  
b) Banking Regulation Act, 1949  
c) Companies Act, 1956  
d) Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973  
e) Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999

126. RBI is not expected to perform the function of

- a) the banker to the government  
b) Accepting deposit from the commercial banks  
c) Accepting deposit from general public  
d) Issuer of currency  
e) None of the above

127. Which of the following rates is not decided by RBI?

- a) Bank Rate              b) Repo Rate  
c) Reverse Repo Rate d) Prime Lending Rate  
e) Cash Reserve Ratio

128. The Reserve Bank of India was set up on the recommendations of the

- a) Narasimham Committee  
b) Hilton-Young Commission  
c) Mahalanobis Committee  
d) Fazal Ali Commission  
e) None of the above

129. Which of the following formulates, implements and monitors the monetary policy?

- a) Ministry of Finance b) RBI  
c) SBI                      d) ICICI Bank  
e) None of these

130. Which of the following is the central banking institution of India?

- a) State Bank of India  
b) Ministry of Finance  
c) Reserve Bank of India  
d) Finance Commission of India  
e) None of the above

131. At present the RBI holds one percent of shareholding in?

- a) State Bank of India

- b) National Housing Bank  
 c) State Bank of Hyderabad  
 d) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)  
 e) None of these
132. CRR refers to the share of that banks Rural have to maintain with RBI of their net demand and time liabilities.  
 a) Government securities      b) Forex reserves  
 c) Gold                              d) Liquid cash  
 e) None of the above
133. Which of the following is/are functions of the RBI?  
 i) Acts as the currency authority  
 ii) Controls money supply and credit  
 iii) Manages foreign exchange  
 iv) Serves as a banker in the government  
 a) Both (i) and (iii)              b) Both (ii) and (iii)  
 c) (i), (ii) and (iii)              d) All the above  
 e) None of the above
134. Objective of monetary policy of RBI is to  
 a) control inflation  
 b) discourage loading of commodities  
 c) encourage flow of credit into neglected sector  
 d) all the above  
 e) none of the above
135. When RBI is lender of last resort, what does it mean?  
 a) RBI advances necessary credit against eligible securities to commercial banks  
 b) Commercial Banks give fund to the RBI  
 c) RBI advances money to public whenever there is any emergency  
 d) all the above  
 e) none of the above
136. When RBI acts as a banker to the government, what does it do?  
 a) RBI keeps bank accounts of the government  
 b) RBI carries out government transactions  
 c) RBI advises the government on all financial and monetary matters  
 d) all the above
- e) none of the above
137. The merit of issuing notes with RBI can be seen is  
 a) uniformity  
 b) stability in currency  
 c) control of credit  
 d) all the above  
 e) none of the above
138. Which one of the following methods is currently used in India to issue note?  
 a) Fixed Fiduciary System  
 b) Maximum Fiduciary System  
 c) Proportional Reserve System  
 d) Percentage Reserve System  
 e) Minimum Reserve System
139. Which of the following statements is correct about soiled/mutilated note?  
 a) All banks are authorized to accept soiled notes across their counters and pay the exchange value  
 b) Banks are expected to offer this service even to non-customers  
 c) All public sector bank branches and currency chest branches of private sector banks are authorized to respect of mutilated notes  
 d) RBI has also authorized all Commercial Bank branches to treat certain notes in 'two pieces' as soiled notes and pay exchange value  
 e) All the above
140. Which of the following is not an objective of financial sector reform in India?  
 a) Creating an efficient, productive and profitable financial sector industry  
 b) Preparing the financial system for increasing international competition  
 c) Opening the external sector in a calibrated fashion  
 d) Reducing the fiscal deficit  
 e) Promote the maintenance of financial stability even in the face of domestic and external environment
141. The IMF and the World Bank were conceived as institutions to \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Strengthen international economic co-operation and to help create a more stable and prosperous global economy.

b) IMF promotes international monetary co-operation

c) The World Bank promotes long term economic development and poverty reduction

d) All the above

e) None of the above

142. Capital Market regulator is \_\_\_\_\_.

a) RBI                      b) IRDA                      c) NSE

d) BSE                      e) SEBI

143. Which is the first Indian company to be listed in NASDAQ?

a) Reliance                      b) TCS                      c) HCL

d) Infosys                      e) None of these

144. Which of the following is the Regulator of the credit rating agencies in India?

a) RBI                      b) SBI                      c) SIDBI

d) SEBI                      e) IRDA

145. DSCR indicates the ability of a company to \_\_\_\_\_.

a) meet the current liabilities

b) service its shareholders

c) meet its long term debt obligations

d) raise further capital

e) None of these

146. One of the major challenges banking industry is facing these days is money laundering. Which of the following acts/norms are launched by the banks to prevent money laundering in general?

a) Know Your Customer Norms

b) Banking Regulation Act

c) Negotiable Instrument Act

d) Narcotics and Psychotropic Substance Act

e) None of these

147. Which of the following is NOT the part of the structure of the Financial System in India?

a) Industrial Finance

b) Agricultural Finance

c) Government Finance

d) Development Finance

e) Personal Finance

148. What does the letter 'R' stands for in 'ICRA'?

a) Rating                      b) Reserve                      c) Revenue

d) Reverse                      e) Repo

149. As we all know Government of India collects tax revenue on various activities in the country. Which of the following is a part of the tax revenue of the Government?

(i) Tax on Income

(ii) Tax on Expenditure

(iii) Tax on Property or Capital Asset

(iv) Tax on Goods and Services

a) Both (i) and (iii) only

b) Both (ii) and (iv) only

c) All (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)

d) Only (ii), (iii) and (iv)

e) None of these

150. We very frequently read about Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in newspapers. These SEZs were established with which of the following objectives?

(i) To attract foreign investment directly

(ii) To protect domestic market from direct competition from multinationals.

(iii) To provide more capital to agricultural and allied activities

a) Only (i)                      b) Only (ii)

c) Only (iii)                      d) All (i), (ii) and (iii)

e) None of these

151. Which of the following correctly describes the concept of "Nuclear fuel bank" floated by International Atomic Energy Agency?

(i) It is bank to be shared by all the national jointly.

(ii) it is a facility to help nations in enrichment of uranium

(iii) it is an agency which will keep a close vigil on the nuclear programme of all the nations

a) Only (i)                      b) Only (ii)

c) Both (i) and (iii) only                      d) Only (iii)

e) Both (i) and (ii) only

152. Many times we read about Future Trading in newspapers. What is 'Future Trading'?

(i) It is nothing but a trade between any two stock exchanges where in it decided to purchase the stocks of each other on a fixed price throughout the year.

(ii) It is an agreement between two parties to buy or sell an underlying asset in the future at a predetermined price.

(iii) It is an agreement between stock exchanges that they will not trade the stocks of each other under any circumstances in future or for a given period of time.

- a) Only (i)                      b) Only (ii)  
c) Only (iii)                    d) All (i), (ii) and (iii)  
e) None of these

153. An IPO is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Initial price offered by a private limited company to its shareholders  
b) an offer by an unlisted company for sale of its shares for the first time to the public  
c) used to increase the share capital of an unlisted company  
d) a book building process  
e) None of these

154. A decreasing current ratio indicates \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) a stable liquidity  
b) an increasing liquidity  
c) a strained liquidity  
d) Satisfactory current solvency  
e) None of these

155. Private equity investors, invested in a company based mainly on

- a) the age of the company  
b) the location of the company  
c) the activity undertaken by the company  
d) the creditability and the valuation of the company  
e) the existing profitability of the company

156. The RBI has asked banks to spell out their policy, procedures and size of the business on which of the following aspects of banking?

- a) On-shore banking  
b) Off-shore banking

c) Investments in secondary market

d) Wealth Management

e) None of these

157. Financial ratio analysis of a company helps in understanding \_\_\_\_\_.

- I. The long term debt raising capacity  
II. The short term solvency  
III. The reasons for fluctuations in its stock prices  
IV. The net worth of the company  
V. The profitability

- a) I, II, III, IV                      b) II, III, IV  
c) III, IV, V                        d) III, I, II, IV  
e) I, II, III, IV, V

158. Through which one of the following sources domestic funds are raised by Companies?

- A) IPO Only  
B) FPO Only  
C) Commercial papers  
a) Only C                              b) All A, B, C  
c) Only A and C                      d) Only A  
e) Only A and B

159. Which one of the following was the reason owing to which Government wants Reserve Bank of India to tighten prudential norms for NBFCs?

- a) To reduce liquidity in the market  
b) It is as per Basel II requirement  
c) It is as per Bank for International Settlement (BIS) directives  
d) It is to protect NBFCs from any impact of possible economic slowdown  
e) None of these

160. Which one of the following decisions has been taken by Government in respect to MGNREGA?

- a) The wages should be revised by the State Governments  
b) The wages are to be revised by Planning Commission  
c) The District Authorities which allot work can give differential wages  
d) The wages shall be linked to inflation  
e) None of these

161. For which one of the following reasons Basel II norms are to be followed by Commercial Banks?

- a) Risk management
- b) Adoption of international accounting standards
- c) Restriction on bonus payments to bank executives
- d) Transparency in disclosures
- e) None of these

162. The RBI reviews its credit and monetary policy at regular intervals and also in between. What is the purpose of the same?

- a) To ensure that inflation does not cross the limit
  - b) To ensure that banks have enough liquidity
  - c) To ensure that cost of the fund does not reach a very high level.
- a) Only A
  - b) Only B
  - c) All A, B and C
  - d) Only B and C
  - e) None of these

163. Which one of the following will set up core banking infrastructure for rural banks?

- a) RBI
- b) NABARD
- c) SIDBI
- d) IBA
- e) SEBI

164. The cabinet committee approved the 'IGMSY' a scheme for the welfare of the people of India. Who amongst the following will get the benefit of the scheme?

- a) Mother and pregnant women
- b) Children upto 12 years of age
- c) Youth & Employers
- d) Old and Senior Citizens
- e) All the above

165. The Government of India provides direct financial support to which of the following schemes?

- a) Jeevan Bharati Scheme
- b) ULIP
- c) Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana
- d) Packing Credit Guarantee Scheme
- e) All the above

166. On which one of the following issues can SEBI penalize any company in India?

- a) Violation of Banking Regulation Act

b) Violation of foreign portfolio investment guidelines

c) For violation of Negotiable instrument Act

- a) Only A
- b) All A, B and C
- c) Only A and B
- d) Only B and C
- e) Only B

167. In the opinion of the Governor of Reserve Bank of India, which one of the following is the reason owing to which India's inflation is accelerating?

- a) Excess liquidity in market
- b) Speculation in essential goods
- c) Higher food cost
- d) Commodities futures
- e) None of these

168. In opinion of the RBI, which one of the following is/are a threat to the smooth functioning of Indian Companies?

- a) Rising input costs
  - b) High Interest rates
  - c) Inflation only
- a) Only A
  - b) Only B
  - c) Both A and B
  - d) Only C
  - e) All A, B and C

169. What are teaser loan rates charged by banks?

- a) Fixed rate of interest charged by banks
- b) Floating rate of interest charged by banks
- c) Rate of interest in the initial period is less and goes up subsequently
- d) Rate of interest in the initial period is more and it goes down subsequently
- e) None of these

170. On which one of the following subjects Pranab Sen Committee has submitted its recommendations to the Government of India?

- a) MGNREGA
- b) Food Security
- c) Inflation
- d) Food processing industries
- e) Slum

171. What is the full form of the term LIBOR as used in financial/banking sectors?

- a) Local Indian Bank Offered Rate

- b) London-India Bureau of Regulations  
c) Liberal International Bank Official Ratio  
d) London Inter Bank Offered Rate  
e) London Intra Bank Offered Rate
172. Expand the term FSDC which is used in financial sectors?  
a) Financial Security and Development Council  
b) Financial Stability and Development Council  
c) Fiscal Security and Development Council  
d) Financial Security and Develop Council  
e) Financial Stability and Development Committee
173. Which of the following statement is true?  
a) Banks cannot accept demand and time deposits from public  
b) Banks can accept only demand deposits from public  
c) Banks can accept only time deposits from public  
d) Banks can accept both demand and time deposits from public  
e) Banks can accept demand and time deposits only from government
174. To ensure hassle-free benefits to farmers under Interest Subvention Scheme, the banks are advised to -----mandatory for availing short-term crop loans in 2017-18  
a) have kisan credit card  
b) have pan card  
c) have minimum deposit  
d) Aadhar linkage  
e) give bancassurance
175. Which of the following is the correct statement?  
a) State Bank of India is the sole authority to issue and manage currency in India  
b) A nationalized bank is the sole authority to issue and manage currency in India  
c) A co-operative bank is the sole authority to issue and manage currency in India  
d) RBI is the sole authority to issue and manage currency in India  
e) None of these
176. Accounts are allowed to be operated by cheques in respect of  
a) Both Savings bank accounts and fixed deposit accounts  
b) Savings bank accounts and current accounts  
c) Both Savings bank accounts and loan accounts  
d) Both Savings bank accounts and cash accounts only  
e) Both Current accounts and fixed deposit accounts
177. Which of the following is correct statement?  
a) Normally no interest is paid on current deposit accounts  
b) Interest is paid on current accounts at the same rate as term deposit accounts  
c) The rate of interest on current account and savings account are the same  
d) No interest is paid on any deposit by the bank  
e) Savings deposits are the same as current deposits
178. Which of the following carries out 'Open Market Operations'?  
a) Finance Ministry  
b) External Affairs Ministry  
c) Reserve Bank of India  
d) Planning Commission  
e) Ministry of Commerce
179. The usual deposit accounts of banks are \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Current accounts, electricity accounts and insurance premium accounts  
b) Current accounts, Post office savings bank accounts and term deposit accounts  
c) Loan accounts, savings bank accounts and term deposit accounts  
d) Current accounts, savings bank accounts and term deposit accounts  
e) Current bill accounts and term deposit accounts
180. Commercial papers are issued by -  
a) A company to a bank  
b) Banks to companies  
c) Banks to banks  
d) Company to its suppliers

e) All of the above

181. State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) came into existence under ----- as per RBI guidelines.

- a) Lead bank scheme
- b) Bankers pension scheme
- c) Term & Working Capital Scheme
- d) Export Finance Schemes
- e) Loan Against Warehouse Receipts

182. Which one of the following tools is used by RBI for selective credit control?

- a) It advises banks to lend against certain commodities
- b) It advises banks to recall the loans for advances against certain commodities
- c) It advises banks to charge higher rate of interest for advance against certain commodities
- d) It discourages certain kinds of lending by assigning higher risk weights to loans it deems undesirable
- e) None of these

183. For which one of the following Loan Products 'teaser loans' are offered by Banks?

- a) Education Loans
- b) Commercial Loans
- c) Loans against security of gold
- d) Retail Trade Loans
- e) Home Loans

184. Which one of the following has decided to give guarantee for infra loans?

- a) IDBI
- b) SBI
- c) IIFCL
- d) SIDBI
- e) SEBI

185. Which of the following schemes is launched by the Government of India to provide an identity to its all resident citizens and also identifying people who are poorest, often the last to stand up to ask for their share in government schemes or lack identity?

- a) Public Provident Fund Scheme
- b) Indira Gandhi Old Age Pension Scheme
- c) Social Security Scheme for Gramin Dak Sevaks
- d) M.G. National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
- e) Aadhaar Card Scheme

186. Upper limit prescribed for RTGS transaction is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Rs.1 lakh
- b) Rs.2 lakh
- c) Rs.5 lakh
- d) Rs.50 lakh
- e) No upper limit is prescribed

187. What is the full form of 'FINO' a term we see frequently in financial newspapers?

- a) Financial Investment Network and Operations
- b) Farmers' Investment in National Organisation
- c) Farmers Inclusion News and Operations
- d) Financial Inclusion Net asset and Operations
- e) Financial Inclusion Network & Operations

188. When the rate of inflation increases \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Purchasing power of money increases
- b) Purchasing power of money decreases
- c) Value of money increases
- d) Purchasing power of money remains unaffected
- e) Amount of money in circulation decreases

189. Which one of the following may be the consequences of buying forex in the market by the RBI?

- a) It leads to inflation
- b) It leads to control over inflation
- c) It does not affect inflation
- d) It results into deflation
- e) None of these

190. Under provisions of which one of the following Acts, the Reserve Bank of India has the power to inspect and supervise and commercial banking sector?

- a) RBI Act
- b) Banking Regulation Act
- c) Negotiable Instrument Act
- d) SBI Act
- e) Company Act

191. A centralized database with online connectivity to branches, internet as well as ATM – network which has been adopted by almost all major banks of our country is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Investment banking
- b) Core banking
- c) Mobile banking

d) National banking

e) Specialized banking

192. Which of the following is not considered a money market instrument?

a) Treasury bills

b) Repurchase Agreement

c) Commercial Paper

d) Certificate of Deposit

e) Shares and bonds

193. Exporters and importers in India are required to know 'FEMA' rules. What does the letter 'M' denote in the term 'FEMA'?

a) Money

b) Market

c) Multi

d) Management

e) Micro

194. In India, which of the following have the highest share in the disbursement of credit to agriculture and allied activities?

a) Commercial Banks

b) Co-operative Banks

c) Private Sector Banks

d) Microfinance Institutions

e) Regional Rural Banks

195. The NAV of a mutual fund \_\_\_\_\_.

a) is always constant

b) Keeps going up at a steady rate

c) Fluctuates with market price movements

d) Cannot go down at all

e) None of these

196. Bad debts mean which of the following?

a) Amounts owed to a company that are going to be paid within a month

b) Amounts owed to a company that are not going to be paid

c) Amounts owed to a company that are going to be paid within 1 year

d) Amounts owed to a company that are not going to be paid within 3 years

e) Amounts owed to a company that are going to be paid within 6 months

197. What is the maximum permissible limit for investment in PPF account in a financial year?

a) Rs.1.5 lakh

b) Rs.2.5 Lakh

c) Rs.3.5 Lakh

d) Rs.1 Lakh

e) There is no limit

198. ASBA, a facility while applying/submitted an application for purchase of shares under a public issue. Full form of ASBA is \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Applications Simple Balance Amount

b) Amount Saved and Balance in Account

c) Already Savings by Blocked Amount

d) Applications Supported by Blocked Account

e) Already Supported by Blocked Amount

199. A Saving Bank Deposit Account is one where \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Amounts are deposited and are withdrawn as per requirement of the customers

b) The deposits are made only once in a year

c) Periodical Fixed amount are deposited month wise and withdrawals are allowed after a fixed period

d) All the above

e) None of the above

200. Credit Rating \_\_\_\_\_.

a) is used to rate the borrowers while giving advances

b) is used to work out performance of the employees

c) is used to calculate the number of excellent audit rated branches

d) is NOT used in any bank

e) is necessary before giving promotion to employees

201. Many a times we read in the news paper about CASA deposits of banks. CASA deposits are

a) Demand deposits

b) Term deposits

c) Hybrid deposits

d) Recurring deposits

e) Special schemes of banks

202. The market in which long term securities such as stocks are bought and sold is commonly known as \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Bullion Market

b) Commodities Exchange

c) Forex Market

d) Capital Market

e) Money Market

203. Which of the following is the full as used in corporate/finance sector?

- a) Indian Financial Reconciliation Standards
- b) Interpretation and Formal Reporting System
- c) International Financial Reporting Standards
- d) International Financial Reporting System
- e) None of these

204. Which of the following is not considered one among the loans under Retail Banking?

- a) Car loan
- b) Housing loan
- c) Personal loan
- d) Educational loan
- e) Infrastructure loan

205. The maximum amount of the Revenue earned by the government of India comes from

- a) Income Tax                      b) Customs Duty
- c) Excise Duty                      d) Value Added Tax
- e) Corporate Tax

206. RBI's policy stance to manage interest and liquidity are used for

- a) Moderate inflation and maintain economic growth
- b) Moderating competition among private and public sector banks
- c) Eradicate un-employment in public sector
- d) Moderate currency supply in public hands
- e) Moderate deposits in public sector banks

207. The difference between visible exports and visible imports is defined as \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Balance of trade
- b) Balance of payment
- c) Balanced terms of trade
- d) Gains from trade
- e) All the above

208. 'Bulls and Bears' are term used in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Bullion markets
- b) Vegetable markets
- c) Stock Exchange
- d) Commodity Markets
- e) None of these

209. Real Time Gross Settlement or RTGS enables

- a) Immediate transfer of money from customer of one bank to customer of another bank
- b) Immediate transfer of money from customer of one branch to customer of another branch within the same bank
- c) Immediate transfer of money from customer of one country to customer of another country
- d) Immediate transfer of money from customer of one bank to customer of RBI
- e) None of these

210. Traveller's cheque is

- a) a supplementary credit card
- b) a cheque issued by a bank or finance institution which functions as capital
- c) a certificate issued by a bank or finance institution in lieu of cash
- d) a cheque issued by a bank or finance institution which functions as a bond
- e) a prepaid instrument issued by a bank or finance institution which can be substitute of cash

211. NHB stands for \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) National Housing Bureau
- b) National Housing Bank
- c) National Housing Board
- d) National Human resource Bank
- e) None of these

212. If a crossed cheque is presented for payment \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Cash can be paid across the counter to the presenter
- b) Cash can be paid across the counter to the account holder only
- c) It can be paid only through a banker
- d) It cannot be paid at all
- e) It can be paid across the counter in another bank

213. Loan against the securities of immovable property is by executing an agreement of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Assignment                      b) Pledge
- c) Transfer                              d) Mortgage
- e) None of these

214. Which of the following organisation/agencies is specifically set up to boost overall rural development in India?

- a) RBI                                      b) SIDBI                                      c) NABARD  
 d) SEBI                                      e) EXIM

215. Banks in India are regulated under \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Companies Act, 1956  
 b) Banking Regulation Act, 1949  
 c) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934  
 d) Special powers conferred on the RBI  
 e) Companies Act, 1965

216. Compilation of data on industrial production in India is done by which of the following agencies/organizations?

- a) National Testing Lab  
 b) Reserve Bank of India  
 c) Census commission of India  
 d) Planning commission of India  
 e) Central statistics Office

217. A Savings Bank Account opened with a commercial bank with zero balance or very minimal balance is known as

- a) Savings Bank-Ordinary Account  
 b) Student Savings Bank Account  
 c) No frill Account  
 d) Current Account  
 e) Call Deposit

218. What does the letter 'R' denotes in the abbreviation 'BR Act' which controls banking activities in the country?

- a) Reformation                              b) Regulation  
 c) Reporting                                      d) Resolution  
 e) Ranking

219. 'Base Rate' in banks is

- a) Rate of interest payable on demand deposits  
 b) Rate of interest payable on fixed deposits  
 c) Rate of interest charged by RBI on long term borrowings of Public Sector Banks  
 d) Minimum lending rate decided by RBI which shall be adopted by all Public Sector Banks

e) The minimum interest rate fixed by individual banks, below which they cannot lend funds, except cases like Government sponsored scheme

220. Banking sector will fall under which of the following?

- a) Agricultural Sector                              b) Service Sector  
 c) Manufacturing Sector                              d) Industrial Sector  
 e) Small Scale Sector

221. A Saving Bank Deposit Account is one where \_\_\_\_\_

- a) The deposits are made only once in a year  
 b) Amounts are deposited and are withdrawn as per requirement of the customers  
 c) Periodical Fixed amount are deposited month wise and withdrawal are allowed after a fixed period  
 d) The deposits are made once in every month  
 e) None of these

222. ASBA scheme is related to purchase of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Initial Public Offering  
 b) Commercial Paper  
 c) Certificate Of Deposit  
 d) Tax Collected at source  
 e) Treasury Bills

223. Bad advances of a bank are called

- a) standard accounts  
 b) book debt  
 c) non-performing assets  
 d) out of order account  
 e) overdrawn accounts

224. Many a time we read a term 'PPP' in financial dailies/magazines. What is the full form of the same as used in financial world?

- a) Public Per Capita Power  
 b) Per Capita Potential Purchases  
 c) Purchasing Power Parity  
 d) Present Purchasing Power  
 e) Per Purchasing Power

225. Mobile banking requires –

- a) Account with a bank with mobile phone linked to interbank mobile payment service  
 b) Account with mobile post office

c) Account with bank along with mobile phone linked to international mobile payment service  
d) Account with bank and mobile phone linked to interstate mobile payment service  
e) Account with bank along with mobile phone linked to inter district mobile payment service  
226. Which one of the following is a driving force influencing the industrial growth of an economy?

- a) Economic factors only
- b) Investment only
- c) Innovation/Market Base only
- d) Either a or b
- e) All a, b and c

227. When a bank dishonours a cheque \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) It is called settlement of the cheque
- b) It is called withdrawing of the cheque
- c) It is called nullifying of the cheque
- d) It is called truncating of the cheque
- e) It is called return of the cheque unpaid

228. The most powerful tool used by the Reserve Bank of India to control inflation is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Raise Interest rates
- b) Reduce Interest rates
- c) Raise Currency Supply
- d) Reduce currency Supply
- e) Raise interest rates and reduce currency supply

229. 'Sub Prime Lending' which was the root cause for global meltdown in banks during 2008 means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Bank finance for non-productive activities
- b) Bank finance not properly disclosed in its Balance sheet
- c) Bank finance in violation to the directives of the central bank
- d) Bank finance to fictitious entities
- e) Bank finance who do not qualify for the best market interest rates

230. Crossing of cheques makes them \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Invalid document
- b) Ineligible to endorse to a person other than the payee

c) Remain the same in all respect, it is only a practice

d) Eligible for payment irrespective of sufficient balance in the account  
e) Ineligible to get cash across the bank counter  
231. NEFT and RTGS in banking terminology speaks of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Various deposit products
- b) Various loan products
- c) Electronic payment products within a bank
- d) Electronic fund transfer from bank to bank
- e) Cheque truncation process

232. The ownership of public sector banks rests

- a) Wholly with government of India
- b) Jointly with Government of India and State Bank of India
- c) Wholly with shareholders from the public
- d) Jointly with Government of India and Reserve Bank of India
- e) Jointly with Government of India shareholders from the public

233. Expand the term BCBS

- a) Bank's committee on Banking Supervision
- b) Basel Committee on Banking Supervision
- c) Bank's Commission on Banking Supervision
- d) Basel Commission on Banking supervision
- e) Banking Commission on Banking supervision

234. Non-performing assets mean –

- a) The assets have stopped giving losses to a bank
- b) The assets have stopped giving capital to a bank
- c) The assets have stopped giving income to a bank
- d) The assets have stopped giving income and expense to a bank
- e) None of these

235. EFT means

- a) Effective Funds Transfer
- b) Efficient Funds Transfer
- c) Easy Funds Transfer
- d) Electronic Funds Transfer
- e) Electric Funds Transfer

236. UNESCO is an organization working in the field of

- a) Social Welfare  
b) Protecting interest of prisoners of war  
c) Framing international laws  
d) International collaboration through education, culture and science  
e) Protecting children's right
237. If a cheque is post dated  
a) Bank on whom it is drawn will not honour the cheque before the date of the cheque  
b) Bank on whom it is drawn has to honour the cheque before the date of the cheque  
c) Bank on whom it is drawn has the option to honour the cheque before the date of the cheque or not  
d) Bank on whom it is drawn has to refer to RBI to honour the cheque before the date of the cheque  
e) Bank on whom it is drawn has to refer to the court to honour the cheque before the date of the cheque
238. Bank branches which can undertake foreign exchange business directly are known as \_\_\_\_\_ in foreign exchange.  
a) Authorized dealers b) Foreign dealers  
c) Overseas branches d) Approved dealers  
e) Exchange branches
239. The financial literacy does not include which of the following?  
a) How to invest the funds  
b) How to use the limited funds carefully  
c) How to minimize the risks  
d) How to reinvest the money earned  
e) None of these
240. At which one of the following rate, the central Bank of lends to banks against government securities  
a) Repo Rate b) Reverse Repo Rate  
c) Bank Rate d) SLR  
e) CRR
241. Cash Reserve Ratio and statutory liquidity ratio are terms most closely related to which of the following industries/markets?  
a) Capital market b) Banking industry  
c) Commodities market d) Money market  
e) Mutual fund industry
242. What is the maximum period for which domestic term deposits are normally accepted by banks in our country?  
a) 3 years b) 5 years c) 7 years  
d) 10 years e) 12 years
243. The Banking Ombudsman –  
a) Is in charge of bank loans for buses  
b) Fixes the rates of interest for loans  
c) Resolves complaints for customers  
d) Issues licences for new bank branches  
e) Is the head of all nationalized banks
244. Money laundering means –  
a) Hiding of income source mainly to avoid Income Tax  
b) Money acquired through criminal source  
c) Money Acquired from undisclosed sources and deposited in foreign banks  
d) Process of conversion of money obtained illegally to appear to have originated from legitimate sources  
e) Money acquired from drug trafficking
245. Monetary policy as an arm of the economic policy is administered by –  
a) Government of India  
b) Reserve Bank of India  
c) State Bank of India  
d) Governments of the respective states  
e) None of these
246. Which of the following represents correct meaning of 'REPO RATE'?  
a) Rate on which RBI sells Government Securities to banks  
b) Rate for borrowing rupees by banks from RBI  
c) Rate offered by banks to their prime customers  
d) Rate applicable for grant of priority sector loans  
e) None of these
247. Reserves which can act as a liquidity buffer for commercial banks during crisis times are  
a) CAR b) CRR  
c) CAR and CRR d) CRR and SLR

e) SLR

248. Savings bank accounts are opened by –

- a) Trading entities manufacturing entities and individuals for savings purpose
- b) Traders and manufactures for business purpose
- c) Individuals for savings purposes
- d) Limited companies and partnerships for savings purposes
- e) Cooperative banks for savings

249. A customer drawing a cheque on a bank has a right to –

- a) Take back the cheque from the bank after it is paid
- b) Take back the cheque from the bank after it is paid with the permission of RBI
- c) Stop payment of the cheque before it is paid
- d) Stop payment of the cheque after it is paid
- e) Stop payment of the cheque before it is issued

250. A Money deposited at a bank that cannot be withdrawn for a preset fixed period of time is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Term deposit
- b) Checking account
- c) Savings bank deposit
- d) No frills account
- e) Current deposit

251. A world financial messaging network exchanges messages between banks and financial institutions is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) CHAPS      b) SWIFT      c) NEFT
- d) SFMS      e) CHIPS

252. The term 'smart money' refers to \_\_\_\_\_ .

- a) Foreign currency
- b) Internet banking
- c) US Dollars
- d) Travellers cheques
- e) Credit cards

253. Which one of the following is not a 'Money Market Instrument'?

- a) Treasury Bills                      b) Commercial paper
- c) Certificate of deposit              d) Equity shares
- e) None of these

254. Which one of the following is a retail banking product?

- a) Home loans
- b) Working capital finance
- c) Corporate term loans
- d) Infrastructure financing
- e) Export credit

255. Technological advancement in the recent times has given a new dimension to banks, mainly to which one of the following aspects?

- a) New age financial derivatives
- b) Service delivery mechanism
- c) Any banking
- d) Any type banking
- e) Multilevel marketing

256. When there is a difference between all receipts and expenditure of the government of India, both capital and revenue, it is called \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Revenue deficit
- b) Budgetary deficit
- c) Zero budgeting
- d) Trade gap
- e) Balance of payment problem

257. Which of the following is NOT a function of the reserve bank of India?

- a) Fiscal Policy Functions
- b) Exchange control functions
- c) Issuance, exchange and destruction of currency notes
- d) Monetary authority functions
- e) Supervisory and control functions

258. What is the maximum deposit amount insured by DICGC?

- a) Rs. 2,00,000 per depositor per bank
- b) Rs. 2,00,000 per depositor across all banks
- c) Rs. 1,00,000 per depositor per bank
- d) Rs. 1,00,000 per depositor across all banks
- e) None of these

259. With reference to a cheque which of the following is the 'drawee bank'?

- a) The bank that collects the cheque
- b) The payee's bank

c) The endorsee's bank  
d) The endorser's bank  
e) The Bank upon which the cheque is drawn  
260. In which of the following fund transfer mechanisms, can funds be moved from one bank to another and where the transaction is settled instantly without being bunched with any other transaction?

- a) EFT                      b) NEFT                      c) IMPS  
d) RTGS                      e) MT

261. With reference to the annual finance statement, receipts and disbursements are shown under which of the parts, in which Government accounts are kept?

- a) Consolidated fund    b) Contingency fund  
c) Public account        d) All of the above  
e) None of the above

262. Banking Ombudsman scheme is applicable to the business of

- a) All scheduled commercial banks excluding RRBs  
b) All scheduled commercial banks including RRBs  
c) Only public sector banks  
d) All Banking companies  
e) All scheduled banks except private banks

263. Insurance regulatory and development authority had a dispute with which of the following agencies/organizations over the regulation of 'ULIPs'?

- a) CIBIL                      b) AMFI                      c) CII  
d) WTO                      e) SEBI

264. Nationalization of banks aimed at all of the following except -

- a) Provision of adequate credit for agriculture, SME and exports  
b) Removal of control by a few capitalists  
c) Provision of credit to big industries only  
d) Access of banking to masses  
e) Encouragement of a new class of entrepreneurs only

265. Which of the following is the goal of the Indira Aawas Yojana of the Government of India?

I. To provide dwelling units to people living below poverty line

II. To make metro cities slum free

III. To provide housing facilities to the central Government employees

- a) Only I                      b) Only II  
c) Both I and II              d) All I, II and III  
e) None of these

266. The workers under the National rural employment guarantee act are encouraged to take their wages through bank and post office accounts. Which of the following goals step of the Government is to obtain?

- I. To encourage more and more people to join NREGA  
II. To minimize corrupt practices  
III. Promote Banks business  
a) Only I                      b) Both II and III  
c) Only II                      d) All I, II and III  
e) Both II and I

267. Which of the following ministries has launched integrated wastelands development programme?

- a) Ministry of Rural Development  
b) Ministry of Agriculture  
c) Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers  
d) Ministry of Health and family welfare  
e) Ministry of Home Affairs

268. Base rate is the rate below which no Bank can allow their lending to anyone. Who sets up this 'Base rate' for banks?

- a) Individual banks board  
b) Ministry of commerce  
c) Ministry of finance  
d) Reserve Bank of India  
e) Interest rate commission of India

269. As per the new guidelines issued by SEBI, companies are required to list shares within how many days of the closure of the initial public offers?

- a) 30 days                      b) 25 days  
c) 20 days                      d) 12 days                      e) 15 days

270. What is a 'debit card'?

- a) It is a card issued by a rating agency

b) It is a card which can be used for withdrawing cash or making payment even in the absence of any balance in the account

c) It is a card which can be used for withdrawing cash or making payment if there is balance in the account

d) It is a card which carried prepaid balance

e) It is a card which can be used for making STD calls

271. Bad advances of a bank are called \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Bad debt

b) Education Loan

c) Non performing asset

d) Out of order accounts

e) Overdrawn accounts

272. By increasing repo rate, the economy may observe the following effects:

a) Banks will increase rate of interest on deposits

b) Industrial output would be affected to an extent

c) Rate of interest on loans and advances will be costlier

d) Industry houses may borrow money from foreign countries

e) All of these

273. If increased interest rates in the existing economy, at present it will \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Lead to higher GDP growth

b) Lead to lower GDP growth

c) Mean higher cost of raw materials

d) Mean lower cost of raw materials

e) Mean higher wage bill

274. Which of the following schemes is launched to provide pension to people in unorganized sectors in India?

a) Swabhiman

b) Jeevan Dhara

c) Jeevan Kalyan

d) National Pension Scheme

e) Swavalamban

275. Which of the following is the body/agency set up by the Government of India to increase the flow of foreign investment in the country?

a) FIPB

b) FEMA

c) NSDL

d) FCCB

e) FIIA

276. An ECS transaction gets bounced and you are unable to recover your money from your customer. Under which act criminal action can be initiated?

a) Indian penal code

b) Negotiable instruments act

c) Criminal procedure code

d) Payment and settlement act

e) Indian contract act

277. Which of the following is/are correct regarding the consolidated fund of India?

a) Its existence flows article 266 of the constitution

b) All expenditure of Government is incurred from the consolidated fund of India

c) No amount can be drawn from it without authorization from parliament

d) All of the above

e) None of these

278. Which among the following is not an objective of Krishi Sinchayee Yojana approved in July 2015?

a) To provide convergence to existing schemes of water management

b) Expand cultivable area under irrigation

c) Attract greater investment in irrigation system

d) Gave free insurance in case of draught

e) Improve no-farm water use efficiency

279. What is an important prerequisite to become a sub-member of national financial switch:

a) Core banking solution fully implemented

b) Licence for conducting banking business

c) Introduction from sponsor bank

d) Connectivity with national payment corporation of India

e) All of these

280. Union ministry of skill development and entrepreneurship in July 2015 launched the national mission for skill development. The NMSD seeks to provide the institutional capacity to train how many people by the year 2022?

a) 100 million

b) 150 million

c) 200 million

d) 250 million

e) 300 million

281. As per the news published in a major newspaper, profits of a major private bank in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year increased by 35% as the bank decided to keep a tight control on the cost. What are some of the ways by which the banks can control the cost?

- I. By lowering down the interest rates on deposits
- II. By bringing down the operating expenses
- III. By reducing the interest rates on the credit

- a) Only I                      b) Only II
- c) Only III                    d) All I, II and III
- e) None of these

282. As we all know the major source on income of the banks is lending money and earning interest on it. In normal circumstances, the demand of the credit comes mainly from which of the following sectors?

- I. Personal loans
- II. Priority sector lending and bailout package
- III. Project finance

- a) Only I                      b) Only II
- c) Only III                    d) All I, II and III
- e) None of the above

283. The set of directive principles issued by the central Bank of a country or the process adopted by it to control the supply of money, availability of money, cost of money and rate of interest, etc. in order to bring stability and growth of the economy are commonly known as –

- a) Monetary policy of the central bank of the country
- b) Budget of the government
- c) Profit and loss account
- d) Business policy of the bank
- e) None of these

284. When the common people of a nation start getting very high salary wages, the consumption of the goods like eatables and white goods, also start increasing. This situation brings which of the following types of inflation in the economy?

- I. Cost inflation
- II. Demand pull inflation

III. Low inflation

- a) Both I and III              b) Only II
- c) Only III                      d) All I, II and III
- e) Only I

285. When the reserve bank says that the rupee is over-valued, it means

- a) RBI has shortage of hard currency and it had to order for printing of new notes to the press concerned
- b) Rupee is appreciating against other currencies whereas other currencies are weakening against US dollar
- c) Money is locked in banks and people do not have enough to make their day to day purchases. It is strategy which brings the inflation down
- d) More and more people are selling their stocks. As a result stock market may crash, as there is no hard cash for such voluminous transactions
- e) None of these

286. 'MAT' Provision in Income Tax stands for –

- a) Medium Alternate Tax
- b) Maximum Alternate Tax
- c) Minimum Alternate Tax
- d) Mild Alternate Tax
- e) Money Alternate Tax

287. As we all know, every day many Indian banks are in close competition to open their branches/offices in various countries. What benefit will the Indian economy have if banks open branches in a foreign country?

- I. It will bring substantial economic benefits to India and also to the countries where branches will be opened
- II. It will help in smooth inflow of FDI, long term capital inflow and also technical know - how to India
- III. It will give better opportunities to Indians to visit foreign nations and get better facilities like education, medical treatment, etc.

- a) Only I                      b) Only II
- c) Only III                      d) Both I and II
- e) All I, II and III

288. What is the contribution of the agriculture and allied activities on the total GDP of the country?

- a) 4%                      b) 8%                      c) 12%  
d) 23%                      e) 17%

289. Which of the following organizations/ agencies plays a major and crucial role to moderate and control inflation in a country?

- I. Central bank of the country  
II. Stock markets of the country  
III. Planning commission of the country  
a) Only II                      b) Only I  
c) Both I and II              d) Both II and III  
e) All I, II and III

290. Many times we read about 'Balance of Payment' in economic literature. Which of the following statements define the term correctly?

- I. It is a record of all transactions made between one particular country and all other countries  
II. It is a record of all transactions made between the countries wherein the payment was made in a currency other than US Dollar.  
III. It is a recorded of all exports/imports from/by a country and difference in amount of both in terms of payment in US dollars.

- a) Only I                      b) Only III  
c) Only II                      d) Both I and II  
e) Both II and III

291. "Basel committee on banking supervision" is also/popularly known as -

- a) Thomas cook committee  
b) Talwaar committee  
c) Banking regulation committee  
d) Peter cook committee  
e) Bank for International settlements committee

292. Which of the following is/are the objectives of the public distribution system?

- I. To put an indirect check on the open market prices of various items  
II. Providing food grains and other essential items to the vulnerable section of the society.  
III. To provide competitive price of the products to farmers

- a) Only I                      b) Only II  
c) Both I and II              d) Both II and III  
e) All I, II and III

293. Which of the following is considered an informal method of getting credit/finance?

- a) Internet banking              b) Branch visits  
c) Going to moneylenders      d) Tele banking  
e) All of these

294. Which of the following is NOT a foreign bank working in India?

- a) HSBC                      b) Barclays  
c) Standard chartered          d) Yes Bank  
e) All are foreign banks

295. Which of the following is/are the major concepts visible in today's banking industry in India?

- I. Risk Based Management  
II. Growing competition  
III. IT initiatives  
a) Only I                      b) Only II  
c) Only III                      d) Both II and III  
e) All I, II and III

296. The concept of 'Universal Banking' was implemented in India on the recommendations of:

- a) Abid Hussai Committee  
b) R H Khan Committee  
c) S Padmanabhan Committee  
d) YH Malegam Committee  
e) None of these

297. Which of the following banks has acquired the 'Centurion Bank of Punjab'?

- a) ICICI Bank                      b) IDBI Bank  
c) HDFC Bank                      d) AXIS Bank  
e) None of these

298. Which was the first bank managed by the Indians?

- a) Imperial Bank of India  
b) State Bank of India  
c) Oudh Commercial Bank  
d) Reserve Bank of India  
e) National Bank

299. Considered the following statements:

I. Allahabad Bank was the first bank established exclusively by Indians

II. Seven bank forming subsidiary of State Bank of India were nationalized in 1960.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Only I                      b) Only II  
c) Both I and II              d) Neither I nor II  
e) Can't say

300. The largest and oldest Bank still in existence is

- a) Punjab National Bank  
b) Reserve Bank of India  
c) State Bank of India  
d) Punjab & Sind Bank  
e) Canara Bank

**Answer Key:**

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