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1. What is the India's growth forecast for FY19, as per latest Fitch Ratings report "Global Economic Outlook"?

- [A] 7.5%
- [B] 7.3%
- [C] 7.4%
- [D] 7.6%

Correct Answer: C [7.4%]

Notes:

As per latest report "Global Economic Outlook", Fitch Ratings has raised India's growth forecast for 2018-19 to 7.4% from 7.3%.

2. Who will become the first Indian cricketer to appear in Kia Super League in England?

- [A] Smriti Mandhana
- [B] Harmanpreet Kaur
- [C] Mithali Raj
- [D] Jhulan Goswami

Correct Answer: A [Smriti Mandhana]

Notes:

Smriti Mandhana, an Indian Women's Cricket team opener, will become the first Indian player to appear in the Kia Super League, the women's cricket super league in England. The League will begin from July 22, 2018.

3. Which country has successfully launched a Glonass- M positioning satellite by using a Soyuz-2.1b carrier rocket?

- [A] United States
- [B] Russia
- [C] China
- [D] Japan

Correct Answer: B [Russia]

Notes:

Russia has successfully launched a Glonass- M positioning satellite by using a Soyuz-2.1b carrier rocket from the Plesetsk space center on June 17, 2018. The Glonass network provides real-time positioning data for surface, sea and airborne objects around the globe, at an accuracy reportedly at par with the U.S. Global Positioning System.

4. The conference on implementation of National Pension System (NPS) by the Central Autonomous Bodies (CABs) was held in which city?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Bhopal
- [C] Patna
- [D] Kanpur

Correct Answer: A [New Delhi]

Notes:

The conference on implementation of National Pension System (NPS) by the Central Autonomous Bodies (CABs) was held in New Delhi. It was organized by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

5. Who has been sworn-in as the new Prime Minister of Jordan?

- [A] Omar al-Razzaz
- [B] Ayman Safadi
- [C] Samir al Mubaydeen
- [D] Abdullah al-Mulk

Correct Answer: A [Omar al-Razzaz]

Notes:

Omar al-Razzaz, the former World Bank Economist, has been sworn-in as the new Prime Minister of Jordan after King Abdullah issued a decree approving the new government. He

succeeded Hani al-Mulki, who resigned following mass protests over price hikes and other government economic policies.

6. Who has become the first woman Indian Air Force (IAF) fighter pilot from South India?

- [A] Asistha Singh
- [B] Bhaanupriya
- [C] Bhawana Kanth
- [D] Meghana Shanbough

Correct Answer: D [Meghana Shanbough]

Notes:

Flying Officer Meghana Shanbough MR, an engineering graduate, has become the sixth female fighter pilot to join the ranks of Indian Air Force (IAF). She is the first from Karnataka and South India.

7. The International Domestic Workers Day (IDWD) is observed on which date?

- [A] June 15
- [B] June 14
- [C] June 17
- [D] June 16

Correct Answer: D [June 16]

Notes:

The International Domestic Workers Day (IDWD) is celebrated every year across the world on June 16 to assert the rights of this vast but hidden workforce. On this day in 2011, IDWD was declared to commemorate the adoption of International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention C189.

8. Adiraju Venkateswara Rao, who passed away recently, was associated with which field?

- [A] Sports
- [B] Journalism
- [C] Politics
- [D] Film Industry

Correct Answer: B [Journalism]

Notes:

Adiraju Venkateswara Rao (80), the veteran journalist and author, has passed away in Hyderabad, Telangana on June 15, 2018. Popularly known as Adiraju, Venkateswara Rao was born in 1938 at Panditapuram village in Khammam district.

9. The Jawai dam is situated in which district of Rajasthan?

- [A] Pali
- [B] Chittorgarh
- [C] Ajmer
- [D] Kota

Correct Answer: A [Pali]

Notes:

The Jawai dam is built across the Jawai river, a tributary of Luni river, and is situated near Sumerpur town in Pali District of Rajasthan. The dam was built by Maharaja Umaid Singh of Jodhpur. This is the biggest dam in the western Rajasthan.

10. Who authored the book "The Ivory Throne : Chronicles of the House of Travancore"?

- [A] Kamala Das
- [B] Manu S Pillai
- [C] Devaki Nilayamgode
- [D] Shashi Tharoor

Correct Answer: B [Manu S Pillai]

Notes:

Manu S. Pillai has authored the book " The Ivory

Throne : Chronicles of the House of Travancore" , a critically acclaimed 700-page history of Kerala focused on the last woman Maharajah of Travancore. It won him the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar in 2017.

1. The Assumption Island is in news recently. It is located in which country?

- [A] Seychelles
- [B] South Africa
- [C] Zimbabwe
- [D] Botswana

Correct Answer: A [Seychelles]

Notes:

The Assumption Island is a small island in the Outer Islands of Seychelles north of Madagascar, with a distance of 1,135 km southwest of the capital, Victoria, on Mahé Island. It is in news recently because the deal for an Indian military base in the Island was declared as 'dead' by Seychelles President Danny Faure

2. The Union Government has sanctioned a special financial assistance of Rs.5 lakhs to Limba Ram. He is associated with which sports?

- [A] Archery
- [B] Sprint
- [C] Boxing
- [D] Wrestling

Correct Answer: A [Archery]

Notes:

Minister of State (I/C) Youth Affairs and Sports Col Rajyavardhan Rathore has sanctioned a special financial assistance of Rs.5 lakhs to former International Archer & Arjun Awardee Limba Ram.

3. Which country is hosting the 2018 Asia and Oceania Region Inter-Governmental Ministerial meeting on anti-doping?

- [A] India
- [B] Australia
- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] Nepal

Correct Answer: C [Sri Lanka]

Notes:

On June 18, the annual Asia and Oceania Region Inter-Governmental Ministerial meeting on anti-doping has started in Colombo, Sri Lanka with representatives from 29 countries including India.

4. What is the theme of the 2018 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (WDCD)?

- [A] Our Land. Our Home. Our Future
- [B] Protect Earth. Restore Land
- [C] Beauty of Deserts – The Challenge of Desertification
- [D] Land has true value – invest in it

Correct Answer: D [Land has true value – invest in it]

Notes:

The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (WDCD) is observed every year to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification.

5. The SAARC Development Fund (SDF) to launch Social Enterprise Development Programme (SEDP) in all SAARC member states. Where is the Secretariat of SDF located?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Thimphu

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- [C] Kathmandu
- [D] Colombo

Correct Answer: B [Thimphu]

Notes:

The SAARC Development Fund (SDF) will soon launch a Social Enterprise Development Programme (SEDP) to fund approx 80 enterprises across the 8-member states annually.

6. The 2018 Goa Revolution Day (GRD) has celebrated on which date?

- [A] June 18
- [B] June 17
- [C] June 16
- [D] June 19

Correct Answer: A [June 18]

Notes:

The Goa Revolution Day (GRD) has celebrated on 18th June 2018 to pay tributes to the martyrs of the state's liberation struggle. On this day in 1946, freedom fighter Dr Ram Manohar Lohia gave a clarion call to the people of the state to unite and fight against the Portuguese colonial regime.

7. Which country's specialist team has started meeting with India to negotiate the text of military agreement "COMCASA"?

- [A] Russia
- [B] Japan
- [C] United States
- [D] Germany

Correct Answer: C [United States]

Notes:

To negotiate the text of Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA), the meeting between the team of specialists from United States and with their counterparts on the Indian side has started in Delhi from June 18-20, 2018.

8. Who has been elected as the new President of Colombia?

- [A] Enrique Gil Botero
- [B] Juan Manuel Santos
- [C] Ivan Duque Marquez
- [D] Gustavo Petro

Correct Answer: C [Ivan Duque Marquez]

Notes:

Ivan Duque Marquez, the Conservative political newcomer, has been elected as the new President of Colombia and will assume office on August 7, 2018. He won the 2018 presidential election by 54% of the vote on June 17, 2018. His running mate, Marta Lucia Ramirez, will become first female Vice-President of the country.

9. The Hasdeo Thermal Power Station (HTPS) is located in which state?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Chhattisgarh

Correct Answer: D [Chhattisgarh]

Notes:

The 840MW Hasdeo Thermal Power Station (HTPS) is a coal-fired power station at Korba in Chhattisgarh. The power station is owned and operated by Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company, a publicly owned generation utility formed in 2009 following the restructuring of the Chhattisgarh State Electricity

Board.

10. The 23rd European Union Film Festival (EUFF -2018) has started in which city?

- [A] Visakhapatnam
- [B] Hyderabad
- [C] New Delhi
- [D] Thrissur

Correct Answer: C [New Delhi]

Notes:

Col Rajyavardhan Rathore, the Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting (I&B), has inaugurated the European Union Film Festival (EUFF) at Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi on June 18, 2018.

1. IRDAI has constituted which committee to review regulations governing the Insurance Marketing Firms (IMF)?

- [A] K G Ramadevi committee
- [B] Sourabh Bhanot committee
- [C] Siddharth Pradhan committee
- [D] Suresh Mathur committee

Correct Answer: D [Suresh Mathur committee]

Notes:

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) has set up a 10-member committee to review norms related to Insurance Marketing Firms (IMF) with an aim to increase insurance penetration in the country. The committee, headed by Suresh Mathur (ED-IMF, IRDAI), has been asked to revisit the IRDAI (Registration of Insurance Marketing Firms) Regulations, 2015.

2. Which Indian Armed Force is observing the year 2018 as 'Year of Disabled Soldiers in Line of Duty'?

- [A] Indian Army
- [B] Indian Air Force
- [C] Indian Navy
- [D] Indian Coast Guard

Correct Answer: A [Indian Army]

Notes:

To honour soldiers who have been disabled in line of duty, the Indian Army is observing the year 2018 as the "Year of Disabled Soldiers in Line of Duty". The primary focus is towards alleviating the sufferings of these soldiers, who have done their duty with utmost dedication to the Nation and have been disabled for the life.

3. The Union Water Resources Ministry has teamed up with which technology giant for flood forecasting?

- [A] Facebook
- [B] Google
- [C] Microsoft
- [D] Wipro

Correct Answer: B [Google]

Notes:

With the monsoon under way, the Union Water Resources Ministry has teamed up with Google to generate flood warnings. If there are signs of an imminent flood, a Google Maps user will be able to see what regions are likely to see water logging first and if their neighbourhood is under threat.

4. Perumal Murugan, who has authored the novel "Kazhimugam", is the noted poet of which language?

- [A] Telugu

[B] Malayalam

[C] Tamil

[D] Odia

Correct Answer: C [Tamil]

Notes:

Perumal Murugan, the noted Tamil poet and author, has authored the novel 'Kazhimugam', which deals with effect of modern gadgets on life of middle class. He is known for his controversial novel 'Madhurobhagan (translated as 'One Part Woman')', which narrates the story of a childless couple 'Ponna and Kali' and the impact of childlessness on them.

5. Who has won the 118th edition of the US Open Golf Championship 2018?

- [A] Brooks Koepka
- [B] Patrick Reed
- [C] Dustin Johnson
- [D] Tommy Fleetwood

Correct Answer: A [Brooks Koepka]

Notes:

US golfer Brooks Koepka has won the 118th edition of the US Open golf championship at the Shinnecock Hills course in New York on June 17, 2018. Koepka has created history by becoming the first man since Curtis Strange in 1989 to successfully defend his U.S. Open title.

6. Which state police have launched a mobile-based messenger application "Cop Connect" to provide real time information to police officers across the State?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Telangana

Correct Answer: D [Telangana]

Notes:

The Telangana police have launched a mobile-based messenger application "COP CONNECT" to provide real time information to over 60,000 police officers across the State. The app will also support the police department in improving quality of service delivered to public.

7. The 2018 World Sustainable Gastronomy Day (WSGD) is observed on which date?

- [A] June 15
- [B] June 18
- [C] June 19
- [D] June 16

Correct Answer: B [June 18]

Notes:

The World Sustainable Gastronomy Day (WSGD) is observed every year on June 18 to focus the world's attention on the role that sustainable gastronomy can play. The day also reaffirms that all cultures and civilizations are contributors and crucial enablers of sustainable development.

8. Which country to host the high-level Conference on "International Decade for Action: Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028"?

- [A] Tajikistan
- [B] Russia
- [C] India
- [D] Sri Lanka

Correct Answer: A [Tajikistan]

Notes:

The high-level Conference on "International Decade for Action: Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028" will be held in

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Tajikistan from June 20, 2018.

9. The National Yoga Olympiad has organized by NCERT in New Delhi. Who is the current director of the organisation?

- [A] Prakash Javadekar
- [B] Chandrashekar Rao
- [C] Hrushikesh Senapaty
- [D] Jagdish Chandra Bose

Correct Answer: C [Hrushikesh Senapaty]

Notes:

On June 18, the 2018 National Yoga Olympiad has organized by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) at in CIET in New Delhi to create awareness about a scientific and holistic way of living.

10. Which technology giant has recently announced to launch training programme for journalists in India?

- [A] Google
- [B] Facebook
- [C] Twitter
- [D] Infosys

Correct Answer: A [Google]

Notes:

Technology giant Google has recently announced the launch of a training programme for journalists with an aim to raise awareness against misinformation and providing new tools to the fourth estate against fake news.

1. The world's first International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics has launched in which country?

- [A] India
- [B] Russia
- [C] United States
- [D] South Africa

Correct Answer: A [India]

Notes:

The world's first International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics was launched at Gandhinagar in Gujarat on June 20, 2018. It is a joint venture of the Regional delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross in India, Bhutan, Nepal and the Maldives and also Gujarat Forensic Science University.

2. Who has been crowned Femina Miss India World 2018?

- [A] Shreya Rao
- [B] Anukreethy Vas
- [C] Meenakshi Chaudhary
- [D] Neelam Khurrana

Correct Answer: B [Anukreethy Vas]

Notes:

Anukreethy Vas from Tamil Nadu has been crowned fbb Colors Femina Miss India World 2018 at a function held in Mumbai on June 19, 2018. Anukreethy, who beat 30 contestants to bag the honour, will now represent India at this year's Miss World.

3. The RBI has tightened norms for LRS by making quoting of Permanent Account Number (PAN) mandatory even for transactions below \$25,000. What does 'LRS' stands for?

- [A] Liability Remittance Scheme
- [B] Liaison Remittance Scheme
- [C] Liberal Remittance Scheme
- [D] Liberalised Remittance Scheme

Correct Answer: D [Liberalised Remittance]

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Notes:

On June 19, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has tightened norms for Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) by making quoting of the Permanent Account Number (PAN) mandatory even for transactions below \$25,000

4. Which G7 country has recently legalised recreational use of marijuana nationwide?

- [A] France
- [B] Germany
- [C] Canada
- [D] United Kingdom

Correct Answer: C [Canada]

Notes:

The Parliament of Canada has passed a landmark law that legalizes the recreational use of marijuana nationwide.

5. Which renowned personality has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of the Sikkim government?

- [A] Akshay Kumar
- [B] Sachin Tendulkar
- [C] Virat Kohli
- [D] A R Rahman

Correct Answer: D [A R Rahman]

Notes:

A R Rahman, the renowned music composer, has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of the Sikkim government. He will promote and project the state's achievements nationally and globally.

6. The conference "National Consultation on Making Agriculture Sustainable and Profitable" will be held in which city?

- [A] Pune
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Hyderabad
- [D] Mysore

Correct Answer: A [Pune]

Notes:

The conference "National Consultation on Making Agriculture Sustainable and Profitable" will be inaugurated by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu in Pune, Maharashtra on June 21, 2018. The 2-day conference is being organised by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in the context of the ongoing debate and efforts at various levels to double farmers' incomes by 2022

7. Nerella Venu Madhav, who passed away recently, was the world-renowned personality in which field?

- [A] Photography
- [B] Film Industry
- [C] Sports
- [D] Mimicry

Correct Answer: D [Mimicry]

Notes:

Nerella Venu Madhav (85), the world-renowned Mimicry artist, has passed away in Hanmakonda in Telangana on June 19, 2018. He is often regarded as father of Indian Mimicry and is also hailed as the pioneer and maestro of mimicry in India.

8. The Central Government has constituted a Chief Ministers Subgroup to coordinate policy approaches for Agriculture and MGNREGS.

Which state Chief Minister will be convener of the subgroup?

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Bihar

Correct Answer: B [Madhya Pradesh]

Notes:

The Central Government has constituted a Chief Ministers Subgroup to coordinate policy approaches for Agriculture and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). In it, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh is the convener and Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Sikkim along with Member, NITI Aayog, Ramesh Chand are the members.

9. Which state government has launched 7-Star Gram Panchayat Rainbow scheme to rank panchayats on the basis of social parameters?

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Haryana
- [D] Rajasthan

Correct Answer: C [Haryana]

Notes:

The Haryana Government has launched 7-Star Gram Panchayat Rainbow scheme to give star rankings to its panchayats on the basis of 7 social parameters. The panchayats will be judged on sex ratio, education, hygiene, environment preservation, governance and social participation. Under the scheme, approx 1,120 villages of Haryana has achieved star ranking since its launch in January 2018. The Ambala district topped the star ranking with 407 stars followed by Gurugram with 199 stars and Karnal with 75 stars. The selected villages will be honoured at an award ceremony to be held in Panchkula, Gurugram and Rohtak in July 2018. The villages would be rewarded Rs one lakh for achieving each parameter. The villages having equal or more girl population will be given Rs 50,000 as bonus with their reward money. Similarly, the villages which adopt Swachhhta Mission will be given additional Rs 50,000 as reward.

10. The new digital initiative of HRD Ministry 'National Digital Library of India (NDLI)' has developed by which IIT institute?

- [A] IIT Kharagpur
- [B] IIT Kanpur
- [C] IIT Kolkata
- [D] IIT Bombay

Correct Answer: A [IIT Kharagpur]

Notes:

The Union Human Resource Development Minister, Prakash Javadekar launched the new digital initiative of HRD Ministry 'National Digital Library of India (NDLI)' on the occasion of National Reading Day (NRD) in New Delhi on June 19, 2018

1. Which city has set a Guinness World Record (GWR) for largest number of people performing yoga at one place at the same time on 2018 International Yoga Day (IYD)?

- [A] Kolkata
- [B] Mysuru

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[C] Kota

[D] New Delhi

Correct Answer: C [Kota]

Notes:

In the 4th edition of International Yoga Day (IYD-2018), the Guinness World Record (GWR) for largest number of people performing yoga at one place at the same time has been set up in Kota, Rajasthan. At the State level yoga function in Kota, around one lakh 60 thousand people performed yoga at one place at a same time on 21st June.

2. Which country has recently withdrawn from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHR)?

[A] Australia

[B] Mexico

[C] Romania

[D] United States

Correct Answer: D [United States]

Notes:

On June 19, the United States has withdrawn from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and condemned alleged hypocrisy of its members and bias against Israel.

3. Which state capital has been selected as 100th Smart City under the Smart Cities Mission?

[A] Guwahati

[B] Dispur

[C] Agartala

[D] Shillong

Correct Answer: D [Shillong]

Notes:

Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya, has been selected as 100th Smart City of India by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs after evaluating the proposal the proposal submitted by it. With the selection of Shillong, the total proposed investment in the finally selected 100 cities under the Smart Cities Mission would be Rs.2,05,018 crores.

4. Under 'India Smart Cities Award 2018, which Smart City has been selected for 'City Award' for showing great momentum in implementation of projects?

[A] Jabalpur

[B] Visakhapatnam

[C] Surat

[D] Pune

Correct Answer: C [Surat]

Notes:

Under 'India Smart Cities Award' 2018, Surat Smart City has been selected for 'City Award' for showing great momentum in implementation of projects especially in the categories of urban environment, transport and mobility and sustainable integrated development.

5. Peter Thomson, who passed away recently, was the legendary player of which sports?

[A] Basketball

[B] Golf

[C] Tennis

[D] Football

Correct Answer: B [Golf]

Notes:

Peter Thomson (88), one of Australia's greatest golfers and a five-time Open Championship winner, has passed away in Melbourne on June 20, 2018. In 1954, he became the first Australian

to claim the Open Championship in Britain.

6. The Yoga Institute in Mumbai has been selected as recipient of the 2018 Prime Minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of yoga. The institute was established in which year?

[A] 1908

[B] 1918

[C] 1898

[D] 1928

Correct Answer: B [1918]

Notes:

Vishwas Mandalik (from Nasik) and The Yoga Institute (in Mumbai) have been selected as recipients of the Prime Minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of yoga for the year 2018.

7. Which state government has launched a smartphone application 'i-Hariyali' to increase green cover across the state?

[A] Punjab

[B] Kerala

[C] Manipur

[D] Rajasthan

Correct Answer: A [Punjab]

Notes:

The Punjab Government has launched a smartphone application 'i-Hariyali', which aims to inspire people to plant more saplings to save the environment from pollution.

8. Which city hosted the 7th edition of India Minerals and Metals forum 2018?

[A] Hyderabad

[B] New Delhi

[C] Patna

[D] Kochi

Correct Answer: B [New Delhi]

Notes:

The 7th edition of India Minerals and Metals forum was inaugurated in New Delhi on June 21, 2018. The forum seeks to come up with solutions to leverage in the sector with the changing global scenario. The deliberations took cognizance on the need to consolidate small players for strengthening of overall health of the industry. The government officials emphasized on utilizing low grade minerals to reduce burden on high end minerals. It was expressed that India has been conservative in exploration of deep seated minerals due to environmental concerns but it needs quick progress and there is a lot of scope for private sector for carrying out such researches.

9. Which state police is hosting the 19th All India Conference of Directors of Finger Prints Bureaux 2018?

[A] Punjab Police

[B] Madhya Pradesh Police

[C] Kerala Police

[D] Telangana Police

Correct Answer: D [Telangana Police]

Notes:

The 19th all India Conference of Directors of Finger Prints Bureaux 2018 has been inaugurated by Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, in Hyderabad on June 21. It was hosted by Telangana Police.

10. What is the theme of the 2018 International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict ?

[A] The Plight and Rights of Children Born of War

[B] Leave No One Behind: Support Rights of Children

[C] Prevent Sexual Violence Crimes through Justice

[D] End Violence Against Women and Girls

Correct Answer: A [The Plight and Rights of Children Born of War]

Notes:

The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is observed every year on June 19 to raise awareness of the need to put an end to conflict-related sexual violence, to honour the victims and survivors of sexual violence around the world and to pay tribute to all those who have courageously devoted their lives to and lost their lives in standing up for the eradication of these crimes. The 2018 Theme is "The Plight and Rights of Children Born of War".

1. What is the theme of the 2018 International Yoga Day (IYD)?

[A] Yoga for Peace

[B] Yoga for Health

[C] Yoga for Harmony and Peace

[D] Yoga for Peaceful Mind

Correct Answer: A [Yoga for Peace]

Notes:

The International Yoga Day (IYD) is celebrated every year on June 21 to raise awareness worldwide of the many benefits of practicing yoga.

2. Which country to host the 3rd annual meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)?

[A] China

[B] India

[C] Brazil

[D] New Zealand

Correct Answer: B [India]

Notes:

India will host the 3rd annual meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in Mumbai on June 25-26, 2018. It will be jointly hosted by the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) and AIIB. The theme for 2018 meeting is "Mobilizing Finance for Infrastructure: Innovation and Collaboration" that will see leaders from varied organizations and levels of government to share ideas and experiences for creating a sustainable future through sound infrastructure investment.

3. Mushtaq Ahmed Yousufi, the renowned Urdu satirist passed away. He belonged to which India's neighboring country?

[A] Afghanistan

[B] Myanmar

[C] Bangladesh

[D] Pakistan

Correct Answer: D [Pakistan]

Notes:

Mushtaq Ahmed Yousufi (94), the renowned Urdu satirist and humourist of the Indian subcontinent, has passed away in Karachi, Pakistan on June 20, 2018.

4. Which Indian sportsperson has won the Sports Illustrated's Sportsman Of The Year award for

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2017?

- [A] Kidambi Srikanth
- [B] Manav Thakkar
- [C] Jitu Rai
- [D] Shubhankar Sharma

Correct Answer: A [Kidambi Srikanth]

Notes:

Kidambi Srikanth, who is the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games gold-medal winning shuttler, has been adjudged as the Sports Illustrated's Sportsperson Of The Year award for 2017 in New Delhi. Beside this, renowned hockey player Dhanraj Pillay was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

5. Charles Krauthammer, the legendary Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist passed away. He belonged to which country?

- [A] Italy
- [B] Germany
- [C] Japan
- [D] United States

Correct Answer: D [United States]

Notes:

Charles Krauthammer (68), the Pulitzer Prize-winning American columnist and political commentator, has passed away on June 21, 2018. He received acclaim for his writing on foreign policy, among other matters

6. Under which anti-terror law, the Government of India (GoI) has banned Al Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) and Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP)?

- [A] Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1968
- [B] Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1964
- [C] Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1967
- [D] Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1965

Correct Answer: C [Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1967]

Notes:

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has banned the Al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) and the Afghanistan-based Islamic State in Khorasan Province (or ISIS Wilayat Khorasan) under the anti-terror law, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1967 (UAPA).

7. The 2018 Ambubachi Mela has started in which state?

- [A] Manipur
- [B] Mizoram
- [C] Arunachal Pradesh
- [D] Assam

Correct Answer: D [Assam]

Notes:

On 22nd June 2018, the annual Ambubachi Mela has started at Nilachal hillock where the Kamakhya temple is situated in Assam. The temple will remain close from this evening and re-opened for public in the morning of 26th this month.

8. Prabhakar Choubey, who passed away recently, was the veteran personality of which field?

- [A] Sports
- [B] Journalism
- [C] Politics
- [D] Science

Correct Answer: B [Journalism]

Notes:

Prabhakar Choubey (83), the veteran journalist

and litterateur, has passed away in Raipur, Chhattisgarh on June 21, 2018.

9. The 2018 World Music Day (WMD) is observed on which date?

- [A] June 21
- [B] June 22
- [C] June 20
- [D] June 23

Correct Answer: A [June 21]

Notes:

The World Music Day (WMD) is observed on June 21 every year across the world to shed light on the importance of music. The day is also known as 'Fete de la Musique' after a music festival that began in France in 1982.

10. Which union ministry has been conferred the SKOCH's 'Best performing Social Sector Ministry' award?

- [A] Ministry of External Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Human Resource Development
- [C] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [D] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Women and Child Development]

Notes:

The SKOCH Group has conferred the 'Best performing Social Sector Ministry' award on the Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) for its significant achievements and initiatives from the last 4 years. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi received the award on behalf of the Ministry in an event held in New Delhi on June 22, 2018.

1. Which country's researchers have developed the world's smallest computer "Michigan Micro Mote"?

- [A] United States
- [B] China
- [C] Japan
- [D] Germany

Correct Answer: A [United States]

Notes:

Researchers at the University of Michigan (UM) in the US have developed the world's smallest computer "Michigan Micro Mote". It measures just 0.3 mm and could help find new ways to monitor and treat cancer.

2. Gautam Kanjilal, who passed away recently, was pioneer in which field?

- [A] Hockey
- [B] Rock climbing
- [C] Judo
- [D] Mimicry

Correct Answer: B [Rock climbing]

Notes:

Gautam Kanjilal (68), who was one of the pioneers in rock climbing in India and veteran mountaineer, has passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal on June 22, 2018. An engineer by profession and a member of city-based mountaineering club Himalayan Association, Kanjilal began his outward bound activities way back in 1970 when he attended a rock climbing course at Susunia Hills.

3. Which state government has launched Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY) for farmers?

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Gujarat

[C] Rajasthan

[D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: B [Gujarat]

Notes:

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has launched the Rs 870-crore pilot project of Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY) where farmers can generate electricity using solar energy and sell the surplus to the electric grid. The SKY Yojana is for farmers who are existing consumers of power companies.

4. Kim Jong-pil, who passed away recently, was the former Prime Minister of which country?

- [A] Mongolia
- [B] Japan
- [C] North Korea
- [D] South Korea

Correct Answer: D [South Korea]

Notes:

Kim Jong-pil (92), the founder of South Korea's spy agency, has passed away in Seoul, South Korea on June 23, 2018. The spy agency is widely-known as the "perennial No. 2 man" in modern Korean politics

5. Which Indian swimmer clinched gold in men's 50 meter breaststroke event at 2018 Singapore National Swimming Championships?

- [A] Virbhawal Khade
- [B] Arvind Mani
- [C] M M Sahu
- [D] Sandeep Sejwal

Correct Answer: D [Sandeep Sejwal]

Notes:

Indian swimmer Sandeep Sejwal clinched the gold medal in men's 50 meter breaststroke event at the Singapore National Swimming Championships in Singapore on June 23, 2018.

6. The 22nd edition of Sindhu Darshan Festival (SDF) has started in which district of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)?

- [A] Anantnag
- [B] Baramulla
- [C] Leh
- [D] Srinagar

Correct Answer: C [Leh]

Notes:

The 22nd edition of Sindhu Darshan Festival (SDF) has started on the bank of Indus River in Leh district of Ladakh region, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) on June 24, 2018. The 3-day annual fest is organised by Sindhu Darshan Yatra Samiti and Ladakh Phandey Tsogspa (Leh).

7. The 2018 International Widows' Day (IWD) is observed on which date?

- [A] June 23
- [B] June 24
- [C] June 22
- [D] June 21

Correct Answer: A [June 23]

Notes:

The International Widows' Day (IWD) is observed every year on June 23 to give special recognition to the situation of widows of all ages and across regions and cultures. The day is an opportunity for action towards achieving full rights and recognition for widows – too long invisible, uncounted and ignored.

8. Which state Chief Minister has been conferred

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with 'Chief Minister of the Year' award at the 52nd Skoch Summit 2018?

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Assam
- [D] Punjab

Correct Answer: A [Rajasthan]

Notes:

Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje has been conferred with the 'Chief Minister of the Year' award for her remarkable work in e-governance. The award was given at the 52nd Skoch Summit 2018 held in New Delhi.

9. The Central Government has launched the Mohanpura Irrigation Project in which district of Madhya Pradesh?

- [A] Rajgarh
- [B] Bhopal
- [C] Indore
- [D] Jabalpur

Correct Answer: A [Rajgarh]

Notes:

On June 23, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Mohanpura Irrigation Project in Rajgarh district in Madhya Pradesh. The Rs 3,866-crore project includes a dam and a canal system. This project will facilitate irrigation of agricultural land in Rajgarh district.

10. B Sujatha Devi, the well-known poetess and environmental activist passed away. She is native of which state?

- [A] Karnataka
 - [B] Tamil Nadu
 - [C] Kerala
 - [D] Andhra Pradesh
- Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [Kerala]

Notes:

B Sujatha Devi (72), the well-known poetess, environmental activist and travel writer, has passed away in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on June 23, 2018. Sujatha Devi had served as English professor in various government colleges in the state, including the Maharaja's college in Kochi. She had won the Kerala Sahitya Academy award for the best travelogue for her work 'Kadinte Thalam Thedi'. She wrote poems under the pseudonym Devi. Her poems have been collected under the title 'Mmmayi'. Daughter of freedom fighter Bodheswaran and Prof. Karthyayini Amma, she had played a leading role in the anti-Silent Valley Project struggle in the late 1970s and was active subsequently too in several environmental battles in the State and elsewhere.

1. Which movie has won the Best Picture Award at the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards 2018?

- [A] Tumhari Sulu
- [B] Hindi Medium
- [C] Mom
- [D] Newton

Correct Answer: A [Tumhari Sulu]

Notes:

"Tumhari Sulu", a movie about a housewife who lands a job as a radio jockey, won the Best Picture Award at the International Indian Film Academy Awards 2018 in Bangkok. Irfan Khan

was adjudged the Best Actor for his role of a father trying to get his child admitted in a posh English medium school in Delhi in the film "Hindi Medium". The Best Director trophy was won by Saket Chowdhary for his film "Hindi Medium". Sridevi was posthumously awarded the Best Female Actor for "Mom". Arijit Singh was announced as the Best Playback Singer (Male) for the song "Hawayein" from "Jab Harry Met Sejal", while Meghna Mishra won the Best Playback Singer (Female) Award for the track "Main Kaun Hoon" from "Secret Superstar".

2. Which city is hosting the 4th National Review and Consultation on Swachh Iconic Places?

- [A] Hyderabad
- [B] Kurnool
- [C] Allahabad
- [D] Murshidabad

Correct Answer: A [Hyderabad]

Notes:

The 4th National Review and Consultation on Swachh Iconic Places has started in Hyderabad on June 25, 2018 to review the progress relating to maintenance and cleanliness of Iconic Places. The two-day consultation and review was inaugurated by Akshay Rout, the Director General Special projects under the Ministry of Drinking Water Supply. Here, the list of historic and heritage monuments and structures for the third phase of the Swachh Iconic Places initiative announced. It includes the Hazardwari Palace (Murshidabad, West Bengal), VidurKuti (Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh), Nagvasuki Temple (Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh), Sabarimala Temple (Kerala), Mana village (Chamoli, Uttarakhand), Sri Raghavendra Swamy Temple (Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh), etc. The purpose behind Swachh Iconic Places project is to achieve inter-ministerial efforts and coordination higher level of sanitation at the identified places.

3. Which Indian archer has clinched a gold medal in the women's recurve event at stage three of World Cup in Salt Lake City of US?

- [A] Laxmirani Majhi
- [B] Bombayla Devi Laishram
- [C] Atanu Das
- [D] Deepika Kumari

Correct Answer: D [Deepika Kumari]

Notes:

In Archery, Deepika Kumari clinched a gold medal in the women's recurve event at stage three of World Cup in Salt Lake City of US on June 25, 2018. She defeated Michelle Kroppen of Germany 7-3.

4. Which country hosted the 2018 anti-doping sports conference 'Clean Sport=Fair Outcome'?

- [A] Germany
- [B] India
- [C] Argentina
- [D] Norway

Correct Answer: D [Norway]

Notes:

On 25th June 2018, the anti-doping sports conference titled 'Clean Sport=Fair Outcome?' was held at Oslo in Norway to address the issue of doping menace.

5. Which village panchayat of Haryana has passed a resolution "No Toilet, No Bride"?

- [A] Bishangarh

- [B] Nimriwali
- [C] Godikan
- [D] Ishapur Kheri

Correct Answer: C [Godikan]

Notes:

Dharampal, the Sarpanch of Godikan village panchayat in Haryana, has passed a 'No Toilet No Bride' resolution to ensure the safety and well-being of its womenfolk. The move is aimed at ensuring the security of their daughters in addition to hygiene. With this move, the Godikan panchayat has become the first panchayat in the country to marry off girls only to families who have a toilet in their house.

6. Which committee will be constituted by the Union Government to lay down standards for metro rail systems in the country?

- [A] K S Mehta committee
- [B] Elattuvalapil Sreedharan committee
- [C] Vijay Kapoor committee
- [D] Neeraj Pandey committee

Correct Answer: B [Elattuvalapil Sreedharan committee]

Notes:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the proposal of setting up of a committee to lay down standards for metro rail systems in the country. The committee will be headed by E Sreedharan, who is also known as the 'Metro Man'. The aim of this move is to cut costs in the construction and operation of metro rail systems in the country and bring them under the Make in India umbrella.

7. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved an equity investment of how much amount in National Investment & Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) of India?

- [A] \$500 million
- [B] \$300 million
- [C] \$200 million
- [D] \$400 million

Correct Answer: C [\$200 million]

Notes:

On June 24, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved a \$200 million equity investment into the National Investment & Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) of India and the first tranche of \$100 million has already been approved by the bank's Board.

8. The first edition of naval exercise "Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)" will be conducted between India and its which neighbouring country?

- [A] Sri Lanka
- [B] China
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Bangladesh

Correct Answer: D [Bangladesh]

Notes:

The naval forces of India and Bangladesh will conduct the joint patrol exercise "Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)" in the Bay of Bengal from June 27

9. Which state government has launched a new scheme 'Paani Bachao, Paise Kamao' to check depletion of underground water?

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Punjab

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Correct Answer: D [Punjab]

Notes:

The Punjab government has launched a new scheme 'Paani Bachao, Paise Kamao' to check depletion of underground water. Under this scheme, farmers will get monetary benefit for less use of tube well.

10. The Getalsud Dam is located in which state?

- [A] Jharkhand
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Manipur

Correct Answer: A [Jharkhand]

Notes:

The Getalsud Dam is an artificial reservoir situated at Ormanjhi in Ranchi, Jharkhand. It was constructed across the Subarnarekha River and was opened in 1971. It is a popular picnic spot for the residents of Ranchi and Ramgarh District.

1. Which country to host the 2018 ICC Women's World T20 tournament?

- [A] England
- [B] New Zealand
- [C] West Indies
- [D] South Africa

Correct Answer: C [West Indies]

Notes:

The 2018 ICC Women's World T20 championship will be held in the West Indies from November 9 to 24. This is the first standalone ICC women's event in the shortest format of the game. India will begin their campaign against New Zealand on the opening day.

2. Which state is hosting the 58th National Interstate Senior Athletics 2018?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Rajasthan

Correct Answer: A [Assam]

Notes:

The 58th National Interstate Senior Athletics Championships 2018 has started in Guwahati, Assam on June 26. The event was inaugurated by Assam Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal. Over 800 players are taking part in the 4-day event. The Indian athletics team for the upcoming Asian Games 2018 to be held at Jakarta will be selected from this meet. Competitions will be held in a total of 42 categories, 21 in men and 21 in women.

3. Who has been crowned as the India's first Tribal Queen?

- [A] Panchami Majhi
- [B] Rashmirekha Hansdah
- [C] Tulasi Munda
- [D] Pallavi Durua

Correct Answer: D [Pallavi Durua]

Notes:

Pallavi Durua, who belongs to Odisha's Koraput district, has been crowned as the India's first "Tribal Queen" at the Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen competition held at Utkal Mandap on June 26, 2018. Panchami Majhi of Titlagarh and Rashmirekha Hansdah of Mayurbhanj were declared as the first and second runners-up of the beauty pageant respectively.

4. Which Bollywood personality has been conferred with the French distinction of Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters?

- [A] Deepika Padukone
 - [B] Kalki Koechlin
 - [C] Priyanka Chopra
 - [D] Kareena Kapoor
- Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [Kalki Koechlin]

Notes:

Bollywood Actress Kalki Koechlin has been conferred with the French distinction of Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres) for her contribution in enhancing Indo-French ties in cinema on June 22, 2018.

5. Who has won the 2018 Formula One French Grand Prix tournament 2018?

- [A] Valtteri Bottas
- [B] Lewis Hamilton
- [C] Max Verstappen
- [D] Kimi Raikkonen

Correct Answer: B [Lewis Hamilton]

Notes:

Lewis Hamilton, a British racing driver who races in Formula One for Mercedes AMG Petronas, has won the 2018 Formula One French Grand Prix tournament at the Circuit Paul Ricard in Le Castellet, France on June 24.

6. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is organising the training workshop on cybercrime targeting children. Who is the present chairman of NCPCR?

- [A] Ram Shankar Katheria
- [B] Nand Kumar Sai
- [C] R. K. Mathur
- [D] Stuti Narain Kacker

Correct Answer: D [Stuti Narain Kacker]

Notes:

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), in collaboration with Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) and UNESCO, is organising training workshop on cybercrime targeting children in New Delhi on June 26, 2018. The NCPCR is a statutory body and it works under the aegis of Ministry of Women and Child development (WCD). Its present chairman is Stuti Narain Kacker.

7. The UN Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day is observed on which date?

- [A] June 27
- [B] June 26
- [C] June 25
- [D] June 24

Correct Answer: A [June 27]

Notes:

The UN Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day is observed every year on June 27 to recognize the importance of MSME in achieving sustainable development goals and in promoting innovation, creativity and sustainable work for all.

8. India has extended how much amount of line of credit to Seychelles to allow it to buy defence equipment from India?

- [A] \$500 million
- [B] \$300 million

[C] \$100 million

[D] \$200 million

Correct Answer: C [\$100 million]

Notes:

India has extended a \$100 million line of credit to Seychelles to allow it to build its defense capabilities and purchase weapons from India. The two nations also signed six Memoranda of Understanding (MoU), including in the area of infrastructure development in Seychelles, cyber security and white-shipping arrangement that would enable the two countries to exchange data regarding identity and movement of non-military commercial vessels.

9. What is the theme of 2018 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking?

- [A] Listen First
- [B] Lets Develop
- [C] Say No!
- [D] Value yourself

Correct Answer: A [Listen First]

Notes:

The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed every year on June 26 to raise awareness of the major problem that illicit drugs represent to society. The theme for 2018 is: "Listen First – Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe".

10. The Tipaimukh Dam is located in which state?

- [A] Mizoram
- [B] Manipur
- [C] Assam
- [D] Meghalaya

Correct Answer: B [Manipur]

Notes:

The Tipaimukh Dam is a proposed embankment dam on the river Barak in Manipur, which was first commissioned in 1983. The purpose of the dam is flood control and hydroelectric power generation.

1. Which Indian Naval Ship is participating in the 26th edition of world's largest multilateral naval exercise "RIMPAC -2018"?

- [A] INS Satpura
- [B] INS Sahyadri
- [C] INS Vikramaditya
- [D] INS Kamorta

Correct Answer: B [INS Sahyadri]

Notes:

The 26th edition of the world's largest multilateral naval exercise 'Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC-2018)' has started on June 27 off Hawaii in the Western Pacific Ocean.

2. Who has been appointed as a whole-time member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

- [A] Anant Barua
- [B] Injeti Srinivas
- [C] Arun P Sathe
- [D] Sanjeev Kaushik

Correct Answer: A [Anant Barua]

Notes:

Anant Barua, who is at present executive director in the market regulator, has been appointed as a Whole-time Member (WTM) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The post of WTM fell vacant after S Raman retired

3. Who of the following have won the World Food Prize 2018?

- [A] B. R. Barwale and Surinder K. Vasal
- [B] Robert F. Chandler and John Niederhauser
- [C] Lawrence Haddad and David Nabarro
- [D] Hans Rudolf Herren and Gurdev Khush

Correct Answer: C [Lawrence Haddad and David Nabarro]

Notes:

The 2018 World Food Prize will be awarded to two men who have dedicated their careers to improving the availability of nutritious food for pregnant women and children in an effort to reduce the effects of malnutrition in developing countries.

4. Which union ministry has launched report titled 'Women in Prisons'?

- [A] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- [C] Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Women and Child Development

Correct Answer: D [Ministry of Women and Child Development]

Notes:

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) has launched report titled 'Women in Prisons' which aims to build an understanding of the various entitlements of women in prisons, the various issues faced by them and possible methods for resolution of the same.

5. The Government of India (GoI) has recently banned which drug for domestic use to public sector from 1st July 2018?

- [A] Oxytocin
- [B] Prolactin
- [C] Phenacetin
- [D] Nialamide

Correct Answer: A [Oxytocin]

Notes:

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has restricted the manufacture of Oxytocin formulations for domestic use to public sector only from 1st July 2018. It has also banned the import of Oxytocin and its formulations. Only Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Ltd (KAPL), a public sector company, would be manufacturing this drug for domestic use from 1st July 2018

6. What is the theme of the 2018 National Statistics Day (NSD) in India?

- [A] Administrative Statistics
- [B] Agri-Food Statistics
- [C] Statistics on Trees & Climate Change
- [D] Quality Assurance in Official Statistics

Correct Answer: D [Quality Assurance in Official Statistics]

Notes:

The "Statistics Day" is celebrated every year on June 29 at the National level in India to create public awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation.

7. The NCST has organized a National Seminar on "Conservation of Particularly Vulnerable Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. As per which article of the Constitution, the NCST set up to protect the interests of Scheduled Tribes

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- [A] Article 338(A)
 - [B] Article 339(A)
 - [C] Article 337(A)
 - [D] Article 336(A)

Correct Answer: A [Article 338(A)]

Notes:

The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) is organizing a two-day National Seminar on "Conservation of Particularly Vulnerable Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands" in New Delhi from June 27, 2018. The purpose of the seminar is to decide how to preserve the habitat and culture of these tribal groups. This Seminar is being organized in collaboration with Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) and its theme is 'The Way Forward'.

8. Who has authored the book "Ahimsa", which sheds light on India's freedom struggle?

- [A] Shantanu Duttgupta
- [B] Amala Shankar
- [C] Supriya Kelkar
- [D] Nandi Katheria

Correct Answer: C [Supriya Kelkar]

Notes:

Screenwriter Supriya Kelkar has authored the book "Ahimsa", which will be published in India in August 2018. Her debut novel will shed light on the Indian freedom movement, which is inspired by her great-grandmother's experience working with Mahatma Gandhi.

9. The Gangrel Dam is built across which river in Chhattisgarh?

- [A] Son
- [B] Ganga
- [C] Mahanadi
- [D] Narmada

Correct Answer: C [Mahanadi]

Notes:

The Gangrel Dam is built across the Mahanadi River in Dhamtari district of Chhattisgarh. It is also known as the R.S. Sagar Dam and is the longest dam in Chhattisgarh. This dam supplies year round irrigation, allowing farmers to harvest two crops per year. The dam also supplies 10 MW of hydro-electric power capacity.

10. Donald Hall, the noted poet passed away. He belonged to which country?

- [A] Argentina
- [B] Brazil
- [C] Germany
- [D] United States

Correct Answer: D [United States]

Notes:

Donald Hall, the award-winning American poet and writer, has passed away in New Hampshire, United States on June 23, 2018. Hall began writing when he was just 12 years old.

1. According to data on language released as part of Census 2011, which is the most spoken language in India?

- [A] Marathi
- [B] Bengali
- [C] Telugu
- [D] Hindi

Correct Answer: D [Hindi]

Notes:

According to data on language released by the Union government as part of Census 2011, Hindi

is the most spoken language in India.

2. Who has been sworn-in as the first-ever visually impaired judge of Pakistan?

- [A] Yawar Ali
- [B] Sana Afzal
- [C] Yousaf Saleem
- [D] Zubair Sabir

Correct Answer: C [Yousaf Saleem]

Notes:

Yousaf Saleem, who belongs to Lahore, has been sworn-in as the first-ever visually impaired judge of Pakistan. He was among 21 judges who took the oath to be sworn in as a civil judges on June 26, 2018.

3. Who has broken the legendary Sriram Singh's four-decade-old 800m National record at the 58th National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships 2018?

- [A] Sangram Singh
- [B] Jinson Johnson
- [C] Arka Bhattacharya
- [D] Mohammad Afsal

Correct Answer: B [Jinson Johnson]

Notes:

Jinson Johnson, representing Kerala, has broken the legendary Sriram Singh's four-decade-old 800m National record at the 58th National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships in Guwahati on June 27, 2018.

4. Which flagship programme of Ministry of Shipping got 'Gold Award' in infrastructure sector in 52nd Skoch Summit 2018?

- [A] Sagarmela
- [B] Sagarmala
- [C] Sagarmatha
- [D] Sagarmatka

Correct Answer: B [Sagarmala]

Notes:

The Ministry of Shipping's flagship programme for port-led-prosperity 'Sagarmala' received the 'Gold Award' in infrastructure sector in the recently concluded 52nd Skoch Summit 2018 in New Delhi. The award recognizes the programmes's contribution to India's socio-economic transformation and it's role in propelling fast-track growth and infrastructure development.

5. To detect cervical cancer, a new technique "Liquid Based Cytology (LBC)" has launched in which state?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Karnataka
- [C] Haryana
- [D] Punjab

Correct Answer: A [Tamil Nadu]

Notes:

For screening cervical cancer, a new Liquid Based Cytology (LBC) technique – Direct to Slide – has launched in Tamil Nadu. The LBC technique would help in detecting cervical cancer during the pre-cancerous stages.

6. India has committed to increase its grant to \$15 million to the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Who is the representative of India in the GEF Council?

- [A] M S Mehta
- [B] Chandra Shekhar
- [C] Aparna Subramani

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[D] Rama Choudhary

Correct Answer: C [Aparna Subramani]

Notes:

In a bid to boost environmental protection around the world, India will increase its grant from \$12 million to \$15 million to the Global Environment Facility (GEF)'s new four-year investment cycle, known as GEF-7.

7. Which state government has announced a new scheme 'Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana'?

[A] Punjab

[B] Mizoram

[C] Madhya Pradesh

[D] Maharashtra

Correct Answer: D [Maharashtra]

Notes:

The Maharashtra government has announced a new scheme called 'Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana', wherein farmers families where girl children are born, will be given saplings for plantation. The purpose of the scheme is to empower women and promoting tree plantation.

8. Which committee has been constituted by the Maharashtra Government to study issues related to floating solar power plant at Ujani dam?

[A] Puneet Mehta committee

[B] Satish Chavan committee

[C] Akshita Patil committee

[D] Nidhi Patel committee

Correct Answer: B [Satish Chavan committee]

Notes:

The Maharashtra government has constituted a committee to study issues related to the development of a 1,000-MW floating solar power plant at Ujani dam in Solapur district. The committee will be headed by Satish Chavan, the Director (Commercial) of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (MSEDCL).

9. The 2018 Kabir Mahotsav has started in which state to mark the 500th death anniversary of mystic poet and saint Kabir Das?

[A] Madhya Pradesh

[B] Rajasthan

[C] Uttar Pradesh

[D] Gujarat

Correct Answer: C [Uttar Pradesh]

Notes:

To mark the 500th death anniversary of mystic poet and saint Kabir Das, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the two-day 'Kabir Mahotsav' at Maghar in Sant Kabir Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh on June 28, 2018.

10. The Raja Lakhamagouda dam is located in which state?

[A] Kerala

[B] Karnataka

[C] Tamil Nadu

[D] Andhra Pradesh

Correct Answer: B [Karnataka]

Notes:

The Raja Lakhamagouda dam is situated at Hidkal village in Hukkeri Taluk of Belagavi district in North Karnataka. It is build across the Ghataprabha River in the Krishna River basin.

1. Which district has been ranked first in the NITI Aayog's Delta ranking of Aspirational Districts Programme?

[A] Bijapur district in Chhattisgarh

[B] West Sikkim district in Sikkim

[C] Asifabad district in Telangana

[D] Dahod district of Gujarat

Correct Answer: D [Dahod district of Gujarat]

Notes:

The NITI Aayog released the First Delta Ranking (incremental progress) of the Aspirational Districts Programme in New Delhi on June 29, 2018.

2. Which state government has been awarded for reducing maternal mortality under Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Campaign?

[A] Madhya Pradesh

[B] Rajasthan

[C] Uttar Pradesh

[D] Punjab

Correct Answer: A [Madhya Pradesh]

Notes:

The Madhya Pradesh government has been awarded for reducing maternal mortality under Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Campaign. The award ceremony was held in New Delhi on June 29, 2018.

3. Who will lead Indian women's team for the 2018 Women's Hockey World Cup tournament in London?

[A] Sunita Lakra

[B] Rani Rampal

[C] Nikki Pradhan

[D] Gurjit Kaur

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [Rani Rampal]

Notes:

Forward Rani Rampal has been named as the captain of India's 18-member squad for the prestigious 2018 women's hockey World Cup tournament, which is slated to begin in London on July 21. Indian team has been placed in Pool B alongside hosts and world no.2 England, world no.7 USA and world no.16 Ireland. India's defence will consist of Sunita Lakra, Deep Grace Ekka, Deepika, drag-flicker Gurjit Kaur and Reena Khokhar. In the midfield, Namita Toppo, Lilima Minz, Monika, Neha Goyal, Navjot Kaur and Nikki Pradhan will hold fort.

4. What is the India's rank in the 2018 Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETI)?

[A] 35th

[B] 40th

[C] 66th

[D] 27th

Correct Answer: A [35th]

Notes:

India has been ranked 35th in the 2018 Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETI), according to a report by real estate advisory firm Jones Lang LaSalle Inc. (JLL). The ranking is expected to improve further in the GRETI 2020 survey, on the back of several government initiatives such as Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act (RERA), GST and Benami Transactions Act.

5. The 12th National Statistics Day (NSD-2018) is celebrated on which date in India?

[A] June 28

[B] June 27

[C] June 29

[D] June 30

Correct Answer: C [June 29]

Notes:

The 12th National Statistics Day (NSD-2018) is celebrated on June 29 at the National level in India with theme "Quality Assurance in Official Statistics" to create public awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation, and to acknowledge the contribution of Late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.

6. The Union Government has launched a mobile application "ReUnite" for which purpose?

[A] To track and trace bank defaulters

[B] To track and trace missing children

[C] to track and trace Sagarmala project

[D] to track and trace Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

Correct Answer: B [To track and trace missing children]

Notes:

On June 29, Suresh Prabhu, the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, launched a mobile application "ReUnite" in New Delhi to track and trace missing and abandoned children in India. The app is multiuser where parents and citizens can upload pictures of children, and provide detailed description like name, birth mark, address, report to the police station, search and identify missing kids. The photographs will not be saved in the mobile phone's physical memory. Amazon Rekognition, web facial recognition service, is being used to identify missing kids. The app is available for both Android and iOS.

7. As per Mercer's 24th annual Cost of Living Survey 2018, which is the India's most expensive city?

[A] New Delhi

[B] Mumbai

[C] Bengaluru

[D] Chennai

Correct Answer: B [Mumbai]

Notes:

According to Mercer's 24th annual Cost of Living Survey 2018, Mumbai (55) is India's most expensive city, followed by New Delhi (103) and Chennai (144). Kolkata (182) and Bengaluru (170) are the least expensive Indian cities ranked.

Victims of Torture is observed on which date?

[A] June 27

[B] June 28

[C] June 26

[D] June 29

Correct Answer: C [June 26]

Notes:

The United Nations' (UN) International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is observed every year on June 26 to speak out against the crime of torture and to honor and support victims and survivors throughout the world. The day is an opportunity to call on all stakeholders including UN Member States, civil society and individuals everywhere to unite in support of the hundreds of thousands of people around the world who have been victims of torture and those who are still tortured today.

9. Who is the author of the book "Vedvigyan Alok"?

[A] Agnivarat Naishtik

[B] Vilas Nayak

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- [C] Alok Srivastav
[D] Indu Taneza

Correct Answer: A [Agnivarat Naishthik]

Notes:

The book "Vedvigyan Alok" (Maharishi Aitareya Mahidas Praneet – Aitareya Brahmina ki Vaigyanik Vyakhya) has been authored by Acharya Agnivarat Naishthik. It is recently received by M. Venkaiah Naidu, the Vice President of India. The book is the scriptural verse in Vedas' prose. The Brahman textbooks are placed second in order of preference of Vedic literature. These texts were composed only by the Brahmin community; hence their names are called "Brahmins". Their language is Vedic Sanskrit

10. The Raneh waterfall is located on which river in Madhya Pradesh?

- [A] Kali Sindh
[B] Narmada
[C] Ken
[D] Tapti

Correct Answer: C [Ken]

Notes:

The Raneh Falls is a natural water fall located in Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh on Ken River. It is situated about 20 km away from world famous heritage site Khajuraho. The waterfall is also close to Panna Tiger Reserve and Ken crocodile sanctuary. It was awarded the Best Holiday Award for 2017. Tourists from all over the country and abroad come here every year to enjoy the natural beauty. The Ken River here runs through a narrow gorge of igneous rocks rich in Granite and Dolomite. The Pandav Falls in Panna National Park is also located nearby.

1. UN Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day is celebrated on which of the following dates?

- [A] 25 June
[B] 26 June
[C] 27 June
[D] 28 June

Correct Answer: C [27 June]

Notes:

United Nations has designated June 27 as Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day through its resolution 71/279. The first such day was observed in 2017 while 2nd UN Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day has been celebrated on June 27, 2018.

2. What is the initial subsidy approved by the government for MSME clusters under its new Solar Charkha Mission?

- [A] Rs. 200 Crore
[B] Rs. 550 Crore
[C] Rs. 700 Crore
[D] Rs. 950 Crore

Correct Answer: B [Rs. 550 Crore]

Notes:

On occasion of 2nd UN Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day, 2018, President of India Ram Nath Kovind launched the Solar Charkha Mission covering artisans in 50 identified clusters.

3. Which of the following state governments have launched Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana recently?

- [A] Rajasthan
[B] Maharashtra

- [C] Gujarat
[D] Karnataka

Correct Answer: B [Maharashtra]

Notes:

Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana is a new scheme of Maharashtra government in which farmers families where girl children are born, will be given saplings for plantation. The saplings will be of different varieties, including teakwood, mango, jackfruit, black plum and tamarind. The scheme will be applicable for maximum two girls. Income from these trees will safeguard future of girl child.

4. Which of the following states in India has maximum number of Unesco World Heritage Sites?

- [A] Rajasthan
[B] Karnataka
[C] Maharashtra
[D] Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: C [Maharashtra]

Notes:

Currently, Maharashtra has total five Unesco World Heritage Sites and this number is highest among all states and UTs in India. The sites include Ajanta Caves, Ellora Caves, Elephanta Caves, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and the Victorian Gothic and Art Deco buildings of South Mumbai. The last one was included on 30 June, 2018.

5. At present (June, 2018), which of the following state governments Disaster Management Authorities are working with Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES)?

- [A] Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh
[B] Odisha and Tamil Nadu
[C] West Bengal and Tamil Nadu
[D] Goa and Karnataka

Correct Answer: B [Odisha and Tamil Nadu]

Notes:

In June 2018, Odisha government entered into a collaboration with the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES), an intergovernmental body under United Nations. RIMES has 48 member nations among Asia Pacific and Africa Region and is aimed at automating risk management, advisory generation and dissemination. This body had evolved in the aftermath of 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami due to efforts of African and Asian Countries.

6. Which of the following districts have topped the first Delta ranking released in June 2018 by NITI Aayog that captures incremental improvements of Aspirational districts on health, education and other development parameters?

- [A] Ramanathapuram (Tamil Nadu)
[B] West Sikkim (Sikkim)
[C] Vizianagaram (Andhra Pradesh)
[D] Dahod (Gujarat)

Correct Answer: D [Dahod (Gujarat)]

Notes:

Gujarat's Dahod district topped the first Delta ranking released today by NITI Aayog that captures incremental improvements of Aspirational districts on health, education and other development parameters.

7. The 'IPledgefor9' Achievers Awards are related to which of the following government schemes?

- [A] Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao

- [B] Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan
[C] Pradhanmantri Ujjawala Yojana
[D] Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana

Correct Answer: B [Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan]

Notes:

'IPledgefor9' Achievers Awards were given recently to individuals and teams of doctors from the private sector and States for their exemplary services, outstanding support of institutions and commitment from support partners in achieving PMSMA's objectives of safe motherhood to every woman in the country. These awards were established to celebrate individual and team achievements and acknowledge voluntary contributions for PMSMA in states and districts across India.

8. Which of the following apps have been launched by government in June 2018 to track and trace missing and abandoned children in India?

- [A] ReUnite
[B] Scout
[C] Rummage
[D] Pathway

Correct Answer: A [ReUnite]

Notes:

Union Minister Suresh Prabhu has launched a mobile application called ReUnite; helps to track and trace missing and abandoned children in India. It also uses Amazon Rekognition, web facial recognition service to identify missing kids.

9. What was the theme of Statistics Day – 2018?

- [A] Statistics for Common Man
[B] Quality Assurance in Official Statistics
[C] Statistics for New India
[D] Statistics for Development

Correct Answer: B [Quality Assurance in Official Statistics]

Notes:

The theme selected for the Statistics Day this year is "Quality Assurance in Official Statistics" for focused discussions and efforts throughout the year, aimed at bringing about improvements in the selected area.

10. What is India's rank in 2018 Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRET)?

- [A] 32
[B] 35
[C] 39
[D] 42

Correct Answer: B [35]

Notes:

India has moved up one place from 36 in 2016 to 35th spot in 2018 on JLL's Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRET) aided by improvement in market fundamentals, policy reforms, and liberalization of FDI