

UNION BUDGET:

UNION BUDGET 2018-19 HIGHLIGHTS

Union Budget for the financial year 2018-19, presented by the **Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley** in the Parliament, envisaged a total outlay of **Rs. 24,42,213 crore**. The budget is largely focused on uplift of **agricultural sector**, along with major push to **healthcare and education sectors** in the country. The government estimates **7.2-7.5% GDP** growth in second half of the current FY18.

AGRICULTURE & RURAL ECONOMY

- MSP for all unannounced kharif crops will be one and half times of their production cost like majority of rabi crops: Institutional Farm Credit raised to **11 lakh crore** in 2018-19 from 8.5 lakh crore in 2014-15.
- 22,000 rural haats & 585APMCs (Agricultural Produce Market Committee)** to be developed and upgraded into Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs) to protect the interests of 86% small and marginal farmers with a **corpus of Rs.2000 crore**. So far 470 APMCs have been connected to e-NAM network and rest will be connected by **March, 2018**.
- On the lines of "Operation Flood" a new Scheme "**Operation Greens**" was announced with an outlay of **Rs 500 Crore** to address price fluctuations in potato, tomato and onion for benefit of farmers and consumers.
- Two New Funds of **Rs.10,000 crore** announced for Fisheries and Animal Husbandary sectors; Re-structured **National Bamboo Mission** gets **Rs.1290 crore**, as it is green gold.
- Institutional credit for **Agri-sector increased to Rs.10 lakh crore** in 2017-18.
- Loans to **Women Self Help Groups** will increase to **Rs.75,000 crore** in 2019 from 42,500 crore last year.
- 100 percent deduction** proposed to companies registered as **Farmer Producer Companies** with an annual turnover upto Rs. 100 crore on profit derived from such activities, for five years from 2018-19.
- Rs 200 crore** for organized cultivation of highly specialized medicinal and aromatic plants and said that the organic farming by **Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)** and **Village Producers' Organizations (VPOs)** in large clusters.

- Allocation of **Ministry of Food Processing** has been doubled from Rs.715 crore in 2017-18 to **Rs.1400 crore** in 2018-19.
 - Under Prime Minister **Krishi Sinchai Yojna-Har Khet ko Pani**, 96 deprived irrigation districts will be taken up with an allocation of **Rs 2600 crore**.
 - Allocation of **National Rural Livelihood Mission** to **Rs 5750 crore** in 2018-19.
 - Under **Ujjwala Scheme** distribution of free LPG connections will be given to **8 crore** poor women instead of 5 crore women.
 - Under **Saubahagya Yojana**, 4 crore poor households are being provided with electricity connection with an **outlay of Rs.16,000 crore**.
 - To fulfil target of Housing for All by 2022, more than one crore houses will be built by 2019 in rural areas.
 - A sum of **Rs. 3794 crore** has been provided for giving credit support, capital and interest subsidy and for innovations of **Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises (MSMEs)**. It is proposed to set a **target of Rs.3 lakh crore** for lending under MUDRA for 2018-19.
 - The Budget proposed an outlay of **Rs.7148 crore** for the textile sector in 2018-19 as against Rs.6,000 Crore in 2016.
 - Micro irrigation fund **Rs. 5,000 crore**.
 - Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) **Rs. 10,881 crore**.
 - Customs duty is proposed to be reduced on raw cashew from 5 percent to **2.5 percent**, to help the cashew processing industry.
 - It is proposed to impose a **Social Welfare Surcharge** at the **rate of 10 percent** of the aggregate duties of Customs, on imported goods, to provide for social welfare schemes of the government.
- #### EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION
- Outlay on health, education and social protection for 2018-19 is **Rs.1.38 lakh crore** against estimated expenditure of Rs.1.22 lakh crore in 2017-18.
 - Tribal students to get **Ekalavya Model Residential School** on par with Navodaya Vidyalayas to provide the best quality education to the tribal children in their own environment **by 2022**.
 - To step up investments in research and related infrastructure in premier educational

institutions, including health institutions, a major initiative named "**Revitalising Infrastructure and Systems in Education (RISE) by 2022**" with a total investment of **Rs.1,00,000 crore** in next four years.

- Allocation on **National Social Assistance Programme** this year has been kept at **Rs. 9975 crore**.
 - World's largest Health Protection Scheme** covering over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families launched with a family limit upto **5 lakh rupees** for secondary and tertiary treatment.
 - Allocation of **Rs 1200 crore** for the National Health Policy, 2017. The Government also decided to allocate **additional Rs.600 crore** to provide nutritional support to all TB patients at the rate of Rs.500 per month for the duration of their treatment.
 - The total budgetary provision for the WCD Ministry for the year 2018-19 is **Rs.24,700 crore**.
 - On cleaning the Ganga, a total of **187 projects** have been sanctioned under the **Namami Gange programme** for infrastructure development, river surface cleaning, rural sanitation and other interventions at a cost of **Rs.16,713 crore**. Out of this **47 projects** have been completed.
- #### MEDIUM, SMALL AND MICRO ENTERPRISES (MSMEs) AND EMPLOYMENT
- A sum of **Rs. 3794 crore** has been provided for giving credit support, capital and interest subsidy and for innovations.
 - MUDRA Yojana** launched in April, 2015 has led to sanction of **Rs.4.6 lakh crore** in credit from 10.38 crore MUDRA loans. It is proposed to set a target of **Rs.3 lakh crore** for lending under MUDRA for 2018-19.
 - The Budget proposed an outlay of **Rs.7148 crore** for the **textile sector** in 2018-19 as against Rs.6,000 Crore in 2016.
- #### Infrastructure and Financial Sector Development:
- Increase of budgetary allocation on infrastructure for 2018-19 to **Rs.5.97 lakh crore** against estimated expenditure of Rs.4.94 lakh crore in 2017-18.
 - Under the **Bharatmala Pariyojana**, about 35000 kms road construction in Phase-I at an estimated cost of **Rs.5,35,000 crore** has been approved.

RAILWAYS

- Railways Capital Expenditure for the year 2018-19 has been pegged at **Rs.1,48,528 crore.**

- The total expenditure planned on safety activities including Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK) is Rs. 68,725 cr in RE 2017-18 and **Rs. 73,065 cr** in BE 2018-19.

- **Mumbai's local train network** will have 90 kilometers of double line tracks at a cost of over **Rs.11,000 crore.**

- A **sub-urban network** of approximately 160 kilometers at an estimated cost of **Rs.17,000 crore.**

AIR TRANSPORT

- The Budget proposes to expand the airport capacity more than five times to handle a billion trips a year under a new initiative - **NABH Nirman.**

Digital Economy:

- The Budget doubled the allocation on Digital India Programme to **Rs 3073 crore** in 2018-19.

- The Finance Minister allocated **Rs. 10000 crore** in 2018-19 for creation and augmentation of Telecom infrastructure.

DISINVESTMENT

- **Disinvestment target** of **Rs.80,000 crore** for **2018-19.**

- Three Public Sector Insurance companies - **National Insurance Co. Ltd., United India Assurance Co. Ltd., and Oriental India insurance Co. Ltd.,** will be **merged into a single insurance entity.**

- To celebrate the 150 Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation from 2nd October 2019, the Budget set aside **Rs.150 crore** for the activities leading to the commemoration programme.

- The Budget proposes to revise emoluments to Rs.5 lakh for the **President**, Rs 4 lakhs for the **Vice President** and Rs.3.5 lakh per month to **Governor.** These emoluments were **last revised in 2006.** To refix the salary and allowances with effect from **April 1, 2018.**

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- The Budget Revised Estimates for expenditure in 2017-18 are **Rs.21.57 lakh crore** (net of GST compensation transfers to the States) as against the Budget Estimates of Rs.21.47 lakh crore.

- Fiscal Deficit pegged at 3.5 %, projected at **3.3 %** for 2018-19.

- More concessions for **International Financial Services Centre (IFSC)**, to promote trade in stock exchanges located in IFSC.

- The Budget proposes to increase the cess on personal income tax and corporation tax to **4 percent** from the present 3 percent.

- To control cash economy, payments **exceeding Rs. 10,000** in cash made by trusts and institutions to be disallowed and would be subject to tax.

- The **estimated revenue** forgone during Financial Year 2018-19 will be **Rs. 7,000 crore.**

RELIEF TO SENIOR CITIZENS

The proposals are

- **Exemption of interest income** on deposits with banks and post offices to be increased from Rs. 10,000 to **Rs. 50,000.**

- **TDS not required** to be deducted under **section 194A.** Benefit also available for interest from all fixed deposit schemes and recurring deposit schemes.

- Hike in deduction limit for **health insurance premium** and/ or medical expenditure from Rs. 30,000 to **Rs. 50,000** under **section 80D.**

- Increase in deduction limit for medical expenditure for certain critical illness from **Rs. 60,000** (in case of senior citizens) and from Rs. 80,000 (in case of very senior citizens) to **Rs. 1 lakh** for all senior citizens, under **section 80DDB.**

- Proposed to extend **Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana** up to **March, 2020.** Current investment limit proposed to be increased to **Rs. 15 lakh** from the existing limit of Rs. 7.5 lakh per senior citizen.

- In order to take care of the education and health care needs of **Below Poverty Line (BPL)** and **rural families**, the Budget proposes to increase the cess on personal income tax and corporation tax to **4 percent** from the present 3 percent.

- The new cess will be called the **"Health and Education Cess"** and is expected to lead to a collection of an estimated additional amount of **Rs. 11,000 crore.**

DEFENCE

- Out of total amount, **Rs 2,95,511.41 crore** has been earmarked for Defence.

- **Rs. 1,95,947.55 crore** has been allocated for **Revenue (Net) expenditure** and **Rs. 99,563.86 crore** for **Capital expenditure** for the Defence Services and the Organizations/ Departments under Ministry of Defence.

- For **Defence Pension**, which is over and above the outlay mentioned above, an amount of Rs. 1,08,853.30 crore has been provided in BE 2018-19.

ECONOMY SURVEY 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- GDP to grow **7-7.5%** in **FY19**; India to regain fastest growing major economy tag.

- GDP growth to be **6.75%** in **FY2017-18.**

- **Policy vigilance** required next fiscal if high oil prices persist or stock prices correct sharply.

- Policy agenda for next year — support **agriculture, privatise Air India, finish bank recapitalisation**

- GST data shows **50% rise** in number of indirect taxpayers.

- Tax collection by states, local governments significantly lower than those in other federal countries.

- **Insolvency Code** being actively used to resolve NPA woes.

- Retail inflation averaged **3.3% in 2017-18**, lowest in last 6 fiscals.

- **Urban migration** leading to feminisation of farm sector.

- **Swachh Bharat initiative** improved sanitation coverage in rural areas from **39%** in 2014 to **76%** in January 2018.

- Suvey 2017-18 in **Pink Colour** to highlight gender issues.

- India needs **\$4.5 trillion** by **2040** to develop Infrastructure Development.

- The **Gross Value Added (GVA)** at constant basic prices is expected to grow at the rate of **6.1 per cent** in **2017-18** as compared to 6.6 per cent in 2016-17. Similarly, **Agriculture, industry** and **services sectors** are expected to grow at the rate of **2.1 per cent, 4.4 per cent, and 8.3 per cent** respectively in 2017-18.

- As on December 2017, there were **9.8 million unique GST registrants** slightly more than the total Indirect Tax registrants under the old system (where many taxpayers were registered under several taxes).

- The profile of new filers is interesting of their total turnover, Business-To-Consumer (**B2C**) transactions account for **only 17 percent** of the total. The bulk of transactions are Business-To-Business (**B2B**) and exports, which account for **30-34 percent** apiece.

- **Maharashtra, UP, Tamil Nadu** and **Gujarat** are the States with the **greatest number of GST registrants.** **UP** and **West Bengal** have been large increases in the number of tax registrants compared to the old tax regime.

- On the subject of International Trade, Inter-State Trade and Economic Prosperity, the Survey points-out for the first time in India's history that five States- **Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu** and **Telangana** account for **70% of India's exports.**

- The Government has **imposed stock holding limits** on stockiest/dealers of sugar **till April, 2018.** The Government **imposed 20% duty** on **export of sugar** for promoting availability and moderating price rise. Permitted import of **5 lakh tones of raw sugar** at zero duty; subsequently, import of additional **3 lakh tones** was allowed at **25% duty.**

- **Rs.20,339 crore** approved for interest subvention in 2017-18 to meet various obligations arising from interest subvention being provided to the farmers on short term crop loans, especially **small** and **marginal farmers** who are the major borrowers.

- **India's urban population** is projected to grow to about **600 million by 2031.**

• During the period **April-September 2017-18**, growth in services exports and services imports were robust at **16.2 per cent** and **17.4 per cent** respectively.

• To boost services exports, the Survey mentions that the Government in its mid-term Review of **Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020**, has increased incentives under Services Exports from India Schemes (SEIS) **by 2 per cent**, leading to an additional annual incentive of **Rs.1,140 crore** which could help services exports including Hotel & Restaurant, Hospital, Educational services etc.

• Out of the **32 States** and **Union Territories** (UTs), in 15 states and UTs, the Services Sector is the dominant sector, contributing more than half of the **Gross State Value Added** (GSVA). **Delhi** and **Chandigarh** are at the top with over **80 per cent** share, while **Sikkim** is at the bottom with 31.7 per cent share. In terms of services GSVA growth, **Bihar** is at the top and Uttar Pradesh at the bottom with 14.5 per cent and 7.0 per cent growth respectively in 2016-17.

• FDI equity inflows to the services sector grew by **15.0 percent** during 2017-18 (April-October).

• The **Services sector**, with a share of 55.2 per cent in India's Gross Value Added (GVA), continued to be the key driver of India's economic growth contributing almost **72.5 per cent** of GVA growth in 2017-18.

• With the launch of **Swachh Bharat Mission** (Gramin) on 2nd October, 2014, the sanitation coverage in rural India has increased substantially from 39 per cent in 2014 to **76 percent** in January, 2018.

Quiz:

Q.1) In Union Budget 2018-19, allocation of Ministry of Food Processing has been doubled from Rs.715 crore in 2017-18 to _____ in 2018-19.

- a) Rs.1380 crore
- b) Rs.1400 crore
- c) Rs.1450 crore
- d) Rs.1480 crore
- e) Rs.1300 crore

Q.2) According to the Union Budget 2018-19, under Prime Minister Krishi Sinchai Yojna-Har Khet ko Pani, how much amount has been allocated for 96 deprived irrigation districts?

- a) Rs 4600 crore
- b) Rs 5600 crore
- c) Rs 2600 crore
- d) Rs 1600 crore
- e) Rs 3600 crore

Q.3) Name the digital portal that has launched to improve the quality of education, technology will be used to upgrade the skills of teachers, in Union Budget 2018-19.

- a) Drishya
- b) Dhakha
- c) Dharma
- d) Diksha
- e) Dhanvi

Q.4) According to the Union Budget 2018-19, all APMCs will be connected to e-NAM network by _____.

- a) March 2018
- b) March 2019

c) June 2018

e) December 2018

Q.5) According to the Union Budget 2018-19, loans to Self Help Groups of women will increase to _____ by March, 2019.

- a) Rs.85000 crore
- b) Rs.45000 crore
- c) Rs.55000 crore
- d) Rs.75000 crore
- e) Rs.65000 crore

Q.6) What was the colour of the Economic Survey 2017-2018 document?

- a) White
- b) Blue
- c) Yellow
- d) Red
- e) Pink

Q.7) What is the estimated budgetary expenditure on health, education and social protection in budget 2018-19?

- a) Rs.1.38 lakh crore
- b) Rs.1.48 lakh crore
- c) Rs.1.58 lakh crore
- d) Rs.1.68 lakh crore
- e) Rs.1.28 lakh crore

Q.8) The Budget proposes to increase the cess on personal income tax and corporation tax to how much percent from 3 percent?

- a) 5 per cent
- b) 6 per cent
- c) 4 per cent
- d) 7 per cent
- e) 8 per cent

Q.9) According to the Union Budget 2018-19, exemption of interest income for senior citizens on deposits with banks and post offices to be increased from Rs. 10,000 to _____.

- a) Rs. 75,000
- b) Rs. 25,000
- c) Rs. 30,000
- d) Rs. 50,000
- e) Rs. 40,000

Q.10) The hiked salary of President in budget 2018-19 is _____.

- a) Rs. 4 Lakh
- b) Rs. 5 Lakh
- c) Rs. 3.5 Lakh
- d) Rs. 5.5 Lakh
- e) Rs. 4.5 Lakh

Q.11) How much amount has been allocated for the creation and augmentation of Telecom Infrastructure in Union Budget 2018-19?

- a) Rs. 20,000 Crore
- b) Rs. 10,000 Crore
- c) Rs. 15,000 Crore
- d) Rs. 25,000 Crore
- e) Rs. 30,000 Crore

Q.12) How many percent has been projected for fiscal deficit of GDP for the year 2018-19 of Union Budget?

- a) 3.3%
- b) 3.0%
- c) 4.5%
- d) 3.8%
- e) 4.3%

Q.13) According to the Union Budget 2018-19, proposed to extend Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana up to _____.

- a) June, 2019
- b) December, 2020
- c) July, 2020
- d) March, 2019
- e) March, 2020

Q.14) The hiked salary of Governor in budget 2018-19 is _____.

- a) Rs. 4 Lakh
- b) Rs. 5 Lakh
- c) Rs. 3.5 Lakh
- d) Rs. 5.5 Lakh
- e) Rs. 4.5 Lakh

Q.15) As per the Finance Minister, how much crore amount for lending under is being allocated in FY 19 for PM's MUDRA Yojana?

- a) Rs. 5 lakh crore
- b) Rs. 2 lakh crore

c) Rs. 1 lakh crore

e) Rs. 4 lakh crore

Q.16) How much amount is being set aside for Bengaluru Metro in budget 2018-19?

- a) Rs. 18,000 crore
- b) Rs. 17,000 crore
- c) Rs. 19,000 crore
- d) Rs. 15,000 crore
- e) Rs. 13,000 crore

Q.17) How much amount is being allocated for Mumbai Suburban Railways under budget 2018-19?

- a) Rs 15,000 crore
- b) Rs 13,000 crore
- c) Rs 12,000 crore
- d) Rs 11,000 crore
- e) Rs 10,000 crore

Q.18) How much amount has set up for Disinvestment Target for budget 2018-19?

- a) Rs. 90,000 crore
- b) Rs. 70,000 crore
- c) Rs. 80,000 crore
- d) Rs. 60,000 crore
- e) Rs. 50,000 crore

Q.19) As per economic survey 2017-18, how much percent rise in GST data in number of unique indirect taxpayers?

- a) 30%
- b) 20%
- c) 50%
- d) 40%
- e) 25%

Q.20) For the year 2018-19, Railways capital expenditure has been pegged at _____ crore.

- a) Rs. 1,58,528 crore
- b) Rs. 1,78,528 crore
- c) Rs. 1,38,528 crore
- d) Rs. 1,28,528 crore
- e) Rs. 1,48,528 crore

Q.21) How much amount has been allocated for nutritional support to all TB patients in budget 2018-19?

- a) Rs. 800 crore
- b) Rs. 600 crore
- c) Rs. 700 crore
- d) Rs. 500 crore
- e) Rs. 1000 crore

Q.22) The hiked salary of Vice President in budget 2018-19 is _____.

- a) Rs. 4 Lakh
- b) Rs. 5 Lakh
- c) Rs. 3.5 Lakh
- d) Rs. 5.5 Lakh
- e) Rs. 4.5 Lakh

Q.23) According to the budget 2018-19, Tax buoyancy for 2017-18 is at which percent?

- a) 3.11%
- b) 1.12%
- c) 3.51%
- d) 2.71%
- e) 2.11%

Q.24) According to the budget 2018-19, the number of tax payers has increased from 6.47 lakh crores to _____.

- a) 9.34 lakh crores
- b) 8.34 lakh crores
- c) 9.27 lakh crores
- d) 7.27 lakh crores
- e) 8.27 lakh crores

Q.25) Name the technologies that will be increasingly used for the safety of trains and Railways as per the 'Safety Policy' mentioned in Union Budget 2018-19.

- a) Fog Safe
- b) Train Protection
- c) Warning System
- d) All the above
- e) Both a and b

Q.26) Under which scheme 4 crore poor households are being provided with electricity connection with an outlay of Rs.16,000 crore in budget 2018-19?

- a) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana
b) Sampada Yojana
c) Saubahagya Yojana
d) Krishi Sinchai Yojna
e) Bharatmala Pariyojana
- Q.27) Under "Prime Minister's Research Fellows (PMRF)" Scheme how many best B.Tech students will be identified each year and will be provided facilities to undertake Ph.D in IITs and IISc?
a) 100 b) 1000 c) 1500
d) 2000 e) 500
- Q.28) The Budget doubled the allocation on Digital India Programme to _____ in 2018-19.
a) Rs 8073 crore b) Rs 5073 crore
c) Rs 3073 crore d) Rs 4073 crore
e) Rs 2073 crore
- Q.29) Who had prepared the Economic Survey 2017-2018?
a) Arun Jaitley b) Arvind Kejriwal
c) Arvind Subramanian d) N.K.Singh
e) Amitabh Khant
- Q.30) The new cess will be called the "Health and Education Cess" and is expected to lead to a collection of an estimated additional amount of _____.
a) Rs. 15,000 crore b) Rs. 10,000 crore
c) Rs. 21,000 crore d) Rs. 11,000 crore
e) Rs. 17,000 crore
- Q.31) According to the Union Budget 2018-19, how much amount has been allocated to Re-Structured National Bamboo Mission?
a) Rs.1190 crore b) Rs.1390 crore
c) Rs.1490 crore d) Rs.1090 crore
e) Rs.1290 crore
- Q.32) How much amount has been allocated to the National Rural Livelihood Mission in budget 2018-19?
a) Rs. 8750 crore b) Rs. 6750 crore
c) Rs. 5750 crore d) Rs. 4750 crore
e) Rs. 3750 crore
- Q.33) What is the GDP growth prediction for financial year 2018-2019 as per Economic Survey 2017-2018?
a) 8-8.5% b) 7.5-8% c) 6.5-7.3%
d) 7-8% e) 7-7.5%
- Q.34) What is the industrial growth expectation for financial year 2017-18, in recent economic survey?
a) 5.3% b) 4.4% c) 6.5%
d) 7.5% e) 8.3%
- Q.35) As per the recent economic survey, what is the average consumer price inflation based headline inflation for 2017-18?
a) 2.4% b) 4.2% c) 5.6%
d) 7.3% e) 3.3%
- Q.36) What was the total number of unique GST registrants as on December 2017, in economic survey 2017-18?
a) 8.3 million b) 6.5 million
c) 7.5 million d) 9.8 million
e) 8.5 million
- Q.37) As per the economic survey 2017-18, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and

- Telangana account for what per cent of India's exports?
a) 50% b) 60% c) 40%
d) 70% e) 80%
- Q.38) As per Economic Survey 2017-2018, Climate change could adversely affect farmers' income by up to _____ in the medium term?
a) 18 - 20% b) 15 - 18% c) 20 - 25%
d) 25 - 28 % e) 35 - 40%
- Q.39) How much fund has been allocated for the fisheries sector and the animal husbandry sector in budget 2018-19?
a) 7,000 crore b) 8,000 crore
c) 8,500 crore
d) 9,000 crore e) 10,000 crore
- Q.40) Govt. announced a _____ fund to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in budget 2018-19.
a) Rs 150 crore b) Rs 100 crore
c) Rs 75 crore d) Rs 200 crore
e) Rs 50 crore
- Q.41) At present how many APMCs have been connected to e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) network out of 585 APMCs (Agricultural Produce Market Committee)?
a) 450 b) 470 c) 475
d) 490 e) 550
- Q.42) What is the total amount allocated for developing and upgrading agricultural marketing infrastructure in the 22000 Grameen Agricultural Markets (GrAMs) and 585 APMCs Agricultural Produce Market Committee) in budget 2018-19?
a) 2000 crore b) 2100 crore
c) 2500 crore d) 3000 crore e) 3500 crore
- Q.43) In order to support the organized cultivation and associated industry, government had allocated how much amount has been allocated for the cultivation of highly specialized medicinal and aromatic plants in budget 2018-19?
a) 100 crore b) 200 crore c) 250 crore
d) 300 crore e) 320 crore
- Q.44) Prime Minister's Krishi Sampada Yojana is the flagship programme for boosting investment in which sector?
a) Infrastructure b) Swachh Bharat
c) Education d) Food processing
e) Solar Plants
- Q.45) In Budget 2018-19, government had proposed to launch an "Operation Greens" on the lines of "Operation Flood", to promote Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs), agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management. What is the total amount allocated for this operation?
a) 300 crore b) 350 crore
c) 400 crore d) 500 crore
e) 550 crore
- Q.46) In Economic survey 2017-18, Expenditure on Social services stands at _____ in 2017-18.
a) 5.5% b) 6.6% c) 7.7%
d) 6.0% e) 5.0%

- Q.47) Which plant was referred as "Green gold" by the Finance Minister in budget 2018-19?
a) Bamboo b) Tulsi c) Rubber
d) Cotton e) Turmeric
- Q.48) How many Public Sector Insurance companies is going to be merged into a single insurance entity?
a) Two b) Three c) Four
d) Five e) Six
- Q.49) Ekalavya Model Residential School will be set up to provide the best quality education to the _____ in their own environment?
a) SC/ST students b) Tribal Children
c) Children under 12 years
d) Under Privileged Students
e) Both a and b
- Q.50) According to the union budget 2018-19, what is the present value of Indian Economy?
a) \$3.5 trillion economy
b) \$2.5 trillion economy
c) \$1.5 trillion economy
d) \$4.5 trillion economy
e) \$5.5 trillion economy

Answer Key:

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (a) 5. (d) 6. (e) 7. (a) 8. (c) 9. (d) 10. (b) 11. (b) 12. (a) 13. (e) 14. (c) 15. (d) 16. (b) 17. (d) 18. (c) 19. (c) 20. (e) 21. (b) 22. (a) 23. (e) 24. (e) 25. (d) 26. (c) 27. (b) 28. (c) 29. (c) 30. (d) 31. (e) 32. (c) 33. (e) 34. (b) 35. (e) 36. (d) 37. (d) 38. (c) 39. (e) 40. (a) 41. (b) 42. (a) 43. (b) 44. (d) 45. (d) 46. (b) 47. (a) 48. (b) 49. (b) 50. (b)

Current Affairs:**NATIONAL****Union Government launches GeM 3.0:**

The **Ministry of Commerce & Industry** launched the third version of the **Government e-Marketplace (GeM 3.0)**. GeM is an **Online Market platform** to facilitate **procurement of goods and services** by various Ministries and agencies of the Government. It would offer standardised and enriched catalogue management, powerful search engine, real time price comparison.

Ministry of Commerce & Industry

- Union Minister: **Suresh Prabhu**
- Constituency: **Andhra Pradesh, Rajya Sabha**

India Energy Congress 2018:

The Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh inaugurated the **7th India Energy Congress 2018**. It is organised by **World Energy Council India** with theme **"Energy 4.0: Energy Transition Towards 2030"**, in New Delhi. India's per capita power consumption of 1,200 units is likely to go up by three to four times by 2030, announced by the Union Minister R K Singh.

First defence industrial corridor between Chennai and Bengaluru:

The first defence industrial production corridors **link Chennai and Bengaluru**. The Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said the government will **develop two defence industrial production corridors in Budget 2018**. The Announcement for the second corridor will be made soon, by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. **The defence budget** was increased by **7.81 per cent to Rs 2.95 lakh crore against last year's Rs 2.74 lakh crore**.

PM Modi to inaugurate Global Investors' Summit:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Global Investors' Summit 'Advantage Assam'** in **Guwahati**. The summit is being organised by Assam government in association with the industry body **FICCI**. It will showcase the state's manufacturing opportunities and geostrategic advantages to foreign and domestic investors. The **objective** of the Summit is to position Assam as India's Expressway to ASEAN countries.

National Tribal Festival begins at Kalagram:

A 10-day National Tribal Festival, Aadi Mohatsav, kicked off at Kalagram in **Manimajra, Chandigarh**. It is to celebrate tribal culture, cuisine and commerce. The festival was inaugurated by Haryana Governor, **Kaptan Singh Solanki**. The event was collaboration between the **Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs** and **North Zone Cultural Centre**, Patiala.

Vice President Venkaiah Naidu to inaugurate first International Kala Mela:

Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated the first International Kala Mela at the **Indira Gandhi National Centre** for Arts in New Delhi. The objective of the event is to focus on direct interaction between the artist and the connoisseur and also educating and raising awareness about art. The Art Festival, organised by **Lalit Kala Akademi**, wherein artists and groups will showcase their work.

KUSUM scheme to encourage farmers for solar farming:

Power Minister **R K Singh** announced an **Rs 48,000-crore Kisan Urja Suraksha Utthaan Maha Abhiyaan (KUSUM)** scheme. The objective is to incentivise farmers to run solar farm water pumps and also use their barren land for generating solar power. It has been approved by the EFC (Expenditure Finance Committee) and the Cabinet and it will be launched next fiscal. It will aid total solar power generation capacity of 28,250 MW in next 10 years.

India Contributes \$1billion to UN Development Partnership Fund:

India has contributed an additional **\$1 million** to the **India-UN Development Partnership Fund**

earmarked for South-South cooperation. The India-UN Development Partnership Fund was set up last month as a partnership between India and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC). It aims **to intensify its partnerships** with other developing countries, the UN Office of South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC).

Green Deed Campaign:

Environment Ministry launches the "**Green Deed Campaign**". It aims the students to give awareness about global warming and climate change. Union minister of Environment, Forest and climate change Dr Harsh Vardhan launched the campaign A Mobile App named "**Dr Harsh Vardhan**" was also launched to give awareness to all people from grassroot level.

Nuclear-capable Agni-I missile test fired successfully:

India test-fired its indigenously developed **nuclear capable Agni-I ballistic missile**. It has been tested as a part of user trial by the Army from a test range off the **Odisha coast**. It is a **700 km range surface-to-surface missile** and launched from pad-4 of the **Integrated Test Range (ITR)** at **Abdul Kalam Island in Balasore**.

5th South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference held in New Delhi:

The **Fifth edition of South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference** was held in **New Delhi**. The timely and quality delivery of public services. It was hosted by Public Procurement Division (PPD) of Ministry of Finance an objective is to improve public procurement of member countries to ensure All India Management Association (AIMA). The theme of the conference is "**Public Procurement and Service Delivery**".

Google launches '#SecurityCheckKiya' campaign:

To create awareness around Internet safety, Google India launched a public initiative "**#SecurityCheckKiya**". It aims to protect young and first-time web users from account hijacking, safeguard Android devices from malicious apps and secure all their personal data if they lose their device. The initiative is taken on **Safer Internet Day, February 6**.

Google and NCERT Join Hands to Teach Students Digital Safety:

Google and NCERT signed a pact to integrate a course on '**Digital Citizenship and Safety**' in information and communication technology curriculum. It was signed on the occasion of **Safer Internet Day, Feb 6**. It will be used to train students across 1.4 million schools in India where they will learn how to become good and

responsible digital citizens. The **National Council of Educational Research and Training** is an autonomous organisation of the Government of India **headquartered in New Delhi**.

Cabinet approves PMRF scheme:

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved implementation of '**Prime Minister's Research Fellows (PMRF)**' scheme. It has been laid at a **total cost of Rs 1650 crore** for a period of **seven years beginning 2018-19**. The scheme has been announced in the Budget Speech 2018-19.

South Central Railway Becomes 1st Rail Zone With 100% LED Lighting At Stations:

The South Central Railway (SCR) has become the first railway zone in the country to complete **100 percent LED lighting** at all the stations under its jurisdiction. It has become first zone to complete 100 percent LED lighting in all the **733 stations**. It is expected to save 32 lakh units of electrical energy worth Rs 2.7 crore per year.

CCEA Approves Enhancement of Target Under PMUY:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved to enhance of the target of **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)** from **five crore to eight crore**. The PMUY is to provide **clean cooking fuel** through LPG to all the uncovered households in the country. An additional allocation of **Rs. 4,800 crore** has been sanctioned for the project. The revised target of PMUY will be achieved **by 2020**.

NHAI to Start 'Pay As You Use' Pilot Project

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will start a pilot project "**pay as you use**" tolling in India. It will be implemented on the **Delhi-Mumbai Highway**. It is to study and implement the ability of the system in the country. The project to be run for one year involves implementing a satellite-based electronic toll collection system running on **GPS/GSM technology**.

NHAI

- Headquarters: **New Delhi**
- Chairman: **Deepak Kumar**

13-Member Advisory Committee under Defence Ministry:

Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has constituted a **13-member advisory committee**. It is to monitor and expedite capital acquisition projects for the modernisation of the armed forces. The committee will be **headed by Vinay Sheel Oberoi**, former secretary in the government.

NITI Aayog Unveils Health Index for States:

NITI Aayog released the list of Healthy State progressive report. There are three categories namely larger states, smaller states and Union territories in the list. **Kerala, Punjab and Tamil Nadu** have ranked top among the larger states in terms of overall performance.

Among smaller states **Mizoram** ranked first followed by Manipur and Goa in terms of **annual incremental performance**. **Jharkhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh** are the top three states in the terms of **annual incremental performance**. Among **Union territories Lakshadweep** showed **best overall performance** as well as highest annual incremental performance.

National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog

- Chairperson: **Narendra Modi**
- CEO: **Amitabh Kant**
- Headquarters: **New Delhi**

HAL Develops First Hawk-I Flight:

The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has developed the **first flight of Hawk-i** with indigenous **Real Time Operating System (RTOS)**. It has been certified by **Center for Military Airworthiness and Certification (CEMILAC)**. The RTOS is the system software which provides a standard run-time environment for real-time applications execution in a safe and reliable manner.

- HAL Chairman: **T. Suvarna**

RK Singh Launches ASH TRACK Mobile App:

Power Minister R K Singh launched a **web-based monitoring system and a fly-ash mobile application** which would act as an interface between producers and consumers. These platforms will enable better management of the ash produced by thermal power plants by providing an **interface between fly ash producers (thermal Power Plants) and potential ash users** such as road contractors, cement plants etc. At present, 63 per cent of the fly ash is being utilized and target is for 100 percent utilization.

Government to Establish National Women Entrepreneurship Council:

The Ministry of Women and Child Development is considering to establish **National Women Entrepreneurship Council (NWECE)**. NWECE will promote entrepreneurship as it would be the umbrella organization for socio-economic gender parity, financial inclusion and economic empowerment of women in India. It was announced by Minister of State for Women and Child Development, **Dr. Virendra Kumar**.

Mumbai: 12th Richest City Globally

Mumbai, India's financial capital is the **12th richest city in the world** with a total wealth

of **\$950 billion**. The report was released by New World Wealth. The list of 15 wealthiest cities was topped by **New York** with a total wealth of **\$3 trillion**. **London** ranked second in the list with **\$2.7 trillion**, followed by **Tokyo (\$2.5 trillion)**, and **San Francisco Bay area (\$2.3 trillion)**. Total wealth refers to the private wealth held by all the individuals living in each city.

ADR: Richest and Poorest Chief Minister Chandra Babu Naidu, the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, is the richest CM in the country with assets worth **Rs 177 crore**. The three CMs with the lowest assets are **Manik Sarkar (Tripura) with Rs 26 lakh+**, **Banerjee (West Bengal) with Rs 30 lakh** and **Mehbooba Mufti (J&K) with Rs 55 lakh**. **Devendra Fadnavis, CM of Maharashtra**, has the **highest number of cases (22)** registered against him. The analysis was conducted by transparency body **Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR)**.

'Port Performance Index' by Dun and Bradstreet:

A new **'Port Performance Index'** has been released by **Dun & Bradstreet** and it was handed over to **Commerce and Industry minister Suresh Prabhu**. It bench-marked performance of 13 ports which handle around 67% of India's maritime trade. Major ports **JNPT, Kamarajar and Visakhapatnam** have received **'Good'** score in the index.

In the study, **seven ports (Cochin, Kandla, Paradip, Chennai, Mormugao, New Mangalore and VOC)** have received **'Average'** score, while three ports (**Haldia, Kolkata and MbPT**) have received **'Poor'** score.

Nitin Gadkari Releases Highway Capacity Manual:

The Road, transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari released a **manual laying down guidelines** on when and how to expand or manage different types of roads. This is the first time that a manual has been developed in India similarly to US, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan. It is prepared by **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Central Road Research Institute**.

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

Electricity to unelectrified households by 2019:

Union Minister of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy RK Singh said that the government was committed to provide electricity to un-electrified households **by 2019**. **"Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana"** also called **"Saubhagya"**, launched in September last year, was a move towards this goal and that about **4 crore households** would benefit from it.

International Conference on Unani Medicine held in New Delhi

A two-day International Conference on **Unani Medicine** organized by the Central Council for Research in **Unani Medicine (CCRUM)** as a part of Unani Day celebration was held **in New Delhi**. It was inaugurated by Minister of State (IC) for Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, MoS PMO, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions **Dr. Jitendra Singh**. Theme: **Integration of Unani System of Medicine in main stream healthcare**.

Rs 1,487 crore sanctioned to boost security of military base camps of JK, North East:

In a bid to fill up the **security gaps** and **protect military base camps of Jammu and Kashmir, North East** and several other places from terrorist attack, the **Defence Ministry** sanctioned **Rs 1,487 crore** to the Army. Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** after approving the massive amount of Rs 1,487 crore to protect military base camps has set a deadline of **10 months** for the Army to carry it out. Also, the Army headquarters has been asked to monitor implementation of the project.

4th meeting of EAC-PM held in New Delhi:

The **4th meeting of the Economic Advisory Council** to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) was held **in New Delhi**. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of **Dr Bibek Debroy**, Economist. The Council discussed the possible modalities of implementing the **National Health Scheme** announced by the government in the Union Budget-2018-19.

Government of India Makes Amendments in Small Savings Act:

The government has made amendments in **Small Saving Act**, proposing the merger of Government **Savings Certificates Act, 1959, Public Provident Fund Act, 1968 with the Government Savings Banks Act, 1873**. The amendment will retain all existing protections while consolidating PPF Act under the proposed Government Savings Promotion Act. Is to strengthen the objective of **"Minimum Government, Maximum Governance"**.

India-Russia Agriculture Business Summit held in New Delhi:

India and Russia discussed trade relations in the **agricultural sector in a business summit in New Delhi**. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare organised an **India-Russia Agriculture Business Summit**. A celebration of **70 years of Agricultural Relationship** will also be held in Suratgarh, **Rajasthan**.

Defence Ministry Approves Proposals worth Rs. 15,935 crore:

The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** chaired by **Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** approved capital acquisition proposals of the defence services, valued at **Rs 15,935 crore**. The DAC also approved the procurement of **seven lakh forty thousand assault rifles** for the three services. These rifles will be made by the Ordnance Factory Board and the private industry at an estimated cost of **Rs 12,280 crore**. The DAC has also approved the procurement of **5719 sniper rifles** for the army and the air force at an estimated cost of **Rs 982 crore** and **Advanced Torpedo Decoy Systems (ATDS)** at a cost of **Rs. 850 crore**.
The constituency of Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman: **Karnataka, Rajya Sabha.**

India to Host 8th Theatre Olympics:

In an effort to put India firmly among the top nations in the world theatre map, the country will play host to the **8th Theatre Olympics**, the greatest carnival of thespianism. The 51-day theatre extravaganza which will be inaugurated at Red Fort, will see 450 shows including 65 shows by international artistes, 600 ambient performances and 250 youth forum shows. The Theatre Olympics was established in **1993** at Delphi in Greece. The international theatre festival promotes richness and diversity of theatre heritage in all kinds of experiments and research in the field of performing arts, contributing to the growth of international collaboration all over the world.

India's First Radio Festival Will Be Held in Delhi:

India's first radio festival will be held in Delhi and the festival is being organised by the International of Women in Radio and Television, in collaboration with UNESCO. The radio festival is being held to mark **World Radio Day 2018**. The 2018's theme of World Radio Day: **Radio and Sports**.

Government Extends Anti-Narcotics Scheme:

The '**Assistance to States and UTs for Narcotics Control**' scheme has been extended for a further period of 3 years—from 2017-18 to 2019-20. The estimated budget is **Rs 21 crore**. The purpose of the scheme is to assist state governments and Union Territories which are contributing in controlling the inter-state and cross border drug trafficking.

Tri-Service Maritime Exercise 'Paschim Lehar' Begins:

'**Paschim Lehar**', a tri-service maritime exercise begins in India's western coast. Around 40 ships, submarines and fighter aircraft participated in 'Paschim Lehar'. Units from **Eastern Naval Command, Indian Army, Indian Air Force**

and the **Coast Guard** are also participating to build interoperability.

Government Inks \$100 Million Loan Agreement with NDB:

The **New Development Bank (NDB)** has signed a loan agreement of **USD 100 million** with the government of India. The loan agreement is for financing of **Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring Project** for the desert areas. The loan is the first tranche of the **USD 345 million** by the NDB under the multi tranche financing facility for this project. The objective of this project is to rehabilitate the **678 km long Indira Gandhi Canal system** built during 1958-63.

Prime Minister Inaugurates World Sustainable Development Summit 2018:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally inaugurated the World Sustainable Development Summit 2018 in **New Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan**. It was organised by **The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**. Theme of the forum is '**Partnerships for a Resilient Planet**'.

- TERI Director-General: **Dr Ajay Mathur**

Central govt. to set up 562 more Ekalavya schools:

Tribal affairs minister Mr. Oram has announced that Govt. will setup 562 schools for tribal children. He also added that "Every block with at least 20 thousand tribal persons, will have an Ekalavya School". The Tribal Affairs Ministry has been allocated an amount of six thousand crore rupees for new financial year. In 2017-18, it received over 5329 crores rupees **Ekalavya Model Residential School (EMRS)** is a Government of India scheme for model residential **school** for Indian tribals across India.

Atul Bhujal yojana – Centre readies Rs.6000 crore:

The government has finalized the contours of a **Rs 6,000-crore** scheme to tackle the country's depleting groundwater level. Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABY), the scheme will be launched in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, covering 78 districts, 193 blocks and more than 8,300 gram panchayats.

According to a World Bank report, about 245 billion cubic metre of groundwater is abstracted each year in the country. This figure represents about 25% of the total global groundwater abstraction.

India to host World Environment Day 2018:

India is the global host of **2018 World Environment Day** which will take place on **June 5, 2018**. With "**Beat Plastic Pollution**" as the **theme** for this year's edition, the world is

coming together to combat single-use plastic pollution.

Shri R.K. Singh inaugurates 'International R&D Conclave':

Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri **R.K. Singh** inaugurated the '**International R&D Conclave**'— two day conference on Emerging Opportunities and Challenges of R&D in Indian Power Sector, organised by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in New Delhi.

In his address inaugural, Shri Singh stressed upon the need of a dedicated R&D department in CEA to coordinate the research in power sector, and asked the concerned departments to make an effort to implement the ideas emerging from this Conference.

National Conference "Agriculture 2022-Doubling Farmers' Income":

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) is organizing a National Conference under the title of "**Agriculture 2022 – Doubling Farmers' Income**" at National Agriculture Science Complex (NASC), **Pusa, New Delhi**. It is a two days conference scheduled on 19th and 20th February, 2018. The Conference is being organized on the advice of the Hon'ble Prime Minister with a view to identify various critical issues relating to agriculture and farmers' welfare and finding appropriate solutions.

Cabinet approves extra-budgetary support for urban housing scheme:

The Union cabinet approved extra-budgetary support for government's flagship housing scheme **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)**. Under the PMAY(U), the housing and urban affairs ministry targets construction of about 1.2 crore houses for the urban poor. The scheme got allocation at **Rs.6,505 crore for Budget 2018-19** as compared to Rs. 6,042.81 crore in 2017-18.

However, additional budgetary resources of **Rs. 25,000 crore** was also proposed for the scheme to be raised outside the general budget. In urban areas, the assistance has been sanctioned for construction of **over 39.4 lakh houses** so far.

About Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)

- **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)** was launched in **1st June 2015** with an aim to **provide affordable housing to urban poor**.

It has two components **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)**(PMAY-U) for the urban poor and **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin)** (PMAY-G and also PMAY-R) for the rural poor, is an initiative by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

- With a target of building 20 million affordable houses by **31 March 2022**.

Eligibility criteria:

- Beneficiary max age **70 years**.
- **EWS** (Economic Weaker Section) annual income **less than Rupees 3 Lac** and **LIG** (Lower Income Group) Annual Income between **3,00,001 to 6,00,000 Lac** as well as Mid Income group since Feb 2017.
- The beneficiary **should not have an own dwelling unit** on the name of any family member in any part of India.

Cabinet approves creation of National Urban Housing Fund:

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** has given approval for creation of **National Urban Housing Fund (NUHF)** for **Rs.60,000 crores**. This fund will be situated in Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (**BMTPC**), an autonomous body registered **under the Societies Registration Act, 1860** under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

NUHF will facilitate raising requisite funds in **next four years** so that flow of Central Assistance under different verticals i.e. Beneficiary Linked Construction (**BLC**), Affordable Housing in Partnership (**AHP**), In-Situ Slum Redevelopment (**ISSR**) and Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (**CLSS**) is sustained and construction of houses to address the gap in Urban Sector progresses smoothly.

Government allows private companies to bid for coal mines for commercial production:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** has approved the **methodology for auction of coal mines / blocks for sale of coal under the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015** and the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. The opening up of **commercial coal mining for private sector** is the most ambitious coal sector reform since the nationalisation of this sector in **1973**. The methodology **gives highest priority** to transparency, ease of doing business and ensures that natural resources are used for national development. It will also lead to energy security as **70% of India's electricity** is generated from thermal power plants. This reform is expected to bring efficiency into the coal sector by moving from an **era of monopoly to competition**.

DAC clears procurement worth Rs 1850 crore:

The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)**, chaired by Raksha Mantri **Smt Nirmala Sitharaman** and accorded approval to **Capital Acquisition Proposals** of the Services valued at over **Rs 1850 crore**. These include procurement of essential quantity of **Infantry Combat**

Vehicle (BMPs-2/2k) for Mechanised Infantry and other Arms and Services at an estimated cost of over **Rs 1125 crore** from the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).

DAC accorded approval for procurement of one Survey Training Vessel (STV) for meeting the Navy's growing '**Hydrographic Survey**' needs in ports, harbours, Exclusive Economic Zone, etc. The construction of the vessel is to be undertaken under Buy (Indian-IDD) by Indian shipyards at an estimated cost of **Rs 626 crore**.

Cabinet approves amendments to Chit Funds Act:

The cabinet has approved amendments to the **Chit Funds Act** to facilitate orderly growth of the sector and provide more financial products to investors. The cabinet, chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, has given approval to introduce the **Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2018** in Parliament.

For the purpose, amendments would be made to the **Chit Funds Act, 1982**. One of the amendments is use of the words "**Fraternity Fund**" for chit business in the Act to signify its inherent nature, and distinguish its working from '**Prize Chits**' which are banned under a separate legislation.

Mission BUNIYAD to help govt schools' students improve:

In order **to create a strong base in very initial studies**, Delhi Government has joined hand with Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD). Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister **Manish Sisodia** announced the programme "**Mission BUNIYAD**". This programme is designed on the lines of Government's previous scheme "**Chunauti**".

The entire programme will run from **Classes 3 to 5** in MCD schools and in Classes 6 to 8 in Delhi Government schools. Under Buniyaad, students will be divided into **three categories**. Those who perform at par will be taken into the '**Ujjawal**' group; those who score medium-level marks will be placed in '**Utkarsh**' while those who are behind their peers will be placed in '**Udyam**'.

DELHI

- Chief Minister: **Arvind Kejriwal**
- Governor: **Anil Bajjal**

Saras completes second test flight successfully:

India's indigenous light transport aircraft Saras was successfully test flown for a second time in Bangalore, Union Science and Technology minister **Harsh Vardhan** said. The design and development of the aircraft is being done by the **CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories**.

In eNAM reboot, Govt introduces six new features:

eNAM - an **online agriculture market offering** the best prices to the farmers has **6.6 million farmers** registered and 470 agriculture markets connected. Digital payments through BHIM-UPI have registered transactions of **Rupees fifteen thousand Crore in January 2018**. The eNAM website is now available in Gujarati, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Bengali and Odia, besides Hindi and English, while the eNAM trading facility is available in six languages.

Six New Features:

- To ensure timely payment to farmers after auctioning of commodities on the platform, the government has introduced **Unified Payment Interface (UPI)** facility through
- The **MIS dashboard** has been introduced to provide a greater insight into the performance of each mandi in terms of arrival and trade.
- A **Grievance Redressal Management System** is being set up at mandis to flag technology issues related to portal/ software and its operation and also track the status of redressal online.
- **E-Learning module** in Hindi has also been incorporated in the website so that various stakeholders can learn about how to operate the system and continuously get trained at their convenience.
- e-NAM has been integrated with **Central Farmer Database** so that the registration process becomes easier and Identification of farmers can be done easily on arrival at the Mandi Gate. Farmers can also see the real-time bidding progress and assaying certificates through app.
- Mobile app has been made **multilingual**. e-NAM Mobile app is being enhanced in multi-dimension so that the entire operation for farmers can be user friendly. Mandi operators can now carry out one of the critical operation of **Gate Entry directly** from e-NAM Mobile App.

India to host 1st International Solar Alliance on 11th March:

India will host the **first International Solar Alliance (ISA) summit** on 11th March, which will be attended by **French President Emmanuel Macron** and **United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres**. The ISA aims to launch 121 projects during the summit. During the summit, two new programmes will be inaugurated on- Scaling Solar E-Mobility and Storage, and Rooftop Solar. The summit will be held in **Delhi**.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates projects worth 1,000 crore rupees at Daman:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated various developmental projects in Daman in **Union territory of Daman and Diu**. He

launched the **helicopter service** between **Daman and Diu**. Mr. Modi also launched Air Odisha flight service connecting Ahmedabad with Diu under UDAN Scheme.

DRDO Successfully Test Flight Rustom 2:

DRDO successfully flew its **Rustom 2** at its Aeronautical Test Range(ATR) at **Chalakere at Chitradurga**. This flight assumes significance due to the fact that this is the first flight in user configuration with higher power engine.

UIDAI introduces 'Baal Aadhaar' for children below 5 years of age:

UIDAI or the Unique Identification Authority of India, introduced a '**Baal Aadhaar**' card. This **blue-coloured card** will be given to children **below the age of five years**. To get a Baal Aadhaar, **no biometric details** will be needed. UIDAI had made this announcement through a series of tweets on its official handle.

"Andaman & Nicobar Command to Host Milan 2018":

The second week of March will witness **Andaman & Nicobar Command** hosting a multinational **mega event MILAN 2018**. MILAN is a congregation of littoral navies conducted biennially by Indian Navy at the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**, under the aegis of the Andaman and Nicobar Command.

International Conference on Sustainable Biofuels, ICSB 2018:

The **Sustainable Biofuel** is one of the Seven Mission Innovation Challenges and **India** Co-leads this along with other countries **Brazil, Canada and China**. Sustainable Biofuel development is a key challenge as well as an opportunity for Governments, researchers, investors and industry to work together. **Mission Innovation (MI)** is a **global initiative of 22 countries** and the European Union to dramatically accelerate global clean energy innovation.

A two-day International Conference on Sustainable Biofuels is jointly being organized by Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India on behalf of Mission Innovation and Biofuture Platform at the Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre in **New Delhi**. Union Minister for Science and technology, Earth Sciences and Environment Forest & Climate Change, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan**, will be Chief Guest and will inaugurate and address the International Conference followed by Exhibition on February 26th, 2018.

IITs set to get 25 per cent of govt loans for higher education institutes:

The **Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)** will get the largest chunk of loans on offer under **Revitalising Infrastructure and Systems in Education (RISE)**. Under **RISE**, all centrally-funded institutes (CFIs), including

central universities, **IITs, IIMs, NITs and IISERs**, can borrow from a **Rs 1,00,000 crore corpus** over the next four years to expand and build new infrastructure. However, a quarter of this amount — Rs 25,000 crore — will be set aside exclusively for the 23 IITs.

The second largest share, Rs 20,000 crore, will be earmarked for central universities. While the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) can borrow up to Rs 11,300 crore, the new IIMs will get Rs 4,500 crore, and five IISERs Rs 5,000 crore.

2nd India-Korea Business Summit in New Delhi:

The **theme** of the **Summit** this year is "**India-Korea: Scaling up the Special Strategic Relationship through Trade and Investments**". The Summit aims to create the framework for an open and action-oriented dialogue between top business leaders and Government officials from both countries. India and Korea are the third and fourth largest economies in Asia. The two way trade between India and South Korea currently stands at nearly 17 billion dollars.

IWAI signs agreement with World Bank for Jal Marg Vikas Project:

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has signed an agreement with the World Bank for **Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP)**. It aims to enhance navigation on **National Waterway-1** from Varanasi to Haldia. The JMVP is expected to be completed by **March 2023**.

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ARUNACHAL PRADESH

PM Modi Launched Three Projects in Arunachal Pradesh:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched three important projects in **Arunachal Pradesh**. He inaugurated the **Dorjee Khandu state convention centre** at a function in **Itanagar**. He focuses information revolution and the newly erected Secretariat building in the state capital, Itanagar.

The building will have **digital technology** at its core and will have 2,500 officers and other employees. The **New Auditorium** which can seat over a thousand people. Built at a cost of **Rs. 70 crore**, Prime Minister also inaugurated the auditorium. He dedicated to the nation the state civil secretariat building, and laid the foundation stone of the academic block of the **Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Science**.

Special package of Rs 925 cr for strengthening power transmission in Arunachal Pradesh:

The Centre has announced a special package of **925 crore rupees** for **strengthening the power transmission and distribution system** in **Arunachal Pradesh**. Union Minister

of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy, **RK Singh** made the announcement in a review meeting of the power sector with senior officers of the state government in **Itanagar**.

The Union minister said, of the 900 unelectrified villages across the country, about **600** are in Arunachal. He directed the officials to expedite the work to electrify every village in the state by **May 1st, this year**.

Arunachal Pradesh

- Capital: **Guwahati (Judiciary), Itanagar**
- Chief Minister: **Pema Khandu**
- Governor: **B D Mishra**

ANDHRA PRADESH

First-ever Pelican Festival at Atapaka Bird Sanctuary:

The State government has decided to hold the first-of-its kind, one-day **Pelican Festival**. It will be held at the **Atapaka Bird Sanctuary on Kolleru**, one of the largest freshwater lakes in the country. Over 5,000 pelican birds from various countries reach Kolleru Lake every year during winter by travelling over 3500 km.

CII partnership summit begins in Vizag:

The **third Partnership Summit** of the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** will begin, with over 2,000 delegates attending the meet. About 40 percent of the delegates belong to other countries. Vice-president **M Venkaiah Naidu** will inaugurate the three-day event. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **N Chandrababu Naidu** and Union Ministers **Suresh Prabhu** and **Ashok Gajapathi Raju** will attend the function.

Andhra Pradesh inks MoU with US based AutoGrid to transform and uplift electricity sector:

Andhra Pradesh inked MoU with **US-based AutoGrid** to help transform electricity sector of the state. With this Andhra Pradesh will adopt **smart grid and Internet of Things (IoT)** based solutions of AutoGrid to improve energy utilities' financial health and customer experiences. The state government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AutoGrid, a US-based leading provider of flexible management software for the energy sector, at the CII Partnership Summit.

The initiative involves **Demand-Side Management (DSM)** programmes covering key segments, including agricultural pump-sets, residential/commercial ACs and industrial units.

EESL signs MoUs of Rs 3,730 cr with Andhra Pradesh

The **government-run Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL)** signed MoUs with **Andhra Pradesh government** to invest **Rs 3,730 crore** in the state. The MoUs, spanning e-

mobility, energy efficiency and renewable energy, with the **aim of creating 15,000 jobs**, were signed at **CII Partnership Summit**.

The MoUs entail supply of 10,000 electric cars and 4,000 chargers to various departments of Andhra Pradesh through NREDCAP; supply of approximately 17 lakh smart energy meters to both power distribution companies in the state. The MoUs were signed in the presence of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. **Chandrababu Naidu** and EESL Managing Director **Saurabh Kumar**.

Andhra Pradesh

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

ASSAM

Assam Govt Signs with NBCC for Twin Tower Trade Centre:

Assam Government has signed a MoU with the **National Building Construction Corporation Limited (NBCCL)**. It aims to build a **Twin Tower Trade Centre (65 storey)** in Guwahati at an investment of Rs. 1950 crores. The center has enacted a pro-active '**Act East Policy**' to elevate and harness the strengths of North- East India and reduce the isolation of the region by improving all-round connectivity and civic infrastructure.

Assam Government, Ola Sign MoU for River Taxi Service:

The **cab-hailing company Ola** has inked MOU with **Government of Assam** to pilot an app-based **river taxi service** in Northeast India's financial hub **Guwahati**. The MoU has been signed in the presence of **Chandra Mohan Patowary**, Minister for Transport Industry and Commerce (Assam) and **Vijay Ghadge**, Vice President Operations of Ola. The river taxis will be a machine-operated boat, which is faster and safer than the conventional ones.

Assam Govt Introduces Yoga Council Bill in Assembly:

The Assam government introduced a Bill in the state Assembly to set up a yoga council for **regulating the teaching and practice of yoga**. On behalf of the **Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary** introduced '**The Assam Yoga Council Bill, 2018**'. The proposed council will aim at assuring quality of service and avoid misinterpretation.

Assam to observe 'Rhino Day' on September 22:

The Assam government will be observing **September 22 as 'Rhino Day'** to generate public awareness on protection of the one-horned pachyderm, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal. A State Rhino Project in line with National Rhino Project will be launched in Assam soon for protecting the pachyderms from threats of poaching.

Assam

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

CHHATTISGARH

Over 2000 people play 'shankh' to create world record:

Another world record was created on the second day of **Rajim Kumbh Mela** after over **2,100 saints** and locals played conch shells '**shankh**' together in **Chhattisgarh's Gariaband**. The feat was certified by the **Golden Book of World Records**. Chhattisgarh **Chief Minister Raman Singh** had inaugurated Rajim Kumbh Mela and Ganga Aarti performance at banks of river Mahanadi in Gariaband's Rajim.

Chhattisgarh

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

GUJARAT

Rajnath Singh inaugurates first of its kind spoken Sanskrit centre:

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched the **Centre for learning Sanskrit language** in Gujarat University in **Ahmedabad**. The centre will offer a six-month course for people on how to speak the language. The coordinator of the course, Atul Unagar, said it was possibly the first such course launched in India.

Gujarat

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

HARYANA

Surajkund crafts mela begins in Haryana:

The **32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela** has begun in **Haryana's Surajkund city**. It is to showcase richness and diversity of the handicrafts and cultural heritage of India. The mela has attained international stature with about 29 countries participating this year.

Uttar Pradesh is the **theme state** for the first time and it will be focusing on religious tourism, rural tourism and spiritual tourism apart from showcasing its art, culture and heritage in the mela. The **partner country** for this year mela is **Kyrgyz Republic**.

• Haryana State tourism minister: **Ram Bilas Sharma**

Kyrgyz Republic

- Capital: **Bishkek**
- Currency: **Kyrgyzstani som**

Haryana launches 'Gobardhan Yojana'

The Haryana government has launched the '**Gobardhan Yojana**'. It is to provide for the sale of organic manure and cow urine with an aim to benefit farmers. A provision of **Rs 11 crore** has been made to provide benefits of various projects

under this scheme. He also distributed cheques of the '**Fasal Bima Yojana**' to farmers at the event.

Haryana launches four subsidised food canteens:

The **Haryana government** launched **four canteens** which will serve subsidised and healthy food to the poor. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the food canteens at **Faridabad, Gurugram, Hisar, and Yamunanagar** via videoconferencing from **Chandigarh**. The canteens have been set up under the '**Antyodaya Aahaar Yojana**' to provide healthy, nutritious and hygienic food at only **Rs 10 per meal** to all poor and needy.

Haryana govt implements project to promote micro irrigation:

The **Haryana government** is implementing a special project of **Rs 435.23 crore** in 36 over exploited and critical blocks in 13 districts to encourage micro irrigation and recharge ground water in the state said by Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, **Dr Abhilaksh Likhi** and the **Canal Area Development Authority** were being implemented under the project.

Parivartan scheme launched in Haryana:

The **Haryana government** launched "**Parivartan**", a scheme designed to address 10 issues, including cleanliness and pollution, in 46 developmental blocks of the state. The scheme was launched by Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar**. The **10 issues** include facilitation of financing, making agriculture profitable and sustainable, improving health services, implementing Swachh Bharat, decongesting market areas, engaging the youth, checking air pollution, ensuring availability of identity-related services, effective policing, and ensuring road order and conduct.

The **46 officers (top officials of the state, including those from the IAS, IFS and IPS cadres)** will undertake works in the 10 selected common fields and one field of their choice.

Haryana

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

KARNATAKA

Karnataka panel proposes 3-colour official state flag:

A committee is constituted by the **Kannada and Culture department of the Karnataka government** to examine the feasibility of having a separate flag for the state. It recommends **three-coloured flag** to replace an unofficial two-coloured one currently used to signify local pride. It was led by chairman of Kannada Development Authority **G S Siddaramaya**.

12th International Conference on CSR Held in Bengaluru:

The **12th International Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility** was held in Bengaluru. In the conference, the **Prestigious Golden Peacock Award 2017** were presented. The leadership award for philanthropy and social change was presented to **Mr. Vineet Nayar, Founder Chairman, Sampark Foundation.**

India's biggest global pharma conference begins:

India's biggest **Global Conference on Pharma Industry and Medical Devices** began in Bengaluru. **Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilisers Ananth Kumar** inaugurated the three-day event.

The event is being organised by the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, along with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).

Theme: **'Driving NextGen Pharmaceuticals'**

Chandrayaan-2 Will Be Launched In April: Jitendra Singh

Chandrayaan-2, the lunar mission under which the ISRO attempts first time to land a rover on the moon's South Pole. It will be launched in April. It costs nearly **Rs 800 crore** and it will be made to land near the yet-unexplored south pole. In Chandrayaan-1 mission, ISRO has **spotted water on the moon.**

ISRO

- Headquarters: **Bengaluru**
- Chairman: **K Sivan**

PM Modi flags off Palace Queen Humsafar Express in Mysuru:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** flagged off the **Palace Queen Humsafar Express train** at the Mysuru railway station. The train will run from **Mysuru to Udaipur** in Rajasthan. The Prime Minister also dedicated a 140-km long fully electrified railway line from Mysuru to KSR Bengaluru to help the Indian Railways in achieving energy-efficient transport. The train will connect the five Western Indian states - Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

Karnataka

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

KERALA

Kerala's New Health Policy Makes Vaccination Card Mandatory for School Admission:

In its **New Health Policy**, the **Kerala government** has proposed to make **vaccination cards mandatory for children** seeking admission in first standard.

The **Pinarayi Vijayan** cabinet approved the draft health policy that was announced by Health Minister **KK Shylaja.**

Earlier the government had constituted a **17-member experts panel** headed by **Dr E Ekbal** to chalk out a **comprehensive health policy.** One of the key directives of the panel is to make vaccination compulsory for children. While enrolling children in schools, parents have to produce details of the vaccines administered to their wards. The panel has also proposed **special clinics for transgenders.**

KERALA

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

MADHYA PRADESH

Khajuraho Dance Festival Held in Madhya Pradesh:

The **44th edition of Khajuraho Dance Festival 2018** was held at **Khajuraho temple**, a UNESCO world heritage site in **Madhya Pradesh.** It was inaugurated by **Madhya Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel** and was organized by culture department of state government.

Khajuraho Dance Festival is an annual cultural festival that highlights the richness of various Indian classical dance styles. The 6-day festival showcased classical dances including Kathak, Odissi, Bharatnatyam, Kuchipudi, Kathakali, and Mohiniattam.

Madhya Pradesh

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

MAHARASHTRA

Maharashtra Government Approves New Wildlife Sanctuary at Ghodazari:

The **Maharashtra government** has approved **Ghodazari** in Chandrapur district as a new wildlife sanctuary in the state. The decision was taken at the **13th meeting** of the Maharashtra State Board for Wildlife, chaired by Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis.** The sanctuary is in the North East of Tadoba, will include 159 sq km of Brahmapuri forest. The sanctuary includes satbahini hills, Ghodazari Lake, Muktai Waterfall.

Maharashtra roots in 'MahaMitra' for youths to encourage the healthy use of social media for development:

Maharashtra has started an initiative to **connect with youth on social media-initiative** called as **"MahaMitra"**. Maharashtra government has started this initiative with an aim to **encourage youngsters** for coming forward and sharing their success stories and felicitating those working for a good cause as 'social media leaders'.

To achieve this, the state has launched a mobile application, where those interested can register

to participate in the selection process. So far, 25,000 people across the state have registered themselves on the app, also called **Social Media MahaMitra.**

Mumbai to Have India's First Artificial Intelligence Centre:

In a first in the country, the State government will be setting up an institute for **artificial intelligence (AI) in Mumbai.** The London-headquartered professional services firm **EY (Ernst & Young)** will implement the centre. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis will unveil the plan for the institute during the Magnetic Maharashtra Summit, and at the Global Economic Conference in Canada.

Virgin group inks pact for hyperloop to reduce Mumbai-Pune travel time to 25 minutes:

The **Virgin Group** signed an **"intent agreement"** with **Maharashtra government** to build a **hyperloop transportation system** between **Navi Mumbai International Airport** and **Pune.**

Announcement about the framework agreement was made by **Virgin Group Founder** and Virgin Hyperloop One chairman **Sir Richard Branson** at Magnetic Maharashtra event in the presence of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Maharashtra Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis.**

The **Hyperloop**, a fully electrical system with a capacity to travel at a speed of **1,000 km per hour**, aims to reduce the travel time between the two mega cities to 25 minutes from the three hours at present. The foundation stone was laid by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi.**

- Constituency of PM: **Varanasi (UP)**

Maharashtra to launch cheap sanitary pad scheme, "Asmita Yojana" for rural women:

Maharashtra government is all set to roll out its **"Asmita Yojana"** on the **International Women's Day** next month. Under the scheme, girls in **Zilla Parishad schools** will get a sanitary napkin packet at **Rs 5** while rural women can avail it at a subsidised rate of **Rs 24 and Rs 29.** **"Umed'- the Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission will be the nodal agency** for implementation of this scheme.

Under the scheme, beneficiary girls will be given **"Asmita Cards"**, while participating Self Help Groups (SHGs) will be entrusted with the task of the supply and sale of sanitary pads and counselling the girls and women.

Canadian PM Justin Trudeau to attend Canada-India Business Forum in Mumbai:

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will visit Mumbai as part of his week-long visit to India. Mr Trudeau is scheduled to attend **Canada - India Business Forum** at **Taj Mahal Palace Hotel.** He will have separate meetings with

business leaders as well as film personalities to explore future opportunities.

To promote Canada-India cooperation on a range of issues, Mr Trudeau will be joined by a delegation of six Canadian ministers, including Canada's Defence and Foreign Affairs Ministers.

Maharashtra

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

MIZORAM

NER's first regional Centre for Agriculture with Israeli collaboration to be inaugurated in Mizoram on 7th March:

A delegation led by Israeli Ambassador to India, **Mr Daniel Carmon** met the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, **Dr Jitendra Singh**. Israeli Ambassador informed that a **First Centre for Agriculture** in North East region of India, **with collaboration of Israeli expertise**, is going to be inaugurated in **Mizoram on 7th March** this year. Set up with a cost of Rs 8-10 crore, this centre is exclusively for processing of citrus fruits.

- Constituency of Dr Jitendra Singh: **Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir**

MIZORAM

- Capital: **Aizawl**
- Chief Minister: **Lal Thanhawla**
- Governor: **Nirbhay Sharma**

ODISHA

Odisha wins Geospatial world excellence award:

Odisha has bagged **Geospatial World Excellence Award-2018** for successful IT application. It is given for tracking of mineral production, dispatch and value accrued on real time basis through its i3MS website based software. The Award was given by Union Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences and Technology, **YS Chowdry** in the Geospatial World Forum Meeting held at Hyderabad.

Nuclear-Capable Prithvi-II Missile Successfully Test-Fired:

India has successfully test-fired its indigenously developed **nuclear capable Prithvi-II missile** as part of a user trial by the Army from a test range in Odisha. Its strike range of **350 km** was launched from the **Integrated Test Range at Chandipur**. Prithvi-II is capable of carrying **500-1,000 kilogram** of warheads and is thrustured by liquid propulsion twin engines.

India successfully test-fires Agni-II ballistic missile:

India's surface-to-surface Agni-II ballistic missile, with a strike range of **2 thousand kilometres** was test-fired successfully from the **Abdul Kalam Island, off Orissa coast**. As part of user trial, the Strategic Forces Command with logistics support from Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) carried out the test.

Odisha approves long-term linkage policy for bauxite:

The **Odisha government** approved a **Long-Term Linkage (LTL)** policy for **bauxite**, similar to the one it framed for iron ore. It would help **Vedanta's Lanjigarh alumina refinery** to source bauxite from government-owned **Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC)**. Due to raw material crunch, Vedanta had set a target to produce only **1.25 million tonnes** in 2017-18. As per Odisha State Cabinet's decision, **70 per cent** of the total production by OMC will now be available for long-term linkage.

'Dhanush' ballistic missile successfully test-fired:

India successfully test-fired the nuclear-capable **'Dhanush' ballistic missile** with a strike range of **350 km** from a naval ship off **Odisha coast**. The surface-to-surface missile, a naval variant of the indigenously-developed 'Prithvi' missile, was test-fired from the ship positioned near Paradip in the Bay of Bengal.

Odisha

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

PUNJAB

Amritsar to get Rs 100 crore for infrastructural development:

Amritsar, the city of Golden Temple will get **Rs 100 crores** for the execution of various development works. **Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh** announced a grant of **Rs.100 crore** for the execution of various development works in Amritsar while making it clear that paucity of funds would not be allowed to scuttle the execution of these projects.

Punjab

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

RAJASTHAN

Rajasthan to get International Educational Institution for Minorities:

Union minister **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi** said that an **International Educational Institution for Minorities** will be built in **Rajasthan's Alwar city** as part of the Centres ambitious plan to set up five such institutes across the country.

The plan for building these institutes was initially prepared in 2016 and an 11-member committee

was formed under former bureaucrat **Afzal Amanullah** to oversee it. The committee submitted its report to the Minority Affairs Ministry and after **March 2017** the work on this ambitious project started, he said. Government is also considering having **40 per cent reservation** for girls at these institutes.

- Union minister of Minority Affairs: **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**
- Constituency: **Uttar Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)**

Jaipur's Gandhi Nagar becomes country's first all-women railway station:

The **Gandhi Nagar railway station** in **Jaipur**, became the country's **first major railway station** to be **fully-managed by women**. In a unique initiative, the **North Western railway (NWR)** has deployed a female employee on every single post in the station, making it the first such station in the country.

Note: Matunga railway station of Mumbai is also managed by women and it is in the **suburban category** while **Gandhi Nagar railway station** is first in the **main line category**.

RAJASTHAN

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

TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu ties up with Microsoft for technology integration in education:

The **government of Tamil Nadu** announced signing an agreement with **IT Major Microsoft** to improve the integration of technology in teaching and learning in the state. The partnership was announced by minister for school education, Government of Tamil Nadu, **K. A. Sengottaiyan** at an event attended by academia and regulators. The partnership aims to reform education sector, build tech capacity and enhance digital literacy across all levels.

Tamil Nadu

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

TELANGANA

Floating Island to clean up Nekkampur Lake:

The **Floating Treatment Wetland (FTW)** was inaugurated on World Wetlands Day (February 2) in **Nekkampur Lake** in Hyderabad to clean and purify the polluted waterbody. Plants planted on FTW can clean the lake by absorbing nitrates and other pollutants in the water. FTW is joint effort of NGO Dhruvansh, Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA).

World Congress on Information Technology in Hyderabad:

The city is set to host two mega technology events — Nasscom India Leadership Forum (ILF) and the **22nd** edition of the **World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT)** was held in Hyderabad. The WCIT is being organised for the time in the country and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver inaugurate the summit through a video conference.

21st National Conference on e-Governance to begin in Hyderabad:

The **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India**, along with the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India in association with Government of Telangana is organizing the **21st National Conference on e-Governance** on February 26- 27, 2018 in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.

Telangana CM announces five lakh rupees health-cum-life insurance scheme for farmers:

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao has announced **five lakh rupees health-cum-life insurance scheme** for farmers in the state. Addressing the regional conference of Farmers' Coordination Committees held in Karimnagar, Mr Rao said the state government will pay the entire premium behalf of the farmer and allocate **500 crore rupees** in the coming budget for **implementation of the scheme**. He said the insurance scheme will benefit 70 lakh farmers in the state. The families of farmers will be paid the amount in case of farmer's death, in the accident or naturally.

Fifteen Edition of BioAsia 2018 Held in Hyderabad:

The **15th edition of BioAsia**, the annual flagship event of the Government of Telangana, was held **Hyderabad**. The **theme of BioAsia 2018** was "**Right Time, Right Now**" focusing on strategies to keep up with the pace of change and innovative ways to develop new models for distribution & healthcare delivery.

Telangana, Taiwan signs agreement for better technology partnership:

The **Telangana Government** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Taoyuan City of **Taiwan** for **better technology partnership in the state**. The World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT) 2018, concluded earlier today with Telangana, India handing over the baton to Armenia for the 2019 edition.

IT Minister **K T Rama Rao** and principal secretary **Jayesh Ranjan** signed the agreement with **Robert Huang**, Director of the Board of Taiwan company at World IT Congress 2018 at HICC in **Hyderabad**.

TAIWAN

- Capital: **Taipei**
- Currency: **New Taiwan dollar**
- President: **Tsai Ing-wen**

Telangana

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

UTTARAKHAND

Centre sanctions Rs 1,500 cr for organic farming in Uttarakhand:

The Centre has sanctioned **Rs 1,500 crore for three years to promote organic farming in Uttarakhand**. The amount was sanctioned by **Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh**. The Union minister also cleared a **proposal worth Rs 2,600 crore** for the co-operative sector in the state. Of which, **Rs 200 crore** is meant for the **reorganisation of sugar mills**.

Cabinet approves Silkyara Bend-Barkot Tunnel in Uttarkhand as part of 'Chardham Mahamarg Pariyojana':

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi**, has given its approval to the construction of **4.531 km long 2-Lane Bi-Directional Silkyara Bend – Barkot Tunnel** with escape passage including approaches on Dharasu - Yamunotri section between Chainage 25.400 Km. and Chainage 51.000 Km in **Uttarakhand** as part of '**Chardham Mahamarg Pariyojana**'.

The total project cost is **Rs. 1383.78 crore**. The construction period of the project is **4 years**. The project will be implemented by the **Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH)**, through National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (**NHIDCL**), a wholly state owned company, formed in 2014 for development of highways in states on the international borders.

Process for geo-tagging water sources in Himalayas initiated: Uma Bharti

As a special initiative, Union Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation, **Sushri Uma Bharti**, launched the **Bagori Ganga Gram project, New Swajal Project** (drinking water programme) at Bagori and **Gangotri Iconic Placeat Dunda village in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand**.

As a first step to it, the Minister inaugurated solid and liquid waste management scheme of **Rs 11.88 lakh** at Bagori. Centre has decided to give **27 crore rupees** to Uttarakhand for the implementation of this projects. She also initiated the **Process for Geo-Tagging water sources in Himalayas**.

Uttarakhand

- Capital: **Dehradun**
- Chief Minister: **Trivendra Singh Rawat**

- Governor: **Krishan Kant Paul**

UTTAR PRADESH

High Performance Computing facility launched in Noida:

Ministry of Earth Science (MoES) has inaugurated **high performance computer system (HPC)** or **supercomputer Mihir** (meaning sun) at National Centre for **Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), Noida**. It is an initiative to improve India's weather forecasting. It will propel the country's ranking from the **368th position to the top 30 in list of HPC facilities across the world**.

Ministry of Earth Science

- Union Minister: **Harsh Vardhan**
- Constituency: **Chandni Chowk, Delhi**

UP in Association with UNICEF Launches DASTAK Campaign:

Uttar Pradesh State government in association with **UNICEF** has launched massive door to door campaign **DASTAK**. It aims to eradicate deadly **Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) and Japanese Encephalitis (JE)** disease in the state. The **United Nations International Children's Education Fund (UNICEF)** is a UN program headquartered in New York City, the USA. **Henrietta H. Fore** is the **Executive Director of UNICEF**.

UNICEF

- Headquarters: **New York City**
- President: **Tore Hattrem**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the UP Investors Summit in Lucknow:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **UP Investors Summit in Lucknow**. The mega event, organised by the **Yogi Adityanath government**, is aimed at showcasing investment opportunities and potential across various sectors in Uttar Pradesh.

The **focus of the summit** will be on the key sectors like farming, dairy, information technology, civil aviation, tourism, electronics, MSME, and renewable energy. The goal is to create **10 lakh jobs** in next five years and to develop under-developed region

Uttar Pradesh becomes 1st Indian state to clear projects digitally:

Uttar Pradesh (UP) has become the **first state in India** where business and investment projects can now be **cleared digitally**, without any human interface. This has become possible with launch of '**Nivesh Mitra**', a digital platform which will serve as a **single-window clearance system**. This Mitra was launched by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** during the inauguration session of the **UP Investors' Summit** in Lucknow. **Nivesh Mitra replaces Udyog Bandhu**. Under Udyog Bandhu processes were

eased significantly but one would still need to go through at least one government officer.

PM Modi announces Rs 20,000 crore defence corridor for Bundelkhand:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** announced an **Rs 20,000-crore** for **defence industrial corridor** in **Bundelkhand** for development of one of the most backward regions of **Uttar Pradesh**. This corridor **will connect Agra, Aligarh, Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi and Chitrakoot**.

The government early this month announced the **first corridor** between **Chennai and Bengaluru** which would also pass through Coimbatore and several other industrial clusters. It will link Kattupalli port, Chennai, Tiruchirapalli, Coimbatore and Hosur.

Uttar Pradesh

- Capital: **Lucknow**
- Chief Minister: **Yogi Adityanath**
- Governor: **Ram Naik**

WEST BENGAL

West Bengal Becomes First State to Opt Out Of 'Modicare'

Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** has announced the decision to opt out of **Centre's 'Modicare' scheme**. This makes West Bengal the first state to withdraw from the ambitious programme. Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had announced the National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) or modicare. It is the biggest global plan to provide quality health cover to a population larger than the combined citizenry of the US, UK, Germany and France.

West Bengal

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

INTERNATIONAL

India Joins Ashgabat Agreement:

India has joined the **Ashgabat agreement** which envisages setting up of an **international transport and transit corridor linking central Asia with the Persian Gulf**. It is to significantly improve the trade and investment. **Turkmenistan**, as Depository State of Ashgabat Agreement, informed India that all the **four founding members have consented to the accession of India**. The other founding members of the agreement are **Iran, Oman and Uzbekistan**.

Turkmenistan

- Capital: **Ashgabat**, Currency: **Turkmenistan manat**.

Uzbekistan

- Capital: **Tashkent**, Currency: **Uzbekistani som**

New Manchester-India Partnership set up in UK to expand trade opportunities

A new **Manchester-India Partnership (MIP)** aimed at connecting Indian companies with the northern regions of England has been set up to further trade, investment, science and innovation ties between India and Britain. The Chair of the Manchester-India Partnership is Manchester Airport CEO **Andrew Cowan**.

- Minister of State in the UK Department for International Trade: **Rona Fairhead**.

MoS Textiles Ajay Tamta Inaugurates India Pavilion In Germany:

The Minister of State for Textiles Ajay Tamta inaugurated **India Pavilion at Ambiente 2018 in Frankfurt, Germany**. It is one of the oldest established and well-known fairs for presentation of new products, new trends and new innovations.

Germany is major market for Indian products and **Ambiente is an important marketing medium** for Indian company's world over.

Indian Navy Can Access to Duqm port in Oman:

The Indian Navy will now be able to use the facilities at **Duqm port in Oman** following the signing of a pact between the two countries. It is located in Arabian Sea and now it can be used for **military use and logistical support**. The agreement provide facilities for the visit of Indian military vessels to Duqm port in terms of services and the use of the dry-dock for maintenance.

MoU Signed between Botanical Survey of India and Natural History Museum, UK:

Botanical Survey of India (BSI) and Natural History Museum (NHM), UK signed a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in the field of **genetic/taxonomic studies, research and training, conservation in India**. The MoU was signed by Director, BSI Dr Paramjit Singh and Head of the Algae, Fungi and Plants Division, NHM, Dr Sandra Knapp, in the presence of **Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Dr Harsh Vardhan**.

Dr Satya Pal Singh, MoS, HRD Successfully Leads the Indian Delegation to 20th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers Held In Fiji:

Dr. Satya Pal Singh, Minister of State, Ministry of Human Resource Development; and Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India led the Indian delegation to the **20th Conference of the Commonwealth Education Ministers (20CCEM)** held in Nadi, Fiji during 19-23 February 2018. **Theme** of the Conference was **"Sustainability and Resilience: Can Education Deliver?"**

PM Modi to visit Palestine, UAE, Oman

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will have a packed schedule during his four days visit to **Palestine,**

UAE and Oman from 9th Feb. Joint Secretary (West Asia and North Africa, WANA) **Dr Bala Bhaskar** said, India is committed to deepen its engagement with Palestine.

In **Dubai**, Prime Minister would be addressing the **Sixth World Government Summit** being at which India has been extended '**Guest of Honour**' status and he will lay the foundation of a **Hindu temple** in **Abu Dhabi**. **Twelve agreements** will be signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the **UAE**.

SpaceX launches Falcon Heavy, world's most powerful rocket:

The US entrepreneur Elon Musk has launched his new rocket, **the Falcon Heavy**. It has been launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida towards Mars. The big new rocket blasted off on its first test flight, carrying a red sports car aiming for an endless road trip past Mars. It aims to make spaceflight cheaper and easier.

Space Exploration Technologies

Corp.,(SpaceX), is a private American aerospace manufacturer and space transport services company headquartered in **Hawthorne, California**. CEO: **Elon Musk**.

Donald Trump unveils massive USD 1.5 trillion infrastructure plan:

US President Donald Trump unveiled a massive **USD 1.5 trillion plan** to modernise America's infrastructure including **USD 200 billion** in federal funding. The plan addresses more than traditional infrastructure — like roads, bridges and airports— as well as drinking and wastewater systems, waterways, water resources, energy, rural infrastructure, public lands, veterans' hospitals and Brownfield and Superfund sites.

The plan will strengthen the economy, make the country more competitive, reduce the costs of goods and services for American families.

UN Mission: Indian Army Contributes 2,300 Personnel

About 2,300 Indian Army personnel are leaving for **South Sudan** to join the **UN peacekeeping mission** in the war-torn African country. The Army personnel joining the UN mission are from Infantry battalion of **Garhwal Rifles regiment**. Last year, a total of 7,606 Indian peacekeepers were deployed in UN missions.

Three Day Munich Security Conference held at Germany:

The Munich Security Conference, in its 54th edition, began in Munich, Germany, amidst strict security measures for more than 4,000 security personnel. Three day conference held from 16th feb to 18th feb 2018. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterich, began the session.

AUSTRALIA**India and Australia signs MOU for Secondment Programme:**

The Union Cabinet approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for a **Secondment Programme between India and Australia**. It aims at better understanding of current economic policy issues between the two countries.

The MoU will be signed between India's **Department of Economic Affairs and Australia's Treasury for three months**.

Shri J P Nadda addresses Global Digital Health Partnership Symposium at Australia:

"**Digital Health**" has a great potential towards reducing inequity in provisioning and distribution of healthcare resources and services. This was stated by **Shri J P Nadda**, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare during his address at the **Global Digital Health Partnership Symposium at Sydney, Australia**.

The **first goal** is to ensure **district-level electronic database** of information on health system components **by 2020**. The **second goal** is to **strengthen the health surveillance system** and establish registries for diseases of public health importance **by 2020**. The **third goal** pushes us to work for establishment of **federated national e-health architecture**; setting-up of **Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP)** is intended to establish first health information exchanges and national Health Information Network **by 2025**.

AUSTRALIA

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

CANADA**India inks pact with Canada's IDRC:**

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) between **India** and **Canada's IDRC** to usher the '**Programme Based Research Support**' in addressing current and future global and local developmental challenges was signed. During the last five years (2012-17), 96 research projects worth **CAD 51 million** were funded by the IDRC in India.

A MoU signed between **Shri S. Selvakumar**, Joint Secretary (Bilateral Cooperation), Department of Economic Affairs and **Dr. Jean Lebel**, the President of IDRC, Canada.

Canadian minister launches Maple Assist App:

Maple Assist Inc. has launched the **Maple Assist App**, a groundbreaking mobile application designed to be a **one-stop shop** for all you need

to know **about studying in Canada**. Developed in India, the Maple Assist App is supported by four leading colleges from Ontario, Durham College, Fanshawe College, Georgian College and St. Clair College.

It is expected to reach out to over 100,000 international students desirous of studying in Canada, hailing from countries like **India, China, Philippines, Japan, Brazil and Mexico**. The Maple Assist App was launched by **Navdeep Bains**, Canada's Minister for Innovation, Science and Economic Development. The new venture is also supported by Scotia Bank, Air Canada, HDFC Credila, and the Indo-Canadian Business Chamber (ICBC).

Canada

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

CHINA**China reopens Nathu La route for Mansarovar yatra:**

China has confirmed "**resumption**" of **Kailash Mansarovar Yatra** through the **Nathu La route**, Minister of State for External Affairs VK Singh has said. He also noted that the Kailash Mansarovar yatra via Nathu La was not undertaken last year after the Chinese government cited "unfavourable conditions" to ensure the safe and smooth conduct of the yatra on this route. The yatra was stopped by China in the aftermath of the military face-off with India last year at Doklam.

China to Host 2018 SCO Summit

The **2018 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** summit will be held in the **city of Qingdao, China** in June. The SCO focuses on security-related issues of the region specially on counter terrorism cooperation. The SCO is comprised of **China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan**. India and Pakistan were admitted as full members of the organisation in 2017.

Govt imposes anti-dumping duty on ceramicware from China to protect domestic producers:

India has imposed **anti-dumping duty** on **import of ceramic tableware and kitchenware from China** in a bid to protect domestic producers. Ceramic tableware and kitchenware shipped in from China will attract an anti-dumping duty of 1.04 US Dollar per kg, making the imports expensive.

All India Pottery Manufacturers' Association (AIPMA) and the Indian Ceramic Society had approached the **Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD)** for imposition of the levy on the items. Based on the recommendations of DGAD, the revenue department in the finance ministry has slapped

the duty. Earlier, a provisional anti-dumping duty was imposed in June 2017.

China as vice-president of FATF:

India congratulated **China** on its election as **vice-president** of the **global money laundering watchdog, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, a development that comes on the back of news reports and speculation that a deal on giving China a larger role in the FATF had been reached.

It is an **inter-governmental policy-making body** that aims to establish international standards for combating money laundering and terrorist financing. It was established in 1989 during the **G7 Summit in Paris** (France) to combat the growing problem of money laundering.

China

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

INDONESIA**India, Indonesia joint military drill begins in Bandung:**

The **Indian and Indonesian armies** began the **sixth edition of their annual military exercises "Garuda Shakti"** in the **West Java province** of the archipelago country. The opening ceremony of the two-week Garuda Shakti military drill was held at **Bandung**. Indian Ambassador to Indonesia **Pradeep Kumar Rawat** attended the opening ceremony along with Indonesian military officers. The two sides renewed their commitment to deepen defence and security exchanges.

INDONESIA

- Capital: **Jakarta**
- Currency: **Indonesian rupiah**
- President: **Joko Widodo**

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's Visit to India:

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has arrived in Hyderabad as a three day visit to India. He will visit Makkah Masjid and will meet Prime minister, President and Vice-President. They would exchange views on regional and international issues. India and Iran sign several MoUs. The pacts were signed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting Iran **President Hassan Rouhani** at New Delhi. The MoU signed are,

- **Avoidance of double taxation**
- **Prevention of Fiscal Evasion** with respect to taxes on Income, exemption from Visa requirement for holders of Diplomatic Passports
- Lease Contract for **Shahid Beheshti Port- Phase 1 of Chabahar** for 18 months

- Cooperation in the field of **Traditional Systems of Medicine**

- Establishment of an **Expert Group** on Trade Remedy Measures to promote cooperation in areas of mutual interest

- Cooperation in the **field of Agriculture and Allied Sectors**

- Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine

- **Postal Cooperation.**

Iran

- Capital: **Tehran**
- Currency: **Iranian Rial**

JAPAN

Japan Launches Smallest Rocket Ever to Carry Tiny Satellite into Orbit:

The country's **Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)** has successfully launched the smallest-ever rocket to carry a satellite into orbit. The rocket set off from the **Uchinoura Space Center**. It carried the **TRICOM-1R**, a three-unit cubesat, into lower Earth orbit where it will observe the Earth with a set of cameras.

Japan

- Capital: **Tokyo**
- Currency: **Japanese Yen**
- Prime Minister: **Shinzo Abe**

KENYA

India notifies revised tax treaty with Kenya:

The government has notified **revised tax treaty** between **India** and **Kenya** which provides for lower withholding tax rate and mutual assistance in collection of tax revenue claims a finance ministry statement said. In order to promote cross border flow of **investments** and **technology**, the revised DTAA provides for reduction in withholding tax rate on dividend and interest to **10 per cent** from 15 per cent.

KENYA

- Capital: **Nairobi**
- Currency: **Kenyan shilling**
- President : **Uhuru Kenyatta**

NEPAL

SAARC Business Leaders will gather in Kathmandu next month to take part in SAARC Business Leaders' Conclave:

Business leaders of **SAARC** member nations will gather in **Kathmandu** next month to take part in the **SAARC Business Leaders' Conclave** scheduled to be held from **March 16 to 18**, with an objective to **promote investment, innovation and entrepreneurship in the region.**

SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SAARC-CCI) President Suraj Vaidya said, the bi-annual event of the SAARC-CCI is going to be held in Nepal for the second time and the government

is going to host the regional event jointly with SAARC-CCI.

Nepal

- Prime minister: **Khadga Prasad Oli**
- Currency: **Nepalese rupee**
- Capital: **Kathmandu**

OMAN

India And Oman Sign 8 Agreements:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held wide-ranging talks with the **Sultan of Oman Sultan Qaboos** and signed eight agreements. **The list of Agreements/MOUs signed on the occasion of the visit of Prime Minister of Oman:**

- Agreement of Legal Judicial Cooperation in **civil and Commercial Matters.**
 - Agreement of Mutual Visa Exemption for Holders of **Diplomatic, Special, Service and Official Passports.**
 - MoU on Cooperation in the **field of Health.**
 - MoU for Cooperation in the **peaceful uses of outer space.**
 - MoU cooperation between **Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, India and Oman Diplomatic Institute.**
 - MoU **Academic and Scholarly Cooperation Sectors** between National Defence College, Sultanate of Oman and the Institute for Defence studies and analyses.
 - MoU in the **Field of Tourism Cooperation** between India and Oman.
 - Annexure to the MoU on **Military Cooperation.**
- #### OMAN
- Capital: **Muscat**
 - Currency: **Omani Rial**

PALESTINE

India, Palestine sign six infrastructure agreements:

List of MoUs/Agreements signed during visit of Prime Minister to Palestine:

- MOU between India and Palestine for setting up of India-Palestine **Super-specialty hospital** at Beit Sahour in Bethelhem Governorate at a cost of **US\$ 30 million**
- MOU between India and Palestine for construction of India Palestine Centre for Empowering women, "**Turathi**" at a cost of **US\$ 5 million**
- MOU between India and Palestine for setting up of new **National Printing Press** at Ramallah at a cost of **US\$ 5 million**
- MOU between India and Palestine Construction of **school in Muthalth Al Shuhada Village** at a cost of **US\$ 1 million**
- MOU between India and Palestine **Construction of school** in Tamoon

village in Tubas Governorate in Palestine at a cost of **US\$ 1.1 million**

- MOU between India and Palestine Assistance of US\$ 0.25 million for construction of **additional floor to Jawahar Lal Nehru** for Boys at Abu Dees

Palestine

- Currency: **Israeli new shekel**
- Capital: **East Jerusalem**
- President: **Mahmoud Abbas**
- Prime minister: **Rami Hamdallah**

QATAR

Qatar Airways plans to start airline in India says airline's CEO:

Qatar Airways has plans to launch an **airline in India** with at least 100 planes, the airline's chief executive **Akbar Al Baker** said. In **March 2017**, Baker had said Qatar Airways plans to set up an airline in India along with the **Gulf nation's sovereign wealth fund**. India has permitted foreign investors, barring foreign airlines, to own up to **100 per cent stake** in local carriers.

QATAR

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

RWANDA

Rwanda: The Poorest Country to Provide Eye Care:

Rwanda has become the first low-income country to provide **universal eye care** for its 12 million population. The government has partnered with the organisation **Vision for a Nation (VFAN)** to train more than 3,000 eye care nurses.

Rwanda's minister of Health: Diane Gashumba.

Rwanda

- **Capital:** Kigali
- **President:** Paul Kagame
- **Currency:** Rwandan franc

SAUDI ARABIA

Sushma Swaraj Visit To Saudi Arabia:

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will attend the opening ceremony of the **32nd Al Jana-driyah festival in Riyadh**. India has been invited as the Guest of Honour country for the festival. During her three day visit, she will meet with the Saudi leadership to discuss bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest.

Saudi Arabia temporarily bans poultry imports from India over bird flu:

Saudi Arabia has **temporarily banned imports of live birds**, hatching eggs and chicks from **India** after a form of bird flu that is highly lethal for poultry was found in the south Asian country. In January, India had reported an

outbreak of a highly contagious bird flu virus near Bengaluru in the southern state of Karnataka.

Saudi Arabia allows women to start business without male permission:

Women in Saudi Arabia can now open their **own businesses without the consent of a husband or male relative**, as the kingdom pushes to expand a fast-growing private sector. This policy change by **Saudi Arabia government** is seen as a move towards expansion of private sector and women employment.

Saudi Arabia to host first Arab Fashion Week in Riyadh:

Saudi Arabia will debut with its **first ever Arab Fashion Week** in **Riyadh** in March this year. The move is another example of the opening up of the country under Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman's ambitious transformation programme. The Dubai-based Arab Fashion Council said the fashion week will be held in Riyadh from March 26 to March 31, with a second edition already scheduled for October.

Saudi Arabia

- Capital: **Riyadh**
- Currency: **Saudi riyal**
- Crown Prince: **Mohammad Bin Salman**

SINGAPORE

Singapore to impose carbon tax from 2019:

Singapore said it would **impose a "carbon tax"** from **next year** to **cut its greenhouse gas emissions** and make companies more competitive as global agreements on climate change take effect. The carbon tax in Singapore, to be applied to all sectors, will be **Sg\$5.0 (\$3.8) per tonne** of greenhouse gas emissions from **2019 to 2023**.

Singapore ranks **26th** out of 142 countries in terms of emissions per capita based on the latest **International Energy Agency** data largely due to its small size and dense population.

- Singapore Finance minister: **Heng Swee Keat**

SINGAPORE

- Capital: **Singapore**
- Currency: **Dollar**
- President: **Halimah Yacob**

SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka Celebrates 70th Independence Day:

Sri Lanka celebrated the **70th Independence Day** (4th Feb) in a grand ceremony at the Galle Face Green in Colombo. The theme of today's ceremony is **"One Nation"**. Representing Britain's Queen, Prince Edward participated in the celebrations as Chief Guests in presence of President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe.

India International Textiles Expo begins in Colombo:

A three -day **India International Textiles Expo (IITExpo) of India** began in Sri Lanka capital of **Colombo**. It is being organized by **Powerloom Development & Export Promotion Council (PDEXCIL)** with the support of **Union Ministry of Textiles & Ministry of Commerce & Industry**. Sri Lanka minister of Special Assignments **Dr. Sarath Amunugama** inaugurated the event.

He urged Sri Lanka to make use of fully-funded training opportunities in India, under **Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC)** programme, in which a number of slots is earmarked for textile related subjects.

SRILANKA

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

SWEDEN

Sweden provides \$370 million dollars to UN WFP:

Sweden and the United Nations World Food Programme has signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement. It has committed **\$370 million dollars** to WFP over the next four years. The WFP is the food-assistance branch of the United Nations. The contribution for the period **2018-2021** is the biggest ever made by a donor within a WFP Strategic Partnership Agreement.

Sweden

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

THAILAND

Cobra Gold military exercises 2018 begins in Thailand:

The **United States** and **Thailand** will kick off the 2018 iteration of the annual Cobra Gold exercises – an engagement that began as a bilateral drill between the two allies and has now grown into **Asia's largest multinational drill**. This was the **37th iteration of exercise**. A U.S. Marine drinks the blood of a cobra during a jungle survival exercise as part of the **"Cobra Gold 2018"** (CG18) joint military exercise, at a military base in **Chonburi province, Thailand**.

THAILAND

- Currency: **Thai baht**
- Capital: **Bangkok**

TONGA

India gives \$1 mn for rehabilitation work in cyclone-hit Tonga:

India has contributed **USD one million** for the rehabilitation efforts in **Tonga** after

the **Tropical Cyclone Gita** caused massive destruction in the **Pacific island nation**.

India has allocated USD 500,000 in the India-UN Development Partnership Fund for rehabilitation purpose and USD 500,000 will be given for immediate relief assistance. The India-UN Development Partnership Fund is led and supported by **Indian Government**. It is managed by the **United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation**.

TONGA

- Capital: **Nuku'alofa**
- Currency: **Tongan pa'anga**

United Arab Emirates

Dubai retains rank as world's busiest international airport:

Dubai International Airport has held on to its **No 1 ranking as the world's busiest airport** for international travel, after seeing some 88.2 million passengers in 2017. **Dubai Airports CEO Paul Griffiths** says he expects the airport to see 90.3 million passengers in 2018. It first surpassed **London Heathrow**, previously the world's busiest airport for international traffic, back in 2014 – and has kept the title ever since.

PM Modi Lays Foundation Stone of First Hindu Temple in Abu Dhabi:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially launched the foundation stone-laying ceremony for the **first Hindu temple in in Al Wathba, Abu Dhabi, the capital city of United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. This is the first stone temple to be built in Abu Dhabi off Dubai-Abu Dhabi highway and it will be completed by **2020**.

World's first 'autonomous pods' unveiled in Dubai:

The **UAE's Road and Transport Authority (RTA)** showcased the **world's first driverless pods** at the **World Government Summit**. The autonomous vehicles are meant to travel short to medium distances, and will have a capacity to accommodate 10 passengers. Each pod is fitted with a battery that can last up to three hours, and can be recharged over six hours. **Director-General and Chairman** of the Board of Executive Directors of the **RTA: Mattar al-Tayer**.

World's Tallest Hotel in Dubai:

The world's tallest hotel has been opened in **Dubai, UAE**. The global city also boasts of the **world's tallest building**, the **Burj Khalifa**, which is 828 metres tall. The 75 storey **Gevora Hotel** stands at 356 metres and has 528 rooms. It is one metre taller than the previous record holder, the **JW Marriott Marquis**, which is also in Dubai.

PM Modi to address World Government Summit in Dubai:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver the keynote **address** at the inaugural day of the **World Government Summit in Dubai**. India has been given the status of Guest of Honour at the Summit. More than **140 countries** are participating in the Summit. Twenty Heads of States, head of governments and International organizations are likely to participate in the World Government Summit.

India and UAE signs Five MoU:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held wide-ranging talks with **Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**.

The 5 agreements are:

- MoU to institutionalize the collaborative **administration of contractual employment of Indian workers in UAE**.
- MoU for **Technical Cooperation in Railways**.
- MoU between **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** and **Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX)**
- MoU between **Indian Consortium (OVL, BPRL & IOCL)** and **ADNOC**
- MoU between **Government of Jammu and Kashmir** and **DP World**: It seeks to establish multi-modal logistics park and hub in Jammu comprising warehouses and specialized storage solutions.

UAE

- Capital: **Abu Dhabi**
- Currency: **United Arab Emirates dirham**

United Kingdom

UK, India launch joint research projects on clean water & energy:

The **UK- India Joint research projects on Water Quality Research and Energy Demand Reduction in Built Environment** were launched in **New Delhi**. The projects were jointly launched by NITI Aayog member **Dr V K Saraswat**, Department of Science and Technology Secretary **Ashutosh Sharma** and Research Councils UK- India Director **Daniel Shah**.

The Water Quality Research programme has **eight projects** and Energy Demand Reduction in Built Environment programme has four projects, with a total joint investment of up to **15 million British Pound**.

UK

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

BANKING & BUSINESS

FY16 GDP Growth Revised up to 8.2%, FY17 Unchanged at 7.1%- CSO:

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) revised the gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate for

2015-16 to 8.2% from the earlier estimates of **8%** and kept the **2016-17** growth unchanged at **7.1%**.

The real GDP or GDP at constant (2011-12) prices for the years 2016-17 and 2015-16 stand at Rs121.96 trillion and Rs113.86 trillion respectively, according to the CSO statement. The **GVA (gross value added) at constant (2011-12) basic prices grew 7.1 per cent in 2016- 17**, as against a growth of **8.1 percent in 2015-16**.

Google Introduces an App: Bulletin:

Google has introduced a new app named "**Bulletin**" in a limited edition and it is available in **Nashville, Tennessee and Oakland, California**. It allows anybody to submit **stories about their communities**. It is a free, lightweight app for telling a story by capturing photos, video clips and text right from your phone and it can be published straight to the web.

Google

- CEO: **Sundar Pichai**
- Parent organization: **Alphabet Inc.,**
- Headquarters: **California, USA**

Indian Overseas Bank receives Rs173.06 crore capital infusions from government:

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has received **Rs173.06 crore** capital infusions from the government in the current fiscal. It is the preferential allotment of equity shares of the bank as government's investment during the **2017-18** fiscal.

Cochin Shipyard Limited Signs MoU with Russian Firm USC:

Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and **United Shipbuilding Corporation (USC)**, **Russia** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU). It aims to boost transportation & trade along India's Inland waterways under Sagarmala & Make-in-India programmes. It is to collaborate and engage in design, development and execution of high-end, state-of-art vessels for inland and coastal waterways.

The MOU was signed by

1. **Madhu S Nair**, MD, Cochin Shipyard Limited
2. **Alexey Rakhmanov**, president, United Shipbuilding Corporation

CRISIL, SIDBI Launch India's First MSE Sentiment Index:

The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs **Shri Arun Jaitley** launched **CriSidEx**. It is India's first sentiment index for micro and small enterprises (MSEs) developed jointly by **CRISIL & SIDBI**.

CriSidEx is a composite index based on a diffusion index of 8 parameters and measures MSE business sentiment on a scale of 0 (extremely negative) to 200 (extremely positive).

Govt: Sale of Entire Public Stake in DCIL

The Government has decided to sell off its entire public stake in **Dredging Corporation of India Ltd. (DCIL)**. It was released by **Department of shipping**. This decision aims to upgrade technology, improve capability, infuse capital to buy necessary dredgers/equipments and instill experienced professional management to optimize operations of the DCIL.

Centre for Science and Environment top green policy think tank in India:

The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has been ranked the top environment policy think tanks in India while it has secured the **16th position in global rankings**, climbing up two positions from the last year.

In the '**Energy and Resource Policy Think Tanks**' category, CSE has been ranked the **second in India** and **38th in the world**. In the '**Best Independent Think Tanks**' category, the green body has been ranked **6th** and **123rd in the world**. The rank was given by **The Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP)** of the **Lauder Institute** at the University of Pennsylvania.

RBI: 6th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy

The Reserve Bank of India kept the **repo rates** unchanged at **6 percent**. The **reverse repo rate** under the LAF remains at **5.75 percent**, and the **marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at 6.25 percent**. GVA growth for **2017-18** is projected at **6.6%**. GVA growth for **2018-19** is projected at **7.2%** overall with risks evenly balanced.

RBI to Link Base Rate with MCLR

The Reserve Bank will link the **base rate for loans given by banks to the MCLR starting April 1, 2018** i.e. from the new financial year. It has been decided to harmonize the methodology of determining benchmark rates by linking base rate to MCLR as it is more sensitive to policy rate signals. The Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rates (MCLR) system was introduced on **April 1, 2016** to tackle the problems of the Base Rate regime.

RBI

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

India Ranks 44th in Global Intellectual Property Index

The **Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC)** of the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce** stated that India ranked **44th** of 50 economies. In 2017, India has ranked as 45th position and now it has jumped one rank to 44th.

The top 3 countries are:

- **The USA**
- **The United Kingdom**
- **Sweden**

IndusInd Bank Launches New Sonic Identity:

IndusInd Bank launched its **new Sonic Identity**, which is essentially a musical logo, as part of its branding initiatives. The Sonic Identity is derived from core values of innovation, courage and dynamism as well as its strong desire to place customers first.

IndusInd Bank

- Chairman: **R. Seshasayee**
- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- Owner: **Hinduja Group**

First Ever Job Search App 'Empzilla' Launched:

A chat based job search **mobile app 'Empzilla'**, first ever of its kind in the country. It has been launched under "**Digital India**" initiative. The mobile app gets the conversation between employers and job seekers going in seconds.

CCI Slaps Rs 136 Crore Fine on Google:

The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** imposed a fine of **Rs 136 crore** on search engine major Google. It has been for unfair business practices in the Indian market for online search. The ruling has come on complaints filed by **Matrimony.com and Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS)**, in 2012, against Google LLC, Google India Pvt Ltd and Google Ireland Ltd.

CCI

- Chairperson: **Devender Kumar Sikri**
- Headquarters: **New Delhi**

Forbes: Cryptocurrency Rich List

Forbes has released the **first ever Cryptocurrency rich list 2018**. It is a compilation of the 20 wealthiest people in crypto. There are now nearly **1,500 crypto-assets** in existence, valued at an aggregate of **\$550 billion**.

The Forbes' Crypto Rich List:

1. **Chris Larsen** Cofounder, Ripple \$7.5 billion - \$8 billion
2. **Joseph Lubin** Cofounder, Ethereum and Founder, Consensys \$1 billion - \$5 billion
3. **Changpeng Zhao** CEO, Binance, \$1.1 billion - \$2 billion

Cabinet Approves New Criteria for Classifying MSMEs:

The Cabinet approved amendments to a law to change the criteria for classifying MSMEs **from investment in plant and machinery to annual turnover**. The proposed amendments to the **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006** were approved by the Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. As per the proposed classifications, enterprises having annual turnover less than **Rs 5 crore will fall under the 'micro' category**.

Units having turnover between Rs 5 crore to Rs 75 crore will be classified as **small**

enterprises, whereas those having turnover between **Rs 75 crore and Rs 250 crore** will be classified as **Medium enterprises**.

SBI Write Off Bad Loans Worth over Rs 20,000 Crore:

The country's largest lender SBI write off bad loans worth **Rs 20,339 crore in 2016-17**. It is the highest among all the public sector banks, which had a collective write off of **Rs 81,683 crore for the fiscal**. Besides SBI, **Punjab National Bank** had a write-off of **Rs 9,205 crore** in 2016-17, followed by **Bank of India (Rs 7,346 crore), Canara Bank (Rs 5,545 crore)**.

SBI

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- Chairperson: **Rajnish Kumar**

ONGC Videsh, Partners Acquire 10% Stake In Abu Dhabi Oilfield

ONGC Videsh Ltd and its partners have acquired a **10 percent** in a large offshore oilfield in Abu Dhabi, **Abu Dhabi National Oil Co.'s (ADNOC)** for USD 600 million. The current production of this field is about **400,000 barrels of oil per day** (20 million tonnes per annum) and Indian consortium's annual share shall be about 2 million tonnes. It was signed in Abu Dhabi in presence of **Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi**.

ONGC

- Headquarters: **Uttarakhand**
- CEO: **Shashi Shanker**

Thailand emerges as the most congested country in world; Los Angeles tops most gridlocked cities list:

The **US** has emerged the **most congested country** in the developed world, accounting for 10 of the top 25 cities worldwide with the worst traffic congestion, according to **transportation analytics company INRIX**. The **most congested country** in the world is **Thailand**, with drivers spending an average of 56 hours in peak-hour congestion. The top 10 most congested countries, 2017 are:

Global country:

- Thailand
- Indonesia
- Colombia

Global city:

- Los Angeles
- Moscow
- New York City

India retains top spot as source market for Dubai in 2017:

Dubai witnessed **15 percent growth in tourist arrivals from India** in 2017, hosting 2.1 million visitors, retaining **top spot** as the **source market**. India also became the first country to

cross the 2 million mark in a single year, according to the latest data published by Dubai's Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (Dubai Tourism). **India** was followed by **Saudi Arabia (KSA)** in the **second place**, contributing a total of 1.53 million tourists last year.

Bank of Baroda to Exit South Africa by March 31:

The State-owned **Bank of Baroda** announced that it has decided to exit by March-end its South Africa operations. The business of the bank in South Africa is not very significant and the exit will not have any major impact on its financials. The bank had initiated operations in South Africa about **21 years ago**. The branch will stop taking new incremental deposits and disbursing loans with effect from **March 1, 2018**.

Bank of Baroda

- Headquarters: **Vadodara**
- CEO: **P. S. Jayakumar**

Growth Rate in Foreign Tourist Arrivals: 8.4%

Foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs) witnessed a growth of **8.4%** in January 2018 over January 2017, while the number of travellers on e-Tourist Visa saw **58.5%** growth in the same period, according to Ministry of Tourism. The number of FTAs in January 2018 was **10.66 lakh** as compared to FTAs of **9.83 lakh** in January 2017. **The percentage share of top 3 source countries availing e-Tourist Visa facilities:** UK (18.6%), USA (10.6%), Russian Fed (6.5%) **The percentage share of top 3 ports in foreign tourist arrivals on e-Tourist Visa:** New Delhi Airport (37.3%), Mumbai Airport (19.6%), Dabolim (Goa) Airport (12.4%).

RBI Relaxes Priority Sector Lending Rule:

Reserve Bank of India has made banks' priority sector norms lenient by saying that **all loans to micro small and medium enterprises (MSME)** will henceforth qualify as **priority sector lending**. This was a long time demand from banks. The sub-target for bank lending to the micro enterprises has been **7.50 percent**. Foreign banks will also have to follow **8% sub-target** for lending to the small and marginal farmers.

The Most Valuable Company: Apple

According to a report in The **New York Post**, **Apple** tops the most valuable company list with **\$849.2 billion market cap**. It is followed by Google's parent company **Alphabet** at \$745.1 billion. With a market cap of \$702.5 billion, **Amazon** has become the third most valuable company in the world.

BHEL Bags Rs 560 Crore Order From NTPC:

The Power equipment maker BHEL has bagged an order worth Rs 560 crore for supply and

installation of the flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) system from NTPC for 2×490 MW National Capital Power Station (NCPS). It will be implemented at Dadri in Uttar Pradesh.

- Chairman & Managing Director of BHEL: **Atul Sobti**
- Chairman & Managing Director of NTPC: **Gurdeep Singh**

Yes Bank Lists \$600-Mn MTN Bond on India INX:

Yes Bank has listed **\$600 million bond** issued under its **maiden \$1 billion MTN programme**, on **Global Securities Market (GSM) of India INX**. India INX is the country's first international exchange, located at **International Financial Services Centre, GIFT City in Gujarat**. The bond is also listed on London Stock Exchange International Securities Market (LSE ISM) and Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (SGX).

Yes Bank

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- MD and CEO: **Rana Kapoor**

IPPB to Enable Digital Payments in Post Offices:

The **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** announced that it will enable **Digital Payments in Post Offices from April 2018**. It will provide digital payment services at the doorstep with the help of Postmen and Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS).

The India Post Payments Bank was incorporated on August 17, 2016 under **Companies Act, 2013 as a public limited company with 100 percent Government of India equity under Department of Posts**.

IPPB

- Headquarters: **New Delhi**
- MD & CEO: **Suresh Sethi**

Central Vigilance Commission Summons PNB Management:

India's Punjab National Bank (PNB) has detected fraudulent transactions worth over **Rs 11,300 crore** at its Mumbai branch. The amount is nearly 1/3rd of the bank's total market capitalisation of **Rs 36,000 crore**. The state-owned lender has suspended 10 of its officers and lodged a complaint against celebrity jewellery designer **Nirav Modi** for committing fraudulent transactions. The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has summoned the PNB management and Finance Ministry officials.

Axis Bank opens offshore banking branch at GIFT City:

Private sector lender, **Axis Bank** announced opening of **off-shore banking unit** at the **International Financial Services Centre (IFSC)** at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (**GIFT City**). With opening of this unit,

Axis Bank will be able to provide a more comprehensive range of products to its customers with access to International financial markets. Axis Bank's off-shore banking branch at IFSC was inaugurated by Union Commerce Secretary, **Rita Teatota** in presence of **Shikha Sharma, MD & CEO, Axis Bank**.

The **offshore Banking unit** is capable to **trade in foreign currency** in overseas markets and also with Indian Banks, raise funds in foreign currency in deposits & borrowings from non-residential sources and provide loans and liabilities products for clients.

AXIS BANK

- Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- CEO & MD: **Shikha Sharma**
- Tagline: **Badhti ka naam zindagi**

Amazon becomes first foreign ecommerce firm to enter food retail venture in India:

Amazon has rolled out its own **food retailing business** in India with a pilot in Pune, becoming the **first foreign ecommerce firm** to stock and sell food items directly to consumers. From June 2016, **Indian Government allowed 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in food retailing**, permitting foreign firms to sell locally sourced and packaged food items directly to consumers.

AMAZON

- Founder & CEO: **Jeff Bezos**
- Headquarters: **Seattle, Washington, United States**

IFC, PNB Housing plan \$800m platform for affordable homes:

International Finance Corporation (IFC), member of the **World Bank Group**, is set to enter into a pact with PNB Housing Finance to form an **\$800-million platform** to support construction of environment-friendly affordable houses across the country. IFC is helping mobilise over \$1.6 billion for affordable housing segment in less than 10 months.

According to the alliance with PNB Housing Finance, IFC will make \$400 million available for the new facility, of which \$150 million will be its own money and the rest will be mobilised from other sources.

After Fitch, Moody's places PNB under review for downgrade:

Following the biggest scam in the country's banking sector to the tune of Rs 11,340 crore at state-run **Punjab National Bank (PNB)**, **credit ratings agency Moody's** placed the lender **under review for downgrade**. The agency has a Baa3/P-3 rating on the Delhi-based lender now while it has a Baa3 rating on its foreign currency issuer rating. The bank overall has a Baa2 rating with a stable outlook now from Moody's.

Fitch has placed the bank on '**Rating Watch Negative' (RWN)**. "Fitch Ratings has placed Punjab National Bank's (PNB) Viability Rating of 'bb' on Rating Watch Negative (RWN), following the large fraud reported by PNB," the US-based agency said.

UGC constitutes four-member Empowered Expert Committee:

University Grants Commission constituted a four-member **Empowered Expert Committee**, which is being entrusted to conduct the appraisal of applications **for shortlisting 20 Institutions of Eminence**. **N Gopalaswami**, former Chief Election Commissioner of India is the **Chairperson of the committee**. The government is likely to announce the names of the selected institutions **by April 2018**.

Members:

- **Tarun Khanna** (Jorge Paulo Lemman Professor at Harvard Business School)
- **Pritam Singh** (former director of IIM, Lucknow)
- **Renu Khator** (chancellor of University of Houston System)

ABOUT UGC (University Grants Commission)

The University Grants Commission of India (UGC India) is a **statutory body** set up by the Indian Union government in accordance to the **UGC Act 1956**, under the **Ministry of Human Resource Development**.

- Its headquarters is in **New Delhi**, and six regional centres in Pune, Bhopal, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Guwahati and Bangalore.
- Current Chairman: **P. Singh**

Newborn mortality: India 12th worst among low-income countries:

India has been ranked **12th-worst** among 52 low-middle income countries based on the number of children dying within the first month of their birth, which is **25.4 per 1,000 live births**.

Pakistan is

the **worst** with **45.6 newborn deaths** per 1,000 live births, according to the **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF Programme)** which has, for the first time, come out with rankings based on their newborn mortality rate (the number of deaths per 1,000 live births). **Japan**, with an NMR of **0.9 deaths per 1,000 live births**, has been ranked the **world's safest country** in which to be born followed by Iceland (1) and Singapore (1.1).

ABOUT UNICEF (The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)

• **UNICEF** (The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) was created by the United Nations General Assembly on the **11th of December 1946**, to provide emergency food and healthcare to children in countries that had been devastated by **World War II**.

- It's headquarters is in **New York City**.

- Current President: **Tore Hattrem**

USIBC forms India Advisory Council to enhance bilateral ties:

A top American business advocacy group **USIBC** has announced the formation of an **India Advisory Council** to enhance **bilateral strategic and economic partnership** between them.

The 11 members of the USIBC's Indian Advisory Council include **Arun Kumar** (KPMG India); **Pramath Raj Sinha** (9.9 media); **Manoj Adlakha** (American Express banking Corporation); **Krish Iyer** (Walmart India); **Vanitha Narayan** (IBM India), **Prabal Chakraborty** (Boston Scientific) and **Nishith Desai** (Nishith Desai and Associates). **Udayant Malhotra** (Dynamatic Technologies Limited); **Nivruti Rai** (Intel India) and **Rekha Menon** (Accenture).

Google begins replacing Android Pay and Google Wallet with new app:

Google's new unified payments service "**Google Pay**", which combines **Google Wallet and Android Pay** is finally rolling out with a new app for Android devices. Google Pay app interface has two tabs – **Home** and **Cards**. As per the images on the Google Play store, the Google Pay app shows **recent payment activity, offers** and **stores** available nearby, and a card-style interface which includes a user's debit, credit, and other cards.

EPFO fixed interest rate at 8.55 % for 2017-18:

The **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation**, EPFO has declared **8.55 per cent** interest rate for **2017-18** for its about 5 crore members. This was decided during the meeting of **Central Board of Trustees** of EPFO in **New Delhi**. For 2016-17 the rate was **8.65 per cent** and in 2015-16 the rate was **8.8 per cent**. In order to **maintain the interest** this fiscal, the organisation had sold a portion of its investment in the **Exchange Traded Funds**.

Andhra Pradesh government, Facebook India collaborate for IT projects:

The government of **Andhra Pradesh** will collaborate with **Facebook (India)** in a bid to take up **innovative pilot projects** in the state. Andhra Pradesh Information and Technology Minister **Nara Lokesh** met Facebook (India) Connectivity Policy Head **Aswani Rana** regarding the same.

They decided to work on **providing internet facility** to every household through fiber grid project, internet, WiFi, and TV services at nominal cost of **Rs 149**. They further decided to **provide training** to women, small scale and cottage industries so that they can sell their products online.

India 7th Most Targeted Nation for Web Application Attacks, Finds Akamai's State of Internet Security Report:

Nearly 40 percent of over 53,000 cyber-attacks in **India** occurred in the financial services sector during 2017, placing it at the **seventh spot** in the list of targeted countries for **Web Application Attacks (WAA)**, a new report said. The report, titled "**Akamai State of the Internet Security Q4 2017**," also stated that the Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack frequency in the BFSI sector increased by 50 percent in the fourth quarter of 2017 over the last quarter.

Government sets up the "NITI Forum for Northeast":

The Union Government has issued order setting up the '**Niti Forum for North-East**'. The forum will be co-chaired by the Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog (**Dr. Rajiv Kumar**) and Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Development of Northeastern Region (DoNER). The forum will have its Secretariat in the Ministry of DoNER. Forum to **identify constraints and recommend suitable interventions for speedy and sustainable growth in NER**.

India ranks 81st in global corruption index, Pakistan 117th:

A report released by **Transparency International (TI)** has placed **India** on the **81st spot** on the **Global Corruption Perception (GCP) Index 2018**, in terms of graft and press freedom in the Asia-Pacific region. India was ranked 79th on the Global Corruption Perception Index in 2017. Its observation was based on a report submitted by the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ).

In the latest ranking, **New Zealand** and **Denmark** occupied the first two spots at the top of the index, with scores of 89 and 88 respectively. Among other South Asian countries, **Bhutan** fared the best with a ranking of 26th. Other countries include Pakistan (117th), Afghanistan (177th), Nepal (122th), Myanmar (130th), Bangladesh (143rd), the Maldives (112th) and Sri Lanka (91st).

ICAI issues show-cause notices to Punjab National Bank, Gitanjali Gems auditors:

Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, ICAI has issued **show-cause notices** to the **auditors of Punjab National Bank** and **Gitanjali Gems** in connection with the **11,400 crore rupees fraud**. ICAI has said that it has summoned a deputy general manager of PNB seeking details about the fraud at the public sector lender.

Malegam to head RBI panel to review frauds:

The **Rs.11,500-crore** fraud at the **Punjab National Bank** has prompted the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to set up a committee under former board member **Y.H. Malegam** to look into the reasons and suggest steps to prevent such occurrences.

The committee will also look into the **issue of huge non-performing asset** divergences between what banks classify and what is detected in RBI inspection and recommend steps to address the issue. The other members of the committee are Bharat Doshi, S. Raman and Nandkumar Saravade. A.K. Misra, Executive Director, RBI, will be the Member-Secretary of the committee.

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK

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

Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India Sign \$ 84 Million Loan for Improvement and Expansion of Water Supply in the State of Bihar:

The **Government of India** and the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed an **\$84 million loan** for improvement and expansion of water supply in Bhagalpur and Gaya towns in **Bihar**. The tranche 2 loan is part of the \$200 million **Multi-Tranche Financing Facility (MFF)** for the Bihar Urban Development Investment Program that was approved by **ADB in 2012** to provide sustainable urban infrastructure and services in four towns in Bihar – Bhagalpur, Gaya, Darbhanga and Muzaffarpur.

It will also promote better water management practices that will result in a citywide coverage with **24-hour uninterrupted supply** of treated water of **135 liters per capita per day** in both cities. The loan agreement was signed by **Sameer Kumar Khare** (Joint Secretary (Multilateral Institutions), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance) and ADB India's Resident Mission Country Director, **Kenichi Yokoyama**.

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- Headquarters: **Mandaluyong, Philippines**
- President: **Takehiko Nakao**
- Motto: **Fighting poverty in Asia and the Pacific**

RBI launches Ombudsman scheme for NBFCs:

The **Reserve Bank of India** has launched **Ombudsman Scheme for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)** for redressal of complaints against them. The scheme will provide a cost-free and expeditious complaint redressal mechanism relating to deficiency in the services by NBFCs covered under the scheme. The scheme will cover all deposit-

taking NBFCs, and based on the experience gained, it would extend it to cover NBFCs having **asset size of 100 crore rupees** and above with customer interface.

The offices of the NBFC ombudsmen will function at four metro centres – **New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai.**

First sale of Electoral Bonds to commence from 1st March:

The **first sale of Electoral Bonds** will commence from the **1st** of next month for a period of **ten days**. State Bank of India has been authorized to issue and encash Electoral Bonds initially at its four authorised branches.

Electoral Bond will be valid for **15 days** from the date of issue and no payment shall be made to any payee Political Party if the Bond is deposited after the expiry of the validity period. The Bond deposited by any eligible political party to its account shall be credited on the same day.

Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank begins operations:

Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank Ltd (ABIPBL) started operations, making it the **fifth payments bank** to roll out operations after the central bank gave its in-principle approval to 11 applicants in August 2015.

"Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank Ltd has commenced operations as a payments bank with effect from February 22, 2018". The Reserve Bank has issued a licence to the bank under **Section 22 (1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949** to carry on the business of payments bank in India. The roll-out comes at a time when the regulator has issued fresh know your customer norms for payments banks that are likely to increase operational costs for these banks.

New Facilities for UAN- Aadhar Linking Introduces By EPFO:

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has introduced **UAN-Aadhaar linking facility** for the convenience of members using EPFO Link in **UMANG Mobile App**. This is in addition to the existing web facility already available at EPFO's website www.epfindia.gov.in >> **Online Services >> e-KYC Portal>> LINK UAN AADHAAR**. The facility on e-KYC Portal has further added a new feature to link UAN with Aadhaar online using biometric credentials.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNS

Neelam Kapur Appointed DG of Sports Authority of India:

Neelam Kapur has been appointed as the **director general (DG) of Sports Authority of India (SAI)**. She is the senior-most Indian Information Service officer and had served as UPA government's spokesperson. It is for the first

time that an IIS officer has been appointed as SAI chief.

Lt. Gen Anil Chauhan Takes Charge as DGMO of Indian Army:

Lt. Gen Anil Chauhan took charge as the new **Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Indian Army**. He succeeds **Lt General A K Bhatt** who will assume charge of the Srinagar-based 15 Corps. Lt. Gen Chauhan had also served as military observer for UN peacekeeping mission in Angola.

Cyprus: Nicos Anastasiades wins Presidential election:

Nicos Anastasiades has won a second five-year term as president of the Republic of Cyprus. He got 55% votes by defeating familiar left-wing rival Stavros Malas.

Cyprus

- Capital: **Nicosia**
- Currency: **Euro**

Alphabet names board veteran John Hennessy as chairman:

Alphabet appointed board veteran **John Hennessy** as chairman. He is a former Stanford University president and a computer scientist with expertise in chip design. Google parent Alphabet Inc replaced long-time Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt.

Hossain appointed as Bangladesh CJ:

Syed Mahmud Hossain has been appointed as Chief Justice of Bangladesh. He has been appointed three months after **Surendra Kumar Sinha** resigned from the post. President Md Abdul Hamid administered the oath for Hossain as the 22nd chief justice of the Supreme Court in Dhaka.

Dinesh Srivastava takes over as NFC chief executive:

Dinesh Srivastava an eminent scientist, took over as the **Chief Executive of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC)**, headquartered **Hyderabad**. He has succeeded **G Kalyana krishnan** who retired on superannuation. Srivastava will also be the **Chairman of the NFC board**. Prior to this assignment, he was holding the position of **Deputy Chief Executive**.

Jerome H Powell: 16th Chairman of Federal Reserve:

Jerome Powell was sworn as the **16th chairman of the Federal Reserve**, the central bank of the United States. The oath was directed by Vice Chairman **Randal K. Quarles** in the Board Room. Powell succeeds **Janet Yellen**. She is the first woman to lead the nation's central bank in its 100-year history.

Hardayal Prasad Has Been Appointed As SBI Card MD & CEO:

Hardayal Prasad has been appointed as **SBI Card MD & CEO, the country's second-largest credit card issuer**. Prior to this appointment, Prasad was with State Bank of India, holding multiple leadership positions in the bank. He replaces **Vijay Jasuja** who retired on January 31.

Indra Nooyi Becomes ICC's 1st Independent Female Director:

PepsiCo chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi has been appointed as the first independent female director of the **International Cricket Council (ICC) Board**. Nooyi will join the ICC board in **June 2018**. It was approved by the ICC Full Council in June 2017 as part of wide ranging constitutional change aimed at improving the governance of the sport.

ICC

- Chairman: **Shashank Manohar**
- Headquarters: **Dubai, The UAE**

NPCI Appoints Biswamohan Mahapatra as Non-Executive Chairman:

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) appointed **Biswamohan Mahapatra** as non-executive chairman. He has been appointed for **two years term** and he succeeds **B Sambamurthy** who was the interim chairman. Last month NPCI had appointed **Dilip Asbe** as its **managing director and CEO**.

About NPCI:

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is an umbrella organization 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)** under the provisions of the **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**, for creating a robust Payment & Settlement Infrastructure in India.

Pradeep Kumar Rawat concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Timor-Leste:

Shri Pradeep Kumar Rawat, presently Ambassador of India to Jakarta, has been concurrently accredited as the **next Ambassador of India to Timor-Leste**, with residence in Jakarta.

New President of Sahitya Akademi: Chandrashekhara Kambara:

Eminent Kannada writer and Jnanpith winner Chandrashekhara Kambara was elected as the president of Kendra Sahitya Akademi. He became the third Kannada writer to be elected to the premier body of litterateurs. The Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters, is an organisation dedicated to the **promotion of literature in the languages of India**.

Sri Lankan PM Ranil Wickremesinghe takes over additional charge of Law, Order minister:

Sri Lanka's prime minister took over the key law and order ministry as part of a cabinet reshuffle, after a local election defeat sparked calls for his resignation. Premier **Ranil Wickremesinghe** was sworn in to the ministerial post, a week after the minister in charge of the police, Sagala Ratnayaka, resigned amid accusations he had failed to prosecute members of the former regime.

Haruhiko Kuroda Re-Appointed As Bank of Japan Chief:

Japan's government re-appointed **Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda** for another term. Wakatabe and Amamiya would replace incumbent deputy governors Kikuo Iwata, an academic, and Hiroshi Nakaso, a career central banker. The Bank of Japan (BOJ) is the central bank of Japan, headquartered in Tokyo, Japan.

K.P. Sharma Oli Appointed as Nepal's New PM:

Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli from the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist) has been sworn in as the prime minister of Nepal for the second time. **President Bidhya Devi Bhandari** appointed Oli as the country's 41st prime minister. KP Oli succeeded the Nepali Congress Party's **Sher Bahadur Deuba**, who resigned recently.

ICHR has appointed Arvind Jamkhedhar as chairman:

Archaeologist and historian **Arvind P. Jamkhedkar** will be the next Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR). He will replace Prof. K. Sudershan Rao, whose term as ICHR chief was mired in controversy. The post fell vacant after Prof. Rao's retirement.

Vice-Admiral R B Pandit takes over as Commandant of INA:

Vice Admiral **R B Pandit**, Flag-Officer-Commanding, Western Fleet at Mumbai, took over as the **Commandant of Indian Naval Academy (INA)** at Ezhimala in nearby **Kannur district**. He replaces Vice Admiral **S V Bhokare**.

Centre constitutes committee to study Brahmaputra and flood control measures in Assam:

The Centre has constituted a committee headed by the **Vice Chairman of the NITI Aayog Rajiv Kumar** to study the **Brahmaputra and flood control measures in Assam and neighbouring states**. Assam Water Resource minister **Keshab Mahanta** has informed this.

Govt appoints two new EDs in banks:

Debashish Mukherjee and **Murali Ramaswami** were appointed executive directors of **Canara Bank** and **Vijaya Bank** respectively, according to an official order.

Mukherjee is at present the general manager of United Bank of India and Ramaswami is the GM of Vijaya Bank. Mukherjee's appointment is initially for **three years** but it is extendable by two years after review of his performance. Ramaswami will have tenure **till December 31, 2020**.

CANARA BANK

- Headquarters: **Bengaluru**
- CEO: **Rakesh Sharma**
- Tagline: **Together We Can.**

VIJAYA BANK

- Headquarters: **Bengaluru**
- CEO: **A. Sankara Narayanan**
- Tagline: **A friend you can bank on**

Avani Chaturvedi becomes first Indian woman to fly fighter aircraft solo:

Flying officer **Avani Chaturvedi** has scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman to fly a fighter aircraft solo. An Indian Air Force official said, she flew a **MiG-21 bison** in her first solo sortie from IAF's Jamnagar base in **Gujarat**.

Michael McCormack named Australia's new deputy prime minister

In Australia, **Michael McCormack** has been elected **new Deputy Prime Minister** after being selected as the leader of the country's National Party, the junior partner in the country's coalition government.

McCormack replaces former **Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce** who was forced to resign last week amid public anger over an extramarital affair with his former press secretary.

South Africa's Ramaphosa appoints Nene as finance minister in cabinet reshuffle:

New South African President **Cyril Ramaphosa** has announced his cabinet, making substantial changes to ministerial positions. He reappointed **Nhlanhla Nene as finance minister**, reversing his sacking by the former President **Jacob Zuma**. Mr Zuma, who is facing charges of corruption, was forced to stand down earlier this month by his own party.

Jacob Zuma Resigns as South Africa's President:

Jacob Zuma has been forced to step down as president of South Africa. His rival **Cyril Ramaphosa** was chosen to lead the party.

Ethiopia Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn Resigns

Hailemariam Desalegn resigns as both Ethiopia's prime minister and chairman of the country. **Hailemariam Desalegn** has led

Ethiopia since 2012. He will remain as prime minister until the ruling Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) and the country's parliament accept his resignation.

Ethiopia

- Capital: **Addis Ababa**
- Currency: **Ethiopian birr**
- Prime minister: **Hailemariam Desalegn**

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Magahi writer Madhukar awarded Sahitya Akademi's Bhasha Samman:

Magahi writer Shesh Anand Madhukar, who has been working extensively for the development of the language, was honoured with this year's **Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman award**. It comprises a **Rs 1 lakh cheque** and a memento and it was given by Sahitya Akademi President **Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari**. Some of his important works in Hindi are "Magahi Kavita Ke Bimb", "Eklavya", and "Bhagwan Birsa".

Shyam Benegal to honour with V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award:

The V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award of the Mumbai International Film Festival is for Documentary, Shorts & Animation Films. MIFF 2018 will be conferred upon veteran film maker **Shyam Benegal**. It includes a cash prize of Rs 1 million (Rs 10 lakhs) and it will be presented by the Governor of Maharashtra, **Shri C Vidyasagar Rao**.

Shabnam Asthana wins Times Power Woman 2017 award:

The **Times Group** recently celebrated the invaluable contribution of women by introducing The **Times Power Woman 2017** (Pune) awards. **Shabnam Asthana** was awarded the 'Times Power Women of the Year 2017'- Pune for Global PR. The award was conferred on her by **Dilip Kamble**, Minister of State for Social Justice and Special Assistance in the Government of Maharashtra.

Four Indian athletes in Forbes India 30 under 30 list 2018

The magazine has come up with a unique **"30 under 30" 2018 super achievers** list. The list features top 30 persons specialized in different disciplines.

Indian athletes **Jasprit Bumrah(Cricket)**, **Harmanpreet Kaur(Cricket)**, **Savita Punia(Hockey Goal Keeper)** and **Heena Sidhu(Shooter)** made it to this year's Forbes India 30 Under 30 list.

Those who were under the age of 30 as on December 31, 2017 (the cutoff date for selection of the list) were considered for selection by Forbes India.

Ritu Sarin wins International Press Institute's award

The International Press Institute's Indian National Committee has named **Ritu Sarin as the recipient of the IPI India Award for Excellence in Journalism.**

She is the Executive Editor- Investigations, the Indian Express.

She has been awarded for her "sustained work in investigation of crimes, political assassinations, terrorism cases frauds and economic offences".

PM Modi being conferred with Palestinian honour:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is being conferred with the **Grand Collar** of the **State of Palestine**, which is the **highest Palestinian honour** for a **foreign dignitary.**

India's Aadhaar and Umang App Win Awards at World Government Summit

India's Aadhaar won the **best emerging technology award** at the recently concluded **World Government Summit 2018 in Dubai.** India was the 'Guest of Honour' country at the summit. **Umang App** won in **Best m-Government Service Award** for Accessible Government Category. The awards were presented by **Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of UAE Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan.**

Indian Engineer Awarded Sci-Tech Oscar Award

Vikas Sathaye, a Pune-born person has been honoured with the Scientific and Engineering Academy Award at the Oscars Scientific and Technical Awards 2018. It was held at Beverly Hills in **Los Angeles, California.** Sathaye and his team received the award for his contribution in "**Shotover K1 Camera System**" during his stint at Shotover Camera Systems in Queenstown, New Zealand.

Sanjiv Bajaj: EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2017

Sanjiv Bajaj, Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv was named the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2017. **Dr. E Sreedharan** was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for transforming the face of public transportation in India.

- EY India chairman: **Rajiv Memani**

Milkbasket recognised as 'Startup of the Year' 2017:

Milkbasket, India's first and largest micro-delivery platform has been recognised as '**Startup of the Year**' 2017 at the **7th Small Business Awards.** The startup of the year award is dedicated to young SMEs, aged 7 years or less, with great potential to become big in local/international markets.

Bafta Film Awards 2018: The winners in full

This year's **Bafta Film Awards** have been handed out in **London.** Here are the winners in full:

- **Best film:** Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
- **Outstanding British film:** Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
- **Leading actress:** Frances McDormand – Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
- **Leading actor:** Gary Oldman – Darkest Hour
- **Director:** The Shape Of Water – Guillermo Del Toro
- **EE Rising Star Award:** Daniel Kaluuya
- **Film not in the English language:** The Handmaiden
- **Documentary:** I Am Not Your Negro
- **Animated film:** Coco
- **Editing:** Baby Driver – Jonathan Amos, Paul Machliss
- **Cinematography:** Blade Runner 2049 – Roger Deakins
- **Original music:** The Shape Of Water – Alexandre Desplat
- **Original screenplay:** Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

PM Modi's Book Exam Warriors Released

Exam Warriors, a book penned by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** for students, has been released in the presence of External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar. The book is the fifth one to be written by the Prime Minister and the first on the need to develop stress-free attitude to exams.

"Mere Sapno Ka Bharat" Book: Tarun Vijay
Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched the book "**Mere Sapno Ka Bharat**". It is a collection of **best interviews** of the former Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** authored by the former Member of Parliament **Tarun Vijay.**

"A Century Is Not Enough" Book: Sourav Ganguly

The former Team India captain Sourav Ganguly will unveil a book named "**A Century is not enough**". The book is co-authored by **Gautam Bhattacharya** and published by **Juggernaut books.**

SPORTS

B.N. Mullik Memorial All India Police Football Ch'ship to be held in Jammu:

Jammu and Kashmir Police will host **B N Mullik Memorial All India Police Football Championship.** It is the 2nd time to be held in Jammu. The event would be held at **Gulshan**

Ground, Jammu. Thirty seven teams comprising 900 players and 120 officials from all over India will participate in the event.

Anu Kumar wins first gold in Khelo India School Games:

Anu Kumar of Uttarakhand grabbed the **first gold medal of the Khelo India School Games** in 1500 metres at the **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.** Anu Kumar is a past 800-metres silver medalist for India at the World School Games in France. The Khelo India programme has been introduced to revive the sports culture in the country at the grass-root level.

Boxing: Mary Kom wins gold at India Open boxing:

M C Mary Kom claimed a gold **India Open boxing.** She defeated Josie Gabuco 4-1 in the **48kg category.** Pinki Rani also fetched gold for India after **defeating Jargalan Ochirbat** in the final in (48-51 kg) category. In Total **India bags 10 medals.** The event held at the **Thyagraj Indoor Stadium in New Delhi.**

Saurav Ghosal becomes the highest-ranked Indian squash player:

India's leading squash player, Saurav Ghosal jumped five places to No 14 to become the highest ranked Indian in the Professional Squash Association (PSA) rankings released. Ghosal beat Joshna Chinappa who slipped three places to No 17 while Dipika Pallikal Karthik remained on 20. **Gregory Gaultier** from **France** is currently at **No. 1 Position** in the Professional Squash Association (PSA) rankings.

India lifts U-19 World Cup trophy for record 4th time:

India has lifted the **ICC Under-19 World Cup** for the record fourth time. They defeated Australia by eight wickets at bay oval at Mount Maunganui in New Zealand. India's star batsman Manjot Kalra adjudged Man of the Match and Shubman Gill Man of the Series.

Badminton: India Open 2018

India Open held annually at the Siri Fort Sports Complex, **New Delhi.** In women's singles **P V Sindhu** was defeated by American **Beiwen Zhang.**

Here are the complete list of winners:

- Men's Singles: **Shi Yuqi** (China)
- Women's Singles: **Beiwen Zhang** (America), P V Sindhu (runner up)
- Men's Doubles: **Marcus Fernaldi Gideon** (Indonesia) and **Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo** (Indonesia)
- Women's Doubles: **Greysia Polii** (Indonesia) and **Apriyani Rahayu** (Indonesia)

- Mixed Doubles: **Mathias Christiansen** (Denmark) and **Christinna Pedersen** (Denmark)

Cricket: BCCI announces cash rewards for chief coach Rahul Dravid:

The BCCI has announced a cash reward of **Rs 50 lakh** for the **Under-19 chief coach Rahul Dravid**. The victorious squad members will receive **Rs 30 lakh each**.

The other members of the support staff including fielding **coach Abhya Sharma** and **bowling coach Paras Mhambrey** will get **Rs 20 lakh**.

Golf: Shubhankar becomes top-ranked Indian golfer:

A youngster 21-year-old **Shubhankar Sharma** became the top-ranked Indian golfer with a **rank of 72 in the world golf rankings**. Recently he has won the **Maybank Championship in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**. He also clinched his **first European Tour win** at the **Joburg Open** in December 2017. **Dustin Johnson** from the **USA** is now the **World No. 1** in the World Golf Ranking.

Cricket: Jhulan Goswami 1st Woman to Take 200 ODI Wickets

India's veteran pacer **Jhulan Goswami** became the **first female cricketer** to take **200 ODI wickets**. Goswami achieved the feat during the second ODI between **India and South Africa**. She was also adjudged ICC Women Cricketer of the Year in 2007.

Haryana Tops In Khelo India School Games:

Haryana topped the overall medal tally after claiming **38 gold medals** in the inaugural edition of the Khelo India School Games that concluded in **New Delhi**. **Haryana** won 102 medals, with 26 silver and 38 bronze. **Maharashtra** got second place while Delhi came third.

Olympic Winter Games Kicked Off At Pyeongchang:

The 23rd Olympic Winter Games officially kicked off with a colourful ceremony at **Pyeongchang stadium in South Korea**. There will be **92 countries participating with 102 medals** in Pyeongchang, covering **seven sports and 15 disciplines**. **Russia is banned** from the Games, and the **forthcoming Paralympics**.

South Korea

- Capital: **Seoul**
- Currency: **South Korean Won**
- President: **Moon Jae-in**

ITTF Oman World Junior & Cadet Open Table Tennis Tournament:

India won **two silver and one bronze medal** at the **ITTF Oman World Junior &**

Cadet Open Table Tennis Tournament at Muscat.

Swastika Ghosh teamed up with compatriot **Varuni Jaiswal** clinched the silver in sub junior girls team after beating Syria. In the cadet girls team, **Suhana Saini and Ananya** won bronze.

Rohan More Becomes First Asian To Swim Across Ocean Seven:

Pune-based swimmer, Rohan More became the first Asian as well as the first Indian to swim across the **Ocean Seven**. Rohan is the youngest person in the world to swim across the Ocean Seven. He has received the **Tenzing Norgay Award** from the Indian Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Kishan Gangolli Wins National Chess Championship for Blind:

Karnataka's Kishan Gangolli won the National 'A' Chess Championship for Blind for the fifth consecutive time. **Ashvin Makwana** of Gujarat and Odisha's **Soundarya Kumar Pradhan** finished second and third respectively.

The top five players in the championship will form the Indian team for the forthcoming **'World Team Championship'** for the blind to be held in **Bulgaria**. The top 3 juniors (under the age of 20) will represent **'World Junior'** championship for the blind in **Poland**.

Pyeongchang Winter Olympics: Sweden's Charlotte Kalla wins 1st gold:

Sweden's Charlotte Kalla claimed the **first gold** on the opening day of the **Pyeongchang Winter Olympics**. Kalla won the women's skiathlon cross country race ahead of Norway's Marit Bjoergen, preventing her from collecting an unprecedented third straight gold medal in the event. But Bjoergen still became the most decorated woman in Winter Olympics history as she claimed her 11th medal.

Football: Tamil Nadu Lifts Senior Women's National Football Championship

Tamil Nadu beat Manipur 2-1 to lift their maiden title in the Senior Women's National Football Championship. The 23rd Senior Women's National Football Championship was held in Cuttack. Tamil Nadu created history by becoming champions in their first-ever final.

Yuki Bhambri: First Indian To Reach Quarters Of Chennai Open ATP Challenger Tournament

In Tennis, **Yuki Bhambri** has become the first Indian to reach the quarter-finals of the **Chennai Open ATP Challenger tournament**. He defeated compatriot Sidharth Rawat to make this achievement. For a place in the semi-finals, Bhambri will meet Yasutaka Uchiyama of Japan.

Roger Federer Becomes Oldest No. 1 in Tennis History:

The 20-time Grand Slam champion **Roger Federer** has become the oldest world number one in Tennis history. The 36-year old Roger Federer **replaced Rafael Nadal** at the top of the standings after recording win over Dutch Robin Haase in the quarter-finals of the **Rotterdam Open at the Netherlands**.

Badminton coach Pullela Gopichand initiated the country's largest 'train the trainers' programme:

Gopichand launched 'train the trainers' programme inducting 1500 Physical Education (PE) teachers from across Gujarat for advanced training. As per the plan, Gopichand and his band of experts will first select around 150 PE teachers out of the 1500 to become master trainers. Former All-England champion Gopichand and India's lone Olympic gold medallist Abhinav Bindra have been appointed to oversee the programme and will serve as mentors.

Roger Federer beats Grigor Dimitrov to win Rotterdam Open title:

Roger Federer marked his impending return to the top of the world rankings by sweeping aside second seed **Grigor Dimitrov** in the **Rotterdam Open final in Netherlands**. This is the **97th title** in his overall career. In this count, he is only behind America's **Jimmy Connors** who has won 109 titles.

NETHERLANDS

- Capital: **Amsterdam**
- Currency: **Euro, US Dollar**

Bhuvneshwar 1st Indian bowler to scalp 5-wicket hauls in all 3 formats:

Bhuvneshwar Kumar, a fast bowler, has become the **first Indian bowler** to take a **five-wicket haul** in all **three formats** in **International Cricket**. Bhuvneshwar Kumar made this record by taking his first T20I five-wicket haul at the first T20I against South Africa at the Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar was awarded the **Man-of-the-Match Award**. He has also become the second Indian to take a five-wicket haul in T20Is after **Yuzvendra Chahal**.

Christian Coleman breaks world indoor record in 60 meters:

Christian Coleman has set up a **world record** in **60 metres race**. The World silver medallist ran the distance in 6.34 seconds at the US indoor national championships in **Albuquerque, New Mexico**.

Japan's Yuzuru Hanyu retains Winter Olympic figure skating gold:

Japanese Yuzuru Hanyu became the **first figure skater** in 66 years to **win back-to-back Winter Olympic gold medals** in the **men's singles event** as he won Japan's first gold medal at PyeongChang Games.

Hanyu won the title with 317.85 points, beating compatriot Shoma Uno and multiple world champion Javier Fernandez of Spain to the second and third spots.

North Korea

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

Sardar Singh back as Indian hockey team captain for Sultan Azlan Shah Cup:

The Hockey India selectors brought back **Sardar Singh** as captain of an 28-member Indian squad for the **27th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup** to be held in **Ipoh, Malaysia** from March 3-10.

Malaysia

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

Alex Blackwell: Australia vice-captain announces retirement:

Alex Blackwell, Australia's most capped **female player** has announced **retirement** from all forms of cricket.

Norway's Bjoergen becomes most successful Winter Olympian:

Norway's **Marit Bjoergen** (14 Olympic medals) became the **most successful athlete** in **Winter Olympics** history as she took **bronze** in **Pyeongchang, South Korea** in cross country skiing's women's team sprint free. However, **Kikkan Randall** and **Jessica Diggins** won the gold and the first Olympic cross country title for the United States.

Norway's **Martin Johnsrud Sundby** and **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo** won the **men's title** by 1.71sec ahead of the Olympic Athletes from Russia, with France finishing third.

Australia beat New Zealand by 19 Runs in T20 Final:

Australia clinched the **T20 tri-series** against **New Zealand** after cruising to a 19-run victory in the rain-affected final at **Auckland**.

It also means **Australia** leapfrog Pakistan to become the **top-rated T20 team in the world**. This will be the **first time** for Australia to hold the number one spot since rankings were introduced in 2011.

Top-ranked Kohli breaches 900-point mark in ODIs:

Virat Kohli became only the **second batsman** after **AB de Villiers** to cross the **900-point mark** simultaneously in both **Tests and**

ODIs and the **fifth overall**, in the latest rankings for the 50-over format announced by the **ICC**. He has reclaimed the **No 1 spot** in the **ICC ODI batsmen rankings**.

- **ICC ODI rankings for teams:** 1. **India** (123 points), 2. **South Africa** (117), 3. **England** (116).

- **Rankings for batsmen:** 1. **Virat Kohli** (909 points), 2. **AB de Villiers** (844), 3. **David Warner** (823).

- **Rankings for bowlers:** 1. **Rashid Khan** and **Jasprit Bumrah** (787 points), 3. **Trent Boult** (729).

India bag gold medal at 5th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship:

Indian "A" team won gold at the 5th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship held in Gold Coast, **Australia**, between 14 and 18 February 2018. The Indian "A" team was **headed by Kiran Nadar**. The **Indian "A" team defeated the Australian team**.

Pyeongchang 2018: Ester Ledecka gets second gold medal:

Ester Ledecka became the **first woman** to claim **gold medals** in **two sports** at a **Winter Olympics** with a win in the snowboarding parallel giant slalom. The 22-year-old Czech, who earned a shock victory in the skiing super G last, beat Germany's Selina Jorg to win her second gold. She is the fifth athlete to win in two sports at one Games and the first in unrelated events with the previous double wins coming in Nordic events. Ramona Theresia Hofmeister took bronze.

Cricket Canada unveils ICC-approved T20 league:

Canada became the latest to embrace franchise-based **T20 cricket** with the formation of the Global T20 Canada. The announcement of the league – conceptualised, designed, developed and managed by India's Mercuri Group in association with Cricket Canada – was done in **New Delhi**.

Cricket Canada has become the **first Associate member** of the **ICC** to start a Twenty20 franchise league in the North America market.

Aruna Budda Reddy becomes 1st Indian to win individual medal at Gymnastics World Cup:

Aruna Budda Reddy has created history by becoming the **first Indian** to win an **individual medal** at the **Gymnastics World Cup**. She clinched a **Bronze** in the **Women's Vault** event in **Melbourne**. Aruna, who hails from Hyderabad, scored 13.649 average points to finish third and claim the bronze medal at the Hisense Arena. **Tjasa Kyssef of Slovenia** took home the **Gold**, while **Emily Whitehead** of Australia won the **Silver**.

Strandja Memorial boxing tournament: Amit, Vikas strike gold; Mary Kom settles for silver

Indian pugilists **Vikas Krishan** and **Amit Panghal** bagged **Gold medals**, while **MC Mary Kom**, **Seema Poonia** and **Gaurav Solanki** settled for Silver on the final day of the **69th Strandja Memorial Boxing tournament at Sofia in Bulgaria**. While Vikas in the 75 kg category eased past American Troy Isley, Amit in 49 kg division defeated Morocco's Said Mordaji to claim the coveted yellow metal. Gaurav in 52 kgs took home the silver after losing in the Final.

In the Women's 48 kg section, **Mary Kom**, who came into the event in pursuit of a third consecutive gold medal, lost to **Bulgaria's Sevda Asenova** in a rather shocking verdict to finish second. **Seema Poonia** in the +81 kg category also settled for a Silver after she went down to Russia's Anna Ivanova. India ended the tournament with **11 medals – 2 Gold, 3 Silver and 6 Bronze**.

Gopi Thonakal retains his title at New Delhi Marathon:

Reigning **Asian Champion Gopi Thonakal** retained his title at the **IDBI Federal Life Insurance New Delhi Marathon** in New Delhi. In the **women's** event also, **Monika Athare** retained her title. Gopi clocked 2 hour, 15 minute and 16 seconds to clinch the gold under ideal running conditions. **Nitendra Singh Rawat** was **second**, while **Bahadur Singh Dhoni** took the **bronze**.

Simona Halep reclaims world **No 1 ranking: Romanian tennis ace Simona Halep** has returned to **world number one** in **women rankings**. She replaced **Australian Open champion Caroline Wozniacki**, who held the top spot for four consecutive weeks. Wozniacki, 27, did not compete in the Dubai Tennis Championships last week, leaving the way open for the Romanian to return to World No.1.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE DAY

World Cancer Day – Feb 4

World Cancer Day is observed on **February 4, 2018**. Communities across the world will come together to spread and raise awareness about cancer. For 2016-2018, the theme for observing World Cancer Day is **'We Can. I can.'**

International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM: Feb 6th

International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is a United Nations-sponsored annual awareness day that takes place on **February 6**. It is UN's efforts to eradicate female genital mutilation.

Nation celebrates Unani Day: February 11

Nation celebrates as **Unani Day** as it is the **150th Birth Anniversary of Hakim Ajmal**

Khan, the contribution made by him to the traditional medicine and to the nation was remarkable.

National Productivity Day – FEB 12

National Productivity Council is observing National Productivity Day February 12 and National Productivity Week till 18th February.

- The theme for the National Productivity Week is – **Industry 4.0 Leapfrog Opportunity for India.**

World Radio Day – February 13

The World Radio Day is observed every year on **February 13** and theme is **“Radio and Sports”**. There are three sub themes in 2018: They are, Diversity in Sports Coverage, Gender Equality in Sports Coverage and Peace and Development through Sports Coverage.

World Social Justice: February 20

World Social Justice is observed every year on **February 20**. Social justice is an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations. We advance social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability.

- Theme of 2018: **Workers on the Move: the Quest for Social Justice**

International Mother Language Day 2018: Feb 21st

International Mother Language Day 2018, which is celebrated every year on **21 February** for the last 20 years, is an endeavour stop this disintegration of language and culture. This year it is the **18th anniversary** of IMLD.

- Theme of 2018: **“Linguistic diversity and multilingualism count for sustainable development”**.

World Thinking Day 2018: Feb 22nd

World Thinking Day is a way to celebrate with girls all over the world on **Feb 22nd** by doing the same activities. Making an impact means having a strong effect on something or someone. Impact for the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is all about bringing positive change.

- Theme of 2018: **“Impact”**

World Sustainable Energy Days: February 24th

The **World Sustainable Energy Days (WSED)** are one of **Europe’s largest annual conferences** in this field. The 2018 conference will take place from 28 February – 2 March 2018 in **Wels/Austria**.

OBITUARY

BJP MP Chintaman Wanaga passed away:

Senior BJP MP from Maharashtra, Chintaman Wanaga, passed away. Wanaga, who was born on June 1, 1950, was elected to the Lok Sabha from Palghar in Maharashtra. He was a member of the 11th and the 13th Lok Sabha.

World’s Oldest Man Passes Away at 113:

Francisco Nunez Olivera, the world’s oldest man passed away. He belongs to a Bienvenida village in Spain.

Kairana Hukum Singh passed away:

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Member of Parliament from Western Uttar Pradesh’s Kairana, Hukum Singh passed away.

Madavoor Vasudevan Nair passed away:

Kathakali maestro Madavoor Vasudevan Nair collapsed on stage and passed away while performing at Agasthyacodu Mahadeva Temple, Anchal in Kollam. He is a recipient of several awards, including Padma Bhushan.

Gali Muddu Krishnama Naidu passes away:

Former Minister and **presently member of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council Gali Muddu Krishnama Naidu**. He belongs to Telugu Desam Party.

John Mahoney Passed Away:

Actor John Mahoney passed away in Chicago, the USA. He was well-known for playing the title character in the **“Frasier”** show. His other famous works are **“The American President,” “Moonstruck,” “In the Line of Fire,”** and **“Say Anything”**.

Doyen of Odia Literature Chandrasekhar Rath Passes Away:

The doyen of Odia literature Chandrasekhar Rath passed away in Bhubaneswar. Rath was conferred with several awards, including **Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award, Odisha Sahitya Akademi Award and Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman** for his contribution in the field of literature.

Asma Jahangir Passed Away:

Pakistan’s well known human rights lawyer and social activist **Asma Jahangir**. Asma **co-founded and chaired the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan**. She had also been Supreme Court Bar Association president.

Johann Johannsson Passed Away:

Johann Johannsson, an **award-winning composer and producer** passed away. Johannsson won a **Golden Globe and received Grammy and Oscar nominations for his score for “The Theory of Everything”**.

Long serving Former Dutch PM passed away

Ruud Lubbers, the youngest and longest-serving prime minister of the Netherlands, died at the age of 78 in Rotterdam.

French jazz violinist Didier Lockwood passes away:

French jazz violinist **Didier Lockwood**, whose eclectic career spanned more than four decades and the world’s most prestigious festivals and concert halls, has died. He was **62**.

Telugu actor Gundu Hanumantha Rao passes away:

Well-known Telugu cinema comedian **Gundu Hanumantha Rao** passed away in Hyderabad. He was 61. The first role he essayed on stage was in a play called **Ravana Brahma** in Vijayawada. He has won three **Nandi awards**.

Evangelist Billy Graham dies at age 99:

Billy Graham, one of the most widely heard **Christian evangelist** in history passed

away at the age of 99 at his home in **North Carolina**. In 1983, President Reagan gave him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America’s highest civilian honour.

Dr BK Goyal, cardiologist with ‘clinical sixth sense’, is no more:

Eminent cardiologist Dr BK Goyal breathed his last in Mumbai following a cardiac arrest. **He was 82-years-old**. He was known to the world for having received top civilian awards — the **Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan** and **Padma Shri** — and for treating ministers, industrialists and bureaucrats.

Renowned writer Kunhiraman Panoor passes away:

Renowned **writer and social activist Kunhiraman Panoor** popularly known as K Panoor passed away due to old age ailments at a private hospital. He was 84. Panoor won the **Kerala Sahitya Academy award** in 2006 and **Ramasramam award** in 2002. The renowned writer retired from the State Revenue Department as Deputy Collector.

Renowned violinist M.S. Anantharaman passes away:

Noted violinist **M.S. Anantharaman**, an exponent of Parur style of violin playing, died. He was **94 years old**. He familiarised the Parur bani along with his brother.

National Herald editor-in-chief Neelabh Mishra passes away:

Senior journalist and editor-in-chief of National Herald, Neelabh Mishra, passed away at a Chennai Hospital.

Bollywood actor Sridevi passes away:

Bollywood actor Sridevi passed away after a cardiac arrest, confirmed her brother-in-law Sanjay Kapoor. She was 54.

Former cabinet secretary T S R Subramanian passes away:

Former Cabinet secretary TSR Subramanian has passed away. He was 79. Mr Subramanian was the Cabinet Secretary from August 1996, to March 1998.

Current Affairs Quiz:

Q.1) High Performance Computing facility launched for weather forecast has been launched in _____.

- a) Pune
- b) Ahmedabad
- c) Noida
- d) Bengaluru
- e) Delhi

Q.2) Safer Internet Day is observed on?

- a) February 5th
- b) February 4th
- c) February 7th
- d) February 3rd
- e) February 6th

Q.3) The Ministry of Commerce & Industry launched the third version of the GeM 3.0. What is the abbreviation of “M” in GeM 3.0?

- a) Massive
- b) Manual
- c) Maximum
- d) Marketplace
- e) Maturity

- Q.4) Who inaugurated the 7th India Energy Congress 2018 in New Delhi?
 a) Rajesh Khanna b) Mahendra Kumar
 c) R K Singh d) Sushil Raj
 e) Sunita Kannan
- Q.5) Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the first International "Kala Mela" at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts in _____.
 a) Mumbai b) Chennai
 c) New Delhi d) Kolkata
 e) Bengaluru
- Q.6) The Floating Treatment Wetland (FTW) was inaugurated in which lake?
 a) Roopkund Lake b) Suraj Tal
 c) Neknampur Lake d) Kolleru Lake
 e) Chandra Taal
- Q.7) Power Minister R K Singh announced Kisan Urja Suraksha Utthaan Maha Abhiyaan KUSUM scheme at the cost of _____.
 a) Rs 45,000-crore b) Rs 32,000-crore
 c) Rs 41,000-crore d) Rs 38,000-crore
 e) Rs 48,000-crore
- Q.8) CRISIL has paired with which organisation launched India's First MSE Sentiment Index named CriSidex?
 a) NABARD b) GOI
 c) RBI d) SIDBI
 e) NHCL
- Q.9) Which state plans to built a Twin Tower Trade Centre (65 storey)?
 a) Uttar Pradesh b) Assam
 c) Kerala d) Rajasthan
 e) Nagaland
- Q.10) Exam Warriors is a book penned by whom?
 a) Prime Minister of India
 b) Vice President of India
 c) President of India
 d) Governor of India
 e) None of these
- Q.11) India has lifted the ICC Under-19 World Cup for the record fourth time by defeating _____.
 a) South Africa b) England
 c) Zimbabwe d) Sri Lanka
 e) Australia
- Q.12) Bulletin is a new app released by which company to express stories about their communities?
 a) UCZ Ltd b) Facebook
 c) Google d) Shallow Cox
 e) None of these
- Q.13) India has contributed an additional _____ to the India-UN Development Partnership Fund earmarked for South-South cooperation.
 a) \$ 1 million b) \$ 100 million
 c) \$ 2 million d) \$ 250 million
 e) \$ 3 million
- Q.14) What is the theme of World Cancer Day?
 a) We can, We do b) I can, We Can
 c) We Should, I Can d) I can, I Should
 e) We Can, I Can

- Q.15) World Wetlands day is celebrated on _____.
 a) February 1st b) February 2nd
 c) February 3rd d) February 4th
 e) February 5th
- Q.16) Nicos Anastasiades is the new president of _____.
 a) Algeria b) Cyprus
 c) Colombia d) Italy
 e) Monaco
- Q.17) Which organisation has revised the gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate for 2015-16 to 8.2% from the earlier estimates of 8%?
 a) IMF b) ADB
 c) Central Statistics Office d) Finance Ministry
 e) World Bank
- Q.18) The Government has decided to sell off its entire public stake in Dredging Corporation of India Ltd. (DCIL). It was announced by which ministry?
 a) Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
 b) Ministry of Shipping
 c) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
 d) Ministry of Science and Technology
 e) Ministry of Defence
- Q.19) Who wins the Times Power Woman 2017 Award?
 a) Tsai Ing-wen
 b) Michelle Bachelet
 c) Shabnam Asthana
 d) Federica Mogherini
 e) Ivanka Trump
- Q.20) Syed Mahmud Hossain has been appointed as Chief Justice of which country?
 a) Bhutan b) Myanmar
 c) Bangladesh d) Nepal
 e) None of these
- Q.21) The Centre has sanctioned how much crore for three years to promote organic farming in Uttarakhand?
 a) Rs 1600 crore b) Rs 1510 crore
 c) Rs 1620 crore d) Rs 1430 crore
 e) Rs 1500 crore
- Q.22) Shi Yuqi clinched the gold in India Open 2018, hails from which country?
 a) India b) China c) Nepal
 d) Japan e) Indonesia
- Q.23) Which country celebrated the 70th Independence Day on February 4th with the theme "One Nation"?
 a) Bhutan b) Pakistan c) Sri Lanka
 d) Bangladesh e) None of these
- Q.24) Nuclear-capable Agni-I missile test fired successfully has range of _____.
 a) 500 kms b) 700 kms c) 220 kms
 d) 290 kms e) 560 kms
- Q.25) The Sixth World Government Summit 2018 to be held in _____.
 a) India b) UAE c) Oman
 d) Israel e) Palestine
- Q.26) Who wins the first gold in Khelo India School Games?
 a) Arun Kumar b) Vinay Raj
 c) Anu Kumar d) Ashwin Sundar
 e) Kamal Raj

- Q.27) Which country launches smallest rocket ever to carry tiny satellite into orbit?
 a) China b) USA c) Japan
 d) Russia e) India
- Q.28) Which state government has signed with Ola for River Taxi Service?
 a) West Bengal b) Nagaland
 c) Assam d) Jharkhand
 e) Kerala
- Q.29) Recently India joins with which of the following country in Ashgabat Agreement for international transport and transit corridor?
 a) Qatar b) Oman
 c) Armenia d) Russia
 e) Sri Lanka
- Q.30) Chintaman Wanaga passed away recently, belongs to which field?
 a) Film b) Medicine
 c) Politics d) Music
 e) Journalist
- Q.31) Mary Kom wins gold at India Open boxing under which category?
 a) 52kg b) 48kg c) 64kg
 d) 69kg e) 72kg
- Q.32) Dinesh Srivastava takes over as NFC chief executive by replacing whom?
 a) Swami Shankar b) Kalai Kannan
 c) Kalyanakrishnan d) PriyaShankar
 e) Kalyana Rajan
- Q.33) Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Investors' Summit in _____.
 a) Bihar b) Assam
 c) Maharashtra d) Andhra Pradesh
 e) Karnataka
- Q.34) The 32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela has began in _____.
 a) Rajasthan b) Uttar Pradesh
 c) Haryana d) Punjab e) Odisha
- Q.35) How many Indian athletes came in Forbes India 30 Under 30 list 2018?
 a) 1 b) 5 c) 9
 d) 8 e) 4
- Q.36) Who has been awarded with Sahitya Akademi's Bhasha Samman with the cash prize of 1 Lakh?
 a) Shesh Anand Madhukar
 b) Premchand
 c) Coomaraswamy
 d) Kulkarni
 e) Jayant Kothari
- Q.37) Shubhankar Sharma became the top-ranked Indian golfer with a rank of _____ in the world golf rankings.
 a) 72nd b) 19th c) 28th
 d) 56th e) 81st
- Q.38) Which country has partnered with the Vision for a Nation (VFAN) organisation to train more than 3,000 eye care nurses?
 a) Bolivia b) Rwanda c) Burundi
 d) Cyprus e) Estonia

Q.39) Lt. Gen Anil Chauhan Takes Charge as DGMO of Indian Army by succeeding whom?
 a) Surendar Raj b) Sunil kumar
 c) AK Bhatt d) Kalyan singh
 e) Mahesh kumar

Q.40) Neelam Kapur has been appointed as the _____ of Sports Authority of India (SAI).
 a) Vice President b) President
 c) Director General d) Head
 e) Chairman

Q.41) Saurav Ghosal becomes the highest-ranked Indian squash player. His rank is _____.
 a) 19th b) 14th c) 21st
 d) 9th e) 1st

Q.42) The Union government and World Bank signed a \$100 million (about Rs 6,400 crore) loan agreement for which state?
 a) Nagaland b) Assam c) Kerala
 d) Tamil Nadu e) Odisha

Q.43) Who became the World No. 1 in the recent World Golf Ranking?
 a) Ben Hogan b) Sam Snead
 c) Tom Watson d) Gary Player
 e) Dustin Johnson

Q.44) Who has been honoured with V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award 2018 with the cash prize of Rs.10 Lakh?
 a) Vishal Bhardwaj b) Naresh Bedi
 c) Shatrughan Sinha d) Anurag Kashyap
 e) Shyam Benegal

Q.45) Savita Punia is related to which of the following sports?
 a) Cricket b) Football
 c) Shooting d) Hockey
 e) Golf

Q.46) What is the rank of India on the Economist Intelligence Unit's annual Global Democracy Index?
 a) 32nd b) 42nd c) 45th
 d) 38th e) 40th

Q.47) Which edition of South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference held in New Delhi, recently?
 a) Fourth b) Third c) Fifth
 d) Ninth e) Tenth

Q.48) Which country has launched the world's longest zip line, measuring 2.83 kilometers in length?
 a) Japan b) UAE
 c) France d) China e) Oman

Q.49) Indian Overseas Bank receives _____ capital infusions from government in the preferential allotment of equity shares of the bank during the 2017-18 fiscal.
 a) Rs. 171.01 crore b) Rs. 175.06 crore
 c) Rs. 173.06 crore d) Rs. 172.01 crore
 e) Rs. 174.06 crore

Q.50) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) , United Shipbuilding Corporation (USC) and with which country has signed to collaborate and engage in Design, Development and Execution of contemporary, State-of-Art vessels for Inland and Coastal Waterways recently?

a) Mongolia b) Russia c) Germany
 d) Turkmenistan e) China

Q.51) John Hennessy is appointed as chairman of _____.
 a) Alphabet b) Google c) Facebook
 d) Samsung e) Twitter

Q.52) The first-ever Pelican Festival will be held at?
 a) Andhra Pradesh b) Karnataka
 c) Kerala d) Arunachal Pradesh
 e) Rajasthan

Q.53) Uttar Pradesh government in association with which organisation launched massive door to door campaign "DASTAK" to eradicate deadly Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and Japanese Encephalitis disease in the state?
 a) UNESCO b) UNICEF c) IMF
 d) UN e) World Bank

Q.54) Which Aerospace company has launched the Falcon Heavy, world's most powerful rocket?
 a) NASA b) SpaceX c) Boeing
 d) McDonnell Douglas e) Blue Origin

Q.55) Sweden provides how much million dollar to UN World Food Programme?
 a) 270 million dollar b) 350 million dollar
 c) 110 million dollar d) 280 million dollar
 e) 370 million dollar

Q.56) In the 'Energy and Resource Policy Think Tanks' category, CSE has been ranked the _____ in India and 38th in the world?
 a) First b) Second c) Fourth
 d) Tenth e) Third

Q.57) Who has been sworn as the 16th chairman of the Federal Reserve, the central bank of the United States?
 a) Janet Yellen b) Jerome Powell
 c) Ben Bernanke d) George Akerlof
 e) Stanley Fischer

Q.58) Who won the International Press Institute's award 2018?
 a) Sai Priya b) Neetu Raj
 c) Ritu Sarin d) Shaila Ranjan
 e) None of these

Q.59) Tore Hattrem is the president of which organisation?
 a) ADB b) UNESCO
 c) UNICEF d) AIIB
 e) IBRD

Q.60) What is the name of the high performance computer system that has been launched by Ministry of earth sciences?
 a) Manir b) Mihi
 c) Mihir d) Manu
 e) None of these

Q.61) What is the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate in the 6th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy?
 a) 6.0 percent b) 6.75 percent
 c) 6.25 percent d) 6.6 percent
 e) 7.2 percent

Q.62) Which organisation and NCERT has joined hands to teach students digital Safety?
 a) Facebook b) Google
 c) UNESCO d) UNICEF

e) Apple

Q.63) What is the range of nuclear capable Prithvi II missile?
 a) 110 kms b) 290 kms
 c) 350 kms d) 550 kms
 e) 480 kms

Q.64) Which state's panel has proposed a new 3-colour official state flag?
 a) Odisha b) Kerala
 c) Karnataka d) Gujarat
 e) Maharashtra

Q.65) Prime Minister's Research Fellows (PMRF) scheme has been launched at a cost of how much rupees?
 a) Rs 1540 crore b) Rs 2550 crore
 c) Rs 1430 crore d) Rs 1650 crore
 e) Rs 2620 crore

Q.66) Who topped the first ever Cryptocurrency rich list 2018?
 a) Farook Raj b) Joseph Lubin
 c) Chris Larsen d) Changpeng Zhao
 e) None of these

Q.67) From when RBI will link the base rate for loans given by banks to the MCLR?
 a) April 1, 2019 b) January 1, 2019
 c) May 1, 2018 d) April 1, 2018
 e) March 1, 2018

Q.68) Which International Airport has got No 1 ranking as the world's busiest airport?
 a) London b) Singapore
 c) Dubai d) Riyadh
 e) Tokyo

Q.69) Who is the first Indian female cricketer to take 200 ODI wickets?
 a) Mithali Raj b) Harmanpreet Kaur
 c) Thirush Kamini d) Latika Kumari
 e) Jhulan Goswami

Q.70) John Mahoney is related to which of the following field?
 a) Actor b) Director
 c) Politician d) Musician
 e) Cricketer

Q.71) What is the abbreviation of "B" in FBY?
 a) Basel b) Banker
 c) Bima d) Bouncing
 e) Basis

Q.72) Who is the Co-Founder of Ripple?
 a) Farook Raj b) Joseph Lubin
 c) Chris Larsen d) Changpeng Zhao
 e) None of these

Q.73) Which Railway zone has become 1st Rail Zone with 100% LED Lighting?
 a) Northern Railway b) Eastern Railway
 c) South Central Railway d) North East Railway
 e) Western Railway

Q.74) The target of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) has increased from five crore to how much?
 a) Six Crore b) Ten Crore
 c) Nine Crore d) Seven Crore
 e) Eight Crore

Q.75) The revised target of PMUY will be achieved by which year?

- a) 2025 b) 2020 c) 2021
 d) 2019 e) 2022
- Q.76) The "pay as you use" Project will be implemented by which organisation?
 a) RBI b) NPCI c) NHAI
 d) GOI e) NABARD
- Q.77) Who is the head of 13-member advisory committee constituted by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman?
 a) Sunil Verma b) Harish Chatterjee
 c) Vinay Sheel Oberoi d) Mukesh Raj
 e) Palani Rajan
- Q.78) Among Union Territories, which UT has showed best overall performance as well as highest annual incremental performance?
 a) Daman and Diu b) Lakshadweep
 c) Puducherry
 d) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
 e) Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- Q.79) Who has developed the first flight of Hawk-i with indigenous Real Time Operating System (RTOS)?
 a) Boeing b) SpaceX
 c) Hindustan Aeronautics d) Kerns Aerospace
 e) None of these
- Q.80) What is India's Rank in Global Intellectual Property Index?
 a) 41st b) 43rd c) 44th
 d) 45th e) 42nd
- Q.81) What is the name of the chat based job search mobile app which has been recently launched?
 a) Dream Job b) LinkedLn c) Empzilla
 d) Ibotta e) Checkout 51
- Q.82) Who has been appointed as MD and CEO of SBI Card?
 a) Sundar Prasad b) Diva Shankar
 c) Hardayal Prasad d) Siva Babu SK
 e) None of these
- Q.83) Global Innovation Policy Center of which country released Global Intellectual Property Index?
 a) England b) India c) Qatar
 d) US e) Russia
- Q.84) Who launched a web-based monitoring system and a fly-ash mobile application?
 a) SK Raj b) Shankar Kumar
 c) RK Singh d) KS Suresh
 e) Ranju Singh
- Q.85) The Minister of State for Textiles Ajay Tamta inaugurated India Pavilion at Ambiente 2018 in which country?
 a) Sweden b) Russia c) Italy
 d) Germany e) Qatar
- Q.86) Who has become ICC's 1st Independent Female Director?
 a) Savitri Jindal b) Indra Nooyi
 c) Chanda Kochhar d) Leena Tiwari
 e) Anu Aga
- Q.87) NPCI appointed Biswamohan Mahapatra as non-executive chairman for how many years?
 a) 3 years b) 4 years c) 2 years
 d) 5 years e) 1 year

- Q.88) The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed a fine of how much crore on search engine major Google?
 a) Rs 126 crore b) Rs 135 crore
 c) Rs 124 crore d) Rs 136 crore
 e) Rs 141 crore
- Q.89) As per the proposed classifications in MSME, Units having turnover between Rs 5 crore to Rs 75 crore comes under which category?
 a) Small Enterprise b) Medium Enterprise
 c) Micro Enterprise d) Large Enterprise
 e) None of these
- Q.90) "Mere Sapno Ka Bharat" is the book written by?
 a) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
 b) Rajnath Singh
 c) Tarun Vijay
 d) Gautam Bhattacharya
 e) Sourav Ganguly
- Q.91) Which edition of Olympic Winter Games officially kicked off in South Korea?
 a) 22nd b) 21st c) 25th
 d) 23rd e) 24th
- Q.92) PM Modi lays foundation stone of first Hindu temple in which city?
 a) New York b) Riyadh c) Muscat
 d) Abu Dhabi e) None of these
- Q.93) Chandrasekhar Rath who passed away recently hails from which state?
 a) Kerala b) Karnataka c) Odisha
 d) West Bengal e) Jharkhand
- Q.94) In which year Payment and Settlement Systems Act established?
 a) 2003 b) 2001 c) 2009
 d) 2007 e) 2005
- Q.95) The NVEC will be established under which ministry?
 a) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
 b) Ministry of Women and Child Development
 c) Ministry of Minority Affairs
 d) Minister of Commerce and Industry
 e) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- Q.96) In the list of richest city in the world which Indian city ranked 12th?
 a) Chennai b) Hyderabad c) Kolkata
 d) Mumbai e) Lucknow
- Q.97) Recently India and Oman signed how many agreements?
 a) 8 b) 7 c) 2
 d) 3 e) 5
- Q.98) Which country has been banned from Winter Olympics 2018?
 a) Japan b) Russia c) North Korea
 d) India e) China
- Q.99) The country's largest lender SBI write off bad loans worth how much crore in 2016-17?
 a) Rs 21,339 crore b) Rs 12,339 crore
 c) Rs 22,339 crore d) Rs 10,339 crore
 e) Rs 20,339 crore
- Q.100) Another world record was created on the second day of Rajim Kumbh Mela after over 2,100

- saints and locals played conch shells 'shankh' together in _____ Gariaband.
 a) Maharashtra b) Gujarat
 c) Chhattisgarh d) Rajasthan
 e) Punjab
- Q.101) Which country has the highest percentage share for availing e- Tourist Visa facilities?
 a) UK b) USA c) Canada
 d) Sweden e) Denmark
- Q.102) Which Public Sector bank has announced to exit its South Africa operations?
 a) Andhra Bank b) Canara Bank
 c) Bank of Maharashtra d) Bank of Baroda
 e) Bank of India
- Q.103) ONGC Videsh Ltd and its partners have acquired how much percent stake in ADNOC?
 a) 15% b) 10% c) 49%
 d) 21% e) 32%
- Q.104) What is the theme for "World Radio Day"?
 a) Radio and Rich b) Radio and Science
 c) Radio and Games d) Radio and Sports
 e) Radio and Friends
- Q.105) Who has been elected as the president of Kendra Sahitya Akademi?
 a) Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari
 b) Suresh Chandra Kumar
 c) Vimal Kumar
 d) Chandrashekhara Kambara
 e) None of these
- Q.106) Foreign banks will also have to follow how many percentage sub-target for lending to the small and marginal farmers?
 a) 9% b) 7% c) 8%
 d) 4% e) 3%
- Q.107) The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman approved capital acquisition proposals of the defence services of how much amount?
 a) Rs 15,935 crore b) Rs 15,435 crore
 c) Rs 15,445 crore d) Rs 15,915 crore
 e) Rs 15,495 crore
- Q.108) Name the swimmer who is the first Asian to swim across Ocean Seven?
 a) Rajesh b) Rohan c) Suresh
 d) Suraj e) Shankar
- Q.109) An Agriculture Business Summit was held in New Delhi between India and which Country?
 a) Oman b) Vietnam c) Israel
 d) Russia e) Palestine
- Q.110) Who is the minister of State Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions?
 a) Shripad Yesso Naik
 b) Hardeep Singh Puri
 c) Jitendra Singh
 d) Ramdas Athawale
 e) Hansraj Gangaram Ahir
- Q.111) Chandrababu Naidu, the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, is the richest CM in the country with how much assets worth?
 a) Rs 173 crore b) Rs 175 crore
 c) Rs 176 crore d) Rs 177 crore
 e) Rs 179 crore

Q.112) The Indian Navy will now be able to use the facilities at Duqm port which is located in which country?

- a) Palestine b) Oman c) Iran
d) Israel e) Egypt

Q.113) A well known human rights lawyer and social activist Asma Jahangir passed away hails from which country?

- a) Israel b) Iran c) Pakistan
d) Myanmar e) India

Q.114) The 4th meeting of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) was held under the chairmanship of whom?

- a) Abhijit Banerjee
b) Amit Mitra
c) Bibek Debroy
d) Amiya Kumar Bagchi
e) Ardeshir Darabshaw Shroff

Q.115) How many crore has sanctioned by defence ministry to army to boost security?

- a) 1,467 Crore b) 1,477 Crore
c) 1,487 Crore d) 1,497 Crore
e) 1,457 Crore

Q.116) The 'World Junior' championship for the blind will be held which place?

- a) Poland b) Sweden
c) Russia d) Spain
e) Germany

Q.117) When is the National Productivity day has been observed?

- a) February 12th b) February 11th
c) February 10th
d) February 13th
e) February 15th

Q.118) Which state has started an initiative to connect with youth on social media- initiative called as "MahaMitra".

- a) Maharashtra b) Gujarat
c) Chhattisgarh d) Rajasthan
e) Punjab

Q.119) Who is the poorest among the Indian Chief Ministers?

- a) Chandrababu Naidu
b) Mamata Banerjee
c) Manik Sarkar
d) Devendra Fadnavis
e) Mehbooba Mufti

Q.120) Which of the following port has got "Good" score in the index?

- a) Kandla b) Kamarajar
c) Paradip d) Haldia
e) Mormugao

Q.121) In the list of 15 wealthiest cities New York topped the list with a total wealth of how much amount?

- a) \$3 trillion b) \$5 trillion
c) \$2 trillion d) \$1 trillion
e) \$8 trillion

Q.122) Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched the Centre for learning Sanskrit language in _____ University

- a) Maharashtra b) Gujarat
c) Chhattisgarh d) Rajasthan

e) Punjab

Q.123) A two-day International Conference on Unani Medicine held in which place?

- a) Pune b) Mumbai
c) Chennai d) New Delhi
e) Jaipur

Q.124) How many MoU/ agreement was signed during visit of Prime Minister to Palestine?

- a) 4 b) 5 c) 6
d) 7 e) 8

Q.125) Which country has temporarily banned imports of live birds, hatching eggs and chicks from India?

- a) Japan b) Dubai c) China
d) Saudi Arabia e) Nepal

Q.126) A new 'Port Performance Index' has been taken under which ministry?

- a) Ministry of Finance
b) Minister of Commerce and Industry
c) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
d) Ministry of Science and Technology
e) Ministry of Earth Science

Q.127) _____ has confirmed "resumption" of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra through the Nathu La route.

- a) Japan b) Dubai c) China
d) Saudi Arabia e) Nepal

Q.128) The world's first driverless pods on the occasion of World Government Summit, held at which place?

- a) Dubai b) Davos c) Muscat
d) Jerusalem e) None of these

Q.129) Who won the National 'A' Chess Championship for Blind for the fifth consecutive time?

- a) Kishan Gangolli
b) Ashvin Makwana
c) Soundarya Kumar
d) Priya Bhavani
e) Kiran Shettu

Q.130) Who released the manual laying down guidelines on when and how to expand or manage different types of roads?

- a) Nitin Gadkari b) Shripad Yesso Naik
c) Giriraj Singh d) Radhakrishnan P
e) Jitendra Singh

Q.131) What is the theme of International Conference on Unani Medicine?

- a) Integration of Unani System of Medicine in main stream healthcare
b) Integrated of Unani System of Medicine in main stream
c) Integration of Unani Source of Medicine in main stream healthcare
d) Integrated of Unani System of Medicine in main stream healthcare
e) Integrated of Unani Source in main stream healthcare

Q.132) Union Minister of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy RK Singh said that the government was committed to provide electricity to un-electrified households by which year?

- a) 2019 b) 2020 c) 2021

d) 2018 e) 2023

Q.133) The 12th International Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility was held in which place?

- a) Bengaluru b) Hyderabad c) Chennai
d) Delhi e) Ahmedabad

Q.134) Donald Trump unveils massive infrastructure plan for how many trillion?

- a) USD 2 b) USD 3 c) USD 2.5
d) USD 1.5 e) USD 3.5

Q.135) Who claimed the first gold on the opening day of the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics?

- a) Jesi Anderson b) Janavi Kiran
c) Rameela Khan d) Charlotte Kalla
e) Bjoergen

Q.136) What is the Constituency of minister Nitin Gadkari?

- a) Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh
b) Bangalore North, Karnataka
c) Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh
d) Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh
e) Nagpur, Maharashtra

Q.137) _____ emerges as the most congested country in world.

- a) Thailand b) Dubai c) China
d) Saudi Arabia e) Nepal

Q.138) _____ retains top spot as source market for Dubai in 2017.

- a) Thailand b) Dubai c) China
d) Saudi Arabia e) India

Q.139) Who was concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Timor-Leste?

- a) PrakashKumar Rawat
b) Pragad Kumar Rawat
c) Pradeep Kumar Rawat
d) Pramod Kumar Rawat
e) Prajan Kumar Rawat

Q.140) Who was being conferred with the Grand Collar of the State of Palestine?

- a) Sushma Swaraj b) Arun Jaitley
c) Radha Mohan Singh d) Rajnath Singh
e) Narendra Modi

Q.141) Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Dorjee Khandu state at which state?

- a) Karnataka b) Odisha
c) Andhra Pradesh d) Arunachal Pradesh
e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.142) India will host which edition of Theatre Olympics?

- a) 7th b) 3rd c) 4th
d) 5th e) 8th

Q.143) Who organises India's first radio festival in Delhi?

- a) UNICEF b) WHO c) UNESCO
d) UN e) IMF

Q.144) The 'Assistance to States and UTs for Narcotics Control' scheme has been extended for how many years?

- a) 3 years b) 4 years c) 5 years
d) 8 years e) 9 years

Q.145) What is the revised estimated budget for anti-narcotics scheme?

- a) Rs 20 crore b) Rs 25 crore

- c) Rs 23 crore d) Rs 29 crore
e) Rs 21 crore
- Q.146) Which is the first state to withdraw from the ambitious 'Modicare' scheme?
a) Karnataka b) Assam
c) West Bengal d) Nagaland
e) Arunachal Pradesh
- Q.147) How much amount has been sanctioned by the Union Cabinet for the creation of National Urban Housing Fund (NUHF), recently?
a) Rs.30,000 crores b) Rs.70,000 crores
c) Rs.40,000 crores d) Rs.50,000 crores
e) Rs.60,000 crores
- Q.148) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the methodology for auction of coal mines / blocks for sale of coal under which of the following act?
a) Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015
b) Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957
c) Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2016
d) Both a and b
e) Both b and c
- Q.149) The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Smt Nirmala Sitharaman has approved of how much crore rupees to Capital Acquisition Proposals of services?
a) Rs.18,580 crore b) Rs.16,750 crore
c) Rs.15,935 crore d) Rs.16,550 crore
e) Rs.15,350 crore
- Q.150) What is the total cost and construction period of construction of 4.531 km long 2-Lane Bi-Directional Silkyara Bend - Barkot Tunnel project?
a) Rs. 1483.78 crore and 4years
b) Rs. 1283.78 crore and 5years
c) Rs. 1583.78 crore and 6years
d) Rs. 1383.78 crore and 4years
e) Rs. 1383.78 crore and 5years
- Q.151) How much amount has been allocated in union budget 2018-19 for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) PMAY(U), by the housing and urban affairs ministry?
a) Rs. 8,042crore b) Rs. 5,042crore
c) Rs. 6,505 crore d) Rs. 6,042crore
e) Rs. 7,505 crore
- Q.152) According to a report in The New York Post, Apple tops the most valuable company list with how much billion market cap?
a) \$139.2 billion b) \$119.2 billion
c) \$849.2 billion d) \$939.2 billion
e) \$949.2 billion
- Q.153) World Social Justice is observed every year on _____.
a) February 17th b) February 18th
c) February 19th d) February 20th
e) February 21st
- Q.154) Name the Australian female player who has announced retirement from all forms of cricket recently.
a) Alex Blackwell b) Sardar Singh
c) Yuzuru Hanyu d) Christian Coleman
e) Javier Fernandez

- Q.155) Who will be the captain of an 28-member Indian squad for the 27th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2018?
a) Alex Blackwell b) Sardar Singh
c) Yuzuru Hanyu d) Christian Coleman
e) Javier Fernandez
- Q.156) The Power equipment maker BHEL has bagged an order worth Rs 560 crore from which company?
a) TNPS b) NPTS c) TNCS
d) NNPC e) NTPC
- Q.157) The New Development Bank (NDB) has signed a loan agreement of USD 100 million for which state's Water Sector Restructuring Project?
a) Gujarat b) Tripura
c) Kerala d) Rajasthan
e) Uttar Pradesh
- Q.158) Who became the first figure skater in 66 years to win back-to-back Winter Olympic gold medals in the men's singles event at PyeongChang Games?
a) Alex Blackwell b) Sardar Singh
c) Yuzuru Hanyu d) Christian Coleman
e) Javier Fernandez
- Q.159) Who has set up a world record in 60 metres race at the US indoor national championships?
a) Alex Blackwell b) Sardar Singh
c) Yuzuru Hanyu d) Christian Coleman
e) Javier Fernandez
- Q.160) Who is the 41st Prime Minister of Nepal?
a) Sher Bahadur Deuba
b) KP Sharma Oli
c) Pushpa Kamal Dahal
d) Baburam Bhattarai
e) Jhana Lal Khanal
- Q.161) Name the firm that has been recognised as 'Startup of the Year' 2017 at the 7th Small Business Awards.
a) Ads Native b) 91 Spring Board
c) Milk basket d) Address Health
e) Baby Berry
- Q.162) What is the theme for World Sustainable Development Summit 2018?
a) Partnerships with new Planet
b) Partnerships for a Resilient Planet
c) Partnerships with Resilient World
d) Partnerships towards the world
e) Partnerships in the new developed era
- Q.163) Name the ecommerce firm that has rolled out its own food retailing business in India.
a) Alibaba b) Amazon
c) E bay d) Flipkart
e) JD.com
- Q.164) The State government will be setting up an India's first institute for artificial intelligence (AI) in which city?
a) Trivandrum b) Mumbai
c) Chennai d) Ahmedabad
e) Jaipur
- Q.165) Who will the head the committee to study Brahmaputra and flood control measures in Assam?
a) Narendra Modi b) R K Singh
c) Arun Jaitley d) Rajiv Kumar
e) Dharmendhra pradhan
- Q.166) Which team lifted the Senior Women's National Football Championship held in cuttack, odisha?
a) Kerala b) Manipur
c) Tripura d) Tamil Nadu
e) Haryana
- Q.167) Which state government has introduced Yoga Council Bill in Assembly?
a) Karnataka b) Gujarat
c) Nagaland d) Assam
e) Tamil Nadu
- Q.168) Which country will debut with its first ever Arab Fashion Week?
a) USA b) Saudi Arabia
c) India d) UK
e) Canada
- Q.169) Canada - India Business Forum was held at _____.
a) Kolkata b) Chennai
c) New Delhi d) Mumbai
e) Hyderabad
- Q.170) The World Radio Day is observed on?
a) February 16th b) February 12th
c) February 11th d) February 13th
e) February 15th
- Q.171) India's Punjab National Bank (PNB) has detected fraudulent transactions worth over how much crore?
a) Rs 11,300 crore b) Rs 11,600 crore
c) Rs 11,500 crore d) Rs 11,200 crore
e) Rs 11,100 crore
- Q.172) Who has been named as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2017?
a) Shakthi Manjesh b) Sanjiv Bajaj
c) Surya Raj d) Kanneswaran
e) Sugumar NP
- Q.173) With which country India launches joint research projects on clean water & energy?
a) USA b) Saudi Arabia
c) India d) UK
e) Canada
- Q.174) Who has been honoured with the Scientific and Engineering Academy Award at the Oscars Award?
a) Venu Rajan b) Stalin Krishna
c) Vikas Sathaye d) Muthu Pradeep
e) KN Sinha
- Q.175) The 2018 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit will be held which country?
a) India b) Pakistan
c) China d) Russia
e) Tajikistan
- Q.176) What is the name of the tri-service maritime exercise that began in India's western coast?
a) Simbex b) Salvex
c) Paschim Lehar d) Garuda Shakti
e) Milan

Q.177) Who has become the oldest world number one in Tennis history?
 a) Rafael Nadal b) Roger Federer
 c) Novak Djokovic d) Andy Murray
 e) Pete Sampras

Q.178) National Conference under the title of "Agriculture 2022 – Doubling Farmers' Income" was held in _____.
 a) Kolkata b) Chennai
 c) New Delhi d) Mumbai
 e) Hyderabad

Q.179) How many Indian Army personnel left for South Sudan to join the UN peacekeeping mission?
 a) 2,400 b) 2,100 c) 2,450
 d) 2,300 e) 2,220

Q.180) Where was the India's biggest Global Conference on Pharma Industry and Medical Devices began?
 a) Mysuru b) Bengaluru c) Chennai
 d) Kolkata e) Ranchi

Q.181) Which bank has listed \$600-mn MTN bond on India INX recently?
 a) Bank of Baroda b) Axis Bank
 c) Yes Bank d) SBI
 e) ICICI Bank

Q.182) From when India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) will enable Digital Payments in Post Offices?
 a) April 2018 b) April 2021
 c) April 2022 d) April 2020
 e) April 2019

Q.183) In which place 22nd edition of the World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT) was held?
 a) Kolkata b) Chennai c) New Delhi
 d) Mumbai e) Hyderabad

Q.184) Who inaugurated the 'International R&D Conclave'- two day conference in New Delhi?
 a) Narendra Modi b) R K Singh
 c) Arun Jaitley d) Rajnath Singh
 e) Dharmendhra pradhan

Q.185) Who flagged off the Palace Queen Humsafar Express train at the Mysuru railway station?
 a) Narendra Modi b) R K Singh
 c) Arun Jaitley d) Rajnath Singh
 e) Dharmendhra pradhan

Q.186) Name the surface-to-surface ballistic missile with a strike range of 2 thousand kilometres test-fired successfully from the Abdul Kalam Island.
 a) Agni-I b) Agni-II c) Agni-III
 d) Agni-IV e) Agni-V

Q.187) Which of the following Indian app won the Best m-Government Service Award?
 a) Umang app b) BHIM app
 c) MyGov app d) MEAIndia
 e) GARV Grameen Vidyutikaran App

Q.188) Who has become the first Indian to reach the quarter-finals of the Chennai Open ATP Challenger tournament?
 a) Somdev Devvarman

b) Rohan Bopanna
 c) Ramesh Krishnan
 d) Anand Amritraj
 e) Yuki Bhambri

Q.189) Which country will host World Environment Day 2018?
 a) USA b) Saudi Arabia
 c) India d) UK
 e) Canada

Q.190) Who has been re-appointed as Bank of Japan chief?
 a) Kikuo Iwata b) Wakatabe
 c) Hiroshi Nakaso d) Siroshi Tuka
 e) Haruhiko Kuroda

Q.191) The Haryana government is implementing a special project to promote micro irrigation in the state. The cost of this project is _____.
 a) Rs 435.23 crore
 b) Rs 335.23 crore
 c) Rs 535.23 crore
 d) Rs 635.23 crore
 e) Rs 835.23 crore

Q.192) Who has become the first Indian bowler to take a five-wicket haul in all three formats in International Cricket?
 a) Bhuvneshwar Kumar
 b) Josh Hazlewood
 c) Hasan Ali
 d) Ravindra Jadeja
 e) Yuzvendra Chahal

Q.193) Which of the following Private sector lender has announced opening of off-shore banking unit at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), recently?
 a) IndusInd Bank b) HDFC Bank
 c) Axis Bank d) ICICI Bank
 e) YES Bank

Q.194) Which of the following state government is all set to roll out its "Asmita Yojana" on the International Women's Day next month?
 a) Madhya Pradesh b) Gujarat
 c) Maharashtra d) Karnataka
 e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.195) International Educational Institution for Minorities will be built in which city, according to the Union minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi?
 a) Bangalore b) Alwar
 c) Jaipur d) Mumbai
 e) Vadodara

Q.196) Women in which country can now open their own businesses without the consent of her husband or male relative?
 a) Saudi Arabia b) Qatar
 c) Iran d) Pakistan
 e) Iraq

Q.197) Which of the following company has signed an "intent agreement" with Maharashtra government to build a hyperloop transportation system between Navi Mumbai International Airport and Pune?
 a) Adani Group b) Tata Group
 c) Virgin Group d) Aditya Birla Group

e) Reliance Industries

Q.198) Which of the following e-commerce company has rolled out its own food retailing business in India with a pilot in Pune, becoming the first foreign ecommerce firm to stock and sell food items directly to consumers?
 a) Flipkart b) Myntra
 c) Jabong d) Alibaba
 e) Amazon

Q.199) Which of the following is the Constituency of Union minister of Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi?
 a) Himachal Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)
 b) Bihar (Rajya Sabha)
 c) Gujarat (Rajya Sabha)
 d) Andhra Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)
 e) Uttar Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)

Q.200) Who beats Grigor Dimitrov to win Rotterdam Open title in Netherlands?
 a) Novak Djokovic b) Roger Federer
 c) Andy Murray d) Rafeal Nadal
 e) Stan Wawrinka

Q.201) Which of the following state government has launched four canteens which will serve subsidised and healthy food to the poor?
 a) Madhya Pradesh b) Haryana
 c) Gujarat d) Rajasthan
 e) Maharashtra

Q.202) Name the French jazz violinist died at the age of 62?
 a) Didier Lockwood b) Didier Rookwood
 c) Richard Hazlewood
 d) Yuzendra Rookwood
 e) None of these

Q.203) Gundu Hanumantha Rao passed away in Hyderabad at the age of 61. He was related to which field?
 a) Actor b) Singer c) Journalist
 d) Writer e) Politician

Q.204) Headquarters of Amazon is located in _____.
 a) Washington, USA
 b) Geneva, Switzerland
 c) Vienna, Austria
 d) Moscow, Russia
 e) Taipei, Taiwan

Q.205) Who has been appointed as the Flag-Officer-Commanding, Western Fleet at Mumbai, took over as the Commandant of Indian Naval Academy?
 a) B R Sunil Mehta b) R B Pandit
 c) R K Bhokare d) S K Pandit
 e) S V Bhokare

Q.206) Who launched the Bagori Ganga Gram project, New Swajal Project (drinking water programme) Gangotri Iconic Place in Uttarakhand and also the process for Geo-Tagging water sources in Himalayas?
 a) Venkaiah Naidu
 b) Uma Bharti
 c) Sushma Swaraj
 d) Smriti Irani
 e) Rajnath Singh

- a) Rashid Khan b) Jasprit Bumrah
c) Trent Boult d) Both a and b
e) Both b and c
- Q.234) The government has notified revised tax treaty between India and _____ which provides for lower withholding tax rate and mutual assistance in collection of tax revenue.
- a) Spain b) Morocco
c) Taiwan d) South Korea
e) Kenya
- Q.235) India has contributed how much amount for the rehabilitation efforts in Tonga after the Tropical Cyclone Gita caused massive destruction in the Pacific island nation?
- a) USD Four million b) USD Three million
c) USD One million d) USD Five million
e) USD Two million
- Q.236) First Centre for Agriculture in North East region of India, with collaboration of Israeli expertise, is going to be inaugurated in which state on 7th March this year?
- a) Bihar b) Meghalaya
c) Assam d) Uttar Pradesh
e) Mizoram
- Q.237) How much crore has been sanctioned by Narendra Modi for the industrial corridor in bundelkhand for development of one of the most backward regions of Uttar Pradesh?
- a) Rs 30,000 crore
b) Rs 20,000 crore
c) Rs 40,000 crore
d) Rs 15,000 crore
e) Rs 10,000 crore
- Q.238) Which of the following state government approved a Long-Term Linkage (LTL) policy for bauxite?
- a) Bihar b) Madhya Pradesh
c) Haryana d) Odisha
e) Maharashtra
- Q.239) The Telangana Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with which country for better technology partnership in the state?
- a) Russia b) Armenia c) Taiwan
d) Tonga e) Canada
- Q.240) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, ICAI has issued show-cause notices to the auditors of which bank/ company in connection with the 11,400 crore rupees fraud?
- a) Punjab National Bank
b) Gitanjali Gems
c) Dena Bank
d) Both b and c
e) Both a and b
- Q.241) Which of the following state government has launched "Parivartan", a scheme designed to address 10 issues, including cleanliness and pollution, in 46 developmental blocks of the state?
- a) Bihar b) Madhya Pradesh
c) Haryana d) Odisha
e) Maharashtra

- Q.242) Which of the following state has become the first state in India where business and investment projects can now be cleared digitally, without any human interface?
- a) Maharashtra b) Andhra Pradesh
c) Odisha d) Uttar Pradesh
e) Uttarakhand
- Q.243) Which of the film won the Bafta Film Awards in "Best Film" category held in London?
- a) Coco
b) Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
c) Darkest Hour
d) I Am Not Your Negro
e) Blade Runner 2049
- Q.244) India signed with which country's IRDC to develop the 'Programme Based Research Support' in addressing current and future global and local developmental challenges?
- a) Canada b) Russia
c) Bangladesh d) Spain
e) Morocco
- Q.245) M.S. Anantharaman passed away recently. He was related to which field?
- a) Journalist b) Actor
c) Violinist d) Guitarist
e) Singer
- Q.246) The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed how much loan amount for improvement and expansion of water supply in Bhagalpur and Gaya towns in Bihar?
- a) \$94 million b) \$84 million
c) \$74 million d) \$54 million
e) \$64 million
- Q.247) A report released by Transparency International (TI) has placed India on the _____ spot on the Global Corruption Perception (GCP) Index 2018.
- a) 82nd b) 80th c) 81st
d) 79th e) 85th
- Q.248) Indian "A" team won gold at the 5th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship held in Gold Coast, Australia. The Indian "A" team was headed by _____.
- a) Kiran Nadar b) Rishi Nadar
c) Thiran Nadar d) Yuvan Nadar
e) Krish Nadar
- Q.249) The Rs.11,500-crore fraud at the Punjab National Bank has prompted the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a committee to look into the reasons and suggest steps to prevent such occurrences. The head of the committee is _____.
- a) Rajiv Kumar b) Y.H. Malegam
c) Bibek Debroy d) Amitabh Khant
e) Dr E Ekbal
- Q.250) India will host the first International Solar Alliance (ISA) summit on 11th March. The summit will be held in _____.
- a) Ahmedabad b) Bengaluru
c) Mumbai d) New Delhi e) Kolkata
- Q.251) The headquarters of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) will be located at _____.
- a) Gurgaon b) Bengaluru

- c) Kolkata d) New Delhi
e) Ahmedabad
- Q.252) How many projects did the International Solar Alliance (ISA) aims to launch during the summit?
- a) 120 b) 130 c) 121
d) 131 e) 113
- Q.253) Name the nuclear-capable missile which is successfully test-fired by India with a strike range of 350 km from a naval ship off Odisha coast?
- a) Air-to-air missiles
b) Surface-To-Air Missiles
c) Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles
d) Anti-Tank Missile
e) Dhanush ballistic missile
- Q.254) Where did the third Partnership Summit of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) held?
- a) Visakhapatnam b) Chennai
c) Hyderabad d) Kolkata
e) Jaipur
- Q.255) Which State government will be observing September 22 as 'Rhino Day' to generate public awareness on protection of the one-horned pachyderm?
- a) Delhi b) Kerala
c) Rajasthan d) Assam
e) Gujarat
- Q.256) Mr. Modi launched Air Odisha flight service connecting _____ with Diu under UDAN Scheme.
- a) Karnataka b) Ahmedabad
c) Maharashtra d) Gujarat
e) Rajasthan
- Q.257) Name the Scheme that has been launched by the Reserve Bank of India for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) for redressal of complaints against them?
- a) Ombudsman Scheme
b) Saubhagya Scheme
c) Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendras (PMMSK) Scheme
d) Scheme for Sustainable Structuring of Stressed Assets
e) RBI Young Scholars Award Scheme
- Q.258) Which of the following bank has been authorized to issue and encash First Electoral Bonds initially at its four authorised branches from March 1?
- a) Canara bank b) UCO bank
c) State bank of India d) Indian bank
e) Union bank of India
- Q.259) For how many days the First Electoral Bond will be valid from the date of issue?
- a) 10 b) 15 c) 20
d) 21 e) 13
- Q.260) Which of the following Payments bank started its operations, making it the fifth payments bank to roll out operations after the central bank gave its in-principle approval to 11 applicants in August 2015?
- a) FinoPayTech Limited
b) Airtel M Commerce Services Limited

- c) India post
d) Paytm
e) Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank Ltd
Q.261) Who has become the first woman to claim gold medals in two sports at a Winter Olympics with a win in the snowboarding parallel giant slalom?
a) Ester Ledecka b) Shaun White
c) Hannah Teter d) Torah Bright
e) Torstein Horgmo
Q.262) Where did the Winter Olympics 2018 take place?
a) Beijing, China b) Tokyo Japan
c) Pyeongchang, South Korea
d) Rio, Brazil
e) Paris, France
Q.263) Which Country has become the first Associate member of the ICC to start a Twenty20 franchise league in the North America market?
a) Canada b) South Africa
c) Pakistan d) Bangladesh
e) Zimbabwe
Q.264) Who was the Senior journalist and editor-in-chief of National Herald passed away recently?
a) Santanu Bhowmik b) Rajdev Ranjan
c) Kishore Dave d) Gauri Lankesh
e) Neelabh Mishra
Q.265) The World Sustainable Energy Days (WSED) are one of Europe's largest annual conferences. The 2018 conference will take place in _____.
a) Wels, Austria b) Noida, India
c) Canberra, Australia d) Budapest, Hungary
e) Berlin, Germany
Q.266) Which State government announced a grant of Rs.100 crore for the execution of various infrastructural development works recently?
a) Kerala b) Madhya Pradesh
c) Maharashtra d) Punjab
e) Gujarat
Q.267) With which of the following sector Andhra Pradesh government signed MoU with Us based Auto grid?
a) Health Sector b) Electricity Sector
c) Science and Technology
d) Agriculture Sector
e) Cyber security cooperation
Q.268) In which of the following State/UT the Indian Navy will host the multi-national MILAN series of exercises?
a) Odisha b) Punjab
c) Gujarat d) Daman and Diu
e) Andaman and Nicobar
Q.269) Which of the following state government ties with Microsoft for technology integration in the field of Education?
a) Andhra Pradesh b) Telangana
c) Tamil Nadu d) Karnataka
e) Kerala
Q.270) How much crore investment made by the Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) in Andhra Pradesh for the development of energy efficiency and renewable energy?

- a) Rs. 2730 crore b) Rs. 3730 crore
c) Rs. 4320 crore d) Rs. 3520 crore
e) Rs. 3250 crore
Q.271) What is the theme of 20th conference of the Commonwealth Education Ministers 2018?
a) Linguistic diversity and multilingualism count for sustainable development
b) Quality Education for Equitable Development
c) Performance, Paths and Productivity
d) Sustainability and Resilience: Can Education Deliver?
e) None of these
Q.272) In which of the following country the 69th Strandja Memorial Boxing tournament held?
a) Sofia, Bulgaria b) Sochi, Russia
c) Beijing, China d) New Delhi, India
e) Hamburg, Germany
Q.273) Which country will host the International Conference on Sustainable Biofuels, ICSB 2018?
a) India b) Brazil
c) Canada d) Nepal
e) China
Q.274) Name the two people who win the gold medal in the Strandja Memorial Boxing tournament held at Sofia, Bulgaria?
a) Vikas Krishna, Mary Kom
b) Seema Poonia, Amit Panghal
c) Gaurav Solanki, Marykom
d) Amit Panghal, Vikas Krishnan
e) Vikas Krishna, Seema Poonia
Q.275) Who has been elected as a new deputy Prime Minister of Australia?
a) Barnaby Joyce
b) Michael Hauen
c) Michael McCormack
d) Michael Cormann
e) Michael Kors

Answer Key:

1. (c) 2. (e) 3. (d) 4. (c) 5. (c) 6. (c) 7. (e) 8. (d) 9. (b) 10. (a) 11. (e) 12. (c) 13. (a) 14. (e) 15. (b) 16. (b) 17. (c) 18. (b) 19. (c) 20. (c) 21. (e) 22. (b) 23. (c) 24. (b) 25. (b) 26. (c) 27. (c) 28. (c) 29. (b) 30. (c) 31. (b) 32. (c) 33. (b) 34. (c) 35. (e) 36. (a) 37. (a) 38. (b) 39. (c) 40. (c) 41. (b) 42. (d) 43. (e) 44. (e) 45. (d) 46. (b) 47. (c) 48. (b) 49. (c) 50. (b) 51. (a) 52. (d) 53. (b) 54. (b) 55. (e) 56. (b) 57. (b) 58. (c) 59. (c) 60. (c) 61. (c) 62. (b) 63. (c) 64. (c) 65. (d) 66. (c) 67. (d) 68. (c) 69. (e) 70. (a) 71. (c) 72. (c) 73. (c) 74. (e) 75. (b) 76. (c) 77. (c) 78. (b) 79. (c) 80. (c) 81. (c) 82. (c) 83. (d) 84. (c) 85. (d) 86. (b) 87. (c) 88. (d) 89. (a) 90. (c) 91. (d) 92. (d) 93. (c) 94. (d) 95. (b) 96. (d) 97. (a) 98. (b) 99. (e) 100. (c) 101. (a) 102. (d) 103. (b) 104. (d) 105. (d) 106. (c) 107. (a) 108. (b) 109. (d) 110. (c) 111. (d) 112. (b) 113. (c) 114. (c) 115. (c) 116. (a) 117. (a) 118. (a) 119. (c) 120. (b) 121. (a) 122. (b) 123. (d) 124. (c) 125. (d) 126. (b) 127. (c) 128. (a) 129. (a) 130. (a) 131. (a) 132. (a) 133. (a) 134. (d) 135. (d) 136. (e) 137. (a) 138. (e) 139. (c) 140. (e) 141. (d) 142. (e) 143. (c) 144. (a) 145. (e) 146. (c) 147. (e) 148. (d) 149.

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Simplification:

- D.1-100) Find the value of x in each of the following questions.
Q.1) $450 + 798 + 27 = x/10$
a) 12750 b) 12350 c) 18950
d) 13450 e) 17250
Q.2) $5643 + 13\% \text{ of } 200 = x - 890$
a) 6449 b) 6559 c) 7449
d) 7500 e) 6500
Q.3) $45 \times 20 + 360/15 = x * 3$
a) 308 b) 488 c) 368
d) 408 e) 324
Q.4) $67.5 + 89.5 + 45.5 + 95.5 = x/10$
a) 2900 b) 2870 c) 2880
d) 3180 e) 2980
Q.5) $\frac{4}{3} + \frac{3}{9} + \frac{5}{27} = \frac{x}{27}$
a) 48 b) 51 c) 34
d) 50 e) None of these
Q.6) $35\% \text{ of } 300 + 45\% \text{ of } 400 = x + 30$
a) 245 b) 255 c) 260
d) 250 e) 210
Q.7) $47.5 \times 3 + 25\% \text{ of } 350 = x$
a) 240 b) 230 c) 270
d) 290 e) None of these
Q.8) $400 + 498 + 689 = x + 739$
a) 838 b) 948 c) 858
d) 868 e) 848
Q.9) $890 + 560 - 540 + 1082 = x + 272$
a) 1870 b) 1720 c) 1470
d) 1560 e) 1640
Q.10) $45\% \text{ of } 300 + 25\% \text{ of } 500 = x + 130$
a) 260 b) 250 c) 130
d) 120 e) 140
Q.11) $789.6 + 10.4 + 41 = x^2$
a) Both 29 and -29 b) 29 c) 841
d) 831 e) None of these
Q.12) $4233 + 8957 + 9843 = x + 8537 + 10\% \text{ of } 1280$
a) 14368 b) 15348 c) 12358

- d) 12138 e) 13248
 Q.13) $48\% \text{ of } 500 + 250\% \text{ of } 100 = x - 123$
 a) 367 b) 613 c) 713
 d) 723 e) 739
 Q.14) $\frac{918}{3} + \frac{1236}{6} + \frac{448}{4} + \frac{117}{13} = x$
 a) 733 b) 634 c) 646
 d) 633 e) 621
 Q.15) $938 + 90 \times 25 + 148/4 = 1894 + x$
 a) 1335 b) 1115 c) 1675
 d) 1331 e) 1125
 Q.16) $(\frac{34}{7} + \frac{17}{14}) \times 28 = \frac{x}{10}$
 a) 1600 b) 1900 c) 1700
 d) 1650 e) None of these
 Q.17) $450 + 789 + 67\% \times 300 = x$
 a) 1540 b) 1230 c) 1440
 d) 1680 e) 1120
 Q.18) $78 \times 300 + 100 \times 24 = x + 75 \times 200$
 a) 6040 b) 5040 c) 10800
 d) 12080 e) 11800
 Q.19) $7845 + 9053 + 1099 + \sqrt{529} = x - 20$
 a) 18040 b) 17000 c) 19000
 d) 21000 e) 15000
 Q.20) $765 + 784.5 + 450.5 = x + 450$
 a) 1650 b) 1500 c) 1550
 d) 1700 e) 1800
 Q.21) $400 + 5050 + 670 + \sqrt{729} = x - 13$
 a) 5160 b) 6150 c) 6260
 d) 6160 e) 6170
 Q.22) $\sqrt{576} + \sqrt[3]{1728} = x^2$
 a) 5 b) 6 c) -6
 d) 36 e) Either b or c
 Q.23) $78 \times 15 + 140 \times 20 + \frac{480}{12} = x$
 a) 4120 b) 3230 c) 4010
 d) 4020 e) 3990
 Q.24) $34 \times 50 + 25 \times 150 + 100 = x + 800$
 a) 4350 b) 4750 c) 4550
 d) 4250 e) None of these
 Q.25) $8398 + 1092 + 594 + 400 = x$
 a) 12848 b) 10484 c) 11484
 d) 9484 e) 12128
 Q.26) $100 + 400 + 500 + 900 + \sqrt[3]{3375} + x = 4000$
 a) 2185 b) 2385 c) 2475
 d) 2085 e) 2175
 Q.27) $9090 \times 2 + 125 \times 100 + 450 + x = 45000$
 a) 18730 b) 18370 c) 17830
 d) 13870 e) 12380
 Q.28) $895.44 + 789.56 + 9839 = x$
 a) 12434 b) 11524 c) 13244
 d) 12354 e) 13450
 Q.29) $456 + 950 + 790 + 68.5 = x$
 a) 2265.5 b) 2275.5 c) 2274.5
 d) 2254.5 e) 2264.5
 Q.30) $60 \times 20 + 40 \times 30 + 40 \times 15 = x$
 a) 2000 b) 4000 c) 2500
 d) 3500 e) 3000
 Q.31) $7485 + 9400 + 1500 = x + 13500$
 a) 5775 b) 4885 c) 4995
 d) 4355 e) 4915
 Q.32) $56\% \text{ of } 200 + 39\% \text{ of } 300 = x - 45\% \text{ of } 400$
 a) 509 b) 529 c) 429
 d) 409 e) 419

- Q.33) $500\% \text{ of } 200 + 50\% \text{ of } 200 + 10\% \text{ of } 200 = x$
 a) 1210 b) 1020 c) 1220
 d) 1120 e) 1230
 Q.34) $80\% \text{ of } 800 + 64\% \text{ of } 300 + 40\% \text{ of } 1250 = x$
 a) 1223 b) 1225 c) 1330
 d) 1332 e) 1335
 Q.35) $680 + 500 + 450 = x + 750$
 a) 770 b) 850 c) 880
 d) 890 e) 780
 Q.36) $\sqrt{361}\% \text{ of } 200 + \sqrt[3]{3375}\% \text{ of } 1000 = x - 20\% \text{ of } 500$
 a) 278 b) 288 c) 298
 d) 308 e) 268
 Q.37) $8495 + 9005 + 4500 = x + 3400$
 a) 9300 b) 10300 c) 17800
 d) 18600 e) 19200
 Q.38) $89 \times 20 + 75 \times 4 + 400 = x$
 a) 2580 b) 2470 c) 2360
 d) 2560 e) 2480
 Q.39) $890 + 6790 + 9005 + 1000 = x$
 a) 17685 b) 16895 c) 14565
 d) 18965 e) 17865
 Q.40) $78 \times 30 + 40\% \text{ of } 3500 + 50 \times 50 = x$
 a) 5350 b) 6530 c) 8900
 d) 6140 e) 6240
 Q.41) $75\% \text{ of } 200 + 39\% \text{ of } 500 + 40\% \text{ of } 300 = x$
 a) 475 b) 375 c) 425
 d) 465 e) 445
 Q.42) $80\% \text{ of } 480 + 52\% \text{ of } 500 = x + 35\% \text{ of } 500$
 a) 459 b) 449 c) 479
 d) 399 e) 469
 Q.43) $8956 + 8948 + 9304 = x + 14500$
 a) 12708 b) 13608 c) 11508
 d) 12408 e) 11108
 Q.44) $\frac{\sqrt{1089}}{11} + \frac{\sqrt{2304}}{16} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{729}}{3} = 3^x$
 a) 9 b) 3 c) 2
 d) 1 e) 0
 Q.45) $8900 + 6890 + 6500 + \sqrt{14400} = x$
 a) 23410 b) 23120 c) 21340
 d) 22310 e) 22410
 Q.46) $75\% \text{ of } 2500 + 35\% \text{ of } 7000 + 255\% \text{ of } 2000 = x$
 a) 9355 b) 9325 c) 9265
 d) 9465 e) 9425
 Q.47) $800 \times 25 + 1600 + 15\% \text{ of } 400 = x$
 a) 22660 b) 21660 c) 22560
 d) 21560 e) 23540
 Q.48) $47^2 + 28^2 + 11^3 = x$
 a) 4335 b) 4435 c) 4235
 d) 4324 e) 4500
 Q.49) $6700 + 40\% \text{ of } 6800 + 45 \times 20 = x$
 a) 7872 b) 10320 c) 11430
 d) 10120 e) 7782
 Q.50) $\frac{54 \times 39 \times 49 \times 79}{9 \times 13 \times 98} = 79 \times x$
 a) 49 b) 54 c) 79
 d) 9 e) 98
 Q.51) $4500 - 678 + 8900 - 1578 = x + 3420$
 a) 8834 b) 7734 c) 7474
 d) 7724 e) 7234

- Q.52) $56\% \text{ of } 2000 + 27\% \text{ of } 3000 + 45 \times 60 = x$
 a) 4740 b) 4340 c) 4640
 d) 4580 e) 4630
 Q.53) $789 + 908 - 875.5 + 465 = x + 779.5$
 a) 407 b) 509 c) 527
 d) 577 e) 507
 Q.54) $\frac{323}{19} \times \frac{221}{13} \times \frac{272}{16} \times \frac{238}{14} = 17^x$
 a) 17 b) 3 c) 17⁴
 d) 4 e) 1
 Q.55) $66.66 + 666.6 + 6.06 + 606.6 + 0.60 = x$
 a) 1356.52 b) 1246.52 c) 1256.52
 d) 1346.52 e) 1256.58
 Q.56) $9800 + 9093 + 8909 + 9580 = 15\% \text{ of } 60000 + x$
 a) 38382 b) 28384 c) 28942
 d) 29832 e) 28382
 Q.57) $6500 + 1500 + 5000 + 2350 = x + 1000$
 a) 13450 b) 14350 c) 12350
 d) 12450 e) None of these
 Q.58) $48\% \text{ of } 600 + 65\% \text{ of } 900 - 55 \times 6 = x$
 a) 563 b) 753 c) 663
 d) 543 e) 533
 Q.59) $650 + 755.5 + \sqrt{3481} - 545.5 = x + 450$
 a) 479 b) 449 c) 459
 d) 469 e) 359
 Q.60) $\frac{4500}{67} \times \frac{134}{900} \times \frac{357}{17} = 3x$
 a) 210 b) 3 c) 63
 d) 70 e) 330
 Q.61) $455.5 + 758 + 905.5 - 45.4 = x + 68.6$
 a) 2017 b) 2010 c) 2003
 d) 2001 e) 2005
 Q.62) $25\% \text{ of } 4000 + 85 \times 2 + 4000 = x$
 a) 5170 b) 5270 c) 5370
 d) 5470 e) 5560
 Q.63) $\frac{34(\frac{5}{2} + 1.5)}{17(\frac{3}{4} + 2.25)} = x$
 a) 262 b) 289 c) 272
 d) 269 e) 294
 Q.64) $58\% \text{ of } 2000 + 36\% \text{ of } 3000 + 78\% \text{ of } 4000 = x$
 a) 5470 b) 5360 c) 5570
 d) 5230 e) 5260
 Q.65) $897 + 908 + 458 + 4983 = x + 3049$
 a) 4197 b) 4287 c) 4377
 d) 4187 e) 4097
 Q.66) $30\% \text{ of } 6800 + 28\% \text{ of } 7000 + \frac{496}{16} = x + 45\% \text{ of } 8000$
 a) 531 b) 431 c) 441
 d) 521 e) 511
 Q.67) $4598 + 938 + 9304.5 = 4500.5 + x$
 a) 10340 b) 11240 c) 12330
 d) 10240 e) 12030
 Q.68) $65 \times 30 + 150 \times 20 + 39 \times 40 = x + 30$
 a) 6470 b) 6360 c) 6580
 d) 6480 e) 6260
 Q.69) $9384 + 9340 + 8230 + x = 45\% \text{ of } 65000$
 a) 2396 b) 2496 c) 2296
 d) 2096 e) 2196
 Q.70) $40\% \text{ of } 6450 + 55\% \text{ of } 7500 + 65\% \text{ of } 2400 = x$
 a) 8365 b) 8465 c) 8265
 d) 8345 e) 8450

- Q.71) 76% of 3000+ 85% of 4000 - 900 = x
 a) 4790 b) 5780 c) 4770
 d) 5770 e) 4780
- Q.72) 7838-9384+9238-9458=x-2498
 a) 842 b) 948 c) 742
 d) 732 e) 752
- Q.73) $45 \times 72 - 89 \times 20 - \sqrt{9801} = x$
 a) 1471 b) 1371 c) 1281
 d) 1361 e) 1461
- Q.74) $88 \times 70 + 99 \times 80 = x + 45\%$ of 10000
 a) 8590 b) 8870 c) 9580
 d) 9670 e) 9360
- Q.75) $40^3 + 45^2 - 30^3 = x + 39\%$ of 2000
 a) 37345 b) 38345 c) 37845
 d) 38245 e) None of these
- Q.76) 8934-9834+9348-9054= x-7873
 a) 7267 b) 7497 c) 7347
 d) 7487 e) 7357
- Q.77) 15% of 780+ 25% of 980 = x- 35%of 4300
 a) 1777 b) 1877 c) 1857
 d) 1837 e) 1867
- Q.78) $890 \times 15 - 780 \times 25 + 6788 = x$
 a) 538 b) 638 c) 528
 d) 548 e) 648
- Q.79) 9300+2980+3892+9380= x+97²
 a) 17143 b) 16243 c) 15143
 d) 15773 e) 16143
- Q.80) $3\frac{6}{7} + 4\frac{3}{2} - 6\frac{4}{3} = x$
 a) $2\frac{1}{42}$ b) $1\frac{1}{42}$ c) $1\frac{2}{42}$
 d) $2\frac{2}{42}$ e) $1\frac{3}{42}$
- Q.81) $1\frac{3}{2} + 4\frac{5}{4} - 2\frac{5}{3} = x$
 a) $2\frac{1}{12}$ b) $3\frac{1}{12}$ c) $4\frac{3}{12}$
 d) $4\frac{1}{12}$ e) None of these
- Q.82) 75% of 4500 + 65% of 7500 - $\frac{420}{0.3} = x$
 a) 6750 b) 7850 c) 7750
 d) 6850 e) None of these
- Q.83) $8938 + \frac{340}{0.017} - 4500 = x + \frac{680}{0.17}$
 a) 21338 b) 20438 c) 25348
 d) 23458 e) 19438
- Q.84) $9834 + 92^2 + 4500 = x + 101^2$
 a) 13497 b) 14397 c) 12597
 d) 12497 e) 12347
- Q.85) $\frac{51 \times 71}{61} + 4560 + 3400 = x + 45^2$
 a) 7665 b) 6775 c) 5775
 d) 5875 e) 7275
- Q.86) $9239 + 3409 + 9842 + 9734 = x + 23980$
 a) 8948 b) 8334 c) 8224
 d) 8244 e) 8324
- Q.87) $4500 + 5550 + 5000 = x + 3400$
 a) 12550 b) 13550 c) 11650
 d) 12350 e) 13250
- Q.88) 15% of 1000 + 25 x 200 + $\frac{4500}{9} = x$
 a) 5750 b) 5550 c) 5250
 d) 5950 e) 5650
- Q.89) $4\frac{2}{3} + 2\frac{2}{9} - 5\frac{12}{27} = x$
 a) $1\frac{1}{27}$ b) $1\frac{4}{9}$ c) $1\frac{2}{27}$
 d) $\frac{2}{9}$ e) $1\frac{3}{27}$
- Q.90) $8\frac{4}{5} + 2\frac{4}{2} - 9\frac{12}{10} = x$
 a) 2.6 b) 0.6 c) 1.6

- d) 2.4 e) None of these
- Q.91) 5680+3490+3049= x+ 6500
 a) 5629 b) 5319 c) 5719
 d) 4379 e) 5219
- Q.92) 95% of 10000- 32% of 30000+35x20 = x
 a) 500 b) 400 c) 300
 d) 600 e) 700
- Q.93) $\frac{9100}{70} + \frac{980}{\sqrt{2401}} + \frac{\sqrt{625}}{5} = x$
 a) 145 b) 155 c) 175
 d) 165 e) 150
- Q.94) 30% of 5000+ 40% of 6000+ 10% of 7500 = x
 a) 5650 b) 4650 c) 4560
 d) 5550 e) 6560
- Q.95) $12^2 + 24^2 + 3^2 = 9^x$
 a) 729 b) 2 c) 9
 d) 3 e) None of these
- Q.96) $67 \times 22 + \frac{6700}{25} - 75\%$ of 1000 = x
 a) 1092 b) 892 c) 992
 d) 1024 e) 924
- Q.97) 6400- 9090+3500= x -3480
 a) 4390 b) 4290 c) 4490
 d) 4340 e) 4440
- Q.98) $\sqrt{1225} + \frac{\sqrt{2304}}{\sqrt{576}} + 20\%$ of 350 = x
 a) 97 b) 107 c) 104
 d) 94 e) 114
- Q.99) 9000 + 68% of 2000 + $\frac{7500}{15} = x$
 a) 10860 b) 11760 c) 10660
 d) 12680 e) None of these
- Q.100) 3500+ 4500+6800-15000= x - 3000
 a) 2600 b) 3800 c) 3200
 d) 2800 e) 3000

D.101-250) What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following questions?

101. $1\frac{6}{7} \times 1\frac{5}{6} \times 1\frac{4}{5} \div 6\frac{9}{70} = \frac{1}{5}x$?
 a) 1 b) 2
 c) 3 d) 4 e) 5
102. $65536 = (4^?)^2$
 a) 6 b) 2
 c) 8 d) 4 e) 5
103. $(1.212)^2 + (8.12)^3 + \frac{7.9823}{2.04} \times 9.24 = ?$
 a) 450 b) 550 c) 620
 d) 730 e) 510
104. $1\frac{7}{9} + 2\frac{5}{3} + 3\frac{1}{9} - 4\frac{1}{5} = ?$
 a) $2\frac{13}{45}$ b) $3\frac{17}{45}$
 c) $4\frac{16}{45}$ d) $2\frac{13}{45}$
 e) None of these
105. $\{\sqrt{2}x(79)\}^2 + \{\sqrt{2}x(49)\}^2 = ?$
 a) 15484 b) 16384
 c) 17284 d) 18184 e) 19484
106. $\frac{0.673^3 + 1.327^3}{0.673^2 + 1.327^2 - 0.673 \times 1.327} = 2^2 \times (?)^{-1}$
 a) 1 b) 2
 c) 4 d) 2⁻¹ e) 2⁻²
107. $5\frac{2}{7} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \div 10\frac{23}{32} \times 1\frac{36}{111} = ?$
 a) 2.3 b) $2\frac{2}{7}$
 c) $3\frac{3}{7}$ d) 3.5 e) None of these
108. $\frac{2.484 \times 3.693 \times 5.786}{1.72 \times 6.67 \times 4.38} = ?$

- a) 8 b) 9 c) 7
 d) 1 e) 12
109. $24 \times \{(3/5)^2(4/8)^2(5/6)^2\} = ?$
 a) 1 b) 1.5
 c) 2 d) 2.5 e) 3
110. $(27)^{1/3} + (125)^{1/3} + (64)^{1/3} = (? \sqrt{7})^{2/3}$
 a) 169 b) 144
 c) 60 d) 134 e) 12
111. $(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{2}) + (\frac{3}{2} + \frac{29}{2}) = 2^{-2} \times ?$
 a) 63 b) 71
 c) 77 d) 79 e) 83
112. $\frac{41.97 \times 8.97 + 5.03 \times 6.02}{\sqrt[3]{7.96} \times \sqrt{8.985}} = ?$
 a) 68 b) 58 c) 132
 d) 125 e) 95
113. $(73)^2 - (41)^2 + (129)^2 = ?$
 a) 20299 b) 19289
 c) 20189 d) 21049 e) None of these
114. $\sqrt{12544} \div 64 \times ? = 43.75$
 a) 30 b) 15
 c) 25 d) 40 e) None of these
115. $3^{7.2} \times 9^{2.4} \div 27^5 = (3)^?$
 a) -0.2 b) 9.8
 c) -0.8 d) 3 e) -3
116. $\frac{(78-32)^2}{2^3} + \frac{2}{5}$ of $\frac{16020}{120} = ?$
 a) 316.9 b) 317.9
 c) 318.9 d) 315.9 e) None of these
117. 72% of 143.6 + 34% of 170 - 2.9% of 540 = ?
 a) 70 b) 150 c) 180
 d) 220 e) 90
118. $(2^3)^2 \times 2^3 \times 4^3 = 8^{13} \div 8^{(?)}$
 a) 4 b) 8
 c) 5 d) 6 e) None of these
119. $\frac{23}{25} \div \frac{115}{125} \div \frac{138}{150} = (?)$
 a) 1 b) $\frac{5}{6}$
 c) $1\frac{1}{5}$ d) $\frac{24}{25}$ e) None of these
120. $77112 \div \sqrt{7} = 54 \times 34$
 a) 44² b) 2116
 c) 1936 d) 1664 e) 42²
121. $[(84)^2 - (44)^2] = (?)^2 - 8^2$
 a) 164 b) 68
 c) 72 d) 76 e) 80
122. $(8)^2 + \sqrt{31684} \times 16 - 69 + (3)^3 = ?$
 a) 2780 b) 3270
 c) 2870 d) 2760 e) 2670
123. $\frac{4624}{\sqrt{16}} + \frac{\sqrt{256}}{\sqrt{4}} = (?)^3 + (4 \times 2)^2 + (8 \times 1.25)^2$
 a) 12 b) 10 c) 14
 d) 16 e) 20
124. $2 + (56 \div 4) + 8(7-4) + 15 = \sqrt[3]{125} + ? \times 12\frac{1}{47}$
 a) $5\frac{5}{113}$ b) $4\frac{18}{113}$
 c) $8\frac{5}{93}$ d) $5\frac{5}{93}$ e) 1
125. $\frac{[(2.5)^2 + 18 + (3.6)^2] - [3.7 \times 2\frac{7}{14} \times 2.2]}{(2.5)^2 + (3.6)^2} = ?$
 a) 1.82 b) 0.82
 c) 12.82 d) 11.82 e) 9.82
126. $\frac{20}{27}$ of $729 \div 30 + 343 - 49 = ?$
 a) 311 b) 310
 c) 313 d) 322 e) None of these
127. $\sqrt{31.36} \div \sqrt{0.64} \times 252 = ?^2 \times 36$
 a) 81 b) 64 c) -8

- e) 7 e) 9
 128. $(1.69)^4 \div (2197 \div 1000)^3 \times (0.13 \times 10)^3 = (1.3)^{? - 2}$
 a) 6 b) 2 c) 4
 d) 0 e) None of these
 129. $(3.5 \times 16) + (9.4 \times 15) - \sqrt{(?)} = (14)^2$
 a) 9 b) 3 c) 1
 d) 2 e) 4
 130. The value of $\sqrt{\frac{9.5 \times 0.085}{0.0017 \times 0.19}}$ is equal to:
 a) 50 b) 500 c) 0.05
 d) 5 e) None of these
 131. $\sqrt{12^2 \times 24} \div 5 - (6)^3 + 149.8 = (?)^2$
 a) $\sqrt{5}$ b) 25 c) 5
 d) 625 e) None of these
 132. Find the value of "?" in $\sqrt{(? \times 7)} \times 18 = 84$
 a) 3.11 b) 3.12
 c) 3.13 d) 3.14 e) None of these
 133. $(17^2 \times (1.2 + 2.8)) - (16^2 \times \frac{1}{0.5}) = (?) + (11 \times 4)$
 a) 300 b) 350 c) 400 d) 450 e) 600
 134. $\frac{3\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{4}{5} \div \frac{5}{6}}{4\frac{1}{3} \div \frac{1}{5} \times \sqrt{\frac{3}{10} + 2\frac{1}{5}}}$ is equal to
 a) $\frac{1}{6}$ b) $2\frac{7}{12}$
 c) $15\frac{1}{2}$ d) $21\frac{1}{2}$ e) None of these
 135. $6\frac{2}{3}$ of $7.26 \div 0.45$ of ? = $8\frac{32}{117}$
 a) $\frac{1}{13}$ b) 13
 c) $13\frac{1}{9}$ d) $13\frac{2}{3}$ e) None of these
 136. $\sqrt{\frac{9.5 \times 0.085 \times 18.9}{0.017 \times 1.9 \times 0.021}} = ?$
 a) 120 b) 135
 c) 150 d) 145 e) 140
 137. $\sqrt{[(12.1)^2 - (8.1)^2] \div [(0.25)^2 + (0.25)(19.95)]} = ?$
 a) 1 b) 2 c) 3 d) 4 e) 5
 138. If $\sqrt{1369} + \sqrt{0.0625X} = 37.025$, then ? is equal to:
 a) 10^{-1} b) 10^{-2}
 c) 10^{-3} d) 10^{-4} e) 1
 139. $28\sqrt{7} + 1426 = \frac{3}{4}$ of 2872
 a) 576 b) 676
 c) 1296 d) 1444 e) None of these
 140. Simplify:
 $\frac{3}{10} \div \frac{3}{7}$ of $(2\frac{3}{10} + 2\frac{3}{5}) + \frac{1}{5} \div 1\frac{2}{5} - \frac{2}{7}$
 a) 1 b) 2
 c) 0 d) 3 e) None of these
 141. $\frac{5}{6} \div \frac{6}{7} \times ? - \frac{8}{9} \div 1\frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{3} = 2\frac{7}{9}$
 a) $\frac{7}{6}$ b) $\frac{6}{7}$
 c) 1 d) $\frac{1}{2}$ e) None of these
 142. $\frac{\frac{64}{11} \times \frac{9}{8}}{\frac{121}{11} \div \frac{64}{8}} = ?$
 a) $\frac{88}{31}$ b) $\frac{31}{88}$
 c) $\frac{41}{99}$ d) $\frac{99}{41}$ e) None of these
 143. $560 \times 4\frac{1}{5} + 3\frac{1}{2} \div 2\frac{1}{3} = ?$
 a) $2353\frac{1}{2}$ b) $2354\frac{1}{2}$
 c) 2434 d) $2353\frac{1}{3}$ e) 2453
 144. $\frac{391}{19} \times \frac{513}{23} + (?)^2 - 2^3 = (2.5 \times 200)$
 a) 4 b) 5 c) 9
 d) 8 e) 7
 145. $\frac{1}{7} \times [\frac{7}{9} - (\frac{3}{9} + \frac{2}{9}) - \frac{2}{9}] = ?$

- a) $\frac{1}{9}$ b) $\frac{3}{7}$
 c) $\frac{2}{9}$ d) $\frac{1}{7}$ e) None of these
 146. $\frac{0.01^2 + 0.22^2 + 0.333^2}{0.001^2 + 0.022^2 + 0.0333^2}$ is
 a) $\frac{1}{10}$ b) 10
 c) 100 d) 1000
 e) None of these
 147. $\sqrt{\frac{0.85 \times (0.105 + 0.024 - 0.008)}{0.022 \times 0.25 \times 1.7}}$ is
 a) $\sqrt{11}$ b) $\sqrt{1.1}$
 c) 11 d) $\sqrt{0.11}$
 e) None of these
 148. 12.5% of 860 + 32.5% of 740 = $(7 \times (?)) - \sqrt{4}$
 a) 50 b) 70 c) 90
 d) 96 e) 54
 149. The simplification of $\frac{(0.87)^3 + (0.13)^3}{(0.87)^2 + (0.13)^2 - (0.87)(0.13)}$
 a) 0.13 b) 0.74
 c) 0.87 d) 1 e) None of these
 150. $\sqrt[3]{\frac{0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.2 + 0.04 \times 0.04 \times 0.04}{0.4 \times 0.4 \times 0.4 + 0.08 \times 0.08 \times 0.08}} = ?$
 a) 0.5 b) 0.25
 c) 0.75 d) 0.125 e) None of these
 151. $1164 \times 128 \div 8.008 + 969.007 = ?$
 a) 18800 b) 19000
 c) 19600 d) 19200 e) 18400
 152. $873.595 + 37.0949 \times 41.769 \div 59.572 = ?$
 a) 910 b) 890
 c) 905 d) 900 e) 908
 153. $6\sqrt{2} + 14.275 = ?$ of 190.35
 a) $\frac{1}{3}$ b) $\frac{1}{4}$
 c) $\frac{1}{8}$ d) $\frac{1}{5}$ e) $\frac{1}{2}$
 154. $[(4444 + 333 + 22 + 1) \div (2.5 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5)] \times 15.94 = ?$
 a) 532 b) 540
 c) 490 d) 525 e) 512
 155. $9654 \div 21 + 7638 \div 44 = ?$
 a) 633 b) 600
 c) 643 d) 621 e) 598
 156. $2.365 + 2.25 \times 1.2 - (?) = \sqrt[3]{27} + 0.065$
 a) 8 b) 2 c) 3
 d) 4 e) 5
 157. $\frac{5}{8}$ of 4011.33 + $\frac{7}{13}$ of 3419.22 = ?
 a) 4250 b) 4450
 c) 4350 d) 4340 e) 4400
 158. 37.5% of 7585 + 83.3% of 5737 = ?
 a) 7600 b) 7610
 c) 7510 d) 7520 e) 7620
 159. $\sqrt[3]{74093} \times 7.81 + 225\%$ of 736 = ?
 a) 1995 b) 1985
 c) 1885 d) 1975 e) 2000
 160. $4374562 \times 64 = ? \times 7777$
 a) 360 b) 3600
 c) 36000 d) 360000 e) 3600000
 161. $6\frac{2}{5}$ of 248.65 = ? of 2398.59
 a) $\frac{2}{5}$ b) $\frac{1}{4}$
 c) $\frac{1}{2}$ d) $\frac{1}{3}$ e) $\frac{2}{3}$
 162. 39% of 695 = 10% of ? + 201% of 49.754
 a) 1720 b) 1750
 c) 1700 d) 1725 e) 1680
 163. $\frac{27}{7} \times \frac{13}{40} + \frac{268}{412} \div \frac{316}{512} = ?$

- a) 2.5 b) 3
 c) 1.75 d) 2.75 e) 3.25
 164. $\frac{340}{20.002} \div \frac{29.997}{510} \times \frac{179.909}{59.919} = ?$
 a) 760 b) 800
 c) 690 d) 870 e) 780
 165. $43931.03 \div 2111.02 \times 401.04 = ?$
 a) 8800 b) 7600
 c) 7400 d) 9000 e) 8350
 166. $(2.5)^2 \times (0.8)^3 \div (1.9)^2 = ?$
 a) 1.5 b) 1
 c) 0.10 d) 0.6 e) 1.3
 167. 40% of 8420 - $(?)\%$ of 10250 = $(12)^3$
 a) 14 b) 12 c) 20
 d) 16 e) 8
 168. 115% of 624 + $\frac{12}{7}$ of 419 = ?
 a) 1445 b) 1440
 c) 1365 d) 1435 e) 1450
 169. 180% of 25501 + 50% of 28999 = ?
 a) 62400 b) 64000
 c) 60400 d) 64200 e) 61600
 170. $1247 \div 49 \times 1193 - 1299 = ?$
 a) 25450 b) 27950
 c) 29900 d) 29960 e) 28700
 171. $18.345 \times 19.068 \times ? = 11538.93375$
 a) 46 b) 61
 c) 27 d) 33 e) 55
 172. $(4576 + 3286 + 5639) \div (712 + 415 + 212) = ?$
 a) 18 b) 22
 c) 34 d) 10 e) 46
 173. $(1.2)^2 + (3.16 \times 3) + (?) = \sqrt{121}$
 a) 0.09 b) 0.04 c) 0.08
 d) 0.12 e) 0.003
 174. $1440.1203 \div 23.999 \times 2.5 \times 3.5 = ?$
 a) 530 b) 525
 c) 550 d) 520 e) 535
 175. 2.55% of 440 - 0.366% of 4880 = ?
 a) 23 b) 29
 c) -7 d) -10 e) 10
 176. 0.2% of 356 x 0.8% of 779 = ?
 a) 2 b) 14
 c) 16 d) 4 e) 10
 177. $136 \div (\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{5}{3}) = ?$
 a) 750 b) 760
 c) 780 d) 770 e) 790
 178. $333.333 + 3.003 + 0.333 + 1.3 = ?$
 a) 333 b) 330
 c) 347 d) 329 e) 338
 179. $(7895641 \div 2795 \div 123) \times 345 \div 456 = ?$
 a) 17 b) 25
 c) 30 d) 10 e) 40
 180. 185% of 1359 + 18.5% of 1319 = ?
 a) 2760 b) 2630
 c) 2780 d) 2890 e) 3025
 181. $(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{8} + \frac{8}{16} - \frac{1}{16}) \times 2.432 = ?$
 a) 5 b) 6
 c) 4.5 d) 4.4 e) 7.5
 182. 79% of 3770 \div 67% of 553 = ?
 a) 6 b) 7
 c) 9 d) 8.5 e) 8
 183. $\frac{(1.1 \times 1.1) + (2.2 \times 2.2) + (3.3 \times 3.3)}{3.3 + 2.2 + 1.1} = ?$
 a) 1.2 b) 2.5

- c) 5.2 d) 3.8 e) 4.6
 184. $(333 \% \text{ of } 856) \times 49.95 = ?$
 a) 155000 b) 141500
 c) 142500 d) 142000 e) 140000
 185. $15\% \text{ of } 264 + (?) = (1.4 \times 5)^2$
 a) 8.4 b) 13.7 c) 12.6
 d) 9.4 e) 12.4
 186. $12.25 \times ? \times 21.6 = 3545.64$
 a) 20 b) 12
 c) 15 d) 13 e) 17
 187. $\sqrt{749} \times 12.56 + 14.38 = ?$
 a) 350 b) 375
 c) 380 d) 300 e) 410
 188. $18.965 \times 19.068 \times ? = 17688.93375$
 a) 41 b) 39
 c) 59 d) 49 e) 69
 189. $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{7}{8} \times \frac{17}{19} \div \frac{6}{5} = ?$
 a) $2\frac{1}{2}$ b) $\frac{1}{2}$
 c) 1 d) $\frac{3}{4}$ e) $\frac{9}{11}$
 190. $564.666 + 82.5091 \times 44.581 - 34.111 = ?$
 a) 28450 b) 4000
 c) 1600 d) 14225 e) 4210
 191. $\sqrt{5466} \times \sqrt{2120} \div \sqrt{450} = ?$
 a) 150 b) 155
 c) 180 d) 160 e) 170
 192. $18.5\% \text{ of } 425 + 16.2\% \text{ of } 388 = ?$
 a) 141 b) 224
 c) 116 d) 183 e) 215
 193. $2.22 + 22.22 + 2.222 + 2.2 \times 2.2 = (?)$
 a) 34.950 b) 30.256 c) 28.125
 d) 31.502 e) 32.504
 194. $\left[\left(\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{11}{2}\right) \div \left(\frac{28}{3} \times \frac{21}{5}\right)\right] \% \text{ of } 4400 = ?$
 a) 1.50 b) 2.2
 c) 0.16 d) 2.75 e) 3.125
 195. $88.25\% \text{ of } 450 = ? \% \text{ of } 530$
 a) 70 b) 68
 c) 75 d) 80 e) 65
 196. $89.988\% \text{ of } 699.9 + 50.002 \% \text{ of } 949.99 - 170.015 = ?$
 a) 940 b) 938
 c) 930 d) 935 e) 932
 197. $(21.5\% \text{ of } 999)^{1/3} + (43\% \text{ of } 601)^{1/2} = ?$
 a) 18 b) 22
 c) 26 d) 30 e) 33
 198. $39.897\% \text{ of } 4331 + 58.779\% \text{ of } 5003 = ?$
 a) 4300 b) 4500
 c) 4700 d) 4900 e) 5100
 199. $17\% \text{ of } 760 + 57\% \text{ of } 78.99 + 77.77 = ?$
 a) 238 b) 242
 c) 248 d) 252 e) 256
 200. $\sqrt[3]{54871} \times (303 \div 8) = (?)^2$
 a) 48 b) 38
 c) 28 d) 18 e) 58
 201. $(47\% \text{ of } 1442 - 36\% \text{ of } 1412) / 63 = ?$
 a) 4 b) 5
 c) 3 d) 6 e) 1
 202. $63.5\% \text{ of } 8924.2 + ? \% \text{ of } 5324.4 = 6827.5862$
 a) 36 b) 22
 c) 17 d) 31 e) 19
 203. $(11.49)^4 = ?$
 a) 13344 b) 16729

- c) 18443 d) 17490 e) 19031
 204. $3 \times 23 + (?) \times 2.5 + (8.125 \times 8) = (14 - 1)^2$
 a) 16 b) 15 c) 14
 d) 17 e) 19
 205. $(21.98)^2 - (25.02)^2 + (13.03)^2 = ?$
 a) 25 b) 35
 c) 40 d) 20 e) 44
 206. $\sqrt{2498} \times \sqrt{643} \div \sqrt{97} = ?$
 a) 110 b) 90
 c) 200 d) 150 e) 125
 207. $? \% \text{ of } 45.999 \times 16\% \text{ of } 83.006 = 116.073$
 a) 20 b) 18
 c) 24 d) 25 e) 11
 208. $[[[(13)^2]^3]^7] = 2197$
 a) -3 b) $\frac{1}{3}$
 c) 0.5 d) -4 e) 4
 209. $185\% \text{ of } 1359 + 18.5\% \text{ of } 1319 = ?$
 a) 2510 b) 2630
 c) 2760 d) 2890 e) 3025
 210. $43.03 \times 27.96 + 11.98 \times \sqrt[3]{42870} = ?$
 a) 1625 b) 1705
 c) 1775 d) 1815 e) 1855
 211. $339\% \text{ of } 803 + 77.8 \% \text{ of } 1107 = ?$
 a) 3475 b) 3520
 c) 3580 d) 3510 e) 3570
 212. $66\% \text{ of } 4995.60 - 32.30\% \text{ of } 6895.58 = (?)^2$
 a) 32 b) 37
 c) 43 d) 47 e) 54
 213. $126.99\% \text{ of } 1539.98 + 5.5\% \text{ of } 149.99 + 103.98\% \text{ of } 7 = ?$
 a) 1960 b) 1970
 c) 1955 d) 1950 e) 1980
 214. $\sqrt{727.9995} + (5.1961)^2 = ? \times \frac{2}{10.8960}$
 a) 253 b) 254
 c) 290 d) 236 e) 270
 215. $69.99\% \text{ of } \frac{3}{7} \text{ of } \frac{2}{5} \text{ of } \frac{7}{3} \text{ of } 734.965 = 218.8 - ?$
 a) 13 b) 23
 c) 8 d) 18 e) 3
 216. $(15.96)^2 + 75\% \text{ of } 285 - 8.33\% \text{ of } 325 = ?$
 a) 440 b) 485
 c) 435 d) 420 e) 470
 217. $36.5\% \text{ of } 140 \div 12.6\% \text{ of } 80 = ?$
 a) 11 b) 9
 c) 7 d) 5 e) 3
 218. $23\% \text{ of } 4011 + \frac{1}{7} \text{ of } 5555 = ?$
 a) 1600 b) 1780
 c) 1620 d) 1720 e) 1750
 219. $24\% \text{ of } 1560 + (?) \% \text{ of } 120 = (97.35 \times 4)$
 a) 125 b) 12.9 c) 8.25
 d) 12.5 e) 10.25
 220. $(24.99)^2 + (31.05)^2 = (?)^2$
 a) 45 b) 36
 c) 32 d) 30 e) 40
 221. $(\sqrt{0.0625} + \sqrt{0.25} + \sqrt[3]{0.004096}) \times 2.321 = ?$
 a) 8 b) 6
 c) 2 d) 4 e) 9
 222. $\sqrt{20800} + \sqrt{65540} = ?$
 a) 12 b) 20
 c) 30 d) 24 e) 28
 223. $\sqrt{3480.9998} \times \frac{178}{19.99} = 1009.9 - ?$
 a) 455 b) 450

- c) 500 d) 480 e) 550
 224. $6.885\% \text{ of } 1321 + 64.878\% \text{ of } 4001 = ?$
 a) 2692 b) 3016
 c) 3192 d) 3092 e) 3348
 225. $\sqrt{\frac{4032}{63}} \times \sqrt[3]{\frac{945}{35}} = (?)^2 \times 6$
 a) 5 b) 4 c) 3
 d) 2 e) 7
 226. $\sqrt[3]{5826} + 456 = ? \div 31.001$
 a) 14690 b) 15632
 c) 13740 d) 17572 e) 18174
 227. $\frac{5}{4} \text{ of } 2001.33 + \frac{7}{5} \text{ of } 17056.2 = ?$
 a) 25810 b) 24980
 c) 25890 d) 26380 e) 26840
 228. $\sqrt{898} \times (12.005)^2 + ? = 5000$
 a) 680 b) 720
 c) 750 d) 620 e) 630
 229. $39.897\% \text{ of } 4331 + 58.779\% \text{ of } 5003 = ?$
 a) 4530 b) 4500
 c) 4680 c) 4700 e) 5100
 230. $15.1\% \text{ of } 729 \times 12.8\% \text{ of } 649 = ?$
 a) 9050 b) 9510
 c) 9530 d) 9750 e) 9350
 231. $(6.26)^3 - (7.77)^2 + (17.67)^2 - (4.4)^2 = (?)^2$
 a) 16 b) $\sqrt{16}$
 c) 18 d) 20 e) 22
 232. *If $\sqrt{7} = 2.65$ then $\frac{33\sqrt{7}}{7} + 2.55 = ?$*
 a) 11.5 b) 12
 c) 18.5 d) 15 e) 9.5
 233. $(32.13)^2 + (23.96)^2 - (17.11)^2 = ?$
 a) 1270 b) 1420
 c) 1450 d) 1360 e) 1310
 234. $5\frac{8}{9} \% \text{ of } 7290 + 3\frac{3}{4} \% \text{ of } ? = 4\frac{1}{3} \% \text{ of } 17325$
 a) 4656 b) 7824
 c) 6364 d) 8572 e) 9536
 235. $\frac{29}{143} \text{ of } 14.3\% \text{ of } \frac{36}{300} \text{ of } ? = 28$
 a) 8300 b) 8480
 c) 8020 d) 9260 e) 6350
 236. $\frac{(17 \times 23)}{(?)} = (4.25 \times 2.875)$
 a) 36 b) 35 c) 16
 d) 32 e) 64
 237. $(74090)^{\frac{1}{3}} + (59300)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt{?}$
 a) 81^2 b) 9^2
 c) 81 d) $\sqrt{81}$ e) 5041
 238. $\sqrt{6.25 \times 0.16} \text{ of } \frac{15}{7} = ?$
 a) 4.9 b) 5.76
 c) 5.20 d) 2 e) 2.5
 239. $3.5^2 + 4.32^2 + 5.29^2 = ?$
 a) 66 b) 51
 c) 69 d) 59 e) 74
 240. $\left[\left(\frac{2}{8} \times \frac{14}{2}\right) \div (2.5 - 0.8)\right]^2 = ?$
 a) 1.6 b) 2.4
 c) 5.2 d) 4.1 e) 46
 241. $\frac{0.2^2 + 6.3^2}{2 + 16 \div 2} = ?$
 a) 6 b) 8
 c) 5 d) 10 e) 4
 242. $35.99\sqrt{7} + 32.0032\sqrt{7} = \frac{68}{10.998} \times ?$
 a) 81 b) 72
 c) 121 d) 169 e) 144
 243. $\sqrt[3]{2197} \times (0.125 \times 16) = \sqrt{(?)} \times 13$

- a) 8 b) 7 c) 6
 d) 5 e) 4
 244. $\sqrt[3]{1860860} + 5.012^3 = ?$
 a) 154 b) 250
 c) 260 d) 275 e) 244
 245. $12^3 + 1.2^2 + 1.02^1 + 1.002^0 = ?$
 a) 1720 b) 1731
 c) 1743 d) 1847 e) 1648
 246. $\frac{9999+999-99-9}{1111+111-11-1} \times 12.12 = ?$
 a) 120 b) 125
 c) 100 d) 99 e) 110
 247. $\frac{(10008.99)^2}{10009.001} \times \sqrt{3589} \times 0.4987 = ?$
 a) 3000 b) 300000
 c) 3000000 d) 5000 e) 9000000
 248. 37.6% of 6481 \times 125% of 0.125 =?
 a) 400 b) 570
 c) 270 d) 480 e) 510
 249. $[(1.3)^2 \times (4.2)^2] \div 2.7 = ?$
 a) 7 b) 21
 c) 18 d) 11 e) 16
 250. $(682\% \text{ of } 782) \div 856 = ?$
 a) 4.50 b) 10.65
 c) 6.25 d) 8.75 e) 5.25

Answer Key:

1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (e) 5. (d) 6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (e)
 9. (b) 10. (c) 11. (a) 12. (a) 13. (b) 14. (d) 15.
 (d) 16. (c) 17. (c) 18. (c) 19. (a) 20. (c) 21. (d)
 22. (e) 23. (c) 24. (b) 25. (b) 26. (d) 27. (d) 28.
 (b) 29. (e) 30. (e) 31. (b) 32. (d) 33. (d) 34. (d)
 35. (c) 36. (b) 37. (d) 38. (e) 39. (a) 40. (e) 41.
 (d) 42. (e) 43. (a) 44. (c) 45. (e) 46. (e) 47. (b)
 48. (d) 49. (b) 50. (d) 51. (d) 52. (e) 53. (e) 54.
 (d) 55. (d) 56. (e) 57. (b) 58. (d) 59. (d) 60. (d)
 61. (e) 62. (a) 63. (c) 64. (b) 65. (a) 66. (b) 67.
 (a) 68. (d) 69. (c) 70. (c) 71. (e) 72. (d) 73. (d)
 74. (c) 75. (d) 76. (a) 77. (e) 78. (b) 79. (e) 80.
 (a) 81. (d) 82. (d) 83. (b) 84. (c) 85. (b) 86. (d)
 87. (c) 88. (e) 89. (b) 90. (a) 91. (c) 92. (d) 93.
 (b) 94. (b) 95. (d) 96. (c) 97. (b) 98. (b) 99. (a)
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 101. (e) 102. (d) 103. (b) 104. (c) 105. (c) 106.
 (b) 107. (b) 108. (d) 109. (b) 110. (e) 111. (c)
 112. (a) 113. (e) 114. (c) 115. (e) 116. (b) 117.
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 (c) 129. (c) 130. (a) 131. (c) 132. (a) 133. (e)
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 145. (e) 146. (c) 147. (a) 148. (a) 149. (d) 150.
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 156. (b) 157. (c) 158. (e) 159. (b) 160. (c) 161.
 (e) 162. (c) 163. (a) 164. (d) 165. (e) 166. (b)
 167. (d) 168. (b) 169. (c) 170. (e) 171. (d) 172.
 (d) 173. (c) 174. (b) 175. (c) 176. (d) 177. (b)
 178. (e) 179. (a) 180. (a) 181. (d) 182. (e) 183.
 (b) 184. (c) 185. (d) 186. (d) 187. (a) 188. (d)
 189. (c) 190. (e) 191. (d) 192. (a) 193. (d) 194.
 (b) 195. (c) 196. (d) 197. (b) 198. (c) 199. (d)
 200. (b) 201. (c) 202. (b) 203. (d) 204. (c) 205.
 (a) 206. (e) 207. (b) 208. (c) 209. (c) 210. (a)
 211. (c) 212. (a) 213. (b) 214. (c) 215. (a) 216.

- (a) 217. (d) 218. (d) 219. (d) 220. (e) 221. (c)
 222. (e) 223. (d) 224. (a) 225. (d) 226. (a) 227.
 (d) 228. (a) 229. (c) 230. (e) 231. (e) 232. (d)
 233. (e) 234. (d) 235. (a) 236. (d) 237. (a) 238.
 (d) 239. (d) 240. (b) 241. (e) 242. (c) 243. (e)
 244. (b) 245. (b) 246. (e) 247. (b) 248. (a) 249.
 (d) 250. (c)

Banking Awareness:

Q.1) YONO (You Only Need One) is a one stop solution to fulfil all your banking, insurance, investments, and daily shopping needs. It is offered by which of the following bank?

- a) HDFC Bank
 b) State Bank of India
 c) Yes Bank
 d) Canara Bank
 e) ICICI Bank

Q.2) The Central government has mandated for all companies to give 2% of their profit to CSR. The full form of CSR is?

- a) Co-operative Social Responsibility
 b) Corrective Social Responsibility
 c) Corporate Social Responsibility
 d) Corporate Service Responsibility
 e) Common Social Responsibility

Q.3) Who is the Chairperson of NITI Aayog?

- a) Prime Minister of India
 b) President of India
 c) Vice- President of India
 d) Finance Secretary
 e) Commerce Secretary

Q.4) The process of taking the proceeds of criminal activity and making them appear legal. It is termed as _____.

- a) Arbitrage b) Amortization
 c) Money Laundering d) Bancassurance
 e) Moratorium

Q.5) Which of the following organization provides insurance products to banking sector?

- a) Life Insurance Corporation of India
 b) Government of India
 c) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation
 d) Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India
 e) Reserve Bank of India

Q.6) India's first One Rupee Note was printed in which location on November 30, 1917?

- a) USA b) Bhutan
 c) England d) Nepal
 e) Pakistan

Q.7) An ETF is a marketable security that tracks an index, a commodity, bonds, or a basket of assets like an index fund. The full form of an ETF is _____.

- a) Export-Traded Fund
 b) Exchange-Transparent Fund
 c) Exchange-Transmit Fund
 d) Exchange-Traded Fund
 e) Exchange-Trans Fund

Q.8) A NFO is the first subscription offering for any new fund offered by an investment company. Expand the term NFO?

- a) National Fund Offer b) New Fund Offer
 c) Net Fund Offer d) Nation Fund Offer
 e) Negotiable Fund Offer

Q.9) The _____ is a savings-cum-tax-saving instrument in India, introduced by the National Savings Institute of the Ministry of Finance in 1968.

- a) Post Office Monthly Income Scheme
 b) Kisan Vikas Patra
 c) National Saving Scheme
 d) Sukanya Samriddhi
 e) Public Provident Fund

Q.10) _____ is an electronic system that allows state welfare departments to issue benefits via a magnetically encoded payment card.

- a) Electronic Money Transfer (EMT)
 b) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
 c) Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT)
 d) Electronic Cash Transfer (ECT)
 e) Electronic Credit Transfer (ECT)

Q.11) _____ consists of the actions of a central bank, currency board or other regulatory committee that determines the size and rate of growth of the money supply, which in turn affects interest rates.

- a) Annual Policy b) Credit Policy
 c) Disclosure Policy d) Monetary Policy
 e) Sustainability Policy

Q.12) Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) is one of the subsidiaries of Reserve Bank of India, which prints bank notes (Indian rupees) for Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It was established in which year?

- a) 1990 b) 1989 c) 1993
 d) 1996 e) 1995

Q.13) The ECGC Limited (Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Ltd) is a company wholly owned by whom?

- a) IRDAI
 b) State Government
 c) Government of India
 d) Reserve Bank of India
 e) None of these

Q.14) Export-Import Bank of India is the premier export finance institution in India, established under which act?

- a) Export-Import Bank of India Act 1995
 b) Export-Import Bank of India Act 1990
 c) Export-Import Bank of India Act 1985
 d) Export-Import Bank of India Act 1983
 e) Export-Import Bank of India Act 1981

Q.15) Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, shortly known as FERA, to regulate foreign payments, securities, currency import and export and purchase of fixed assets by foreigners. It was introduced in which year?

- a) 1989 b) 1983 c) 1987
 d) 1973 e) 1972

Q.16) Banks can give a notice in writing to the defaulting borrower requiring it to discharge its liabilities within _____ days.

- a) 30 b) 45 c) 60

- d) 90 e) 75
- Q.17) According to the Foreign Trade Policy, India is aiming to nearly double its annual exports to \$900 billion by which year with the government's signature 'Make in India' Scheme?
- a) 2024 b) 2023 c) 2020
d) 2019 e) 2022
- Q.18) Which of the following institutions of the World Bank group is also known as the soft lending window of the World Bank?
- a) IBRD b) IDA c) IFC
d) MIGA e) ICSID
- Q.19) The transactions of IMF are expressed in _____, which is also known as Paper Gold.
- a) American Depository Receipt
b) Indian Depository Receipt
c) Global Depository Receipt
d) Special Drawing Right
e) Participatory Notes
- Q.20) A Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) is a company registered under which act?
- a) SARFAESI Act, 2002
b) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
c) Societies Registration Act, 1860
d) Companies Act, 2013
e) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- Q.21) Which of the following country has emerged as the 189th member of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?
- a) Tuvalu b) South Sudan c) Nauru
d) Kosovo e) Palau
- Q.22) The Savings Certificates Act comes in which year?
- a) 1989 b) 2001 c) 1959
d) 1978 e) 1993
- Q.23) The Government Savings Banks Act comes under which act?
- a) 1873 b) 1953 c) 1871
d) 1993 e) 1972
- Q.24) FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act) is to consolidate and amend the law relating to foreign exchange with the objective of facilitating external trade and payments and for promoting the orderly development and maintenance of foreign exchange market in India, which was promulgated in the year _____.
- a) 1989 b) 1993 c) 1988
d) 1983 e) 1999
- Q.25) Where is the headquarters of Bank of Baroda located?
- a) Mumbai b) Bengaluru
c) Hyderabad d) Vadodara
e) Chennai
- Q.26) In which year India has become the member of IMF?
- a) December 27, 1965 b) December 27, 1960
c) December 27, 1950 d) December 27, 1945
e) December 27, 1949
- Q.27) Which of the following institutions of the World Bank group is also known as the hard lending window of the World Bank?
- a) ICSID b) IDA c) IFC
d) MIGA e) IBRD

- Q.28) The Headquarters of IBRD (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) is located in _____.
- a) Brussels, Belgium
b) Washington D.C, USA
c) London, UK
d) Vienna, Austria
e) Geneva, Switzerland
- Q.29) MIGA encourages foreign investment in developing economies by offering insurance (guarantees) to foreign private investors against loss caused by non-commercial (i.e. political) risks, such as currency transfer, expropriation, war and civil disturbance. The Full form of MIGA is _____.
- a) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Asset
b) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency
c) Multilateral Information Guarantee Agency
d) Multicurrency Investment Guarantee Agency
e) Multilateral Investment Gross Asset
- Q.30) BRBNMPL is one of the subsidiaries of the Reserve Bank of India, which prints bank notes (Indian rupees) for Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It has two presses in _____ and _____.
- a) Nashik b) Salboni c) Mysore
d) Both a and b e) Both b and c
- Q.31) ICSID is an international arbitration institution established in 1965 for legal dispute resolution and conciliation between international investors. In the term ICSID, S stands for _____.
- a) Security b) Settlement c) Sector
d) Stock e) Structure
- Q.32) Which among the following is not a type of transaction, which is not part of the transaction not defined under FEMA?
- a) Current account transactions
b) Capital account transactions
c) Balance of trade transactions
d) All of the above
e) None of the above
- Q.33) Which of the following is not an authorized agency selling the SGBs?
- a) Scheduled Commercial Banks
b) SHCIL offices
c) Designated Post Offices
d) Regional Rural Bank
e) Recognized stock exchanges
- Q.34) BIPAs is in order to promote and protect on reciprocal basis investment of the investors. In BIPAs, "B" stands for _____.
- a) Bilateral b) Bitcoin c) Bilingual
d) Basic e) Bank
- Q.35) Which one is the first Regional Rural Bank in India?
- a) Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin Bank
b) Andhra Pradesh GrameenaVikas Bank
c) Prathama Bank
d) Bharatiya Mahila Bank
e) None of these
- Q.36) Which of the following is not an initiative taken by the RBI and GOI towards financial inclusion?

- a) Swabhimaan Scheme
b) Easy KYC norms
c) Granting new bank licenses
d) Banking correspondent model
e) Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana
- Q.37) Which among the following organization has set up the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE)?
- a) GOI
b) Ministry of MSME
c) SIDBI
d) All the above
e) Both a and c
- Q.38) What is known as the certain percentage of bank deposits, in which banks are required to keep with the RBI in the form of reserves or balances?
- a) Statutory Liquidity Ratio
b) Repo Rate
c) Reverse Repo Rate
d) Cash Reserve Ratio
e) None of these
- Q.39) Which of the following bank has started as a private shareholders bank, mostly by the European shareholders?
- a) Bank of India
b) Bank of Baroda
c) Dena Bank
d) Imperial Bank of India
e) South Indian Bank
- Q.40) In which city the head Office of Corporation Bank is situated?
- a) Bengaluru b) Mumbai
c) Mangalore d) Kolkata
e) Manipal
- Q.41) Any Non-Banking Finance Institution should have an NOF (Net Owned Fund) of _____ to get the NBFC license from RBI.
- a) Rs. 100 Lakh b) Rs. 150 Lakh
c) Rs. 200 Lakh d) Rs. 250 Lakh
e) None of these
- Q.42) Which one is the first bank to deploy a robot inside their branch for customer service purpose?
- a) HSBC Bank b) HDFC Bank
c) ICICI Bank d) Axis Bank
e) Citi Bank
- Q.43) Which one of the following bank first introduces voice biometrics in the banking system?
- a) HDFC Bank b) HSBC Bank
c) ICICI Bank d) SBI
e) Citi Bank
- Q.44) IMPS stands for?
- a) Intermediate Payment Service
b) Inter Metro Payment Service
c) Inter Market Payment Service
d) Immediate Payment Service
e) Intra Market Payment Service
- Q.45) Mortgage and its various types comes under which act?
- a) Section 55 of Transfer of Property Act 1882
b) Section 58 of Transfer of Property Act 1882

- c) Section 52 of Transfer of Property Act 1882
d) Section 58 of Transfer of Property Act 1892
- e) Section 24 of Transfer of Property Act 1882
- Q.46) Which of the following statements is/ are true about PAN?
- a) It becomes mandatory for filing Income Tax Return
b) It helps to get Tax deduction
c) It is the most valid financial identity
d) It helps to get the benefits of various Govt. Schemes
e) All of these
- Q.47) Which one of following bank has established an exclusive vertical for NPA recovery?
- a) United Bank of India
b) Union Bank of India
c) IDBI Bank
d) Allahabad Bank
e) None of these
- Q.48) Which of the following banks plans to set up 100 digital villages to promote Digital Banking?
- a) Dena Bank
b) Vijaya Bank
c) Oriental Bank of Commerce
d) NABARD
e) None of these
- Q.49) The Scheduled commercial bank can take an equity stake in a payments bank to the extent permitted under _____ of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- a) Section 17 (2) b) Section 19 (2)
c) Section 12 (2) d) Section 15 (2)
e) Section 13 (2)
- Q.50) The first Paytm Payment bank is in?
- a) New Delhi b) Gurugram
c) Noida d) Lucknow
e) Chandigarh
- Q.51) PLR stands for?
- a) Premium Lending Rate
b) Prime Liability Rate
c) Prime Liquidity Rate
d) Premium Liability Rate
e) Prime Lending Rate
- Q.52) If a non - banking financial company wants to collect public deposits it is governed by which one of the following Act?
- a) Banking Regulation act, 1949
b) RBI Act, 1934
c) Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881
d) Companies Act, 1956
e) None of these
- Q.53) Priyanka Mary Francis, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Udipi Zilla Panchayat, has launched the DCP for the Financial Year 2017-18. Expand DCP?
- a) Demonetization Control Plan
b) Debit Credit Plan
c) Department Credit Plan
d) District Credit Plan
e) None of these

- Q.54) An entity authorized by the Reserve Bank of India under _____ to operate National Automated Clearing House (NACH).
- a) Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881
b) Contingency Fund of India Act, 1950
c) Chartered Accountants Act, 1949
d) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
e) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007
- Q.55) NDTL stands for?
- a) Net Demand & Time Liabilities
b) Net Demand & Tax Liabilities
c) New Demand & Tenure Liabilities
d) National Deposits & Total Liabilities
e) New Demand & Tax Liabilities
- Q.56) IRR stands for?
- a) Internal Rate Ratio
b) Internal Rate of Recession
c) Internal Reserve Ratio
d) Internal Rate of Return
e) Intra Reserve Ratio
- Q.57) FCEB affords a unique opportunity for Indian promoters to unlock value in group companies. FCEB stands for?
- a) Foreign Currency Exchangeable Bond
b) Foreign Currency External Bond
c) Foreign Currency Export Bond
d) Foreign Currency Exchange Bond
e) Foreign Currency Expertise Bond
- Q.58) PSLC is a tool for promoting comparative advantages among banks while they meet their priority sector lending obligations in India. PSLC stands for which of the following?
- a) Priority Sector Loan Certificates
b) Priority Sector Lower Credit
c) Priority Sector Lending Certificates
d) Priority Sector Large Credit
e) Priority Sector Lending Credit
- Q.59) Section 26 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 requires every banking company to submit an annual return to the Reserve Bank of India, in the respect of
- a) Cash reserve
b) Return of unclaimed deposits
c) Advances to weaker sections of the society
d) Dividend payment made
e) None of the above
- Q.60) The member of BFS board is chaired by whom?
- a) Deputy Governor of RBI
b) Finance Minister of India
c) Prime Minister of India
d) Governor of RBI
e) Vice President of India
- Q.61) A savings bank account opened with a zero balance of minimum balance is known as which one of the following?
- a) No frill account
b) Current Account
c) Call Deposit
d) Savings-bank ordinary account
e) None of these
- Q.62) What is the minimum investment in SGB?
- a) Five Grams b) Four Grams

- c) Three Grams d) Six Grams
e) One Gram
- Q.63) Which of the following is related to Kapoor Committee, 1999?
- a) Micro-finance
b) Capital Account convertibility
c) Restructuring of RRBs
d) Co-operative Banking Reforms
e) None of these
- Q.64) Which of the following acts is enacted to help the Union Govt. to manage its budgeted finances and fiscal deficit in a very disciplined manner?
- a) The Competition Act
b) The Banking Regulation Act
c) The Negotiable Instruments Act
d) Foreign Exchange Management Act
e) Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act
- Q.65) Which of the following bank can offer loans to the poor to construct or buy houses?
- a) IIBI
b) NHB
c) IDBI
d) SIDBI
e) None of these
- Q.66) Kelkar Committee is associated with which of the following?
- a) De listing in Share market
b) Tax Structure Reforms
c) Frame work of Insurance Sector
d) Reformation of Company Law
e) None of these
- Q.67) In which year the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation is created?
- a) 1974 b) 1971 c) 1975
d) 1978 e) 1995
- Q.68) Punjab National Bank was first established in which city?
- a) Amritsar b) Jalandhar c) Lahore
d) Ludhiana e) Sialkot
- Q.69) BRBNMPL stands for which one of the following?
- a) Bengal Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited
b) Bahujan Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited
c) Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Public Limited
d) Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited
e) Bharat Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited
- Q.70) Banks in India are regulated under _____.
- a) Companies Act, 1956
b) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
c) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
d) Special powers conferred on the RBI
e) Companies Act, 1965
- Q.71) Which bank has launched the 'Image Debit Card'?
- a) Canara Bank b) Indian Bank

- c) Karnataka Bank d) Dena Bank
e) None of these
- Q.72) The Income Tax department has launched a special electronic grievance redressal system called as _____.
- a) e-Nivaran b) e-Rakam
c) e-CPGRAMS d) e-INGRAM
e) e-PRAGATI
- Q.73) Which bank recently has decided to block all Maestro Debit Cards for security-based reasons?
- a) Punjab and Sindh Bank
b) Punjab National Bank
c) Union Bank of India
d) Dena Bank
e) None of these
- Q.74) Which of the following is the apex Organization for Industrial Finance in India?
- a) Industrial Credit and Finance Corporation of India
b) Industrial Development Bank of India
c) Industrial Finance Corporation
d) RBI
e) None of these
- Q.75) Section 131 of Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881 extends protection to the
- a) Paying Banker
b) Collecting Banker
c) Advising Banker
d) Issuing Banker
e) All of the above
- Q.76) Which of the following companies is the technology partner of the RBI for launching e-Kuber?
- a) Infosys b) CTS c) TCS
d) IBM e) Polaris
- Q.77) On which day of 2017, the Save Public Sector Banks Day (SPSBD) is celebrated in India?
- a) 9th July b) 6th July c) 7th July
d) 19th July e) 20th July
- Q.78) 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.79) Which of the following banks has launched a digital village initiative in Nepal?
- a) Dena Bank b) Punjab National Bank
c) Vijaya Bank d) State Bank of India
e) None of these
- Q.80) 'Experience Next Generation Banking' is the tagline of which of the following bank?
- a) Andhra Bank b) UCO Bank
c) South Indian Bank d) Vijaya Bank
e) Axis Bank
- Q.81) By which 'Micro Finance Development and Equity' fund is maintained in India?
- a) RBI b) CII c) NABARD
d) SIDBI e) None of these

- Q.82) DEAF fund (Depositor Education and Awareness Fund) associated with which of the following act?
- a) Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881
b) Contingency Fund of India Act, 1950
c) Chartered Accountants Act, 1949
d) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
e) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- Q.83) Which of the following statements is/are the feature(s) of Aaykar Setu initiative launched by the Ministry of Finance?
- a) Finance Minister has launched the initiative
b) It is an e-initiative for income tax department to link with the tax payers
c) It must provide information on useful tax services
d) It has live chat facility
e) All of these
- Q.84) The non-profit organization GSTN is formed to create which platform?
- a) Government b) Stakeholders
c) Tax payers d) All of these
e) Both a and b
- Q.85) What is threshold limit of GST for North Eastern states?
- a) 15 Lakh b) 20 Lakh
c) 5 Lakh d) 10 Lakh
e) None of these
- Q.86) In which year Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) was set up?
- a) 1977 b) 1968 c) 1964
d) 1962 e) 1975
- Q.87) 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 Expert Dealers Association of India
- Q.88) The term 'Remittance of Asset' is defined under which act?
- a) Company Act, 1956
b) DTAA Act, 1961
c) Wealth Tax Act, 1957
d) SEBI Act, 1992
e) FEMA Act, 1999
- Q.89) Which bank has launched a "Multicurrency Forex Card" to offer smooth experience for the Overseas travelers?
- a) HSBC
b) Standard Chartered Bank
c) Axis Bank
d) ICICI Bank
e) None of these
- Q.90) What is the minimum period for accepting Deposits under the Foreign Currency Non-Resident (FCNR) Scheme?
- a) 2 years b) 3 years c) 6 months
d) 1.5 years e) 1 year
- Q.91) Which of the following Committee has recommended that one part of foreign exchange reserves must be used for the infrastructural development?
- a) Parekh Committee

- b) Rangarajan Committee
c) Rakesh Mohan Committee
d) Mehta Committee
e) None of these
- Q.92) Which kind of banking offered by the banks which generally provides incentives for employees at a company?
- a) Narrow Banking
b) Branch Banking
c) Investment Banking
d) Group Banking
e) None of these
- Q.93) The electronic signature is recognized equal to a handwritten signature as per provisions of:
- a) NI Act, 1881
b) Information Technology Act, 2000
c) Indian Evidence Act, 1872
d) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
e) None of these
- Q.94) Which kind of Banking refers to a single and small bank which provides financial services to the local community?
- a) Investment Banking b) Branch Banking
c) Group Banking d) Unit Banking
e) None of these
- Q.95) "Taking Banking Technology to Common Man" is the tagline of which bank?
- a) Dena Bank b) Indian Bank
c) Vijaya Bank d) Union Bank of India
e) None of these
- Q.96) Who is appointed as the head of the Supervision Department?
- a) Vikash Singh b) Akash Sharma
c) S S Mundra d) N S Viswanathan
e) None of these
- Q.97) The RBI has imposed a fine on which of the following banks for the non-compliance of the Know-Your-Customers norms?
- a) United Bank of India
b) Union Bank of India
c) State Bank of India
d) Dena Bank
e) Vijaya Bank
- Q.98) Who is the Secretary General of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry?
- a) Sanjaya Baru b) Didar Singh
c) Satish Mehra d) Asutosh Jain
e) None of these
- Q.99) What is the amount SBI has planned to raise by allotting Basel-III compliant bonds to various investors?
- a) Rs. 2500 Crore b) Rs. 2100 Crore
c) Rs. 2000 Crore d) Rs. 3000 Crore
e) None of these
- Q.100) Cheque truncation is the conversion of a physical cheque into a substitute electronic form for transmission to the paying bank. Cheque truncation and electronic cheque come under which act?
- a) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
b) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
c) Companies Act, 2013
d) Societies Registration Act, 1860

- e) Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881
- Q.101) The Economic Survey of India is compiled by which of the following?
- a) Ministry of Home Affairs
b) Ministry of Finance
c) CBDT
d) NITI Aayog
e) None of these
- Q.102) 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.103) LIBOR stands for?
- a) Liberal Inter Bank Offered Rate
b) Liberal Inter Bank Official Ratio
c) London Inter Bank Official Ratio
d) London Inter Bank Offered Rate
e) London Intra Bank Official Ratio
- Q.104) Who is appointed as the MD and CEO of IFCI (Industrial Finance Corporation of India)?
- a) Raghuram Swamy b) E Sankara Rao
c) Vijay Prakash d) Balbir Sindhu
e) None of them
- Q.105) A Government Company is established under—
- a) A special Act of Parliament
b) A special Act of any State Government
c) The Companies Act, 1956
d) Reserve Bank of India
e) All of these
- Q.106) Which of the following bank has launched a CSR initiative?
- a) RBI b) NABARD c) SBI
d) RRB e) None of these
- Q.107) Which of the following Private Sector Banks of India inaugurates AADHAAR enrollment center?
- a) HDFC Bank b) Axis Bank
c) Yes Bank d) Karur Vaishya Bank
e) ICICI Bank
- Q.108) Which of the following acts was framed specially to deal more effectively with the problem of Non-Performing Assets in the banking system?
- a) Companies Act
b) Banking Regulation Act
c) Foreign Exchange Management Act
d) Industrial Dispute Act
e) SARFAESI Act
- Q.109) ECB stands for?
- a) External Credit for Business
b) Essential Commercial Banking
c) European Credit Borrowing
d) External Commercial Borrowing
e) External Credit Borrowing
- Q.110) Who was the first MD of Exim Bank?
- a) R C Shah b) Ravneet Kaur
c) Kalyan Banerjee d) T Ranganathan
e) None of these

- Q.111) The Banking Regulation Act, 1949 came into force on?
- a) 16th March, 1949 b) 15th August, 1947
c) 19th July, 1969 d) 1st January, 1949
e) 31st January, 1949
- Q.112) Which of the following bank has launched "Ananya Project", a two-year large-scale transformation project undertaken by the bank to provide customers with 'best in class' services while improving and modernising the whole bank?
- a) Punjab National Bank b) Bank of Baroda
c) Syndicate Bank d) Canara Bank
e) State Bank of India
- Q.113) SWAYAM is an instrument for self-actualisation providing opportunities for a life-long learning. SWAYAM is an initiative of?
- a) Ministry of External Affairs
b) Ministry of Human Resource Development
c) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
d) Ministry of Home Affairs
e) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- Q.114) Which of the following bank has come up with 'Bank Sakhi' innovative Scheme for employing women in villages to promote & improve the cashless transactions in rural areas?
- a) Baroda UP Gramin Bank
b) Madhya Bihar Gramin Bank
c) Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank
d) Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank
e) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank
- Q.115) CERSAI comes under section 8 of which act?
- a) SARFAESI Act, 2002
b) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
c) Societies Registration Act, 1860
d) Companies Act, 2013
e) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- Q.116) Under Lucky Grahak Yojna weekly prize worth _____ for consumers.
- a) Rs.1 lakh, Rs.20,000 and Rs.5000
b) Rs.1 lakh, Rs.50,000 and Rs.5000
c) Rs.50,000, Rs.5,000 and Rs.2,500
d) Rs.1 lakh, Rs.10,000 and Rs.5000
e) Rs.50,000, Rs.15,000 and Rs.2,500
- Q.117) Which of the following bank has launched "LIME app" that enables its customers to pay bills, transfer money and shop directly from the app?
- a) Axis Bank b) YES Bank
c) ICICI Bank d) HDFC Bank
e) HSBC Bank
- Q.118) PMKVY will impart fresh training to 60 lakh youths and certify skills of 40 lakh persons acquired non-formally under the _____.
- a) Recognition of Proper Learning (RPL)
b) Recommend of Prior Learning (RPL)
c) Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)
d) Recognition of Private Learning (RPL)
e) Recognition of Partnership Learning (RPL)
- Q.119) The Govt. of India has launched "Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana" denotes
- a) To provide quality seeds at affordable prices

- b) To provide quality agricultural products at affordable prices
- c) To provide quality LED Bulb at affordable prices
- d) To provide quality health services at affordable prices
- e) To provide quality medicines at affordable prices
- Q.120) An ECS transaction gets bounced and you are unable to recover your money from your customer. Under which act criminal action can be initiated?
- a) Indian penal code
b) RBI act
c) Criminal procedure code
d) Payment and Settlement act
e) Indian contract act
- Q.121) Digital India Scheme was launched in which one of the following year?
- a) 1st July 2015 b) 1st July 2012
c) 1st July 2011 d) 1st July 2010
e) 1st July 2014
- Q.122) Which of the following bank has launched "PAYZAPP" a complete payment solution, giving you the power to pay in just One Click?
- a) Axis Bank b) YES Bank
c) ICICI Bank d) HDFC Bank
e) HSBC Bank
- Q.123) The allocation for Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) for the period of 2016-2020?
- a) Rs.24,000 cr b) Rs.15,000 cr
c) Rs.10,000 cr d) Rs.20,000 cr
e) Rs.12,000 cr
- Q.124) Which of the following bank has launched "Shubh Araambh Scheme", a home loan product, that entails waiving off four EMIs each at the end of the 4th, 8th and 12th year of a 20-year loan?
- a) ICICI Bank b) HDFC Bank
c) YES Bank d) Axis Bank
e) HSBC Bank
- Q.125) What is/are the objectives of PMLA Act, 2002?
- a) To prevent and control money laundering
b) To confiscate and seize the property obtained from the laundered money
c) To deal with any other issue connected with money laundering in India
d) All the above
e) Both a and b
- Q.126) Which of the following app was launched by Lakshmi Vilas Bank and Fisdom for personal Wealth Management using Robo Advisory?
- a) Mission FINFIT b) Mission FINRO
c) Mission ROBWE d) Mission FINWM
e) Mission TAMRA
- Q.127) Which of the following bank has launched India's first credit card exclusively for GOLF players?
- a) RBL Bank b) DCB Bank
c) Yes Bank d) Royal Bank of Scotland
e) HSBC Bank

Q.128) Under Interest Subvention Scheme, farmers can get short term crop loans up to _____ payable within one year at only 4% per annum.

- a) Rs.5 Lakh b) Rs.3 Lakh
c) Rs.2 Lakh d) Rs.1 Lakh
e) Rs.6 Lakh

Q.129) Under the provisions of Section 35 (b) (ii) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, inspection of branches of Indian banks situated abroad is to be carried out by?

- a) Reserve Bank of India b) EXIM Bank
c) Ministry of External Affairs
d) All of the above e) None of the above

Q.130) The Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched "Runa Upasamanam" programme in the year 2016. It is linked with?

- a) Children Safety b) Loan Waiver
c) Women Education d) Protection of Rivers
e) None of these

Q.131) Which of the following bank has launched "KayPay" is a UPI (Unified payment Interface) fund transfer application offered to customers and non- customers?

- a) Canara Bank b) Kotak Mahindra Bank
c) Yes Bank d) ICICI Bank
e) Bank of Baroda

Q.132) The Union Budget of India, also referred to as the annual financial statement under the _____ of the Constitution of India.

- a) Article 114 b) Article 112
c) Article 102 d) Article 111
e) Article 132

Q.133) Which of the following option is correct regarding Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana?

- a) It was formally launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 9th May 2015 in Kolkata
b) It is available in the age group of 18 to 50 years
c) In case of death due to any cause, the payment to the nominee will be Rs.2 lakh
d) All of the above
e) Both a and b

Q.134) Which of the following app was launched by the HDFC Bank to help assist the customer in banking activities?

- a) Selfie b) Humanoid Robot IRA
c) Batuaa d) TAMRA
e) Aadhaar Pay

Q.135) Which of the following bank has launched "eforex", an internet-based platform that enables customers to book their foreign exchange transactions online?

- a) State Bank of India b) Canara Bank
c) HDFC Bank d) ICICI Bank
e) DCB Bank

Q.136) Under which section of Banking Regulation act, the RBI has a Power to suspend operation of Act?

- a) Section 7 b) Section 4
c) Section 8 d) Section 12
e) Section 15

Q.137) Which of the following Ministry has launched Annapurna Scheme in 2000-01?

- a) Ministry of Agriculture
b) Ministry of Rural Development
c) Ministry of Woman and Child Development
d) Ministry of Home Affairs
e) Ministry of Urban Development

Q.138) Which bank has recently launched its RuPay Select and RuPay Platinum credit cards?

- a) Canara Bank
b) Punjab National Bank,
c) Bank of India
d) Corporation Bank
e) Bank of Baroda

Q.139) Which of the following bank has launched "Chillar" app is the one stop solution for all your payment & mobile banking needs?

- a) ICICI Bank b) HDFC Bank
c) YES Bank d) Axis Bank
e) Canara Bank

Q.140) Which of the following is not considered as the negotiable instrument under the Negotiable Instruments act, 1881?

- a) Bill of exchange
b) Promissory note
c) Share certificate
d) Cheque payable to bearer
e) Cheque with 'not negotiable' crossing

Q.141) Which of the following state government has launched "Samajwadi Pension Scheme" for the BPL families, which will replace Rani Laxmi Bai Pension Scheme. It will benefit about 40 lakh rural families living below poverty line?

- a) Uttar Pradesh b) Kerala
c) Andhra Pradesh d) Bihar
e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.142) UJALA Scheme was launched on 1st May 2015. It is linked with?

- a) LED Bulbs distribution
b) Solar Panel distribution
c) LPG cylinder distribution
d) Improve Rural Employment
e) None of the above

Q.143) The RBI can issue directives to banks in respect of their loans/advances, under section 21 of:

- a) Banking Regulation Act , 1949
b) Negotiable Instrument Act,1881
c) SBI Act,1955
d) RBI Act 1934
e) Both a and d

Q.144) Which of the following payment bank is rolling out across the India, with the government mandating the use of FASTag on every new vehicle sold from December 1, 2017 ?

- a) FINO PayTech b) Reliance Industries
c) Paytm d) Airtel
e) Vodafone M-Pesa

Q.145) Which of the following bank has launched "Branch on wheel" app to expand the reach to villages devoid of banking facilities?

- a) ICICI Bank b) HDFC Bank
c) YES Bank d) Axis Bank

e) Canara Bank

Q.146) Under which act, to consolidate the laws relating to coinage and the mints, the protection of coinage and to provide for the prohibition of melting or destruction of coins and prohibit the making or the possession thereof for issue and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto?

- a) Coinage Act, 2011 b) Coinage Act, 2012
c) Coinage Act, 2013 d) Coinage Act, 1996
e) Coinage Act, 1999

Q.147) The government has engaged with which private lender to enable online payments at 470 mandis integrated with the national portal of electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM)?

- a) Federal Bank b) HDFC Bank
c) ICICI Bank d) Axis Bank
e) Yes Bank

Q.148) The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched 'Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan' in 2016. Which of the following fact is/are true?

- a) It was launched on 125th birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar
b) It aims to improve rural livelihoods
c) It aims to strengthen Panchayati Raj in villages and ensure social harmony in villages
d) It began on April 14 from Mhow in Madhya Pradesh
e) All of the above

Q.149) Recently which Indian city has launched smart city cards in association with the bank of India?

- a) Ranchi b) Chandigarh
c) Bhubaneswar d) Hyderabad
e) Thrissur

Q.150) What is the full form of AMRUT?

- a) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
b) Additional Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
c) Atal Mission for Recycle and Urban Transformation
d) Atal Mission for Reform and Urban Transformation
e) Atal Mission for Resource and Urban Transformation

Q.151) Recently to boost digital Banking, Rewardz Scheme was introduced by which of the following Bank?

- a) HDFC Bank b) Bank of Baroda
c) IndusInd Bank d) State Bank of India
e) Indian Bank

Q.152) Which of the following acts govern the RBI functions?

- a) RBI Act, 1934
b) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
c) Companies Act, 1956
d) Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973
e) Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999

Q.153) The Government of India has launched "Varishtha Pension Bhima Yojna", it denotes

- a) Social Security to elderly people aged 60 years during their old age.

- b) Health insurance to above poverty line families.
- c) Government approved pension scheme for Indian citizens in the 18-60 age group.
- d) Government approved pension scheme for central government employees at the age of 65.
- e) None of these

Q.154) "Swacch Indhan Behtar Jeevan" is the tagline of which Yojana?

- a) PMJJBY b) PMMY c) PMUY
d) PMSSY e) PMSBY

Q.155) Which of the following bank has launched Contactless Credit Card "Wave N Pay" (on Visa Platinum platform), for transactions up to INR 2000?

- a) Bank of Baroda
b) Punjab National Bank
c) State Bank of India
d) Union Bank of India
e) Syndicate Bank

Q.156) Under which section of Banking Regulation Act, the Power of Reserve Bank to apply to the Central Government for suspension of business by a banking company and to prepare Scheme of reconstitution or amalgamation?

- a) Section 43 b) Section 45
c) Section 42 d) Section 48 e) Section 46

Q.157) Which of the following statements is/are true about 'Swavalamban'?

- A) It is a pension Scheme launched for people of unorganized sector, who do not have any security.
- B) The minimum entry age is 18 years.
- C) The benefit will be available only two those persons who join the NPS with a minimum contribution of Rs. 1000 and a maximum contribution of Rs. 12000 per annum.
- D) The nominee can receive 90% of the NPS pension wealth in lump sum.
- a) A, B and C b) A and D
c) All are true d) B, C and D
e) None of these

Q.158) Which of the following has launched life insurance plan "Pragati" for low income group families?

- a) National Insurance Company
b) United India Insurance Company
c) Life Insurance Corporation
d) HDFC life
e) Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance Company Limited

Q.159) "Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Shaksharta Abhiyan" denotes

- a) Health insurance to above poverty line families.
- b) Make rural household digitally literate.
- c) Improving Sanitation Standard in 500 cities.
- d) Focused on the 24/7 hyper-connected world and the online presence of the government
- e) Free household power connection

Q.160) Asset Reconstruction Company (Securitization Company / Reconstruction

Company) is a company registered under which act?

- a) Section 4 of SARFAESI Act, 2002
b) Section 3 of SARFAESI Act, 2002
c) Section 24 of SARFAESI Act, 2002
d) Section 32 of SARFAESI Act, 2002
e) Section 13 of SARFAESI Act, 2002

Q.161) Which Bank has become first Indian Bank to deploy 'Software Robotics'?

- a) Axis Bank b) YES Bank
c) ICICI Bank d) HDFC Bank
e) HSBC Bank

Q.162) Which of the following has launched mVisa, a mobile based payment solution that will make payments at retail outlets much easier?

- a) HDFC Bank b) YES Bank
c) DCB Bank d) IndusInd Bank
e) ICICI Bank

Q.163) Name the Scheme that is launched by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley for the senior citizens. The scheme can be purchased offline as well as online through Life Insurance Corporation of India.

- a) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Sadak Yojana (PMVSY)
b) Pradhan Mantri Sadak Vandana Yojana (PMSVY)
c) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY)
d) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Yogi Yojana (PMVYY)
e) Pradhan Mantri Mudra Vaya Yojana (PMMVY)

Q.164) Which of the following bank has 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) DCB Bank b) RBL Bank
c) Axis Bank d) Yes Bank
e) ICICI Bank

Q.165) 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.166) Dulari Kanya Scheme has launched by Arunachal Pradesh, to ensure

- a) Help poor and needed person to get daily needs.
- b) Awareness of Banking codes at grass root level in urban and rural area.
- c) Provide Rs.20000 in bank account of a girl child born in the Government hospitals.
- d) Digitalization of Government hospitals.
- e) 100 crores investment in start-up in the states.

Q.167) Samsung ties up with which of the following bank to offer 'Bill Payments' on Samsung Pay?

- a) Yes Bank b) Federal Bank
c) ICICI Bank d) HDFC Bank
e) Axis Bank

Q.168) Under the Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, the Loan Limit of "SHISHU" is _____.

- a) Rs.50,000 b) Rs.1,00,000
c) Rs.2,00,000 d) Rs.4,00,000
e) Rs.25,000

Q.169) Which of the following bank has launched the second edition of its Hackathon. This hackathon has been named 'Digitize for Bank'?

- a) Dena Bank b) Indian Overseas Bank
c) Indian Bank d) State Bank of India
e) Punjab National Bank

Q.170) What is the objective of enactment of FEMA?

- a) To regulate forex markets all over the world
b) To conserve forex
c) To put restrictions on use of forex for development of foreign trade
d) To facilitate orderly management of forex market and facilitate the foreign trade of India
e) None of these

Q.171) An amount of Rs.1000 crore is being set up initially in NITI Aayog for SETU. SETU program of govt. for _____.

- a) Online Money Transfer
b) Online Courses for school children
c) Startups and Self-Employment
d) Dairy Development
e) Agriculture Development

Q.172) What is the full form of DAY - NRLM?

- a) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Risk Livelihoods Mission
b) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Resource Livelihoods Mission
c) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission
d) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Retail Livelihoods Mission
e) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Remittance Livelihoods Mission

Q.173) Which of the following bank has launched EazyPay mobile application for merchants that allows all in one acceptance payments platform?

- a) IndusInd Bank
b) Axis Bank
c) ICICI Bank
d) YES Bank
e) HDFC Bank

Q.174) A bill of lading a railway receipt is negotiable under section _____ of _____.

- a) 6, Negotiable Instruments Act
b) 85 A, Negotiable Instrument Act
c) 130 of Transfer of Property Act
d) 137 of Transfer of Property Act
e) None of these

Q.175) The Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU) is coming under?

- a) PMMY b) PMJDY c) PMSSY
d) PMSBY e) PMJJBY

Q.176) Deen Dayal Divyangjan Sahajya Achoni denotes

- a) To bring social reform in a state
b) To give financial assistance to disable for treatment

c) To provide security and assistance 24*7 to reduce the crime rate against women
 d) To transform 1.5 lakh sub health center's to Health and Wellness center's
 e) To help students for better understand foreign policy and engage students across the country.
 Q.177) The term 'Banking' is defined under _____ of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949
 a) Section 4 (a) b) Section 5 (b)
 c) Section 6 (c) d) Section 7 (a)
 e) Section 2 (a)
 Q.178) Account holders have to maintain an AQB for their accounts in certain banks. What does the term AQB stands for?
 a) Average Quantitative Balance
 b) Average Qualitative Balance
 c) Average Quarterly Balance
 d) Average Qualified Balance
 e) Average Quasi Balance
 Q.179) When was Lead Bank Scheme introduced?
 a) 1967 b) 1968 c) 1969
 d) 1974 e) 1989
 Q.180) According to the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC). Which among the following states in India has highest per cent of Urban BPL households?
 a) Bihar b) Uttar Pradesh c) Manipur
 d) Jharkhand e) Sikkim
 Q.181) Lien is defined in
 a) Section 171 of Indian Contract Act
 b) Section 170 of Negotiable Instrument Act
 c) Section 170 of Sale of Goods Act
 d) Section 172 of Indian Contract Act
 e) None of these
 Q.182) EPS in share market stands for?
 a) Earnings Per Share
 b) Electronic Payment System
 c) Employee Pension Scroll
 d) Equated Payment System
 e) Equated Per System
 Q.183) Name the premium credit card launched by the SBI by having facilities targeting high net worth customers.
 a) COMMUNITY b) ENRICH c) ESCORT
 d) ELITE e) None of these
 Q.184) Under which section of Banking regulation act, the Power of Reserve Bank to impose penalty?
 a) Section 42A b) Section 44A
 c) Section 46A d) Section 47A
 e) Section 45A
 Q.185) Which bank has launched a full-fledged digital banking service for small and medium enterprises (SME)?
 a) HDFC Bank b) ICICI Bank
 c) IndusInd Bank d) UCO Bank
 e) Axis Bank
 Q.186) The Committee that recommended the introduction of electronic clearing services is under the chairmanship of _____.
 a) Rangarajan Committee
 b) Saraf Committee
 c) Shere Committee

d) Kapoor Committee
 e) None of the above
 Q.187) What is the annual premium amount excluding service tax to be paid under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana?
 a) Rs. 181 b) Rs. 330
 c) Rs. 12 d) Rs. 10
 e) Rs. 50
 Q.188) Under which section of the RBI act, RBI has a right to issue bank notes?
 a) Section 24 b) Section 22
 c) Section 25 d) Section 27
 e) Section 28
 Q.189) Which Scheme is unveiled by the PM Narendra Modi to impart skilling to One Crore Indian population in the next four years?
 a) PSKVY b) PMKWY c) PMAY
 d) PMKVY e) PMUY
 Q.190) The New Development Bank headquartered at Shanghai, China has an initial authorized capital of
 a) US \$100 billion b) US \$50 billion
 c) US \$200 Billion d) US \$100 million
 e) US \$200 million
 Q.191) Under which Section of Banking regulation act, the Power of the Central Government to make scheme?
 a) Section 32AF b) Section 33AF
 c) Section 39AF d) Section 37AF
 e) Section 36AF
 Q.192) Recently an Indian bank has launched the next generation features on its app 'iMobile' which will enable customers to instantly pay taxes and book railway tickets within the app. Name the bank.
 a) Federal Bank
 b) Punjab National Bank
 c) Kotak Mahindra Bank
 d) ICICI Bank
 e) Bandhan Bank
 Q.193) Which of the following organization is the regulator of the Infrastructure Debt Fund?
 a) RBI b) SEBI c) IRDA
 d) PFRDA e) NABARD
 Q.194) Standard Chartered bank has its headquarters at
 a) California b) Vienna c) Bern
 d) London e) Paris
 Q.195) Demat Accounts are
 a) Accounts in which shares of various companies are traded in electronic form
 b) Accounts which are operated through internet banking facility
 c) Accounts which are opened to facilitate repayment of a loan taken from the bank.
 d) Zero Balance Accounts
 e) None of these
 Q.196) A customer is a person who maintains an account with a bank. This definition of the customer is available as per the act:
 a) Banking Regulation Act
 b) Negotiable Instrument Act
 c) RBI Act

d) KYC guidelines of RBI
 e) Consumer Protection Act 1987
 Q.197) What is the deadline for implementing the Unnat Jyoti by affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) Scheme?
 a) 2019 b) 2018 c) 2025
 d) 2020 e) 2022
 Q.198) ICICI bank has launched a Proximity Payment Solution, 'Tap n Pay' in collaboration with
 a) Infosys b) TCS
 c) Wipro d) Tech Mahindra
 e) Accenture
 Q.199) Under which Section of Banking regulation act, Compensation to be given to shareholders of the acquired bank?
 a) Section 36AG b) Section 38AG
 c) Section 39AG d) Section 33AG
 e) Section 32AG
 Q.200) 'Smart Money' is a term used for?
 a) Internal banking b) Credit card
 c) Cash with bank d) Cash with public
 e) Debit card
 Q.201) FCCBs a bond issued by an Indian company expressed in foreign currency, and the principal and interest in respect of which is payable in foreign currency. What does the letter second 'C' denotes in FCCBs?
 a) Convertible b) Currency
 c) Cost d) Capital
 e) Construction
 Q.202) Five associate banks of SBI and Bharatiya Mahila Bank (BMB) were merged with SBI effect from _____.
 a) April 1, 2017 b) February 15, 2017
 c) March 20, 2017 d) January 1, 2017
 e) December 1, 2017
 Q.203) NEFT is an electronic fund transfer system that operates on a _____ basis which settles transactions in batches.
 a) Domain Net Settlement (DNS)
 b) Defined Net Settlement (DNS)
 c) Declared Net Settlement (DNS)
 d) Deferred Net Settlement (DNS)
 e) Deferred Net System (DNS)
 Q.204) Where is the Head Quarters of Forward Market Commission?
 a) Mumbai b) Pune c) Kolkata
 d) New Delhi e) Allahabad
 Q.205) In which year Forward Contracts (regulation) Act was passed?
 a) 1978 b) 1883 c) 1991
 d) 1952 e) 1955
 Q.206) 122nd Constitutional Amendment Bill unanimously adopted. Which is related to?
 a) Goods and Services Tax
 b) Constitutional status to National Commission on Backward classes
 c) Established national judicial appointment commission
 d) Reduce age for voting rights from 21 to 18
 e) Provisions for setting up Rent Control Tribunals

Q.207) The RBI provides banks software CHI for Cheque Truncation System. What does "I" stands for?

- a) Investment b) Interface
c) Intermission d) Intercity
e) None of these

Q.208) CRAFTCARD Committee is to uplift rural India by increasing the credit flow for elevation of agriculture & rural non-farm sector. It was set up by the _____.

- a) RBI b) SEBI
c) NBFC d) Government of India
e) IRDA

Q.209) Which Indian bank has launched iWork@Home programme for its women employees?

- a) HDFC b) Axis bank
c) ICICI Bank d) IDBI Bank
e) SBI

Q.210) The National Savings Certificate (NSC) holder gets the tax benefit under which act?

- a) 40 C of Income Tax Act, 1961
b) 60 C of Income Tax Act, 1961
c) 70 C of Income Tax Act, 1961
d) 80C of Income Tax Act, 1961
e) 90c of Income Tax Act, 1961

Q.211) What is the maximum ceiling of price per transaction for using the *99# service announced by TRAI?

- a) Rs. 1.50 b) Rs. 2.50
c) Rs. 3.50 d) Rs. 4.50
e) Rs. 0.50

Q.212) Which among the following is the pre-eminent reserve currency?

- a) Euro b) Pound
c) Yen d) US Dollar
e) Swiss franc

Q.213) What does the letter 'R' denotes in the term "TARP"?

- a) Reconstruction b) Relief
c) Reduce d) Reproduce
e) Response

Q.214) Prior to the establishment of the Reserve Bank of India, the Government banking business was conducted by?

- a) Bank of India
b) Central Bank of India
c) National Bank of India
d) Imperial Bank of India
e) Bank of baroda

Q.215) A new Foreign Bank J. Safra Sarasin AG has launched it's operations in India in 2016. This is a bank based in?

- a) USA b) Switzerland
c) France d) Paris
e) Russia

Q.216) Unclaimed Deposit defined under the section 26 (A) and _____.

- a) Banking Regulation act of 1949
b) Companies act of 1956
c) RBI act of 1934
d) Transfer of Property Act of 1882
e) None of these

Q.217) Which bank has conducted a "Star Mahotsav" across its branch network in the country to contact every customer at their door step either for recovery of bad loans, disbursement of retail loans etc.?

- a) State Bank of India
b) Reserve Bank of India
c) Bank of India
d) Bank of Baroda
e) ICICI Bank

Q.218) In association with Kochi Metro Rail Corporation, which among the following bank has launched India's first open loop EMV contactless metro card that would make travel a convenient and hassle free experience for commuters in Kochi.

- a) Axis bank b) HSBC bank
c) ICICI bank d) Federal bank
e) Yes bank

Q.219) Which banks ties up with New India Assurance Company entered into a corporate agency arrangement for distribution of insurance products. The pact allows bank to offer non-life insurance products to its customers across metros and tier II and III cities through the bank's extensive network of over 6,000 branches?

- a) Indian Overseas Bank
b) Canara Bank
c) Syndicate Bank
d) State Bank of India
e) Union Bank of India

Q.220) Which bank has announced biodegradable prepaid gift cards on World Environment Day. The cards will be acceptable at all domestic merchant outlets and online portals?

- a) Axis bank b) ICICI bank
c) HDFC bank d) Yes bank
e) Citi Bank

Q.221) All of the these are examples of Quasi Negotiable Instruments, under the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881, except

- a) Dividend Warrants b) Share Warrants
c) Bearer Debentures d) Promissory Note
e) None of the above

Q.222) The human resource development Ministry has signed an MoU with which bank had set up an agency to fund creation of infrastructure and research facilities at higher education institutes such as IIM and IIT.

- a) SBI b) IDBI
c) PNB d) Canara Bank
e) Dena Bank

Q.223) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed certain restrictions on which bank after it reported negative return on assets (ROA) for two years and net NPA breaching the risk threshold level?

- a) SBI b) Allahabad Bank
c) Dena Bank d) Andhra Bank
e) Indian Bank

Q.224) The Securities and Exchange Board of India was established on 1988 and given

statutory powers on 30 January 1992 through which act?

- a) SEBI Act 1992 b) SEBI Act 1994
c) SEBI Act 1988 d) SEBI Act 1991
e) SEBI Act 1996

Q.225) _____ is an international financial institution that offers loans to middle income developing countries.

- a) IBRD b) IDA
c) MIGA d) ICSID
e) None of these

Q.226) Which of the following bank has launched a unique Womens' centric savings bank account, "All Bank Shakti"?

- a) Andhra Bank b) Allahabad Bank
c) Dena Bank d) Indian Bank
e) Vijaya Bank

Q.227) In "HAWALA transactions", the term HAWALA denotes "money transfer without money movement". It is prohibited under which of the following act?

- a) FEMA Act b) RBI Act
c) DICGC Act d) Banking Regulation Act
e) None of the above

Q.228) Which of the following payment bank has announced the integration of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with its digital platform?

- a) Vodafone M-Pesa
b) Airtel Payment Bank
c) Paytm Payment Bank
d) India Post payments bank
e) FINO Payment bank

Q.229) Which of the following bank has announced the launch of mobile app - Trade Transaction Tracker - to help customers track the status of their trade transactions on a real-time basis?

- a) Yes Bank b) Axis Bank
c) ICICI Bank d) HDFC Bank
e) HSBC Bank

Q.230) Which of the following bank has committed Rs. 156 crore to fund first Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) to be constructed at Varanasi under Hybrid Annuity-PPP Model?

- a) Yes bank b) South Indian bank
c) HDFC bank d) ICICI bank
e) Axis bank

Q.231) Which of the following Private Bank and Zeta, a fintech pioneer announced the launch of 'Paymint', a comprehensive digital wallet to manage multiple employee benefits?

- a) ICICI Bank b) Axis Bank
c) Yes Bank d) HDFC Bank
e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Q.232) Which of the following bank has launched the second edition of its Hackathon. This hackathon has been named 'Digitize for Bank'?

- a) Dena Bank b) Indian Overseas Bank
c) Indian Bank d) State Bank of India
e) Punjab National Bank

Q.233) The Consumer Protection Act was introduced to enforce consumer rights through a

simple legal procedure. It is started in which year?

- a) 1989 b) 1976 c) 1986
d) 1897 e) 1996

Q.234) _____ is 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.

- a) Redlining b) Phishing
c) Fiduciary d) Amortization
e) Arbitrage

Q.235) The networking of all ATM's is called as _____

- a) National Financial System
b) National Fund Switch
c) National Financial Switch
d) National Fundamental Switch
e) National Functional Switch

Q.236) The Special Drawing Right (SDR) is an interest-bearing international reserve asset created by the _____.

- a) World Bank b) IMF
c) IBRD d) ADB
e) NDB

Q.237) Under which of the following acts, the foreign exchange transactions are regulated in India:

- a) Foreign Exchange Regulations Act
b) Reserve Bank of India Act
c) Income Tax Act
d) Foreign Exchange Management Act
e) None of these

Q.238) Name the Committee which submitted the report of draft Ganga Act to Water Resources Minister, Uma Bharti?

- a) Dr. Pritam Singh Committee
b) N K Singh Committee
c) N S Kang Committee
d) DB Shekatkar Committee
e) Girdhar Malviya Committee

Q.239) Which of the following bank is creating a 15,000-sqft innovation centre in Navi Mumbai investing around Rs. 100 crore?

- a) State Bank of India
b) Punjab National Bank
c) Indian Bank
d) Indian Overseas Bank
e) Bank of Baroda

Q.240) The Co-operative bank is governed by the banking regulation Act 1949 and Banking Laws (co-operative societies) Act of

- a) 1963 b) 1965 c) 1975
d) 1961 e) 1998

Q.241) Which of the following bank has acquired payments wallet Free charge for Rs. 373 crore in an all-cash deal?

- a) ICICI bank b) Axis bank
c) Yes bank d) IndusInd bank
e) HDFC bank

Q.242) Which of the following Financial Services shot up 10 per cent after the lender said its wholly-owned subsidiary Small Finance Bank has been granted 'Scheduled bank' status?

- a) Suryoday Small Finance Bank
b) Janalakshmi Small Finance Bank
c) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
d) ESAF
e) Equitas Small Finance Bank

Q.243) Which of the following bank has bagged the 'best bank' award among small banks for the use of technology for financial inclusion at the 13th IDRBT Banking Technology Excellence Awards 2016-17?

- a) Vijaya bank b) Karnataka bank
c) Dena bank d) Canara bank
e) Indian bank

Q.244) 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.245) Which of the following private sector bank is included in RBI's list of 'too big to fail' lenders, referred to as D-SIB or domestic systemically important bank?

- a) Axis bank b) Yes bank
c) HDFC bank d) IndusInd bank
e) Dhanlaxmi Bank

Q.246) Which of the following Nationalized bank has signed an MoU to upgrade the bandwidth of its Bank's branches to 2mbps after canara bank?

- a) Punjab National Bank b) Dena Bank
c) Indian Bank
d) Indian Overseas Bank
e) Bank of Baroda

Q.247) The Banking Ombudsman Scheme 2006 was introduced under _____.

- a) Section 31(A) of Banking Regulation Act, 1935
b) Section 35(A) of Banking Regulation Act, 1949
c) Section 36(A) of Banking Regulation Act, 1985
d) Section 34(A) of Banking Regulation Act, 1965
e) Section 32(A) of Banking Regulation Act, 1969

Q.248) Which of the following payment bank has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch a RuPay-powered digital debit card?

- a) Vodafone M-Pesa
b) Airtel Payment Bank
c) Paytm Payment Bank
d) India Post payments bank
e) FINO Payment bank

Q.249) Which of the following is not the essential requirement for the endorsement as per Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881?

- a) It should be on the instrument
b) It should be made by the holder or the maker
c) Signatures should be in ink and not by pencil or rubber stamp
d) It should contain unconditional order
e) The endorsement should sign the endorsement in the same style and with the same spellings as written in the instrument

Q.250) Under which of the following act, to provide for a statutory and institutionalized framework for a Monetary Policy Committee?

- a) RBI Act, 1934
b) Finance Act, 2016
c) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
d) Option a and b
e) All the above

Answer Key:

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Computer:

Q.1) In second generation, which type of memory was used to store data?

- a) Paper tapes b) Magnetic drum
c) Magnetic core
d) Magnetic tape e) Magnetic disk

Q.2) Which key is used to erase pen tool drawings during a presentation?

- a) F b) R c) G

- d) E e) D
- Q.3) The topology where every node has a dedicated point to point link to every other node is
- a) Star topology b) Bus topology
c) Mesh topology
d) Ring topology e) Tree topology
- Q.4) The do's and don'ts of online communication is
- a) Flaming b) Cyberspace c) Netiquette
d) All the above e) None of these
- Q.5) Which of the following is a program that controls the computer's resources?
- a) Application software b) Compiler
c) Interpreter
d) Operating system e) Assembler
- Q.6) Which of the following is a program that hides in a computer and allows someone from a remote location to take full control of the computer?
- a) Scare ware b) Spoofing
c) Trojan horse
d) Root kit e) Key logger
- Q.7) A collection of interrelated records is
- a) Spreadsheet b) Database c) Files
d) Folders e) None of these
- Q.8) The special type of optical scanner used to recognize the type of mark made by Pen or Pencil is
- a) Optical Character Reader
b) Bar Code Reader c) Optical Mark Reader
d) MICR e) None of these
- Q.9) Which type of application allows a user to view content on the Web?
- a) Database b) Operating system
c) Device driver
d) System software e) Browser
- Q.10) The hexadecimal equivalent of the decimal number 223 is
- a) DF b) CD c) AC
d) BF e) DE
- Q.11) Which of following is a point-and-draw device?
- a) Scanner b) Mouse c) Monitor
d) Keyboard e) OCR
- Q.12) What is the shortcut key for "Help"?
- a) F1 b) F2 c) F3
d) F4 e) F5
- Q.13) Computer's BIOS stored in
- a) RAM b) Hard disk c) ROM
d) Floppy disks e) None of these
- Q.14) An Internet service that translates domain names to the IP addresses is known as _____
- a) CMS b) DNS c) ASP
d) SMTP e) FTP
- Q.15) The device which recognizes physical or behavioural traits of the individual is
- a) smart card reader b) OCR
c) OMR d) MICR
e) Biometric sensor
- Q.16) Any device connected to a computer network is
- a) Node b) Client c) Server

- d) LAN e) WAN
- Q.17) Which of the following will be used if a sender of e-mail wants to bold, italics etc, the text message?
- a) Rich text b) Rich signature
c) Rich format
d) All the above e) none of these
- Q.18) A super computer would be used for which one of the following application?
- a) Business computing b) Desktop publishing
c) Weather forecasting
d) Computer aided design e) All the above
- Q.19) A computer that may access shared network resources provided by another computer is termed as _____
- a) Server b) Network c) LAN
d) Kernel e) Client
- Q.20) The portion of an OS that is responsible for interacting with the hardware is called _____
- a) Root b) Shell c) Registry
d) Kernel e) Spool
- Q.21) PC stands for
- a) Personal communication
b) Personal content c) Personal computer
d) Personal calculations e) Personal connection
- Q.22) The circuits used in ENIAC is
- a) ICs b) Transistors
c) Vacuum tubes d) Microprocessor
e) Artificial Intelligence
- Q.23) The results of arithmetic and logical operations are stored in
- a) RAM b) ROM c) Cache
d) Accumulator e) All the above
- Q.24) Which of the following provides a common address space and routes the packets of data across the entire Internet?
- a) IP b) TCP c) UDP
d) SMTP e) SNMP
- Q.25) Bar codes store information using
- a) Punched holes b) Dots
c) Thick and thin lines
d) All of the above e) None of these
- Q.26) Which infect .COM files?
- a) Scores virus b) Happy birthday 30th
c) Sunnyvale slug
d) Raindrop virus e) None of these
- Q.27) The default font in MS Word 2010 is
- a) Verdana b) Calibri
c) Times new roman
d) Arial e) None of these
- Q.28) The time a device takes to locate data and instructions and make them available to CPU is known as
- a) Clock speed b) A processing cycle
c) CPU speed
d) Access time e) None of these
- Q.29) The communication channel capacity is measured _____ in
- a) Bandwidth b) Bit capacity c) Baud rate
d) Data flow e) Store data
- Q.30) An interface where facility is provided for entering commands is known as
- a) Menu-driven b) Command-driven

- c) Graphic-driven
d) System-driven e) None of these
- Q.31) The process of transferring software from secondary storage device into the hard disc is
- a) Shifting b) Transferring c) Upgrading
d) Updating e) Installation
- Q.32) The microprocessor is made up of millions of
- a) Registers b) Transistors c) Microchips
d) Program counter
e) None of these
- Q.33) Plotters is used in
- a) a computer aided design(CAD)
b) Word processing
c) Financial accounting
d) Playing 3D games e) None of these
- Q.34) Which one of the following is known as 'permanent memory'?
- a) RAM b) ROM c) Registers
d) Cache e) None of these
- Q.35) 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) None of these
- Q.36) A computer cannot 'boot' if it does not have
- a) Compiler b) Loader
c) Operating system
d) Assembler e) None of these.
- Q.37) All the deleted files go to
- a) Recycle Bin b) Task Bar c) Tool Bar
d) My Computer e) Menu bar
- Q.38) Which of the following is used to connect two dissimilar types of networks?
- a) Switch b) Port c) Router
d) Gateway e) None of these
- Q.39) In DBMS data is stored in
- a) Continuous manner b) Centralized manner
c) Repeated manner
d) Distributed manner e) None of these
- Q.40) Token ring is used in
- a) Star topology b) Mesh topology
c) Bus topology
d) Tree topology e) Ring topology
- Q.41) The option used to change page-size and margins is
- a) Page setup b) Print preview
c) Tools
d) Edit e) None of these
- Q.42) .org is related to-
- a) Personal Site b) Education
c) Organization
d) Administration e) None of these
- Q.43) OCR stands for
- a) Optical Character Recognition
b) Optical Copy Recognition
c) Optical Control Recognition
d) Optical CPU Recognition
e) None of these
- Q.44) The octal equivalent of 65 is
- a) 105 b) 101 c) 82
d) 93 e) 84

Q.45) A computer is free from tiredness, reflects which characteristic?
 a) High speed b) Accurate
 c) Versatile
 d) Diligence e) All the above

Q.46) Workbook is a collection of
 a) Diagrams b) Buttons
 c) Worksheets
 d) Documents e) Slides

Q.47) _____ is a set of instructions executed directly by a computer's central processing unit (CPU) .
 a) Machine code b) Object code
 c) Mnemonic code
 d) Both a & b e) None of these

Q.48) The ' Enter key ' is also known as
 a) Return key b) Press key c) Operation key
 d) Process key e) Execute key

Q.49) Ethernet address has
 a) 16 bits b) 32 bits c) 48 bits
 d) 64 bits e) 128 bits

Q.50) The file extension of Ms-Word 2003 is
 a) .xls b) .doc c) .ppt
 d) .txt e) None of these

Q.51) The electronic devices which processes data, converting it into information is
 a) Assembler b) transistor c) computer
 d) capacitor e) resistor

Q.52) The operation of combining two cells into a single cell in Excel is
 a) join cells b) merge cells c) join tables
 d) merge tables e) none of these

Q.53) Which among the following is a 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?
 a) firewall b) anti-virus c) bug
 d) all the above e) none of these

Q.54) Web pages are created by using
 a) FTP b) SNMP c) HTTP
 d) SMTP e) HTML

Q.55) The disk which is used to cold boot a PC is
 a) program disk b) system disk c) setup disk
 d) boot disk e) none of these

Q.56) Twisted pair wire is commonly used in
 a) telephone networks b) cable tv
 c) internet
 d) all the above e) none of these

Q.57) In a database, a column in the table is
 a) relations b) degree c) attribute
 d) tuple e) entity

Q.58) 1YB is equal to
 a) 1024 EB b) 1024 PB c) 1024 TB
 d) 1024 GB e) 1024 ZB

Q.59) A software application for retrieving, presenting and traversing information resources on the World Wide Web is
 a) web browser b) word c) excel
 d) power point e) database

Q.60) The shortcut key to select the entire document is
 a) Ctrl +C b) Ctrl +V c) Ctrl +A

d) Ctrl +D e) Ctrl +H

Q.61) The hexadecimal number system represents
 a) 0-9, A-E b) 0-9, A-F c) 0-8, A-E
 d) 0-10, A-E e) 0-9, A-D

Q.62) Which of the following fields of an e-mail hides the identity of the recipients?
 a) To b) From c) Cc
 d) Bcc e) subject

Q.63) Which of the following utility is used to encrypt and decrypt files?
 a) antivirus utility
 b) data compression utility
 c) cryptography utility
 d) disk cleaner's utility
 e) disk partitioning utility

Q.64) Which of the following models does the working of Bluetooth devices depend?
 a) client/server b) analog/digital
 c) master/slave
 d) peer to peer e) none of these

Q.65) The number of function keys on a keyboard is
 a) 4 b) 6 c) 8
 d) 10 e) 12

Q.66) Which of the following software posts unwanted advertisements on client's computer?
 a) spyware b) keylogger c) scareware
 d) adware e) virus hoax

Q.67) The program that is used by search engines to search the Internet for documents using their Web addresses is known as
 a) Bing b) MSN c) spider
 d) Google e) all the above

Q.68) The circuitry in a computer system that does the arithmetic and logical processing is
 a) CU b) ALU c) registers
 d) accumulator e) buffer

Q.69) In network topology, all devices on a network are connected to a single continuous cable called
 a) star b) mesh c) tree
 d) ring e) bus

Q.70) After a credit card transaction has been authorized by the issuing bank by sending an authorization code to the merchant, the settlement stage of the process begins. The system type used to process such statements is
 a) multi-tasking b) multi-processing
 c) batch processing
 d) online processing e) real time processing

Q.71) Which of the following is not a type of DVD?
 a) DVD-RAM b) DVD-R c) DVD-RW
 d) DVD-S e) none of these

Q.72) The software that works as a mediator between a computer user and hardware of a computer is
 a) application software b) compiler
 c) operating system
 d) interpreter e) assembler

Q.73) An image that is displayed on the monitor includes thousands of small colour dots known as

a) pixel b) pel
 c) picture element
 d) all the above e) none of these

Q.74) The most frequently used instructions of a computer programs are fetched from
 a) RAM b) ROM c) registers
 d) hard disk e) cache memory

Q.75) =Sum (S3:S10) is an example of a
 a) function b) formula c) value
 d) cell address e) all the above

Q.76) The first machine to successfully perform long services of arithmetic and logical operations is
 a) Mark-I b) ENIAC c) UNIVAC
 d) EDVAC e) Z-1

Q.77) Word processing, spreadsheet and photo-editing are examples of
 a) system software
 b) application software
 c) compiler
 d) interpreter
 e) assembler

Q.78) The cloud computing platform and infrastructure created by Microsoft is
 a) Atmos b) Ocean Store
 c) Simple Storage Service
 d) Openstack Swift e) Azure

Q.79) The feature in database language that allows us to access certain records in database is called
 a) report b) forms c) query
 d) table e) none of these

Q.80) If you wish to extend the length of the network without having the signal degrade, use
 a) Repeater b) Router c) gateway
 d) switch e) bridge

Q.81) The heart of the computer is
 a) microprocessor
 b) CU c) ALU d) memory e) CPU

Q.82) Which of following is used for project presentation?
 a) Document b) database
 c) spreadsheet
 d) text e) PowerPoint

Q.83) The most powerful computer in a typical network is
 a) PC b) network client
 c) network server
 d) client e) desktop

Q.84) Which of the following is not a part of email address?
 a) period (.) b) at sign (@)
 c) underscore (_)
 d) space e) none of these

Q.85) When you turn on the computer, the boot routine will perform
 a) power on self-test b) memory test
 c) hardware test
 d) software test e) device drive test

Q.86) The layer closer to the transmission medium is
 a) physical b) data link c) network
 d) session e) application

- Q.87) The data model that defines the functional requirements and data requirements of user, conceptually using entity, attributes and relationship is
- physical data model
 - relational data model
 - conceptual data model
 - functional data model
 - all the above
- Q.88) A joystick is primarily used for
- control sound on the screen
 - computer gaming
 - enter text
 - draw picture
 - print text
- Q.89) The protocol used on the Internet or local area networks to provide a bidirectional interactive text-oriented communication facility using a virtual terminal connection.
- FTP
 - SMTP
 - SNMP
 - Telnet
 - ICMP
- Q.90) The decimal equivalent of 11101010 is
- 256
 - 234
 - 250
 - 218
 - 230
- Q.91) The Extension of batch files are
- .bat
 - .prg
 - .doc
 - .dos
 - .txt
- Q.92) GUI stands for
- Graphical Universal Interface
 - Graphical User Interface
 - Graphical Uninstall/Install
 - General Utility Interface
 - None of these
- Q.93) A DVD is an example of
- input device
 - output device
 - hard disk
 - optical disk
 - RAM
- Q.94) Radio is an example for
- full duplex
 - half duplex
 - simplex
 - multiplex
 - demultiplex
- Q.95) When a key is pressed, a keyboard interacts with
- sensor
 - keyboard controller
 - keyboard buffer
 - Both (b) and (c)
 - None of these
- Q.96) A collection of tools that are used to obtain administrator-level access to a computer or a network of computers is
- Rootkit
 - Computer Worm
 - Malicious Spyware
 - Zombie
 - Scareware
- Q.97) The name that user gives to the document is called
- directory name
 - document name
 - word name
 - file name
 - none of these
- Q.98) ICs are made with
- zinc
 - copper
 - gold
 - silver
 - silicon
- Q.99) The IP address ranges from 224.0.0.x to 239.255.255.x belongs to which class?
- class A
 - class B
 - class C
 - class D
 - class E
- Q.100) Which of the following is an Operating system?
- C
 - Java
 - Mac OS
 - COBOL
 - FORTRAN
- Q.101) Which of the following uses sequential access mechanism?
- Magnetic tape
 - Hard disk
 - Floppy disk
 - CD
 - None of these
- Q.102) The operating system manages
- Memory
 - processor
 - disk and I/O devices
 - files
 - All the above
- Q.103) A light-sensitive device that converts drawings, printed text or other images into digital form is called
- keyboard
 - plotter
 - scanner
 - OMR
 - None of these
- Q.104) Which is the fast-main memory and slow peripheral memory handled by system software?
- core memory
 - virtual memory
 - RAM
 - Dynamic memory
 - None of these
- Q.105) Which of the following allows configuring and customizing of appearance of the computer?
- log off
 - turn off computer
 - documents
 - control panel
 - help and support
- Q.106) Which of the following occurs when a file is broken up into pieces to fit on the disk?
- Program counter
 - Data Attribute
 - Disk Fragmentation
 - Data Entry Errors
 - none of these
- Q.107) Specialized programs designed to allow input or output devices to communicate with the rest of the computer system is called
- Compiler
 - Device drivers
 - Interpreter
 - Operating system
 - None of these
- Q.108) In cloud computing, the cloud model which allows business to buy servers, software, data centre space or network equipment as a fully outsourced service is
- Business process-as-a-service
 - software-as-a-service
 - platform-as-a-service
 - Infrastructure-as-a-Service
 - none of these
- Q.109) The ability to change a schema at one level without affecting the schema at another level is
- data dictionary
 - data independence
 - data integrity
 - data entity
 - data redundancy
- Q.110) The network which spans a city or large campus is
- SAN
 - CAN
 - WAN
 - LAN
 - MAN
- Q.111) Which of the following feature that enables you to display the first letter of the first paragraph in the document in a large font
- Drop cap
 - small cap
 - large cap
 - all the above
 - none of these
- Q.112) IPV4 is separated by
- semicolon
 - colon
 - dot
 - comma
 - equal to
- Q.113) TCP is
- Transport control protocol
 - transmission control protocol
 - transparent control protocol
 - traffic control protocol
 - none of these
- Q.114) In hexadecimal number system F denotes to
- 10
 - 12
 - 13
 - 15
 - 16
- Q.115) The second generation of computers uses
- Vacuum tubes
 - transistor
 - ICs
 - VLSI
 - LSI
- Q.116) When you give print command, by default the documents print in which mode?
- portrait
 - landscape
 - print preview
 - A3
 - straight
- Q.117) A utility that makes copies of original files in case when original files are lost or destroyed, is called
- trouble shooting program
 - backup program
 - uninstall program
 - antivirus program
 - none of these
- Q.118) A system designed to prevent unauthorized access is
- software
 - program
 - firewall
 - server
 - client
- Q.119) How many bits are there in Ethernet?
- 8
 - 16
 - 32
 - 48
 - 64
- Q.120) To mute the sound in power point, press
- Alt + B
 - Alt +U
 - Alt +G
 - Alt+S
 - Alt+F
- Q.121) Which one of the rebooting commonly occurs when the system of computer get crashed?
- soft rebooting
 - hard rebooting
 - warm rebooting
 - cold rebooting
 - random rebooting
- Q.122) The display bar that list all the open folders and active applications is called
- menu bar
 - tool bar
 - task bar
 - status bar
 - all the above
- Q.123) Collecting personal information and effectively posing as another individual is known as the crime of _____
- phishing
 - hacking
 - identity theft
 - smishing
 - spoofing
- Q.124) The database stores information in
- frames
 - pages
 - rows and columns
 - tracks and sectors
 - none of these
- Q.125) The standard set of rules that two computers used to communicate with each other is
- link
 - data transfer
 - networks
 - protocols
 - none of these
- Q.126) The letter and number of the intersecting column and rows is known as
- cell position
 - cell location
 - cell formula
 - cell address
 - cell data

- Q.127) WWW was invented by
 a) Douglas Engelbart b) Charles Babbage
 c) Tim Berners Lee
 d) Alan Turing e) none of these
- Q.128) The shortcut key to close the active tab of a browser is
 a) Alt +F4 b) Ctrl +W c) Ctrl +F4
 d) Alt +W e) none of these
- Q.129) The binary equivalent of the decimal number 215 is
 a) 11010111 b) 11101011 c) 11111011
 d) 11101111 e) 10101111
- Q.130) Which part of the computer is used for calculating and comparing?
 a) ALU b) Control unit
 c) Disk unit
 d) Modem e) None of these
- Q.131) Artificial Intelligence is used in which generation of computer?
 a) 1st generation b) 2nd generation
 c) 3rd generation
 d) 4th generation e) 5th generation
- Q.132) The input device which is used to process large volumes of cheques is
 a) MICR b) OCR c) OMR
 d) Barcode reader e) light pen
- Q.133) The memory contents which can be erased electrically is
 a) ROM b) PROM c) EPROM
 d) EEPROM e) RAM
- Q.134) The language which can be relocated easily is
 a) machine language b) assembly language
 c) low level language
 d) high level language e) none of these
- Q.135) An Operating system is a
 a) utility software b) application software
 c) system software
 d) accounting software e) none of these
- Q.136) The name given to a document by the user is
 a) filename b) program c) data
 d) record e) information
- Q.137) When a new workbook is created in Excel, the default worksheets is
 a) 1 b) 2 c) 3 d) 4 e) 5
- Q.138) The key which uniquely identifies a record in a table is
 a) primary key b) foreign key
 c) super key
 d) candidate key e) alternate key
- Q.139) The network devices which is used to connect two similar types of networks is
 a) gateway b) modem c) NIC
 d) bridges e) hub
- Q.140) An attack in which a person or program masquerades as another is
 a) phishing b) pharming c) spoofing
 d) keylogger e) rootkit
- Q) 141. The services are provided over a network that is open for public use is
 a) private cloud b) public cloud
 c) hybrid cloud

- d) community cloud e) inter cloud
- Q.142) To insert a new slide, press
 a) Ctrl +M b) Ctrl +D c) Ctrl +N
 d) Ctrl +F e) Ctrl +S
- Q.143) The brain of the computer is
 a) CU b) ALU c) CPU
 d) registers e) accumulator
- Q.144) ECG is an example for
 a) analog computer b) digital computer
 c) hybrid computer
 d) super computer e) mini computer
- Q.145) Which key launch the start button?
 a) Esc b) windows c) shift
 d) ctrl e) alt
- Q.146) Which of the following displays information such as page number, current page, current template, column number and line number etc?
 a) work area b) ruler c) cursor
 d) status bar e) none of these
- Q.147) Television is an example for
 a) simplex b) half duplex c) full duplex
 d) multiplex e) none of these
- Q.148) The software package which automatically renders advertisements to generate revenue for its author is
 a) spyware b) adware c) cracking
 d) spoofing e) phishing
- Q.149) A _____ is information that a Web site puts on your hard disk so that it can remember something about you at a later time.
 a) spyware b) cookies c) sniffers
 d) rootkit e) none of these
- Q.150) To select an entire row, press
 a) shift +space b) ctrl +space
 c) alt +space
 d) ctrl +alt +space e) shift +ctrl +space
- Q.151) _____ is a measure of computer performance.
 a) SFLOPS b) NFLOPS c) FLOPS
 d) IOPS e) DOPS
- Q.152) Online transaction is an example for
 a) soft time real OS b) hard time real OS
 c) single user OS
 d) multiuser OS e) embedded OS
- Q.153) _____ is the task of grouping a set of objects in such a way that objects in the same group are more similar to each other than to those in other groups.
 a) clustering b) data mining
 c) modeling
 d) deployment e) None of these
- Q.154) The name of the first commercial modem is
 a) Telex b) CompuServe
 c) Memex
 d) Dataphone e) Bell 103 dataset
- Q.155) The other name for group of 4 bits is
 a) bit b) byte c) nibble
 d) megabyte e) kilobyte
- Q.156) FORTRAN is used in
 a) scientific purpose b) business purpose
 c) educational purpose

- d) general purpose e) all the above
- Q.157) A composition of two or more clouds remaining distinct entities but are bound together, offering multiple benefits is
 a) dynamic cloud b) hybrid cloud
 c) public cloud
 d) private cloud e) community cloud
- Q.158) It is an integral part that aids in the computer's functioning and manages the computer resources in ways that they can operate in tandem.
 a) application software b) I/O system
 c) system software
 d) malicious software e) None of these
- Q.159) The communication channel capacity is measured in
 a) bandwidth b) bit capacity
 c) baud rate
 d) data flow e) store data
- Q.160) Fax machine is an example of
 a) bar-code readers
 b) OMR c) OCR d) MICR
 e) scanning devices
- Q.161) Who created a new markup language called HTML
 a) mosaic corporation b) opera corporation
 c) Tim Berners Lee
 d) Charles Babbage e) Alan Turing
- Q.162) Surgeons can perform delicate operations by manipulating devices through computers instead of manually) This technology is known as
 a) robotics b) artificial intelligence
 c) simulation
 d) forecasting e) parallel processing
- Q.163) The address of IPv6 is
 a) 16 bits b) 32 bits c) 64 bits
 d) 128 bits e) 256 bits
- Q.164) The virus that are triggered by the passage of time or on a certain date is
 a) boot-sector virus b) macro virus
 c) time bomb
 d) worm e) brain virus
- Q.165) Which of the following is Write once read many disks?
 a) CD-RW b) DVD-R c) CD-R
 d) DVD-RE e) CD
- Q.166) A tuple is a
 a) column of a table
 b) two-dimensional table
 c) row of a table
 d) key of a table
 e) all the above
- Q.167) The first graphical web browser is
 a) gopher b) WAIS c) CERN
 d) Mosaic e) none of these
- Q.168) To end a presentation, press
 a) Esc b) hyphen c) del
 d) both a & b e) backspace
- Q.169) All the time a computer is switched ON, its operating system software must stay in
 a) main storage b) primary storage
 c) CD d) disk drive e) DVD

Q.170) A thing present in real world in physical form is called
 a) DBMS b) entity c) keywords
 d) relations e) fields

Q.171) The smallest unit of information a computer can understand, and process is
 a) bit b) nibble c) data
 d) information e) byte

Q.172) If a company want to include its company name and logo at the bottom of every page of the brochure, we use
 a) foot note b) end note c) header
 d) head note e) footer

Q.173) Frame is protocol data unit of which OSI Layer?
 a) network b) data link c) physical
 d) session e) application

Q.174) The first email was sent by
 a) Tim Berners Lee b) Vint Cerf
 c) Ray Tomlinson
 d) Alan Turing e) Ada Lovelace

Q.175) Which of the following acts as an interface between user and computer
 a) linker b) device driver c) loader
 d) translator software e) operating system

Q.176) LAN card is also known as
 a) LIN b) CIN c) NIC
 d) ICN e) NLI

Q.177) The virus infects the hard disk's or floppy drive's boot sector is
 a) boot virus b) macro virus
 c) zombie
 d) direct action virus e) resident virus

Q.178) Which among the following is a device that has functioning of a mobile information manager?
 a) PDA b) MICR c) OCR
 d) OMR e) barcode reader

Q.179) The folder that retains copies of messages have started but not yet send to the recipient is
 a) spam b) outbox c) inbox
 d) draft e) cc

Q.180) The base of octal number system is
 a) 2 b) 6 c) 8
 d) 10 e) 16

Q.181) DMA stands for
 a) direct module access
 b) direct material access
 c) direct memory access
 d) direct memory allocation
 e) none of these

Q.182) In DOS, O stands for
 a) open b) over c) operating
 d) overwrite e) none of these

Q.183) Copying a process from memory to disk to allow spaces for other processor is
 a) swapping b) fragmentation
 c) demand paging
 d) deadlock e) synchronization

Q.184) SMTP, FTP, Telnet are protocols of
 a) physical layer b) network layer
 c) data link layer
 d) application layer e) session layer

Q.185) The action a user can perform using an output device is
 a) scan data b) input data c) view data
 d) print data e) both c & d

Q.186) The cyber-attack that involves hackers taking control of a computer system and blocking

access to it until a certain amount of money is to be paid
 a) spyware b) key logger c) root kit
 d) scareware e) ransomware

Q.187) The activity of purchasing items and products from different websites on the Internet and online modes, such as credit cards and debit cards to make payment is
 a) e-banking b) online shopping
 c) online reservation
 d) e-governance e) all the above

Q.188) Who contributed to the idea of a stored program?
 a) John Von Neumann b) Charles Babbage
 c) Dennis Ritchie
 d) Alan Turing e) Vint Cerf

Q.189) An example of a telecommunications device is a
 a) keyboard b) mouse c) modem
 d) printer e) monitor

Q.190) The CPU in a computer retrieves data from
 a) Main Memory b) Secondary Memory
 c) Auxiliary memory d) all the above
 e) None of these

Q.191) Which of the following is a volatile storage device?
 a) RAM b) SRAM c) DRAM
 d) all the above e) none of these

Q.192) The diagnostic testing sequence of a computer determines if all input and output devices are properly working is
 a) booting b) POST c) BSOD
 d) scanning e) fragmentation

Q.193) A program that is used to line-up print jobs by storing them in a buffer for a short time and allows the printer to print at the time when it is used is
 a) fork b) buffer c) spooler
 d) memory e) virtual memory

Q.194) A CD player can access data/information using which method?
 a) sequential access b) random access
 c) multivariate access
 d) all the above e) none of these

Q.195) The two ways to arrange multiple windows on the desktop are
 a) point and click
 b) minimize and maximize
 c) cascade and tile
 d) drag and drop e) none of these

Q.196) The networking device used to connect networks using different protocol is
 a) repeater b) hub c) bridge
 d) switch e) gateway

Q.197) The software which is used to create a text-based documents is
 a) word processor b) spreadsheets
 c) presentation software
 d) database e) C++

Q.198) The commonly used graphical format for the web is
 a) bmp b) txt c) mdi
 d) gif e) tif

Q.199) The set of one or more attributes taken collectively to uniquely identify a record is
 a) primary key b) foreign key
 c) secondary key
 d) alternate key e) super key

Q.200) Track ball is an example for
 a) output device b) memory unit
 c) printing device
 d) pointing device e) none of these

Q.201) The application software used to prepare presentation slides is:
 a) Ms-Word b) Ms-Excel
 c) Ms-Power point

d) Adobe Photoshop e) DBMS

Q.202) The process of a computer receiving information from the Internet is called:
 a) Browsing b) Downloading
 c) Uploading
 d) All the above e) None of these

Q.203) BASIC stands for:
 a) Beginner's All-purpose System Instruction Code
 b) Beginner's All-purpose Server Instruction Code
 c) Beginner's All-purpose Single Instruction Code
 d) Beginner's All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code
 e) Beginner's All-purpose Simple Instruction Code

Q.204) Which of the following is not a web browser?
 a) Mozilla Firefox b) Internet explorer
 c) Avast
 d) Google chrome e) None of these

Q.205) The secondary memory used in the first generation of computer is:
 a) Magnetic tape b) HDD
 c) CD d) DVD e) BRD

Q.206) In the latest version of Microsoft windows, the bar where the different icons of application software can be found is:
 a) Task bar b) Status bar
 c) Menu bar
 d) Start menu e) Control panel

Q.207) FORTRAN is used for:
 a) Business purposes b) Scientific purposes
 c) Marketing purposes
 d) All the above e) None of these

Q.208) The software that uses a pattern matching technique to examine all files on a disk looking for harmful code is:
 a) Virus b) Worm
 c) TROJON horse
 d) Antivirus e) Companion virus

Q.209) A technical standard for accessing information over a mobile wireless network is:
 a) TCP b) IP
 c) Telnet d) WAP e) SNMP

Q.210) An ad hoc query is a:
 a) Pre-planned question
 b) Pre-scheduled question
 c) Spur-of-the-moment question
 d) Question that will not return any results
 e) None of these

Q.211) In hard disk drive the information is recorded in bands, each band of information is called:
 a) Platters b) Sectors c) Tracks
 d) Cylinder e) Buffer

Q.212) Which among the following is IBM's super computer?
 a) Shasra-T b) Sunway Taihu Light
 c) PARAM-8000
 d) Tianhe-2 e) Watson

Q.213) OCR is used for preparation of:
 a) Electricity bills b) Insurance premium
 c) Telephone bills
 d) All the above e) None of these

Q.214) The size of any word/number in a computer is measured in:
 a) Bits b) Bytes c) Nano farad
 d) Micro farad e) All the above

Q.215) A step by step procedure used to solve a problem is:
 a) Operating system b) Application Program
 c) Algorithm d) Flow chart e) Coding

Q.216) The command which is used to delete directory with all sub-directories and files is:
 a) Delete b) Deltree
 c) Del d) Dele e) Move

Q.217) If you change windows 98 to windows 2000, it is also called as:
 a) Upgrade b) Downgrade c) Patch
 d) Start e) None of these

Q.218) The virus that encrypts or encodes itself in an encrypted way every time it infects the system is:
 a) Direct action virus b) Boot sector virus
 c) File system virus
 d) Polymorphic virus e) Resident virus

Q.219) A collection of interrelated records is called a:
 a) Files b) Database c) Folders
 d) Spreadsheet e) Datasheet

Q.220) The term used for measurement of how fast data moves from one place to another is:
 a) Bits per minutes b) Bytes per second
 c) Bits per second
 d) Bytes per minutes e) None of these

Q.221) The minimum zoom percentage in Ms-excel is
 a) 1 b) 2 c) 5 d) 10 e) 12

Q.222) The private network for Internet tools available within an organisation is:
 a) Intranet b) Internet
 c) Extranet
 d) Network e) All the above

Q.223) The shortcut key for justify the text selected by the user is:
 a) Ctrl +D b) Ctrl +J
 c) Ctrl +E d) Ctrl +L e) Ctrl +R

Q.224) The binary equivalent of decimal number 43 is:
 a) 110011 b) 111100
 c) 110010 d) 101011 e) 101010

Q.225) The computer works by calculating binary digits is:
 a) Analog computer b) Hybrid computer
 c) Digital computer
 d) Super computer e) Mainframe

Q.226) The default page orientation in Ms-word is:
 a) Landscape b) Portrait
 c) Centre d) Justify e) Left

Q.227) The computer language which is used for business application is:
 a) COBOL b) LOGO
 c) FORTRAN d) C e) C++

Q.228) A _____ virus is a type of malware that infects executable files with the intent to cause permanent damage or make them unusable.
 a) Boot sector virus b) Overwrite virus
 c) File-infecting virus
 d) Macro virus e) FAT virus

Q.229) The communication channel, the data can flow in both directions, but not at the same time is:
 a) Simplex b) Multiplex
 c) De-Multiplex
 d) Full duplex e) Half duplex

Q.230) The term 'access time' is
 (a) Latency Time
 (b) Seek time + Latency time
 (C) Seek time × Latency time
 (d) Seek time
 (e) None of these

Q.231) VIRUS stands for_____
 a) Very Important Record User Searched
 b) Verify Interchanged Result Until Source
 c) Vital Information Resource Under Seige
 d) Very Important Resource Under Search
 e) None of these

Q.232) 'FTP' stands for _____
 a) File Translate Protocol b) File Transit Protocol
 c) File Typing Protocol
 d) File Transfer Protocol e) None of these

Q.233) The programs which are as permanent as hardware and stored in ROM is known as:
 a) Hardware b) Software
 c) Firmware
 d) ROM ware e) None of these

Q.234) The operating system that is self-contained in a device and resident in the ROM is _____
 a) Batch Operating System
 b) Real - time Operating System
 c) Embedded Operating System
 d) Multi Operating System
 e) None of these

Q.235) Which of the following is an impact printer?
 a) Page printers b) Laser printers
 c) Ink-jet printers
 d) Dot-matrix printers e) None of these

Q.236) A network of geographically distant computers and terminals is called:
 a) Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN)
 b) Wide Area Network (WAN)
 c) Local Area Network (LAN)
 d) Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)
 e) Personal Area Network (PAN)

Q.237) Setting fonts for the text in your document is an example of:
 a) Formatting b) Formulas
 c) Tracking changes
 d) Tools e) None of these

Q.238) The ALU and Control Unit jointly known as_____
 a) RAM b) ROM c) CPU
 d) PC e) None of these

Q.239) This device is used to connect your computer with a telephone line, so that can access information from other servers and ordinary users too, said device is called _____
 a) Modem b) Set Top Box
 c) LAN Card
 d) UPS e) None of these

Q.240) The word 'Robotics' was coined by
 a) Isaac Asimov b) Tim Berners Lee
 c) Martin Cooper
 d) Apple e) Steve

Q.241) Instructions and data that are processed by the CPU are in_____
 a) CD-ROM b) RAM
 c) The hard disk
 d) The motherboard e) None of these

Q.242) Which of the following processing is used when a large mail-order company accumulates orders and processes them together in one large set?
 a) Batch b) Online
 c) Real-time d) Embedded e) Group

Q.243) Which of the following is not an input device?
 a) Mouse b) Keyboard
 c) Light pen d) Printer e) Scanner

Q.244) A concentric circle on a disk is called a _____
 a) Cylinder b) Track c) Head
 d) Sector e) None of these

Q.245) The minimum free space required for running window is:
 a) 8 MB b) 10 MB c) 16 MB
 d) 32 MB e) None of these

Q.246) The commonly used UNIX commands like date, ls, cat etc) are stored in _____
 a) dev directory b) bin directory
 c) tmp directory
 d) unix directory e) None of these

Q.247) Word processing, spreadsheet and photo-editing are examples of _____
 a) Application software b) System software

c) Operating system software
 d) Platform software e) None of these

Q.248) After a picture has been taken with a digital camera and processed appropriately, the actual print of the picture is considered as:
 a) Data b) Input
 c) Output d) Process e) Storage

Q.249) A table consists of _____
 a) Fields and columns b) Rows and columns
 c) Rows and cells
 d) All of the above e) None of these

Q.250) Which type of transmission media is known as regular telephone wire?
 a) Wi-Fi b) Twisted-pair wire
 c) Fibre optic cable
 d) Coaxial cable e) None of these

Answer Key:

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