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**Q.1** The Archaeological Society of India (ASI) has identified how many monuments as "Must See Monuments" recently?

**Answer:** 138

**Explanation:** There are 38 World Heritage Sites in India, out of which 22 cultural sites including monuments/ buildings are under the protection of the ASI.

**Q.2** The First ever "Pashu Kisan credit cards" in India were distributed to 101 animal farmers at?

**Answer:** Bhiwani, Haryana

**Q.3** PUMA, a German company has appointed which Indian sportsperson as its brand ambassador for 3 years?

**Answer:** Men's football team captain Sunil Chhetri

**Q.4** Name the island in South Pacific region, which was voted to become the world's newest nation by gaining independence from Papua New Guinea?

**Answer:** Bougainville

**Q.5** India topped the South Asian Games held in Kathmandu, Nepal with a best-ever medal haul of 312 including how many Gold Medals?

**Answer:** 174 Golds.

**Explanation:** Seven nations participated (India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka). Blackbuck was the mascot. Next South Asian games is scheduled to be held in Karachi, Pakistan in 2022.

**Q.6** Union Government has announced "Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme" for Public Sector Banks (PSBs), the scheme will allow purchasing of high-rated pooled assets from NBFCs and HFCs amounting to a total of what amount?

**Answer:** Rs 1 lakh crore

**Q.7** Which sportspersons were honored with the 'Sports Person of the Year 2019' award at the FICCI India Sports Awards-2019?

**Answer:** Indian women's hockey team captain **Rani Rampal** and Asian Games gold medalist shooter **Saurabh Chaudhary**.

**Q.8** Who has been recently appointed as the Chairman of the Gymnasium Federation of India?

**Answer:** Sudhir Mital

**Q.9** During BRICS summit 2019, PM Modi called upon the BRICS Business Council to prepare a roadmap to achieve the target of what amount trade between the member countries of the bloc by 2020?

**Answer:** USD 500 billion

**Q.10** ICICI Lombard has partnered with which Payment's bank to harness customer reach by announcing sachet-based insurance policies for treatments pertaining to dengue and malaria?

**Answer:** Fino Payments Bank (**Headquarters:** Mumbai)

**Q.11** In a major step towards upholding public health, Municipal Corporation of which city has installed first of its kind high-end reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) machines in India for quick detection of diseases like dengue, tuberculosis and swine flu?

**Answer:** Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC)

**Q.12** NASA has recently renamed farthest cosmic body, earlier known as 'Ultima Thule' to?

**Answer:** Arrokoth

**Q.12** Organised by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), 29<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Contact Points (RCP) meeting of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) was held at?

**Answer:** Puducherry

**Q.13** Which Indian organisation was awarded the Golden Leaf award 2019 in Netherlands in the 'Public Service Initiative' category for its efforts in undertaking various ecological initiatives towards Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco cultivation in India?

**Answer:** Tobacco Board of India (Under Ministry of Commerce and Industries)

**Q.14** Name the renowned Rabindra Sangeet exponent from Bangladesh who was conferred the ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relation) 2019 distinguished alumni award?

**Answer:** Rezwana Choudhury Bannya

**Q.15** Who has been appointed as director of Technical Cooperation and Silk Road Development in United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) (**Headquarters:** Madrid, Spain)?

**Answer:** Suman Billa

**Q.16** Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TATA Communications for five years term?

**Answer:** Amur S Lakshminarayanan

**Q.17** To promote usage of Indian Currency by persons' resident outside India, RBI has enhanced scope of SNRR for persons residing outside India, what is the full form of SNRR?

**Answer:** Special Non-resident Rupee

**Q.18** Securities and Exchange Board of India has doubled the minimum investment limit for clients of Portfolio Management Services (PMS) to?

**Answer:** Rs 50 lakhs

**Q.19** RBI has recently revised the currency swap arrangement framework for a period of November 14, 2019, to November 13, 2022 for which regional intergovernmental panel?

**Answer:** SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) (**Headquarters:** Kathmandu, Nepal)

**Explanation:** As per the new framework, RBI continues to offer a swap arrangement within the overall corpus of USD 2 billion.

**Q.20** Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN) and Sa-Dhan along with FIDC (Finance Industry Development Council) have jointly launched the CRL for the micro credit industry. What is the full form of CRL?

**Answer:** Code for Responsible Lending (CRL)

**Explanation:** Also, Haroon Rashid Khan has been appointed as first chairman of steering committee panel on Code for Responsible Lending (CRL) in Micro-Credit.

**Q.21** Three Regional Rural Banks (RRB) of UP – Baroda Uttar Pradesh Grameen Bank, Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin Bank and Purvanchal Bank will be amalgamated into a single regional rural bank on April 1, 2020 which will be called as?

**Answer:** Baroda UP Bank

**Q.22** Which has now become the first company to list its commercial papers (CPs) on stock exchanges?

**Answer:** Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL) an NBFC arm of Aditya Birla Capital

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**Q.23** The authorized capital of Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been increased from existing Rs.3,500 crores to?

**Answer:** Rs.10,000 crores

**Q.24** Government recently announced which fund would be the first corporate bond ETF in the country?

**Answer:** Bharat Bond Exchange Traded Fund. (ETF to be basket of bonds issued by CPSE/CPSU/CPFI/any Govt organisation)

**Q.25** Under the BharatNet Project, government of India has set a target of providing broad band connectivity to how many Gram Panchayats by March 2020?

**Answer:** Two lakh

**Q.26** Chhattisgarh government recently announced which national park in Kotiya district as its fourth tiger reserve?

**Answer:** Guru Ghasidas National Park

**Explanation:** At present there are three tiger reserves in Chattisgarh: Achanakmar Tiger Reserve in Bilaspur, Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve in Gariaband and Indravati Tiger Reserve in Bijapur district.

**Q.27** Name the portal launched by Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs to accomplish 'Housing For All Mission'?

**Answer:** Credit Link Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) Awas Portal (CLAP)

**Q.28** Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched which portal for holding monthly essay competitions for students?

**Answer:** Kartavya. The portal was launched as part of yearlong 'Nagrik Kartavya Paalan Abhiyan'.

**Q.29** UNICEF along with Ministry of Women and Child Development launched which initiative in India to facilitate youth to gain relevant skills for productive lives and the future of work?

**Answer:** 'YuWaah' (UNICEF calls this initiative "Generation Unlimited" elsewhere)

**Q.30** PM Modi launched the Fit India school grading system in schools across the country. The system ranks schools based on the fitness activities and facilities in how many categories?

**Answer:** Three

**Explanation:** First are Fit India Schools, second is Fit India School (3 star) and third is Fit India School (5 star). The ranking depends on how much importance school has provided in inculcating fitness.

**Q.31** Which lion safari park also known as one of the biggest safari parks in Asia (with an area of 350 hectares) was opened recently in UP?

**Answer:** Etawah Lion Safari in Etawah, UP

**Q.32** A book "RN Kao: Gentleman Spymaster" on the life history of legendary Spymaster and one of the founders of father of RAW (Research and Analysis Wing), Rameshwar Nath Kao has been written by?

**Answer:** Nitin Anant Gokhale

**Q.33** According to the data released by Ministry of Tourism, for the year 2018, India received maximum foreign tourists from?

**Answer:** Bangladesh. Also, among individual state visits, Tamil Nadu topped the list with for having the maximum number of tourist arrivals.

**Q.34** Name the humanoid robot used by Modern coach factory (MCF) in Uttar Pradesh's Raebareli for transporting documents from one place to another?

**Answer:** Sona 1.5

**Q.35** Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries along with Ministry of Women and Child Development organised 'National Organic Festival of Women Entrepreneurs' at?

**Answer:** Sonapat, Haryana

**Q.36** The book 'The Third Pillar: How Markets and the State Leave the Community Behind' has been written by?

**Answer:** Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan

**Q.37** Constructed by the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM) has been set up at?

**Answer:** Hyderabad, Telangana

**Q.38** Who has been appointed as the new President of Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

**Answer:** Masatsugu Asakawa of Japan

**Q.39** In a major relief to the investors, RBI has increased the limits imposed on peer-to-peer lenders to?

**Answer:** Rs. 50 lakhs

**Q.40** Who has won 12th 'Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize' for his 2018 book, 'Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came'?

**Answer:** Tony Joseph

**Q.41** Researchers have found an aquatic environment on Earth with complete absence of any form of life, the region is located in?

**Answer:** Ethiopia (**Capital:** Addis Ababa, **Currency:** Birr)

**Q.42** Union Government has announced Line of Credit of what amount to Sri Lanka to boost the island nation's development?

**Answer:** US 400 million. India will also extend 50 million dollars Line of Credit to Sri Lanka to fight terrorism.

**Q.43** Which word is Oxford Dictionary's word of the year for 2019?

**Answer:** Climate Emergency (**Collin's dictionary world of the year is:** Climate Strike)

**Q.44** India will set up 12 hi-tech parks in which country at a cost of \$193 million to provide training to 30,000 youth?

**Answer:** Bangladesh

**Explanation:** Also, Global Migration Film Festival (GMFF) was organised in Dhaka.

**Q.45** Name the bodybuilder who became the first Indian to win 'Mr. Universe (Pro) 2019' at the 11<sup>th</sup> World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship held in South Korea?

**Answer:** Chitahresh Natesan

**Q.46** The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has appointed whom as its new chairman?

**Answer:** Girish Chandra Chaturvedi

**Q.47** Name the CEO of Google who has also been made the CEO of Alphabet, the parent organization of Google?

**Answer:** Sundar Pichai. (**Google is headquartered at** Mountain View, California, US)

**Q.48** The three-day NuGen Mobility Summit 2019 was held at?

**Answer:** Manesar, Haryana.

**Q.49** Organized by the Department of Bio Technology under Ministry of Science and Technology and CII, largest Global – India Bio summit was held at?

**Answer:** New Delhi

**Q.50** Water Technology and Environment Control (WATEC) conference that discussed technologies related to water and environmental management was held in?

**Answer:** Tel Aviv, Israel

**Q.51** Who has been honoured with National Award for Empowerment of Person with Disabilities, 2019?

**Answer:** Hridayeshwar Singh Bhati. (youngest patent holder for inventing six-player circular chess)

**Q.52** First international Conference on 'Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience – 2019' was held at?

**Answer:** New Delhi

**Q.53** Indian cricket team played its first Pink Ball Test against Bangladesh at?

**Answer:** Eden Gardens Stadium, Kolkata. The team defeated Bangladesh. Ishant Sharma was adjudged Man of the Match.

**Q.54** Which country defeated Canada to lift sixth Davis Cup title 2019?

**Answer:** Spain

**Q.55** Who has written the book 'Finding the Gaps-Transferable Skills to be the best you can be'?

**Answer:** Simon Taufel (Former Cricket Umpire from Australia)

**Q.56** Who has been chosen for 55<sup>th</sup> Jnanpith Award for the year 2019?

**Answer:** Eminent Malayalam poet Akkitham

**Q.57** Sudhir Dhar passed away recently, he was a renowned?

**Answer:** Cartoonist

**Q.58** Actor Manoj Bajpayee won the best actor award for which film in the 13<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Screen Awards held in Brisbane, Australia?

**Answer:** Bhonsle

**Q.59** Who was awarded honorary fellowship by Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) of United Kingdom (UK)?

**Answer:** DRDO chairman G Satheesh Reddy. (He is the first Indian recipient of the prestigious award in more than 100 years).



**Q.60** Who along with Greta Thunberg (Swedish environmental activist) was bestowed with the International Children's Peace Prize 2019 in The Hague, Netherlands?

**Answer:** Divina Maloum from Cameroon (**Capital:** Yaounde, **Currency:** Franc).

**Explanation:** Also, activists Davi Kopenawa, Greta Thunberg, Guo Jianmei and Aminatou Haidar received the Right Livelihood Award 2019, also known as the 'Alternative Nobel Prize'.

Also, **Greta Thunberg, was named TIME's Person of the Year for 2019**, she is the youngest person to be honoured with the title in the 92-year history of TIME magazine.

**Q.61** Who has been appointed by the Union government as 24<sup>th</sup> Controller General of Accounts (CGA) of India?

**Answer:** Soma Roy Burman

**Q.62** Who was awarded the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bihar Puraskar for the year 2018 for her novel 'Swapnapash'?

**Answer:** Manisha Kulshreshtha from Rajasthan

**Q.63** International Finance Corporation (IFC) will invest around \$ 200 million in which rural NBFC to create a 'pool' specifically for MSMEs in low income states?

**Answer:** Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited (MMFSL)

**Q.64** Who have been awarded Male and Female Athletes of the year 2019 respectively?

**Answer:** Eliud Kipchoge (Kenya) and Dalilah Muhammad (USA).

**Explanation:** Kipchoge recently became the first person in the history to run a marathon in under 2 hours by finishing the 42Km marathon in 1 hour, 59 minutes, 40.2 seconds in Vienna.

**Q.65** As per RBI's 'Guidelines for 'on tap' Licensing of Small Finance Banks (SFB) in the Private Sector' minimum paid-up voting equity capital/ net worth requirement shall be?

**Answer:** Rs.200 crores

**Explanation:** For Primary Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs), aspiring to become SFBs, initial requirement of net worth shall be at Rs.100 crores that will have to be increased to Rs.200 crores within 5 years.

**Also, payment banks can convert into SFBs after five years of operations.**

**Q.66** Who has been awarded the 27th Ekalabya Award 2019?

**Answer:** Jhilli Dalabehera, Odisha weightlifter

**Q.67** RBI's fifth bi-monthly monetary policy statement was released recently, what are the new monetary rates?

**Answer: Repo rate:** 5.15%.

**Reverse repo rate:** 4.9%

**Bank Rate:** 5.4%

**Marginal Standing Facility:** 5.4%

**Q.68** IAF Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria participated in Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2019 (PACS 2019) held at?

**Answer:** Hawaii, USA. **Theme for 2019's symposium is:** 'A Collaborative Approach to Regional Security'.

**Q.69** Canada's biggest public pension fund Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) is investing what amount in India's National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)?

**Answer:** \$600 million

**Q.70** Who was awarded India's First 'Quality Ratna' award 2019?

**Answer:** Suresh Krishna (chairman of Sundram Fasteners Limited)

**Q.71** Which state government has launched the 15 anti- depredation squad of the Forest Department to address the issue of human-wildlife conflict?

**Answer:** Assam (**CM:** Sarbananda Sonowal, **Governor:** Jagdish Mukhi)

**Q.72** Who became the first woman pilot for the Indian Navy?

**Answer:** From Bihar Sub-lieutenant Shivangi

**Q.73** Which General Insurance Company has launched "my: health Woman Suraksha policy", a comprehensive medical insurance scheme specially designed for women?

**Answer:** HDFC ERGO

**Q.74** Odisha government has launched which smart learning phone application for school children to help school students in learning their lessons via videos and tutorials?

**Answer:** MadhuApp

**Explanation:** Odisha has also won the 'World Habitat Award' by World Habitat, UK for Jaga Mission also called Odisha Liveable Habitat Mission (OLHM), a slum land project.

**Q.75** Which railway station has become India's first 'Eat Right Station' with a 4-Star rating awarded by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), as a part of 'Eat Right India'?

**Answer:** Mumbai Central

**Q.76** Which Bollywood actor has been named as the Brand Ambassador of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)?

**Answer:** Suniel Shetty

**Q.77** King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden who recently visited India, inaugurated Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at?

**Answer:** Sarai in Haridwar, Uttarakhand

**Explanation:** Also, foundation stone of India's first Ganga centralised aqualab was laid at Wildlife Institute of India (WII) Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

**Q.78** Where did Union Minister for food processing Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurate first food park of central India?

**Answer:** Avantee mega Food Park in Dewas, MP

**Q.79** Union Government has announced to establish a National Maritime Heritage Museum at?

**Answer:** Lothal in Gujarat

**Q.80** Manufactured by Harbour Air and Magnix, world's first fully electric commercial aircraft namely DHC-2 de Havilland Beaver recently took test flight in?

**Answer:** Vancouver, Canada

**Q.81** Recently an MoU was signed between National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) (under Ministry of MSME) and which company for the development MSME ecosystem in India in Oil & Gas Sector?

**Answer:** Saudi Aramco

**Q.82** Name the renowned Hindi poet who was honoured with the Gangadhar National Award recently?

**Answer:** Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari

**Q.83** Name the operation launched by Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) to crack down the illegal trade for mongoose hair?

**Answer:** Operation "Clean Art"

**Q.84** Which Indian actress topped the list of IMDb (Internet Movies Database) 2019 top 10 Indian Celebrities?

**Answer:** Priyanka Chopra

**Explanation:** Priyanka Chopra was also awarded at the Festival International Du Film De Marrakech (FIFM) for completing 20 years in Cinema. She has also received the Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award at the UNICEF Snowflake Ball in December 2019.

**Q.85** Which police station has topped the list of best performing Police Stations across the country for the year 2019 released by Ministry of Home Affairs?

**Answer:** "Aberdeen" police station from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

**Q.86** The 70<sup>th</sup> NATO (**Headquarters:** Belgium) summit was held at?

**Answer:** London UK.

**Q.87** Organised by DPIIT, second edition of "Startup India Global Venture Capital Summit" was held at?

**Answer:** Goa. **Theme:** 'India Opportunity- Investing in tomorrow together'.

**Q.88** Which cricket team was awarded the Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket award for the year 2019?

**Answer:** New Zealand

**Q.89** The International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) 10<sup>th</sup> Asian Elephant Specialist Group (AsESG) meeting was held at?

**Answer:** Sabah, Malaysia.

**Q.90** Who was conferred posthumously with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service at the Economic Times Award 2019?

**Answer:** Former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley

**Q.91** The 34-year-old Sanna Marin, was recently elected as the Prime Minister of which country and hence has become the youngest serving PM in the world?

**Answer:** Finland (**Capital:** Helsinki, **Currency:** Euro)

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**Q.92** Human Library, a concept which seeks to replace books with humans, was held at?

**Answer:** Mysuru, Karnataka

**Q.93** Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) Kiren Rijiju felicitated whom as Plogging Ambassador of India?

**Answer:** Ripu Daman Bevli, popularly known as Plogman of India

**Q.94** Which footballers won the 2019 Ballon d'Or awards in men's and women's category respectively?

**Answer:** Lionel Messi (Argentina) and Megan Rapinoe (United States).

**Q.95** Who has been elected as the president of governing board News Broadcasters Federation (NBF)?

**Answer:** Arnab Goswami

**Q.96** "Hornbill Festival" also called Festival of Festivals was recently organised at?

**Answer:** Kohima, Nagaland

**Q.97** The appellate court of which organisation that acts as trade dispute settlement body for the members was shut down by the United States recently?

**Answer:** World Trade Organization (WTO)

**Q.98** Organised by Ministry of Jal Shakti and IIT-Kanpur, fourth India Water Impact Summit was held at?

**Answer:** New Delhi. The theme for this year's summit was: 'Valuing Water – Transforming Ganga'.

**Q.99** ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) recently created history by successfully launching 50<sup>th</sup> mission, when it's PSLV-C48 lifted off which satellite from Sriharikota?

**Answer:** RISAT-2BR1 (a radar-imaging earth observation satellite).

**Explanation:** The PSLV-C48 also carried nine international satellites — six from the US and one each from Israel, Italy and Japan.

**Q.100** Zozibini Tunzi of which country was crowned as Miss Universe 2019 at the event held in Atlanta, United States?

**Answer:** South Africa (**Administrative Capital:** Pretoria, **Currency:** Rand)

**Q.101** Who has been appointed by PepsiCo as its brand ambassador for its flagship Pepsi brand of carbonated beverage in India?

**Answer:** Salman Khan

**Q.102** Which three Indian shooters were given the Golden Target Award from International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) recently (**headquarters:** Munich, Germany)?

**Answer:** Divyansh Singh Panwar (Jaipur, Rajasthan), Elavenil Valarivan (Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu) and Saurabh Chaudhary (Meerut, Uttar Pradesh).

**Q.103** Vakrangee Finserve Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vakrangee Limited (VL) has partnered with which PSB for 20,000 Banking Business Correspondent (BC) points for Nextgen Vakrangee Kendra?

**Answer:** Union Bank of India (**headquarters:** Mumbai)

**Q.104** Name the Indian young grandmaster who was crowned the winner of the London chess classic 2019 in the World Chess Federation (FIDE) Open category?

**Answer:** Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa (from Chennai)

**Explanation:** He also won the Gold in Under-18 Open category of World Youth Chess Championship held in Mumbai.

**Q.105** Union government has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) for a formation of steel dialogue forum between India and?

**Answer:** Japan. 'India-Japan Steel Dialogue' to strengthen cooperation in the steel sector.

**Q.106** Which city has been selected as the World's Leading Sports Tourism Destination at the World Travel Awards (WTA) 2019 held in Muscat, Oman?

**Answer:** Abu Dhabi, capital city of UAE

**Q.107** Which Mumbai cricketer recently became the first cricketer to play 150 Ranji matches?

**Answer:** Wasim Jaffer

**Q.108** As per the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the India Skills Report 2020 about what percent of students were found employable or ready to take up jobs in 2019?

**Answer:** 46.21%. Maharashtra and Mumbai emerged as the top ranked state and city respectively in terms of employability.

**Q.109** George Joseph Laurer, passed away in US recently, he was the inventor of?

**Answer:** Universal Product Code (UPC) or Barcode

**Q.110** 17<sup>th</sup> edition of BioAsia2020 will be held in February 2020 at?

**Answer:** Hyderabad, Telangana.

**Explanation: Theme:** with the theme "Today for Tomorrow" in Switzerland will be the country partner

**Q.111** Abanindranath Tagore's Book 'Nalak' featuring the journey of life of Gautama Buddha, was translated to English by?

**Answer:** Urbi Bhaduri

**Q.112** As per the ministry of Labour and Employment, loans under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) which was launched in 2015 crossed the value of \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:** Rs. 10 Lakh crores (10.24 lakh crore as on November 1, 2019).

**Q.113** Which country recently became the first country to introduce WHO approved India made typhoid vaccine (Typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV))?

**Answer:** Pakistan

**Q.114** Who has been named PETA's (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) India's 'Person of the Year for 2019' for his animal advocacy efforts?

**Answer:** India cricket captain Virat Kohli

**Explanation:** 'Joker' Star Joaquin Phoenix has been named 2019 Person of the Year. PETA is headquartered Virginia, US

**Q.115** 19<sup>th</sup> Indian Ocean Rim Association (Headquarter: Mauritius) meeting was held at?

**Answer:** Abu Dhabi, UAE. Theme: Promoting a shared destiny and path to prosperity in Indian ocean.

**Q.116** Which country's President would be Chief Guest at India's Republic Day celebrations in 26 January 2020?

**Answer:** Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro

**Q.117** Union government recently approved the establishment of the National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa (type of medical treatment) (NISR) under Ministry of AYUSH at?

**Answer:** Leh (**Lt Governor of Ladakh:** Radha Krishan Mathur)

**Q.118** Which state has launched new programme- 'Grassroot Olympic – Mission Talent Hunt' to identify and groom sports talent in the state?

**Answer:** Assam (**CM:** Sarbananda Sonowal, **Governor:** Jagdish Mukhi)

**Q.119** Recently large number of deaths of migratory birds happened in which lake of Rajasthan?

**Answer:** Sambhar Lake (reason is neuro muscular illness called Avian Botulism)

**Q.120** Which Indian sportsperson has been named in the "TIME 100 Next" list of the most influential persons in the world?

**Answer:** Sprinter Dutee Chand

**Q.121** India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a what amount loan agreement to improve water security of Karnataka by modernizing the Vijayanagara Channel irrigation systems and and increasing the efficiency of Krishna river basin?

**Answer:** 91 million USD

**Q.122** The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2019 was held?

**Answer:** Lucknow. (Theme: Accessible and Liveable cities)

**Q.123** Name the Indian boxer who was elected unopposed to International Boxing Association's (AIBA) (**Headquarter:** Lausanne, Switzerland) first-ever Athletes Commission?

**Answer:** Laishram Sarita Devi (from Manipur)

**Explanation:** AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships 2019 was recently held in Ulan-Ude, Russia, where India's Manju Rani won the silver medal whereas MC Marykom, Jamuna Boro and Lovlina Borgohain won the bronze medals.

**Q.124** World Bank will invest what amount to develop logistics infrastructure of Kolkata metropolitan area?

**Answer:** 300 million USD

**Explanation:** Also, Union government, state government of Kerala and World Bank signed a loan agreement of \$250 million for the Kerala Resilient Programme

**Q.125** Which software company has launched its "K-12 Education Transformation Framework" to facilitate comprehensive digital transformation of schools in India?



**Answer:** Microsoft

**Explanation:** Microsoft was also in news for:

- Partnered with Reliance Jio Infocomm to accelerate the digital transformation of the Indian economy and society.
- Became the third company after Apple and Amazon to reach a valuation of \$1 trillion for the first time.
- Launched **project 'Sangam'** to accelerate Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in India
- Launched a new e-commerce platform '**re-weave.in**' under project ReWeave to aid handloom weavers in India.
- Microsoft's India-born CEO Satya Nadella has grabbed the top spot in Fortune's "Businessperson of the Year 2019" list.

**Q.126** International Conference on Yoga was recently held at?

**Answer:** Mysuru, Karnataka. Theme of the event was- Yoga for Heart Care.

**Q.127** Union Ministry for Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) recently launched **SAANS** campaign to reduce child mortality due to which disease?

**Answer:** Pneumonia (SAANS: Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully')

**Q.128** Who has won the presidential elections and is the next President of Sri Lanka?

**Answer:** Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Also, Mahinda Rajapaksha has been elected as the next PM of Sri Lanka.

**Explanation:** Biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

**Q.129** Recently which two tea varieties of Darjeeling were given the GI Tag? It includes Green Tea and White Tea of Darjeeling.

**Answer:** Green and White Tea

**Q.130** Who has been honoured with the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2019?

**Answer:** David Attenborough of Britain.

**Q.131** Which Indian won the BRICS-Young Innovator Prize at 4<sup>th</sup> BRICS - **Young Scientist Forum's Conclave** held in Brazil?

**Answer:** Ravi Prakash

**Explanation:** PM Modi attended the 11<sup>th</sup> BRICS summit in Brasilia, Brazil. The theme for this year's BRICS summit was: Economic Growth for an Innovative Future.

**Q.132** Who has been appointed as Indian Army's first female Judge Advocate General officer to be deployed on a foreign mission (appointed in Seychelles)?

**Answer:** Lieutenant Colonel Jyoti Sharma

Also, Indian Navy has selected its first woman **officer Lt.Commander, Karabi Gogoi to be appointed as an assistant defence attache**. She will be an assistant defence attache at the Indian Embassy in Moscow.

**Navy Chief:** Admiral Karambir Singh

**Q.133** Which Indian cricketer became the first Indian man and second in world (first is Pak's Shoab Malik) cricket to complete 100 T-20 Internationals?

**Answer:** Rohit Sharma

**Explanation:** Also, recently Fifteen-year-old female cricketer Shafali Verma became the youngest Indian cricketer to score a half-century in international cricket breaking longstanding record of Sachin Tendulkar.

**Q.134** Who was awarded the Wildlife Conservation Society's George Schaller Lifetime Award in Wildlife Conservation Science for his contribution to the field of conservation?

**Answer:** Wildlife biologist K. Ullas Karanth

**Q.135** Who won the men's singles title at International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Indonesia Open 2019 defeating India's Amalraj Anthony?

**Answer:** Indian Harmeet Desai

**Q.136** What was the theme of the 39<sup>th</sup> India International Trade Fair was held in New Delhi?

**Answer:** Ease of Doing Business

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**Q.138** Vashishtha Narayan Singh passed away in Patna, he was a renowned?

**Answer:** Mathematician

**Q.139** India's which payment platform has been adjudged as the world's best real-time payment service at annual Flavours of Fast report for 2019?

**Answer:** India's Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)

**Q.140** Which bank will make investment of 100 million USD in India in a year in solar and wind projects?

**Answer:** Beijing headquartered Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

**Q.141** 6<sup>th</sup> India water week, was recently organised in New Delhi. The Theme of the week was?

**Answer:** "Water Cooperation – Coping with 21st Century Challenges".

**Q.142** Who has been appointed as 47<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of India (CJI).?

**Answer:** Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde.

**Q.143** International Union for Conservation of Nature organized the 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Conservation Forum at?

**Answer:** Islamabad, Pakistan.

**Q.134** Who is the author of the new book with the title "Kashmir"?

**Answer:** Chitralkha Zutshi

**Q.145** Where was first ever Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan or Sanskrit World Conference recently organised?

**Answer:** New Delhi

**Q.146** Which Indian businessman has received the prestigious ABLF Global Asian Award in Dubai?

**Answer:** Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group

**Explanation:** Another industrialist TVS Group Chairman Venu Srinivasan has been conferred with the prestigious Deming Prize at a ceremony held in Tokyo.

**Q.147** Name the campaign launched by Union Ministry of Home Affairs in collaboration with UN Women to spread awareness about Elimination of Violence Against Women?

**Answer:** UNiTE to End Violence Against

**Explanation:** The campaign is a part of 16 Days of Activism 'Orange The World' campaign, i.e. it started from International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, on November 25, and will continue till the International Day of Human Rights on December 10.

**Q.148** Who has been elected as the President of the Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI)?

**Answer:** Sunil Mittal

**Q.149** Gujarat government has to establish world's first CNG port terminal at?

**Answer:** Bhavnagar port

**Q.150** Which bank has launched digital fixed-deposit (FD) product named 'Express FD' which can be opened in three minutes through the digital route without opening a savings account by investing a minimum Rs 5,000.?

**Answer:** Axis Bank

**Q.151** Who was awarded Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for the years 2017 and 2018 for his services in promoting and preserving national integration in the country?

**Answer:** Environmentalist Chandi Prasad Bhatt

**Q.152** RBI came up with a new reporting system for all co-operative banks (urban, State & district central) called CISBI in which they will submit information related to opening/ closing/ conversion of branches, offices, customer service points like ATMs in a single proforma online, what is the full form of CISBI?

**Answer:** Central Information System for Banking Infrastructure

**Q.153** To bring Systemically Important Financial Service Providers (FSP) under insolvency proceedings union government has brought Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) with over what assets size under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) fold?

**Answer:** Rs. 500 crores

**Q.154** In an effort to reach out to every tuberculosis (TB) patient in the country, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched which campaign?

**Answer:** TB Harega, Desh Jeetega

**Q.155** Which state government has signed a Letter of Understanding (LoU) with UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) to provide safe drinking water to every household in the state?

**Answer:** Odisha (**CM:** Naveen Patnaik **Governor:** Ganeshi Lal)

**Q.156** Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?

**Answer:** Pankaj Kumar

**Q.157** The Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare released the 14<sup>th</sup> National Health Profile (NHP) 2019. As per the report Life expectancy in India has increased from 49.7 years in 1970-75 to \_\_\_\_\_ in 2012-16.

**Answer:** 68.7 years

**Q.158** Government of India has recently accorded 'Maharatna' status to?

**Answer:** Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) (**Headquarter:** Mumbai) and Power Grid Corporation (**Headquarter:** Gurgaon).

**Q.159** Name the Hindi writer who has been honoured with Vyas Samman 2018 (given by K K Birla Foundation) for his collection of poems "Jitne Log Utne Prem"?

**Answer:** Leeladhar Jagudi

**Q.160** Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)?

**Answer:** Sukhbir Singh Sandhu

**Q.161** CBSE and NCERT have launched an online aptitude test \_\_\_\_\_ in a bid to help students make right career choices?

**Answer:** 'Tamanna' (Try and Measure Aptitude And Natural Abilities)

**Q.162** The 2019 Military World Games (also known as Olympic Games for military) were held in?

**Answer:** Wuhan, China.

**Explanation:** India won six gold, one silver and three bronze medals. Para-Athlete Anandan Gunasekaran bagged three gold medals for India.

**Q.163** Which country won the men's Sultan of Johor Cup hockey tournament held at Johor Bahru in Malaysia?

**Answer:** Great Britain (defeated India)

**Q.164** European Union (EU) has awarded the 'Sakharov Prize for Human Rights' to?

**Answer:** Ilham Tohti, who has been jailed and sentenced to life imprisonment in China for "separatism".

**Q.165** Who has written the new book named 'Girl Power: Indian Women Who Broke The Rules'?

**Answer:** Neha J Hiranandani

**Q.166** Name the owner of the iconic Britannia & Co restaurant (Mumbai) who passed away recently?

**Answer:** Boman Rashid Kohinoor

**Q.167** The “Daughter from a Wishing Tree” is written by?

**Answer:** Sudha Murthy

**Q.168** Who won the Best Men’s player award in the Best FIFA Football Awards 2019 presented recently?

**Answer:** Lionel Messi (Argentina)

**Explanation: Best Women’s Player:** Megan Rapinoe (United States).

**Q.169** Which state government has launched twin schemes called ‘Aponar Apon Ghar Scheme’(a home loan subsidy scheme), ‘Abhinandan’ (an Education Loan Subsidy scheme)?

**Answer:** Assam (**CM:** Sarabananda Sonowal, **Governor:** Jagdish Mukhi)

**Q.170** C-40 summit to show how cities are delivering their strong commitments for healthier, sustainable, resilient and inclusive future to take place in?

**Answer:** Copenhagen.

**Q.171** World Trade Organisation (WTO) in its report reduced the global trade growth forecast to what percent for 2019?

**Answer:** 1.2%

**Q.172** Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) signed the 300<sup>th</sup> Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) recently, the agreements were signed with?

**Answer:** United Kingdom (UK)

**Q.173** Who is the author of “Carpenters and Kings: Western Christianity and the Idea of India”?

**Answer:** Siddhartha Sarma

**Q.174** Name the Physicist and Cosmologist who was conferred the prestigious M P Birla Memorial Award 2019?

**Answer:** Thanu Padmanabhan

**Q.175** Book titled “Mind Master: Winning lessons from a Champion’s Life” has been authored by?

**Answer:** Chess legend Vishwanathan Anand

**Q.176** Who has been appointed as the new Director-General of National Security Guard (NSG)?

**Answer:** Anup Kumar Singh

**Q.177** Who has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of World Steel Association (**Headquarters:** Brussels, Belgium)?

**Answer:** Sajjan Jindal, Chairman and Managing Director, JSW Steel

**Q.178** To strengthen its oversight of commercial banks, urban co-operative banks (UCBs) and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), RBI has decided to operationalise 'unified departments for supervision and regulation' with effect from?

**Answer:** November 1, 2019

**Q.179** The RBI issued guidelines on 'on tap' authorisation for Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU), Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) and White Label ATMs (WLAs), what is the minimum Paid up capital requirement for each?

**Answer: BBPOU:** Rs 100 crores, **TReDS:** Rs 25 crores **and WLA:** Rs 100 crores.

**Q.180** Which company has launched "i-SERV", a first-of-its-kind video calling service within the life insurance industry?

**Answer:** Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance

**Explanation:** Also, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, launched the industry's first mobile app 'Farmitra' catering to the specific needs of farmers.

**Q.181** Which state government organised India's first training and performance programme of world famous KHON Ramlila, a masked form of Ramlila art of Thailand, in collaboration with Thailand government?

**Answer:** Uttar Pradesh

**Explanation:** Also, UP CM Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated state's first sugar mill which will produce ethanol direct from sugarcane in Pipraich, Gorakhpur.

**Q.182** The Union Minister of Tribal Affairs recently announced the second phase of which program which aims to inspire, guide and encourage tribal girls across India to become village level digital leaders for their community?

**Answer:** GOAL (Going Online As Leaders). The program was launched by Facebook to empower women by providing digital literacy, leadership, life skills and entrepreneurship skills.

**Q.183** Tirunellai Narayana Iyer Seshan (TN Seshan) passed away recently, he was the former?

**Answer:** Chief Election Commissioner of India. 10<sup>th</sup> Chief Election Commissioner (CEC). He served between 1990 and 1996.

**Q.184** 49th edition World Artistic Gymnastics Championships 2019 was held?

**Answer:** Stuttgart, Germany

**Explanation:** American gymnast Simon Biles became the highest medal winning female gymnast in the history.

**Q.185** Name the Scientists who won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry?

**Answer:** John B Goodenough (US), M Stanley Whittingham (US) and Akira Yoshino (Japan) for the development of lithium-ion batteries.

**Q.186** 38<sup>th</sup> India Carpet Expo was organised by CEPC – Carpet Export Promotion Council at?

**Answer:** Varanasi

**Explanation:** With the aim to fuse the cultures of Ganga and Brahmaputra the Ministry of Development of North East Region conducted a four day long North East festival in Varanasi.

**Q.187** 25<sup>th</sup> Technology Summit was organised in association with which nation in New Delhi?

**Answer:** Netherlands

**Explanation:** Theme of the event was Young entrepreneurship

**Q.188** According to the Edelgive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2019 by Hurun India, who is India's most generous philanthropists who contributed Rs 826 crore during the financial year 2018-19 (FY19)?

**Answer:** HCL (Hindustan Computer Limited) Chairman Shiv Nadar

**Q.189** Part of the Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat initiative, the Rashtriya Sanskrit Mahotsav was conducted in?

**Answer:** Jabalpur, MP by the Ministry of Culture. (**Union Culture Minister:** Prahlad Singh Patel).

**Q.190** RBI has given its final nod to Kerala Government for the formation of Kerala Bank, how many District Co-operative Banks (DCBs) will be merged with Kerala State Co-operative Bank?

**Answer:** 13

**Q.191** According to Ministry of Finance guidelines, banks will not impose charges or Merchant Discount Rate on customers as well as merchants on digital payments made to establishments having turnover in excess of?



**Answer:** Rs 50 crores

**Q.192** Who was selected by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for prestigious Asia Environmental Enforcement Award?

**Answer:** Ramesh Pandey

**Q.193** Name the scheme launched to provide free medicines for pregnant women and there by bringing down the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in the country?

**Answer:** SUMAN scheme – “Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan”

**Q.194** Which 14-day programme was launched from ISRO to identify and encourage talented children to enrich their skills and knowledge?

**Answer:** Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme – DHRUV

**Q.195** Name the initiative under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY – NRLM) which was launched with an aim to bring the rural women SHGs – Self Help Groups under one platform was launched in New Delhi?

**Answer:** SARAS Aajeevika Mela

**Q.196** Who won the Sveriges Riksbank (Nobel) Prize in Economic Sciences 2019?

**Answer:** Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer for their experimental approach to reduce global poverty.

**Q.197** Organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), in partnership with Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, India Sports Summit- Fitness: \$10 Billion Opportunity’ was held in?

**Answer:** New Delhi

**Explanation:** Also, the 8th International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS-VIII) will be held in New Delhi.

**Also, in the month of November** first ever National Agro Chemical Congress was conducted in New Delhi by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. **The Theme of the Congress was:** Country’s Status on various fronts of Agro chemicals.

Also, World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance (WCRAF) was held in New Delhi.



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**Q.198** Name the Indian won the men's singles title at International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Indonesia Open 2019?

**Answer:** Harmeet Desai (In the finals he defeated India's Amalraj Anthony)

**Q.199** The 100<sup>th</sup> Nobel Prize for peace has been awarded to?

**Answer: Ethiopian Prime Minister Abhiy Ahmed Ali** for his efforts to resolve border conflict with Eritrea and for his overall contribution to peace and international cooperation

**Q.200** Name the disaster warning system launched by Union Science and Technology Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan to provide information related to disaster warnings when fishermen move away from the coast?

**Answer:** Gagan Enabled Mariner's Instrument for Navigation and Information (GEMINI)

**Q.201** As per Union environment ministry's "Elephant population census", which state has maximum elephants in India?

**Answer:** Karnataka

**Q.202** Minister for Textiles Smriti Zubin Irani recently launched Project SURE aimed at sustainable fashion, what is the full form of SURE?

**Answer:** Sustainable Resolution

**Q.203** Manipur recently received a "Museum of Peace" built on the memories of Battle of Imphal, which country gifted this museum?

**Answer:** Japan

**Q.204** The 2019 Nobel prize for Physics was awarded to?

**Answer:** Swiss Scientists Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz and Canadian – American physicist James Peebles.

**Explanation:** The American was awarded for his contribution towards "theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology". The other half was shared between the Swiss scientists for their work on "Discovery of an exoplanet orbiting a star similar to sun".

**Q.205** Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani inaugurated India's first Dinosaur Museum-cum-Park at?

**Answer:** Balasinor town of Mahisagar district.

**Q.206** Which Indian received the 'UNSDG 10 Most Influential People in Healthcare Award' recently?

**Answer:** Patanjali Ayurveda's Acharya Balkrishna

**Q.207** Which village recently became the first village in India to have zero wooden stoves?

**Answer:** Bancha in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh.

**Q.208** Who was honored with the highest civilian award of Mexico termed "Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle) recently?

**Answer:** Former President Pratibha Patil

**Q.209** Name the telescope which discovered 20 new moons of Saturn?

**Answer:** Subaru telescope, with this Saturn has a total of 82 moons.

**Q.210** The 2019 Shanghai Cooperation Summit (**summit of head of states**) was recently held at?

**Answer:** Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan (**Currency:** Som)

**Explanation:** Various side summits of SCO like, Mass Media Forum, Foreign Ministers Summit, Finance Minister's summit were too held in Bishkek.

Also, recently in the month of October Defence Minister Rajnath Singh represented India at a two-day meeting of **council of heads of government (CHG)** of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Tashkent (Uzbekistan's capital).

**Next CHG meeting of SCO:** New Delhi

**Next Head of State Meeting of SCO:** St Petersburg, Russia

**Q.211** Union Cabinet has recently approved what percent FDI in digital media under government route?

**Answer:** 26%

**Explanation:** To help revive economic activity, Union Cabinet has approved 100 percent FDI under the automatic route in contract manufacturing and also for sale of coal, coal mining activities. The government has also diluted the current 30 per cent domestic sourcing norms for the single brand retail trade (SBRT) sector.

**Q.212** Who won the US Open 2019 in the men's and women's singles category?

**Answer: Women:** Bianca Andreescu (Canada) defeated Serena Williams

**Men:** Rafael Nadal (Spain) defeated Daniil Medvedev (Russia)

**Explanation:**

**Wimbledon 2019 winners:**

**Men's Category: Novak Djokovic** from Serbia (**Capital:** Belgrade  
**Currency:** Dinar) defeated Roger Federer from Switzerland (**Capital:** Bern  
**Currency:** Franc)

**Women's Category:** Simona Halep from Romania (**Capital:** Bucharest,  
**Currency:** Leu) defeated Serena Williams (US)

### French Open

**Men's category:** Rafael Nadal (Spain) (his 12<sup>th</sup> French open title) defeated Dominic Thiem from Austria (**Capital:** Vienna, **Currency:** Euro) in the men's singles event.

**Women's category:** Ashleigh Barty (Australia) won the women's singles title defeating Marketa Vondrousova from Czech Republic (Capital: Prague, **Currency:** Koruna)

**Q.213** Name the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India who has been elected as external auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO)?

**Answer:** Rajiv Mehrishi

**Q.214** India has joined which organisation's G20 Global Smart Cities Alliance on Technology Governance, a league of 15 of world's leading city networks and technology governance organisations?

**Answer:** World Economic Forum's (WEF) (**Headquarter:** Cologne, Switzerland)

**Q.215** P Rajagopal passed away in Chennai recently, he was the founder of which popular South Indian food chain?

**Answer:** Saravana Bhavan

**Q.216** Which sand artist from Puri, Odisha was awarded People's Choice Prize at the Boston International Sand Art Championship 2019?

**Answer:** Sudarshan Pattnaik

**Q.217** Name the Russian astronaut who passed away recently and who walked for the first time in space in 1965?

**Answer:** Alexei Leonov

**Q.218** Which company recently became first Indian company to hit Rs 10 lakh crore market capitalisation?

**Answer:** Saudi Arabia Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)

**Explanation:** Also, RIL has announced that Saudi Aramco will buy 20 % stake of RIL's oil and chemicals business for about \$15 billion.

**Q.219** Who has been appointed as the chairman of Indian Banks Association (IBA) (**Headquarter:** Mumbai)?

**Answer:** SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar

**Q.220** The Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2019 was published by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). According to the report NTMs have increased in the past two decades and are affecting trade as well sustainable development goals (SDGs) in Asian countries, what is the full form of NTMs?

**Answer:** Non-tariff measures. NTMs affect 58 per cent of the trade in Asia-Pacific.

**Q.221** Who has been appointed as the new Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure?

**Answer:** Shri J.P.S. Chawla

**Q.222** Name the mission announced by the Union Finance Minister in the recent budget to provide "Har Ghar Jal" (piped water supply) to all rural households by 2024?

**Answer:** Jal Jeevan Mission (New Ministry- "Jal Shakti Mantralaya" will complete the mission). **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat is the Jal Shakti Minister.**

**Q.223** Name the Indian cricketer who became the first ever female match referee in the Men's ODI match (UAE vs USA)?

**Answer:** GS Lakshmi

**Explanation:** Also, Australia's Claire Polosak recently became the first woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI cricket match (Oman vs Namibia)

**Q.224** RBI recently allowed which foreign bank to provide regular bank services in India?

**Answer:** Bank of China

**Q.225** Fourth edition of India's largest confluence of digital-technology stakeholders, the Internet of Things (IoT) India Congress 2019 was recently held at?

**Answer:** Bengaluru

**Q.226** Which team won the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) championship recently?

**Answer:** Chennai Lions

**Q.227** Recently Vice President Venkaiah Naidu announced that India will open its High Commission in which country?

**Answer:** Sierra Leone (**Capital:** Freetown, **Currency:** Leone). He also announced \$30 million credit line for rice cultivation.

**Explanation:** He also visited Comoros (**Capital:** Moroni, **Currency:** Franc) India and extended more than \$60 million line of credit to Union of Comoros in the field of Energy and Maritime Defence Cooperation.

He was given 'The Order of the Green Crescent', the highest Civilian Honour of Comoros, in Moroni.

**Q.228** As per a Reserve Bank of India directive Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) with assets size of over what amount have to appoint a chief risk officer to improve standards of their risk management?

**Answer:** Rs 5000 crores

**Q.229** Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) laid foundation stone for Space Situational Awareness Control Centre in \_\_\_\_\_ to protect Indian satellites from space debris.

**Answer:** Bengaluru

**Q.230** Mastercard along with which cricketer launched a nationwide campaign dubbed as 'Team Cashless India' to accelerate the acceptance and adoption of digital payments in India?

**Answer:** MS Dhoni

**Q.231** Which company has become the first company in India to hit the market capitalisation (m-cap) of Rs.9 lakh crore?

**Answer:** Mukesh Ambani-led Oil-to-telecom major Reliance Industries (RIL)

**Explanation:** Also, Reliance Industries has been ranked 106 globally and is the highest-ranked Indian firm on the Fortune Global 500 list.

**Q.232** In the month of November, Aadi Mahotsav or National Tribal Festival was organised at?

**Answer:** New Delhi

**Explanation:** 26 such festivals are planned to be organised during the current financial year. Out of which, 8 festivals have been already organised at Shimla, Ooty, Leh-Ladakh, Visakhapatnam, Noida, Indore, Pune and Bhubaneswar.

Also, 8<sup>th</sup> National Tribal Craft Mela was recently organised in Bhubaneswar.

**Q.233** SBI's Shanghai branch has become the first Indian Bank to be connected to CNAPS which is the real-time settlement services for all payments cleared in China, expand CNAPS.

**Answer:** China's National Advance Payment System (CNAPS)

**Q.234** Name the longest tunnel in India which will be rechristened after Bhartiya Jansangh founder Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee?

**Answer:** Chenani - Nashri tunnel (9.2Km) that links Kashmir with Jammu (**Lt Governor of J&K:** Girish Chandra Murmu)

**Q.235** Where was triennial International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Congress recently held for the first time in Asia?

**Answer:** Hyderabad

**Explanation:** Fifth edition of Aqua Aquaria India was also held in Hyderabad.

**Q.236** Which state recently became the first state to tap into masala bond market by listing its masala bond worth of USD 312 million) in London Stock Exchange (LSE)?

**Answer:** Kerala

**Q.237** The year 2019 has been declared as \_\_\_\_\_ by UN General Assembly, so as to bring awareness to importance of linguist.

**Answer:** International Year of Indigenous Languages

**Q.238** Which Indian former cricketer recently became the sixth Indian to be inducted into International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame?

**Answer:** Sachin Tendulkar

**Explanation:** Along with Sachin, South African pace legend Allan Donald and Australian woman cricketer Cathryn Fitzpatrick were also inducted.

**Q.239** On the occasion of World Food Day, the United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) launched its global cinema campaign "Feed Our Future" at?

**Answer:** Mumbai

**Q.240** Which month has been celebrated as the National Nutrition Week (Poshan Maah)?

**Answer:** September. **The theme was:** Complementary Feeding.

**Explanation:** Also, recently Ministry of Women and Child Development in collaboration with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has established a

**Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh** which is a repository of diverse crops across 128 agro-climatic zones for better nutritional outcomes.

**Q.241** The Mahatma Gandhi IT and Biotechnology Park (MGIT-BP) was recently inaugurated at?

**Answer:** Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) (**Capital:** Abidjan (**Yamoussoukro** is political capital), **Currency:** Franc)

**Q.242** Which state government has launched "School Fagadaba" (Make education better) scheme with the aim to improve the infrastructure, quality education and overall improvement of government schools?

**Answer:** Manipur (**CM:** N Biren Singh). **Explanation:** Manipur has also topped rankings in Breastfeeding and Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices in India, as per a report on "Breastfeeding" released by Union Health Minister Dr. Harshvardhan

**Q.243** Which country recently became the world's first country to measure its success based on the well-being of its citizens?

**Answer:** New Zealand (**Capital:** Wellington, **Currency:** Dollar)

**Q.244** 66<sup>th</sup> National Film awards were announced recently, which film won the award for the Best Feature Film?

**Answer:** Hellaro (Gujarati)

**Explanation: Best Hindi Movie:** Andhadhun

**Most Film Friendly State:** Uttarakhand

**Best Actor:** Ayushmann Khurrana ('Andhadhun') & Vicky Kaushal ('Uri')

**Best Actress:** Keerthy Suresh for 'Mahanati' (Telugu)

**Best Director:** Aditya Dhar for- 'Uri: The Surgical Strike'

**Q.245** Which former ISRO chief has been conferred with France's highest civilian award "Knight of the Legion of Honour" recently?

**Answer:** AS Kiran Kumar (**Current ISRO Chief:** K Sivan)

**Q.246** Name the Chairman and Managing Director of the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) who has been honoured with the Freedom of the City of London for the recognition of her work to promote insurance ties between India and the UK?

**Answer:** Alice G. Vaidyan

**Q.247** Who has been appointed as the country's first Lokpal or the anti-corruption ombudsman?



**Answer:** Former Supreme Court Judge Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose.

**Q.248** Which financial institution launched 5\$ billion Action Plan for Healthy Oceans and Sustainable Blue Economies for the Asia and Pacific region?

**Answer:** Asian Development Bank (ADB) (**Headquarter:** Manila, Philippines)

**Q.249** Name the woman who recently became first Indian to claim a world title in motorsports by winning FIM World Cup in women's category?

**Answer:** Aishwarya Pissay (Karnataka)

**Q.250** Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) will provide Line of Credit (LoC) worth what amount to Ghana and Mozambique for agricultural and railway projects respectively?

**Answer:** USD 150 and 90 million respectively

**Q.251** 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme, under which beneficiaries can buy subsidized food grains from any ration shop in the country has to be implemented by?

**Answer:** June 30, 2020

**Q.252** Where was the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Hindu Economic Forum 2019 recently held with the theme "Prosperous Society: Stronger Society" to bring together financially successful members in Hindu society?

**Answer:** Mumbai

**Q.253** Which state government along with WEF's Centre for Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) Network announced the launch of drone-delivery project called 'Medicine from the Sky'?

**Answer:** Telangana

**Q.254** Which state government has launched the initiative - "Mission Shakti", to train athletes from tribal areas for international sports events such as Olympics?

**Answer:** Maharashtra (**CM:** Uddhav Thackeray, **Governor:** Bhagat Singh Koshyari)

**Q.255** Who has been honored with the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Award by International Human Rights Council?

**Answer:** Sudhanshu Kumar

**Q.256** Which city recently became the world's most southernmost city?

**Answer:** Puerto Williams, in Chile (**Capital:** Santiago, **Currency:** Peso)

**Q.257** Which state was ranked the best in the NITI Aayog's School Education Quality Index (SEQI) to quantify and measure the performance of states and union territories in the field of school education?

**Answer:** Kerala. Uttar Pradesh came in last.

**Q.258** L&T Finance Services Ltd. recently launched which campaign an educational program aimed at financial inclusion of rural women in Villupuram District, Tamilnadu?

**Answer:** Digital Sakhi

**Q.259** Which bank has launched a Preventive Vigilance (PV) portal to facilitate its staff members to check procedural lapses as well as promote good practices?

**Answer:** Punjab National Bank

**Q.260** Who has been awarded the second edition of Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019 for his novel "Solo"?

**Answer:** British Indian novelist Rana Dasgupta

**Q.261** Name the first malaria vaccine which has been tested in Malawi (**Capital:** Lilongwe, **Currency:** Kwacha)?

**Answer:** RTS,S also known as "Mosquirix". The vaccine has created by British Pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline (GSK).

**Q.262** Name the founder of the largest coffee chain in India, Cafe Coffee Day (CCD) who passed away in Mangaluru recently?

**Answer:** V. Siddhartha Hegde

**Q.263** Dr Hargovind Laxmishanker Trivedi passed away recently, he was a?

**Answer:** Noted nephrologist

**Q.264** Astronomers captured the First Image of a Black Hole which was a halo of dust and gas, at the center of which galaxy?

**Answer:** M87 (Messier 87). The image was captured with Event Horizon Telescope (EHT).

**Q.265** World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have launched a private blockchain and quasi-crypto currency called \_\_\_\_\_ for better understanding of blockchain technology and the function of crypto assets.

**Answer:** Learning Coin

**Q.266** Which Indian women's footballer along with Sunil Chhetri won the footballer of the year award at All India Football Federation (AIFF) 2018-19 awards?

**Answer:** Ashalata Devi (From Manipur)

**Explanation:** Also, the 2019 edition of Manipur Sangai Festival named after the state animal "brow-antlered deer" was organised in Imphal.

**Q.267** Which actor's autobiography titled "Lessons Life Taught Me, unknowingly" was launched recently?

**Answer:** Anupam Kher

**Q.268** Which country recently became the first country to use 5G network in the world?

**Answer:** South Korea (**Currency:** Won, **Capital:** Seoul)

**Explanation:** Also, first district to use 5G is Shanghai, China

**Q.269** In which country PM Modi inaugurated Mangdechhu hydroelectric power plant?

**Answer:** Bhutan

**Explanation:** PM also inaugurated Ground Earth Station and SATCOM network developed with assistance from ISRO and launched "Rupay" card.

**Q.270** 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the IAAF World Athletics Championships for 2019 was held at?

**Answer:** Khalifa International Stadium, Doha, Qatar. The event mascot was "Falah", an anthropomorphic falcon.

At the championships India's **Avinash Sable** qualified for Tokyo Olympics in men's 3000m steeplechase event. **Annu Rani** became the first Indian to reach the finals of the women's javelin throw event.

**Q.271** Where was India's first garbage café recently opened, under which any person fetching plastic waste to the garbage cafe will be assured of a meal?

**Answer:** Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh

**Explanation:** The state government will also set up "Lemru Elephant Reserve" in the state.

**Q.272** Who won the 2019 Nobel Medicine Prize for their work on how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability?

**Answer:** Britain's Peter Ratcliffe and William Kaelin and Gregg Semenza of US

**Q.273** The Medical and Health Department of which state was recently conferred with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Tobacco Control Award for 2019 in recognition of its achievements in the field of tobacco control?

**Answer:** Rajasthan (**CM:** Ashok Gehlot, **Governor:** Kalraj Mishra)

**Explanation:** Rajasthan was also awarded "best innovation and initiative leadership award" at the 14th World Education Summit-2019, held at New Delhi.

**Q.274** In LinkedIn's fourth edition of Top Companies list for India 2019, which company was ranked at first place as the best workplace in India?

**Answer:** Flipkart

**Q.275** Where is 1,000-year-old Shawala Teja Singh Temple located which was re-opened for devotees for the first time since partition?

**Answer:** Sialkot, Pakistan

**Q.276** Which company recently launched its own operating system called "HarmonyOS" recently?

**Answer:** Huawei (Chinese)

**Q.277** ADB recently approved what amount loan for road infrastructure improvement project in Maharashtra?

**Answer:** USD 200 million

**Explanation:** Maharashtra (**CM:** Uddhav Thackeray, **Governor:** Bhagat Singh Koshiyari) also bagged first Hyperloop Project in the World (worth 10\$billion or Rs. 70,000 crores), the proposed hyperloop will connect Mumbai with Pune.

**Q.278** National Housing Bank (NHB) recently infused what amount in NBFCs for Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) as additional liquidity for individual housing loans for affordable housing?

**Answer:** Rs. 10,000 crores

**Q.279** Fifth International Dharma-Dhamma conference was recently held at?

**Answer:** Rajgir, Bihar

**Q.280** Which are the top two countries for investment through FDI in India during 2017-18?

**Answer:** Mauritius (USD 13.41 billion) and Singapore (USD 9.27 billion).

**Explanation:** Netherlands became the third largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in (investment of USD 2.67 billion) across all sectors.

**Q.281** Which special railway unit for the Indian railways was recently launched by union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal?

**Answer:** CORAS (Commandos for Railway Security)

**Q.282** Where will be the 11<sup>th</sup> biennial arms exhibition 'DefExpo 2020' held in the month of February next year?

**Answer:** Lucknow

**Q.283** India has recently contributed what amount to the United Nation Special Purpose Trust Fund (SPTF)?

**Answer:** \$1 million

**Q.284** Recently Geographical Indications Registry under DPIIT granted GI tag to Tirur betel leaf, it is found in which state?

**Answer:** Kerala

**Explanation:** The GI Tag was also given to following entities:  
**Tawlhlohpuan woven fabric:** Mizoram, **Colorful Shawl Mizo Puanchei:** Mizoram and **Palani panchamirtham, given as 'prasadam':** Murugan temple, Palani, Tamil Nadu.

**Q.285** Which state government recently announced its State Water Policy 2019 thus becoming the first state in the country to have a State Water Policy?

**Answer:** Meghalaya (**CM:** Conrad Sangma, **Governor:** Tathagata Roy)

**Q.286** 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census (EC) for the year 2019 which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) commenced from which state?

**Answer:** Tripura

**Q.287** Which state has been adjudged the best overall, among larger states awards in terms of rural cleanliness in the annual sanitation survey 2019?

**Answer:** Tamil Nadu. Mizoram took the top spot in the smaller states and UTs category.

**Explanation:** Among districts, Peddapalli district of Telangana became the cleanest district in the country.

**Q.288** As per the fourth tiger census (2018) released by PM Modi, India now has how many tigers?

**Answer:** 2,967 i.e. a growth of 33 per cent from the figures of the previous census (2013).

**Explanation:** MP has the highest number of tigers at 526, followed by Karnataka at 524. India has 70% of world tigers.

Also, MP's Pench Sanctuary and Kerala's Periyar sanctuary emerged as the best-managed tiger reserves in the country.

**Q.289** Which Indian former athlete has been appointed as one of the six members of the Asian Athletics Association's (AAA) Athletes Commission?

**Answer:** PT Usha

**Explanation:** Also, recently

**Q.290** Who is the author of the novel "Second Night" released recently?

**Answer:** Rajiv Dogra

**Q.291** Which Indian movie has been nominated for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Academy/Oscars?

**Answer:** Gully Boy (directed by Zoya Akhtar). Under documentary category Moti Bagh directed by Nirmal Chander Dandriyal has been nominated.

**Q.292** Which Indian Railway Station has become the first ever railway station in the Indian Railways to get an ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation) certification from the National Green Tribunal (NGT)?

**Answer:** Guwahati Railway Station

**Explanation:** Also, Secunderabad railway station has been awarded with "Green Platinum Rating" by the Indian Green Building Council.

**Q.293** Which former Governor of RBI has recently released his new Book 'Resurgent India'?

**Answer:** Bimal Jalan

**Q.294** 5<sup>th</sup> World Parliament of Science, Religion and Philosophy 2019 with the theme of 'Role of Science, Religion and Philosophy for World Peace and well-being of Mankind' was organised in?

**Answer:** Pune

**Q.295** Which state government and Bombay stock exchange (BSE) have signed a pact to encourage and support state's micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to raise capital?

**Answer:** Haryana (**CM:** Manohar Lal Khattar, **Governor:** Satyadev Naryan Arya)

**Q.296** Who was conferred Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019 in Dhaka?

**Answer:** PM of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina

**Q.297** The first e-waste clinic of India will be set up at?

**Answer:** Bhopal

**Q.298** Chandrayaan-2 was launched recently from Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh by which launch vehicle?

**Answer:** Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III (**GSLV Mk III-M1**)

**Explanation:** Chandrayaan-2 has 3 components- Orbiter, lander (Called Vikram) and Rover (called Pragyan).

Also, Muthaya Vanitha was Project Director and Ritu Karidhal was Mission Director of Chandrayaan-2.

**Q.299** Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' recently launched which scheme to train institutions who want to acquire National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) accreditation?

**Answer:** Paramarsh

**Q.300** Recently first every Digital Economy Report was released by which organisation?

**Answer:** UNCTAD (**Headquarters:** Geneva)

**Q.301** The 39<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Poets was inaugurated at the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, the theme was?

**Answer:** Compassion through Poetry.

**Q.302** India's first packaging waste management system launched by India's 32 FMCG companies is called?

**Answer:** Karo Sambhav

**Q.303** With 15% of all the SO<sub>2</sub> (Sulphur Dioxide) hotspots in the world, which country according to environmental organization, Greenpeace, is the world's top emitter of Anthropogenic Sulphur Dioxide?

**Answer:** India

**Q.304** Which organisation has launched "Green Bonds" to enable banking regulators to provide funds for Climate change?

**Answer:** Bank of International Settlements (**Headquarters:** Basel, Switzerland)

**Q.305** What is the interest given to the subscribers of Employee's Provident Fund (EPF) by the EPFO for the FY2018-19?

**Answer:** 8.65%

**Q.306** Name the scheme launched by University Grants Commission (UGC) to boost research culture and innovation in colleges and universities?

**Answer: STRIDE** (Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy)

**Q.307** Name the company which has made RBI's software which is used by visually impaired to identify notes?

**Answer:** Daffodil Software Pvt Ltd.

**Q.308** Who has been appointed as new MD and CEO of IndusInd Bank (**Headquarters:** Mumbai)?

**Answer:** Sumant Kathpalia

**Q.309** India hosted the Intersessional meeting of Kimberley Process (KP) 2019 recently at?

**Answer:** Mumbai, Maharashtra. The Kimberley Process Certification scheme outlines rules that govern trade in rough diamonds.

**Q.310** Union Power Minister Raj Kumar Singh and Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi have jointly launched which Portal in New Delhi with an aim to bring better coordination for coal supplies among all stakeholders?

**Answer: PRAKASH-** Power Rail Koyla Availability through Supply Harmony

**Q.311** National Payments Corporation of India has slashed the merchant discount rates (MDR), or the fees paid by merchants to banks to what percent for transactions above Rs. 2000?

**Answer:** 0.60%

**Q.312** Who recently became the first Indian to be elected to the position of General Vice President (GVP), International Organisation Development Association (IODA)?

**Answer:** Dr Vinaya Shetty

**Q.313** Name the India's neighbouring country which came out with three commemorative coins of denomination 100,100 and 2500 to the mark the 550<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Guru Nanak?

**Answer:** Nepal



**Q.314** Which state government recently launched “Mukhyamantri Krishi Ashirwad Yojana”?

**Answer:** Jharkhand (**CM:** Raghubar Das, **Governor:** Draupadi Murmu)

**Q.315** Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) backed first space museum was recently opened in the Birla Science Museum located at?

**Answer:** Hyderabad

**Q.316** Union Government and LIC recently infused what amount in LIC as part of recapitalisation?

**Answer:** Rs. 9,300 crores

**Q.317** As per the NITI Aayog’s recent index “Healthy States, Progressive India: Report on Rank of States and UTs”, which state topped the rankings in the bigger states’ category?

**Answer:** Kerala. (UP was the worst performer in this category).

**Explanation:** Mizoram was ranked first in the smaller states category and Chandigarh topped the rankings in the UTs category.

**Q.318** Name the initiative of the government in which loans in retails (min: 1 Lakh, max: 5 crores) can be achieved easily?

**Answer:** PSB loan in 59 minutes

**Q.319** For better monetary policy transmission, RBI has made it mandatory to link their interest on loans on which rate from Oct, 1?

**Answer:** External Benchmarks (Like Repo rate, T-bills etc)

**Q.320** National Nutrition Survey conducted by UNICEF and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, which state has the highest number of adolescents who were obese or overweight?

**Answer:** Tamil Nadu and Goa

**Explanation:** Around 10% of children in the age group of 5 to 9 years and adolescents in the age group 10 to 19 years are pre – diabetic. 5% of them were overweight and 5% suffered from blood pressure. One in five children in the age group 5 to 9 years were stunted.

**Q.321** Which state government has started first of its kind Village Secretariat system at Karapa village, the secretariat will act as a bridge between the government and the people by rendering over 500 types of services at their doorstep?

**Answer:** Andhra Pradesh

**Explanation:** Also, the state government launched the 'Nadu-Nedu' programme which seeks to transform government schools into vibrant and competitive institutions.

**Q.322** Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur flagged off a one-month program 'Pragati Rath' of which bank to make people aware of financial and digital literacy?

**Answer:** HDFC bank

**Q.323** Union government has approved setting up of Tripura's first-ever Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at?

**Answer:** Paschim Jalefa village in Sabroom with an estimated investment around Rs 1550 crores.

**Q.324** Minister of Earth Science & Science and Technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched which new mobile application to provide forecast relating to temperature, rainfall, humidity, and wind speed and direction?

**Answer:** Meghdoot

**Q.325** Who would be awarded the 'Daughter of the Nation' award by the government?

**Answer:** Legendary Singer Lata Mangeshkar

**Q.326** Name the Indian grandmaster who won the Fide World Grand Prix 2019 title held in Skolkovo, Russia?

**Answer:** Koneru Hampi (from Andhra Pradesh)

**Q.327** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared FY-20 as which year?

**Answer:** Construction-Technology

**Q.328** Jyske Bank has launched the world's first negative interest rate loans (at -0.5%), the bank is located in which country?

**Answer:** Denmark (**Capital:** Copenhagen, **Currency:** Krone)

**Q.329** Which state government recently announced "Mo Sarkar" initiative to ensure transparency in governance focusing fully on the common public?

**Answer:** Odisha

**Q.330** The first Sheikh Saud International Prize for Materials Research would be awarded to which Indian scientist for his contribution to material research?

**Answer:** Bharat Ratna scientist C N R Rao

**Q.331** Name the players in the Indian team that won India's first ever Gold in a World Cycling competition in World Junior Track Cycling Championship held at Frankfurt, Germany?

**Answer:** Esow Alben, Ronaldo Singh, James Singh and Rojit Singh

**Q.332** Which city has been recognised as 'World Capital of Architecture' for 2020 by UNESCO?

**Answer:** Rio De Janerio. **Theme:** All the worlds. Just one world.

**Q.333** Which state government recently launched 'One Family One Job' scheme, under which for every family one government job would be allotted?

**Answer:** Sikkim (**Governor:** Ganga Prasad, **CM:** (Prem Singh Tamang) PS Golay).

**Q.334** Mohammed Zahur 'Khayyam' Hashmi passed away recently he was a famous?

**Answer:** Music Composer

**Q.335** Union Ministry of Mines has set up joint venture company named \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure a consistent supply of critical and strategic minerals to the Indian domestic market.

**Answer:** KABIL (Khanij Bidesh India Ltd.)

**Q.336** Which are the top three railway stations those who have topped the Railway Cleanliness Survey 2019?

**Answer:** Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Durgapura (all three are in Rajasthan)

**Q.337** Where has Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP) set up a waste plastic to diesel plant recently?

**Answer:** Dehradun

**Explanation:** Also, Union government has announced setting up of six plastic parks in Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu.

**Q.338** Which country has declared the ancient Hindu religious site of "Panj Tirath" as a national heritage?

**Answer:** Pakistan. The site is located in Peshawar.

**Q.339** Which Bollywood actor will be honoured with India's highest award in cinema, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2018?

**Answer:** Amitabh Bachchan

**Q.340** The government has approved establishment of two new benches of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), one at Amaravati and the other at?

**Answer:** Indore

**Q.341** The UN Climate Change Summit, 2019 was held in?

**Answer:** New York. The key focus of the summit was to accelerate the actions to implement Paris agreement.

**Explanation:** PM Modi, also inaugurated the Gandhi Peace Garden at the UN headquarters in New York, he also inaugurated a 50 kilowatt 'Gandhi Solar Park' at the UN Headquarters.

**Q.342** Where was 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships held recently where India won 15 medals including 7 Golds?

**Answer:** Cuttack, Odisha

**Explanation:** Harmeet Desai and Ayhika Mukherjee won Gold Medals in the Men's and Women's singles category respectively.

**Q.343** Who was awarded with the annual Gandhi Mandela Peace Medal 2019?

**Answer:** Thich Nhat Hanh (from Vietnam)

**Q.344** Which Indian company launched "**Samarth**", an initiative to bring Indian artisans, weavers, and makers of handicrafts to its platform?

**Answer:** Flipkart (owned by Walmart)

**Q.345** Which country has recently inaugurated Southeast Asia's largest solar power farm called 'Dau Tieng Solar Power Complex'?

**Answer:** Vietnam (**Capital:** Hanoi, **Currency:** Dong)

**Q.346** In the recent QS World University Ranking 2020 which IIT emerged as India's best institution?

**Answer:** IIT-Bombay (global ranking 152)

**Explanation:** IIT – Bombay also secured top position in the QS India University Rankings.

In the **QS Employability rankings IIT Bombay** was ranked first.

**Q.347** Where was G20 summit 2019 held?

**Answer:** Osaka, Japan. (G20 Summit 2020 would be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia).

**Q.348** Which constitutional amendment granted 10% quota in jobs, educational institutions for (EWS) economically weaker sections in general category including Jains, Sikhs, Muslims, etc?

**Answer:** 103<sup>rd</sup>

**Explanation:** For the implementation of the quota, Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution was amended. Also, Gujarat was the first state to implement 10% quota to EWS (Economically Weaker sections).

**Q.349** RBI recently amended the Large Exposures Framework (LEF) and hence increased the bank's loan exposure limit to a single NBFC (non-banking financial company) to what percent?

**Answer:** 20%

**Q.350** 'Pradhan Mantri Shram-Yogi Mandhan' (PM-SYM) has been launched for unorganised sector workers to provide pensionary benefits to at least how many labourers and workers in the unorganised sector?

**Answer:** 10 crores

**Explanation:** Under the scheme Rs 3000 per month after 60 years of age with an affordable contribution of only Rs 100/55 per month. The scheme was launched by PM at Gujarat.

**Q.351** Which state recently released Biofuels rules -2019 and hence became the first state in the country to have a Biofuel Policy?

**Answer:** Rajasthan (**CM:** Ashok Gehlot, **Governor:** Kalraj Mishra)

**Explanation:** Also, government of India signed a 190 million USD loan with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to upgrade road transport in the state of Rajasthan

**Q.352** Which Indian journalist was chosen for 2019 Ramon Magsaysay Award (also known as Noble of Asia) for harnessing journalism to give voice to the voiceless?

**Answer:** Ravish Kumar (from NDTV). Also, received the first Gauri Lankesh Award.

**Q.353** Who recently became first woman to get elected as President of Indian National Science Academy (INSA) (**Headquarter:** New Delhi)?

**Answer:** Chandrima Shaha

**Q.354** The CM of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb unveiled the official logo of Tripura tea. The logo features which iconic landmark?

**Answer:** Neermahal, the iconic landmark in Rudijala, Tripura (**CM:** Biplab Kumar Deb, **Governor:** Ramesh Bais)

**Explanation:** Also, recently Kharchi Puja was held in Tripura.

**Q.355** RBI has approved Pasargad Bank of which country to open branches in Mumbai for easing trade related transactions?

**Answer:** Iran (**Capital:** Tehran, **Currency:** Dinar)

**Q.356** Indian government appointed whom as the Executive Director (ED) for India on the board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) (**Headquarter:** Washington DC)?

**Answer:** Surjit S Bhalla

**Explanation:** IMF chairperson is Kristalina Georgieva from Bulgaria (**Capital:** Sofia, **Currency:** Lev) **Chief Economist of IMF:** Gita Gopinath

**Q.357** Suranga Bawadi, an integral part of the ancient Karez system of supplying water through subterranean tunnels located in which state has been included it in the World Monument Watch list for 2020?

**Answer:** Bijapur, Karnataka

**Q.358** Which Indian PSU won the 'Golden Peacock Award for Sustainability' 2019, during the 19th International Conference on Corporate Governance & Sustainability held in London?

**Answer:** NTPC

**Q.359** Which Telugu poet has been honoured with the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018 for his collection of poetry titled 'Pakkaki Ottigilite'?

**Answer:** K Siva Reddy

**Q.360** Which country has honored Indian Ambassador Navdeep Singh Suri with its highest civilian honor "Order of Zayed II award" recently?

**Answer:** UAE

**Q.361** Which team won the 2019 Duleep trophy held at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru?

**Answer:** India Red

**Q.362** A new RBI policy for overseas borrowings allows all eligible borrowers to raise External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) up to what amount per financial year under the automatic Route?

**Answer:** \$750 million

**Q.363** NITI Ayog has selected McKinsey & Company to set up India's first Digital Capability Centre (DCC) at?

**Answer:** New Delhi

**Q.364** Which state will set up India's first International Women's Trade Centre (iWTC) to boost women entrepreneurship and secure gender parity?

**Answer:** Kerala (**CM:** Pinyari Vijayan, **Governor:** Arif Mohammed Khan)

**Q.365** Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the merger of the BNP Paribas (BNPP) Mutual Fund with?

**Answer:** Baroda (BOB) Mutual Fund

**Explanation:** CCI has also approved Adani Properties' acquisition of 23.5% stake in the country's second-busiest aerodrome Mumbai International Airport.

**Q.366** Name the hurricane recently which hit Bahamas and the South eastern United States (US)?

**Answer:** Dorian

**Q.367** Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat, won a bronze medal in the women's 53kg category at the "2019 World Wrestling Championships" held at?

**Answer:** Nur-sultan, Kazakhstan

**Q.368** Which Payments Bank, has launched "Bharosa" savings account services with the aim of deepening the financial inclusion in India?

**Answer:** Airtel Payments Bank

**Q.369** Which Indian retired army officer has been appointed as the head of UN mission in Hodeidah, Yemen?

**Answer:** Abhijit Guha

**Q.370** Finance Minister recently announced merger of the country's top Public Sector Banks (PSBs). After merging there would be how many PSBs (Public Sector Banks)?

**Answer:** 12

**Explanation: Merger 1-** Punjab National Bank (Anchor bank), Oriental Bank of Commerce, United Bank of India (**the merged entity would be the second largest PSB in the country after SBI**).

**Merger 2-** Union Bank of India (Anchor Bank), Andhra Bank, Corporation Bank

**Merger 3-** Canara Bank (Anchor Bank), Syndicate Bank

**Merger 4-** Indian Bank (Anchor Bank), Allahabad Bank

**Q.371** "Srivilliputtur Palkova" a sweet which is prepared from high quality flavour of milk with sugar has recently got a GI Tag, the sweet is from which state?

**Answer:** Tamil Nadu

**Explanation:** Geographical Indication (GI) tags were also recently given to Dindigul locks and Kandangi saree from Tamil Nadu by GI – Registry Chennai.

**Q.372** Who has been appointed as Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

**Answer:** Pramod Kumar Mishra

**Explanation:** Also, another IAS Pramod Kumar Sinha has been appointed as the new Principal Advisor to PM.

**Q.373** Name the largest teachers training programme in the world launched by Union HRD minister with an aim to motivate and equip teachers to encourage and foster critical thinking in students?

**Answer:** NISHTHA (Recently this scheme was launched in J&K UT)

**Q.374** Asian Development Bank will provide what amount loan to strengthen power connectivity between southern and northern parts of Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu?

**Answer:** \$451 million

**Q.375** Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)?

**Answer:** Aditya Mishra

**Q.376** Which state government has announced a new scheme called "Arundhati" to provide gold at free of cost to the brides?

**Answer:** Assam

**Q.377** Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of India's first international financial services center-Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (Gift City)?

**Answer:** Tapan Ray

**Explanation:** Also, UK- based Standard Chartered Bank has become the first foreign bank to launch operations at International Financial Service Centre (IFSC), Gujarat.

**Q.378** Name the legacy dispute resolution scheme for tax payers that started off with its operation from September 1, 2019?



**Answer:** Sabka Vishwas

**Q.379** Which bank has become the first bank in India to deploy industrial 'robotic arms' to count millions of notes in currency chests across the country?

**Answer:** ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India)

**Q.380** Traditional Neermahal Jal Utsav with boat race & swimming competitions was recently organised at Rudrasagar lake in?

**Answer:** Agartala

**Q.381** What is the disinvestment target in the Union Budget 2019-20?

**Answer:** Rs 1, 05,000 crores

**Explanation:** It is to be noted that **Article 112 of the Indian Constitution** envisages the Annual Financial Statement (Budget).

**Q.382** Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated country's longest electrified rail tunnel (length 6.7 Km) in which state recently?

**Answer:** Cherlopalli and Rapuru in Andhra Pradesh

**Q.383** RBI has superseded the board of the troubled Dewan Housing Finance Corporation (DHFL) due to governance concerns and default on various debt instruments. Who has been made the administrator of the DHFL?

**Answer:** R Subramaniakumar

**Q.384** Which country has the highest number of 'living' indigenous languages in the world?

**Answer:** Papua New Guinea (**Capital:** Port Moresby, **Currency:** Kina)

**Explanation:** India stands fourth with 453 indigenous languages.

**Q.385** PM Modi recently decided against joining which economic group?

**Answer:** Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP, it is a 15-member body)

**Q.386** The Union Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has launched the Skills Build platform in collaboration with?

**Answer:** IBM (**Headquarters:** New York)

**Explanation:** The Ministry also in association with IBM carried out a nationwide **Train-the-Trainer** in basic Artificial Intelligence skills.

**Q.387** RBI has increased the loan sanction limit for small exporters under Priority Sector Lending (PSL) by banks to what amount per borrower in order to boost credit to the export sector?

**Answer:** Rs 40 crores

**Q.388** As per the Union Budget, one woman in every SHG will also be made eligible for a loan up to \_\_\_\_\_ under the MUDRA scheme?

**Answer:** Rs 1 lakh

**Q.389** According to a UNCTAD record due to the US-China trade war India gained in additional exports to the US in the first half of 2019?

**Answer:** USD 755 million

**Q.390** PM Modi and Mongolian President Khaltmaagiin Battulga, jointly unveiled a statue of Lord Buddha at?

**Answer:** Ulaanbaatar

**Q.391** Where will Maharashtra set up 'Swachh Bharat World University' to mark Mahatma Gandhi's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary?

**Answer:** Wardha

**Q.392** The first World Youth Conference for Kindness was recently organised by UNESCO at?

**Answer:** New Delhi

**Q.393** After a recent tax cut by the Union government, new manufacturing companies will have to pay corporate tax rate of?

**Answer:** 15%

**Explanation:** Union government has cut corporate tax rate for companies that do not avail of any tax incentive to 22%. Effective corporate tax rate after surcharge will be 25.17%. New manufacturing companies (firms, incorporated after October 1, 2019 and starting operations before March 31, 2023) will have to pay an even lower corporate tax rate of 15%.

**Q.394** Odisha Government has partnered with which organisation co-founded by Nobel laureates Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo, for targeted intervention in a set of social sectors including poorest of the poor through policy formulation and evaluations based on experimental research?

**Answer:** Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL),



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**Q.395** 20<sup>th</sup> IIFA awards 2019 were given recently, which film won the "Best Film" award?

**Answer:** Raazi

**Explanation:** 20<sup>th</sup> IIFA awards 2019:

**Best actor:** Ranveer Singh (Padmavat)

**Best Actress:** Alia Bhatt (Raazi)

**Best film:** Raazi

**Best Director:** Sriram Raghavan (Andhadhun)

**Q.396** A book "The First Sikh: The Life and Legacy of Guru Nanak"- biography of the founder of Sikhism Guru Nanak has been authored by?

**Answer:** Nikki-Guninder Kaur Singh

**Q.397** In a bid achieve the target of full immunization, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched which program from December 2019 to March 2020?

**Answer:** Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0

**Q.398** Rights activist Agnes Kharshiing from which state was honoured with the 11<sup>th</sup> International Hrant Dink award for the year 2019?

**Answer:** Meghalaya

**Explanation:** Also, in the month of November fourth edition of India International Cherry Blossom Festival, 2019 was celebrated in Shillong, Meghalaya.

**Q.399** India has opened its first specialized hydrotherapy treatment centre/memorial for elephants suffering from arthritis, joint pain and foot ailments in?

**Answer:** Mathura, Uttar Pradesh

**Explanation:** India's first plant to produce diesel from plastic waste was recently launched in Mathura, UP.

**Q.400** Government of India announced the establishment of what amount fund for home buyers whose money is stuck in stalled projects?

**Answer:** Rs 25,000 crore fund (Rs. 10,000 crores would be given by government rest 15K would be managed by LIC and SBI).

**Q.401** Which state government has launched a massive campaign called 'Dastak' to eradicate deadly Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) and Japanese Encephalitis?

**Answer:** Uttar Pradesh (**CM:** Yogi Adityanath, **Governor:** Anandiben Patel)

**Q.402** Which country won its second FIBA basketball World Cup title after defeating Argentina in the gold medal game held in Beijing, China?

**Answer:** Spain

**Q.403** Union Ministry of Home Affairs has announced to set up world-class National Police University (NPU) at?

**Answer:** Greater Noida

**Q.404** World's annual climate conference, called COP-25 (Conference of the Parties) 2019 would be held at?

**Answer:** Madrid, Spain

**Q.405** Which state topped the NITI Aayog's "Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index" (AMFFRI) for the year 2019?

**Answer:** Maharashtra (**CM:** Uddhav Thackeray, **Governor:** Bhagat Singh Koshiyari)

**Explanation:** As per RBI, Maharashtra also registered the highest number of Automated Teller Machine (ATM) frauds (233) in India for the FY 2018-19.

**Q.406** 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the United Nations World Tourism Organization's (UNWTO) General Assembly for 2019 was recently held in?

**Answer:** Saint Petersburg, Russia

**Explanation:** Thrissur, Kerala was conferred with the emerging destination on the global accessible tourism market in this year's session.

**Q.407** Where was the fifth edition of the Indian International Science Festival (IISF) held?

**Answer:** Kolkata, theme for 2019 is "RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation".

**Q.408** Indian parliamentary delegation led by Speaker Om Birla took part in the 6<sup>th</sup> Parliamentary Speakers' Summit of the G20 countries, held at?

**Answer:** Tokyo, Japan.

**Q.409** Which IIT has launched country's first indigenously designed standing wheelchair named as 'Arise'?

**Answer:** IIT - Chennai

**Q.410** Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman launched which app to facilitate electronic filing of customs baggage and currency declarations by arriving international passengers?

**Answer:** ATITHI. She also launched a new initiative called ICEDASH for improved monitoring and pace of Customs clearance of imported goods.

**Q.411** Union Minister of State for inaugurated the National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders (NRIUMSD) at?

**Answer:** Hyderabad

**Q.412** Which state government has declared 2020 as Year of Artificial Intelligence?

**Answer:** Telangana (**CM:** K. Chandrasekhar Rao, **Governor:** Tamilisai Soundarajan)

**Q.413** Which city has included Hindi as the third official language to be used in its courts, alongside Arabic and English?

**Answer:** Abu Dhabi

**Q.414** Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the annual Global Healthcare Summit (GHS) recently at?

**Answer:** Hyderabad

**Q.415** Which country honoured PM Modi with "The King Hamad Order of the Renaissance" award?

**Answer:** Bahrain (**Capital:** Manama, **Currency:** Dinar)

**Explanation:** Also, UAE (**Capital:** Abu Dhabi, **Currency:** Dirham) also honoured Modi with its highest civilian award, the Zayed Medal for boosting the bilateral ties between both of the nations.

**Q.416** India has signed an MoU with which country for the establishment of the Joint Task Force on Blue Economy?

**Answer:** Norway (**Capital:** Oslo, **Currency:** Krone). Prime Minister of Norway Erna Solberg was recently three-day state visit to India.

**Q.417** The Nobel Prize in Literature for the year 2018 which couldn't be given last year was awarded to?

**Answer:** Polish author Olga Tokarczuk.

**Explanation:** For 2019 the Noble Prize was awarded to Austrian author Peter Handke.

**Q.418** Organised by Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) of over 100 countries, jointly called **The Egmont Group**, "No Money For Terror" conference was held at?

**Answer:** Melbourne, the 2020 conference would be held in India.

**Explanation:** Egmont group is headquartered at Ontario, Canada.

**Q.419** The Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) has released a new Export Credit Insurance Scheme (ECIS) called \_\_\_\_\_ to ease the lending of loan to exporters so that they can get loans easily from banks.

**Answer:** NIRVIK (Niryat Rin Vikash Yojana)

**Q.420** First ever BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multisectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) ports conclave at?

**Answer:** Vishakhapatnam. (Hosted by Ministry of Shipping)

**Q.421** The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organised the third edition of Global Ayurveda Summit 2019 at?

**Answer:** Kochi. The theme of the summit was 'Mainstreaming Ayurveda Startups, Innovation and Branding,'.

**Explanation:** Also, Serbia's Sara Damjanovic has been crowned 'Miss Asia Global 2019' at the international beauty contest held recently in Kochi, Kerala.

**Q.422** International Conference on Soil and Water Resources Management for Climate Smart Agriculture and Global Food and Livelihood Security' was held in?

**Answer:** New Delhi.

**Explanation:** Also, Global Bio India was held first time in New Delhi.

**Q.423** Researchers at which Indian Institute have created the first-ever Indian Brain Atlas referred to as IBA 100?

**Answer:** International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad

**Q.424** On the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Gandhi Jayanti on October 02, Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textile Mrs Smriti Irani inaugurated a 1,650-kg 'charkha' (spinning wheel) made of plastic waste, the world's largest, at?

**Answer:** Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

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**Q.425** Who was honoured with 2019 "India's Most Powerful Women in Media" award held in London, United Kingdom?

**Answer:** Kallie Puri

**Q.426** External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar attended fourth Indian Ocean Conference 2019 held at?

**Answer:** Maldives

**Q.427** Vatican City conferred Prof Muhammad Yunus with 2019 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis' award', he is a former Nobel Laureate from which country?

**Answer:** Bangladesh

**Q.428** South Asia's tallest tower, 350-metre-tall 17-storey lotus tower was recently opened at?

**Answer:** Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Q.429** Press Council of India (PCI) has awarded this year's Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Award for Excellence in Journalism to?

**Answer:** Rajasthan Patrika group chairman Gulab Kothari.

**Q.430** Which Indian city held the dubious title for the world's most polluted city in the latest edition of Guinness World Records i.e. 'Guinness World Records 2020'?

**Answer:** Kanpur

**Q.431** Which Indian cities have been included in the Creative cities list of UNESCO?

**Answer:** Mumbai (for Cinema) and Hyderabad (for Gastronomy (home of haleem and biryani).

**Q.432** Which Indian authors have been included among 100 writers who have featured on a list of the 100 English language 'Novels That Shaped Our World.'?

**Answer:** R.K. Narayan (Swami and Friends), Arundhati Roy (God of Small Things), Salman Rushdie (Moor's Last Sigh), VS Naipaul (A house for Mr Biswas) and Vikram Seth (A suitable boy)

**Q.433** The government announced introduction which scheme to replace the existing Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) from January 1, 2020?

**Answer:** Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP)

**Q.434** Name the campaign launched by Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for mass cleanliness-cum-awareness drive in 50 identified beaches?

**Answer:** Swachh- Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan

**Q.435** Who won the F1 World Championship 2019??

**Answer:** Lewis Hamilton (drives for Mercedes) of United Kingdom. It was his 6<sup>th</sup> title.

In 2019 he has won Chinese, Bahrain, Canadian, French, Spanish, British and Monaco Grand Prix 2019

**Explanation: Valtteri Bottas (Finland):** US, Australian, Japanese, Azerbaijan Grand Prix

**Max Verstappen (Belgium/ Netherland):** Austrian, German and Brazilian

**Sebastian Vettel (Germany):** Singaporean

**Charles Leclerc (Monaco):** Italian, Belgian Grand Prix

**Q.436** The Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) between India and Switzerland kicked off from September 01 between Indian and which country?

**Answer:** Switzerland

**Q.437** Which organisation has initiated Young Scientist Programme named "Yuva Vigyani Karyakram" – (Yuvika) for school children with a purpose to enhance their interest in the emerging areas of Space activities?

**Answer:** ISRO

**Q.438** Who has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2019 for her debut novel 'The Far Field'?

**Answer:** Madhuri Vijay

**Q.439** According to the United Nations (UN) 'The International Migrant Stock 2019' report, which country topped the country of origin of international migrants in 2019 with 17.5 million migrants globally?

**Answer:** India

**Q.440** Which country won the World Rugby World Cup (Webb Ellis Cup) held in Japan?

**Answer:** South Africa (popularly known as Springboks) defeated England



**Q.441** Tesla has developed its 'largest power storage system in Asia in which country?

**Answer:** Japan

**Q.442** 24<sup>th</sup> World Energy Congress was recently held at?

**Answer:** Abu Dhabi

**Explanation:** Also, the first artificial intelligence university in the world been set up at Abu Dhabi, UAE

**Q.443** Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched first ever 'Terracotta Grinder' in which city?

**Answer:** Varanasi

**Q.444** CBDT has newly set up National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) for electronically assessing the tax returns, who appointed as the first Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax of NeAC?

**Answer:** Krishna Mohan Prasad

**Q.445** Where has been a fun zone, the first of its kind in Indian Railways, been set up?

**Answer:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

**Q.446** Which former athlete was presented with Veteran Pin award by International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF), in recognition of her contribution to the growth of sport?

**Answer:** PT Usha

**Explanation:** The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) has been officially renamed as World Athletics (**Headquarters:** Monaco).

**Q.447** Who is the new CEO of Chinese firm "Alibaba" after the retirement of Jack Ma?

**Answer:** Daniel Zhang

**Q.448** Ram Jethmalani, passed away recently he was a former?

**Answer:** Union Law Minister and a renowned lawyer.

**Q.449** Indian Air Force (IAF) has resurrected which Ambala - based Air Force Station (AFS) squadron also known as 'Golden Arrows', which will operate the Rafale fighter jets?

**Answer:** Squadron number 17

**Q.450** Union Ministry of Civil Aviation organised country's first ever helicopter summit at?

**Answer:** Dehradun

**Q.451** Where did PM Modi launch nationwide campaign "Swachhta Hi Seva 2019" (SHS) under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) recently?

**Answer:** Mathura

**Explanation:** The SHS which means "Cleanliness is service" is observed from 11<sup>th</sup> September to October 2nd 2019. The theme for 2019 is 'plastic waste awareness and management'.

**Q.452** 7<sup>th</sup> regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), Seventh East Asia Economic Ministers Summit and 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN India Economic Ministers (AEM) meeting was recently held at?

**Answer:** Bangkok

**Q.453** Which state topped the second edition of perception-based index of mobility of goods and efficiency, the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) index?

**Answer:** Gujarat

**Explanation:** Also, Gujarati community across the globe celebrated New year "Bestu Varas".

**Q.454** Which railway station became the 5500<sup>th</sup> railway station to be enabled with Wi-fi?

**Answer:** Jharkhand's Mahuamilan station

**Explanation:** 5000<sup>th</sup> was Midnapore railway station of West Bengal. The project for providing Wi-fi was started by RailTel in 2016.

**Q.455** Which dance has entered into Guinness book of world records as the largest Ladakhi dance?

**Answer:** Ladakhi Shondol

**Q.456** Which state government has launched flagship scheme "Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana" to provide Rs 15,000 to every family where a girl child is born?

**Answer:** Uttar Pradesh (**CM:** Yogi Adityanath, **Governor:** Anandiben Patel)

**Q.457** Which state topped the University-Industry Linkages (UILs) by scoring 7.8 on a scale of ten in a study conducted by the PhD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) and Ministry of Science and Technology?

**Answer:** Karnataka

**Q.458** Who is India's richest man as mentioned in the IIFL Wealth-Hurun India Rich List 2019?

**Answer:** Reliance Industries' Chairman Mukesh Ambani

**Q.459** The 18th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit was held in?

**Answer:** Baku, Azerbaijan

**Q.460** Pranab Mukherjee, released a book entitled 'Reset: Regaining India's Economic Legacy' penned by?

**Answer:** Subramanian Swamy

**Q.461** With an aim to spread awareness about nutrition of children and women, which state government in collaboration with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) unveiled a mascot named 'Tikki Mausi'?

**Answer: Odisha (CM: Naveen Patnaik Governor: Ganeshi Lal)**

**Q.462** Department of Biotechnology has started the which initiative designed on the concept of 'Prevention is better than Cure' to create awareness about genetic disorders amongst clinicians and establish molecular diagnostics in hospitals?

**Answer:** UMMID (Unique Methods of Management and treatment of Inherited Disorders)

**Q.463** Where did Election Commission of India (ECI) hosted fourth General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) recently?

**Answer:** Bengaluru

**Q.464** India has announced contribution of what amount to Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM) (**Headquarter:** Geneva, Switzerland) recently?

**Answer:** \$22 million

**Q.465** Recently a new railway zone (18<sup>th</sup> in the country) was announced, it would be called Southern Coast Railway and it will be headquartered in?

**Answer:** Vishakhapatnam

**Q.466** 14<sup>th</sup> COP of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was held at?

**Answer:** Greater Noida.

**Explanation:** At the event India pledged to restore 26 million hectares of land from land degradation by 2030.

**Q.467** Which state topped the "Child well-being index" released by World Vision India?

**Answer: Kerala (CM: Pinarayi Vijayan, Governor: Arif Mohammed Khan)**

**Q.468** Which Ministry won the award of "Best ministry" for Implementation of Swachhata Action Plan for 2018-19 in the Swachh Mahotsav 2019 held in New Delhi recently?

**Answer:** Ministry of Railways

**Explanation: Also, Best Swachh iconic Places:** Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), Mumbai and Vaishno Devi Shrine Board in Jammu and Kashmir

**Q.469** World Bank recently gave what amount to India to establish food Parks?

**Answer:** Rs. 3000 crores

**Q.470** Which company has come up with the app "Good Vibes" for the deaf and dumb people?

**Answer:** Samsung (it is a South Korean company). **For Blind people the app is Relumino.**

**Q.471** Visa has partnered with which Indian payments business to rollout of SI-Hub (Standing Instructions) a seamless and secure way to make recurring payments using cards with a one-time enrolment?

**Answer:** Bill Desk

**Q.472** According to the NCRB data of 2017 released in October 2019, which state had reported maximum crimes against women?

**Answer:** UP

**Q.473 PM** Modi launched \$4.2 million redevelopment project of 200-year-old Shreenathji or Lord Sri Krishna temple at?

**Answer:** Manama, Bahrain

**Q.474** Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya passed away in Mumbai recently, she was India's first woman \_\_\_\_\_?

**Answer:** Director General of Police

**Q.475** World Environment School, (WESc) the first school in India and South Asia to take a leading role in promoting and delivering environmental education with sustainability will be situated in?

**Answer:** Coorg, Karnataka (will start functioning from 2021).

**Q.476** Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar has recently inaugurated the National Centre for Avian Ecotoxicology at Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural Sciences (SACON) at?

**Answer:** Coimbatore

**Q.477** Which state legislative assembly recently became the first paper less assembly?

**Answer:** Jharkhand (**CM:** Raghubar Das, **Governor:** Draupadi Murmu)

**Q.478** India won the SAFF Under-18 football Championship by defeating which country in the final held in Kathmandu, Nepal?

**Answer:** Bangladesh

**Q.479** As per SARAL (State Rooftop Solar Attractiveness) Index launched by RK Singh, the Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable energy, which state was ranked at the top spot?

**Answer:** Karnataka

**Q.480** Ministry of Information Technology recently announced new BHIM 2.0, now the app would be available in 13 new languages, which are the new three languages added?

**Answer:** Haryanvi, Bhojpuri and Konkani.

**Explanation:** Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union IT Minister, also launched a Start-Up Hub Portal and Indian Software Product Registry at IT Ministry's MeitY Start-up Summit held in New Delhi.

**Q.481** Marking the historic occasion of 550<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Devji in the year 2019, PM Modi inaugurated the Integrated Check Post (ICP) of Kartarpur Corridor at?

**Answer:** Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur in Punjab

**Explanation:** Also, in a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country, Punjab Government has launched a unique Job Helpline for the unemployed job seekers of the state.

**Q.482** Krishan Kumar Modi passed away; he was a?

**Answer:** Industrialist and former FICCI chairman

**Explanation:** Joko Widodo is the president of Indonesia who recently sworn into office for his second and final five-year term.

**Q.483** Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Mr. Takehiko Nakao recently committed what amount to India over the next 3 years (2020-22) in support of new flagship initiatives?

**Answer:** \$12 billion

**Q.484** Which state government has launched the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) which is a regulatory tool that is aimed at reducing the

pollution load in an area and at the same time minimising the cost of compliance for the industry?

**Answer:** Surat in Gujarat

**Explanation:** ETS is a market in which the traded commodity is Particulate Matter Emissions. It is also being described as the world's first market for trading in particulate matter emissions.

**Q.485** Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) observed Vigilance Awareness Week from 28th October to 2nd November, 2019, what was the theme this year?

**Answer:** Integrity – a way of life.

**Q.486** After the recent increase by 3, now the total strength of the judges in the Supreme Court is?

**Answer:** 34 (including the CJI).

**Q.487** The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has partnered with which IT major to roll-out 'Build for Digital India'?

**Answer:** Google (**Headquarter:** California, US)

**Explanation:** National Health Authority (NHA) has also joined hands with Google to collaborate as well as strengthen the implementation of government's flagship health insurance scheme, Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).

**Q.488** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), has given India what amount to improve the life of over 10 million people living in the coastline?

**Answer:** 43 million USD

**Q.489** Who has been conferred the Indian Personality of the Year Award (Sports) at the Indo Arab Leaders Summit & Awards 2019 in Dubai?

**Answer:** Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia

**Explanation:** Also, World powerlifting champion Mahant Gaurav Sharma was honoured with Visionary Leaders of the Year (Sports) award.

**Q.490** India recently signed an MoU with which countries to create a trans-boundary wildlife conservation park?

**Answer:** Nepal and Bhutan

**Q.491** Name the authors who jointly won the Booker Prize 2019?

**Answer:** Canadian author Margaret Atwood and Anglo-Nigerian author Bernardine Evaristo for "The Testaments" and for "Girl, Woman, Other" respectively.

**Explanation:** Jokha Alharthi of Oman (**Capital:** Muscat, **Currency:** Rial). won the prestigious Man Booker International Prize for her Arabic novel "Celestial Bodies".

**Q.492** Fifth edition of Global Exhibition on Services, GES 2019 which aims to engage industry and governments across the world and to promote greater exchange of trade in services was held at?

**Answer:** Bengaluru

**Q.493** According to World Bank's Migration and Development Brief, India retained its position as the world's top recipient of remittances in 2018 with total remittances amounting to?

**Answer:** 79\$ billion

**Q.494** Which Indian aircraft carrier becomes first Indian airline to fly over North Pole?

**Answer:** Air India

**Explanation:** Air India is also the first Indian air line to ban single use plastic from October 01, 2019.

**Q.495** The union government has given approval for setting up four medical device parks in which four states with a view to provide world-class products at affordable price for treatment?

**Answer:** Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala

**Q.496** Name the NASA astronauts who made history when they ventured outside International Space Station (ISS) for first ever all women spacewalk?

**Answer:** Jessica Meir and Christina Koch

**Q.497** A team of researchers from India and United Kingdom collaborated to create a new robot named what?

**Answer:** "Pepe" which encourages children to wash their hands.

**Q.498** Mumbai headquartered Export-Import (Exim) Bank (**CEO:** David Rasqinha) has provided a \$30 million line of credit to which country for the potable water project in the country?

**Answer:** Ghana (**Capital:** Accra, **Currency:** Cedi)

**Q.499** Who has been appointed as the new Director General of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (**Headquarter:** Vienna, Austria)?

**Answer:** Rafael Mariano Grossi of Argentina

**Q.500** DIN system of Central Board of Indirect Taxes (CBIC) to ease the indirect tax administration was inaugurated recently, full form of DIN is?

**Answer:** Documentation Identification Number

**Q.501** The India Energy Forum organized the 11<sup>th</sup> Nuclear Energy Conclave was recently held in New Delhi; the theme of the event was?

**Answer:** "Economics of Nuclear Power-Innovation towards safer and cost-effective technologies".

**Q.502** RBI has increased the household income limits for borrowers of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and microfinance institutions (MFIs) from 1 lakh to?

**Answer:** 1.25 lakh rupees in rural areas and to 2 Lakhs in semi-urban areas.

**Q.503** Which state won the Best State for Comprehensive Development of Tourism in the National Tourism Awards for 2017-18?

**Answer:** Andhra Pradesh

**Explanation:** Uttarakhand won the best film promotion friendly state.

**Q.504** As per the report, "BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2019 ranking" which bank was declared the country's most valuable brand for the sixth consecutive year?

**Answer:** HDFC Bank (it has a brand value of \$ 22.70 billion)

**Q.505** The IAU – International Astronomical Union (**Headquarters:** Paris) has named a minor planet between Mars and Jupiter after which Indian classical singer?

**Answer:** Pandit Jasraj.

**Q.506** PM Modi received which award 'by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in New York?

**Answer:** Global Goalkeeper Award

**Explanation:** Rajasthan's Payal Jangir also received the Changemaker Award 2019 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

**Q.507** Under Fit India Movement, which state has launched "Walk to Work" initiative?



**Answer:** Meghalaya (**CM:** Conrad Sangma, **Governor:** Tathagat Roy)

**Q.508** Telangana's first 'child- friendly' police station was inaugurated at?

**Answer:** Medipally

**Q.509** Russia has invited which world leader for its Victory Day celebrations in 2020?

**Answer:** PM Narendra Modi

**Q.510** India's first full-fledged international cruise terminal will come up at?

**Answer:** Ernakulam wharf in Willingdon Island (near Kochi)

**Q.511** Name Rajasthan's flagship free medicine scheme, launched in 2011-12, that has secured the first rank from the National Health Mission recently?

**Answer:** Mukhyamantri Nishulk Dava Yojana

**Q.512** Recently in the month of November, Anita Indira Anand became the first Hindu to be a federal minister in which country's cabinet?

**Answer:** Canada

**Q.513** Who recently became the youngest judge in India?

**Answer:** 21-year-old Jaipur boy Mayank Pratap Singh.

**Q.514** Where was world's first Muslim Yoga camp recently held?

**Answer:** Uttarakhand

**Q.515** Kiran Mazumdar Shaw (chairperson of Biocon) has been conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award by?

**Answer:** Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

**Q.516** "Aalmi Tablighi Ijtima"- world's biggest Islamic Congregation was recently held in which city?

**Answer:** Bhopal

**Q.517** Which ministry recently allocated a seven-digit separate Harmonized System (HS) code to Khadi fabrics?

**Answer:** Ministry of commerce and industries

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