

Current Affairs:

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World Book Fair begins in New Delhi to focus on environment:

The **26th edition of New Delhi World Book Fair** is all set to begin in **New Delhi**. It will be held at Pragati Maidan and it is organised by the **National Book Trust (NBT)**, India, in association with **India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)**.

Burning environment issues like climate change, global warming, and water pollution will be the main theme for this year's New Delhi World Book Fair. This year's book fair will host **European Union as the Guest of Honour Country**.

- **Theme:** "Environment and Climate Change"

Union Minister Maneka Gandhi inaugurates online portal "NARI":

Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi inaugurates an online portal **NARI** for the empowerment of women in New Delhi. It is developed by the Ministry and the portal will provide women **with easy access to information on government schemes and initiatives for women**.

The portal summarises over 350 government schemes and other important information. To provide a platform for NGOs and Civil Societies **to interact with the Ministry of Women & Child Development**, **e-Samvad portal** has also been developed and inaugurated.

- The constituency of **Maneka Gandhi** is **Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh**.

Insolvency and Bankruptcy code Bill passed in Rajya Sabha:

The Rajya Sabha passed the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill** which aims to reduce the crisis of **looming bad loans in the banking sector**. It bars persons from misusing the provisions of the Code.

According to the government data, top 50 defaulters of public sector banks had exposure in excess of **Rs 1.21 lakh crore as on December 2015**. Minister of State for Finance **Jayant Sinha** announced that the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code was transformational and will help the country to improve its rankings in the World Bank survey on ease of doing business.

Health Secretary launches the Allied Health Professionals Database Portal:

Ms. Preeti Sudan, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare launched the **Allied and Healthcare Professionals' database portal**. The ministry aims to ensure better systems and frameworks for the healthcare workforce of the country. The link to the **website portal is a2hp.mohfw.gov.in**. More than 3000 professionals have already registered on the portal during the testing phase. The portal will help the Government in tracking down the number of professionals and streams of allied and healthcare professions in the country.

Centre Released the Contours of 'Electoral Bonds' Scheme:

The Centre released the **contours of the 'Electoral Bonds' scheme**, which seeks to ensure the **flow of clean money to political parties**. Electoral Bond is a financial instrument **for making donations to political parties**. Electoral bond was announced in the Union Budget 2017-18.

As per the Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, the electoral bonds will be a bearer instrument in the nature of a **Promissory Note and an interest-free banking instrument**. A citizen of India or a body incorporated in India will be eligible to purchase the bond from specified branches of the State Bank of India.

The bonds can be purchased for any value in multiples of **Rs1,000; Rs10,000; Rs1 lakh; Rs10 lakh; and Rs1 crore**. The bonds will not carry the name of the payee and will be valid only for 15 days during which it can be used to make a donation only to certain political parties.

Namami Gange Projects worth Rs. 295 crore Approved by NMCG:

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has approved **five projects worth Rs. 295.01 crore**. Three projects related to sewage management in **West Bengal** at an estimated cost of **Rs 278.6 crore**, one relates to sewage management in **Uttarakhand** at an estimated cost of **Rs 4.68 crore** and one project worth **Rs 11.73 crore** is related to ghat improvement works in **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh** was sanctioned. With these approvals, all projects related to sewage management in high pollution load towns along river Ganga have been sanctioned.

Water Resources and Ganga Rejuvenation Ministry

- Minister: **Nitin Jairam Gadkari**
- Constituency: **Nagpur, Maharashtra**

India's First Digital Online Oncology Tutorial:

Smt Preeti Sudan, Secretary of Health and Family Welfare has launched the **country's first digital Online Oncology Tutorial Series**. It is designed by the **Tata Memorial Center** in collaboration with the **Health Ministry**. The tutorial series is aimed at educating doctors in early detection, prevention, palliation, rehabilitation and treatment of various forms of cancers. Oncology is a branch of medicine that deals with the **prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer**.

The Government launches Swachh Survekshan 2018:

The government has announced the launch of **largest cleanliness survey** for this year as **part of Swachh Bharat Mission**. The **Swachh Survekshan 2018** will rank 500 cities on national level which have more than 1 lakh population, while 3,541 cities with less than 1 lakh population will have State and Regional ranking. It would be the **largest survey** impacting more than 40 crore urban population. In Swachh Survekshan 2017, **Indore** emerged as the **cleanest city in the country**.

- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister of state (Independent Charge): **Hardeep Singh Puri**

Defence Ministry approves projects worth Rs.2420 crore:

Defence Ministry has cleared contracts worth **2,420 crore rupees for Navy and Army** which includes the procurement of **P-8I Training Solution and Low Intensity Conflict Electronic Warfare System (LICEWS)**. The P-8I Training Solution, along with 10-year comprehensive maintenance service, will be bought from Boeing for around one thousand 950 crore rupees.

The final approval has now been given by **Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**.

IICA join hands with IPPB to Provide Training on Payment Banking

The **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)** and **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** signed an agreement for the **training the employees of the IPPB** in the area of payment banking. Under the agreement, IICA has been entrusted with the key responsibility of capacity building of IPPB through training of its

officials/employees besides providing research support by instituting Research Chairs in the emerging area of payment banking.

The **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** has been incorporated as a public-sector company under the Department of Posts **with 100% GOI equity.**

- DG & CEO of IICA: **Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh**
- Corporate Affairs Secretary: **Injeti Srinivas**

India Post Payments Bank

- MD & CEO: **Suresh Sethi**

Indian Railways HRD and S&T Ministry inks MoU on Technology Mission:

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) on **Technology Mission** for **Indian Railways (TMIR)** was signed by the **ministries of railways, human resource development (HRD), and science and technology.** It was signed at **Rail Bhawan, New Delhi** for joint funding of Technology Mission for Indian Railways. The MoU aims to facilitate co-financing of TMIR for identified railway projects for applied research.

The funding component of the **railways ministry is 30 percent**, the **HRD ministry is 25 per cent** and the **department of science and technology (DST) 25 per cent.** The Technology Mission will take up research and development projects in the areas of heavy haul, safety, energy, environment and urban railways. It is headed by **Prof. NS Vyas** of IIT Kanpur as **Chairman** and **Alok Kumar** as **Co-chairman.**

Akshay Kumar to Promote Survekshan 2018:

Film actor Akshay Kumar has partnered with the **Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)** to promote cleanliness in Mumbai as part of the **Swachh Survekshan 2018.** The Swachh Survekshan 2018 will rank urban and rural areas of the country on the basis of cleanliness.

It will be carried out between January 4 to March 10 **by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.** The objective of this survey is to create awareness amongst all the sections of society about working towards making towns and cities a better place to live in.

Union Sports Minister Rathore Launches ‘Khelo India’ Logo:

The Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, **Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore** launched the simple yet vibrant Khelo India logo at the **Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.** The three-stroke Khelo India logo was designed by **Ogilvy India.** The twin objectives of Khelo India are mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports. Khelo India School Games will begin from **January 31, 2018.**

Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore unveils the Khelo India Anthem:

The union sports ministry’s ambitious programme, **‘Khelo India’**, an initiative to scout for talent at the grassroots and provide it substantial long-term scholarship will be launched on **January 31.**

In the run-up to the launch, Union Sports Minister **Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore unveiled the mascots** (Vijay the tiger and Jaya the black buck) and **launched the anthem** at a ceremony in Delhi. The anthem is conceptualized by **Ogilvy**, composed by **Louis Bank** and the film has been produced by Nirvana Films.

Indian Navy signs MoU with Cochin Port Trust:

Indian navy inked a pact with Cochin port trust **for utilising the Port berthing facility at Mattancherry wharf for Naval ships. It aims to increase the berthing capacity of naval ships in Kochi. The MoU was signed between the Chief Staff Officer (Operations) of Southern Naval Command Commodore** Deepak Kumar **and Gautam Gupta, Traffic manager of the Port Trust, at the Naval Base. This is the first agreement that has been signed between the Navy and CPT.**

Harsh Vardhan dedicates supercomputer 'Pratyush' to Nation:

Union Minister of Earth Sciences Dr Harsh Vardhan dedicated India’s fastest and first multi-petaflops supercomputer to the nation in **Pune.** It is set up at a cost of **Rs 450 crore.** The supercomputer named as **‘Pratyush’** meaning **the Sun** and it is established at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune. The setup is for improving weather and climate forecasts and services under the **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).**

India will be placed at the **4th position** after Japan, UK and USA for dedicated High Performance Computing resources for weather/climate community, from its 7th position at present.

- The constituency of Shri Harshvardhan: **Chandni Chowk, Delhi**

Union Government launches e-Sansad and e-Vidhan:

The Union Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MoPA) proposed rolling out of **e-Sansad** in Parliament and **e-Vidhan** in State Legislatures. It is established under **“Digital India”** to make the functioning of Parliament and State Legislatures paperless. It was announced by **Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth Kumar.**

These projects will make the functioning of Parliament and State Legislatures participative, responsive, transparent, productive and more accountable. This environment friendly initiative is

also in line with the **Go Green initiative** of the government.

- The constituency of Shri Ananth Kumar: **Bengaluru South, Karnataka**

PM Modi Inaugurates 1st PIO Parliamentary Conference in Delhi:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the **first Persons of Indian Origin (PIO)** Parliamentary Conference in the **'Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra'.** **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas or NRI day** is observed on **January 9** every year. It marks the contribution of overseas persons of Indian origin (PIO) towards their homeland.

Delhi Government Launches Common Card for Bus & Metro Rides:

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched **a common card for rides on public buses and the metro. Delhi is the first city** in the country to have a **common mobility card**, which can at present be used on 200 DTC and 50 cluster buses plying on different routes. The card, which will function like a debit card, will be operational **from April 1.**

Govt extends deadline for linking Aadhaar with savings scheme:

Government has extended the deadline for **linking of biometric identification Aadhaar to small savings schemes** like post office deposits, Kisan Vikas Patra by three months to **March 31, 2018.** In October, the government made 12-digit Aadhaar mandatory for all small savings schemes like post office deposits, PPF, the National Savings Certificate scheme and Kisan Vikas Patra. Already Government has extended date for **linking Aadhaar with PAN and bank accounts** till **March 31, 2018.**

Gujarat Tops Logistics Performance Index Chart

Gujarat has topped the **logistics index chart**, according to a Report released by **Union Minister for Commerce & Industry.** The report was released **by Minister for Commerce & Industry Suresh Prabhu** in New Delhi. It is based on indicators such as infrastructure, services, safety of cargo, timeliness, track and trace.

The **second place** is occupied by **Punjab**, followed by **Andhra Pradesh** and Jammu and Kashmir was in last spot. Among 22 states, **Gujarat is followed by Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra** on the index. Among the Union Territories, **Daman & Diu** occupied the top slot followed by Delhi and Chandigarh.

Indian Railways Launches Online Vendor Registration System

Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO), the research arm of Ministry

of Railways, has launched “**New Online Vendor Registration System**”. Indian Railways has an annual procurement bill of Rs 50,000 crore every year. This new system provides major improvements and big changes in the registration system over the earlier system.

- Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO) is **headquartered in Lucknow**.
- Minister of Railways & Coal: **Shri Piyush Goyal**

Government to raise Territorial Army battalion to clean Ganga:

The Central government has sanctioned the raising of a **Territorial Army (TA) battalion** comprising ex-servicemen of the Army. It is formed as part of **Clean Ganga mission by 2020**. It has been named as Composite Ecological Task Force (CETF) for National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).

The CETF battalion will be started in **Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh** and the government has allocated **Rs 167 crore under NMCG**.

National Anthem Not Mandatory in Cinema Halls: Supreme Court:

The Supreme Court announced playing the national anthem before screening movies in cinema halls **is not mandatory**. The bench was headed by **chief justice Dipak Misra**.

UIDAI Introduces ‘Virtual ID’ for Aadhaar Data:

The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** has introduced a concept of ‘**Virtual ID**’. It aims to strengthen privacy and security of Aadhaar number. The aadhar holder can generate from UIDAI website and give for various purposes, including SIM verification, instead of sharing the actual **12-digit biometric ID**.

The Virtual ID will be a **temporary 16 digit** random number mapped to a person’s Aadhaar number. **From June 1, 2018** it will be compulsory for all agencies that undertake authentication to accept the Virtual ID from their users

- UIDAI**
- Headquarters: **New Delhi**
 - UIDAI Chief Executive Officer (CEO): **Ajay Bhushan Pandey**

ISRO successfully launches its 100th satellite:

Indian space agency ISRO launched its **100th satellite** along with 30 others in a single mission. Thirty-one spacecrafts, including **weather observation Cartosat-2 series satellite** were launched by PSLV-C40.

Out of the 31, **28 satellites are foreign, while three are from India**. The other satellites comprise one micro and nano satellite each from

India as well as three micro and 25 nano satellites from six countries -- Canada, Finland, France, Korea, the United Kingdom and United States of America.

ISRO

- Headquarters: **Bengaluru**
- Director: **M Annadurai**

Ministry of Railway launches SFOORTI App:

Ministry of Railways have launched **Smart Freight Operation Optimisation & Real Time Information** (SFOORTI) App for Freight Managers. It is a major digital initiative to plan the traffic flows and optimize freight operations. With this application, movement of freight trains on **Geographic Information System (GIS)** view can be tracked. Both passenger and freight trains can be tracked over through this application.

4th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture & Forestry:

The ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry and the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Government of India, held our **Fourth ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AIMMAF)** in **New Delhi, India**. It would help further deepen and enhance the ASEAN-India cooperation in food, agriculture including animal husbandry and fisheries, and forestry.

The Meeting was Co-chaired by **E. Grisada Boonrach**, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand and **H. E. Shri Radha Mohan Singh**, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare, Government of India. The **5th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on agriculture and forestry** to be held in **Brunei Darussalam** in 2019.

HM Rajnath Singh inaugurates two-day International Workshop on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure:

Union Home Minister, **Shri Rajnath Singh** will inaugurate a two-day **International Workshop on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure** (IWDRI) in New Delhi. The workshop is organised by the **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)** in collaboration with **United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)**. This workshop **aims** to take this dialogue on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and global cooperation further.

India’s exports grow by 12.36 in December to USD 27.03 billion:

The Country’s exports grew by **12.36 per cent** in December, 2017 to **27.03 billion US dollars** on account of strong performance by sectors like engineering goods and petroleum products. According to data released by **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, Exports of engineering goods as well as petroleum products

showed an increase of over **25 per cent in December**.

West Bengal has highest number of MSMEs:

West Bengal has the **highest number of MSMEs** in the country with 52,69,814 units. Bengal has been accounted for 11.62 percent of micro, small and medium enterprises, the most among the top 10 states of the country. **Uttar Pradesh ranked second** after **West Bengal, followed by Maharashtra**. Gujarat stood eighth with 4.89 percent of the MSME share.

West Bengal also tops the list of the **Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion’s Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) 2017**.

In 2017, West Bengal also recorded the **biggest bank credit flow to the MSME sector** in the **last five years at USD 15 billion**.

Central Govt sanctions projects over Rs. 10,000 cr for North East:

The Centre has sanctioned projects over **10,000 crore rupees** in the **North East** for better network connectivity. **Telecommunication Minister Manoj Sinha** announced that the projects will be completed in **2018**. Two MoUs have been signed to cover the uncovered areas in the North East including **Assam and Arunachal Pradesh**.

Two nodal officers has been appointed to monitor the progress of the work, announced by **Assam IT Minister Keshab Mahanta**.

Ministry of Petroleum Launches Saksham 2018 Campaign:

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has been launched ‘**Saksham 2018**’. It is a vigorous and high intensity one-month mega campaign of **Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA)**. Saksham aims at creating focused attention on fuel conservation through people centric activities and efficient use of petroleum products leading to better health and environment. PCRA plans to **observe Cycle Day** on **21st January** throughout the country.

India Test-Fires Nuclear-Capable ICBM Agni-V:

India test fired Intercontinental **surface to surface** nuclear capable ballistic missile Agni-V. It was launched from Abdul Kalam Island off the **Odisha coast**. It can even reach the northernmost parts of China with its strike range of over 5,000-km. The Strategic Forces Command is responsible for the management and administration of the country's tactical and strategic nuclear weapons stockpile.

65th Meeting of CABE Held in New Delhi:

The second day of the **65th Meeting** of the **Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE)** was held in **New Delhi**. It was held under

the Chairmanship of Union Human Resource Development Minister **Shri Prakash Javadekar**. The Central Advisory Board of Education, the oldest and the most important advisory body of the Government of India in education was **first established in 1920**.

Central Govt and CII Inks pact for Development of Logistics Sector:

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** in the presence of **Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu**. To enhance import and export performance, the Centre has entrusted the task of integrated development of the logistics sector to the Department of Commerce. The Centre has decided to reduce the logistics cost from **current 14 percent of GDP** to less than **10 percent by 2022**.

Govt announces name of nine more smart cities:

Urban Development Minister Hardeep Singh Puri announced the name of **nine** more smart cities. **Silvassa** in Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli has topped the list of winning cities. Under the scheme, **each city will get Rs 500 crore** from the Centre for implementing various projects. The total proposed investment in **99 Smart Cities** will be **two lakh three thousand 979 crore rupees**.
The list of 9 new smart cities:

1. Silvassa
2. Erode
3. Diu
4. Biharsharif
5. Bareilly
6. Itanagar
7. Moradabad
8. Saharanpur
9. Kavaratti

Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan crosses 1 crore mark:

Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) has crossed **one crore mark** in antenatal check-ups. More than one crore antenatal check-ups have been conducted under the ambitious Pradhan. It was announced by **Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Shri J P Nadda**.

The PMSMA programme was launched in **2016** to fulfil his vision and ensure comprehensive and quality antenatal check-ups to pregnant women across India.

Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) has provided quality antenatal check-ups to pregnant women **on the 9th of every month**.

- **Shri J P Nadda** is the member of the **Rajya Sabha** from **Himachal Pradesh**.

MEITY launches Cyber Surakshit Bharat:

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), announced the **Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative**. It was launched in association with **National e-Governance Division (NeGD)** and industry partners. The initiative is to strengthen the **cyber security ecosystem in India** and it also aims to **'Digital India'**. Cyber Surakshit Bharat aims to conduct a series of training programs in the next six months across India.

- Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Tourism: **Shri K J Alphons**
- National e-Governance Division (NeGD) President & CEO: **Shri. Sanjeev Gupta**

HM Rajnath Singh launches Bharat Ke Veer anthem:

Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** has launched **Bharat Ke Veer anthem** and also a short film on **India's brave hearts**. **Bharat Ke Veer** is a **fund to support** the families of those courageous and brave Indian soldiers belonging to the eight Central Armed Police Forces, who lost their lives protecting the nation from terrorists and other anti- social elements. The fund is directly administered by the **Home Ministry** and is given as an annuity or one time grant to the **family of the martyred soldier**.

Fourth India International Science Festival to be held in Lucknow:

The fourth edition of the **India International Science Festival** will be held in **Lucknow**. It was decided at the first preparatory meeting for the 4th India International Science Festival (IISF) chaired by Union Minister for Science & Technology, Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Earth Sciences, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan**. The 1st IISF was held at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) **New Delhi**.

63rd Filmfare Awards 2018: Complete List of Winners:

The **63rd Jio Filmfare Awards 2018**, was held at the NSCI Dome in **Worli, Mumbai**. **Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari** won the **Best Director award for 'Bareilly Ki Barfi'**. **'Hindi Medium' Film** bagged the **Best Film Award** and **Irrfan Khan** got in **Best Actor (Male)** award for **'Hindi Medium' Film**. **Vidya Balan** bagged **Best Actor Award (Female)** for **'Tumhari Sulu'**.

Ramayana festival begins with an aim to enhance India-ASEAN ties:

Ramayana Festival, marking **25 years** of the **Indo-ASEAN** ties began in **New Delhi**. The five-day festival is organised by **Indian Council for Cultural Relations**. The festival seeks to underline the common cultural heritage and India's friendship with ASEAN nations.

India-ASEAN Business & Investment Conference Held in New Delhi:

India-ASEAN business and investment conference held in **New Delhi** ahead of the landmark commemorative summit. In the conference, **Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu** stresses enhanced connectivity via land to strengthen trade ties. Silver jubilee of India-ASEAN partnership is being celebrated in New Delhi on the 25th January with an unprecedented summit meet.

Tata Steel to organize 7th Asia Steel Summit:

The **7th Asia Steel International Conference** will be held in **Bhubaneswar** from February 6 to 9. Tata Steel, in association with the Indian Institute of Metals, announced it. The last **Asia Steel conference** was held in 2015 at **Yokohama, Japan**. This major conference is held every three years and provides a platform for exchange of knowledge on various aspects of the global steel industry.

India to Host 16th International Energy Forum Meet:

The **16th International Energy Forum (IEF)** Ministerial meeting will be held in **New Delhi** in April 2018. According to the Union **Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan**, the meeting will be hosted by Government of India in New Delhi and co-hosted by the Government of China and South Korea.

The Management Information System (MIS) portal for Anganwadi Services Training Programme launched by WCD Ministry:

Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Shri **Rakesh Srivastava** launched the **Management Information System (MIS) portal** for Anganwadi Services Training Programme in **New Delhi**. The Ministry of Women and Child Development in collaboration with National Informatics Centre (NIC), has developed a **Management Information System (MIS)** portal for submitting applications/estimates by NGOs for carrying out Anganwadi Services (ICDS) Training through AWTCs/MLTCs. The first phase of the portal will enable NGOs to submit proposal to the respective States/UTs.

RRS for Scheme for Adolescent Girls:

The **Secretary of Ministry of Women and Child Development Shri Rakesh Srivastava** launched the **Phase -1** i.e. the beneficiary module of the **Rapid Reporting System** for the **Scheme for Adolescent Girls**. It is a web based online monitoring for the Scheme for Adolescent Girls in New Delhi.

This Portal has been developed in collaboration with **National Informatics Centre** (NIC). The URL for the portal is <http://sag-rs.nic.in>.

Prime Minister’s Shram Award for 2016:

The GOI announced the **Prime Minister’s Shram Awards** for the year **2016**.It will be awarded to the **50 workers**. The award was given by **Ministry of Labour and Employment** every year.Shram Awards are given in four categories namely ‘**Shram Ratna Award**’, ‘**Shram Bhushan Award**’ (Rs. 1,00,000 cash prize), ‘**Shram Vir/Shram Virangana**’(Rs. 60,000 cash prize)and ‘**Shram Shree/Shram Devi Awards**’(Rs. 40,000 cash prize).This year no nomination was given for the ‘**Shram Ratna Award**’ category.

Govt announces 4 new schemes to promote young scientist:

The government has announced **four new schemes** to promote young scientists and researchers in the country. **The Science and Technology Minister Harsh Vardhan** announced the schemes.

It includes **Teacher Associate ship for Research Excellence** (TARE) Scheme, **Overseas Visiting Doctoral Fellowship, Distinguished Investigator Award, Augmenting Writing Skills for Articulating Research** (AWSAR). The schemes focus on youth to empower, recognise and motivate them.

Sushma Swaraj Inaugurates Bharat-ASEAN Maitri park in Delhi:

The **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** inaugurated the **Bharat-ASEAN Maitri Park** in the national capital, a day ahead of the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit. **ASEAN Secretary General Le Luong Minh** attended the event, held at the Tughlaq Crescent, in the heart of Lutyens' Delhi.

The ‘Bharat Asean Maitri Park’ is developed by the **New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC)**.

Association of Southeast Asian Nations - ASEAN

- Headquarters: **Jakarta, Indonesia**
- Members: **Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Myanmar (Burma), Cambodia, Laos, Brunei.**

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways inks with IL&FS:

A MoU was signed between **National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation** (NHIDCL) under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, and M/S **IL&FS Transportation Networks Ltd.** It is for the construction of the **14.150 km long, 2-lane bi-**

directional **Zojila Tunnel** in Jammu & Kashmir. The total capital cost of the project is Rs 6808.69 crore.

This would be **India’s longest road tunnel** and the longest bi-directional tunnel in Asia. The construction of this tunnel will provide all weather connectivity between Srinagar, Kargil and Leh.

Labour Ministry plans to issue UWIN Cards:

The labour ministry will begin a drive in April to register over 47 crore unorganised sector workers and provide them with **Unorganised Worker Index Number or UWIN Card**.

It aims to bring them under the social security net and it also to provide them benefits of **various social security schemes** run by retirement **fund body EPFO** and state health insurer **ESIC**. The UWIN Card would have unique number which would be seeded with **Aadhaar**.

10 ASEAN leaders attend India’s Republic Day celebration:

The Country celebrates its 69th Republic Day on **26th January in Rajpath, New Delhi**. The heads of **ten ASEAN countries** are chief guests at this Republic Day. The family members of **Corporal Jyoti Prakash Nirala (Posthumous) of the Indian Air Force (IAF)** received India’s highest peacetime gallantry award, **Ashok Chakra**.

India International Seafood Show (IISS) 2018:

The **21st edition of India International Seafood Show** begins in **Goa**. India’s best marine products will be showcased for buyers from around the world. Industry leaders and experts will focus on policies, market trends, technology and roadmaps to achieve an export target of **US\$10 billion by 2022**.

- Theme: **“Safe and Sustainable Seafood from India”**

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ANDHRA PRADESH

Andhra Pradesh launches Bhoodhar card:

Andhra Pradesh government plans to introduce ‘**Bhoodhar card**’ for a digital record of each individual’s land holdings with a particular number. The status of the land could be found out with ease and at the same time there would be safeguards **to ensure data security**. It was announced by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **N. Chandrababu Naidu**.

Andhra Pradesh-Zurich Sign Sister State Agreement:

The **Andhra Pradesh Government** and the Canton of **Zurich** signed a letter of intent, **to promote mutual prosperity and development**. The agreement was signed in the presence of Chief Minister Naidu by Finance Minister Yanamala Ramakrishnudu and

Government Counselor Minister Carmen Walker Spah for sister state relation

The agreement will **further strengthen economic and scientific relations between the two governments** in the areas such as Information and Communication Technology, Environmental Technology, Life Sciences and Urban and Regional Development.

Andhra Pradesh

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

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Arunachal Pradesh Declared Open Defecation Free State:

Arunachal Pradesh emerged as the second State in the Northeast, after Sikkim, to be declared **Open Defecation Free**. Arunachal has 21 districts and the national deadline for OPF is October 2, 2019.

The milestone was achieved after the state announced an incentive of **Rs 8,000 (per toilet)** in addition to the **Rs 12,000-grant** provided by the Centre for building toilets. In October 2017 Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Haryana were declared open defecation free states. The project was undertaken **under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) SBM**.

India’s Second FTII to be set up in Arunachal Pradesh:

Union Government sets up **second Film and Television Institute** in **Arunachal Pradesh** announced by **Union Minister of Development of North Eastern Region Jitendra Singh**.This was a part of improving the potential of the North Eastern region.

The **first Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)** was set up in **Pune**.FTII is an autonomous institute operating under the Information and Broadcasting Ministry.

Arunachal Pradesh: CM Khandu Inaugurates World War II Memorial Museum at Jairampur

In Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Pema Khandu** inaugurated the World **War II Memorial Museum** at Changlang District in **Jairampur**. The war memorial has the collection of the remnants of World War 2, personal belongings of the soldiers and other persons involved. The museum also showcases traditional items from local **Tangsa community**. The museum is built through funding from Union Ministry of Culture for **Rs 2.25 crores** and executed by state PWD.

Arunachal Pradesh

- Capital: **Itanagar**
- Chief Minister: **Pema Khandu**
- Governor: **Brigadier BD Mishra**

ASSAM:

Assam Gets Rs 1,250 Cr Central Fund for Inland Water Transport:

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced that Rs. 1,250 crore has been sanctioned for overall development of inland water transport of Assam. Infrastructural development will also be brought about at the terminals at Bogibeel, Nematighat, Kamalabari, Silghat, Jogighopa, Silchar, Dhubri and Pandu.

First Draft of NRC released in Assam:

The first part draft of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) for Assam recognises 19 million people out of a total 32.9 million applicants recognised as Indian citizens. NRC was released by Registrar General of India Sailesh. The NRC is being updated for the first time after 1951 with the aim of removing those who may have entered the state from Bangladesh after March 25, 1971. Assam is the only state in India that has an NRC.

Assam

- Capital: Dispur
- Chief Minister: Sarbananda Sonowal
- Governor: Jagdish Mukhi

BIHAR

President to inaugurate International Dharma Dhamma conference:

President Ram NathKovind to inaugurate 4th International Dharma-Dhamma Conference on the theme"State and Social Order in Dharma-Dhamma Traditions" at Rajgir in Nalanda district, Bihar. The conference has been jointly organised by India Foundation, Nalanda University, Ministry of External Affairs, Asean-India and Vietnamese Buddhist Sangha.

It is aimed to facilitate share ideas, values and foster harmony at the global level.The event is being organised as part of the commemorative events to celebrate the Silver Jubilee year of ASEAN-India Dialogue Partnership.

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar launches schemes worth over Rs.200 crore

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar visited Rohtas and Bhojpur districts of the state as part of his state-wide 'Vikas Samiksha Yatra'. The Chief Minister inaugurated and laid foundation stones of around 250 schemes, worth over 200 crore rupees, at a village in Jagdishpur block of Bhojpur. Recently, Amethi panchayat of the Sanjhauli block of Rohtas have been declared ODF open defecation free.

Bihar

- Capital: Patna
- Chief Minister: Nitish Kumar
- Governor: Satya Pal Malik

CHHATTISGARH

India’s 1st Garbage Festival Organised in Chhattisgarh:

The Raipur Municipal Corporation in Chhattisgarh organised the three-day Kachra Mahotsav 2018, India’s first Garbage Festival. The festival aimed to increase awareness, use the waste generated in the city creatively, and to showcase multiple techniques for reusing things that are labelled as garbage.

Chhattisgarh

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

GOA

Goa set to host third edition of Science Film Festival:

Goa will be hosting the third edition of the Science Film Festival of India. The festival, titled SCI-FFI Goa, is being organised by the state-based Vidnyan Parishad, Goa’s Department of Science and Technology, the Entertainment Society of Goa and the Goa College of Art. Total prize money is Rs.1 lakh. It aims to boost the culture of science films.

Goa

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

GUJARAT

Uttarayan festival: Gujarat govt bans bird care NGOs

The Animal Husbandry department of the state government has banned all voluntary animal care and non-government organisations working under the 'Karuna Abhiyan' to operate in residential areas during the Uttarayan festival. The practice of using abrasive thread for kite flying during the festival poses a threat to the birds. To curb these injuries, more than 40 organisations have been working for the treatment of birds, especially during Uttarayan.

Gujarat

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

HARYANA

Haryana Government launches 'Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana' for vegetable growers:

The Haryana government has launched 'Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana', assuring farmers of fair prices for their produce and emphasising on diversification of crops. A separate fund would be constituted by the state government for this scheme. The farmers would have to get themselves registered on Bhavantar Bharpayee website or in the office of Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board.

Haryana to implement Integrated Solar Based Micro Irrigation scheme:

The Haryana state government set to implement the integrated solar based micro irrigation scheme (ISBMI) in all districts of the State. A committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Haryana Renewable Energy Development Agency (HAREDA) chairman.

At present, it is implemented on pilot basis in 14 different canal outlets spread over 13 districts of the state at a cost of Rs 24.65 crore. Solar based micro irrigation system would not only save electricity and water considerably but also prove to be economical for the farmers.

- Agriculture Minister of Haryana: Om Prakash Dhankar

Haryana launches High Risk Pregnancy portal:

Haryana becomes the first state in the country to launch High Risk Pregnancy (HRP) Portal. This portal helps in early identification of high-risk pregnant cases up to the basic level and also ensures their timely referral to the civil hospitals for further management and delivery by specialists. It had been initiated by the Niti Ayog and the Union ministry of health and family welfare. This initiative will definitely increase the pace of decline in Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR), Infant Mortality Rate (IMR).

- Haryana Health Minister: Anil vij

Panipat to get country's first smart grid project:

India’s first smart grid project to be setup in Panipat, Haryana.The project has been established in collaboration with a Japanese company, New Energy Industrial Technology and Development Organisation (NEDO).It is planned to build at the cost of about Rs 145 crore.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar along with the Japanese Ambassador to India and Yoshi Peru Sato, executive director of NEDO inaugurated the project.In Total, 14 smart grid projects had been allotted across the country and the first project had been established in Panipat city in collaboration with NEDO.

Haryana

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

Himachal CM Launches 'Shakti' App:
Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur** launched 'Shakthi' app. The app has been launched for a quick police response cases of **crimes against women**. The mobile app linked to police control rooms for ensuring the safety of women in the state.
He also launched the 'GUDDIYA' helpline number **1515** and the 'Hoshiyar Singh' helpline number **1090**. It was designed by the **National Informatics Centre (NIC)**, Himachal Pradesh.

- Himachal Pradesh**
- Capital: **Shimla**
 - Chief Minister: **Jai Ram Thakur**
 - Governor: **Acharya Dev Vrat**

JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Centre & J&K govt agree to use education as tool to bring normalcy to state:
Centre and Jammu and Kashmir Government have resolved to use education as a tool **to bring normalcy to the state**. The Central and State Governments signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the **65th Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE)** meeting in New Delhi.

The two governments have planned a number of measures, including an exchange programme, **setting up ICT and digital platforms** in the state's schools. The **roadmap** will be **implemented in three years** with the goal of bringing a major improvement in **learning levels of students by 2020**.
Jammu and Kashmir

- Capital: **Srinagar**
- Chief Minister: **Mehbooba Mufti**
- Governor: **NarinderNath Vohra**

KARNATAKA
Karnataka Govt to obtain electric vehicles under FAME-India scheme:
Karnataka has received the approval for **purchase of electric vehicles** from the Department of Heavy Industries of the Union Government under **FAME India Scheme**. Under the scheme, a subsidy is provided to an extent of 60 percent of the purchase cost for electric buses, **Rs 1.24 lakh** for every Electric four-wheeler and **Rs 61,000** for every electric three-wheeler by the central government.

FAME-India: Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid & Electric Vehicles in India (FAME-India) India scheme. It aims to protect the environment, save fossil fuel, ensure public health and achieve sustainability goals.

Largest B2B Travel Event 'KITE' in Karnataka:
The Karnataka government announced that '**Karnataka International Travel Expo' (KITE)** will be held from February 28. It aims to

improve the State's visibility in the tourism market.
It is the "**largest B2B travel event in India**", and it will provide a platform for over 400 registered buyers and media representatives from over 25 countries. The programme will be held at the **Bangalore International Exhibition Centre**.
Minister for Tourism, IT and BT (Karnataka):**Priyank Kharge**

Seventh Edition of Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav begins in Karnataka:
The seventh edition of the **Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav**, under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat matrix, begins in **Karnataka**. The event was organised by the **Ministry of Culture**. The state paired with Karnataka is **Uttarakhand**.
The Union Minister of State for Culture (I/C) and Environment, Dr. Mahesh Sharma inaugurated the event. The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme was launched in 2017 to promote engagement among the people of different states to enhance mutual understanding and bonding.
Karnataka

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

KERALA
Canal-top solar plant to be commissioned in Kochi Airport:
In August 2015, the **Cochin International Airport** Ltd, which runs the airport of Kochi, Kerala, **commissioned its 12 MW solar power plant**, it earned the distinction of becoming the world's first airport to meet all of its electricity requirements from solar. To retain its distinction as a **fully solar-powered airport**, **CIAL** has alongside been expanding its solar power capacity. Part of the expansion is a 6-MW canal-top solar project, on the Chengaltodu canal which runs through the airport.
The project is one of the **larger canal-top projects in the country** and was built for **CIAL by Bosch Energy and Building Solutions**, part of Bosch India, for **6.25 crore a MW**.

India's 1st ever International Dam Safety Conference kicked off:
India's first ever **International Dam Safety Conference** kicked off in **Tiruvananthapuram** inaugurated by **Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan**. Two-day conference aims **to discuss several issues** plaguing dam safety. Challenges in dam safety management across the globe, an overview of the centrally-funded Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project and World Bank initiatives are some of the issues that will be discussed at the conference.
Kerala

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

MADHYA PRADESH
Madhya Pradesh introduces tourism plan worth Rs 100 Crore:
Government introduces a **scheme worth Rs. 100 crore** to ensure better facilities for the tourists visiting the state announced by **Madhya Pradesh Tourism Minister Surendra Patwa**. The plan is aimed at providing better facilities for the people visiting the state. Religious tourism is increasing in the state and first priority will be given to all the religious places in the state.
Madhya Pradesh

- Capital: **Bhopal**
- Chief Minister: **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**
- Governor: **Anandiben Patel**

MAHARASHTRA
Maharashtra sanctions Rs.14,240 crore for farmloan waiver scheme:
Maharashtra government allocated **Rs.14,240 crore** for the **farmloan waiver scheme** and for **repayment to farmers** whose produce was purchased by the State. The state's cooperation and marketing department issued a **Government Resolution** for the allocation of **Rs 14,240 crore** for the **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Shetkari Sanman Yojana** – the loan waiver scheme. The total outlay of the scheme would be **Rs. 34,020 crore**.

Maharashtra announced Rs. 500 fine for open defecation:
According to the Maharashtra Government Resolution (GR) issued by the urban development, the state govt has announced a sport fine of **Rs. 500 for open defecation**. From now on, any person or institutions found guilty of throwing garbage, dirt or waste material on roads and highways shall have to pay spot fines ranging from **Rs. 150 to Rs. 180**.
Anyone found spitting in public places will have to pay spot fines ranging from **Rs 100 to Rs 150** while urinating in public will attract spot fines ranging from **100 to 200 rupees**. On 1 October 2017, President Ram Nath Kovind had declared **entire urban Maharashtra as open defecation-free**.

Women leadership summit at IIM:
The **4th Annual Women Leadership Summit** will be held at **IIM-Bangalore**. It is organised by the student-run **Women in Management Club (WIM)** of IIM-Bangalore. The theme for 2018 is '**Redefining Power for a Newer Tomorrow**'. Diversity issues prevalent to both men and women will be discussed during the summit.

Johnson and Johnson partners with Maharashtra Govt:

Johnson and Johnson partners with Maharashtra Govt on health interventions. Maharashtra’s mine workers who face an increased risk of tuberculosis will be part of awareness programmes. J&J India will organize skill development programmes for nurses, along with activities including training to provide care to infants in **nine districts**.

Maharashtra becomes the first state to launch public cloud policy:

Maharashtra has come out with a **public cloud policy** virtually mandating its departments to shift their **data storage onto the cloud**. Under the framework, government will make it mandatory for the data to be stored within the country. The policy will be applicable **till 2022**. The objectives of the policy are to attract **Rs.5,000 crore investment** in the development of incubation and Start-ups.

Maharashtra gives nod to Rs 4,000-cr climate resilient agri project:

The Maharashtra government has approved a **Rs 4,000-crore project** aimed at promoting **climate-resilient agriculture**. The project has been named as the **Nanaji Deshmukh Krishi Sanjivani Yojana**. It will be implemented in **5,142 villages** across 15 districts. In the the total cost of the project is Rs 4,000 crore, **70 percent** of which will be borne by the **World Bank** while the **state** will contribute **30 percent** over six years. It will roll out in 2018-19 and continue till 2023-24.

Maharashtra launches scheme for family members of martyrs:

The **Maharashtra government** has launched ‘**Balasaheb Thackeray Shaheed Sanmaan**’ scheme. Under the scheme family members of martyrs would be provided jobs with the **Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC)**. The wives of martyrs would also be provided with **lifetime free bus passes**. The scheme was announced in the presence of **Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis** and **Shiv Sena Chief Uddhav Thackeray**. MSRTC also launched ‘**Sleeper Shiv-shahi**’ buses at the programme held at the ST bus depot in Mumbai Central. The MSRTC also launched a scheme for the **youth in the Naxal-affected areas**, under which driving training schools would be started for them.

- Maharashtra**
- Capital: **Mumbai**
 - Chief Minister: **Devendra Fadnavis**
 - Governor: **Vidyasagar Rao**

MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya will host 39th National Games: Meghalaya signed the Host City Contract with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for hosting the 39th National Games in 2022.

A cheque of **Rs 4.5 crore** was handed over to the IOA as bid money for the Games. The state government had earlier paid **Rs 50 lakh**. The cost of the bid is **Rs 5 crore**. The tripartite contract was signed between the IOA, the Meghalaya State Olympic Association and the state government. Meghalaya had made the bid to host the 39th National Games after successfully co-hosting the **South Asian Games in 2017**. **Indian Olympic Association, Secretary General:** Rajiv Mehta **Meghalaya**

- Capital: **Shillong**
- CM: **Mukul Sangma**
- Governor: **Ganga Prasad**

ODISHA NABARD provides Rs 10,000 cr assistance to Odisha:

The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has provided financial assistance of **Rs 10,000 crore to Odisha till Q3**. During the entire previous fiscal, the total assistance was **Rs 14,715 crore**. The NABARD has so far extended **Rs 4,861 crore** to cooperative banks for production of crops by about **3 million farmers in the state**. Since inception of the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)** in 1995-96, the NABARD has sanctioned cumulative financial assistance of about Rs 19,950 crore to Odisha resulting in implementation of about 2.24 lakh projects.

NABARD Sanctioned Rs 372.51 crore to Odisha:

The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has sanctioned **Rs 372.51 crore** loan assistance. It was sanctioned under the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)** to Odisha towards irrigation and rural bridge projects. In Total, NABARD has provided financial assistance of **Rs 10,000 crore to Odisha** by the end of the third quarter of the current financial year.

Mukhyamantri Kalakar Sahayata Yojana (MMKSY) in Odisha:

Odisha govt. has launched **Mukhyamantri Kalakar Sahayata Yojana (MMKSY)** for **artists**. Under this yojana artists will receive a financial assistance of Rs. 1200 per month. Under this scheme, male artists with minimum 50 years of age and female artists with minimum 40 years of age can avail the financial assistance under this scheme.

Odisha government launches OeHMIS project:

The state government launched **Odisha e-Hospital Management Information System (OeHMIS)** to **provide a computerized platform** for online recording of clinical parameters of patients and reporting of performance criteria of hospitals. According to the system, patients can be registered online and can view and download their individual **electronic health records** at their doorstep through web portal or mobile application. This system will be piloted at **Capital Hospital** at Bhubaneswar and **SCB Medical College Hospital** at Cuttack. The project was launched by the state government with the technical support of **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing(CDAC), Noida**. As estimated cost of **14.16 crore** has been allocated under the state budget for implementation of project. The government has set a target to complete the project within **two years**. **Odisha**

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

PUDUCHERRY Inauguration of Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) at Karaikal by EAM:

The **Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK)** at **Karaikal** in the Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry was inaugurated by **Smt. Sushma Swaraj**, Hon’ble Minister for External Affairs at a function presided over by **Shri V. Narayanaswamy**, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Puducherry. This POPSK will be under the administrative jurisdiction of the **Passport Office at Chennai**. The POPSK at Karaikal is the **first POPSK** to become operational in the UT of Puducherry. It is the **60th POPSK** to have become functional since the launch of the scheme in January 2017. **Puducherry**

- Capital: **Puducherry**
- Prime Minister: **Narayanaswamy**
- Lieutenant Governor: **Kiran Bedi**

PUNJAB Punjab inks MoU with IOC to set up biogas, bio-CNG plants:

The **Punjab government** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Oil Corporation** to set up **bio-gas and bio-CNG plants** in the state. The MoU with IOC was signed by **Punjab Bureau of Industrial Promotion (PBIP)** and **Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA)** in the presence of Chief Minister Amarinder Singh. The project will be initiated with **42 plants** becoming operational in **2018**

'Mahatma Gandhi Sarbat Vikas Yojana' benefits launched in Punjab:

Punjab chief minister launched the release of benefits under '**Mahatma Gandhi Sarbat Vikas Yojana**'. The **objective** was to give the distressed sections the help they need, socially or economically or psychologically. It was also launched with the motto "**Wipe every tear from every eye**" as imagined by Mahatma Gandhi.

PUNJAB

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

RAJASTHAN

PM to commence Barmer refinery project:

Prime Minister would announce construction of a refinery **at Barmer in Rajasthan**. The project will be started at an estimated cost of **Rs. 43,129 crore project**. It will be located in **Pachpadra, Barmer in Rajasthan**. The project will be completed by **2022-23**. The equity share of **HPCL is 74%** and Government of **Rajasthan is 26%**.

Pink City lays the foundation stone for Homeopathy Research Institute:

The Minister of State (IC), for AYUSH, Shri **Shripad Yesso Naik** laid the foundation stone for **Central Research Institute (CRI) in Jaipur**. This will be the third CRI under the aegis of **Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH)**, an autonomous body of Ministry of AYUSH for undertaking scientific research in Homoeopathy, with 23 institutes across the country.

The 2018 Jaipur Literature Festival Begins:

The annual **Jaipur Literature Festival** (JLF) began in Rajasthan. It was inaugurated by former Rajasthan governor Margaret Alva and British-born American essayist and novelist Pico Iyer. **Poetry** will be a dominant theme at 2018 JLF. The event will be held in Diggi Palace, Amber Fort and Hawa Mahal of **Rajasthan**.

International spice conference in Jaipur:

The **third edition of international spice conference** will be held in **Jaipur, Rajasthan**. **Arancha Gonzalvez**, the Executive Director of **International Trade Centre, Geneva**, will inaugurate the conference. The event will be jointly hosted by the **All India Spices Exporters' Forum** and **Cochin Chamber of Commerce and Industry**. The central theme of the 2018 conference would be '**Managing Disruptions through Transformation and Collaboration**'.

- Indian Council of Agricultural Research Director General: **Trilochan Mohapatra**
- Rajasthan**
- Capital: **Jaipur**

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

SIKKIM

AR Rahman Becomes Sikkim’s Brand Ambassador:

Music composer AR Rahman became the **brand ambassador of Sikkim**. The declaration was made by **Sikkim CM Pawan Kumar Chamling**. It was announced during an inauguration of the 11-day Sikkim Red Panda Winter Carnival at **Palzor Stadium in Gangtok**. The introduction of A R Rahman as Brand ambassador is to **improve Sikkim tourism**. He will now be campaigning for Sikkim to attract tourists and business for the state.

Minister of Tourism, Sikkim: Ugen T Gyatso Bhutia

Sikkim

- Capital: **Gangtok**
- Chief Minister: **Pawan Kumar Chamling**
- Governor: **Shriniwas Dadasaheb Patil**

TAMIL NADU

171st Araadhanai Music Festival begins in Tamil Nadu:

The 171st Araadhanai Music Festival of one of the Trinities of Carnatic music Saint Thyagaraja begins in **Thiruvaiyaru, Tamil Nadu**. The festival will be inaugurated by **Governor Banwarilal Purohit**. Over 1,000 musicians from all over the world are expected to pay homage to Saint Thyagaraja during the course of the five-day festival.

Central Govt Releases Rs. 20 crore to Codissia:

The Union Defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman **has announced the release of Rs. 20 crore to the Coimbatore District Small Industries’ Association (Codissia)**. **It has been released for setting up a Defence Innovation Centre in Coimbatore. The defence park is to assist small industries in manufacturing components for the defence sector. The establishment comes under make in India programme for the growth of MSMEs.**

- **Codissia President:** V Sundaram

India’s second largest rooftop solar plant in UP by GAIL:

State-owned gas utility **GAIL India Ltd** has commissioned the **country’s second largest rooftop solar power plant in Uttar Pradesh**. The firm has installed a **5.76 MWp (Mega Watt peak)** solar plant at its petrochemical complex at Pata in Uttar Pradesh. It will generate over **79 lakh kilowatt hour (KWh)** of electricity. The plant over the roofs of warehouses covers a total area of 65,000 square meters. **Tata Power Solar** has commissioned **India’s largest solar rooftop project** with **12 MW** capacity in **Amritsar**.

GAIL

- Headquarters: **New Delhi**
- CEO: **B. C. Tripathi**

International Balloon Festival begins in TN:

The fourth edition of the Tamil Nadu **International Balloon Festival** will be held in **Pollachi near Coimbatore**. Twelve hot-air balloons from six countries — the US, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Poland and Germany — will be showcased at the festival. It will also feature Tamil Nadu Tourism Department’s ‘2.0’ balloon and those on angry birds.

It is organised by media company **Global Media Box** and **The Slaves**, a Pollachi-based restaurant, with the support of the **State Tourism Department and Adhiban Fincorp**.

Boeing to set up P-8I anti-sub aircraft training unit in TN:

Boeing will set up a training facility for its **P-8I warfare aircraft** at the naval air station **INS Rajali, near Arakkonam** in Tamil Nadu. The 60,000-sq ft facility for P-8I Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance Anti-Submarine Warfare aircraft will be commissioned by March 2021. The India training facility will be the second for Boeing globally, the first one being in Australia.

The P-8I Training Solution, along with 10-year comprehensive maintenance service, will be brought from Boeing for **Rs.1,949.32 crore**. The order was cleared by Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**.

Tamil Nadu

- Capital: **Chennai**
- Chief Minister: **Edappadi K. Palaniswami**
- Governor: **Banwarilal Purohit**

TELANGANA

Telangana launches 24-hours free power supply for farmers:

The Telangana government launched **24x7 power supply** to the state’s **2.3 million farmers free of cost**. The free power supply scheme was launched at **Pothaipalli village** in Medchal Malkajgiri district of Telangana. Transmission Corporation of Telangana Ltd’s chairperson and managing director **D Prabhakar Rao** and Southern Discom **MD Raghuma Reddy** formally launched the scheme.

BioAsia to open in Hyderabad:

The **15th edition of BioAsia**, the annual flagship event of the **Government of Telangana**, will start in **Hyderabad**. The **Theme** of the conference is '**Right Time, Right Now**'.

Ireland, the Netherlands and South Africa will be the international partners while **Gujarat, Assam and Rajasthan** are State partners. BioAsia has emerged as the most prominent technology and bio-business convention in Asia for Life sciences, pharmaceuticals and healthcare.

Telangana signs MoU with Clean Authority of Tokyo:

The government of **Telangana** and **Clean Authority of Tokyo** have signed a MoU in the field of municipal **solid waste incineration facilities**. And to make an effort to realize human resource exchanges in view of technical cooperation in the future. The government of **Telangana** and **ISE Foods Inc** also signed a Letter of Intent in Tokyo.

Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce (I&C) and **Yoshimi SATO**, Vice President, Clean Authority of Tokyo, signed the MoU in the presence of **Rama Rao** and India’s ambassador in Japan, **Sujan R. Telangana**

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

UTTARAKHAND

India inks \$120 million loan agreement with World Bank to fund improved water supply in Uttarakhand:

Multilateral lending agency **World Bank** and **India** inked \$ **120 million loan** agreement which will help increase access to **improved water supply services** in **peri-urban areas in Uttarakhand**. The agreement was signed between Government of India, Government of Uttarakhand and World Bank Board.

Uttarakhand

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

WEST BENGAL

West Bengal CM unveils State logo with Biswa Bangla theme:

The **West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee** inaugurated its own State symbol. The logo highlights the **Ashoka emblem** on the top with the theme of **“Biswa Bangla” at the centre**. It was designed by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee herself and it was reviewed by a State government committee headed by eminent **artist Jogen Chowdhury**. Many States like Odisha, Bihar and **Telangana** have their own seals and logos.

RIL plans to invest Rs.20,000 crore in West Bengal:

Reliance Industries Ltd. chairman and managing director **Mukesh Ambani** announced a investment of **Rs.5,000 crore**, in addition to the group’s investments about **Rs.15,000 crore** made in the State. West Bengal figured among the RIL’s largest investments in India, RIL had also emerged as one of West Bengal’s largest investors.

The latest investment is to be made in **Jio** and the digital ecosystem, retail and petro-retail over the next few years.

Adani group to invest Rs. 750 cr in West Bengal

The Adani Group would invest **Rs. 750 crore** to double the capacity of the company’s **edible oil refinery at Haldia in West Bengal**. According to **Pranav Adani, MD**, the Group will invest in port, agri and power sectors. Adanis have already doubled the refining capacity from **800 tonnes to 1,600 tonnes** per day in five years. Packaging capacity has also been expanded from **1,200 tonnes to 1,800 tonnes**.

First Metro City to Get a Floating Market: Kolkata

Kolkata became the **first metro city** to have a floating market. The market was unveiled by the Chief Minister of West Bengal **Mamata Banerjee**. The Lake Patuli has been transformed into a floating market, which is 500 mts long and 60 mts wide. The aim is to **rehabilitate over 200 shopkeepers** from a nearby market that was demolished for the widening of the Eastern Metropolitan Bypass.

West Bengal

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

INTERNATIONAL

Saudi Arabia, UAE introduce VAT for first time:

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) introduced the **Value Added Tax (VAT)** for the first time. It is a five percent tax on most goods and services to boost revenue. The VAT will be applied on food, clothes, electronics and gasoline, phone, water and electricity bills, as well as hotel reservations. Some outgoings were exempt from the tax including medical treatment, financial services and public transport.

Analysts project that the two governments could raise as much as **\$21 billion in 2018**, equivalent to **2 percent of GDP**. The other members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar have also committed to introduce VAT soon.

Six Countries Enter UN Security Council:

Equatorial Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kuwait, Peru, Poland and the Netherlands formally joined the ranks of the non-permanent members of the **United Nations Security Council**. The UN Security Council has fifteen members, including five with permanent seats who have the power to reject resolutions – **Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States**. Recently, six countries left the UN Security Council. The countries are Egypt, Italy, Japan, Senegal, Ukraine and Uruguay.

US and Japan Joint Military Drill Begins:

American and **Japanese military forces** have launched joint exercises **“Iron Fist”**. The 13th annual Iron Fist exercise begins in the U.S. western state of California. More than 500 U.S. Marines and sailors are partnering with about 350 members of the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force.

Japan

- Capital: **Tokyo**
- Currency: **Yen**
- Prime minister: **Shinzo Abe**

India contributes \$50K to UN Youth Envoy’s office:

India has contributed **\$50,000** to **UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres’s** Office of Envoy on Youth to help with its mission of involving young people in the world body’s goals. **Paulomi Tripathi**, a First Secretary in India’s UN Mission, handed over the contribution to the Youth Envoy, **Jayathma Wickramanayake**.

The Youth Envoy’s mission is to **promote the engagement of youth and advocate** for them across all the **four pillars of the UN’s work** – sustainable development, human rights, peace and security and humanitarian action.

Indian peacekeepers rebuild Akoka Bridge in South Sudan in record time:

The bridge in **Akoka village** in the northern part of the land-locked country in East-Central Africa had been inoperable since last June when heavy rains washed away a 300-metre-long road segment. Rebuilt in record 10 days by the **UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)** in collaboration with the government, it has greatly benefited humanitarians, enabling faster aid delivery as well as security patrol and outreach activities by the Mission.

India attends its first SCO military cooperation meeting:

India for the first time took part in a meeting of the international military cooperation departments of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation**. An Indian delegation led by Major General **Ajay Seth** participated in the meeting. They discussed the issues of practical cooperation among SCO nations. The SCO is comprised of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan. **SCO**

- Headquarters: **Beijing, China**
- Secretary General: **Rashid Alimov**

MoS RK Singh Attends ISA Forum in Abu Dhabi:

The **International Solar Alliance Forum** was held at World Future Energy Summit, **Abu Dhabi**. **Shri Raj Kumar Singh, Minister of**

State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy attended the Forum representing India. He announced that **\$ 350 million Solar Development Fund** will be given by the Government of India for Solar Projects Financing.

India would achieve **175 GW target** of installed Renewable Energy capacity well **before 2020**. The Paris Declaration has established ISA as an alliance dedicated to the promotion of solar energy among its member countries.

State of emergency extended for another 6 months in Turkey

In Turkey, state of emergency has been extended for another six months. According to Anadolu news agency, Turkey's parliament voted in favour of extending emergency. It is the **sixth extension** where Turkey has spent a year and a half under emergency rule.

Turkey

- Capital: **Ankara**
- Currency: **Turkish lira**
- Prime Minister: **Recep Tayyip Erdogan**

PM Modi to leave for Davos, Switzerland to attend 48th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will leave for **Davos, Switzerland** to attend the **48th annual meeting** of the **World Economic Forum**. During the visit, Mr Modi will also hold bilateral talks with the President of the Swiss Confederation, **Alain Berset** and the Prime Minister of Sweden **Stefan Lofven**. Under the theme '**Creating a shared future in a Fractured World**', the meeting **aims** to set an agenda to address political, economic and Social challenges of recent times. It will conclude on January 26th, 2018.

The annual meet of the World Economic Forum (WEF) takes place every year in January with an aim to improve the state of the world economy. WEF is an international organization headquartered **at Geneva, Switzerland** formed in 1971 for public-private cooperation.

Switzerland

- Capital: **Bern**
- Currency: **Franc**

PM Modi holds talks with Thai's Gen Prayut:

In the India-ASEAN summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral talks with his **counterpart from Thailand Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha** on strengthening cooperation in strategic areas of trade, defence and security. Modi had also held separate bilateral meetings with Myanmar's State Counsellor **Aung San Suu Kyi**, Vietnam Prime Minister **Nguyen Xuan Phuc** and **Rodrigo Duterte**, president of the Philippines.

India to host informal WTO Ministerial gathering:

India's offering to host the meeting was made after trade ministers from various countries including Australia, Japan and Switzerland met in Davos. Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO **Deepak Jagdish Saksena** attended the informal meeting. India announced that it will host an informal **WTO Ministerial gathering** in March. The meeting would be held in **New Delhi**.

WEF launches Global Centre for Cybersecurity:

In an aim to **safeguard the world** from hackers and growing data breaches, the **World Economic Forum (WEF)** announced a new **Global Centre for Cybersecurity**. The centre will be headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland and it will become operational from **March 2018**. It was announced by **Alois Zwinggi**, Managing Director of WEF.

The 48th World Economic Forum Annual Meeting took place in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, under the theme "**Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World**".

First India-designed vaccine passes WHO test:

For the first time, **rotavac vaccine**, entirely developed in India has been "pre-qualified" by the **World Health Organisation**. The Rotavac vaccine protects against childhood diarrhoea caused by the rotavirus. It is developed by the Hyderabad-based **Bharat Biotech Limited** and it was included in India's national immunization programme. To be "pre-qualified" means that the vaccine can be sold internationally to several countries in **Africa and South America**.

BBIN pact: India, Bangladesh, Nepal gives nod for vehicle movement procedure

Bangladesh, India and Nepal have given nod to operating procedures for movement of passenger vehicles in the sub-region under **Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN)** motor vehicles agreement.

It is a sub-regional agreement to allow vehicles to enter each other's territory for passengers, transportation and cargo. The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** is providing technical and financial assistance to the BBIN MVA initiative.

AUSTRALIA

Australia India youth dialogue 2018:

Australia India Youth Dialogue (AIYD) is a youth-led dialogue between the young and emerging leaders of both countries. AIYD promotes exchange and partnering across organizations by hosting **15 talented young minds** from each country annually. It also significantly strengthens the Australia-India bilateral relationship in different arenas.

The seventh edition of Australia India Youth Dialogue with 2018 theme "**DIGITAL DISRUPTION**". AIYD 2018 will be hosted in **Mumbai and Delhi** from 21-24 January.

World's largest solar thermal plant to be built in South Australia:

The world's largest solar-thermal power plant has been given development approval by the **South Australian government**. It is a 150-megawatt Aurora plant and it will be built by utility-scale **solar power company Solar Reserve**. It will be started in 2018 at an estimated cost of **\$509 million**.

- South Australia's acting energy minister: **Chris Picton**

India becomes member of Australia Group:

India has joined the **Australia Group export control regime** and has become the **43rd Member** of that Group. It is an informal forum which seeks to ensure that **exports do not contribute to the development of chemical or biological weapons**. India also recently entered into the **Wassenaar Arrangement** and the **Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)**.

- Ambassador of Australia to India: **Jane Hardy**
- Australian High Commissioner to India: **Harinder Kaur Sidhu**

Australia

- Capital: **Canberra**
- Currency: **Australian dollar**
- Prime Minister: **Malcolm Turnbull**

BANGLADESH

L&T commissions 360 MW Bheramara power plant in Bangladesh:

Engineering major **Larsen & Toubro** has commissioned the **360 MW Bheramara power plant in Bangladesh**. The Bheramara Combined Cycle Power Plant Development project was handed over to North West Power Generation Company Ltd (NWPGL), a fully-owned subsidiary of Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB). The power plant is based in **Bheramara of Kushtia district in Bangladesh**.

- L&T Power CEO & MD: **Shailendra Roy**
- Bangladesh**
- Capital: **Dhaka**
 - Currency: **Bangladeshi taka**

BHUTAN

India, Bhutan jointly unveil 'Special logo':

External Affairs Minister (EAM) **Sushma Swaraj** and Bhutan's Minister of Foreign Affairs **Lyonpo Damcho Dorji** jointly unveiled the '**Special logo**' for the Golden Jubilee celebrations in New Delhi and Thimphu through video-conference. The Golden Jubilee of the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between India and Bhutan is being celebrated in the year 2018.

<p>BHUTAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Capital: ThimphuCurrencies: Indian rupee, Bhutanese ngultrumPrime Minister: Tshering Tobgay <p>CAMBODIA</p> <p>India and Cambodia Inks for Bilateral ties</p> <p>India and Cambodia signed Four Agreements. They are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">To improve cooperation in prevention, investigation of crimes and legal assistance in criminal matters.A line of credit from India to fund Cambodia's Stung Sva Hab water resources development project for USD 36.92 million.On the issues of prevention rescue and repatriation related to human trafficking.To promote cultural exchange and strengthen the friendly relations between the two nations.The documents were exchanged in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting Cambodian PM Hun Sen following delegation-level talks between the two countries. <p>Cambodia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Capital: Phnom PenhCurrency: Cambodian riel <p>CHINA</p> <p>China Launches World's largest Air Purifier:</p> <p>The world's largest air purifier is built in Xian in Shaanxi province of northern China. It is built at a 100 metre high, nearly 328 feet tall air purifier. The preliminary results have shown that smog levels have come down and there is some improvement in the air quality. According to the Lancet report, air pollution in China killed about 1.8 million people.</p> <p>China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Capital: BeijingCurrency: RenminbiPresident: Xi Jinping <p>GERMANY</p> <p>10th Global Forum for Food & Agriculture held in Berlin:</p> <p>The 10th Global Forum for Food & Agriculture begins in Berlin, Germany. Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat is leading the Indian delegation. The theme of this year's event is "Shaping the future of livestock – sustainably, responsibly, efficiently". The discussions will focus on sustainable and productive animal production among other issues.</p> <p>Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Capital: BerlinCurrency: Euro	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chancellor: Angela Merkel <p>ICELAND</p> <p>Iceland Becomes 1st Country to Legalise Equal Pay:</p> <p>Iceland has stepped up for equality and has become the first country in the world to legalise equal pay. The country aims to eradicate gender pay inequality by the year 2022. According to World Economic Forum, Iceland already ranks first in terms of global gender equality index. In 2017, it bagged the first place for the ninth consecutive year.</p> <p>Iceland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Capital: ReykjavikCurrency: Icelandic kronaPrime Minister: Bjarni Benediktsson <p>ISRAEL</p> <p>India cancels Israel's \$500 million defence deal:</p> <p>India cancelled a \$500-million deal to develop Spike anti-tank guided missiles with Israel. Rafael has received an official notification from India's Ministry of Defence concerning the cancellation of the Spike deal. Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd., known as RAFAEL or Rafael, is an Israeli defense technology company. The company did not give a reason for the cancellation of the deal. Spike is an Israeli fourth generation man-portable fire-and-forget anti-tank guided missile and anti-personnel missile.</p> <p>Rafael</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Headquarters: Haifa, IsraelCEO: Yedidya Ya'ari <p>Israel Withdraws from UNESCO:</p> <p>Israel has filed notice to withdraw from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) alongside the United States. Israel has blasted UNESCO in recent years over the organisation's criticism of Israel's occupation of East Jerusalem and its decision to grant full membership to Palestine in 2011. Israel was the member of UNESCO since 1949. Both Israel and the US have filed its own withdrawal notice in October 2017.</p> <p>UNESCO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Director General: Audrey AzoulayHeadquarters: Paris, France <p>India ties up with Israel on Cooperation in Oil and Gas Sector:</p> <p>The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Israel on cooperation in the Oil and Gas Sector. The MoU is expected to boost India – Israel ties in the energy sector. The agreement will facilitate promotion of investments in each other's countries, technology transfer, R&D, conducting joint studies, capacity</p>	<p>building of human resources and collaboration in the area of Start-ups.</p> <p>India, Israel ink nine pacts on cyber security, other sectors:</p> <p>To upgrade strategic partnership India and Israel inked nine pacts in key areas. They are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MoU on Cyber Security Cooperation between India and Israel.MoU between the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Ministry of Energy on Cooperation in Oil and GasProtocol between India and Israel on Amendments to the Air Transport Agreement.Agreement on Film-co-production between India and Israel.MoU between the Central Council for Research in Homeopathy, Ministry of AYUSH and the Centre for Integrative Complementary Medicine, Shaare Zedek Medical Center on Cooperation in the field of Research in Homeopathic Medicine.MoU between Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) and the Technion- Israel Institute of Technology for cooperation in the field ofMemorandum of Intent between Invest India and Invest in Israel.Letter of Intent between IOCL and Phinergy Ltd. For cooperation in the area of metal-air batteries.Letter of Intent between IOCL and Yeda Research and Development Co Ltd for cooperation in the area of concentrated solar thermal technologies. <p>Digital launch of 'I4Fund call for proposal' website at India-Israel Business Summit:</p> <p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu launched the maiden call for joint R&D projects under the 'India-Israel Industrial R&D and Technological Innovation Fund (I4F)' during the India-Israel Business Summit in New Delhi. Under this, the Department of Science and Technology, India and the National Innovation Authority of Israel have established a 40 million US dollar Fund.</p> <p>Israeli PM Netanyahu Inaugurates Geo-Political Conference Raisina Dialogue:</p> <p>Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu inaugurated the third edition of the geo-political conference, 'Raisina Dialogue', in New Delhi. The event, jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and Observer Research Foundation (ORF).</p> <p>The conference is a multilateral conference aimed at addressing challenging issues globally. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and</p>
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External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will also be a part of the inaugural session. The theme of the dialogue this year is ‘**Managing Disruptive Transitions: Ideas, Institutions and Idioms**’.

Israel

- Capital: **Jerusalem**
- Currency: **New shekel**
- Prime minister: **Benjamin Netanyahu**

MALAYSIA

5th Bilateral Meeting between India and Malaysia:

The **5th Bilateral Technical Meeting** on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine between Government of **India** and **Malaysia** was held at **New Delhi**. It was a part of agreement signed between both countries in 2010.

The Meeting was presided by **Sh. Pramod Kumar Pathak**, Joint Secretary, and Ministry of AYUSH from Indian side and Deputy Director General Health (Medical), Ministry of Health Malaysia. Ministry intends to enhance cooperation for designing and developing the policies and strategies in the **field of Traditional Medicine** in Malaysia.

- AYUSH Minister: **Shripad Yesso Naik**

NSIC inks pact with Malaysia's SME Corporation:

National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) signed a MoU with **SME Corporation Malaysia** for exchange of information and cooperation. The two entities will also work together for improving competitiveness of Indian and Malaysian MSMEs in global markets. Another agreement was also signed between **Orchid Life (Malaysia) and Vimta Labs (India)**.

- Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Minister: **Giriraj Singh**

Malaysia

- Currency: **Malaysian ringgit**
- Capital: **Kuala Lumpur**

MYANMAR

India-Myanmar Land Border Crossing Agreement Approved:

The Cabinet has approved the Agreement between India and Myanmar on **Land Border Crossing**. The Agreement would give a boost to the economy of the north-east region. The agreement will also facilitate movement of people on the basis of valid passports and visas. It will safeguard the traditional rights of the tribal communities residing along the border.

Myanmar

- Capital: **Naypyidaw**
- Currency: **Burmese kyat**
- Prime Minister: **Aung San Suu Kyi**

MALTA

Valletta city is crowned Capital of Culture:

Valletta, the **capital of Malta**, was officially named **European Capital of Culture 2018**. Valletta will share the title with **Leeuwarden**, a city in the Netherlands.

Malta

- Currency: **Euro**
- Capital: **Valletta**

NEPAL

Nepal bans Solo Climbing on Mount Everest:

Nepal has banned solo climbers from scaling its mountains, **including Mount Everest**, in a bid to reduce accidents. The new safety regulations also prohibit double amputee and blind climbers from attempting to reach the summit of the world’s highest peak without a valid medical certificate. The law had been revised to make mountaineering safer and to decrease deaths.

World-renowned Swiss climber Ueli Steck, who was known as the “**Swiss Machine**”, also died during a solo climb to a peak neighbouring Everest. **Avtar Singh Cheema** was the first Indian to climb Mount Everest successfully.

Himalayan Hydro Expo 2018 Kicked off at Kathmandu:

The Himalayan Hydro Expo 2018 begins at **Kathmandu, Nepal**. The President of Nepal **Bidya Devi Bhandari** inaugurated the exhibition. The Delegates from various countries including India, China, Austria, Czech Republic and Norway are participating in the expo. The basic objective of Expo is to unleash massive hydro power potential of Nepal and bring all stakeholders under one roof.

Nepal

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

PAKISTAN

India excludes Pakistan from a SAARC initiative:

India has excluded Pakistan from the list of SAARC member countries with which it will be connecting its state-of-the art **National Knowledge Network (NKN)** for sharing scientific databases and remote access to advanced research facilities. The government has started the process of appointing a telecom company that will connect and extend the NKN to research and education networks in six South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation member states — Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka. **Pakistan is the only SAARC nation** that has been **left out of this initiative**.

Pakistan Allows Yuan for Bilateral Trade:

Pakistan’s central bank has allowed the **Chinese yuan or Renminbi** to be used for bilateral trade and investment activities. It would replace the US dollar for transactions in the

strategic CPEC projects. According to Pakistan, external affairs ministry, both public and private sector enterprises of Pakistan and China are free to choose Yuan for bilateral trade and investment activities.

Now, yuan is an approved currency for **denominating foreign currency transactions** and the central bank has allowed banks **to accept deposits and give trade loans in yuan**.

India and Pakistan exchange the list of Nuclear Installations:

India and Pakistan exchanged the **list of nuclear installations and facilities** through diplomatic channels simultaneously at New Delhi and Islamabad under a three-decade old bilateral pact. As per the press release of External Affairs Ministry, the lists were exchanged under the **Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations between India and Pakistan**. This is the **twenty seventh consecutive exchange** of such a list between the two countries, the first one took place on **January 1, 1992**.

Pakistan

- Capital: **Islamabad**
- Currency: **Pakistani rupee**
- Prime Minister: **Shahid Khaqan Abbasi**

SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia agreed India’s plan to Haj pilgrims:

Saudi Arabia approved India’s plan to allow Haj pilgrims to travel via sea route to Jeddah. **Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Saudi Arabia’s Haj and Umrah minister Dr Mohammad Saleh bin Taher Benteen signed the agreement in Mecca. The transport of Haj pilgrims between Mumbai and Jeddah by waterways existed earlier but was stopped from 1995**.

Saudi Arabia

- Capital: **Riyadh**
- Currency: **Saudi riyal**

SOUTH KOREA

South Korea inks pact with GCCI for Business Cooperation:

South Korea and the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) signed a memorandum of understanding for co-operation between industries. The main objective of the MoU is to help Gujarat-based small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to explore opportunities through joint ventures with South Korean firms. It mainly focuses on automobile, defence and textiles sectors.

- GCCI president: **Shailesh Patwari**
- South Korea Consul General: **Kim Soungun**

South Korea

- Capital: **Seoul**
- Currency: **South Korean won**

- President: **Moon Jae-in**

SRI LANKA

India, Sri Lanka sign four agreements for collaboration in ICT sector:

India and **Sri Lanka** signed **four agreements** for collaboration in **ICT sector**, setting up of **e-office system** and connecting of **National Knowledge network (NKN)** for collaboration among universities and academics. The MoU for cooperation was signed by Union minister for Information Technology **Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad** with his Sri Lankan counterpart in Colombo.

Prasad said that Sri Lanka has become the **first country** to be connected to NKN through a **Gigabyte optical fibre network**. This will connect NKN to Lanka education & research network (**LEARN**) through which universities on both sides can share best practices and research ideas.

- The constituency of **Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad is Bihar, Rajya Sabha**

Sri Lanka bans import of non-airbag equipped vehicles from July 1:

The **government’s decision** to ban the import of vehicles which are **not equipped with air bags** and seat belts and below the emission levels or its equivalent as prescribed by Euro IV, has been postponed to July 1.

SRI LANKA

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

UNITED KINGDOM

India and UK inks Pact to Improve Public Transport:

The government approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) **between India and UK** to **improve public transport** in the country. The MoU was signed by Ministry of **Road Transport and Highways(India)** and **‘Transport for London’**, a statutory body established under the **Greater London Authority Act, 1999 (UK)**.

The MoU is aimed at improving the overall public transport system, improve passenger services and promote the use of high capacity buses in India. It also strengthens the integrated public transport for all.

India Signs Pact with UK on Illegal Migrants:

India has signed an MoU with the **United Kingdom**to enable the return of **illegal Indian migrants** within a month of their detection by authorities abroad. Minister of State for Home **Kiren Rijiju** and UK Minister of State for Immigration **Caroline Nokes** in Britain signed the agreement. The Memorandum of Understanding, which would affect hundreds of Indians, but also

UK has consistently raised the issue of return of illegal migrants with India.

UK

- Capital: **London**
- Currency: **Pound sterling**
- Prime minister: **Theresa May**

United States of America

Vajra Prahar: Indo-US joint military exercise to be held in Seattle

‘Vajra Prahar’ will be held at **Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) in Seattle**. Indian Army with 45 members team from the **Pune-headquartered Southern Command** will participate in this exercise. ‘Vajra Prahar’ is a Indo-US Special Forces joint training exercise conducted alternately in India and the US.

The aim of the exercise is to promote military relations between the two countries by enhancing interoperability and mutual exchange of tactics between Special Forces. The last edition was held in **2017 at Jodhpur**.

Trump administration to open US embassy in Jerusalem by end of 2019:

The **Trump administration** plans to **open the US embassy** in **Jerusalem** by the **end of 2019**. Trump said that the US recognises Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and announced to move the embassy from Tel Aviv to the historic city.

USA

- Capital: **Washington, D.C.**
- Currency: **Dollar**
- President: **Donald Trump**

VIETNAM

India, Vietnam Release First-Ever Commemorative Stamps:

India and **Vietnam** released first ever set of commemorative postage stamps. It is to mark the long term friendly bilateral relationships between the two countries. It is on the theme of **ancient architecture** which is a symbol of strong friendship between the two countries. The two set of stamps released carry picture of **Sanchi Stupa in Madhya Pradesh, India** and **Thien Mu Pagoda in Hue, Vietnam**.

- Vietnam IT and Communications Minister: **Truong Monh Tuan**

Vietnam

- Capital: **Hanoi**
- Currency: **Vietnamese dong**
- President: **Tran Dai Quang**

BANKING & BUSINESS

RBI Introduces New Rs 10 Banknote in Mahatma Gandhi Series:

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** presented the new Rs 10 banknote under the Mahatma Gandhi (New) series. The central bank has announced that it will launch the new currency

note as **legal tender soon**. The new Rs 10 note is **chocolate brown in colour**, and it will bear the signature of **RBI Governor Urjit Patel**.

The back of the note features motif of **Sun Temple in Konark**, ‘depicting the country’s cultural heritage’. Dimensions of the note are **63mmx123mm**, as opposed to the older notes 63mmx137mm.

RBI

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- Governor: **Urjit Patel**

RBI Begins PCA Against Allahabad Bank:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has initiated **prompt corrective action (PCA)** against public sector lender **Allahabad Bank**. The bank has high **net non-performing assets (NPAs) and negative return on assets (RoA)** for two consecutive years.

The recently added banks under PCA are BoI, IOB, United Bank of India, Corporation Bank, OBC, Dena Bank, Central Bank, IDBI Bank and Bank of Maharashtra.

PCA: The RBI has put in place some trigger points to assess, monitor, control and take corrective actions on banks which are weak and troubled. **The process or mechanism under which such actions are taken is known as Prompt Corrective Action, or PCA.** There are total **11 banks** on which RBI has initiated PCA till date.

Allahabad Bank

- Headquarters: **Kolkata**
- MD & CEO: **Usha Ananthasubramanian**
- Tagline: **A Tradition of Trust**

IDBI Bank Gets Rs. 2,729 Crore from Government:

Public sector IDBI Bank has received the **capital infusion of Rs 2,729 crore** from the government of India. The government had unveiled a **Rs 2.11 lakh crore** two-year roadmap for strengthening NPA-hit public sector banks earlier in Oct2017. The help includes re-capitalisation bonds, budgetary support, and equity dilution. The stock of the bank closed 0.83% down at Rs 59.85 on the BSE.

IDBI Bank

- MD and CEO: **Mahesh Kumar Jain**
- Headquarter: **Mumbai**

Soil Health Cards help save urea usage 10%:

Around **10 crore soil health cards have been issued**, and farmers who use these have managed to save use of urea by 8-10 per cent announced by **Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh**. This also led to increase in productivity of cultivable land, he said while addressing **117th Annual General Meeting of Bharat Chamber of Commerce**.

SBI, NABARD ties up to promote JLG in West Bengal:

State Bank of India and **NABARD** have signed an agreement with **five NGOs in Bengal** for the promotion of **2,500 joint liability groups (JLGs)**. JLGs are informal groups of 4-10 members engaged in similar economic activities and willing to jointly undertake the responsibility to repay loans taken by the group from a bank.

NABARD has fixed a target of **credit linking 80,000 JLGs in West Bengal** in 2017-18. It has sanctioned assistance for the promotion of 60,000 JLGs by various NGOs in the State through 339 projects in different districts.

SBI

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Rajnish Kumar**

NABARD

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

No Charges on Debit Card Transactions upto Rs 2,000:

The Customers will not have to pay any transaction charges for payments through debit card, BHIM app and other **payment made for up to Rs 2,000**. To promote digital transactions, union cabinet approved a proposal that government will bear the **merchant discount rate (MDR) charges** on transactions up to Rs 2,000 made through debit cards, BHIM UPI or Aadhaar-enabled payment systems. The merchant discount rate (MDR) **will be borne by the government for two years** with effect from **January 1, 2018** by reimbursing the same to banks.

India’s GDP growth at 6.5% in FY18: HSBC

India’s growth rate is expected to accelerate in 2018 and it will improve further to **7.6 per cent by 2019-20** as key sectors would regain from disruptions related to the implementation of **GST and demonetisation**. HSBC expects India’s’ growth at around **6.5 percent in 2017-18, 7.0 per cent in 2018-19 and 7.6 in 2019-20**, respectively. HSBC Holdings plc is a British multinational banking and financial services holding company.

HSBC

- Headquarters: **London, United Kingdom**
- CEO: **Stuart Gulliver**

HDFC Bank ties up with Rajasthan Government:

HDFC Bank has announced a partnership with Rajasthan Government **to promote startups in the state**. Under this partnership, HDFC Bank will join with the state government to provide end-to-end solutions like current accounts, credit cards and other solutions to startups.

The MoU was signed between Akhil Arora, principal Secretary – IT and Communication, Government of Rajasthan and Smita Bhagat, Head

– Branch Banking, Government Business and Ecommerce at HDFC Bank.

HDFC Bank

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- CEO: **Aditya Puri**
- Tagline: **We understand your world**

APGVB Introduces Desktop ATMs in Rural India

The Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank (APGVB) has operationalised its first desktop ATM **in Telangana**. The mini-ATM within the branch premises will facilitate customers to withdraw small amounts. At the same time, regular bank account holders can withdraw money and do other banking activities. With these ATMs, there will be no need for separate ATM rooms, so there is no security issue.

It plans to install 100 desktop ATMs including **60 branches in Telangana and 40 branches in Andhra Pradesh**.

Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank

- Headquarters: **Warangal, Telangana**
- Chairman: **Narasi Reddy**
- Tagline: **We are with you**

The Government launches 7.75% savings bonds scheme:

The Government of India has announced the **launch of 7.75 per cent Savings (Taxable) Bonds, 2018**, commencing from January 10, 2018. It enables resident citizens and Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) to invest in a taxable bond, without any monetary ceiling. These bonds with **seven-year maturity** will open for subscription from the 10th of this month. The bonds will be issued in **Demat form only**. The minimum investment is Rs 1,000 and in multiples thereof.

The saving bonds scheme will replace the previous 8 percent Scheme. The interest will be payable half-yearly and the cumulative value of 1,000 rupees at maturity will be 1,703 rupees.

India GDP growth will be 6.5% in 2017-18, down from 7.1% last fiscal: CSO:

The Indian economy is expected to decelerate to **6.5% in 2017-18 from 7.1% in the previous year**, because of demonetisation and goods and services tax (GST).Data released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) showed that the agriculture sector is expected to grow at 2.1% in FY18, slower than 4.9% in the previous year, while manufacturing is likely to grow at 4.6%, compared with 7.9% a year ago. Electricity and trade, hotels sectors are the only sectors that will grow at a faster rate of 7.5% and 8.7% in FY18 than in FY17.The annual growth rate for the fiscal **2016-17 was 7.1 per cent**.

- **Economic affairs secretary:** Subhash Chandra Garg.

TIHCL Gets RBI Nod to Operate as NBFC

The Telangana Industrial Health Clinic Limited (TIHCL) has secured the RBI approval for becoming a non-banking finance company (NBFC). It had won the **SKOCH Platinum Award in September 2017** under the smart governance category in the MSME segment.

A non-bank financial institution is a financial institution which is registered under Companies act, 1956 that does not have a full banking license or is not supervised by a national or international banking regulatory agency.

NBFCs lend and make investments and hence their activities are akin to that of banks; however, there are a few differences as given below:

- i. NBFC **cannot accept demand deposits**;
- ii. NBFCs **do not form** part of the payment and settlement system and cannot issue cheques drawn on itself;
- iii. Deposit insurance facility of Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation is **not available to depositors** of NBFCs, unlike in case of banks.

Paytm Payments Bank ties up with IndusInd for FD facility:

Paytm Payments Bank has partnered with **IndusInd Bank** to introduce a facility to create a fixed deposit when the customer balance exceeds **Rs 1 lakh at the end of day**. Paytm Payments Bank customers can redeem their deposits instantly, anytime without paying any pre-closure or miscellaneous charges. They can also earn up to **6.85 percent annual interest**.

If a customer becomes a senior citizen before the maturity period, the account will be auto renewed under the senior citizen scheme with high interest rate.

- Paytm Payments Bank MD and CEO: **Renu Satti**

SBI to raise up to \$2 bn via overseas bonds:

India’s largest lender State Bank of India plans to raise upto USD 2 billion (over Rs 12,600 crore) **by issuing bonds in US dollar or other convertible currency. The bonds could be issued in single or multiple tranches of up to \$2 billion. The fund-raising will take place through a public or private offer.**

TCS gets \$690 million deal from M&G Prudential:

Tata Consultancy Services has signed a **\$690-million (Rs 4,400-crore), 10-year** deal with **M&G Prudential**, the UK and European savings and investments business unit of Prudential. This is the third largest insurance contract won by India's top IT services company in the past four months.TCS will digitally transform M&G Prudential's business and deliver enhanced service to its customers in the UK.

- Chief Executive of M&G: **Prudential John Foley**
- Chief Executive of TCS: **Rajesh Gopinathan**

PNB inks pact with NSFDC:

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has tied up with **National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC)**. The agreement is to provide financial assistance for economic empowerment of persons belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) families living below Double Poverty Line (DPL).

They will be setting up self-employment projects and skill-training grants to unemployed SC persons living below Double the Poverty Line. Under this tie-up, PNB would also act as a channelising agent for the loan schemes of NSFDC. It was signed by **BM Padha**, Corporate General Manager, PNB, and **Devanand**, General Manager, NSFDC.

PNB

- Headquarters: **New Delhi**
- CEO: **Sunil Mehta**
- Tagline: **The name you can bank upon**

World Bank predicts 7.3% growth in 2018 for India:

The World Bank has upgraded India's estimated GDP growth this fiscal year to **6.7% instead of the 6.5%** estimate by the Indian government. In **2018-19**, it will rise to **7.3%**, making India the world's fastest growing economy again. It also projected India's growth rate at **7.5 % for next two years**. It was announced by World Bank's Development Prospects Group Director, **Ayhan Kose**.

The **World Bank** is an international financial institution that provides loans to countries of the world for capital programs. It comprises two institutions: the **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)**, and the **International Development Association (IDA)**.

World Bank

- Headquarters: **Washington, D.C.**
- Motto: **Working for a World Free of Poverty**
- President: **Jim Yong Kim**

Ola ties up with ICICI Bank for integrated offers:

Ola, the taxi hailing app has tied up with **ICICI Bank** to provide a range of integrated offers, **including micro-credit to their customers and digital payment facilities to driver partners** respectively. ICICI Bank customers can now book and pay for Ola on the bank's mobile app and wallet itself and they can use the credit for 3-4 rides and then repay later.

ICICI Bank customers will get the dual benefit of booking a cab and making payments directly through their '**iMobile**' and '**Pockets**'

application. For the driver partners, the bank will offer a '**Pay Direct**' card to help them get their daily earnings directly into their 'Pay Direct' card accounts.

Ola

- Headquarters: **Bengaluru**
- CEO: **Bhavish Aggarwal**

ICICI Bank

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- CEO: **Chanda Kochhar**
- Tagline: **Hum hai na, Khayal Apka**

PhonePe inks pact with FreeCharge:

Flipkart's payments arm PhonePe has partnered with mobile wallet company **FreeCharge** to allow the Free charge customers to pay for transactions at PhonePe's partner merchants. PhonePe customers will be able to spend their FreeCharge wallet balance at all **online and offline merchant outlets** that accept payments via PhonePe.

Ministry of housing and urban affairs ties up with Allahabad Bank:

Ministry of housing and urban affairs and **Allahabad Bank** has signed a memorandum of understanding to provide a centralised platform for processing interest subsidy under **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihood Mission**. The web-portal will provide an end-to-end solution for processing interest subsidy for NULM schemes.

The subsidy will be credited to Aadhaar-linked beneficiary account through **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** mode. The move is aimed at faster payment of subsidy to the people and enhanced monitoring system.

Amazon's Jeff Bezos becomes richest person in history:

According to Bloomberg's billionaire tracker, **Amazon's** Chief Operating officer **Jeff Bezos(\$105.1 billion)** is now the richest person in history with net worth more than Bill Gates (**\$93.3 billion**). Warren Buffett who has net worth \$87.3 billion was third on the list. Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg was fourth in the list with a net worth of \$77.3 billion.

Paytm launches new Investment Arm:

One97 Communications Ltd, that runs Paytm, has set up a new entity called **Paytm Money Ltd**. The new company will be headed by **Pravin Jadhav** as senior vice-president. It will offer investment and wealth management products and it will invest nearly **\$10 million in the new entity**.

Paytm Money is the fourth product from One97's stable after Paytm Mall, Paytm Payments Bank and Paytm wallet. It will be available as a separate mobile application to users.

- CEO of One97 Communications Ltd: **Vijay Shekar Sharma**

TN's LoomWorld ties up with Amazon India:

Amazon India has partnered with **LoomWorld** to offer handwoven products from Tamil Nadu on Amazons platform. The tie-up is expected to promote goods produced by the 800 Weavers' Cooperative Societies. It also supports 1.89 lakh households across the State. It was announced by Minister for Handlooms and Textiles, **OS Manian**.

Reliance Jio plans its own cryptocurrency: JioCoin

Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd plans to create its own **crypto currency, JioCoin**. Mukesh Ambani's elder son **Akash Ambani** leads the **JioCoin project**. Reliance Jio plans to build a 50-member team of young professionals to work on **block chain technology**.

Meanwhile, the government has warned the public **against investing in crypto currencies**, terming them as "**Ponzi schemes**". Bitcoins or any such crypto currency are **not legal tender** and those indulging in such transactions are doing it at their own risk, announced by Arun Jaitley recently.

India Grants Rs.288 crore for Sri Lankan Kankesanthurai Harbour:

India gives a financial assistance of **Rs.288 crore** (USD 45.27 million) for **Kankesanthurai (KKS) Harbour**. It is to transform northern Sri Lanka into a commercial port and strengthening the country's efforts to become a regional maritime hub. **David Rasquinha**, Managing Director, Export-Import Bank of India and **RHS Samararatunga**, Secretary to Treasury of Sri Lanka signed the agreement.

BSE Lists IRFC's First Green Bond:

The **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** has listed **Indian Railways Finance Corporation's** (IRFC) first green bond on its global securities market. According to India Inx, the 10 year **\$500 million worth** bonds issued by IRFC is one of the highest credit rated bonds issued by an Indian corporate.

IRFC green bond is a commitment to sustainable development and to serve the financial needs of **India's rail transport infrastructure**. BSE's India Inx is the country's **first capital raising platform** for international investors in any currency. It is an initiative to enable both Indian and foreign issuers to raise funds from global investors on our listing platform.

IRFC

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- Managing Director of IRFC: **S K Pattanayak**

India is Top Borrower from AIIB in 2017:

India has emerged as a top borrower from the China-sponsored **Asian Infrastructure**

Investment Bank (AIIB) with **\$1.5 billion** worth of loans in 2017.Next to India, Indonesia has emerged as the second largest borrower with about **\$600 million loans**.

China is the largest shareholder with 26.06 per cent voting shares in the bank. India is the second largest shareholder with 7.5 per cent followed by Russia 5.93 per cent and Germany with 4.5 per cent.

AIIB

- Headquarters: **Beijing, china**
- President: **Jin Liqun**

WEF ranks India 30th on Global Manufacturing Index:

The **World Economic Forum** (WEF) has ranked **India** at **30th position** on a **Global Manufacturing Index**. **Japan** tops the list and is followed by South Korea, Germany. Among BRICS nations, Russia is ranked 35th, Brazil 41st and South Africa at 45th place. It has categorized 100 countries into four groups - Leading, High Potential, Legacy, Nascent. **India** has been placed in the '**Legacy**' group.

WEF

- **Headquarters:** Cologny, Switzerland
- **Executive Chairman:** Klaus Schwab

SEBI permits voluntary exit of two exchanges:

Regulator **SEBI** has allowed India Pepper and Spice Trade Association (**IPSTA**) and Rajkot Commodity Exchange (**RCX**) to cease operations. The boards of the two respective exchanges had resolved to take formal voluntary exit as recognised commodity exchanges.

The **Securities and Exchange Board of India** is the regulator for the securities market in India. It was established in the year **1988** and given statutory powers on 30 January 1992 through the **SEBI Act, 1992**.

SEBI

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Ajay Tyagi**

Federal Bank ties up with Hedge Equities:

Federal Bank has entered into a strategic partnership with **Hedge Equities Ltd** for **providing Portfolio Investment Scheme** (PIS) services to **NRIs**. A formal agreement was executed in which **Jose K Mathew** (EVP & Head Retail Business, Federal Bank) and **Alex Babu** (MD, Hedge Equities Ltd) exchanged the MoU announcing the tie-up.

FEDERAL BANK

- Headquarters: **Aluva, Kerala**
- CEO: **Shyam Srinivasan**
- Tagline: **Your Perfect Banking Partner**

IDFC Bank and Capital First announce merger via share swap deal:

The boards of the **IDFC Bank Ltd.** and **Capital First Ltd.**, approved a merger between themselves. The merged entity will have a **diversified portfolio** across large corporate lending, small and medium enterprise (SME) loans and retail credit.

IDFC BANK

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- CEO: **Rajiv Lall**

Delhi and Punjab richest states, Jain wealthiest community: National survey

According to wealth index released on basis of data from fourth round of **National Family and Health Survey** (NFHS-4) recently released by the Ministry Of Health And Family Welfare. **Delhi** is richest state and **Jain** wealthiest community in the country. The NFHS-4 was conducted among more than 6 lakh households in 2015-16.

Delhi and Punjab are richest states with over 60% of their households in the top wealth quintile. They are followed by Goa with 54.5% households in top wealth quintile. They are followed by Goa with 54.5% households in the top bracket. **Bihar** is poorest state half of its households in the bottom quintile **Rajasthan** has most equitable wealth distribution with a similar number of households in all quintiles.

Bank of Baroda partners with Invoice mart

Invoice Mart has tied up with state-run lender **Bank of Baroda** to discount invoices for MSMEs. Buyers and sellers registered on the marketplace will now be able to access funding from Bank of Baroda. Bank of Baroda had recently announced that it will provide loans to MSMEs associated with large corporates.

The scheme of facilitating the financing of trade receivables of MSMEs from corporate buyers through multiple financiers is known as **Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS)**.

Yes Bank Ties up with Amplus Energy Solutions:

The Gurgaon-based **Amplus Energy Solutions** has signed a MoU with India's leading bank **Yes Bank** for a strategic tie-up to co-finance projects in the solar energy sector in India. It will mobilise **USD one billion by 2023** for financing solar energy projects in India and USD five billion till 2030.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed at **International Solar Alliance Forum at the World Future Energy Summit, Abu Dhabi**.

Under the partnership, the total projects capacity is likely to be up to 1,000 mw.

HDFC Bank Crosses Rs.5 trillion Market Capitalisation:

Shares of **Housing Development Finance Corp. Ltd (HDFC)** crossed Rs 5 trillion market capitalisation. **Reliance Industries Ltd** is India's most valued company with a market capitalization of **Rs 6 trillion**, followed by **TCS** and **HDFC Bank** at **Rs 5.28 trillion** and **Rs.4.92 trillion**. According to 7 Bloomberg analysts' estimates, it may report a net profit of **Rs4,434.80 crore**.

AU Small Finance Bank inks MoU with LIC:

Banking finance company **AU Small Finance Bank** has signed an MoU with **LIC** to offer **Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)**. Under the MoU, LIC will give a life cover of **Rs. 2 lakh in case of death** to the customer at a nominal premium of **Rs. 330 per annum**.

The company will also offer loans under government's affordable housing and subsidy schemes such as **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana** and the customers can avail loans up to **Rs.1 crore**. The product will be targeted for both salaried and self- employed customers in urban, semi-urban and rural areas.

AU Small Finance Bank

- Headquarters: **Jaipur, Rajasthan**
- MD and CEO: **Sanjay Agarwal**

Mauritius, the largest source of FDI in India:

Mauritius was the **largest source of FDI** in India, followed by the US and the UK in 2016-17. The census was taken by the Reserve Bank of India. In India, Mauritius has 21.8 percent share at market value.

Total sales, including exports of foreign subsidiaries in India **increased by 18.7 percent** during 2016-17 whereas their purchases, **including imports, increased by 20.1 percent**.
MAURITIUS

- Capital: **Port Louis**
- Currency: **Mauritian rupee**
- Prime Minister: **Pravind Jugnauth**

Indian equity market to become 5th largest in the world in 2018

India will overtake **China to be the fastest growing large economy in 2018** and the country's equity market will become the fifth largest in the world. According to a **Sanctum Wealth Management** report other countries offers low growth and insufficient structural change, but India is seeing a reforming economy with the prospects of strong long-term growth. The developed economies are at **2-3 per cent growth** but India is focused on **7.5 per cent growth**.

Apple named the world's most admired company for 2018:

The annual list of the **World's Most Admired Companies for 2018** is released by **Fortune**. Technology giant **Apple** topped

Fortune magazine's list of the 'World's Most Admired Companies' for 2018. **E-commerce giant Amazon** has retained its **second spot**. It is followed by Google's parent Alphabet. Google's parent **Alphabet** got third spot and **social media giant Facebook** was ranked **12th on the list**. The list includes 50 companies.

- Apple**
- Headquarters: **California, United States.**
 - CEO: **Tim Cook**

SBI, four more banks suspend accounts of major Bitcoin exchanges in India:

The top banks of the country including State Bank of India (SBI), HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank and YES Bank have suspended some accounts of major Bitcoin exchanges in India on suspicious transactions. **The legal action** has been initiated against top ten crypto currency exchanges in the country, including - Zebpay, Unocoin, CoinSecure and BtcxIndia.

The total estimated revenue of these exchanges in India stands at Rs 400 billion. **A nationwide survey showed that more than \$3.5 billion worth transactions were conducted over a seventeen-month period.**

Paytm introduces business application:

Digital payments platform **Paytm** has unveiled an application called '**Paytm for Business**' to **enable small and medium businesses** to accept digital payments. The application, available on Android Play Store, would enable merchants to sign up quickly and get a Paytm QR code to start accepting digital payments, the company said. The application, available in **10 regional languages**, would allow merchants to track payments, navigate past collections and trace settlements made to their bank accounts.

WEF ranks India at 62nd place on Inclusive Development Index:

India was ranked at the **62nd place** among emerging economies on an Inclusive Development Index, much below China's 26th position and Pakistan's 47th. **Norway** remains the **world's most inclusive advanced economy**, while **Lithuania** again **tops the list** of emerging economies, the World Economic Forum (WEF) said.

India to Grow at 7.4% in 2018: International Monetary Fund:

India is projected to grow at **7.4%** of its **gross domestic product (GDP)** in 2018 as against China's 6.8%, the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**, making it the fastest growing economy among emerging economies

following last year's slowdown due to demonetisation and the implementation of goods and services tax (GST).

In its latest **World Economic Outlook** update released ahead of the World Economic Forum in Davos, the IMF projected India's GDP growth rate at 7.4% in 2018 and 7.8% in 2019.

Last date for filing GSTR-3B return for Dec extended to 22nd Jan:

The revenue department said the last date for **GSTR-3B return filing** for December has been extended by **two days to January 22**. GSTR-3B is a simple return form introduced by the CBEC after the roll out of the goods and services tax (GST) from July 1. It is meant to capture details of outward and inward supplies. The deadline to file the return for December in Form GSTR-3B was January 20.

India, 5th Most Attractive Market for Investments: PwC Survey

India has emerged as the **fifth most attractive market** for investments and the **optimism** over global economic growth is at a record level, a survey of CEOs by **global consultancy PwC**. The **US** remains the **top** spot for global investment.

Around 46 per cent of global CEOs consider the US as one of the three most important countries for growth, followed by **China (33 per cent)** and **Germany (20 per cent)** at **second** and **third places**, respectively. At the **fourth spot** is the **UK (15 per cent)**. India (9 per cent) bumps Japan (8 per cent) as the fifth most attractive market in 2018.

NIIF Makes its First Investment Partnered with DP World:

NIIF has partnered with **DP World** to create an investment platform for **ports, terminals, transportation and logistics businesses in India**. The venture will invest in opportunities in the ports sector as well as river ports and transportation, freight corridors, port-led special economic zones, inland container terminals and logistics infrastructure, including cold storages.

IOB and NHB tie up for RHISS:

Indian Overseas Bank has signed a MoU with **National Housing Bank** for the **Rural Housing Interest Subsidy Scheme (RHISS)** of the Ministry of Rural Development. The agreement was signed by **R Subramaniakumar, MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank**, and **Sriram Kalyanaraman, MD and CEO of the National Housing Bank**.

The aim of the **RHISS** is to provide subsidy for housing loans taken by those living in rural areas for construction and modifications of their dwelling units. The interest subsidy under the

scheme is 3 percent for a loan amount of **Rs.2 lakh** for **20-year tenure**.

- Indian Overseas Bank**
- Headquarters: **Chennai**
 - CEO: **R. Subramania Kumar**
- National Housing Bank**
- Headquarters: **New Delhi**
 - CEO: **Shri Sriram Kalyanaraman**
 - Parent agency: **Reserve Bank of India**

Government will infuse Rs 88,139 crore into 20 PSBs:

The government will infuse **Rs 88,139 crore into 20 public sector banks** through **recapitalization bonds and budgetary support** in **this financial year**. A total of **Rs 35,828** crore will be infused into nine banks that **haven't triggered prompt corrective action (PCA)**, including State Bank of India (SBI), Punjab National Bank and Bank of Baroda, among others.

While **Rs 52,311** crore will be pumped into **11 banks that have been added under PCA**, including IDBI, Central Bank of India, and UCO Bank.

IDBI Bank will get the most- **Rs.10,610 crore** and State Bank of India will get 8,800 crore rupees. At Present, NPAs held by Indian banks stand at around Rs 10 lakh crores.

India Ranks 81st on Global Talent Competitiveness Index:

India has moved up on a **global index of talent competitiveness** to the **81st position**. **Switzerland** continues to top the list and it is followed by **Singapore and the US**. It is released every year on the first day of the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting.

India has improved its position from **92nd last year**. Among BRICS nations China was ranked 54th, Russian Federation was placed at 56th, followed by South Africa (67) and Brazil (81).

The Coconut body approves 23 projects:

The Coconut Development Board under **Technology Mission on Coconut** has approved **23 projects** with an outlay of **Rs. 22.69 crore** and financial assistance of **Rs. 4.75 crore** with annual processing capacity of 521 lakh coconuts and 4200 tonnes production of coconut shell charcoal. In the 23 projects, there were 3 research projects and 19 projects on Processing of coconuts for value addition and one project for market promotion.

WhatsApp Unveils New Business App:

The messaging platform **WhatsApp** has unveiled a new '**WhatsApp Business**' app, aimed at **small and medium enterprises**. The Android app will make it easier for companies to connect with customers, as well as its 1.3 billion users to chat with businesses.

Using the business app, SMEs can help customers with useful information such as a business description, email or store addresses and website. It is currently available in Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, the UK and the US.

India Ranks 177 in EPI 2018:

India ranks **177th position among 180 countries in the Environmental Performance Index 2018**. The list was released by **Yale and Columbia universities** along with the world economic forum. The report was released during the ongoing **world economic forum in Davos, Switzerland**.

The top five countries in the list are:

- 1. **Switzerland**
- 2. **France**
- 3. **Denmark**
- 4. **Malta**
- 5. **Sweden**

Vodafone and Flipkart Tie up for 4G Smartphones:

Vodafone India has partnered with e-commerce marketplace **Flipkart** to provide a range of **entry-level 4G smartphones**. It has been planned to sell at an effective price of **₹999**.

Vodafone has rolled out cash-back offers on a select range of entry-level 4G smartphone models available under Flipkart's **#MyFirst4GSmartphone campaign**.

- Associate Director (Consumer Business), Vodafone India: **Avneesh Khosla**

India to grow at 7.4 percent in 2018: IMF

According to the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** India is projected to grow at **7.4 percent in 2018** and **China at 6.8 percent**. It makes India as the fastest growing country among the emerging economies.

Due to demonetisation and implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), India's economy slowed down a little bit to **6.7 percent in 2016**. The IMF has projected a **7.8 per cent growth rate for India in 2019**. It is released on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum, in Davos, Switzerland.

Govt collects Rs 86,703 cr under GST in December:

The total **revenue collection under GST for December 2017** (received up to January 24) was **Rs.86,703 crore**. Nearly one crore taxpayers have been registered under **GST till January 24, 2018**, announced by Finance Ministry. Average monthly collection in past five months is about **Rs.74,000 crore**.

Future acquires Snapdeal's logistics arm

Kishore Biyani's Future Supply Chain Solutions has fully acquired Snapdeal's logistics service provider **Vulcan Express Pvt Ltd**. It has been acquired for **Rs.35 crore**. Vulcan Company

plans to boost its last mile capabilities and also offer state-of-the-art solutions to its e-commerce and retail clients.

- Future Group founder and chairman: **Kishore Biyani**
- Snapdeal chief Strategy and Investment officer: **Jason Kothari**

Payments and Small finance banks can offer Atal Pension Yojana

The social security scheme, the **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)** will now also be available at **small finance** and **payments banks**. It will provide a boost to the outreach of subscribers under APY. The APY was launched by PM Narendra Modi on May 9, 2015, open to all citizens between the ages of **18 and 40 years**.

It provides a **minimum guaranteed pension of Rs.1,000 to Rs.5,000** per month, after the age of 60 years, depending on the monthly contribution made by a subscriber.

IndusInd Bank to Introduce India's First Battery-Powered Payment Card:

IndusInd Bank and **Dynamics Inc** plans to introduce the **first battery-powered, interactive payment cards** in the Indian market in **2018**. The new IndusInd Bank card from Pennsylvania-based Dynamics designs and manufactures intelligent battery-powered payment cards.

It has multiple buttons that let the consumer use a **single card** to pay in **multiple ways**. Consumers can pay using points or via instalment method wherever MasterCard is accepted.

IndusInd Bank

- Chairman: **R. Seshasayee**
- Headquarter: **Mumbai**
- MD &CEO: **Romesh Sobti**

India, second cheapest country to live in the World

India has ranked **second** after **South Africa** as the cheapest country to live or retire, according to a recent survey of 112 countries. The survey was taken by **GoBankingRates** on the bases of four key affordability metrics, provided by online pricing database Numbeo. The metrics are local purchasing power index, rent index, Groceries index, and Consumer price index.

Among the most expensive countries in the survey are Bermuda (ranked 112), Bahamas (111), Hong Kong (110), Switzerland (109) and Ghana (108).

India to become fastest growing large economy in 2018

India will become the **fastest growing large economy** in the world, eclipsing **China**, in 2018 and the country's equity market will jump to become the fifth largest in the world.

According to a **Sanctum Wealth Management report**, when the rest of the world

offers low growth and insufficient structural change, India, by contrast, is seen as a reforming economy with the prospect of strong long-term growth. **Sanctum** is a Delhi-based professional wealth management company.

APPOINTMENTS

NC Goel appointed as new Chief Secretary of Rajasthan:

Senior IAS officer N C Goel was appointed the new **Chief Secretary of Rajasthan**. Goel, a 1982-batch IAS officer, earlier held the charge of Additional Chief Secretary of Forest and Environment, Tourism, Art and Culture Department, Mines and Petroleum departments.

Vijay Keshav Gokhale is the Next Foreign Secretary:

Senior diplomat **Vijay Keshav Gokhale** has been appointed as the foreign secretary for a **two-year fixed term**. He will succeed **S Jaishankar** on January 28, 2018. Mr. Gokhale, a 1981-batch officer, currently Secretary (Economic Relations) in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Pankaj Jain Appointed as IIFCL Managing Director:

Pankaj Jain has assumed charge as the Managing Director of **India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)**. He is the Joint Secretary in the **Department of Financial Services (DFS)**. He will be holding additional charge of IIFCL along with his present position as Joint Secretary at DFS.

Salil Parekh to take charge as Infosys CEO:

Salil Parekh who was a group executive board member with global consulting firm **Capgemini** will formally join the **\$10-billion IT giant, Infosys**. **UB Pravin Rao** will step down as the interim CEO and Managing Director effective January 2 and will continue as **Chief Operating Officer** and a **whole-time Director** of the company.

Maiga appointed as the new PM of Mali:

Mali President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has appointed **Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga** as **new Prime Minister**. He is a former defense and foreign minister and intelligence chief as the new Prime Minister. He replaces Abdoulaye Idrissa Maiga after his resignation. Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga is the **fifth Prime Minister appointed by President Keita**.

MALI

- Capital: **Bamako**
- Currency: **West African franc**
- President: **Ibrahim Boubacar Keita**

Rajinder Khanna appointed as deputy NSA

Rajinder Khanna, former chief of the country's external intelligence agency RAW, has been appointed as **Deputy National Security**

Adviser. He replaced **Arvind Gupta** who has completed his tenure in August 2017.The NSC, headed by Modi with national security adviser (NSA) **Ajit Doval as secretary**, is the apex body on internal and external security matters.

Dilip Asbe has been appointed as MD & CEO of NPCI

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has appointed **Dilip Asbe** as Managing Director and CEO of the organization. He will replace **Hota** who retired last year (2017). National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is established for all retail payments in India. It was set up with the guidance and support of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** and **Indian Banks Association (IBA)**. It is established under **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**.

K Sivan appointed as new ISRO Chairman

K Sivan has been appointed as the new Chairman of the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**.He is at present Director of **Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre** in Thiruvananthapuram. He would replace current ISRO chief AS Kiran Kumar and will have tenure of **three years**. The Headquarters of ISRO is located at **Bengaluru**.

Harjinder Singh appointed as Chef de Mission for Winter Olympics

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has appointed Harjinder Singh as the Chef De Mission for the **23rd Winter Olympic Games**. The 23rd winter olympics will be held in February 2018 in **Pyeongchang**. Pyeongchang is in Gangwon province a region in South Korea. It was announced IOA President **Narinder Dhruv Batra**. He currently holds the post of **General Secretary** in the **Ice Hockey Association of India**.

Indian Olympic Association

- Headquarters: **New Delhi, India**
- Secretary General: **Mr. Rajeev Mehta**

Indian-origin businessman appointed WBCSD Chairman:

Singapore-based Indian-origin businessman **Sunny Verghese** has been appointed as the **Chairman of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development**. He is the Co-Founder and the **CEO of Singapore's agri-business group Olam International Limited**. He succeeded **Paul Polman**, the CEO of Unilever and will serve a two-year term.

First woman lawyer directly promoted as SC judge

The senior advocate Indu Malhotra is the first woman lawyer to be directly appointed as a judge of the apex court. Indu is a senior counsel practising in the Supreme Court for the past 30 years. In 1989, **Justice M Fathima Beevi**

became the first woman to be appointed as a judge of the apex court.

VJ Mathew appointed as Maritime Board Chairman

Mathew is the legal consultant of Vizhinjam International container terminal company and Indian Maritime Association Co-President.He was appointed by the **Kerala Maritime Board** constituted by the government for the administration, control, and management of minor ports in the State.

Anil Khanna appointed as Chairman of IOA Finance Commission

Anil Khanna was appointed as **Chairman of the Finance Commission of the Indian Olympic Association**, which also formed a four-member advisory committee. The advisory committee comprises Tarlochan Singh, GS Mander, S Regunathan and BS Landge.

The IOA also formed a **Medical Commission** and **Games Technical Conduct Committee** and nominated office bearers of IOA and National Sports Federations (NSFs) to the Committees.

UN Environment and WHO agree major collaboration on environmental health risks:

UN Environment and the **World Health Organization** have agreed a new, wide-ranging collaboration. It is to accelerate action to curb environmental health risks that cause an estimated **12.6 million** deaths a year. **Mr. Erik Solheim**, head of UN Environment, and **Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General of WHO, signed the agreement in Nairobi.

The collaboration also includes joint management of the Breathe Life advocacy campaign **to reduce air pollution** for multiple climate, environment and health benefits.

Former Gujarat CM Anandiben Patel to be next MP Governor

Former Gujarat chief minister Anandiben Patel will be the **new Governor of Madhya Pradesh**. The appointment was made by the **President of India**. She was the chief minister of Gujarat from 2014 to 2016.She **replaces O P Kohli**, who was given the additional charge as the Governor of Madhya Pradesh in September, 2016, when the tenure of incumbent Ram Naresh Yadav ended.

Romania’s PM resigns after he loses support from party:

Romania’s Prime Minister **Mihai Tudose** resigned after his **Social Democrat Party (PSD)** leaders withdrew backing for him in an overwhelming vote, making him the second premier ousted by the party in less than seven months.

ROMANIA

- Capital: **Bucharest**
- Currency: **Romanian leu**

Vijay Kumar Appointed as MD & CEO of NCDEX:

Market regulator **SEBI** has approved appointment of **Vijay Kumar** as Managing Director and CEO of **NCDEX**. He is a former chief business officer at NCDEX and also an agro-industry veteran, having worked for Cargill and National Bulk Handling Corporation. He replaces **Samir Shah** as his tenure ends with January, 2018.

S Selvakumar Appointed CMD of SPMCIL:

The government has appointed senior IAS officer **S Selvakumar** as Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**) of **Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCIL)**. S Selvakumar, Joint Secretary, **Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance** has been assigned additional charge of the post of CMD, SPMCIL. S Selvakumar replaces **Anurag Agarwal**.

Om Prakash Rawat Appointed New Chief Election Commissioner:

Om Prakash Rawat has been appointed as the **next Chief Election Commissioner**, the law ministry said. Mr Rawat, who is currently an Election Commissioner, will succeed the outgoing **Achal Kumar Joti**. And Former Finance Secretary **Ashok Lavasawas** appointed as Election Commissioner to fill the vacancy created by Mr Rawat’s elevation.

Sudeep Lakhtakia appointed new NSG DG:

IPS officer **Sudeep Lakhtakia** was appointed as the new director general of **National Security Guard (NSG)**. Lakhtakia is a 1984-batch IPS officer of Telangana cadre. He is currently serving as a special DG of **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**.He will take over incumbent **SP Singh**, who will retire from the post on January end.

FICCI hires Dilip Chenoy as Director General: Industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

said it had appointed **Dilip Chenoy** as its **director general**. Chenoy had been the managing director and CEO of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), director general of Society of Indian Automobile Manufactures (Siam) as well as deputy director general of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

Srikumar Menon appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Angola:

Shri Srikumar Menon, presently Ambassador of India to South Sudan has been

appointed as the next **Ambassador of India to the Republic of Angola.**

ANGOLA

- Capital: **Luanda**
- Currency: **Angolan kwanza**

Somanath takes charge as VSSC director:

ISRO’s Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) director S Somanath has taken charge as **the new director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)**, which is ISRO’s lead centre for launch vehicles.

US Senate confirms Powell as next Chairman of Federal Reserve:

The **US Senate** confirmed **former investment banker Jerome Powell** as **head of the Federal Reserve**. Mr Powell, a current Fed governor, was confirmed by a vote of 85-12, paving the way for him to **replace current Chair Janet Yellen** when she steps down next month.

Usha Ananthasubramanian Becomes 1st Woman IBA Chief:

Usha Ananthasubramanian, MD and CEO of **Allahabad Bank** has been elected the **first woman chairman of Indian Banks’ Association (IBA)**.Usha was elected as IBA Chairman **for the year 2017-18** by its Managing Committee.

She replaces after the retirement of **Jatinder Bir Singh**, who was Chairman and Managing Director of Punjab & Sind Bank.

IBA

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- CEO: **Mohan V Tanksale**

AWARDS AND HONOURS

JNPT wins Samudra Manthan Award 2017:

The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust has won the **“Samudra Manthan – Caring Organisation of the Year” award**. The award was organised by **Bhandarkar Shipping**, which is a leading publication of the maritime industry.

From the total 14 categories of Samudra Manthan award, JNPT was the winner in the **“Caring Organization of the Year” category**. The Samudra Manthan Award is a significant initiative instituted with an objective to fuel healthy competition in the maritime sector.Jawaharlal Nehru Port, also known as **Nhava Sheva**, is the largest container port in India. Located **east of Mumbai in Maharashtra**, the port on the Arabian Sea.

Ravi Menon named best governor of Asia Pacific:

An Indian-origin banker in Singapore has been named as the best **central bank governor in Asia-Pacific for 2018**.Ravi Menon, managing

director of Singapore’s central bank **Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)**.The award was given by UK-based magazine **‘The Banker’** for his contribution in the makeover of Singapore’s financial system. **Singapore’s Finance Minister Heng Swee Keat** was also named the best banker in 2011. He was then as MAS’s managing director.

Golden Globe Awards 2018:

The 75th Golden Globe Award ceremony was held in Los Angeles, the USA. Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri **won the “Best Motion Picture, drama” award. Best performance by an actress in a motion picture, drama is Frances McDormand. Best performance by an actor in a motion picture, drama is Gary Oldman.**

French honour to be conferred on actor Soumitra Chattopadhyay

France will confer its highest order of merit, **the 'Legion of Honour'**, on legendary film and theatre actor **Soumitra Chattopadhyay** at the **42nd International Kolkata Book Fair**. It will be honoured by **French culture and communication minister Francoise Nyssen** and it was announced by **French Ambassador (to India) Alexandre Ziegler**.

The Dadasaheb Phalke Award winner Chattopadhyay acted in several of Ray's films, including Apur Sansar, Abhijan, Charulata, Aranyer Din Ratri and Sonar Kella.

France is the **focal theme country** of the international Kolkata Book fair 2018.

Matunga station enters Limca Book for all-woman staff

The Matunga suburban station on the Central Railway (CR) entered **Limca Book of Records** for having an **all-woman staff**. The unique initiative was taken by CR General Manager DK Sharma in July 2017 with the aim of empowering women. Matunga is a railway station on the Central line of the **Mumbai Suburban Railway network**.

Actor Sudhir Dalvi gets Janakavi P Sawlaram award:

Actor Sudhir Dalvi was honoured with the **Janakavi P Sawlaram award** at a glittering function in **Thane**. The award is jointly given by the Thane Municipal Corporation and the Janakavi P Savlaram Kala Samiti. Well-known dancer **Jaishree T** was given the **Ganga Jamuna award**.

President Kovind to confer Sangeet Natak Awards for 2016

President Ram Nath Kovind will confer the **Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for 2016** to an eminent group of musicians, dancers, and theatre artists. The function will be held at

Rashtrapati Bhavan in **New Delhi**. The four Fellowships (Akademi Ratnas) this year will be conferred on **Arvind Parikh, R Vedavalli, Ram Gopal Bajaj and Sunil Kothari**.

CU confers D. Litt degree on Pranab Mukherjee:

The **Chittagong University** (Bangladesh) honored former president **Pranab Mukherjee** with the Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) degree. It has been given for his "outstanding contributions to society and for being a genuine friend of Bangladesh".

The university’s Vice-Chancellor **Prof. Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury** conferred the degree to Mr. Mukherjee at the university campus. Pranab Mukherjee was the 13th president of India.

Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh gets Dr. Kalam Innovation in Governance Award:

Recognising the contribution of Andhra Pradesh in the field of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Young cabinet Minister **Nara Lokesh** was conferred with the **Dr. Kalam Innovation in Governance Award 2018**. The award was given away by Rajya Sabha Secretary-General **Desh Deepak Verma** during the second edition of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Summit on innovation in governance in **New Delhi**.

Shah Rukh Khan receives Crystal Award in Davos:

Global icon Shah Rukh Khan received the 24th Crystal Award, here in **Davos** for **“his leadership in championing children’s and women’s rights in India”**. English singer **Sir Elton John** and Australian actress **Cate Blanchett** were also honoured at the Summit. Past winners of Crystal Award from India include Amitabh Bachchan, A R Rahman, Shabana Azmi, and Amjad Ali Khan among others.

Delhi LG felicitates National Bravery Award winners:

Lt Governor **Anil Baijal** felicitated children who have been conferred the **National Bravery Award 2017** at a function held at the Raj Niwas. Among the 18 brave hearts, including seven girls and 11 boys, two girls and one boy have been given the award posthumously.

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Tamil Nadu CM Palanichamy received UNESCO Award

The **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palanisamy** has received **UNESCO Award of Merit**. It has been awarded to the

iconic Srirangam Ranganathaswamy temple in Tiruchirapalli.

The award of merit was awarded by UNESCO Asia Pacific region for the cultural heritage conservation activities taken up at the temple without altering its original splendour.

Govt announces Padma Awards 2018:

The Centre has announced the list of 2018 Padma awardees. The awards — Padma Vibhushan (3), Padma Bhushan (9) and Padma Shri (73) — are announced on the eve of the Republic Day every year. Here some of the famous people who conferred with this awards are listed:

Padma Vibhushan:

- Ilayaraja: Art (Music), Tamil Nadu
- Ghulam Mustafa Khan: Art (Music), Uttar Pradesh
- P Parameswaran: Literature & Education, Kerala

Padma Bhusan:

- Pankaj Advani: Sports - Billiards/Snooker, Karnataka
- Philipose Mar Chrysostom: Others- Spiritualism, Kerala
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni: Sports- Cricket, Jharkhand

Padma Shri:

- Saikhom Mirabai Chanu: Sports- Weightlifting, Manipur
- Somdev Devvarman: Sports-Tennis, Tripura
- Murlikant Petkar: Sports-Swimming, Maharashtra
- Kidambi Srikanth: Sports-Badminton, Andhra Pradesh

SPORTS

Indian golfer Shiv Kapur wins Royal Cup at Pattay:

Indian golfer Shiv Kapur won the Royal Cup at Pattaya, which is his third Asian Tour title of 2017. Kapur first won on Asian Tour in his debut season in December 2005.

Kapur, the only multiple winner on Asian Tour this year, is also the only Indian to have won three times on Asian Tour. Now he has won three times in eight months. This latest win marks Kapur’s fourth Asian Tour win and sixth international title as he won twice on European Challenge Tour also.

Vidarbha Defeats Delhi to win Ranji Trophy for the First Time:

Vidarbha won the Ranji Trophy title for the first time by defeating Delhi in nine wickets. The event held at Holkar Stadium in Indore. Rajneesh Gurbani was declared player of the Match. The team represents the Vidarbha region of eastern Maharashtra.

Sathiyan: India’s highest-ranked player in ITTF rankings:

G Sathiyan has become India’s highest-ranked player in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings. He surpasses Sharath Kamal. Sathiyan is at the 49th rank, pushing Kamal to the second spot at 51. They are followed by Soumyajit Ghosh ranked 58th, Harmeet Desai ranked 60th, Sanil Shetty ranked 68th and Anthony Amalraj ranked 87th.

As for the women, Manika Batra is topping the world chart among Indians at 62, while Mouma Das is ranked 74th and Madhurika Patkar is ranked 81th.

Arab player of the year 2017: Mohamed Salah Liverpool and Egypt striker Mohamed Salah was named Arab Player of the Year for 2017. Syrian winner Omar Khribin is second and another Syrian player, Omar Al-Soma is at third spot. Salah also wins African Player of the Year title which will be announced in the Ghanaian capital Accra. Liverpool is a professional football club in Liverpool, England.

India-South Africa Test series named as “Freedom Series”:

The upcoming three-Test series between India and hosts South Africa has been named as “Freedom Series.” A specially designed Freedom Series Trophy Podium will also commemorate the landmark series. The Freedom Series was felt by both nations to be a more fitting name in recognition of South Africa’s and India’s shared history of winning freedom through non-violence.

Brisbane International 2018:

Ukraine’s Elina Svitolina secured her first WTA title in women’s singles by defeating Belarusian Aliaksandra Sasnovich. This is her 10th title on the women’s elite tour. Australian Nick Kyrgios won in Men’s single by defeating American Ryan Harrison.

- Men’s Doubles winner: Henri Kontinen and John Peers.
- Women’s Doubles winner: Kiki Bertens and Demi Schuurs.
- It was played on outdoor hard courts in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Gilles Simon wins inaugural Tata Open title:

Gilles Simon of France has clinched the inaugural Tata Open Maharashtra Tennis trophy. The event held at Balewadi Sports Complex in Pune. He defeated Kevin Anderson to clinch the title. Simon’s ranking is 89 in the world, while Anderson is ranked Fourteen. It is the first title for Simon, since his win at Marseille in February 2015. This tournament is India’s only ATP event.

Federer-Bencic Lead Switzerland to Hopman Cup Title:

Switzerland won their third Hopman Cup as Roger Federer and Belinda Bencic by defeating Germany’s Alexander Zverev and Angelique Kerber. It was Federer’s second Hopman Cup triumph after victory in 2001 when teamed with Martina Hingis. The Hopman Cup is an annual international eight-team indoor hardcourt tennis tournament held in Perth, Western Australia.

Ashes Test Series: Australia beat England:

Australia beat England by innings and 123 runs in Ashes Test Series. The Ashes is a Test cricket series played between England and Australia. An Ashes series is traditionally of five Tests, hosted in turn by England and Australia at least once every two years.

The player of the series is Steve Smith, Captain of Australian Team. The five venues for 2018 series were the Gabba, Adelaide Oval, the WACA Ground, the Melbourne Cricket Ground and the Sydney Cricket Ground.

BCCI suspends Yusuf Pathan for five months:

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), has suspended Indian all-rounder Yusuf Pathan for 5 months on doping violation. He had ingested a prohibited substance Terbutaline, commonly found in cough syrups. The substance ‘Terbutaline’ is prohibited both in and out of Competition in the World Anti-Doping Agency’s Prohibited List of Substances.

World Anti-Doping Agency

- Headquarters: Montreal, Canada
- President: Craig Reedie

Bhuvneshwar Kumar jumps eight places in latest ICC test ranking:

India’s swing bowler Bhuvneshwar Kumar has jumped eight places to 22nd rank in the latest ICC ranking. In the rankings for the Test batsmen, Australia’s Steve Smith remains on 947 points in first position. India skipper Virat Kohli moved to third spot from second. England counterpart Joe Root is in second rank.

India continued to be the top-ranked Test team with 124 points. They are followed by South Africa (111 points), Australia (104

points), New Zealand (100 points) and England (99 points).

Anchal Thakur Bags bronze Medal in Skiing:
Aanchal Thakur wins bronze medal in **Alpine Ejder 3200 Cup in Turkey**. She is the first Indian to win a medal at an international skiing event. She won the medal in the **slalom race category**. The Championship was organized by the Federation Internationale de Ski (skiing's international governing body) **in Erzurum, Turkey**.

Aditya Mehta Wins Kolkata Open 2018:
Aditya Mehta clinched the Kolkata Open International Invitation Snooker Championship at the **Hindustan Club in Kolkata, West Bengal**. He defeated Englishman Professional Player **Alfie Burden** to clinch the title.

Wang Jiali has been banned for 8 years: CAA
China's national marathon champion and Olympian Wang Jiali has been banned for **eight years** after failing a drugs test. The CAA also fined **Wang 40,000 yuan (\$6,000)** and banned her **coach Lyu Qiang for life**. It was announced by China's Anti-Doping Agency (CHINADA).

She had recently won **gold** at the **2017 National Games**. Wang, who came 57th in the marathon at the 2012 London Olympics was banned for two years in 2013 for a previous violation.

Rabada is the youngest No. 1 Test bowler:

South African player **Kagiso Rabada** has recently became the top-ranked bowler in Test cricket. He is the **youngest bowler** ever to top the ICC Test rankings for bowlers.

Rabada became only the **seventh South African bowler** to top the latest rankings released following his contribution in the 72-run win against India in the first Test match at Newlands.

Sarjubala Devi clinched gold in National Women’s Boxing Championship:

Former world silver-medallist **Sarjubala Devi** (48kg), representing Manipur, claimed the gold **National Women’s Boxing Championships**. He also clinched the **best boxer trophy** in the National Women’s Boxing Championships. The event was held in **Rohtak, Haryana**. Former world and Asian champion **L Sarita Devi** (60kg), representing the All India Police (AIP) clinched gold medal.

Yuki Bhambri qualifies for Australian Open tennis tournament:
In Melbourne, the 25-year old Indian **Yuki Bhambri** overcame Canadian Peter Polansky and has qualified for the Australian Open tennis tournament.

Indian boxers claim 11 gold medals in 7th edition of Nation’s Cup tournament in Sombor, Serbia:
Indian boxers have claimed **11 gold medals** and both the team championship trophies in the **Nation’s Cup tournament for junior and youth women in Sombor, Serbia**. The **junior team** won 13 medals, nine gold, two silver and two bronze medals, while the **youth team** clinched four medals 3 gold (60, 64 and 81 kilogram)and one bronze (54 kilogram).
SERBIA

- Capital: **Belgrade**
- Currency: **Serbian dinar**

Premier Badminton League: Hyderabad Hunters Claim Maiden Title
Hyderabad Hunters overcame a fighting **Bengaluru Blasters** in a thrilling summit clash to claim their maiden title at the **third Premier Badminton League (PBL)**at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium, Hyderabad. Mixed Doubles pair of **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** and **Pia Bernadet** put up a dominant display in the last match to clinch the title and the winners’ prize purse for the Hunters.

Assam wins 8th Sub-junior National Hockey C’ship:
Hosts **Assam Hockey** rallied back in the first half to beat **Hockey Rajasthan** in the final of the **8th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2018** (B Division), at the Hojai Hockey stadium, Assam.

Ronaldinho Retires From Professional Football:
Brazilian World Cup winner Ronaldinho has formally confirmed his retirement from football. He played last in 2015 with Fluminense. He has been awarded the **Ballon D’Or in 2005**. For Brazil, Ronaldinho made 97 appearances, scoring 33 goals, including two in the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea. Ronaldinho’s career began with **Gremio football club in Porto Alegre** before he emerged as a star with **French giants PSG**.

ICC Awards 2017 Complete List of Winners
The Indian captain was **named the Cricketer of the Year** and also **Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy** for his performances during the ICC cutoff year of September 2016 to October 2017.Kohli also wins the **ICC ODI Cricketer of the Year**.

Yuzvendra Chahal was awarded the **T20 Performance of the Year**.Rohit and Kohli are part of the ICC ODI team of the Year while Ashwin, Pujara and Kohli are part of the ICC Test Team of the Year.

India Rise Three Places in Latest FIFA Rankings:
India jumped three places to get **102nd rank in the first FIFA rankings** of the year. India is ranked **14th among Asian countries**. The top 14 spots remained unchanged with reigning World Champions **Germany** at the top followed by **Brazil, Portugal, Argentina and Belgium**. **Iran** are the top-ranked **Asian team** at the **34th position**. The captain of Indian Team is **Sunil Chhetri**.
FIFA: The Federation Internationale de Football Association

- President: **Gianni Infantino**
- Headquarters: **Zurich, Switzerland**

Manav Thakkar World No.2, Diya Chitale No.5 in TT rankings
Indian players, Manav Thakkar climbed to **World Number 2** in the boys' under-18 category while **Diya Chitale** rose to **Number 5** in the girls' under-15 category in the International Table Tennis Federation rankings. National Champion **Payas Jain** has climbed to the **11th spot**, and behind him is **Jeho H at No. 12**. **Selena Selvakumar** is now at **No. 37**.
International Table Tennis Federation

- Headquarters: **Lausanne, Switzerland**
- President: **Thomas Weikert**

India clinched Blind Cricket World Cup 2018
India have clinched the **5th World Cup for the Blind 2018** and **Sunil Ramesh** was declared as the man of the match. India **defeated Pakistan** by two wickets to clinch the title. It has 40 overs in each match. The event was held at **Sharjah Cricket Stadium** in **UAE**. The hosting countries are UAE and Pakistan. It was organised by World Blind Cricket Council head. India had previously won the tournament in 2014, which was held in Cape Town.
World Blind Cricket Council

- Headquarters: **Bengaluru**
- President: **Syed Sultan Shah**

Shuttler Siddharth Singh Wins Swedish Open Junior Badminton Title:
Young Indian **shuttler Siddharth Pratap Singh** secured his maiden international title, bagging the **Swedish Open Junior International Series** with a straight-game victory over Denmark’s Mads Christophersen in the finals in **Uppsala in Sweden**.

West Indies to Host 2018 Women’s World T20:

The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced, the **2018 edition** of the **Women’s World T20** will be **hosted by West Indies** in November 2018. Hosts Windies will defend the title they won over Australia in Kolkata in 2016.

Rakhi Halder creates new national record in Women Senior National Weightlifting Championships:

Rakhi Halder created a new national record and en route to a **gold medal** in the **63kg women’s category** in the **33rd Women Senior National Weightlifting Championships, in Mangaluru, Kerala**. Rakhi lifted 128kgs for a total of 230kgs to create a new national record, bettering Karnam Malleswari’s feat (127kg) created in Athens in 1999.

The **silver** in this category went to **S Thasana Chanu** of **Karnataka** (202kg) while the **bronze** was clinched by AIPSCB’s **Amandeep Kaur** (191kg).

Delhi wins Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy:
Delhi won their first **Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy** by beating Rajasthan. It was held at **Eden Gardens stadium, Kolkata**. The 2017–18 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy is the **ninth edition of Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy**, a Twenty20 competition in India.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Non-resident Indian Day - January 9

Non-resident Indian Day (Pravasi Bharatiya Divas) is observed on January 9. It aims to recognize the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the country's development. India has the second-largest overseas community in the world after China.

National Youth Day - January 12

National youth day (Yuva Diwas or Swami Vivekananda Birthday) 2018 will be celebrated all over India on 12th of January. It is celebrated in order to inspire all the youths of country towards the philosophy of Swami Vivekananda and his ideals. The theme of 2018 is **‘Sankalp Se Siddhi’**

Indian Army celebrates 70th Army Day:

Army Day is celebrated on **January 15** every year. The Indian Army celebrates the **70th Army Day**, with parades and shows at its major locations across the country. The celebration marks the day Field Marshal KM Cariappa took over as the first Indian chief of the nation’s Army in **1949**. General **Bipin Rawat** reviews parade in New Delhi.

Raising Day - January 19

National Disaster Response Force, NDRF is celebrating its **13th Raising Day on January 19, 2018**. The Force was raised on 19th

January, 2006, as a specialised force capable of responding to any type of disaster in the country and abroad.

Nation pays homage to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on his 121st birth anniversary

The Nation pays **homage to India’s great freedom fighter Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** on his **121st(23rd January)** birth anniversary. It was on this day in 1897, Netaji was born in **Cuttack, Odisha**.

National Girl Child Day: January 24

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the nation is proud of the accomplishments of girls in various fields. In a tweet on the occasion of **National Girl Child Day**, Mr Modi said, India salutes the skills, strengths and fortitude of the girl child.

UP Diwas Day- January 24

The Yogi Adityanath government has decided to celebrate **'UP Diwas' on January 24**.The decision was taken at a cabinet meeting chaired by the chief minister Yogi Adityanath. The United Provinces unit was renamed as **Uttar Pradesh on on January 24, 1950**.

National Voters' Day - January 25

The National Voters’ Day or Rashtriya Matdata Diwas is observed on **January 25** every year. The significance of National Voters' Day is to encourage more young voters to take part in the political process. This will be **eighth National Voters' Day (NVD)**.

BOOK & AUTHOR

President Kovind unveiled 'The Heartfulness Way' book:

President Ram Nath Kovind unveiled a book on heartfulness techniques and principles titled **'The Heartfulness Way'**. It is authored by **Kamlesh Patel, widely known as Daaji** and **Joshua Pollock**. The Heartfulness Way encapsulates a seeker's journey while examining the nature of spiritual search within and around us. It was launched by **Commerce and Industries Minister Suresh Prabhu**.

Vice President releases the book 'Staniya Svasasan Mei Addhi Aabadhi'

Vice President releases the book **'Staniya Svasasan Mei Addhi Aabadhi'** has been authored by Dr. Sadhana Pandey in New Delhi. It is a study that captures the voices of the rural women who are occupying positions of authority at the local level.

A Book by Sheila Dixit “Dilli Meri Dilli: Before and After 1998”

The former Chief Minister of Delhi, **Sheila Dixit’s** pictorial book framed a book named **“Dilli Meri Dilli: Before and After 1998”**.The book

beautifully traces the evolution of the Indian capital over the centuries. The book is published by Palimpsest Publishers. It focus various subjects like heritage, culture, law, gender equality, urban environment, education, sports and transport.

OBITUARY

Eminent Poet Anwar Jalalpuri Passes Away:

Noted **Urdu poet Anwar Jalalpuri** passed away in Lucknow. Anwar Jalalpuri is best known for his translation of **shlokas of Bhagwat Gita** into Urdu verses. Anwar Jalalpuri was a **Yash Bharti** recipient.

Carnatic vocalist Radha Viswanathan passes away:

Carnatic singer, Radha Viswanathan passed away in Bengaluru. Radha Viswanathan is the daughter of famous classical singer M S Subbulakshmi. She had performed in concerts along with her **mother M S Subbulakshmi**.

Former WTO Director General Peter Sutherland passed away:

Former **World Trade Organization** Director General **Peter Sutherland** passed away. He also held top posts in the European Union and the United Nations. Sutherland became founding director-general of the WTO in 1993, and in 2006 was named the U.N. envoy on international migration.

World champion powerlifter Saksham Yadav passed away:

Powerlifting world champion **Saksham Yadav** passes away in an accident in New Delhi. He has won a gold medal for India at powerlifting **world championship** held in Moscow in December 2017.Saksham had also won a gold medal in the junior category in 2016.

NASA’s Astronaut John Young Passed Away:

Legendary American astronaut **John Young**, passed away. He is America’s ‘most experienced astronaut’ who walked on the Moon during the Apollo programme and commanded the first space shuttle mission.

Former Bollywood actor Shrivallabh Vyas passes away:

Bollywood actor Shrivallabh Vyas passed away in Jaipur. He has done films like 'Sarfarosh', 'Lagaan', 'Abhay', 'Aan: Men at Work' 'Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose: The Forgotten Hero' and 'Sankat City'.

NIAS Director Baldev Raj Passes Away:

Atomic scientist and NIAS Director Baldev Raj passed away. He had been director of the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru since 2014.

Veteran journalist and writer Gnani Sankaran passes away:

Veteran Tamil writer, journalist and theatre personality, **Gnani Sankaran**, died. He was the editor of a Tamil magazine ‘**Dheemtharikida**’, which was first published in printed form and then in electronic form

Former Union minister Raghunath Jha passes away:

Raghunath Jha (78) was former **Union minister of State** for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprise in UPA government led by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, passed away at a Delhi’s Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.

Jo Jo White, Basketball player Passed Away:

American Basketball player Jo Jo white has passed away. Jo Jo was a key member of two championship teams, an NBA Finals MVP, a gold medal-winning Olympian, and a Hall of Famer.

Kashinath, Kannada actor passed away:

Veteran Kannada actor **Kashinath** passed away. Kashinath hails from Kundapura in Udupi district. Kashinath began his career in films as a director and the first movie he directed was Aparoopada Athithigalu.

Eminent Cartoonist Chandi Lahiri Passed Away:

The Famous **Cartoonist Chandi Lahiri** has passed away. He belongs to **West Bengal**. He began his career in 1952 at the 'Dainik Loksevak' newspaper as a reporter and took to drawing cartoons in 1961.

Longest living Indian Army veteran Major FKK Sircar passes away at 101:

Major **FKK Sircar** (Retd.), the **longest living army veteran**, at 101 years of age. He was from 2nd battalion of the **ASSAM Regiment** and had the distinction of participating in three wars viz World War II, Indo-Pak War of 1947 -48 and Indo-China War of 1962.

Hugh Masekela, 'Father of South African Jazz' Passes Away:

‘**Father of South African jazz**’, who had career spanning more than five decades, **dies aged 78**. South Africans have paid tribute to **Hugh Masekela**, the **legendary jazz musician** and activist, who died at the age of 78.

Author Ursula K. Le Guin Passed Away:

The Award-winning **science fiction and fantasy author Ursula K Le Guin** has passed away. She hails from Oregon, US. She has won a number of **Nebula** and **Hugo science fiction and fantasy awards**. She also received the **Newbery Medal**, the top honour for US children's literature and the **National Book Foundation Medal** for

Distinguished Contribution to American letters. Her first novel, "**Rocannon's World**" and she had wrote more than 20 novels and over 100 short stories.

Bengali actor Supriya Choudhury passed away:

Famous actress **Supriya Devi** passed away. She hails from **West Bengal**. Supriya Devi acted in 45 Bengali films till 2006 with her last film being **The Namesake**. She is a Padma Shri award winner.

Kannada actor Chandrashekhar passes away:

Noted Kannada actor **Chandrashekhar** popularly known as 'Edakallu Guddada Mele' Chandrashekhar passed away. He had acted in over 40 films to date and his last film '3 ghante, 30 dina, 30 second'.

Current Affairs Quiz:

Q.1) Which of the following Indian state has recently declared as an Open Defecation Free state in North East Region of India?

- a) Nagaland
- b) Assam
- c) Mizoram
- d) Arunachal Pradesh
- e) Manipur

Q.2) Maharashtra sanctions, how much amount for farm loan waiver Scheme?

- a) Rs.17,240 crore
- b) Rs.14,340 crore
- c) Rs.15,140 crore
- d) Rs.14,240 crore
- e) Rs.24,240 crore

Q.3) With easy access to information on government Schemes and initiatives for women, Union Minister Maneka Gandhi inaugurates online portal named _____.

- a) MNAI
- b) MARN
- c) RNAI
- d) MNRI
- e) NARI

Q.4) What is the constituency of Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi?

- a) Vidisha
- b) Nagpur
- c) Jhansi
- d) Vizianagaram
- e) Pilibhit

Q.5) Which state government has obtained approval to get electric vehicles under FAME-India Scheme?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Karnataka
- c) Kerala
- d) Maharashtra
- e) Rajasthan

Q.6)India's second largest rooftop solar plant in Uttar Pradesh generated how much electricity?

- a) 59 lakh KWh
- b) 79 lakh KWh
- c) 89 lakh KWh
- d) 70 lakh KWh
- e) 69 lakh KWh

Q.7) National Register of Citizens (NRC) was released in which of the following state?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Jammu & Kashmir
- c) Assam
- d) Sikkim
- e) Nagaland

Q.8) Who is the Registrar General of India?

- a) Mithun Raj
- b) Kiran
- c) Sailesh
- d) Praveen Raj

e) Kalyan Singh

Q.9) Recently Saudi Arabia and which country introduced the Value Added Tax (VAT) for the first time?

- a) Yemen
- b) United Arab Emirates
- c) Italy
- d) Israel
- e) Oman

Q.10) Senior diplomat Vijay Keshav Gokhale has been appointed as the next_____.

- a) Finance Secretary
- b) Commerce Secretary
- c) Foreign Secretary
- d) Home Secretary
- e) Defence Secretary

Q.11) Vidarbha won the Ranji Trophy title for the first time by defeating which team?

- a) Chattisgarh
- b) Delhi
- c) Baroda
- d) Hyderabad
- e) Tripura

Q.12) Anwar Jalalpuri passed away recently is best known for which language poetry?

- a) Urdu
- b) Malayalam
- c) Tamil
- d) Hindi
- e) Kannada

Q.13) Who is the Minister of state for finance?

- a) Manoj Sinha
- b) Jayant Sinha
- c) Balram Kumar
- d) HasmukhAdhia
- e) Ashok varma

Q.14) Who launched the Allied and Healthcare Professionals’ database portal?

- a) Prime Minister
- b) Health Secretary
- c) Health and Family Welfare Minister
- d) President
- e) Ministry of Consumer Affairs

Q.15)Uttarayan festival is celebrated in which of the following state?

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka
- c) Gujarat
- d) Jammu and Kashmir
- e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.16) Telangana launches 24-hours free power supply for which category of people?

- a) Below poverty line people
- b) Farmers
- c) Self-help group
- d) Small scale industry people
- e) None of these

Q.17) Which of the following country has allowed the Chinese yuan or Renminbi to be used for bilateral trade and investment activities?

- a) Iran
- b) India
- c) Pakistan
- d) Turkmenistan
- e) Tajikistan

Q.18) India and Pakistan exchanged the list of nuclear installations and facilities through diplomatic channels since_____.

- a) 1989
- b) 1993
- c) 1992
- d) 1990
- e) 1991

Q.19) State Bank of India and NABARD have signed an agreement for the promotion of 2,500 joint liability groups (JLGs) in which Indian state?

- a) Bihar
- b) Odisha
- c) Jharkhand
- d) West Bengal
- e) Assam

Q.20) What is the abbreviation of MDR?
a) Money Discount Rate
b) Mortgage Discount Rate
c) Merchant Discount Rate
d) Marginal Discount Rate
e) Market Discount Rate
Q.21) Who is the Chairman of NABARD?
a) Ajay Tyagi
b) Aravind Subramanian
c) Harish Kumar
d) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala
e) Ashok Raja
Q.22) HSBC expects India's' growth at around how much percentage in the fiscal 2017-18?
a) 6.5 percent b) 7.5 percent
c) 7 percent d) 6.8 percent
e) 7.3 percent
Q.23) Where is the Headquarters of HSBC located?
a) Singapore b) Paris c) Brussels
d) London e) Tokyo
Q.24) What is the capital of Mali?
a) Dili b) Beirut
c) Bamako d) Bujumbura
e) Caracas
Q.25) Samudra Manthan – Caring Organization of the Year award is received by which port?
a) Paradip Port Trust, Odisha
b) Mormugao Port Trust, Goa
c) Mundra Port Trust, Gujarat
d) Jawaharlal Nehru PortTrust, Maharashtra
e) Haldia PortTrust, West Bengal
Q.26) Which player has become India's highest-ranked player(49th rank) in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)?
a) Anthony Amalraj b) Sathiyar
c) Sharath Kamal d) Balan
e) Sanil Shetty
Q.27) Mohamed Salah tops the Arab player of the year 2017. He plays for which country?
a) Algeria b) Egypt c) Morocco
d) Nigeria e) Tunisia
Q.28) Recently Madhya Pradesh has introduced tourism plan to ensure better facilities for the tourists visiting the state for how much amount?
a) Rs. 150 Crore b) Rs. 110 Crore
c) Rs. 120 Crore d) Rs. 100 Crore
e) Rs. 130 Crore
Q.29) Who is the Tourism Minister of Madhya Pradesh?
a) Lal Singh Arya b) Sharad Jain
c) Surendra Patwa d) Harsh Singh
e) Sanjay Satyendra Pathak
Q.30) Who has provided financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 crore to Odisha till Q3?
a) RBI b) NABARD
c) Central Government d) AIIB
e) World Bank
Q.31) The Electoral Bonds are valid for how many days?
a) 25 b) 20 c) 15
d) 10 e) 30
Q.32) The largest B2B travel event 'KITE' will be held in which of the following state?

a) Odisha b) Rajasthan
c) Karnataka d) Kerala
e) Andhra Pradesh
Q.33) Which state government has set to implement the integrated solar based micro irrigation Scheme?
a) Karnataka b) Assam
c) Haryana d) Chhattisgarh
e) Bihar
Q.34) The Headquarters of Rafael is in which of the following?
a) Israel b) Moscow
c) London d) Paris
e) Lisbon
Q.35) The MoU was signed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (India) and which country's Transport department to improve public transport in India?
a) Japan b) UK
c) Spain d) Australia e) Poland
Q.36) Recently, the HDFC bank had tied up with the Rajasthan Government to promote?
a) Industrialist b) SHG
c) Farmers d) Startups
e) None of these
Q.37) Who has been recently appointed as deputy national security adviser?
a) Arvind Gupta b) AjitDoval
c) Rajinder Khanna
d) Manoj Kumar e) Sarath Singh
Q.38) Which two country test series has been named as "Freedom Series" in cricket?
a) Sri Lanka and Pakistan
b) India and England
c) Pakistan and Zimbabwe
d) India and South Africa
e) Australia and England
Q.39) Which state government has launched 'BhavantarBharpayee Yojana' for vegetable growers?
a) Kerala b) Maharashtra
c) Haryana d) Odisha
e) Tamil Nadu
Q.40) Assam gets how much amount of Central Fund for Inland water transport?
a) Rs.250 crore
b) Rs.5250 crore
c) Rs.1250 crore
d) Rs.3250 crore
e) Rs.2250 crore
Q.41) Who is the Prime Minister of Nepal?
a) Abdullah Yameen
b) Bidhya Devi Bhandari
c) Sher Bahadur Dueba
d) AmeenahGurib
e) Yingluck Shinawatra
Q.42) Canal-top solar plant to be commissioned in which Airport?
a) Kempegowda International Airport
b) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport
c) Cochin International Airport
d) Biju Patnaik International Airport
e) Tuliha Airport

Q.43) Who is the Director General of UNESCO?
a) Roberto Azevedo
b) Irina Bokova
c) Audrey Azoulay
d) Peter Maurer
e) Guy Ryder
Q.44) NC Goel has been appointed as new Chief Secretary of which Indian state?
a) Maharashtra b) Rajasthan
c) Assam d) Nagaland
e) Bihar
Q.45)The Public sector IDBI Bank has received the capital infusion of how much amount from the government of India?
a) Rs.2729 crore b) Rs.2721 crore
c) Rs.2719 Lakh d) Rs.2279 crore
e) Rs.2529 Lakh
Q.46) Who is the MD and CEO of IDBI bank?
a) Aditya Puri
b) Shikha Sharma
c) Mahesh Kumar Jain
d) Shyam Srinivasan
e) Rana Kapoor
Q.47) Shiv Kapur is related to which of the following sport?
a) Cricketer b) Golfer
c) Football d) Hockey
e) Table Tennis
Q.48) Where is the headquarters of UNESCO located?
a) Hague b) London
c) Brussels d) Vienna e) Paris
Q.49) Recently National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has approved five projects for sewage management of worth Rs._____.
a) 289 crores b) 293 crores
c) 292 crores d) 295 crores e) 291 crores
Q.50) Who is the Minister of Water Resources and Ganga Rejuvenation?
a) Uma Bharati b) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
c) Chaudhary Birender Singh
d) Nitin Jiram Gadkari
e) Harsimrat Kaur Badal
Q.51) India's First Digital Online Oncology Tutorial was launched by
a) Jagat Prakash Nadda
b) Preeti Sudan
c) Radha Mohan Singh
d) Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti
e) Anupriya Patel
Q.52) The government has launched the largest cleanliness survey named_____.
a) Swachh Survekshan
b) Swachh Bharat
c) Swachh Abhiyan
d) Swachh India
e) None of these
Q.53) Under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) NABARD has Sanctioned how much amount?
a) Rs. 142.56 crore b) Rs. 372.51 crore
c) Rs. 162.58 crore d) Rs. 472.50 crore
e) Rs. 272.52 crore

Q.54) In RIDF, what is the abbreviation of 'I'?

- a) Independent
- b) Influential
- c) Infrastructure
- d) Infused
- e) Irrigation

Q.55) Which state is going to host 39th National Games in India?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Assam
- c) Karnataka
- d) Meghalaya
- e) Kerala

Q.56) Who is the Secretary General of Indian Olympic Association?

- a) Priyanka Rajan
- b) Ashok Chawla
- c) Suresh Babu
- d) Rajeev Mehta
- e) Rajesh Shetty

Q.57) The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and which bank has signed an agreement for the training the employees of the bank?

- a) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank
- b) Airtel Payments Bank
- c) IPPB
- d) SBI
- e) ICICI

Q.58) What is the currency of Myanmar?

- a) Lev
- b) Ngultrum
- c) Manat
- d) Krone
- e) Kyat

Q.59) Which bank has operationalized its first desktop ATM in Telangana?

- a) MalwaGramin Bank
- b) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank
- c) Assam Gramin Vikash Bank
- d) Gramin Bank ofAryavart
- e) Nagaland Rural Bank

Q.60) The Government launches what Scheme in replacement of _____ 8% savings scheme.

- a) 8.5% savings bonds scheme
- b) 8.1% savings bonds scheme
- c) 7.50% savings bonds scheme
- d) 7.25% savings bonds scheme
- e) 7.75% savings bonds scheme

Q.61) What is the dimension of new Rs.10 note?

- a) 62mmx133mm
- b) 63mmx123mm
- c) 61mmx123mm
- d) 65mmx113mm
- e) 61mmx143mm

Q.62) Who is the Chief Secretary of West Bengal?

- a) Sushma Kiran
- b) Jogen Chowdhury
- c) Malay De
- d) Shittu Priyan
- e) Ashok Sharma

Q.63) The 26thedition of New Delhi World Book Fair is all set to begin in New Delhi. The theme of the event_____.

- a) Global change
- b) Environment and Climate Change
- c) Environmental change
- d) Global Warming: "Threat"
- e) Fresh World Fresh Air

Q.64) The 26thedition of International Balloon Festival begins in which Indian state?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Tamil Nadu

c) Karnataka

d) Kerala

e) Assam

Q.65) Boeing will set up a training facility for its P-8I warfare aircraft at which air station?

- a) INS Shibpur
- b) INS Baaz
- c) INS Rajali
- d) INHS Dhanvantri
- e) INS Kadamba

Q.66) The Himalayan Hydro Expo 2018 begins at_____.

- a) Paris
- b) Goa
- c) Kathmandu
- d) Male
- e) Lucknow

Q.67) What is the abbreviation of second "N" in the term NKN?

- a) Nutrition
- b) Network
- c) Net
- d) Negotiable
- e) National

Q.68) What is the currency of Iceland?

- a) Dram
- b) Krone
- c) Dinar
- d) Krona
- e) Franc

Q.69) According to CSO, India's GDP growth will be how much percentage in 2017-18?

- a) 8.5%
- b) 4.5%
- c) 6.5%
- d) 5.5%
- e) 7.5%

Q.70)The Telangana Industrial Health Clinic Limited (TIHCL) has secured the RBI approval for becoming_____.

- a) Bank
- b) Payment Bank
- c) NBFC
- d) Chit Fund Institution
- e) None of these

Q.71)Paytm Payments Bank ties up with which bank for Fixed Deposit Facility?

- a) Axis Bank
- b) Bank of India
- c) IndusInd Bank
- d) Bank of Baroda
- e) ICICI Bank

Q.72) What is the name of SingaporeCentral Bank?

- a) Bank of Singapore
- b) Federal bank of Singapore
- c) Singapore Reserve Bank
- d) Monetary Authority of Singapore
- e) People's Bank

Q.73) Radha Viswanathan, who passed away recently is related to which field?

- a) Sports
- b) Politician
- c) Actor
- d) Singer
- e) None of these

Q.74) Indian Railways, HRD and S&T Ministry inks MoU for Technology Mission which is headed by_____.

- a) Graha Vishnu
- b) Rajesh Kumaran
- c) Keerthi PS
- d) NS Vyas
- e) Vindhya Krishnan

Q.75) The Railway Ministry will co-finance how much percent for Technology Mission?

- a) 40 percent
- b) 20 percent
- c) 25 percent
- d) 30 percent
- e) 60 percent

Q.76) Recently which actor has been partnered with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to promote cleanliness in Mumbai?

- a) Salman Khan
- b) Vidhya Balan
- c) Akshay Kumar
- d) Shahrukh Khan
- e) Amitabh Bachchan

Q.77)In which stadium Union Sports Minister Rathore Launches 'Khelo India' Logo?

- a) Feroz Shah Kotla
- b) Thyagaraj Sports Complex
- c) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
- d) Ambedkar Stadium
- e) Chhatrasal Stadium

Q.78) The Union DefenceMinister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced the release of Rs. 20 crores to establish a defence park in_____.

- a) Pune
- b) Kochi
- c) Coimbatore
- d) Lucknow
- e) Kolkata

Q.79) Who is the Health Minister of Haryana?

- a) Sanjay Lal
- b) Anil vij
- c) Suresh Varma
- d) Arvind Rakesh
- e) Vimal Kannan

Q.80) India's largest lender State Bank of India plans to raise upto how much billion by issuing bonds in US dollar or other convertible currency?

- a) 2
- b) 1
- c) 3
- d) 4
- e) 5

Q.81) In 75thGolden Globe Awards 2018 Best Motion Picture, drama was clinched by_____.

- a) Lady Bird
- b) La La Land
- c) Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
- d) A Fantastic Woman
- e) First they Killed my Father

Q.82) Elina Svitolina secured her first WTA title in women's singles in Brisbane International belongs to which country?

- a) Spain
- b) America
- c) Ukraine
- d) Turkey
- e) Australia

Q.83)Balewadi Sports Complex is situated in which of the following city?

- a) Patna
- b) Pune
- c) Hyderabad
- d) Chennai
- e) Lucknow

Q.84) Peter Sutherland, who passed away recently is a former DG of _____.

- a) WHO
- b) WTO
- c) UNESCO
- d) IMF
- e) WLO

Q.85) Saksham Yadav is related to which sports?

- a) Wrestling
- b) Powerlifting
- c) Boxing
- d) Cricket
- e) Weightlifting

Q.86) NASA's astronaut John young passed away recently belongs to which country?

- a) Australia
- b) France
- c) America
- d) England
- e) Canada

Q.87) Union Minister of Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan dedicated India's fastest and first multi-petaflops supercomputer to the nation. What is the name of the supercomputer?

- a) SahasraT
- b) Pratyush
- c) Aaditya
- d) TIFR - Cray XC30
- e) HP Apollo

Q.88) What is the constituency of Union Minister of Earth Sciences?

- a) Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

b) PurviChampanan, Bihar
c) Chandni Chowk, Delhi
d) Deogarh, Uttar Pradesh
e) Raigad, Maharashtra
Q.89) The first Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) was established in which city?
a) Chennai b) Hyderabad
c) Mumbai d) Pune
e) Ranchi
Q.90) Who is the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh?
a) Nirbhay Sharma
b) BD Mishra
c) Jyoti Prasad Rajkhowa
d) V. Shanmuganathan
e) Padmanabha Acharya
Q.91)PravasiBharatiya Divas or NRI day is observed on _____.
a) January 8 b) January 9
c) January 7 d) January 5
e) January 10
Q.92) Kailash Gahlot is the Transport Minister of _____.
a) Bihar b) Delhi
c) Andhra Pradesh d) Arunachal Pradesh
e) Rajasthan
Q.93) What is the deadline for linking Aadhaar with savings scheme which has been recently extended by the Government?
a) March 1,2018 b) March 31, 2018
c) April 1,2018 d) May 1,2018
e) May 31,2018
Q.94) Which bank has tied up with National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation(NSFDC) to provide financial assistance for economic empowerment of persons belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) families?
a) Bank of India
b) Bank of Maharashtra
c) Punjab National Bank
d) Bank of Baroda
e) Punjab and Sind Bank
Q.95) In which of the following year Payment and Settlement Systems Act was implemented?
a) 2000 b) 2002 c) 2007
d) 2005 e) 2008
Q.96) Which country is the focal theme country of the international Kolkata Book fair 2018?
a) Russia b) France c) Spain
d) Italy e) Germany
Q.97) Australia beat England in 2017-18 Ashes test series. Who is the player of the series?
a) Dawid Malan b) Steve Smith
c) Joe Root d) James Anderson
e) Pat Cummins
Q.98)Soumitra Chattopadhyay is related to which of the following profession?
a) Politician b) Actor
c) Gymnastics d) Sand Artist
e) Doctor
Q.99) Alexandre Ziegler is the Ambassador of which country to India?
a) Poland b) France
c) Germany d) Egypt

e) Canada
Q.100)DilipAsbe has been appointed as the MD & CEO of _____.
a) IBA b) Bank of India
c) NPCI d) IOC e) NPCL
Q.101) Which State Government has launched common card for Bus & Metro Rides?
a) Haryana b) Rajasthan
c) Delhi d) Gujarat
e) Uttar Pradesh
Q.102)The third edition of the International Spice conference will be held in _____.
a) Gujarat b) Rajasthan c) Kerala
d) Assam e) Uttar Pradesh
Q.103)Palzor stadium is in which city?
a) Bengaluru b) Rajkot c) Gangtok
d) Mizoram e) New Delhi
Q.104) Which state tops logistics performance index chart in India?
a) Kerala b) Gujarat
c) Tamil Nadu d) Jharkhand
e) Uttar Pradesh
Q.105) Tops Logistics Performance Index Chart was released by which Ministry?
a) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
b) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
c) Ministry of Finance
d) Ministry of Human Resource Development
e) Ministry of Women & Child Development
Q.106) Bhoodhar card is launched by which of the following Indian state?
a) Nagaland
b) Arunachal Pradesh
c) Andhra Pradesh
d) Karnataka
e) Kerala
Q.107) Research Designs & Standards Organization (RDSO) headquarters is in which of the following city?
a) Panaji b) Lucknow
c) Hyderabad d) Gangtok
e) Aizawl
Q.108) What is the constituency of Nitin JairamGadkari?
a) Vizianagaram b) Nagpur
c) Vidisha d) Pune
e) Patna
Q.109) Who is the General Manager of Central Railway?
a) ArunVerma b) DK Sharma
c) Ram Vishwa d) Mohammad Syed
e) Priya Sridhar
Q.110)The World Bank predicts how much percentage of growth rate in India in 2018-19?
a) 7.2% b) 7.3%
c) 7.4% d) 7.1%
e) 7.0%
Q.111) Ola ties up with which of the private sector banks for providing integrated offers?
a) Axis Bank b) ICICI bank
c) Federal bank d) City Union bank
e) HDFC bank

Q.112)Phonepe belongs to which of the following commerce company?
a) Myntra b) Snapdeal
c) Flipkart d) Amazon
e) Paytm
Q.113) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI),has suspended Indian all-rounder Yusuf Pathan for how many months on doping violation?
a) 8 months b) 7 months
c) 6 months d) 5 months
e) 4 months
Q.114) National Youth day is observed on which day?
a) January 8 b) January 10
c) January 11 d) January 12
e) January 9
Q.115)Barmer refinery project to be commenced in which of the following state?
a) Gujarat b) Rajasthan
c) Uttar Pradesh d) West Bengal
e) Karnataka
Q.116) What is the theme of the 4thInternational Dharma-Dhamma Conference?
a) State Order in Dharma-Dhamma Traditions
b) Peace and Order in Dharma-Dhamma Traditions
c) State and Health Order in Dharma-Dhamma Traditions
d) State and Social Order in Dharma-Dhamma Traditions
e) None of these
Q.117) UIDAI Introduces 'Virtual ID' which consist of how many digits?
a) 12 b) 16
c) 10 d) 15
e) 8
Q.118) Ajay Bhushan Pandey is the CEO of _____.
a) NSE b) Paytm c) UIDAI
d) PhonePe e) Paytm Mall
Q.119) World's largest Solar thermal plant to be built in South Australia at the cost of _____.
a) \$105.1 million b) \$431 million
c) \$509 million d) \$93.3 million
e) \$77.5 million
Q.120) K Sivan has been appointed as the new ISRO Chairman for a tenure of _____.
a) 2 years b) 3 years
c) 1 year d) 5 years e) 6 years
Q.121) 23rdWinter Olympic Games are to be held in _____.
a) North Korea b) South Korea
c) China d) Japan e) Australia
Q.122)The 8thRashtriyaMatdataDiwas 2018 is observed on _____.
a) January 24 b) January 20
c) January 26 d) January 25
e) January 27
Q.123) Sunny Verghese has been appointed as the Chairman of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development is currently CEO of _____.
a) VG International Limited
b) Olam International Limited
c) Newton International Limited

d) XS International Limited
e) None of these
Q.124) According to Bloomberg's billionaire tracker, Amazon's Chief Operating officer Jeff Bezos is now the richest person with the net worth of_____.
a) \$125.1 billion b) \$105.1 billion
c) \$115.1 billion d) \$111.1 billion
e) \$93.1 billion
Q.125) Recently, One97 Communications Ltd has set up a new entity called_____.
a) Paytm Payments Bank
b) Paytm Mall
c) Paytm Money
d) Paytm wallet
e) None of these
Q.126)Anchal Thakur bagged bronze Medal at an International skiing event which is held in_____.
a) Mongolia b) Turkmenistan
c) Turkey d) Uzbekistan
e) Egypt
Q.127) Aditya Mehta is related to which of the following sports?
a) Chess b) Carrom
c) Squash d) Snooker
e) Table Tennis
Q.128) Where is the headquarters of UIDAI located?
a) Hyderabad b) New Delhi
c) Mumbai d) Lucknow
e) Kolkata
Q.129) Who is the CEO of One97 Communications Ltd?
a) Diva Reddy NS
b) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
c) Anil Sekar KG
d) Priya Kumaran
e) Vishwa Pandey
Q.130) The 4thAnnual Women Leadership Summit will be held at_____.
a) IIT b) IIM c) NIT
d) IMI e) None of these
Q.131) ISRO successfully launches its 100thsatellite by_____.
a) PSLV-C38 b) PSLV-C42
c) PSLV-C40 d) PSLV-C39
e) PSLV-C41
Q.132) Which Ministry has launched SFOORTI App recently?
a) Ministry of Finance
b) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
c) Ministry of Human Resource Development
d) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
e) Ministry of Railways
Q.133) What is the constituency of Railway Minister Piyush Goyal?
a) Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh
b) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
c) Deoria, Uttar Pradesh
d) Nagpur, Maharashtra
e) Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh

Q.134) The Seventh edition of Australia India Youth Dialogue with 2018 theme_____.
a) Digital Realty
b) Next Generation
c) Digital Disruption
d) Digital Value
e) None of these
Q.135) What is the currency of Israel?
a) Ngultrum b) Manat
c) Euro d) Lev e) Shekel
Q.136) Reliance JioInfocomm Ltd plans to create its own cryptocurrency, JioCoin lead by_____.
a) Anil Ambani b) Mukesh Amban
c) Akash Ambani d) Shreejesh Ambani
e) None of these
Q.137) Name the first woman lawyer directly promoted as Supreme Court judge?
a) Banumathi b) Indu Malhotra
c) Fathima Beevi d) Priya Shankar
e) None of these
Q.138) National marathon Champion and Olympian Wang Jiali has been banned for how many years?
a) 10 years b) 8 years
c) 5 years d) 11 years
e) 7 years
Q.139) Ursula K Le Guin, who has passed away recently belongs to which category?
a) Musician b) Author
c) Politician d) Freedom Fighter
e) None of these
Q.140) Wang Jiali has been banned by China's Anti-Doping Agency belongs to which country?
a) Japan b) China c) Philippines
d) India e) Japan
Q.141) R. Seshasayee is the Chairman of which Bank?
a) Canara Bank b) Bank of Baroda
c) IndusInd Bank d) Syndicate Bank
e) Axis Bank
Q.142) India has signed an MoU with which country to enable the return of illegal Indian migrants?
a) USA b) Canada
c) United Kingdom d) Germany
e) France
Q.143) The 5thASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry to be held in_____.
a) Jordan b) Brunei
c) Turkey d) Andorra
e) Egypt
Q.144) The 5th Bilateral Technical meeting on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine between Government of India and which country?
a) Japan b) Indonesia
c) Malaysia d) China
e) Singapore
Q.145) Who is the Minister of AYUSH?
a) Nirmala Sitharaman b) Uma Bharati
c) JualOram d) Shripad Yesso Naik
e) Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Q.146) Who has been appointed as the Maritime Board Chairman?
a) Kiran Shetty b) VJ Mathew
c) Paul NM d) Suresh Kanna
e) None of these
Q.147)Baldev Raj is related to which of the following fields?
a) Scientist b) Actor
c) Politician d) Sportsman
e) None of these
Q.148) Kagiso Rabada has recently become the top-ranked bowler in Test cricket belongs to which country?
a) Sri Lanka b) New Zealand
c) Australia d) South Africa
e) England
Q.149) Anil Khanna was appointed as the _____ of the Finance Commission of the Indian Olympic Association.
a) Managing Director b) CEO
c) Chairman d) Head
e) None of these
Q.150) Dr. TedrosAdhanom Ghebreyesus is the Director-General of which organization?
a) UN b) WHO
c) WTO d) IMF
e) ILO
Q.151) The joint exercise "Iron fist 2018" has started between _____.
a) India and Japan b) America and India
c) US and Japan
d) US and China
e) None of these
Q.152) India ranked at _____ position on the Global Manufacturing Index released by World Economic Forum
a) 8th b) 30th c) 2nd
d) 31st e) None of these
Q.153) _____ claimed the Gold Medal in National Women's boxing Championship.
a) Sarjubala Devi b) Sarita devi L
c) Mary Kom d) Kavita Goyat
e) Pinki Rani
Q.154) _____ voluntarily exited from SEBI?
a) Rajkot Commodity Exchange (RCX)
b) India Pepper and Spice Trade Association
c) Both A and B d) None of these
e) INSTC
Q.155) Which country has listed as topped borrower from AIIB in 2017?
a) Indonesia b) China
c) Germany d) India
e) None of these
Q.156) _____ green bonds have become the first debt security to be listed on an exchange at the International Financial Services Centre.
a) Indian Railway Financial Corporation
b) Industrial Finance Corporation of India Ltd
c) Life Insurance Corporation Housing Finance Limited
d) Sahara India Financial Corporation Limited
e) None of these

d) Hyderabad
e) Chennai
Q.182) According to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Country's exports grew by 12.36 per cent in December 2017 to _____ US dollars because of strong performance by sectors like engineering goods and petroleum products.
a) 23.03 billion
b) 28.03 billion
c) 29.03 billion
d) 25.03 billion
e) 27.03 billion
Q.183) India and Sri Lanka signed four agreements for collaboration in ICT sector, setting up of the e-office system and connecting of NKN for collaboration among universities and academics. What is the full form of NKN?
a) Nutrition Knowledge Network
b) Nationalized Knowledge Network
c) National Knowledge Network
d) National Keyword Network
e) Nation Knowledge Network
Q.184) Ronaldinho retires from professional football. He belongs to which country?
a) Brazil
b) Australia
c) New Zealand
d) Argentina
e) Austria
Q.185) Who will confer the SangeetNatakAkademi Fellowships and SangeetNatakAkademi Awards for 2016, in New Delhi?
a) Rajnath Singh
b) Narendra Modi
c) Ram Nath Kovind
d) Pranab Mukherjee
e) Venkaiah Naidu
Q.186) Which of the following state has the highest number of MSMEs in the country and tops the list of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion's Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) 2017?
a) Uttar Pradesh
b) Bihar
c) West Bengal
d) Maharashtra
e) Gujarat
Q.187) The Centre has sanctioned projects over how much amount in the North East for better network connectivity. And it will be completed in 2018?
a) Rs. 50,000 crores
b) Rs. 20,000 crores
c) Rs. 45,000 crores
d) Rs. 10,000 crores
e) Rs. 15,000 crores
Q.188) RIL plans to invest Rs. 20,000crores in which state, for exploring possibilities to make the state an innovation and technology hub for the group?
a) West Bengal
b) Bihar
c) Uttar Pradesh
d) Maharashtra
e) Gujarat
Q.189) Which of the following company would invest Rs. 750 crores to double the capacity of the company's edible oil refinery at Haldia in West Bengal?
a) Hindustan Group
b) Alibaba
c) Adani Group
d) Reliance Industries Ltd

e) Tata Groups
Q.190) 'Vajra Prahar' is an Indo-US Special Forces joint training exercise conducted alternately in India and the US. This year the joint training exercise is held in _____.
a) Washington D.C
b) Mumbai
c) Boston
d) New Delhi
e) Seattle
Q.191) Which of the following company has signed a \$690-million, 10-year deal with M&G Prudential, the UK and European savings and investment business unit of Prudential?
a) Tata Motors
b) TCS
c) Wipro
d) Reliance Industries Ltd
e) Infosys
Q.192) Sanjay Manjrekar launched his autobiography 'Imperfect'. He belongs to which sports?
a) Boxing
b) Cricket
c) Wrestling
d) Football
e) Hockey
Q.193) In the Global Index of talent competitiveness, the US has been placed in which rank?
a) First
b) Fourth
c) Second
d) Third
e) Fifth
Q.194) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palanisamy received the UNESCO Award under which category?
a) Awards of Distinction
b) Award of Excellence
c) Award for New Design in Heritage Context
d) Award for Cleanliness
e) Awards of Merit
Q.195) Keshab Mahanta is IT Minister of which state?
a) West Bengal
b) Karnataka
c) Assam
d) Arunachal Pradesh
e) Karnataka
Q.196) Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu inaugurated the third edition of the geo-political conference, 'Raisina Dialogue', in New Delhi. The event was organized by which ministry?
a) Ministry of Shipping
b) Ministry of Atomic Energy
c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
d) Ministry of Law and Justice
e) Ministry of External Affairs
Q.197) Former Union Minister Raghunath Jha passed away recently belongs to which state?
a) Karnataka
b) Assam
c) Arunachal Pradesh
d) Bihar
e) Gujarat
Q.198) Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of NCDEX?
a) Vinay Raj
b) Vijay Kumar
c) Sharath Kumar
d) Vishwa KS
e) None of these
Q.199) MukhyamantriKalakarSahayata Yojana (MMKSY) has been launched in Odisha for the benefit of _____.
a) Self Help Group
b) Farmers
c) Artists
d) Doctors

e) Govt Employees
Q.200) India Test-Fires Nuclear-Capable ICBM Agni-V which has a strike range of how many kilometers?
a) 2000 kms
b) 500 kms
c) 1000 kms
d) 800 kms
e) 5000 kms
Q.201) The Punjab government today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which of the oil company to set up bio-gas and bio-CNG plants in the state?
a) Shell India Market Pvt. Ltd
b) Oil India Limited
c) Total Lubricants India Limited
d) TechnipFMC India Limited
e) Indian Oil Corporation
Q.202) The 65th Meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) was held under the championship of _____.
a) Nitin JairamGadkari
b) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
c) Ram Vilas Paswan
d) Prakash Javadekar
e) Anant Geete
Q.203) Which organization gives financial assistance for Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN) motor vehicles plan?
a) NDB
b) AIIB
c) ADB
d) World Bank
e) None of these
Q.204) Which of the following country has installed World's largest Air Purifier?
a) Japan
b) China
c) Germany
d) France
e) Portugal
Q.205) Which of the following University has honored former president Pranab Mukherjee with the Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) degree in Bangladesh?
a) University of Rajshahi
b) Shanghai International University
c) Chittagong University
d) Jahangirnagar University
e) Khulna University
Q.206) What is the abbreviation of "D" in TReDS?
a) Direct
b) Discard
c) Discounting
d) Diversity
e) None of these
Q.207) Vijay Kumar has been appointed as the MD & CEO of NCDEX replacing _____.
a) Vishal Rajkumar
b) Samir Shah
c) Suresh Mehta
d) Neeta Raj
e) Ashok kumar
Q.208) The 15th edition of BioAsia, the annual flagship event of the Government of Telangana, will start in Hyderabad with the theme of _____.
a) Towards BioWorld
b) Right Time, Right Now
c) Life sciences Values
d) BioBusiness 2018
e) None of these
Q.209) Which state has become the first state to launch public cloud policy?
a) Mizoram

b) Assam
c) Maharashtra
d) Madhya Pradesh
e) Kerala
Q.210) The Centre has decided to reduce the logistics cost from the current 14 percent of GDP to less than 10 percent by_____.
a) 2022 b) 2021 c) 2023
d) 2019 e) 2025
Q.211) The 10th Global Forum for Food & Agriculture begins in Berlin, Germany. Who led the Indian Delegation?
a) Vishnu Deo Sai
b) Inderjit Singh Rao
c) Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
d) Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan
e) Kiren Rijiju
Q.212) Shri R.K. Singh announced how much amount allocated in Solar Development Fund that will be given by the Government of India?
a) \$ 320 million b) \$ 310 million
c) \$ 350 million d) \$ 340 million
e) \$ 360 million
Q.213) The Gurgaon-based Amplus Energy Solutions has signed an MoU with which private sector bank for a strategic tie-up to co-finance projects in the solar energy sector in India?
a) HDFC Bank b) Federal Bank
c) Axis Bank d) Yes Bank
e) None of these
Q.214) In India, which company is the most valued company with a market capitalization of Rs. 6 trillion?
a) TCS b) RIL
c) Adani Groups d) HDFC
e) None of these
Q.215) What is the abbreviation of "P" in SPMCIL?
a) Presiding b) Project
c) Printing d) Paperless
e) Process
Q.216) Who has been awarded as the T20 Performance of the Year?
a) CheteshwarPujara
b) YuzvendraChahal
c) Virat Kohli
d) Ravindran Ashwin
e) None of these
Q.217) Jo Jo White basketball player has passed away recently belongs to which Country?
a) Germany b) Canada
c) America d) England e) Spain
Q.218) Who announced the name of nine more smart cities recently?
a) Hardeep Singh Puri
b) Anant Geete
c) Jagat Prakash Nadda
d) Ananthkumar
e) Thawar Chand Gehlot
Q.219) Former Gujarat CM Anandiben Patel to be the next Governor of which state?
a) Karnataka b) Madhya Pradesh
c) Maharashtra d) Andhra Pradesh
e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.220) What is the abbreviation of "S" in PMSMA?
a) Social b) Sarkari c) Surakshit
d) Suraksha e) Sadak
Q.221) India has joined the Australia Group export control regime and has become the _____Member of that Group.
a) 27th b) 44th c) 56th
d) 23rd e) 43rd
Q.222) Jane Hardy is the ambassador to India from which country?
a) Russia b) Germany c) Australia
d) Poland e) England
Q.223) Where is the headquarters of AU small finance Bank located?
a) Ajmer b) Udaipur
c) Jaipur d) Bikaner
e) Pushkar
Q.224) Who is the author of 'The Heartfulness Way' book?
a) Ganesh Devy b) Yasser Usman
c) Jairam Ramesh d) Joshua Pollock
e) Ram Kamal Mukherjee
Q.225) What is the rank of India in recent FIFA rankings?
a) 103 b) 102 c) 105
d) 110 e) 116
Q.226) Manav Thakkar is related to which of the following fields?
a) Politics b) Film c) Sports
d) Sand Art e) Music
Q.227) Where is the headquarters of International Table Tennis Federation located?
a) London b) Lausanne
c) Geneva d) Paris
e) New York
Q.228) The eminent cartoonist Chandilahiri, passed away belongs to which state?
a) Rajasthan b) Uttar Pradesh
c) Bihar d) West Bengal
e) Goa
Q.229) The Maharashtra government has approved how much amount for the projects aimed at promoting climate-resilient agriculture?
a) Rs. 2,000-crore b) Rs. 3,000-crore
c) Rs. 4,000-crore d) Rs. 6,000-crore
e) Rs. 5,000-crore
Q.230) The five-day Ramayana festival is organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations is to enhance the relationship between India and which organization?
a) UN b) ASEAN
c) UNESCO d) UNICEF e) AIIB
Q.231) Bharat Ke Veer fund that supports family of the martyred soldier is an initiative comes under which Ministry?
a) Ministry of Finance
b) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
c) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
d) Ministry of Women & Child Development
e) Ministry of Home Affairs

Q.232) The fourth edition of the India International Science Festival will be held in_____.
a) New Delhi b) Lucknow
c) Hyderabad d) Chennai
e) Mumbai
Q.233) Balasaheb Thackeray Shaheed SanmaanScheme was launched in which state?
a) Gujarat
b) Madhya Pradesh c) Karnataka
d) Assam e) Maharashtra
Q.234) In 63rdFilmfare Awards 2018 which film got the best film award?
a) Bareilly Ki Barfi b) Secret Superstar
c) Juice d) Hindi Medium
e) Newton
Q.235) According to a Sanctum Wealth Management, the equity market will become the _____ largest in the world.
a) Fifth b) Fourth c) Third
d) Second e) First
Q.236) India defeated which country to clinch the 5thWorld Cup for the Blind 2018 cricket?
a) Pakistan b) England
c) Australia d) China
e) Sri Lanka
Q.237) The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), announced the Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative in association with_____.
a) NeKD b) NeLD c) NeGD
d) NeFD e) NeND
Q.238) The annual list of the World's Most Admired Companies for 2018 is released by_____.
a) Times Now b) Business Standard
c) Fortune d) Economic Times
e) Business India
Q.239) CoinSecure is a_____.
a) Mutual Fund b) Finance Bank
c) Cryptocurrency exchange
d) Scheme by Govt e) Stock exchange
Q.240) Who inaugurated Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) at Karaikal, recently?
a) Smriti Irani b) Rajnath Singh
c) Venkaiah Naidu d) Narendra Modi
e) Sushma Swaraj
Q.241) Which of the following state government have signed anMoU with Clean Authority of Tokyo in the field of municipal solid waste incineration facilities?
a) Madhya Pradesh b) Maharashtra
c) Andhra Pradesh d) Telangana
e) Uttar Pradesh
Q.242) What is the estimated cost of the Odisha e-Hospital Management Information System (OeHMIS), which provide a computerized platform for online recording of clinical parameters of patients and reporting of performance criteria of hospitals?
a) 14.16 Crore b) 18.16 Crore
c) 10.16 Crore d) 15.16 Crore
e) 12.16 Crore

Q.243) Which of the following Chief Minister has inaugurated the World War II Memorial Museum at Changlang District in Jirampur?

a) Manohar Parrikar b) Nitish Kumar
c) N. Chandrababu Naidu d) Naveen Patnaik
e) Pema Khandu

Q.244) Digital payments platform Paytm has unveiled an application called 'Paytm for Business' to enable which type of business?

a) Large Scale Industries
b) Micro and Small Businesses
c) Small and Medium Businesses
d) Medium Scale Industries
e) None of these

Q.245) What is the theme of the 48th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum held in Switzerland?

a) The Reshaping of the World: Consequences for Society, Politics and Business
b) Creating a shared future in a Fractured World
c) Responsive Leadership
d) Mastering the Fourth Industrial Revolution
e) The New Global Context

Q.246) Who has been appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner of India?

a) V. S. Sampath b) Om Prakash Rawat
c) Ashok Lavasa d) Nasim Zaidi
e) B. B. Tandon

Q.247) According to the World Economic Forum, India was ranked at which place among emerging economies in an Inclusive Development Index 2018?

a) 62nd b) 60th c) 114th
d) 67th e) 108th

Q.248) Who was appointed as the new Director General of National Security Guard (NSG), recently?

a) Arvind Ranjan b) J N Choudhury
c) Sudeep Lakhtakia d) SP Singh
e) R C Tayal

Q.249) Who among the following was the Young Cabinet Minister conferred with the Dr. Kalam Innovation in Governance Award 2018?

a) Nara Lokesh b) Jyoti Krishan Dutt
c) Rajan K Medhekar d) NPS Aulakh
e) Nikhil Kumar

Q.250) Which of the following state organized the three-day Kachra Mahotsav 2018?

a) Odisha b) Gujarat
c) Chhattisgarh d) Bihar
e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.251) Which country was Officially named European Capital of Culture 2018?

a) Italy b) Spain
c) France d) United Kingdom
e) Malta

Q.252) Which country bans import of non-airbag equipped vehicles from July 1?

a) Maldives b) Sri Lanka
c) Singapore d) Malaysia
e) China

Q.253) The Trump administration plans to open the US embassy in Jerusalem by the end of _____.

a) 2018 b) 2019
c) 2020 d) 2021
e) 2022

Q.254) India is projected to grow at _____ of its gross domestic product (GDP) in 2018 as per the recent report by the IMF.

a) 7.2 % b) 7.3%
c) 7.4% d) 7.5%
e) 7.6%

Q.255) GSTR-3B return filing in December has been extended to January _____.

a) 19 b) 20
c) 21 d) 22
e) 23

Q.256) Who was appointed as the Director General of FICCI?

a) DilipChenoy b) Deepak Chenoy
c) Diwan Chenoy d) Darshan Chenoy
e) Diwakar Chenoy

Q.257) Srikumar Menon appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of _____.

a) Somalia b) Dominica
c) Cyprus d) Congo
e) Angola

Q.258) Who received Crystal Award in Davos?

a) A R Rahman b) Shabana Azmi
c) Amitabh Bachchan d) Shah Rukh Khan
e) Sir Elton John

Q.259) Who felicitates National Bravery Award winners, recently?

a) Narendra Modi b) Ram Nath Kovind
c) Anil Bajjal d) Venkaiah Naidu
e) Arun Jaitley

Q.260) Who wins Swedish Open Junior Badminton Title?

a) Siddharth Pratap Singh b) Sameer Verma
c) Ajay Jayaram d) Sourabh Verma
e) Parupalli Kashyap

Q.261) Name the longest living army veteran, at 101 years of age proceeded to his heavenly abode and breathed his last.

a) SKK Sircar b) BKK Sircar
c) FKK Sircar d) VKK Sircar
e) RKK Sircar

Q.262) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose birth anniversary is celebrated on _____ January.

a) 21st b) 22nd
c) 23rd d) 24th
e) 25th

Q.263) India-ASEAN Business & Investment Conference were held in _____.

a) New Delhi b) Jaipur
c) Bhubaneswar d) Thiruvananthapuram
e) Dehradun

Q.264) The 7th Asia Steel International Conference will be held in _____.

a) New Delhi b) Jaipur
c) Bhubaneswar d) Thiruvananthapuram
e) Dehradun

Q.265) The 16th International Energy Forum (IEF) Ministerial meeting will be held in _____.

a) New Delhi b) Jaipur
c) Bhubaneswar d) Thiruvananthapuram
e) Dehradun

Q.266) Who launched the Management Information System (MIS) portal for the Anganwadi Services Training Programme in New Delhi?

a) Rajesh Srivastava
b) Ravnesh Srivastava
c) Rishi Srivastava
d) Rakesh Srivastava
e) Ramesh Srivastava

Q.267) India's first ever International Dam Safety Conference inaugurated in _____.

a) New Delhi b) Jaipur
c) Bhubaneswar d) Thiruvananthapuram
e) Dehradun

Q.268) Shri Shripad Yesso Naik laid the foundation stone for Central Research Institute (CRI) in _____.

a) New Delhi b) Jaipur
c) Bhubaneswar d) Thiruvananthapuram
e) Dehradun

Q.269) How many million-loan agreements signed between India and World Bank to fund improved water supply in Uttarakhand?

a) \$ 110 million b) \$ 120 million
c) \$ 130 million d) \$ 140 million
e) \$ 150 million

Q.270) Which of the following state government signed a letter with the Canton of Zurich, to promote mutual prosperity and development?

a) Karnataka b) Andhra Pradesh
c) Kerala d) Tamil Nadu
e) Gujarat

Q.271) Which of the following country emerged as the fifth most attractive market for investments and the optimism over global economic growth is at a record level, a survey of CEOs by global consultancy PwC?

a) US b) China
c) India d) Germany
e) Japan

Q.272) Who has partnered with DP World to create an investment platform for ports, terminals, transportation and logistics businesses in India?

a) AIIF b) VIIF
c) MIIF d) SIIF
e) NIIF

Q.273) Who has taken charge as the new Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)?

a) M Somnath b) L Somnath
c) K Somnath d) S Somnath
e) N Somnath

Q.274) The US Senate confirmed former investment banker _____ as head of the Federal Reserve.

a) Jerome Power b) Jerome Powell
c) Jerome Punch d) Jeremy Powell
e) Jerume Power

Q.275) Which country will host the 2018 edition of the Women’s World T20?
a) West Indies b) Australia
c) Pakistan d) Sri Lanka
e) New Zealand

Q.276) Who created a new national record and won a gold medal in the 63kg women’s category in the 33rd Women Senior National Weightlifting Championships, Mangaluru?
a) Ragasya Halder
b) Rithika Halder
c) Ragavi Halder
d) Rakhi Halder
e) Rithi Halder

Q.277) National Girl Child Day is celebrated on January _____.
a) 21st b) 22nd c) 23rd
d) 24th e) 25th

Q.278) Who is the Secretary of Ministry of Women and Child Development?
a) Ravinesh Srivastava
b) Rakesh Srivastava
c) Rahul Srivastava
d) Rajesh Srivastava
e) Ranveer Srivastava

Q.279) Prime Minister’s Shram Award is given by which Ministry?
a) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
b) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
c) Ministry of Labour and Employment
d) Ministry of Human Resource Development
e) Ministry of Railways

Q.280) TARE Scheme has been recently launched for the promotion of _____.
a) Farmers
b) Govt Employees
c) Entrepreneurs
d) Scientists
e) Sportspersons

Q.281) Sushma Swaraj inaugurates Bharat-ASEAN MaitriPark in_____.
a) Agra b) Mathura
c) Chandigarh d) Delhi
e) Jaipur

Q.282) Who is the Secretary General of ASEAN?
a) S. Rajaratnam
b) Abdul Razak Hussein
c) Le Luong Minh
d) Adam Malik
e) Narciso Ramos

Q.283) Nguyen Xuan Phuc is the Prime Minister of_____.
a) Myanmar b) Philippines
c) Vietnam d) Thailand
e) Cambodia

Q.284) What is the interest subsidy for a loan amount of Rs.2 lakh under RHISS?
a) 3 percent b) 4 percent
c) 2 percent d) 5.75 percent
e) 6.25 percent

Q.285) The government will infuse how much crore into 20 public sector banks through

recapitalization bonds and budgetary support in this financial year_____.

a) Rs.88139crores b) Rs. 88239crores
c) Rs. 88149crores d) Rs.88519crores
e) Rs. 88929crores

Q.286) A total of how much amount will be infused into nine banks that haven't triggered prompt corrective action (PCA) in this financial year?
a) Rs. 14,818 crore b) Rs. 25,928 crore
c) Rs. 36,858 crore d) Rs. 66,698 crore
e) Rs. 35,828 crore

Q.287)Ministry of Road Transport & Highways inks with IL&FS for the construction of the Zojila Tunnel in_____.

a) Karnataka b) Jammu & Kashmir
c) Andhra Pradesh d) Assam
e) Rajasthan

Q.288) National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) signed an MoU with SME Corporation of which country?
a) Indonesia b) Singapore
c) Malaysia d) Thailand
e) Philippines

Q.289)Which country ranked third in the Environmental Performance Index 2018?
a) India b) France
c) Germany d) Denmark
e) Malta

Q.290) According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) India is projected to grow at how much percent in 2018?
a) 7.2 b) 7.4
c) 7.1 d) 7.5
e) 7.9

Q.291)The total revenue collection under GST for December 2017 (received up to January 24) was_____.

a) □85,703 crores b) □81,703 crores
c) □89,703 crores d) □86,703 crores
e) □88,703 crores

Q.292) Ghulam Mustafa Khan from Uttar Pradesh is a recipient of 2018 Padma Vibhushan belongs to which field?
a) Social work b) Music
c) Medicine d) Science
e) Sports

Q.293) Famous actress Supriya Devi hails from which state?
a) Nagaland b) Jharkhand
c) West Bengal d) Kerala
e) Tamil Nadu

Q.294) Which company has fully acquired Snapdeal’s logistics service provider Vulcan Express Pvt. Ltd for Rs.35 crore?
a) Foster Supply Chain Solutions
b) Manus Supply Chain Solutions
c) Future Supply Chain Solutions
d) Fast Supply Chain Solutions
e) Asian Supply Chain Solutions

Q.295) The _____ Govt. has launched ‘Mahatma Gandhi SarbatVikas Yojana’ with the motto “Wipe every tear from every eye”.
a) Haryana b) Punjab

c) Chattisgarh d) Rajastan
e) None of these

Q.296) The Country’s first smart grid project will be established at _____.
a) Sonipat b) Patiala
c) Panipat d) Noida
e) None of these

Q.297) The first ever joint commemorative postage stamps were issued between _____ on the theme of ancient architecture.
a) India and Japan b) India and US
c) Nepal and India d) India and Vietnam
e) None of these

Q.298) The Informal WTO Ministerial gathering to be held in India at _____.
a) New Delhi b) Kolkata
c) Mumbai d) Gandhi Nagar
e) None of these

Q.299) _____ become the first woman to become IBA’s chief
a) Shikha Sharma b) Chanda Kochhar
c) Arundhati Bhattacharya
d) Usha Ananthasubramanian
e) None of these

Q.300) _____ became the first metro city to have a floating market.
a) Chennai b) Mumbai
c) Cochin d) Kolkata
e) None of these

Answer Key:

1. (d) 2. (d) 3. (e) 4. (e) 5. (b) 6. (b) 7. (c) 8. (c) 9. (b) 10. (c) 11. (b) 12. (a) 13. (b) 14. (b) 15. (c) 16. (b) 17. (c) 18. (c) 19. (d) 20. (c) 21. (d) 22. (a) 23. (d) 24. (c) 25. (d) 26. (b) 27. (b) 28. (d) 29. (c) 30. (b) 31. (c) 32. (c) 33. (c) 34. (a) 35. (b) 36. (d) 37. (c) 38. (d) 39. (c) 40. (c) 41. (c) 42. (c) 43. (c) 44. (b) 45. (a) 46. (c) 47. (b) 48. (e) 49. (d) 50. (d) 51. (b) 52. (a) 53. (b) 54. (c) 55. (d) 56. (d) 57. (c) 58. (e) 59. (b) 60. (e) 61. (b) 62. (c) 63. (b) 64. (b) 65. (c) 66. (c) 67. (b) 68. (d) 69. (c) 70. (c) 71. (c) 72. (d) 73. (d) 74. (d) 75. (d) 76. (c) 77. (c) 78. (c) 79. (b) 80. (a) 81. (c) 82. (c) 83. (b) 84. (b) 85. (b) 86. (c) 87. (b) 88. (c) 89. (d) 90. (b) 91. (b) 92. (b) 93. (b) 94. (c) 95. (c) 96. (b) 97. (b) 98. (b) 99. (b) 100. (c) 101. (c) 102. (b) 103. (c) 104. (b) 105. (b) 106. (c) 107. (b) 108. (b) 109. (b) 110. (b) 111. (b) 112. (c) 113. (d) 114. (d) 115. (b) 116. (d) 117. (b) 118. (c) 119. (c) 120. (b) 121. (b) 122. (d) 123. (b) 124. (b) 125. (c) 126. (c) 127. (d) 128. (b) 129. (b) 130. (b) 131. (c) 132. (e) 133. (d) 134. (c) 135. (e) 136. (c) 137. (b) 138. (b) 139. (b) 140. (b) 141. (c) 142. (c) 143. (b) 144. (c) 145. (d) 146. (b) 147. (a) 148. (d) 149. (c) 150. (b) 151. (c) 152. (b) 153. (a) 154. (c) 155. (d) 156. (a) 157. (a) 158. (c) 159. (d) 160. (c) 161. (e) 162. (b) 163. (d) 164. (c) 165. (a) 166. (d) 167. (b) 168. (b) 169. (a) 170. (c) 171. (d) 172. (b) 173. (c) 174. (c) 175. (c) 176. (b) 177. (c) 178. (a) 179. (c) 180. (b) 181. (b) 182. (e) 183. (c) 184. (a) 185. (c) 186. (c) 187. (d) 188. (a) 189. (c) 190. (e) 191. (b) 192. (b) 193. (d) 194. (e) 195. (c) 196. (e) 197. (d) 198. (b)

199. (c) 200. (e) 201. (e) 202. (d) 203. (c) 204. (b) 205. (c) 206. (c) 207. (b) 208. (b) 209. (c) 210. (a) 211. (c) 212. (c) 213. (d) 214. (a) 215. (c) 216. (b) 217. (c) 218. (a) 219. (b) 220. (c) 221. (e) 222. (c) 223. (c) 224. (d) 225. (b) 226. (c) 227. (b) 228. (d) 229. (c) 230. (b) 231. (e) 232. (b) 233. (e) 234. (d) 235. (a) 236. (a) 237. (c) 238. (c) 239. (c) 240. (e) 241. (d) 242. (a) 243. (e) 244. (c) 245. (b) 246. (b) 247. (a) 248. (c) 249. (a) 250. (c) 251. (e) 252. (b) 253. (b) 254. (c) 255. (d) 256. (a) 257. (e) 258. (d) 259. (c) 260. (a) 261. (c) 262. (c) 263. (a) 264. (c) 265. (a) 266. (d) 267. (d) 268. (b) 269. (b) 270. (b) 271. (c) 272. (e) 273. (d) 274. (b) 275. (a) 276. (d) 277. (d) 278. (b) 279. (c) 280. (d) 281. (d) 282. (c) 283. (c) 284. (a) 285. (a) 286. (e) 287. (b) 288. (c) 289. (d) 290. (b) 291. (d) 292. (b) 293. (c) 294. (c) 295. (b) 296. (c) 297. (d) 298. (a) 299. (d) 300. (d)

Simplification:

D.1-100) What should come in place of the question mark (?) in **the** following questions?

Q.1) 20% of $\frac{1}{51}$ 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) $\frac{\frac{36}{6} - \frac{4}{12} + \frac{81}{9}}{\frac{144}{12} + \frac{81}{9}} \times (18 \div 5) = ?$

- 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) $32 \times \left\{ \left(\frac{4}{5} \right)^2 \left(\frac{5}{7} \right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{8} \right)^2 \right\} = ?$

- a) 5 b) 6 c) 7
d) 8 e) 9

Q.18) 50% 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) $\frac{5}{11}$ of $\frac{2}{17}$ of $3\frac{6}{15}$ of $1\frac{5}{17}$ 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) $\frac{(82-62)^2}{2^3} + \frac{5}{7}$ 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% of 400 + 20% of 150 = $\frac{5}{4}?$ - 40% of 100 - 80% of 600

- a) 800 b) 600 c) 900
d) 950 e) 650

Q.32) $x = \sqrt{784} \times \sqrt{16}$ of 30% of 50 + 306 of 20% 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% of 950 + 75% of 120 = 75% 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% 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% of 50 $x = \left(\frac{190}{5} \right) \div \left(\frac{360}{60} \right) \times 240$

- a) 304 b) 344 c) 302
d) 298 e) None of these

Q.45) $(30\% \text{ of } 740) + x + (15\% \text{ of } 280) =$

140% of 340

- a) 335 b) 187 c) 235
d) 212 e) None of these

Q.46) $\frac{x}{8} = \frac{32}{4} \text{ of } \sqrt[3]{256} + (15\% \text{ of } 380)$

- 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) $\sqrt{\frac{(15+24 \times 0.5)}{\sqrt{10.8 \div ?}}} = 3$
- 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) $\frac{2\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2} \text{ of } \frac{12}{9}}{4\frac{5}{7} - \frac{1}{7}(\frac{3}{2} + 2\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{1}{x}$
- 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) $\frac{21.5}{5} + \frac{21}{6} - \frac{13.5}{15} = \left[\frac{?}{4}\right] + \frac{9}{10}$
- 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) $29^2 + 59^2 - 7^2 = 7^3 + 19^2 + 246 + 2^3$
- a) 58 b) 85 c) 89
d) 105 e) None of these
- Q.69) $25\% \text{ of } 4/5 \text{ of } 50\% \text{ of } 720 + 4/5 \text{ of } 6/7 \text{ of } 350 = ?$
- a) 354 b) 312 c) 289
d) 225 e) 221
- Q.70) $80\% \text{ of } 1320 + 60\% \text{ of } 1960 - 2\% \text{ of } 1000 = ? \% \text{ of } 8400$
- 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) $\frac{1}{2} \text{ of } 20\% \text{ of } \frac{4}{5} \text{ of } 3600 + \frac{1}{4} \text{ of } 65700 = ?$
- a) 16713 b) 19676 c) 39645
d) 25445 e) 34225
- Q.73) $\sqrt{95 + 26} + \frac{1}{3} \text{ of } \frac{1}{5} \text{ of } 360 = ?$
- a) 23 b) 35 c) 38
d) 43 e) 54
- Q.74) $40\% \text{ of } 350 + 30\% \text{ of } 720 + 20\% \text{ of } 640 = (?)^2$
- a) 20 b) 10 c) 22
d) 25 e) 18
- Q.75) $\sqrt{0.64} + \frac{1}{3} \text{ of } 2.4 + \frac{1}{5} \text{ of } 2 = ?$
- 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) $25\% \text{ of } 500 + 30\% \text{ of } 240 + 35\% \text{ of } \frac{5}{7} \text{ of } 860 = ?$
- 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) $25\% \text{ of } \frac{1}{2} \text{ of } 44 \text{ of } 350 + 20\% \text{ of } \frac{1}{4} \text{ of } 640 = ?$
- 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) $55\% \text{ of } 6520 + 25\% \text{ of } 63500 - x\% \text{ of } 1640 = 19051$
- 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) $\frac{\frac{196}{15} - \frac{256}{16}}{\frac{225}{15} - \frac{729}{16}} = \frac{1}{255} \times ?$
- 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) $10\% \text{ of } 20\% \text{ of } 30\% \text{ of } 40\% \text{ of } 50\% \text{ of } 60\% \text{ of } 500 = (?)^2$
- 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
- 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
d) 950 e) 987
Q.9) $24.68\% \text{ of } 594.81 \times 15.18\% \text{ of } 864 - 22 = ?$
a) 19050 b) 20178 c) 19400
d) 21050 e) 22009
Q.10) $784.777 + 93.642 \times 55.971 - 84.101 = ?$
a) 5690 b) 6211 c) 5289
d) 5965 e) 6457
Q.11) $\sqrt[3]{50753} + (54.95)^2 = ?$
a) 3093 b) 3062 c) 3129
d) 3211 e) 3021
Q.12) $40\% \text{ of } 252 + 90\% \text{ of } 881 = ?$
a) 895 b) 862 c) 843
d) 811 e) 940
Q.13) $65.2\% \text{ of } 241.42 + ? \text{ of } 392.86 = 4521.81$
a) 32 b) 25 c) 11
d) 43 e) 54
Q.14) $\frac{4}{7} \times 5112 + \frac{9}{13} \times 6414.21 = ?$
a) 7490 b) 7509 c) 7360
d) 7487 e) 7794
Q.15) $2424 \div 424 \times \sqrt{138} = ?$
a) 38 b) 61 c) 46
d) 89 e) 72
Q.16) $\sqrt{8867} \times \sqrt{984} \div 14.78 + ? = 19867.89$
a) 19843 b) 19680 c) 18796
d) 18475 e) 19307
Q.17) $(12171.69 + 1284.8 + 2471.621) - (3742.11 + 2525.36 + 526.7) = ?$
a) 9154 b) 9253 c) 9183
d) 9134 e) 9231
Q.18) $\left(\frac{1}{5} \% \text{ of } 2305 \right) \times \frac{2}{7} \text{ of } 488 = ? - 11\% \text{ of } 301$
a) 603 b) 751 c) 680
d) 764 e) 700
Q.19) $\frac{\sqrt{2212} \times \sqrt{1860}}{408} = ?$
a) 11 b) 18 c) 9
d) 15 e) 5
Q.20) $\sqrt{7396} + 576.54 = ? + \sqrt{287} - 181.87$
a) 893 b) 828 c) 834
d) 861 e) 819
Q.21) $\frac{4}{13} \text{ of } 341 + 1\frac{4}{9} \text{ of } 118 = 241 + ? - \sqrt{1512}$
a) 90 b) 102 c) 53
d) 71 e) 21

- Q.22) $12121.21 - 1212.12 + 121.212 + 212.12 = ? + 12.1212$
a) 11230 b) 14156 c) 12230
d) 11504 e) 11543
Q.23) $23\% \text{ of } \sqrt{1628} + (95\% \text{ of } 1432.39) \times \sqrt{166}$
a) 17690 b) 17896 c) 17543
d) 17409 e) 17430
Q.24) $\sqrt{968.18} \times 4.09 \div 14.97 = ?$
a) 3 b) 10 c) 8
d) 21 e) 1
Q.25) $(2398.54 + 429.43 - 325.98) \div \sqrt{749} = ?$
a) 54 b) 79 c) 31
d) 65 e) 93
Q.26) $\sqrt{4761.24} \times \sqrt[3]{5831.91} = ? + \sqrt{289.65}$
a) 1232 b) 1298 c) 1276
d) 1225 e) 1209
Q.27) $243.43 \times 38.78\% \text{ of } 128.93 - 34.76 = ?$
a) 12879 b) 12187 c) 12115
d) 12280 e) 12143
Q.28) $198.65 \times 126.45 \div 13.87 + 178.44 - 294.77 = ?$
a) 1674 b) 1789 c) 1635
d) 1712 e) 1699
Q.29) $\frac{69.4}{267.81} \times \frac{134.32}{23.03} = ?$
a) 4.5 b) 2.4 c) 3.7
d) 1.5 e) 4.1
Q.30) $\frac{\sqrt[3]{19469.59}}{\sqrt[3]{2748}} = ? - 17.2^2$
a) 249 b) 291 c) 213
d) 209 e) 275
Q.31) $15.78^2 + 19.09^2 - 29.45^2 + 17.2^2 = ?$
a) 78 b) 99 c) 65
d) 44 e) 28
Q.32) $\sqrt{299} \times 19 \times 22.58 = ?$
a) 7894 b) 7509 c) 7321
d) 7198 e) 7429
Q.33) $(7486.748 + 8479.58 + 7589.39) \div \sqrt{4347} = ?$
a) 390 b) 418 c) 357
d) 518 e) 389
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) $\frac{289 \times \sqrt{354}}{701 \div \sqrt[3]{354}} = ? - 654.45$
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) $\frac{11\frac{5}{7} \times 4\frac{2}{3}}{4\frac{9}{11} + 9\frac{7}{13}} = ?$
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) $\frac{4}{7} \text{ of } 347.38 + \frac{7}{12} \text{ of } 467 = ? \times (1.99 + 1.07)$

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) $\frac{4}{9} \text{ of } 3764 - \frac{6}{13} \text{ of } 438 = ? \div (131 - 26.8 \times 3.2)$
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) $\frac{2}{3} \text{ of } 578 \div \left(\frac{7}{8}\% \text{ of } 12002\right) = ? \times 168.78 - 457.87$
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) $\sqrt{54.58\% \text{ of } 3432 \times \sqrt[3]{832.83} - \left(\frac{2}{5} \text{ of } 819 + 34.98\% \text{ of } 832\right)}$
 $= ?$
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) $? \div 1564.67 \div 27.089 = \left(\frac{34.44}{245.09} \times \frac{139.76}{136}\right)$
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) $\frac{65679 \div 34.78}{54.645 \times 7.67} = 768.78 - 56.87 - ?$
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) $18\% \text{ of } 256 + 35\% \text{ of } 290 + 15\% \text{ of } 385 = ?$
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) $(3927.57 \div \sqrt{4533}) = ?^2 - 68.43\% \text{ of } 587$
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) $\frac{\frac{373.3}{32} \times \frac{256.41}{1865}}{52.34 \div 69.86} = ?$
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
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

Answer Key:

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (d) 6. (d) 7. (e) 8. (c)
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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)
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42. (e) 43. (c) 44. (a) 45. (b) 46. (c) 47. (d) 48. (e)
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29. (c) 30. (d) 31. (b) 32. (d) 33. (b) 34. (d)
35. (a) 36. (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) Encryption and Decryption are the functions of
a) Transport layer b) Session layer
c) Application layer d) Physical layer
e) Presentation layer
Q.2) Which of the following is the key example of Toggle key?
a) Alt b) Shift
c) Caps Lock d) Home
e) Control
Q.3) Which of the following categories do operating systems and debuggers belongs to?
a) System software b) Application software
c) Utilities
d) Programming Language
e) All the above
Q.4) How many rows are there in the latest version of MS Excel?
a) 65536 b) 16,384
c) 1,048,576 d) 1,050,000
e) 2,001,000
Q.5) Which of the following device used 'set of beads' to represent the unit of data?
a) ENIAC b) EDVAC
c) Abacus d) MARK-I
e) None of these
Q.6) The program, a personal computer's microprocessor uses to get the computer system started after you turn it on is
a) BIOS b) Java
c) I/O d) c
e) Booting
Q.7) An Application software installed on the user's computer help, him to communicate or send a request to the network is
a) Paint b) File Manager
c) Browser d) Word
e) Power point
Q.8) A tuple is a
a) Row b) Projection
c) Field d) Union
e) None of these
Q.9) WORM stands for?
a) Write Once Read Many
b) Wanted Once Read Memory
c) Wanted Original Read Memory

d) Write Original Read Memory
e) None of the above
Q.10) Which of the following are valid minimum & maximum zoom sizes in MS word?
a) 0, 100 b) 0, 1000
c) 10, 500 d) 10, 100
e) None of these
Q.11) A collection of unprocessed items is
a) Information b) Data
c) Memory d) Reports
e) None of these
Q.12) The QWERTY keyboard was invented by
a) Carl Sholes b) Karl Sholes
c) Christopher Latham Sholes
d) Henry Mill e) None of these
Q.13) An adhoc network that works on the Bluetooth technology and connects to eight devices is
a) client server b) point to point
c) firewall d) Piconet
e) none of these
Q.14) The first graphical web browser is
a) Mosaic b) WAIS
c) CERN d) Gopher
e) None of the above
Q.15) The line that describes the contents of the message while sending an e-mail is
a) BCC b) to
c) subject d) cc
e) None of these
Q.16) The key which is used to indent the first paragraph of your report is
a) Tab key b) Return key
c) Space bar d) Shift key
e) None of these
Q.17) The technology that allows you to use your finger, eye, or voice print to secure your information resources is
a) Haptics b) Caves
c) RFID d) Biometrics
e) All the above
Q.18) Which layer of the OSI model defines the language and syntax for programs?
a) Data link layer b) Presentation layer
c) Application layer d) Session layer
e) Transport layer
Q.19) The working of Bluetooth devices depends on which model?
a) Client/server b) Peer-to-peer
c) Master/slave d) Analogue/digital
e) None of these
Q.20) The feature in database language that allows us to access certain records in the database is
a) Query b) Forms
c) Reports d) Tables
e) None of these
Q.21) The smallest storage unit is
a) Megabyte b) Gigabyte
c) Terabyte d) Kilobyte
e) Bit
Q.22) Vacuum Tubes were used in which generation of Computers?

a) 1st Generation b) 2nd Generation
c) 3rd Generation d) 4th Generation
e) 5th Generation
Q.23) Software that is actively utilized by end-users are called
a) System utilities b) Operating system
c) System software d) Driver
e) Application software
Q.24) Which of the following network topology, where all devices on a network are connected to a single continuous cable?
a) Star b) Ring c) Bus
d) Tree e) Mesh
Q.25) To open Save As dialog box, press
a) F2 b) F4 c) F6
d) F10 e) F12
Q.26) The first public code name of the Android Operating System is
a) Cupcake b) Alpha
c) Gingerbread d) Doughnut
e) Oreo
Q.27) What type of computers are client computers in a client-server system?
a) Mainframe b) Super Computer
c) Microcomputer d) CPU
e) None of these
Q.28) Which of the following is commonly used to track website activity?
a) Cookies b) Plug-ins
c) Scripts d) ASPs
e) HTTP
Q.29) An error in software or hardware is called a bug. What is the alternative computer jargon for it?
a) Leech b) Squid
c) Slug d) Glitch e) Code
Q.30) The icon represents an e-mail message that has not been read is
a) Question Mark b) Closed envelope
c) Highlighted envelope
d) Flashing letter e) None of these
Q.31) The network security device that monitors incoming and outgoing network traffic and decides whether to allow or block specific traffic based on a defined set of security rules is
a) Antivirus b) Bug
c) Firewall d) All the above
e) None of these
Q.32) The protocol which allows an e-mail client to access an e-mail to a remote mail server is
a) SMTP b) POP3
c) SNMP d) TCP
e) IMAP
Q.33) A search tool that uses other search engine's data to produce their own results from the Internet is
a) Dependent b) Independent
c) Meta Search d) Individual search
e) none of these
Q.34) In Excel, a new workbook contains how many worksheets by default?
a) One b) Three
c) Five d) Ten e) Six

Q.35) Routers are operated at which layer of the OSI model?
a) Presentation layer b) Application layer
c) Network control layer d) Data link layer
e) Session layer
Q.36) A commonly used graphic format for the Web buttons, charts and text headings is
a) GIF b) BMP c) TXT
d) LMP e) TIF
Q.37) Which of the following is not a type of database?
a) Hierarchical b) Relational
c) Network d) Transition
e) Object-oriented
Q.38) What should be used if a company wants to include its company name and logo at the bottom of every page of a brochure?
a) Header b) Macro
c) Footer d) Footnote
e) None of the above
Q.39) The computer network that usually spans a city or a large campus is
a) PAN b) WAN c) LAN
d) MAN e) TAN
Q.40) The software which posts unwanted advertisements on client's computer is
a) Virus b) Scare ware c) Worm
d) Adware e) Spyware
Q.41) A nibble is
a) 1 bit b) 2 bits c) 3 bits
d) 4 bits e) 8 bits
Q.42) Which one of the following allows a user at one site to establish a connection to another site and then pass keystrokes from local host to remote host?
a) HTTP b) FTP c) Telnet
d) POP3 e) None of these
Q.43) Which of the following keys is a key used to link two tables together?
a) Primary key b) Foreign key
c) Candidate key d) Identity key
e) None of these
Q.44) What is the maximum number of lines you can set for a Drop Cap?
a) 6 b) 10 c) 15
d) 20 e) 25
Q.45) If you wish to extend the length of the network without having the signal degrade, you can use a _____.
a) Router b) Repeater
c) Gateway d) Switch
e) Bridge
Q.46) The diagrams graphically represent an inter-relationship among entities in a database is
a) Entity-relationship diagram
b) Data flow diagram
c) Control flow diagram
d) Sequence diagram
e) None of these
Q.47) The program that appears or pretends to be a genuine application, but causes damage to the executable files on the computer is
a) Trojan horse b) Adware

c) Scare ware d) Worm
e) Virus
Q.48) Which among the following is used to begin a formula in MS Excel?
a) % b) = c) +
d) @ e) #
Q.49) The standard protocol for transferring web pages and their contents across the Internet is
a) FTP b) SMTP c) SNMP
d) HTTP e) DHCP
Q.50) The program that visits Web sites and reads their pages and other information in order to create entries for a search engine index
a) Bing b) MSN c) Spider
d) Google e) None of these
Q.51) What is the diagnostic testing sequence of a computer called that determines if all input and output devices are properly working?
a) Rebooting b) POST
c) scanning d) Defragmentation
e) booting
Q.52) The computers that exhibit the features of both analogue and digital computers is
a) Hybrid computer b) Minicomputer
c) Laptop
d) Mainframe computer
e) Super computer
Q.53) Which of the following is a type of margin at the time of printing and binding printouts?
a) Portrait b) Gutter margin
c) Page setup d) Next Page
e) None of these
Q.54) The base of the octal number system is
a) 2 b) 8
c) 10 d) 12
e) 16
Q.55) FORTRAN is used for
a) business applications
b) marketing applications
c) scientific applications
d) statically calculative applications
e) commercial purposes
Q.56) Bits are packaged into frames at which layer of the OSI model?
a) Data link b) Transport
c) Physical d) Presentation
e) Application
Q.57) ENIAC is
(a) Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer
(b) Electrical Numerical Integer and Category
(c) Electrical Numerical Integer and Computation
(d) Efficient Numerical Integrator and Computer
(e) Electronic numbers Integer and Calculator
Q.58) The smallest unit of a display screen is
a) bit b) pixel
c) img d) byte
e) none of these
Q.59) Which of the following is the activity of purchasing items and products from different websites on the internet and using online modes, such as credit cards and debit cards, to make the payments?
a) E-banking b) Online shopping

c) Online reservation
d) M-reservation e) None of these
Q.60) An object embedded in a web page or email, which unobtrusively allows checking that a user has accessed the content.
a) e-mail b) virus
c) web beacon d) spam
e) firewall
Q.61) In MS Word Spelling Check is a feature available in which tab?
a) File b) Home
c) Insert d) Review
e) References
Q.62) Who contributed to the idea of a stored program?
a) John von Neumann
b) Charles Babbage
c) Howard Aiken
d) Daniel Thomas
e) Dennis Ritchie
Q.63) Who among the following is known as the Father of The Internet?
a) Tim Berners-Lee
b) Raymond Tomilson
c) Douglas Engelbart
d) Charles Babbage
e) Vint Cerf
Q.64) In the first generation of computers, they used
a) Batch processing b) Multithreading
c) Multiprogramming d) Networking
e) All the above
Q.65) The blinking symbol on the screen that shows where the next character will appear is
a) Cursor b) Delete key
c) Arrow key d) Return key
e) None of these
Q.66) To justify the selected text, the shortcut key is:
a) Ctrl + I b) Ctrl + J
c) Ctrl + U d) Ctrl + K
e) Ctrl + H
Q.67) A networking device which is used to direct and dispatch data packets between different networks is
a) Connection b) Bridge
c) Gateway d) Hub
e) Router
Q.68) A key is a set or one of more columns (attributes) to uniquely identify rows in a table?
a) Substitute Key b) Sub key
c) Super key d) Foreign key
e) None of these
Q.69) The shortcut key used to select the entire document is
a) Ctrl + L b) Alt + A
c) Ctrl + A d) Shift + A
e) Ctrl + K
Q.70) Trackball is an example of
a) Programming device
b) Pointing device
c) Output device
d) Software device

e) Printing device
Q.71) An example of a telecommunications device is
a) Keyboard b) Mouse
c) Printer
d) Modem
e) None of these
Q.72) The smallest and largest font size available in the Font Size tool of MS Word is
a) 8 and 72 b) 8 and 68
c) 6 and 72 d) 6 and 68
e) 9 and 90
Q.73) The number of function keys on a keyboard is
a) 15 b) 12
c) 11 d) 16
e) 10
Q.74) The technology used to read pencil or pen marks on a multiple-choice answer sheet is
a) OMR b) MICR
c) OCR d) BCR
e) ALU
Q.75) Which communication mode allows both the sender and the receiver to transmit data at the same time over a single communication channel?
a) Simplex b) Half-duplex
c) Full-duplex d) Multiplex
e) De-Multiplex
Q.76) Which of the following are machine-independent languages?
a) High-level languages b) Low-level languages
c) Assembly languages d) Machine languages
e) None of these
Q.77) Which of the following is a computer input device?
a) Monitor b) Plotter
c) Printer d) Light pen
e) Speaker
Q.78) Which of the following is a loopback address?
a) 125.0.0.0 b) 127.0.0.1
c) 255.0.0.0 d) 255.0.0.1
e) 1.0.0.0
Q.79) The protocol used to exchange files between computers over a TCP/IP network is
a) UDP b) DHCP
c) SMNP d) SMTP
e) FTP
Q.80) Linux is an example of
a) Freeware b) Open source software
c) Shareware d) Demo software
e) Retail software
Q.81) Which of the following is not an example of web-browser?
a) Mozilla Firefox b) Google Chrome
c) Internet Explorer d) Safari
e) Avast
Q.82) Copying a process from memory to disk to allow space for other processes is called
a) Swapping b) Deadlock
c) Demand Paging d) Page Fault
e) Cloud Computing
Q.83) ECG is an example of

a) analog computer b) digital computer
c) hybrid computer d) supercomputer
e) mainframe
Q.84) In which types of network are all the computers considered equal?
a) Peer-to-peer b) Client/server
c) Backbone d) Hybrid
e) Hierarchy
Q.85) Who coined the term computer virus?
a) MC Fee b) Smiths
c) Frederick Cohen d) Norton
e) None of the above
Q.86) The key combination used to reverse the last Undo is
a) Ctrl+A b) Ctrl+C
c) Ctrl+W d) Ctrl+Y
e) Ctrl+Z
Q.87) What is referred to as the organization of data as a blueprint of how the database is constructed?
a) Primary Key b) Candidate Key
c) Schema d) Tuple
e) Cardinality
Q.88) is a piece of code intentionally inserted into a software system that will set off a malicious function when specified conditions are met?
a) Malware b) Spyware
c) Logic Bomb d) Adware
e) Trojan Horse
Q.89) Which among the following is a web server that collects data from other web servers and puts it into a database, it provides links to pages that contain the object of your search?
a) Search Engine b) Browser
c) FTP d) HTTP
e) Hyperlink
Q.90) The software that controls the internal operations in the computer and controls how the computer works with all its parts is
a) Shareware
b) Public domain software
c) Application software
d) Operating system software
e) Demo software
Q.91) Which is of the following terms is used for unsolicited e-mail?
a) News Group b) Usenet
c) Backbone d) Spam
e) Phishing
Q.92) A pathway inside a computer that carries data between hardware components is
a) Control bus b) Data bus
c) Digital signal d) Address bus
e) Switching
Q.93) Which among the following command is an example of a Data Manipulation Command in SQL?
(a) SELECT (b) GRANT
(c) CREATE (d) PROVOKE
(e) DROP
Q.94) A/An is a container object that holds a fixed number of values of a single type.
a) Unit b) Pixel

c) Array d) Resolution
e) Clip
Q.95) is a process by which fragmented files that are stored on a disk are rearranged to occupy contiguous storage locations allowing for both space and performance optimization.
a) Rebooting b) POST
c) Scanning d) Defragmentation
e) None of these
Q.96) Unix operating system was developed by
a) Walter Baatain b) John Burdeen
c) Ken Thompson d) All the above
e) None of these
Q.97) The key which is used to search any data in a computer is
a) F1 b) F2
c) F3 d) F4
e) F5
Q.98) The non-volatile memory chip used for storage and for transferring data between a personal computer and digital devices is
a) Flash memory b) RAM
c) Cache memory d) Registers
e) None of the above
Q.99) Which of the following character set supports Japanese and Chinese font?
a) EBCDIC b) ASCII
c) BCD d) EDCBI
e) Unicode
Q.100) is the industry standard name for a computer virus that was released in its first form in January 1986.
a) Creeper b) Brain
c) Winery d) All the above
e) None of these
Q.101) The type of memory improves processing by action as a temporary high-speed holding area between the memory and the CPU is
a) RAM b) ROM
c) EEPROM d) Flash Memory
e) Cache Memory
Q.102) Which of the following layer of the OSI model is also called as end-to-end layer?
a) Network b) Session
c) Presentation d) Application
e) Transport
Q.103) The father of super computer is
a) Alan Turing b) Charles Babbage
c) Vint Cerf d) Ray Tomlinson
e) Seymour Cray
Q.104) E-mail addresses separate the user name from the ISP using
a) # b) %
c) & d) @
e) \$
Q.105) The most common tool used to restrict access to a computer system is
a) Keys b) Firewall
c) Password d) User login
e) None of these

Q.106) involves getting a user to enter personal information via a fake website.
a) Phishing b) Sniffing
c) Data diddling
d) Pharming
e) Spoofing
Q.107) The amount of time required by a storage device to retrieve data and programs is its
a) Retrieval speed b) Access speed
c) Memory d) Storage
e) None of these
Q.108) A device or computer program capable of encoding or decoding a digital data stream or signal
a) Codec b) Modem
c) Digitizer d) All the above
e) None of these
Q.109) topology is a type of networking where all nodes cooperate to distribute data amongst each other?
a) bus b) mesh
c) tree d) ring
e) star
Q.110) If you want to share a broadband Internet connection, you must install
a) node b) modem
c) router d) cable
e) none of these
Q.111) Which of the following is not a computer programming language?
a) UNIX b) FORTRAN
c) BASIC d) COBOL
e) PASCAL
Q.112) A is the part of a computer that interprets commands and performs the processes the user has requested.
a) Primary memory b) Input device
c) RAM d) ROM
e) Processor
Q.113) is a communications mode in which only one signal is transmitted, and it always goes in the same direction.
a) Simplex b) Half Duplex
c) Full Duplex d) Multiplex
e) De-Multiplex
Q.114) The Operating system is a
a) System software b) Application software
c) Web browser d) translator software
e) None of these
Q.115) Which of the following holds the ROM, RAM, CPU?
a) CU b) ALU
c) CU d) Hard disk
e) Motherboard
Q.116) is a small packet of information sent by a web host to a your computer when you visit a website.
a) Spyware b) Key logger
c) Identity theft d) Cookies
e) Blended threat

Q.117) The device that can change images into codes for the computer is

a) Scanner b) MICR
c) Keyboard d) Joystick
e) Mouse

Q.118) The Web page code is written using

a) C b) C++
c) HTML d) HTTP
e) Telnet

Q.119) Large transaction processing systems in automated organization use

a) Online processing
b) End of day processing
c) E-processing
d) Batch processing
e) None of these

Q. 120) The base of Hexadecimal is

a) 2 b) 4
c) 8 d) 12
e) 16

Q.121) is an online platform that people use to build social networks or social relations with other people who share similar personal or career interests, activities, backgrounds or real-life connections.

a) e-commerce b) Online shopping
c) Social networking d) Net banking
e) Blog

Q.122) The alternative name for a pre-programmed formula in Excel is

a) graph b) function
c) cell d) range
e) all the above

Q.123) It keeps track of the instruction which is to be executed next, after the execution of an on-going instruction.

b) Data Register c) Address Register
d) Program counter e) Accumulator

Q.124) is a file that is used to perform various functions or operations on a computer.

a) Data b) Instruction
c) Executable file d) Processor
e) none of these

Q.125) Create Table in ----- will allow you to create the fields of the table. It allows you to define the fields in the table before adding any data to the data sheet.

a) Design view b) Data view
c) Datasheet view d) Dictionary view
e) Define view

Q.126) Network cabling scheme in which all computers and devices (nodes) are connected to a single cable so that all nodes receive the same message at the same time.

a) Bus topology b) Star topology
c) Mesh topology d) Tree topology
e) Ring topology

Q.127) The key combination used to minimize all open windows and displays in the screen is

a) Windows key + A b) Windows key + B
c) Windows key + C d) Windows key + D

e) Windows key + E

Q.128) An organized collection of data about a single entity is

a) Data b) Information
c) File d) Folder
e) Directory

Q.129) Storing same data in many places is

a) Restoring b) Repetition
c) Concurrency d) Iteration
e) Redundancy

Q.130) The smallest unit of the display screen is

a) pixel b) pel
c) picture element d) all the above
e) none of these

Q.131) Which of the following is translators?

a) compiler b) interpreter
c) assembler d) all the above
e) none of these

Q.132) The brain of the computer is

a) CPU b) CU c) ALU
d) registers e) accumulator

Q.133) The first electronic general-purpose computer is

a) ENIAC b) UNIVAC c) EDSAC
d) Abacus e) Intel

Q.134) To remove paragraph formatting, press

a) Ctrl+H b) Ctrl+K c) Ctrl+D
d) Ctrl+F e) Ctrl+Q

Q.135) is a component of a computer's central processing unit (CPU) that directs the operation of the processor.

a) Accumulator b) ALU
c) CU d) Registers e) Flip-flop

Q.136) is copyrighted computer software which is made available for use free of charge, for an unlimited time.

a) demo software b) shareware
c) freeware d) open source software
e) all the above

Q.137) The largest Market share web browser is

a) Opera Mini b) IE
c) Mozilla Firefox d) Google chrome
e) Safari

Q.138) is a computer printer for printing vector graphics?

a) printer b) monitor
c) plotter d) projector
e) light pen

Q.139) The scrambling of code is

a) firewall b) decryption
c) encryption d) passwords
e) none of these

Q.140) is a step by step method of solving a problem. It is commonly used for data processing, calculation and other related computer and mathematical operations.

a) Program b) algorithm
c) flowchart d) all the above
e) none of these

Q.141) is a type of random access semiconductor memory that stores each bit of

data in a separate tiny capacitor within an integrated circuit.

a) DRAM b) SRAM
c) ROM d) EEPROM
e) PROM

Q.142) The software which is used to keep track of a billing account is

a) word processing b) spread sheet
c) presentation software d) access
e) outlook

Q.143) The modifier keys are

a) ctrl, alt, del b) shift, ctrl, end
c) ctrl, alt, home d) ctrl, alt, shift
e) alt, enter, home

Q.144) Fence register is used for

a) Memory protection b) CPU protection
c) Input protection d) File protection
e) all the above

Q.145) The computer which is used for weather forecasting is

a) Analog computer b) Digital computer
c) Super computer d) Mainframe
e) Mini computer

Q.146) By default, on which page the header or footer is printed?

a) on the first page b) on the last page
c) on the alternative page d) on every page
e) none of these

Q.147) Which of the following is the file extension of power point 2007?

a) .ppt b) .pptt
c) .pptx d) .ppttx
e) .ppts

Q.148) The diagonal distance between two coloured pixels on a display screen is

a) double pitch b) pixel
c) pel d) picture element
e) dot pitch

Q.149) Thesaurus is available in which tab?

a) Insert b) Layout
c) References d) View
e) Review

Q.150) is the protocol layer in a program that handles the moving of data in and out across a physical link in a network.

a) Presentation b) Session
c) Network d) Transport
e) Data link

Q.151) In computer programming, a is a basic unit of programming that an operating system controls.

a) task b) work
c) process d) program
e) none of the above

Q.152) The host attached in class A IP address is

a) 16767212 b) 16778214
c) 16777214 d) 16777206
e) 16777216

Q.153) Flipkart 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.154) A virus is a computer virus that stores itself in a file that is named like another program file that is commonly executed.

a) boot sector virus b) blended threat
c) spyware d) worm
e) companion virus

Q.155) Which of the following act as a cross-reference between tables?

a) Primary key b) Secondary key
c) Alternate key d) Candidate key
e) Foreign key

Q.156) To print a document, press

a) Ctrl+P b) Ctrl+Alt+P
c) Ctrl+R d) Alt+P
e) Shift+P

Q.157) In hexadecimal number system 'B' stands for

a) 10 b) 11
c) 7 d) 9
e) 13

Q.158) The deleted files and folders are temporarily stored in

a) desktop b) folders
c) recycle bin d) taskbar
e) none of these

Q.159) The network IP addresses ranging from 128.0.0.0 to 191.0.0.0 belongs to which class?

a) class A b) class B
c) class C d) Class D
e) class E

Q.160) The program which interprets commands given by the user is

a) translator b) compiler
c) interpreter d) kernel
e) shell

Q.161) A is a network node that connects two networks using different protocols together.

a) bridge b) gateway
c) repeater d) modem
e) NIC

Q.162) The first-generation computer was programmed using

a) Machine-level language
b) Assembly language
c) High level language
d) Natural Language
e) Fourth generation Language

Q.163) are computers used primarily by large organizations for critical applications; bulk data processing, such as census, industry and consumer statistics, enterprise resource planning; and transaction processing.?

a) super computer b) analogue computer
c) hybrid computer d) mini computer
e) mainframe

Q.164) In database Student Name is called

a) field b) row
c) tuple d) record
e) none of these

Q.165) The domain which is used for organizations is

a) .edu b) .gov
c) .org d) .net

e) .com

Q.166) are used on the motherboard in desktop and server computers. Because they allow easy swapping of components, they are also used for prototyping new circuits.

a) buffer b) registers
c) bus d) CPU sockets
e) none of these

Q.167) Computer mouse was invented by

a) Douglas Engel Bart
b) Christopher L. Sholes
c) Alan Turing
d) Joseph Jacquard
e) Ray Tomlinson

Q.168) The Decimal equivalent of the binary number 110100

a) 51 b) 52
c) 53 d) 54
e) 55

Q.169) The browser which is used for small mobile devices is

a) WAP browser b) VOIP
c) DHCP d) FTP
e) Telnet

Q.170) The key which is used to move to start of the line is

a) start b) home
c) ctrl + home d) shift + home
e) all the above

Q.171) In CPU, the word 'P' stands for

a) power b) processing
c) pointing d) product
e) performance

Q.172) To end the presentation, press

a) Esc b) E
c) Hyphen d) W
e) R

Q.173) 1 YB is equal to

a) 1024 ZB b) 1024 GB
c) 1024 EB d) 1024 PB
e) 1024 TB

Q.174) A is a collection of computers, servers, mainframes, network devices, peripherals, or other devices connected to one another to allow the sharing of data.

a) hub b) bridge
c) client d) network
e) router

Q.175) A is a column, or set of columns, in a table that can uniquely identify any database record without referring to any other data.

a) super key b) candidate key
c) alternate key d) primary key
e) foreign key

Q.176) shows the relationships of entity sets stored in a database. An entity in this context is a component of data.

a) Flowchart b) organizational model
c) programming model
d) ER diagram e) none of these

Q.177) is any email client implemented as a web application running on a web server.

a) Webmail b) Weblog
c) Webcam d) Webserver
e) none of these

Q.178) is a power-saving state that saves your work to your hard disk, puts your computer into a low-power state, and then turns off your computer.

a) sleep b) hibernate
c) snooze d) logoff
e) none of these

Q.179) Which key moves the cursor one space to the right or puts spaces in between words?

a) tab b) spacebar
c) delete d) backspace
e) enter

Q.180) The father of JQuery is

a) Ray Tomilson b) Vint Cerf
c) John Resig d) Alan Turing
e) John Von Neuman

Q.181) UNIVAC is

a) Unique Automatic Computer
b) United Automatic Computer
c) Uniform Automatic Computer
d) Union Automatic Computer
e) Universal Automatic Computer

Q.182) MS-DOS is a Operating system.

a) GUI b) Real time
c) User friendly d) single-user
e) Multi-user

Q.183) In Computer programs the human-readable version of a program is called

a) object code b) source code
c) instruction sets d) word size
e) all the above

Q.184) is an application protocol used for transporting Usenet news articles (net news) between news servers and for reading and posting articles by end user client applications.

a) SNMP b) SMTP
c) FTP d) Telnet
e) NNTP

Q.185) A button that makes character either upper or lower case and numbers to symbols is

a) Shift b) Alt
c) Ctrl d) Caps lock
e) Num lock

Q.186) A program designed to destroy data on your computer which can travel to "infect" other computers is called a

a) virus b) virus hoax
c) spam d) all the above
e) none of these

Q.187) Who introduced Punch cards?

a) Charles Babbage b) Vint Cerf
c) James Pascal d) Herman Hollerith
e) John Von Neuman

Q.188) By default, HTTP uses the port

a) 75 b) 80 c) 84
d) 85 e) 90

Q.189) The software which is distributed free for trail period but requires the users to pay amount for further use is

- a) Domain software b) Retail software
c) Demo software d) Shareware
e) Freeware
- Q.190) Plastic Cards implanted with the computer chip to the data are known as
- a) Credit card b) ATM card
c) Smart card d) all the above
e) none of these
- Q.191) Word processing, spread sheet and photo-editing are an example of
- a) system software b) application software
c) linker d) loader
e) none of these
- Q.192) The domain name .net represents
- a) a non-profit organization
b) commercial purposes
c) education
d) network related domains
e) none of these
- Q.193) A private network that contained within an enterprise is
- a) Internet b) Intranet
c) Extranet d) All the above
e) None of these
- Q.194) The web browser developed by Microsoft is
- a) Internet explorer b) Mozilla Firefox
c) Safari d) Google chrome
e) Opera mini
- Q.195) The size of MAC address is
- a) 16 bits b) 32 bits
c) 48 bits d) 64 bits
e) 128 bits
- Q.196) The programs that search documents for specified keywords and return a list of the documents where the keywords were found is
- a) Resource locator b) Web browsers
c) Information engines d) Search engines
e) None of these
- Q.197) is a hierarchical decentralized naming system for computers, services, or other resources connected to the Internet or a private network.
- a) Network server b) DHCP
c) DNS d) ICMP
e) MIDI
- Q.198) The computer language used for artificial intelligence is
- a) C b) JAVA
c) HTML d) PROLOG
e) all the above
- Q.199) are small electronic devices that join multiple computer networks together via either wired or wireless connections.
- a) Server b) Receiver
c) Router d) NIC
e) Repeater
- Q.200)first released by Sun Microsystem in 1995 and later acquired by Oracle Corporation.
- a) C b) COBOL
c) FORTRAN d) BASIC
e) JAVA

- Q.201) is a computer programming language used for adding (inserting), deleting, and modifying (updating) data in a database?
- a) Data Definition Language
b) Data Manipulation Language
c) Data Control Language
d) all the above
e) none of these
- Q.202) Which of the following is an Optical Input device?
- a) Scanner b) OCR
c) OMR d) All the above
e) None of these
- Q.203) The devices used to transmit data over telecommunications lines is
- a) Modem b) Scanner
c) NIC d) Bridge
e) Gateway
- Q.204) The medium which permits transmission over longer distances and at higher bandwidths than wire cables are
- a) Twisted pair b) Coaxial cable
c) Optical fibre d) All the above
e) None of these
- Q.205) Storing same data in many places is data
- a) accuracy b) integrity
c) consistency d) redundancy
e) concurrency
- Q.206) The device that connects two LANs that use the same protocol
- a) gateway b) bridge
c) repeater d) NIC
e) Router
- Q.207) Which of the following is the primary output device?
- a) Monitor b) Printer
c) Plotter d) Projector
e) Speaker
- Q.208) The input device used for the clearance of cheques
- a) OCR b) MICR
c) OMR d) Scanner
e) plotter
- Q.209) How many dots are there in each pixel on colour monitor
- a) 1 dot b) 2 dots
c) 3 dots d) 4 dots
e) 5 dots
- Q.210) The keys used to delete characters to the left of the cursor are
- a) Backspace b) Delete
c) Tab d) Space bar
e) Enter
- Q.211) A device allows data items to be read or written in almost the same amount of time irrespective of the physical location of data inside the memory.
- a) RAM b) ROM
c) CD d) FDD
e) DVD
- Q.212) An online networking platform that is used by people to build social relations with other

- people who share similar personal or career interests, activities is
- a) Online shopping b) Social networking
c) Blogging d) Net banking
e) All the above
- Q.213) A Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) that is stored for later retrieval in any of various storage formats.
- a) Bookmarks b) Trash
c) Inbox d) Field
e) None of these
- Q.214) A pictogram displayed on a computer screen to help the user navigate a computer system or mobile device is
- a) Keys b) Pointer
c) Cursor d) icon
e) All the above
- Q.215) The operation of combining two cells into a single cell in Excel is
- a) Connect cells b) join cells
c) merge cells d) all the above
e) none of these
- Q.216) A software facility used for short term data storage and data transfer between documents via copy and paste operations
- a) RAM b) Clipboard
c) ROM d) SRAM
e) DRAM
- Q.217) Convert the binary number (11110011001) in to its equivalent Hexadecimal number?
- a) 8AA b) 7AA
c) 899 d) 799
e) 79A
- Q.218) Convert the octal number 573 into its equivalent binary number?
- a) 111101011 b) 101110001
c) 110011001 d) 101010101
e) 101111011
- Q.219) Convert hex value 6AD into its equivalent octal?
- a) 2155 b) 3255
c) 3155 d) 2255
e) 2355
- Q.220) The database object used to display information in a printable page format is
- a) query b) display
c) printout d) report
e) form
- Q.221) is a form of URI and is a standardized naming convention for addressing documents accessible over the Internet or Intranet.
- a) Domain Name Server b) World Wide Web
c) Uniform Resource Locator
d) DHCP e) IMAP
- Q.222) The application of information and communication technology for delivering government services
- a) Online Shopping b) E-commerce
c) E-governance d) E-services
e) none of these

Q.223) A technology that allows the operating system to detect and configure internal and external peripherals is
a) Configuring b) plug-n-play
c) USB swapping d) all the above
e) None of these

Q.224) The main directory of a disk is
a) sub directory b) super directory
c) first directory d) top directory
e) root directory

Q.225) Which of the following is Toggle key?
a) Caps Lock b) Enter
c) Ctrl d) Alt
e) Shift

Q.226) The worm that infects a computer running Microsoft IIS server is
a) Melisa b) Nimba
c) SirCam d) Ripper
e) Code Red

Q.227) The shortcut for hyperlink is
a) Ctrl+A b) Ctrl+H
c) Ctrl+R d) Ctrl+K
e) Ctrl+F

Q.228) Primary storage device used in the first generation of computer is
a) Magnetic core b) Magnetic drum
c) Magnetic tape
d) main storage memory
e) none of these

Q.229) Computer users are also known as
a) skinware b) liveware
c) humanware d) peopleware
e) all the above

Q.230) 1PB is equal to
a) 1024 EB b) 1024 PB
c) 1024 TB d) 1024 GB
e) 1024 ZB

Q.231) A is a computer bus that is used by the CPU to communicate with devices that are contained within the computer.
a) data bus b) address bus
c) control bus d) instruction bus
e) peripheral bus

Q.232) The first microprocessor is
a) Intel 3080 b) Intel 4040
c) Intel 3090 d) Intel 4004
e) Intel 8085

Q.233) SMPS stands for
a) simple mode power supply
b) small mode power supply
c) single mode power supply
d) switched mode power supply
e) same mode power supply

Q.234) A is comprised of a set of tracks that lie at the same distance from the spindle on all sides of all the platters.
a) platter b) cluster
c) cylinder d) sector
e) all the above

Q.235) are often referred to as the CPU's working memory.
a) Cache memory b) RAM
c) ROM d) Register

e) SRAM

Q.236) A kind of semiconductor-based non-volatile, rewritable computer memory is
a) ROM b) RAM
c) DRAM d) PROM
e) Flash memory

Q.237) The computer user interacts with the computer via
a) Memory unit b) CPU
c) I/O unit d) Control unit
e) ALU

Q.238) Which of the following is Write Once Read Many disk?
a) CD-RW b) DVD-R
c) CD-R d) DVD-W
e) none of these

Q.239) Which generation of computer was enormous in size and required a large room for installation?
a) First b) Second
c) Third d) Fourth
e) Fifth

Q.240) Which is the first computer to store program?
a) EDVAC b) ENIAC
c) UNIVAC -1 d) ABC
e) EDSAC

Q.241) 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.242) Forms that are used to organize business data into rows and columns are called
a) Charts wizard b) Spread sheets
c) Registers d) Business forms
e) Transactions sheet

Q.243) The address of IPV6 is
a) 16 bits b) 32 bits
c) 64 bits d) 128 bits
e) 256 bits

Q.244) 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.245) Which of following is a sequential storage medium?
a) Magnetic tape b) HDD
c) FDD d) CD
e) BRD

Q.246) The button that reduces the window to an icon, but the word remains active is
a) minimize b) close
c) maximize d) restore
e) none of the above

Q.247) Which of the following printer does not hit or impact a ribbon to print?
a) Daisy wheel b) Dot-matrix
c) Drum d) Ink-jet
e) All the above

Q.248) The initial program called the Bootstrap loader is stores in
a) RAM b) ROM
c) PROM d) SRAM
e) DRAM

Q.249) The input device which converts analog information into digital form is
a) Scanner b) Digitizer
c) OCR d) OMR
e) Barcode reader

Q.250) The first computer architecture was introduced by
a) Versa Tec b) John Von Neumann
c) Alan Turing d) Charles Babbage
e) Joseph Jacquard

Answer Key:

1. (e) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (c) 5. (c) 6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (a) 9. (a) 10. (c) 11. (b) 12. (c) 13. (d) 14. (a) 15. (c) 16. (a) 17. (c) 18. (c) 19. (c) 20. (a) 21. (e) 22. (a) 23. (e) 24. (c) 25. (e) 26. (b) 27. (c) 28. (a) 29. (d) 30. (b) 31. (c) 32. (e) 33. (c) 34. (b) 35. (c) 36. (a) 37. (d) 38. (c) 39. (d) 40. (d) 41. (d) 42. (c) 43. (b) 44. (b) 45. (b) 46. (a) 47. (a) 48. (b) 49. (d) 50. (c) 51. (b) 52. (a) 53. (b) 54. (b) 55. (c) 56. (a) 57. (a) 58. (b) 59. (b) 60. (c) 61. (d) 62. (a) 63. (e) 64. (a) 65. (a) 66. (b) 67. (e) 68. (c) 69. (c) 70. (b) 71. (d) 72. (a) 73. (b) 74. (a) 75. (c) 76. (a) 77. (d) 78. (b) 79. (e) 80. (b) 81. (e) 82. (a) 83. (c) 84. (a) 85. (c) 86. (d) 87. (c) 88. (c) 89. (a) 90. (d) 91. (d) 92. (b) 93. (a) 94. (c) 95. (d) 96. (c) 97. (c) 98. (a) 99. (e) 100. (a) 101. (e) 102. (e) 103. (e) 104. (d) 105. (c) 106. (c) 107. (b) 108. (a) 109. (b) 110. (c) 111. (a) 112. (e) 113. (a) 114. (a) 115. (e) 116. (d) 117. (a) 118. (c) 119. (d) 120. (e) 121. (c) 122. (b) 123. (d) 124. (c) 125. (a) 126. (a) 127. (d) 128. (c) 129. (e) 130. (d) 131. (d) 132. (a) 133. (a) 134. (e) 135. (c) 136. (c) 137. (d) 138. (c) 139. (c) 140. (b) 141. (a) 142. (b) 143. (d) 144. (a) 145. (c) 146. (d) 147. (c) 148. (e) 149. (e) 150. (e) 151. (c) 152. (c) 153. (b) 154. (e) 155. (e) 156. (a) 157. (b) 158. (c) 159. (b) 160. (e) 161. (b) 162. (a) 163. (e) 164. (a) 165. (c) 166. (d) 167. (a) 168. (b) 169. (a) 170. (b) 171. (b) 172. (a) 173. (a) 174. (d) 175. (b) 176. (d) 177. (a) 178. (b) 179. (b) 180. (c) 181. (e) 182. (d) 183. (b) 184. (e) 185. (a) 186. (a) 187. (d) 188. (b) 189. (d) 190. (c) 191. (b) 192. (d) 193. (b) 194. (a) 195. (c) 196. (d) 197. (c) 198. (d) 199. (c) 200. (e) 201. (b) 202. (d) 203. (a) 204. (c) 205. (d) 206. (b) 207. (a) 208. (b) 209. (c) 210. (a) 211. (a) 212. (b) 213. (a) 214. (d) 215. (c) 216. (b) 217. (d) 218. (e) 219. (b) 220. (d) 221. (c) 222. (c) 223. (b) 224. (e) 225. (a) 226. (e) 227. (d) 228. (b) 229. (e) 230. (c) 231. (c) 232. (d) 233. (d) 234. (c) 235. (d) 236. (e) 237. (c) 238. (c) 239. (a) 240. (e) 241. (c) 242. (b) 243. (d) 244. (c) 245. (a) 246. (a) 247. (d) 248. (b) 249. (b) 250. (b)

Banking Awareness:

Q.1) MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act), 2005 was initially called as _____.

a) Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005

b) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005

c) Nation Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005

d) National Rural Employees Guarantee Act, 2005

e) National Employment Guarantee Act, 2005

Q.2) An open-ended fund means

a) The fund exists for perpetuity. There is no ceiling on the amount to be collected or raised

b) Investors are assured of dividends, capital appreciation and safety of their investments

c) A repurchase facility close to Net Asset Value (NAV)

d) All of the above

e) none of the above

Q.3) The main functions of mutual funds are

a) Collection of funds from a larger of investors

b) Investment of funds so collected in capital markets

c) Holding investment in trust and to diversify the risk in the investment, proper management of portfolios with an object to optimize the returns

d) All of the above

e) None of the above

Q.4) Which of the following Statements about Kisan Credit Cards is/are correct?

a) Banks may provide Kisan Credit Cards to farmers who are eligible for sanction of production credit without any floor limit

b) Credit would be available to the farmers under the scheme in the form of revolving cash credit normally valid for three years, subject to an annual review

c) The Scheme covers term credit as also working capital for agriculture and allied activities, in addition to short term credit limit for crop/s

d) All of the above

e) None of these

Q.5) The Kisan Credit Card Scheme is being implemented by all

a) Public Sector Commercial Banks

b) Regional Rural Banks

c) State Cooperative Banks/DCCBs/PACS and Scheduled Primary Cooperative Banks

d) All of the above

e) None of the above

Q.6) The Negotiable Instruments act deals with _____.

a) Cheques, demand drafts, banker's cheques

b) Promissory notes, bills of exchange and cheques

c) Bills of exchange, cheques and demand drafts

d) Cheques, demand drafts and saving bank withdrawal forms

e) None of the above

Q.7) A NBFC is prohibited to offer _____.

a) Accept demand deposits

b) Accept time deposits

c) Lend long term loans

d) Pay a higher rate of interest on deposits as compared to Banks

e) None of the Above

Q.8) Which of the following organization acts as Regulators for Credit rating agencies in India?

a) RBI b) NSDL

c) SEBI d) SIDBI

e) None of the above

Q.9) To restrict expansion of credit, the Reserve Bank: -

a) Raises the bank rate

b) Reduces the bank rate

c) Raises the base rate

d) None of these

e) All of these

Q.10) The following are the main objectives of the SEBI :-

a) To protect interest of investors

b) To promote the development of security market

c) To regulate the security market

d) All the above

e) None of the above

Q.11) Capital market can be divided into: -

a) Personal securities market

b) Gilt edged market

c) Industrial securities market

d) Both b and c

e) None of the above

Q.12) Which of the following is the correct statement in respect of debit cards: -

a) Debit card facility is provided to those having savings bank account/current account accounts of individuals, firms and cooperates

b) This facility is not extended to cash credit/loan account holders

c) Debit card is issued to all the persons who visit the branch

d) Both a and b

e) All of the above

Q.13) MGNREGA is an Indian labour law and social security measure that aims to enhance livelihood security in rural areas. In the term MGNREGA, second G stands for _____.

a) Gross

b) Gandhi

c) Guarantee

d) Gram

e) Grievance

Q.14) To control the inflationary situation in the economy, which rates, RBI can increase one/more of these monetary tools?

a) CRR-SLR-Repo Rate

b) SLR-CRR-Base Rate

c) CRR-SLR-Bank Rate

d) CRR-SLR-Reverse Repo Rate

e) CRR-SLR-Benchmarking PLR

Q.15) What do you mean by Intangible assets?

a) Preliminary expenses

b) Patents, copyright, goodwill

c) Losses which cannot be reduced from share capital

d) All the above

e) None of the above

Q.16) Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) started in April 1st, 2008 that denotes

a) To provide health insurance coverage to the unrecognized sector workers belonging to the BPL category

b) To provide Agricultural loan to the farmers

c) To enhance the skill development to the BPL sector

d) All the above

e) None of these

Q.17) A close-ended fund means

a) The corpus is of fixed size with a definite redemption period

b) Listing on stock exchanges provides easy liquidity

c) The market price is always below the Net Asset Value

d) All of the above

e) None of the above

Q.18) Similar to a Bank Account wherein actual money is being replaced by shares

a) Capital market Account

b) Demat Account

c) Stock Account

d) Forex Account

e) None of these

Q.19) Swavalamban Yojana was a government-backed pension scheme targeted at the unorganized sector in India. The benefit was available only to people who joined the NPS with a minimum and maximum contribution of ____.

a) Rs.1,000 and Rs.12,000

b) Rs.1,000 and Rs.10,000

c) Rs.1,500 and Rs.12,000

d) Rs.2,000 and Rs.10,000

e) Rs.1,000 and Rs.11,000

Q.20) Who is the head of the Committee that deals with the study credit needs of industry and trade likely to be inflated?

a) Usha Thorat b) VT Dehejia

c) WS Saraf d) Vipin Malik

e) UK Sharma

Q.21) Who is the head of the committee that deals with the review of Rural Financing System?

a) Usha Thorat

b) VT Dehejia

c) WS Saraf

d) Venketaiya

e) UK Sharma

Q.22) Payment Banks are licensed under which act?

a) Banking Companies (Regulation) Rules, 1985

b) Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertaking) Act, 1969

c) Banking Regulation Act, 1949

d) Customs Act, 1962

e) Societies Registration Act, 1860

Q.23) The minimum capital requirement to open a Payments Bank in India?

a) Rs. 100 crores b) Rs. 200 crores

c) Rs. 500 crores d) Rs. 250 crores

e) Rs. 150 crores

e) None of the given options is true

Q.47) _____ is a market form wherein a market or industry is dominated by a small number of sellers.

a) Capitalization
b) Vendor
c) Group
d) Cartel
e) Oligopoly

Q.48) Slowdown in the rate of increase of price of goods and service in national GDP over a time called?

a) Deflation
b) Reflection
c) Stagflation
d) Disinflation
e) Recession

Q.49) Which among the following is NOT a function of the RBI?

a) To work as monetary authority and implement its Monetary Policy
b) To serve as issuer of bank notes
c) Working to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability for member countries
d) Serve as banker to central and state governments
e) None of the given options is true

Q.50) To make the payments process easier the Government of India has launched the _____ payments transfer mechanism for cashless electronics payments.

a) UPI
b) Bharat QR Code
c) IMPS
d) Quick Pay
e) Bhim app

Q.51) _____ is a trade and economic policy which advocates replacing imports with domestic production.

a) Import substitution
b) Reduction in import
c) Decrease in export
d) Boost of Economy
e) Increase in trade

Q.52) The Bank of Calcutta, Bank of Bombay and Bank of Madras were merged in 1921 to form

a) Reserve Bank of India
b) Imperial Bank of India
c) Bank of India
d) Union Bank of India
e) None of these

Q.53) BPLR is the rate at which commercial banks charge their customers who are most credit worthy. In the term BPLR, P stands for _____.

a) Prime
b) Paper
c) Product
d) Priority
e) Purchase

Q.54) BCSBI is an independent banking industry watchdog that protects consumers of banking services in India. In the term BCSBI, second 'B' stands for _____.

a) Basel
b) Banking
c) Basic
d) Benchmark

e) Board

Q.55) How many member countries are there in Asian Development Bank?

a) 66
b) 50
c) 86
d) 67
e) 77

Q.56) ALM is the practice of managing risks that arise due to mismatches between the assets and liabilities. What is the full form of ALM?

a) Asset and Liability Management
b) Asset and Liquidity Management
c) Asset and Liability Maturity
d) Asset and Liability Market
e) Allocation and Liability Management

Q.57) The IFC is a member of the World Bank Group and is headquartered in Washington, D.C. It was established in the year _____.

a) 1994
b) 1956
c) 1968
d) 1996
e) 1988

Q.58) Fiscal policy is related with which of the following?

a) Public Revenue and Expenditure
b) Education for all
c) Import and Export
d) Issue of Currency
e) None of these

Q.59) What do you mean by Stagflation?

a) Inflation with recession
b) Inflation with deflation
c) Inflation with growth
d) Deflation with growth
e) None of these

Q.60) To whom the "Sub Prime Lending" is made?

a) The borrowers who want to take loan against mortgage of tangible assets.
b) The preferred customers of Bank.
c) The borrowers with bad credit history.
d) The borrowers with a good credit history.
e) None of these

Q.61) The Co-operative bank is governed by the banking regulation Act 1949 and co-operative societies Act of

a) 1963
b) 1965
c) 197
d) 1961
e) 1998

Q.62) Which of the following statements is/are true about Marginal Standing Funding?

a) Banks can avail funds on overnight basis below the stipulated SLR up to two per cent of their respective Net Demand
b) Banks can avail funds from the RBI on overnight basis against their excess SLR holdings
c) Bank can meet the liquidity requirements of mutual funds
d) Bank can get loans from RBI for their emergency needs
e) All of these

Q.63) The rate, at which RBI lends money to commercial banks against securities when

commercial banks has less funds for Short Term, is/are known as which of the following?

a) Repo Rate
b) Repurchase Rate
c) Policy Rate
d) Only a and b
e) All of these

Q.64) Which of the following banks first introduce voice biometric in banking system?

a) HDFC
b) HSBC
c) ICICI
d) SBI
e) Citi Bank

Q.65) Which of the following is not an advantage of Bitcoins?

a) It cannot be stolen
b) No transaction cost is required
c) No central Bank has authorized Bitcoin
d) It cannot be tracked
e) All are advantages

Q.66) PARA stands for which of the following?

a) Private Sector Asset Rehabilitation Agency
b) Public Associated Rehabilitation Agency
c) Public Sector Asset Rehabilitation Agency
d) Private Acquired Rehabilitation Agency
e) Private Assets Rehabilitation Agency

Q.67) The head Office of UCO Bank is located at which city?

a) New Delhi
b) Mumbai
c) Hyderabad
d) Kolkata
e) Pune

Q.68) The economic growth of a country can be measured by which of the following?

a) Net National Product
b) Net Domestic Product
c) Per Capita Real Income
d) Gross Domestic Product
e) None of these

Q.69) Which of the following statements is/are true about Bitcoins?

a) It is a virtual currency
b) It is a crypt-currency and a payment system
c) It is a software protocol
d) Two Types of keys are required to use Bitcoin
e) All of these

Q.70) Which of the following statements is not true about the upcoming Rs. 500 currency notes?

a) Its dimension is 66mm x 145 mm with stone grey colored
b) It will have the signature of Dr. Urjit K Patel
c) Number panel with numerals growing from small to big on the top left side and bottom right side.
d) The reverse side features a motif of the Indian heritage site of Red Fort
e) None of these

Q.71) Which of the following steps has been taken by the RBI to tackle bad loans?

a) It proposes to include some members to constitute requisite benches
b) It works on a framework to facilitate consistent decision making in bankruptcy
c) It reconstitutes an Oversight Committee to operate banking ordinance

c) Bengaluru
d) Chennai
e) Hyderabad
Q.99) 'Together We Can' is the Tagline of which bank?
a) Dena Bank
b) Vijaya Bank
c) Canara Bank
d) IDBI Bank
e) UCO Bank
Q.100) Which of the following is known as the Money loaned by a bank or other institution which is repayable on demand?
a) Demand Loan
b) Cash Credit
c) Call Money
d) Short Term Loan
e) Long Term Loan
Q.101) Which of the following is/ are the advantage(s) that are offered to a SEZ?
a) Exemption from Central Sales Tax
b) Exemption from Service Tax
c) Exemption from minimum alternate tax
d) Full Income Tax exemption on export
e) All of these
Q.102) SEBI was set up in which year?
a) 1988 b) 1984
c) 1992 d) 1996
e) 1993
Q.103) NUUP stands for which of the following?
a) Nationalized Uniform USSD Platform
b) New Universal USSD Platform
c) National Unified USSD Platform
d) New Unified USSD Platform
e) New Uniform USSD Platform
Q.104) Which of the following statements shows the assets and liabilities of a business at a certain date?
a) Account Sheet
b) Accounts Payable
c) Balance Sheet
d) Accounts Receivable
e) None of these
Q.105) GSTN stands for which of the following?
a) Goods and Sales Tax Network
b) Goods and Service Tax Network
c) Good and Simple Tax Network
d) Good and Systematic Tax Network
e) Goods and System Tax Network
Q.106) Which of the payment Services is available 24*7?
a) NEFT b) IMPS
c) RTGS d) UPI
e) None of these
Q.107) QSAM stands for which of the following?
a) Quick Service on Aadhaar Mapper
b) Quick Systematic on Aadhaar Mapper
c) Query Service on Aadhaar Mapper
d) Queued Service on Aadhaar Mapper
e) Queued System on Aadhaar Mapper
Q.108) Which section of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 deals with the Cheque?
a) Section 4

b) Section 5
c) Section 6
d) Section 10
e) Section 12
Q.109) GSTN creates a platform for which of the following?
a) Stake Holders
b) Government
c) Tax Payers
d) All of these
e) Only A and B
Q.110) Who governs the purchases of securities?
a) Transaction Tax
b) Securities Tax
c) Purchase Tax
d) Securities Transaction Tax
e) None of these
Q.111) FEDAI stands for which of the following?
a) Foreign External Dealers Association of India
b) Foreign Enabled Dealers Association of India
c) Foreign Export Dealers Association of India
d) Foreign Exchange Dealers Association of India
e) Foreign Export Dealing Assets of India
Q.112) Which of the following banks has launched Met Loan and Life Surakhsha (MLLS) in association with PNB Metlife?
a) HDFC Bank
b) South Indian Bank
c) Karnataka Bank
d) Axis Bank
e) None of these
Q.113) Which of the following assets can easily be converted into cash?
a) Current Assets
b) Intangible assets
c) Fixed Asset
d) All of these
e) None of these
Q.114) Which of the following has started the Merchant Banking Operation?
a) RBI b) NABARD
c) SIDBI d) SBI
e) IRDA
Q.115) In which year the Indian Bank was established?
a) 1908 b) 1907
c) 1906 d) 1905
e) 1904
Q.116) Which Bank has unveiled two digital services for online payment i.e. Bharat QR and Bharat Bill Payment System?
a) United Bank of India
b) Canara Bank
c) Union Bank of India
d) Andhra Bank
e) None of these
Q.117) Zeta App has partnered with which of the following banks?
a) Dena Bank
b) Vijaya Bank
c) IDFC Bank
d) Punjab National Bank
e) HSBC Bank

Q.118) "Where Every Individual is Committed" is the tagline of which bank?
a) Dena Bank
b) Oriental Bank of Commerce
c) Vijaya Bank
d) Allahabad Bank
e) Andhra Bank
Q.119) Who is appointed as the MD and CEO of IFCI (Industrial Finance Corporation of India)?
a) Raghuram Swamy
b) E Shankara Rao
c) Vijay Prakash
d) Balbir Sindhu
e) None of them
Q.120) "Trusted Family Bank" is the tagline of which of the following banks?
a) Vijaya Bank
b) Yes Bank
c) Dena Bank
d) HDFC Bank
e) United Bank of India
Q.121) The account for which the bank acts as the uninterested third party is termed as which of the following?
a) Fixed Account
b) Savings Account
c) Escrow Account
d) Current Account
e) Reserve Account
Q.122) The National Income of India is measured based on which of the following?
a) Number of employed youths
b) Flow of Goods
c) Volume of tax collected per annum
d) Income of Govt. and PSU employees
e) All of the above
Q.123) What will be the effect of the service charge on the bank statement?
a) Lower Balance
b) Interest deduction from the account
c) Fixed Charge incurred
d) All of these
e) None of these
Q.124) FICCI stands for which of the following?
a) Foundation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
b) Federation of Indian Committees of Commerce and Industry
c) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Investment
d) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
e) Federation of Indian Commodity of Commerce and Industry
Q.125) Which of the following is/are the feature(s) of the new Rs. 50 currency notes?
a) It will bear the signature of RBI Governor Urjit Patel.
b) Its base colour will be Fluorescent Blue.
c) It will have the motif of "Hampi With Chariot".
d) It will be a legal tender.
e) All of these

Q.126) In which place the first regional center of New Development Bank was opened?
a) New York b) London
c) Johannesburg d) Paris
e) New Delhi

Q.127) GIC was established in which year?
a) 1971 b) 1972
c) 1973 d) 1974
e) 1978

Q.128) What is known as a Banker's Cheque?
a) Credit Card
b) Demand Draft
c) Debit Card
d) Banker's Draft
e) Pay Order

Q.129) Which of the following can be called as an inter-bank application?
a) Transactions of Government
b) Automatic Clearing House
c) Delivery Vs Payment
d) RTGS
e) All of these

Q.130) Which of the following Committees recommended to set up Reserve Bank of India?
a) Royal Commission
b) Dantwala Committee
c) D R Mehta Commission
d) Hilton Young Commission
e) Simon Commission

Q.131) As per the instruction of the RBI, in case of any unauthorized online banking transaction, within how many days customers must report?
a) 4 days b) 7 days
c) 5 days d) 3 days
e) 10 days

Q.132) Increase in which of the following can increase the cost of borrowing and lending of the banks?
a) Base Rate
b) Reverse Repo Rate
c) MCLR
d) Repo Rate
e) None of these

Q.133) Wholesale banking is also called as which of the following?
a) Corporate Banking
b) Commercial Banking
c) Retail Banking
d) Both a and b
e) None of these

Q.134) Who is the CEO of Bandhan Bank?
a) Aditya Puri
b) Urjit Patel
c) Chandra Sekhar Ghosh
d) G Sreeram
e) None of them

Q.135) Section 5 of Negotiable Instruments Act 1881 deals with which of the following?
a) Promissory Note
b) Negotiable Instruments
c) Reserve Fund
d) Cheque
e) Bill of Exchange

Q.136) Who is the CEO and MD of IDFC Bank?
a) Urjit Patel
b) Vikram Limaye
c) Sunil Kakar
d) Vikram Mehta
e) None of them

Q.137) "Relationships beyond Banking" is the tagline of which bank?
a) Bank of Baroda
b) Canara Bank
c) Bank of India
d) Dena Bank
e) SBI

Q.138) In which year Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) was set up?
a) 1977
b) 1978
c) 1979
d) 1972
e) 1975

Q.139) If a currency note is demonetized, it takes away the _____ of that currency.
a) Legal tender character
b) Exchange rate
c) Value
d) All of the above
e) Other than the given options

Q.140) ASBA is a process developed by the India's Stock Market Regulator SEBI for applying to IPO. In ASBA Stands for
a) Applications Supported by Balance Amount
b) Apex Supported by Blocked Amount
c) Applications Supported by Blocked Account
d) Applications Supported by Blocked Amount
e) Apex Supported by Balance Amount

Q.141) BHIM (Bharath Interface for Money) is a mobile app to facilitate e-payments directly through banks as part of the 2016 Indian banknote demonetization and drive towards cashless transactions. It is developed by which organization?
a) NBFC b) CCEA
c) NPCI d) ECGC
e) IRDAI

Q.142) Under which section & act, the RBI was given final guidelines for small finance bank to start its operations?
a) Sec 23 and Banking Regulation Act, 1934
b) Sec 22 and Banking Regulation Act, 1949
c) Sec 2 and Banking Regulation Act, 1935
d) Sec 13 and Banking Regulation Act, 1881
e) None of these

Q.143) Currently how many banks are listed under the Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) by RBI?
a) Five b) Four
c) Three d) Two
e) Six

Q.144) The Reserve bank of India has issued the new denomination of 200 rupees note. The new denomination has Motif of Sanchi Stupa on the reverse. Dimension of this banknote to be _____.

a) 66 mm × 146 mm b) 66 mm ×135 mm
c) 66mm × 150 mm d) 66 mm× 166 mm
e) 66 mm × 156 mm

Q.145) Government launched e-RAKAM portal for-
a) Online income-tax return
b) Online storage of e-currency
c) Online storage of Property paper
d) Agriculture Business
e) Dairy Business

Q.146) According to the RBI, the Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) cannot lend more than how much amount in cash against gold?
a) Rs.25,000 b) Rs.28,000
c) Rs.22,000 d) Rs.26,000
e) Rs.28,000

Q.147) Hedging is a _____ mechanism to cut the Risk of Adverse price movements in an asset.
a) Saving
b) Security
c) Investment
d) Financial
e) Online

Q.148) What is the full form of 'CORE' in core banking services?
a) Channel of Rupee Exchange
b) Customer Online Realtime Exchange
c) Centralized Online Rupee Exchange
d) Centralized Online Realtime Exchange
e) Customer Online Rupee Exchange

Q.149) What does the letter second 'P' denotes in the term "PPI" in economics?
a) Profit
b) Price
c) Producer
d) Provident
e) Private

Q.150) Human Development Index was propounded by _____.
a) Amartya Sen b) C. Rangarajan
c) Mahbub-ul-Haq d) Sudhir Anand
e) None of The Above

Q.151) MICR code consists of how many digits?
a) 12 digits b) 9 digits
c) 8 digits d) 4 digits
e) 7 digits

Q.152) How much overdraft facility to be provided in 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana' scheme?
a) Rs. 2,500 b) Rs. 25,000
c) Rs. 10,000 d) Rs. 5,000
e) Rs. 15,000

Q.153) Who is the appellate authority in Banking Ombudsman?
a) Finance Minister
b) President of India
c) Deputy Governor of RBI
d) Governor of RBI
e) Vice President of India

Q.154) ATMs or Cash Dispensing machine which are owned and operated by Non-Banking Financial Companies are called as _____.
a) Offsite ATMs
b) Onsite ATMs
c) Brown Label ATMs

d) White Label ATMs
e) Pink Label ATMs
Q.155) A NBFCs cannot offer interest rates higher than the ceiling rate prescribed by RBI? What is the present ceiling?
a) 9.5 per cent per annum
b) 12.5 per cent per annum
c) 10.5 per cent per annum
d) 13.5 per cent per annum
e) 11.5 per cent per annum
Q.156) How much amount RBI allows in 'Tap and pay' transactions without PIN?
a)Rs. 1000
b)Rs. 2500
c)Rs. 2000
d)Rs. 3000
e)Rs. 5000
Q.157) CVV is an anti-fraud security feature to help verify that you are in possession of your credit card/Debit card/ Master card. What is the full form of CVV?
a) Cost Verification Value
b) Cash Verification Value
c) Card Vendor Value
d) Card Verification Value
e) Card Verified Value
Q.158) How much amount of money can RBI lend to a bank?
a) 7% of NDTL b) 5% of NDTL
c) 2% of NDTL d) 1% of NDTL
e) 2.5% of NDTL
Q.159) After completion of 15 years, Public Provident Fund (PPF) can be extended up to how many years?
a) 5 years
b) 3 years
c) 2years
d) 6 years
e) 10 years
Q.160) Prime Lending Rate is replaced by:
a) Bank rate b) Base rate
c) CRR rate d) SLR rate
e) None of these
Q.161) The term 'pre – shipment' finance relates to:
a) Export credit
b) Import credit
c) Goods credit
d) Both a and b
e) Both b and c
Q.162) A receipt listed in India and traded in rupees declaring ownership of shares of a foreign company. It is called as _____.
a) Indian Depository Rate (IDR)
b) Indian Deposit Receipt (IDR)
c) Indian Depository Receipt (IDR)
d) Industry Depository Receipt (IDR)
e) Indian Deposition Receipt (IDR)
Q.163) Mobile banking fund transfer limit in a day:
a) Rs. 2,500
b) Rs. 25,000
c) Rs. 10,000
d) Rs. 50,000

e) Rs. 15,000
Q.164) The seed capital of Bhartiya Mahila Bank is:
a) Rs.1000 crore
b) Rs.1500 crore
c) Rs.100 crore
d) Rs.2000 crore
e) Rs.2500 crore
Q.165) The holidays for the banks are declared as per:
a) Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881
b) Companies Act,1956
c) Banking Regulation act, 1949
d) RBI Act, 1934
e) None of these
Q.166) In banking business, when the borrowers avail a term Loan, initially they are given a repayment holiday, and this is referred as:
a) Amortization
b) Arbitrage
c) Moratorium
d) Diversification
e) Speculation
Q.167) A worldwide financial messaging network which exchanges between banks and financial institutions is known as SFMS. Expanded form of SFMS is _____.
a) Structured Forfeit Messaging System
b) Stressed Financial Messaging System
c) Structured Functional Messaging System
d) Structured Financial Messaging System
e) Statutory Financial Messaging System
Q.168) By increasing repo rate, the economy may observe the following effects:
a) Rate of interest on loans and advances will be cheaper
b) Rate of interest on loans will be costlier
c) Rate of interest on deposits will be cheaper
d) Either b or c
e) Rate of interest on loans and advances will be costlier
Q.169) Increased interest rates, as is existing in the economy at present will:
a) mean higher cost of electronics
b) mean higher cost of raw materials
c) mean lower cost of raw materials
d) Both a and b
e) None of these
Q.170) ASBA scheme is related to the purchase of:
a) Commercial Paper
b) Initial Public Offering
c) Balance Sheet
d) Treasury Bills
e) None of these
Q.171) The most powerful tool used by the Reserve Bank of India to control inflation is to:
a) Raise currency supply
b) Reduce interest rates
c) Raise interest rates
d) Reduce currency supply
e) Both a and b
Q.172) First Indian Bank to introduce credit card:
a) United Bank of India

b) Union Bank of India
c) State Bank of India
d) Bank of India
e) Central Bank of India
Q.173) What is the full form of MTSS?
a) Money Transfer Service Scheme
b) Mobile Transfer Service Scheme
c) Money Transform Service Scheme
d) Money Transfer Service System
e) Money Transform Service System
Q.174) In which year does the Differential Rate of Interest Scheme was introduced?
a) 1972 b) 1982 c) 1978
d) 1988 e) 1993
Q.175)_____ is currency that a government has declared to be legal tender, but it is not backed by a physical commodity.
a) Fluid Money b) Fiat Money
c) Gold Money d) Either a or c
e) None of these
Q.176) Which state became the first state in the country to have implemented Public Fund Management System (PFMS)?
a) Tamil Nadu b) Chattisgarh
c) Jharkhand d) Maharashtra
e) Odisha
Q.177) Who Chaired the External Advisory Committee to evaluate application received for small finance bank?
a) Usha Thorat
b) Nachiket Mor
c) Raghuram Rajan
d) R Gandhi
e) None of these
Q.178) The minimum maturity period for Rupee denominated bonds will be _____.
a) 2 Years
b) 3 Years
c) 4 Years
d) 5 Years
e) None of these
Q.179) Recently ICRA and IIFCL together has launched the rating system for-
a) MSME
b) Infrastructure Project
c) Banks
d) Skill India Mission
e) SHGs
Q.180) Increase in the value of one currency in terms of another currency according to the floating rate is called
a) Depreciation
b) Appreciation
c) Cheap currency
d) Mixed currency
e) None of these
Q.181) How many months validity for the payment bank to grant in-principle approved by the RBI. During this time the applicants have to comply with the requirements under the Guidelines and fulfill the other conditions?
a) 20 months
b) 22 months

c) 18 months
d) 36 months
e) 16 months
Q.182) Which of the following are the Development Banks of India?
a) Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)
b) State Finance Corporations (SFCs)
c) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
d) All of the above
e) Other than the given options
Q.183) Scheduled Banks of India are those banks, which are?
a) Included in First Schedule of RBI Act, 1934
b) Not included in First Schedule of RBI Act, 1934
c) Included in Second Schedule of RBI Act, 1934
d) Not included in Second Schedule of RBI Act, 1934
e) Other than the given options
Q.184) Balances in deposit accounts which are not operated for at least ____ are to be transferred to the RBI.
a) 2 years b) 7 years
c) 12 years d) 5 years
e) 10 years
Q.185) Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) was established in the year _____.
a) 1975 b) 1971
c) 1990 d) 1992
e) 1985
Q.186) Who Chaired the External Advisory Committee to evaluate application received for payment banks?
a) Usha Thorat
b) Nachiket Mor
c) Raghuram Rajan
d) R Gandhi
e) None of these
Q.187) The process of reducing debt through regular installment payments of principal and interest that will result in the payoff of a loan at its maturity. It is called as _____.
a) Amortization
b) Arbitrage
c) Moratorium
d) Diversification
e) Speculation
Q.188) A combination of two or more securities into a single investment position for reducing or eliminating risk.
a) Arbitrage b) Pledge
c) Hedge d)Hypothecation
e) Diversification
Q.189) Charge against property for an amount of debt where neither ownership nor possession are passed to the creditor. It is called as
a) Arbitrage
b) Pledge
c) Hedge
d) Hypothecation
e) Diversification

Q.190) A bailment of goods as security for payment of a debt or performance of a promise. It is termed as
a) Arbitrage b) Pledge
c) Hedge d) Hypothecation
e) Diversification
Q.191) A document issued by importers bank to its branch or agent abroad authorizing the payment of a specified sum to a person named as _____.
a) Underwriting b) Line of Credit
c) Redemption Value d) Letter of Credit
e) None of these
Q.192) Financial ratios that measure the amount of debt being used to support operations and the ability of the firm to service its debt. It is called as _____.
a) Equity Ratio b) Cash Ratio
c) Leverage Ratio d) Debt Ratio
e) None of these
Q.193) _____ is also called internet banking, through which financial and banking services are accessed via internet's World Wide Web.
a) Merchant Banking
b) Mobile Banking
c) Virtual Banking
d) E- Banking
e)Both c and d
Q.194)The process of buying investment vehicles in which the future value and level of expected earnings are highly uncertain. It is called as _____.
a) Amortization
b) Arbitrage
c) Moratorium
d) Diversification
e) Speculation
Q.195) _____ is a certificate issued by a depository bank, which purchases shares of foreign companies and deposits it on the account.
a) European Depository Receipt (EDR)
b) Indian Depository Receipt (IDR)
c) Global Depository Receipt (GDR)
d) American Depository Receipt (ADR)
e) Luxembourg Depository Receipt (LDR)
Q.196) _____ is defined as the potential that a bank borrower or counterparty will fail to meet its obligations in accordance with agreed terms.
a) Operational risk
b) Credit risk
c) Liquidity risk
d) Business risk
e) Reputational risk
Q.197) _____ is defined as the risk of losses in the bank's trading book due to changes in equity prices, interest rates, credit spreads, foreign-exchange rates, commodity prices, and other indicators whose values are set in a public market.
a) Operational risk
b) Credit risk
c) Liquidity risk
d) Business risk
e) Market risk

Q.198) _____ is defined as the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events.
a) Operational risk b) Credit risk
c) Liquidity risk d) Business risk
e) Market risk
Q.199) _____ is the risk that doesn't affect a single bank or financial institution, but it affects the whole industry.
a) Operational risk b) Credit risk
c)Liquidity risk d)Systemic risk
e)Market risk
Q.200) _____ is defined as the risk stemming from the lack of marketability of an investment that cannot be bought or sold quickly enough to prevent or minimize a loss.
a) Operational risk b) Credit risk
c) Liquidity risk d) Systemic risk
e) Market risk
Q.201) FATF is an intergovernmental organization founded in 1989 on the initiative of the G7 to develop policies to combat money laundering. What does "A" stand for in FATF?
a) Asset b) Agreement
c) Action d) Automatic
e) Annual
Q.202) Who is heading the Committee for China relationship?
a) Usha Thorat
b) Nachiket Mor
c) Raghuram Rajan
d) R Gandhi
e) Shashi Tharoor
Q.203) CAGR is a business and investing specific term for the geometric progression ratio that provides a constant rate of return over the time period. Full form of CAGR-
a) Commercial Annual Growth Rate
b) Compound Annual Gross Rate
c) Compound Annual Growth Rate
d)Computed Annual Growth Rate
e) Compound Asset Growth Rate
Q.204) Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran press located in which city?
a)Salboni
b) Mysore
c) Nasik
d) Both a and b
e) Both b and c
Q.205) _____ is a type of macroeconomic policy by which our government makes a strategic change to its spending and tax rates to influence a nation's economy.
a) Customer Policy
b) Monetary Policy
c)Fiscal Policy
d) Redressal Policy
e) None of these
Q.206) First bank to introduce saving account is _____.
a) State Bank of India
b) Prathama Bank

c) Oudh Commercial Bank
d) Allahabad Bank
e) Presidency Bank
Q.207) First bank to get ISO certificate is _____.
a) State Bank of India
b) Prathama Bank
c) Oudh Commercial Bank
d) Allahabad Bank
e) Canara Bank
Q.208) First Bank with Indian capital is _____.
a) State Bank of India
b) Prathama Bank
c) Oudh Commercial Bank
d) Punjab National Bank
e) Presidency Bank
Q.209) First Foreign Bank in India is _____.
a) Deutsche Bank
b) Bank of America
c) HSBC
d) Citi Bank
e) Royal Bank of Scotland
Q.210) First Universal bank in India is _____.
a) State Bank of India
b) HDFC Bank
c) ICICI Bank
d) Allahabad Bank
e) Presidency Bank
Q.211) _____ is an account in which deposit can be kept only in the form of term deposits, for period ranging from 6 months to 3 years.
a) NRE
b) FCNR(B)
c) NRO
d) Both a and b
e) None of these
Q.212) What is meant by Repatriable Accounts?
a) Indian rupees cannot be transferred back to foreign currency
b) Indian rupees can be transferred back to foreign currency
c) Indian rupees can be transferred back to Dollar
d) Indian rupees cannot be transferred back to Dollar
e) Indian rupees can be transferred back to only Dollar & Euro
Q.213) In which of the following account, money is non-repatriable?
a) NRE
b) FCNR(B)
c) NRO
d) Both a and b
e) None of these
Q.214) Antwerp Diamond Bank is headquartered in which country?
a) Australia b) Austria
c) Belgium d) China
e) Japan
Q.215) Rs 10,000 currency notes were first introduced in 1938. They were demonetized in the year?
a) 1992 b) 1986
c) 1983 d) 1973
e) 1978

Q.216) According to RBI's new guidelines, banks must set their lending rates according to Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate (MCLR), effective from?
a) Dec 1, 2016 b) August 1, 2016
c) March 1, 2016 d) April 1, 2016
e) June 1, 2016
Q.217) How many digits are there in Mobile Money Identifier (MMID)?
a) 8 digits b) 9 digits
c) 7 digits d) 12 digits
e) 10 digits
Q.218) Currency risk is the potential risk of loss from fluctuating foreign exchange rates when an investor has exposure to foreign currency or in foreign-currency-traded investments. Currency risk is sometimes referred to as-
a) Monetary Rate b) Export Rate
c) Trade Rate d) Exchange Rate
e) None of the above
Q.219) MasterCard is rolling out its Identity Check service, popularly known as _____ to customers in Europe through a new mobile app.
a) Selfie pay b) Voice Record
c) Finger print d) Video play
e) None of the above
Q.220) Branch on Wheel drive is launched by which of the following bank?
a) State Bank of India
b) HDFC Bank
c) ICICI Bank
d) Allahabad Bank
e) Axis Bank
Q.221) Which of the following bank launched "SIMsePAY" service that allows any account holder to do money transfers, pay utility bills and other mobile banking services, without need for smart phones or internet, based on simsleeve technology?
a) State Bank of India
b) HDFC Bank
c) ICICI Bank
d) Yes Bank
e) Axis Bank
Q.222) Which of the following bank launched "EazyPay" mobile application for merchants that allows all in one acceptance payments platform?
a) South Indian Bank
b) HDFC Bank
c) ICICI Bank
d) Yes Bank
e) Axis Bank
Q.223) Which of the following bank launched "Chatbot Eva" for customer services, recently?
a) South Indian Bank
b) HDFC Bank
c) ICICI Bank
d) Yes Bank
e) Axis Bank
Q.224) Which of the following Payment bank launched "BPay app" that enables agents to accept cashless payments from Customers, recently?
a) Fino Payment Bank

b) India PostPayment Bank
c) Paytm Payment Bank
d) AirtelPayment Bank
e) None of these
Q.225) Young Stars and Smart star account opened by which bank?
a) South Indian Bank
b) HDFC Bank c) ICICI Bank
d) Yes Bank e) Axis Bank
Q.226) What does "A" stands for in WMA?
a) Action b) Asset
c) Advance d) Assignment
e) Agreement
Q.227) What is the full form of RERA?
a) Real Extinction Regulation Act
b) Register Estate Regulation Act
c) Real Estate Register Act
d) Real Estimate Regulation Act
e) Real Estate Regulation Act
Q.228) Loans provided to women self-help groups at what percent?
a) 9.5% b) 12.5%
c) 7% d) 10%
e) 5%
Q.229) Global Trust Bank merged with which of the following?
a) United Bank of India
b) Syndicate Bank
c) Oriental Bank of Commerce
d) State Bank of India
e) Canara Bank
Q.230) What does "P" stands for in PAC?
a) Payment b) Process
c) Prompt d) Product
e) Price
Q.231) The Banking Codes and Standards Board of India (BCSBI) was registered as a society under which act -
a) Banking Companies (Regulation) Rules, 1985
b) Customs Act, 1962
c) RBI Regulation Act, 1934
d) Societies Registration Act, 1860
e) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
Q.232) Where is the headquarter of National Insurance Company Limited (NICTL)?
a) Kolkata, West Bengal
b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
c) Jaipur, Rajasthan
d) Bangalore, Karnataka
e) Hyderabad, Telangana
Q.233) A VVPAT allows voters the possibility to verify that their votes are cast as intended and can serve as an additional barrier to changing or destroying votes. What does P stand for in VVPAT?
a) Payment b) Paper
c) Prompt d) Product
e) Price
Q.234) Saubhagya Scheme completed by -
a) November 2018
b) March 2018
c) June 2018
d) April 2018
e) December 2018

Q.235) Under the aegis of Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), MUDRA has created as CGFMU. In the term CGFMU, G stands for –
a) Gain b) General
c) Gramin d) Guarantee
e) Gross

Q.236) GST on export committee head?
a) R Gandhi
b) Hasmukh Adhiya
c) Raghuram Rajan
d) Nachiket Mor
e) Usha Thorat

Q.237) USSD is a communications protocol used by GSM cellular telephones to communicate with the mobile network operator's computers. In USSD – U stands for
a) United b) Universal
c) Unstructured d) Uniform
e) Unified

Q.238) Where is the Headquarter of J.P Morgan Chase Bank located –
a) Bern, Switzerland
b) New Dehi, India
c) Vienna, Austria
d) Brussels, Belgium
e) New York, USA

Q.239) No transactions in the bank account for over a period of two years known as –
a) Dormant Account
b) Demat Account
c) Inoperative Account
d) Both a and b
e) Both a and c

Q.240) SMERA is a credit rating agency for which of the following organization?
a) Large Industries b) SME
c) MSME d) Both a and b
e) None of these

Q.241) Pan card is mandatory for prepaid cards transaction above
a) Rs. 2,50,000 b) Rs. 1,00,000
c) Rs. 1,50,000 d) Rs. 50,000
e) Rs. 30,000

Q.242) Which is the First state to adopt resolution to support Demonetization?
a) Andhra Pradesh
b) Uttar Pradesh
c) Chhattisgarh
d) Rajasthan
e) Gujarat

Q.243) The 12-member committee to boost digital payment headed by whom?
a) Raghuram Rajan
b) R Gandhi
c) Chandrababu Naidu
d) Urjit Patel
e) Y M Deosthalee

Q.244) How many times demonetization has taken place in the country?
a) 3 times
b) 4 times
c) 5 times
d) 2 times

e) 7 times

Q.245) Airtel payment bank is in which Indian state?
a) Andhra Pradesh
b) Uttar Pradesh
c) Chhattisgarh
d) Rajasthan
e) Gujarat

Q.246) IFSC last six digit need to identify what?
a) Bank Branch
b) Bank Code
c) City Code
d) Country Name
e) Location Code

Q.247) Deaf fund associated with
a) Banking Companies (Regulation) Rules, 1985
b) Customs Act, 1962
c) RBI Regulation Act, 1934
d) Societies Registration Act, 1860
e) Banking Regulation Act, 1949

Q.248) In NACH, 'A' stands for?
a) Annual
b) Asset
c) Agreement
d) Automated
e) Authority

Q.249) The oldest asset reconstruction company –
a) Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction
b) UV Asset Reconstruction Company
c) ACRIL
d) ACRE
e) ISARC

Q.250) Committee form to curb poverty is under the head of _____.
a) R Gandhi
b) Arvind Panagariya
c) Raghuram Rajan
d) Urjit Patel
e) Chandrababu Naidu

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