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1. Which of the following is India's first state to link government colleges to national cancer grid?

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] Odisha

Answer: Maharashtra

Explanation:

The Maharashtra government has recently tied up with the Tata Trusts to link all government colleges and medical colleges with the latter's national cancer grid. With this, Maharashtra has become the India's first state to join the initiative. The national cancer grid links all existing and proposed cancer care centres to create a uniform line of treatment for cancer patients across India.

2. According to the HIS Inc recently released report, what is the India's position in defence spending?

- [A] First
- [B] Second
- [C] Third
- [D] Fourth

Answer: Fourth

Explanation:

India has become the world's 4th largest spender on defence according to the US business research provider HIS Inc. According to IHS analysis, India's defence budget 2016 has increased to 13.1% due to increase in military pay and the introduction of One Rank, One Pension (OROP).

3. With which of the following, the ReNuAL project is related to __?

- [A] Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering
- [B] Nuclear Science
- [C] Nanotechnology
- [D] Public Administration

Answer: Nuclear Science

Explanation:

ReNuAL stands for "Renovation of the Nuclear Applications Laboratories project (ReNuAL)". It is an IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) initiative focussing mainly on modernization of the nuclear applications laboratories. The countries provide funds to this initiative. India also has made a voluntary contribution of US\$ 100,000 in 2015 for the modernization of IAEA's nuclear applications laboratories in Seibersdorf, Austria under the ReNuAL project.

4. What is the purpose of the recently launched "Gyan Chakra" of Indian Army's Western Command?

- [A] To provide education to youngsters about career in Indian Army
- [B] To work as a think tank on strategic and national security issues
- [C] To collaborate with educational institutions to impart security related awareness in schools
- [D] To set up a network of army schools in the country

Answer: To work as a think tank on strategic and national security issues

Explanation:

Gyan Chakra is the name of a new think tank on Defence and Strategic Affairs formed by the Army's Western Command. It will provide a platform to army veterans and thinkers to pursue research on strategic and national security issues. It has been established as an extension of the Khetarpal Officers Institute (KOI), Chandimandir.

5. Which of the following is NOT a function of the Medical Council of India?

- [A] Maintenance of uniform standards of medical education
- [B] Sanctioning medical colleges in India
- [C] Providing ethical oversight in medical education
- [D] Maintaining register of Doctors as well as Pharmacists

Answer: Maintaining register of Doctors as well as Pharmacists

Explanation:

The fourth statement is partially incorrect. The MCI was established under the Indian Medical Council Act 1933 and given responsibility for maintaining standards of medical education, providing ethical oversight, maintaining the medical register, and, through amendments in 1993, sanctioning medical colleges. It maintains uniform standards of medical education, both undergraduate and postgraduate. Registration as a pharmacist comes under Pharmacy Act and that job is done by Pharmacy Council of India.

6. What was the venue of recently held fourth Nuclear Security Summit (NSS)?

- [A] New York, USA
- [B] Washington DC, USA
- [C] Seoul, South Korea
- [D] The Hague, Netherlands

Answer: Washington DC, USA

Explanation:

The fourth Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) was held in Washington, D.C. on March 31-April 1, 2016. The summits held so far are as follows:

7. Dame Zaha Hadid, who died recently was a world-renowned __:

- [A] Architect
- [B] Painter
- [C] Playwright
- [D] Musician

Answer: Architect

Explanation:

Dame Zaha Hadid was an Iraq born British architect. She recently died at 65. She was first woman to receive the Pritzker Prize, referred to as the Nobel Prize of architecture, in 2004. The building designed by her include London Olympic aquatic centre, Riverside Museum Glasgow and many others.

8. A news recently reported: "Output from the eight core infrastructure industries grew at the fastest pace in 15 months, clocking a 5.7 per cent growth in February". Which of the following is NOT among the core infrastructure industries?

- [A] Fertilizers
- [B] Crude Oil
- [C] Electricity
- [D] Pulp & Paper

Answer: Pulp & Paper

Explanation:

Core sector industries and their weight in IIP is given below: Industry % Weightage in IIP

- Electricity 10.32
- Steel (Alloy + Non-alloy) 6.68
- Refinery Products 5.94

- Crude Oil 5.22
- Coal 4.38
- Cement 2.41
- Natural Gas 1.71
- Fertilizers 1.25

9. Recently, the Government of India has extended Safeguard duty on steel imports till March 2018. The purpose of this move is to protect Indian industry from cheap imports from __?

- [A] China
- [B] Thailand
- [C] Australia
- [D] Germany

Answer: China

Explanation:

The government has extended safeguard duty on steel imports till March 2018. The move is aimed at protecting the Indian industry from cheap China steel.

10. Who is the incumbent head of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees?

- [A] Filippo Grandi
- [B] Ruud Lubbers
- [C] Sadako Ogata
- [D] Peter Maurer

Answer: Filippo Grandi

Explanation:

Filippo Grandi is an Italian diplomat mainly active with the United Nations' humanitarian operations. Between 2010 and 2014, he served as Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

11. Who is the author of the book "Standing Guard—A year in Opposition"?

- [A] Arun Shourie
- [B] Raghuram Govind Rajan
- [C] P. Chidambaram
- [D] Suzanna Arundhati Roy

Answer: P. Chidambaram

Explanation:

Palaniappan Chidambaram (born 16 September 1945) is an Indian politician affiliated with the Indian National Congress and a former Union Minister of Finance of India. He launched his book "Standing Guard – A Year in Opposition" a compilation of his Sunday columns published in the Indian Express in 2015.

12. The World Autism Awareness Day is observed on which date?

- [A] March 31

[B]April 1

[C]April 2

[D]April 3

Answer: April 2

Explanation:

The World Autism Awareness Day is observed every year on April 2 to raise awareness of spectrum disorder. The 2016 theme is "Autism and the 2030 Agenda: Inclusion and Neuro diversity".

13. According to the recently released UNIDO report titled "Yearbook", what is the India's rank among the world's 10 largest manufacturing countries?

[A]6th

[B]5th

[C]9th

[D]10th

Answer: 6th

Explanation:

According to the recently released United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) report titled "YearBook", India has been ranked 6th among the world's 10 largest manufacturing countries. In it, China has topped the list of 10-top industrial producers followed by the US, Japan, Germany and Korea.

14. Which Indian personality was recently bestowed with the Saudi Arabia's highest civilian honour "the King Abdulaziz Sash"?

[A]Pranab Mukherjee

[B]Sushma Swaraj

[C]Narendra Modi

[D]Dalbir Singh Suhag

Answer: Narendra Modi

Explanation:

Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, has recently bestowed with the Saudi Arabia's highest civilian honour "the King Abdulaziz Sash" by King Salman bin Abdulaziz at the Royal Court.

15. World's first 'White Tiger Safari' has opened in which state of India?

[A]Rajasthan

[B]Madhya Pradesh

[C]Gujarat

[D]West Bengal

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

The world's first 'White Tiger Safari' has recently opened for public at Mukundpur in Satna district, Madhya Pradesh. The first of its kind safari has cost Rs. 50 crore and is spread over an area of 25

hectares. It is home to three white tigers including one male, two females and two Royal Bengal tigers.

16. Who has won the 2016 Miami Open Men's singles title?

[A]Rafael Nadal

[B]Novak Djokovic

[C]David Ferrer

[D]Kei Nishikori

Answer: Novak Djokovic

Novak Djokovic (Serbia) has won the 2016 Miami Open Title in the men's singles category by defeating Kei Nishikori (Japan) by 6-3, 6-3 at Miami, Florida. On the other hand, in the women's singles category, Victoria Azarenka of Belarus has won the title by defeating Svetlana Kuznetsova (Russia) by 6-3, 6-2 score.

17. Who has won the 2016 Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix?

[A]Kimi Raikkonen

[B]Lewis Hamilton

[C]Nico Rosberg

[D]Daniel Ricciardo

Answer: Nico Rosberg

Explanation:

Nico Rosberg, a German racing driver for Mercedes Formula One team, has won the 2016 Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix at the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir, Bahrain.

18. Who has won the 2016 Paris marathon in the men's category?

[A]Mark Korir

[B]Martin Lel

[C]Abraha Gebretsadik

[D]Cyprian Kotut

Answer: Cyprian Kotut

Explanation:

Cyprian Kotut, Kenyan long-distance runner, has won the 40th edition of the 2016 Paris marathon in the men's category in Paris. With this, he became the 12th Kenyan to win the race and put his case straight ahead of the national marathon team selection for 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

19. Unakoti hill, an ancient Shaivite place of worship, is located in which state of India?

[A]Uttarakhand

[B]Tamil Nadu

[C]Odisha

[D]Tripura

Answer: Tripura

Explanation:

Unakoti hill is an ancient Shaivite place of worship with huge rock reliefs celebrating Shiva. It is the prime tourist spot of Unakoti Tripura District in the Kailashahar Subdivision in the Northeastern Indian state of Tripura.

20. Which of the following is the newly introduced fully unreserved, superfast train in India?

- [A] Humsafar Express
- [B] Antyodaya Express
- [C] TEJAS Express
- [D] UDAY Express

Answer: Antyodaya Express

Explanation:

Humsafar is the fully air-conditioned third AC service with an optional service for meals. Tejas will be operating at speeds of 130 kmph and above, it will offer onboard services such as entertainment, local cuisine, Wi-Fi, etc. Through one service provider. Antyodaya Express, a long-distance, fully unreserved, superfast train service, for the common man to be operated on dense routes. Utkrisht Double-Decker Air-conditioned Yatri (UDAY) Express will be on busiest routes, which has the potential to increase carrying capacity by almost 40%.

21. Which of the following tournament celebrated its silver jubilee on April 6, 2016?

- [A] Sultan Azlan Shah Cup
- [B] Thomas & Uber Cup
- [C] Hero Indian Open
- [D] Santosh Trophy

Answer: Sultan Azlan Shah Cup

Explanation:

The Sultan Azlan Shah Cup is an annual international men's field hockey tournament held in Malaysia. It began in 1983 as a biennial contest. The tournament became an annual event after 1998, following its growth and popularity.

22. Prime Minister of which country recently resigned from his post after his name was revealed in Panama paper leak?

- [A] Iceland
- [B] Kenya
- [C] Mexico
- [D] Bulgaria

Answer: Iceland

Explanation:

Iceland Prime Minister Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson resigned recently, after his name was revealed in Panama paper leaks.

23. The world's first mass dengue vaccination programme has been launched by which country?

- [A] Israel
- [B] Philippines
- [C] United States
- [D] Russia

Answer: Philippines

Explanation:

The world's first mass dengue vaccination programme has been launched by Philippines with a French drug Dengvaxia (world's 1st dengue fever vaccine) to combat mosquito-borne disease. In this program, hundreds of children whose age is between 9 to 10 are protected with the injections in front of government health workers at a public school in eastern Manila.

24. Who has been conferred with the 2014 the National Geoscience Award for Excellence?

- [A] Muduru Lachhana Dora
- [B] Ashok Kumar Singhvi
- [C] Vijay V. Mugal
- [D] Lalit Khasdeo

Answer: Ashok Kumar Singhvi

Explanation:

Prof. Ashok Kumar Singhvi, honorary professor of PRL Ahmadabad, has been conferred with the 2014 National Geoscience Award for Excellence for his outstanding contributions in the field of Quaternary Geology. Apart from him, Dr. Indra Kumar Sen, Assistant professor of IIT Kanpur, receives the Young Scientist Award for his contributions in the field of geochemical evolution of earth. Besides, 31-geoscientists receive the award, as individuals or team, for meritorious contributions in twelve fields of geosciences. The awards were presented by the President of India Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

25. India's first Aadhaar enabled ATM has been launched by which bank?

- [A] State Bank of India
- [B] ICICI Bank
- [C] DCB Bank
- [D] Axis Bank

Answer: DCB Bank

Explanation:

The DCB Bank has launched India's first Aadhaar-based ATM usage facility to make transactions easier with ATM for customers. The ATM will accept Aadhaar number and Aadhaar fingerprint (biometric) instead of ATM/Debit Card and PIN to dispense cash from the bank account. It is a Cardless and PIN less ATM. The user can key-in the 12-digit Aadhaar

number or swipe the card at an ATM to start a transaction, but at the stage of confirming the identity, it requires biometric details rather than the PIN. In case of authentication, a customer just has to put his/her finger on the scanner.

26. Who is the newly elected President of Vietnam?

- [A] Tran Dai Quang
- [B] Truong Tan Sang
- [C] Nguyen Phu Trong
- [D] Nguyen Huu Vinh

Answer: Tran Dai Quang

Explanation:

Tran Dai Quang, a former chief of Vietnam's internal security organisation, has recently sworn in as the 9th President of Vietnam. He succeeded Truong Tan Sang and shall have term of five years. Quang is a member of the 12th Politburo of the Communist Party of Vietnam.

27. Which mobile app has been recently launched by Union Government to empower common people to demand 24x7 Power?

- [A] Vidyut 24x7
- [B] Vidyut Sangam
- [C] Vidyut Power
- [D] Vidyut Pravah

Answer: Vidyut Pravah

Explanation:

The Union Government has recently launched a mobile app "Vidyut PRAVAH- Electricity, Price Availability and Highlights" in New Delhi to provide highlights of the power availability in the country on real time basis. The app will empower common people to demand 24x7 power from the states and will take transparency to the next level and make state governments more accountable.

28. The International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed on which date?

- [A] April 3
- [B] April 4
- [C] April 5
- [D] April 6

Answer: April 4

Explanation:

The International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed every year on April 4 to foster the establishment and development of national mine-action capacities in countries where mines and explosive remnants of war constitute a serious threat to the safety, health and lives of the civilian population or an impediment to social and economic development at the national

and local levels. The 2016 theme is "Mine Action is Humanitarian Action".

29. What is the name of India's first recently launched cash giving app?

- [A] INSTANT
- [B] CASHe
- [C] ASSure
- [D] Beyond

Answer: CASHe

Explanation:

India's first cash giving app "CASHe" has been launched by the Tslc Pte Ltd, a fin-tech company. The app will provide users a personalized experience to borrow cash anytime, anywhere within minutes for their needs. This application offers immediate cash loans based on users social profile, merit and earning potential with the support of various algorithms and machine learning. Here, one get convenient 15-day loan for a one-time processing fee. There are no other hidden costs, no painful paper work and no human interaction.

30. The National Maritime Day of India is celebrated on which day?

- [A] April 3
- [B] April 4
- [C] April 5
- [D] April 6

Answer: April 5

Explanation:

The National Maritime Day of India is celebrated every year on April 5. On this day, in 1919 navigation history was created when SS Loyalty, the first ship of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, journeyed to the United Kingdom.

31. Dev Javia is associated with which sports?

- [A] Badminton
- [B] Tennis
- [C] Volley ball
- [D] Chess

Answer: Tennis

Explanation:

Dev Javia, one of the Gujarat's top tennis players, will lead the Indian challenge in the ITF World Junior Tennis Competition of Asia/Oceania under-14 in Nonthaburi, Thailand from April 16 to May 1, 2016.

32. Myneni Hari Prasad Rao, who died recently, was as an architect of which power station of India?

- [A] Rajasthan Atomic Power Station
- [B] Madras Atomic Power Station
- [C] Narora Atomic Power Station

[D]Tarapur Atomic Power Station

Answer:Madras Atomic Power Station

Explanation:

Dr. Myneni Hari Prasad Rao (88), was considered as the architect of the Madras Atomic Power Station (MAPS) and it's first project director, was passed away recently in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. During his career, he received many awards such as Padma Shri (1984), Sanjay Gandhi Award for contribution in Science and Technology (1983), etc.

33. Which committee has been set up to suggest ways to tighten security along Indo-Pak border?

[A]Shailesh Nagar committee

[B]NR Madhava committee

[C]Madhukar Gupta committee

[D]Abhijit Sen committee

Answer:Madhukar Gupta committee

Explanation:

The Government of India (GoI) has recently constituted a high-level committee to suggest ways to fortify the security along the border with Pakistan and address the issue of gaps and vulnerability in border fencing. The committee will be headed by former Home Secretary Madhukar Gupta and will submit its report in 3 months. The mandate of the committee is to study all types of gaps in fencing and all other vulnerabilities in the International Border on Indo-Pakistan Border. It will suggest comprehensive approach to fix the gaps in fencing and other vulnerabilities on interim and permanent basis.

34. The Sultan Azlan Shah Cup is held in which country?

[A]Pakistan

[B]Malaysia

[C]India

[D]Indonesia

Answer:Malaysia

Explanation:

The 25th edition of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2016 has started at Ipoh, Malaysia. It is the Asia's biggest hockey tournament, which is celebrating its' Silver Jubilee this year.

35. The United Nations' (UN) International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) is observed on which date?

[A]April 3

[B]April 4

[C]April 5

[D]April 6

Answer:April 6

Explanation:

The United Nations' (UN) International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) is observed every year on April 6 to recognize the power of sport in promoting peace and erasing cultural barriers worldwide. On IDSDP 2016, the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP) has launched "Let's play for Sustainable Development Goals" campaign to build awareness about the newly adopted UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its SDGs, focusing on how sport can contribute to their advancement.

36. What is the maximum speed of the India's first semi high-speed train "Gatimaan Express"?

[A]160 kmph

[B]170 kmph

[C]180 kmph

[D]190 kmph

Answer:160 kmph

Explanation:

India's fastest train Gatimaan Express "Gatimaan Express" has been flagged off from Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway station to Agra Cantt. Station. The train completed its 200 km journey to Agra within 100 minutes. It is capable of running at a maximum speed of 160 kmph.

37. India has recently launched "Transnational Skill Standards", which is benchmarked to which country?

[A]United States

[B]United Kingdom

[C]France

[D]Japan

Answer:United Kingdom

Explanation:

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Rajeev Pratap Rudy has recently launched "Transnational Skill Standards" in India to support international mobility of Indian workforce and also prepare them to work in international companies having their operations in India. These standards in skill development are benchmarked to the skill standards in United Kingdom across 82 identified job roles. It will highlight the gaps in Indian Standards against the UK standards and to cover the gaps, those intending to migrate, will undergo 'bridge training'.

38. The 2016 Water Film Festival has started in which city of India?

[A]Bhopal

[B]Mumbai

[C]New Delhi

[D]Itanagar

Answer:New Delhi

Explanation:

The 2016 Water Film Festival, a part of the India Water Week 2016 celebrations, has started at Water Expo-2016 in New Delhi on April 6, 2016. The film festival is organized by the Water and Power Consultancy Services (WAPCOS), a PSU under Ministry of Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

39. Which company recently made an appeal in International Court of Justice for arbitration proceedings over India Tax Arbitration?

[A]Vodafone

[B]Posco

[C]United Breweries Group

[D]Nestle

Answer:Vodafone

Explanation:

Vodafone Group Plc has moved the International Court of Justice (ICJ) seeking appointment of a third arbitrator in its Rs 20,000-crore tax dispute with India.

40. Mossack Fonseca & Co., which was recently in news, is a company from which country?

[A]Britain

[B]Panama

[C]Iceland

[D]U.S.A

Answer:Panama

Explanation:

Mossack Fonseca & Co. is a Panamanian law firm and corporate service provider. The firm has received worldwide media attention in 2016, when an enormous cache of its documents was provided to news media in the Panama Papers leak of information on off-shore tax havens.

41. What is the theme of 2016 World Health Day (WHD)?

[A]Healthy heart beat, Healthy blood pressure

[B]Beat Diabetes

[C]Healthy blood pressure

[D]Save lives: Make hospitals safe in emergencies

Answer:Beat Diabetes

Explanation:

The World Health Day (WHD) is observed every year on April 7 to raise awareness on different health topics. The 2016 theme is "Beat Diabetes" to scale up diabetes prevention, strengthen care and enhance surveillance.

42. Which country has won the 2016 Asian Nations Cup Chess tournament?

[A]India

[B]Sri Lanka

[C]Indonesia

[D]Malaysia

Answer:India

Explanation:

India has won the 2016 Asian Nations Cup Chess tournament by defeating Vietnam with a 3-1 victory in the final round in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE). Previously, India won the event in Esfahan, Iran (2005) and Kolkata, India (2009).

43. The 2016 International Conference on the "Zero" was recently hosted by which country?

[A]Russia

[B]Vietnam

[C]France

[D]Brazil

Answer:France

Explanation:

The 2016 International Conference on the "Zero" has recently held at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France. On this occasion, a bronze bust of the ancient Indian mathematician-astronomer Aryabhata has gifted by India to UNESCO as its tribute to the world of mathematics and science. From India, the Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Smriti Zubin Irani has addressed the conference.

44. Who is the newly appointed Prime Minister of Iceland?

[A]Sigrun Magnusdottir

[B]Bjarni Benediktsson

[C]Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson

[D]Sigurdur Ingi Johannsson

Answer:Sigurdur Ingi Johannsson

Explanation:

Sigurdur Ingi Johannsson is the newly elected Prime Minister of Iceland. Previously, he was the Minister of Fisheries and Agriculture and deputy leader of the Progressive Party. Johannsson succeeded Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson, who stepped down in the wake of the leaked Panama Papers incident.

45. Which Union Ministry has recently launched the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) portal?

[A]Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

[B]Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

[C]Ministry of Human Resource Development

[D]Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer:Ministry of Human Resource Development

Explanation:

The Union Ministry of Human Resource Development has recently launched the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) portal in New Delhi to facilitate publishers and authors to register for ISBN online. The ISBN is a 13-digit unique International Publisher's Identifier number, which is meant for monograph publications. It will provide access to bibliographic data bases used by the book industry and libraries to provide information. The Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Agency for ISBN is responsible for ISBN registration in the India and is affiliated to UK based International Agency. The ISBN Nos. are allotted free of cost.

46. "Maa Annapurna Yojna" has been launched in which state of India?

[A]Odisha

[B]Tamil Nadu

[C]Gujarat

[D]Kerela

Answer:Gujarat

Explanation:

The Gujarat Government has launched the state-wide "Maa Annapurna Yojna (Scheme)" at Sanand, Ahmedabad to provide cereals at concessional rates to poor and middle class families under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). This scheme will cover BPL, Antyodaya and APL families.

47. Which railway zone has become the largest freight loading railway zone of Indian Railways in FY 2015-16?

[A]West Central Railway

[B]North Central Railway

[C]East Coast Railway

[D]South Central Railway

Answer:East Coast Railway

Explanation:

The East Coast Railway (ECoR) has become the largest freight loading zone of Indian Railways in FY 2015-16 by achieving record revenue loading performance. It has loaded 173.49 million tonnes of freight as compared to 161.91 million tonnes in FY 2014-15. The EoCR has headquarters in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

48. The 2016 National Tribal Carnival will be held in which city of India?

[A]Delhi

[B]Lucknow

[C]Jaipur

[D]Bhopal

Answer:Delhi

Explanation:

The first National Tribal Carnival will be held in Delhi from April 29 to May 02, 2016 to preserve and promote various facets of the tribal life relating to culture, tradition, customs and their skills and to expose it to the general population with a view to utilizing the potential for overall holistic development of the Scheduled Tribes.

49. The first-ever North East-ASEAN Business Summit was hosted by which city of India?

[A]Agartala

[B]Imphal

[C]Kolkata

[D]Shillong

Answer:Imphal

Explanation:

The first-ever North East-ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Business Summit 2016 was held at Imphal, Manipur with the focus on road connectivity, trade and tourism. It is organised by the Union ministry of development of NE region in association with the Manipur government in Imphal from April 7 to 9, 2016.

50. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of NASSCOM?

[A]Parasmal Parekh

[B]CP Gurnani

[C]Raman Roy

[D]BVR Mohan Reddy

Answer:CP Gurnani

Explanation:

CP Gurnani has been appointed as the chairman of National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) for 2016-17. He succeeded BVR Mohan Reddy.

51. Which committee has been recently constituted to monitor Government Advertisements?

[A]Raghuveer committee

[B]C K Prasad committee

[C]B B Tandon committee

[D]Rajat Sharma committee

Answer:B B Tandon committee

Explanation:

The Union Government has recently constituted a B B Tandon committee to see that guidelines set for government advertisements by the Supreme Court are followed.

52. Which Indian-origin scientist has been recently selected for NASA's Innovative Advanced Concepts (NIAC) programme?

- [A]Mridula Dubey
- [B]Ratnakumar Bugga
- [C]P K Jain
- [D]Sunil Bhargav

Answer:Ratnakumar Bugga

Explanation:

An Indian-origin researcher, Ratnakumar Bugga has recently selected for NASA's Innovative Advanced Concepts (NIAC) programme for his concept titled "Venus Interior Probe Using In-situ Power and Propulsion (VIP-INSPIRE)". The purpose of the programme is to revolutionise future space missions to Mars and beyond. Bugga is from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in California, United States.

53. Which state has become the first Indian state to pass Land Title Bill?

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

Answer:Rajasthan

Explanation:

Rajasthan has become the first Indian state to pass land title bill as the Rajasthan Urban Land (Certification Of Titles) Bill, 2016, has recently passed by the state assembly for providing statutory backing to land records, effectively guaranteeing land and property ownership.

54. India's first Metro Pod project will come up in which city?

- [A]Noida
- [B]Gurgaon
- [C]New Delhi
- [D]Lucknow

Answer:Gurgaon

Explanation:

The Union Government has approved India's first Metro Pod project i.e. Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) network for Gurgaon, Haryana. The financing for this 'completely private project' will be made by the private company that sets up the PRT in the region. Every pod of Metro taxi can accommodate up to five passengers and the fare is likely to be similar to that of Metro rail in Delhi.

55. Who is the author of the book titled "A State in Denial – Pakistan's Misguided and Dangerous Crusade"?

- [A]B.G. Verghese

[B]Amish Tripathi

[C]Ashwin Sanghi

[D]Preeti Shenoy

Answer:B.G. Verghese

Explanation:

B.G. Verghese is the author of the book titled "A State in Denial – Pakistan's Misguided and Dangerous Crusade". The book explores a subject of immense global significance of Pakistan and its relations with remaining World including India.

56. Who has been conferred with UK's prestigious Founders Award 2016?

- [A]Kunal Nayyar
- [B]Prakash Lohia
- [C]Mother Teresa
- [D]Paul Sagoo

Answer:Mother Teresa

Explanation:

Mother Teresa has been posthumously honoured with the UK's prestigious Founders Award 2016, which is given to recognise and reward exemplary achievements of people within the global Asian community. She founded the Missionaries of Charity and spent 45 years serving the poor, the sick, the orphaned and the dying on the streets of Kolkata. The award was received by the Agi Bojazhiu (niece), Teresa's only living relative.

57. "Zarb missile" has been successfully test fired by which country?

- [A]United Arab Emirates
- [B]Iran
- [C]Israel
- [D]Pakistan

Answer:Pakistan

Explanation:

The Pakistan Navy has successful test-fired "Zarb", a shore-based anti-ship missile. The surface to sea missile has launched from coastal site and successfully hit the surface target in the Arabian Sea.

58. "Shaheen Eagle 2016" is a joint airforce drill between which two countries?

- [A]Pakistan and Afghanistan
- [B]Pakistan and China
- [C]India and Bangladesh
- [D]Iran and Afghanistan

Answer:Pakistan and China

Explanation:

The 5th edition of the joint air force training exercise "Shaheen Eagle 2016" has been

conducting between Pakistan and China in Pakistan from April 9, 2016 and it will be continue till April 30, 2016.

59. Who among the following has won the American's world International Boxing Federation (IBF) title?

[A] Briton Anthony Joshua

[B] Mohammed Ali Qamar

[C] Rubin Carter

[D] Sugar Ray Leonard

Answer: Briton Anthony Joshua

Explanation:

Anthony Joshua defeated Charles Martin in two rounds at London's O2 Arena to claim the IBF heavyweight title in only his 16th professional fight.

Joshua is also just the third man to win a pro heavyweight world title while still a reigning Olympic champion.

60. Puttingal Temple is located in which state of India?

[A] Kerala

[B] Andhra Pradesh

[C] Tamil Nadu

[D] Karnataka

Answer: Kerala

Explanation:

The Puttingal temple was recently in news after huge fire broke out at the temple at Paravaur (Kollam District) of Kerala, leaving at least eighty dead and over a hundred injured.

61. Whose birth anniversary will be celebrated on April 13, 2016 at the UN headquarters?

[A] B R Ambedkar

[B] Annie Besant

[C] Florence Nightingale

[D] George Washington

Answer: B R Ambedkar

Explanation:

The Permanent Mission of India to the UN will commemorate the 125th birth anniversary of Ambedkar on April 13 at the UN headquarters here, a day before his birthday. On the occasion, a panel discussion will be organised on 'Combating inequalities for the achievement of SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)'.

62. The Mullaperiyar Dam has been a subject of controversy between which two states?

[A] Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

[B] Kerala & Tamil Nadu

[C] Telangana and Karnataka

[D] Kerala & Karnataka

Answer: Kerala & Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

The Mullaperiyar Dam or Mullaiperiyar Dam is a masonry gravity dam on the Periyar River in the Indian state of Kerala. It is located 881 m above mean sea level, on the Cardamom Hills of the Western Ghats in Thekkady, Idukki District of Kerala, South India. It has been a subject of controversy between Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

63. The headquarters of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) are located at:

[A] New Delhi

[B] Mumbai

[C] Chennai

[D] Ahmedabad

Answer: New Delhi

Explanation:

CII is a non-government, non-profit organisation, industry-led and industry-managed organization, playing a proactive role in India's development process. Founded in 1895, CII has over 7200 members, from the private as well as public sectors.

64. What is "doda post", which has been frequently making news?

[A] A mammal species that has been recently declared extinct

[B] It is a drug made of poppy husk

[C] A bacterium species capable of breaking down plastic

[D] A space probe built by the Indian Space Research Organisation

Answer: It is a drug made of poppy husk

Explanation:

"Doda-post" is a drug made of poppy husk, and is consumed widely in Rajasthan and Punjab.

Rajasthan is the only state in India to legally sell doda. The drug was in news when Rajasthan

Government recently decided to put a ban on sale of

the drug.

65. As per figures for 2014-15, which of the following is the correct order of states with their Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)?

[A] Maharashtra>Uttar Pradesh>West Bengal>Gujarat

[B] Gujarat>Maharashtra>Uttar Pradesh>West Bengal

[C] Uttar Pradesh> Maharashtra> West Bengal>Gujarat

[D] Maharashtra>Gujarat>Uttar Pradesh>West Bengal

Answer: Maharashtra>Uttar Pradesh>West Bengal>Gujarat

Explanation:

Maharashtra(16.8 lakh crore)>Uttar Pradesh(9.76 lakh crore)>West Bengal(8.00 lakh crore)>Gujarat(7.66 lakh crore)

66. The Group of Seven (G-7) summit for the year 2016 is to be held in which country?

- [A]Japan
- [B]France
- [C]Canada
- [D]Germany

Answer:Japan

Explanation:

The Group of 7 (G7) is a group consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The next major G7 summit will be held in Japan in 2016.

67. Farzad B gas field is located in which of the following country?

- [A]Iran
- [B]Oman
- [C]Saudi Arabia
- [D]Afghanistan

Answer:Iran

Explanation:

Recently, India has offered to invest up to 20 billion US dollars in Iran's energy industry, subject to provision of concessional rights. The two nations, also discussed developments regarding Farzad-B gas field.

68. "Mission Bhagiratha" is the prestigious water grid project in which state of India?

- [A]Telangana
- [B]Uttarakhand
- [C]Bihar
- [D]Uttar Pradesh

Answer:Telangana

Explanation:

Mission Bhagiratha is the water grid project in Telangana State of India, which aims at reaching out drinking water supply to even remotest place in the State.

69. The RV Easwar Committee gave recommendations on:

- [A]simplification of income tax laws
- [B]Goods and Services Tax in India
- [C]banking reforms
- [D]crude oil and gas pricing

Answer:simplification of income tax laws

Explanation:

The RV Easwar Committee gave recommendations on simplification of income tax laws.

70. Who among the following is popularly known as "Krishi ka Rishi"?

- [A]Subhash Palekar
- [B]Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan

[C]Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar

[D]Norman Ernest Borlaug

Answer:Subhash Palekar

Explanation:

Subhash Palekar, popularly known as Krishi ka Rishi (the "sage of agriculture"), is a famous exponent of natural farming.

71. The 2016 Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation is to be held in which city of India?

- [A]New Delhi
- [B]Lucknow
- [C]Jodhpur
- [D]Indore

Answer:New Delhi

Explanation:

The 3rd edition of Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation 2016 is to be held in New Delhi on April 12, 2016. The three-day conference will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

72. Who has been crowned as the FBB Femina Miss India World 2016?

- [A]Namrata Sharma
- [B]Priyadarshini Chatterjee
- [C]Pankhuri Gidwani
- [D]Sushruthi Krishna

Answer:Priyadarshini Chatterjee

Explanation:

Priyadarshini Chatterjee from Delhi has crowned the FBB Femina Miss India World 2016. With this, she will represent India at the Miss World 2016 pageant.

73. Who will receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation's Best Actress of the Year award 2016?

- [A]Deepika Padukone
- [B]Anushka Sharma
- [C]Priyanka Chopra
- [D]Kangna Ranaut

Answer:Priyanka Chopra

Explanation:

Priyanka Chopra will be given Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation's Best Actress of the Year award. The ceremony will be held in Mumbai, Maharashtra on April 24, 2016. This will be her 2nd award from the Foundation after she received her first one for 'Most Memorable Performance' in 2011 for her role in Vishal Bhardwaj's film "Saath Khoon Maaf".

74. Who has won the 2016 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize?

- [A]Khadija Ismayilova
- [B]Reeyot Alemu

[C]Ahmet Sik
[D]Mazen Darwish

Answer:Khadija Ismayilova

Explanation:

Khadija Ismayilova, an investigative journalist from Azerbaijan, has won the 2016 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize in recognition of her outstanding contribution to press freedom in difficult circumstances. The prize will be awarded on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2016 in Finland.

75. Which of the following institutes has won the National Intellectual Property (IP) Award 2016?

- [A]Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur
- [B]Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay
- [C]Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi
- [D]Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore

Answer:Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur

Explanation:

The IIT-Kharagpur has won the National Intellectual Property (IP) award by the Government of India (GoI) for being the top academic institute for patents in 2016. The award carries an amount of Rs.1,00,000, a citation and a memento and will be given by the Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on the occasion of World IP Day (April 26, 2016) in New Delhi.

76. Who is the author of the book titled “India’s War: The Making of Modern South Asia 1939-1945”?

- [A]Mini Kapoor
- [B]Srinath Raghavan
- [C]Sreedhar Chandan
- [D]Suhasini Haidar

Answer:Srinath Raghavan

Explanation:

The book titled “India’s War: The Making of Modern South Asia 1939-1945” has been authored by historian Srinath Raghavan. The book highlights India as a power in its own right, rather than a mere bastion of the British Empire. It details India’s contribution to World War II and explores the war’s impact on the Independence movement.

77. The Colombo Port City project, will be developed by Sri Lanka and _?

- [A]China
- [B]India
- [C]Maldives
- [D]Malaysia

Answer:China

Explanation:

The Colombo Port City project will be developed by both China and Sri Lanka to convert it into a financial hub.

78. Soni Chaurasiya, who recently broke the record of marathon dancing of 123 hours and 20 minutes, is associated with which dance form of India?

- [A]Kathak
- [B]Dumhal
- [C]Sattriya
- [D]Hikat

Answer:Kathak

Explanation:

Soni Chaurasiya, who is a 31-year-old Kathak dancer from Varanasi, have broken the previous record of marathon dancing of 123 hours and 20 minutes.

79. Who has won the 2016 US Masters golf tournament?

- [A]Jordan Spieth
- [B]Lee Westwood
- [C]Danny Willett
- [D]J Donaldson

Answer:Danny Willett

Explanation:

Danny Willett, an English professional golfer, has won the 80th edition of US Masters golf tournament 2016 at Augusta National in Georgia, United States. With this, he became the first European to win the Masters since 1999 and the first from England since Nick Faldo’s similar win in 1996.

80. Who has won the 2016 International Boxing Federation heavyweight title?

- [A]Victor Emilio Ramirez
- [B]Anthony Joshua
- [C]Sergey Kovalev
- [D]Charles Martin

Answer:Anthony Joshua

Explanation:

Anthony Joshua, a British professional boxer, has won the 2016 International Boxing Federation heavyweight title in London. With this, he became the first boxer in history to hold the Olympic super heavyweight crown and a version of the world heavyweight title simultaneously with his stunning triumph at the O2 Arena, a few miles from where he won gold at the London 2012 Games.

81. The International Day of Human Space Flight is observed on which day?

- [A]April 11
- [B]April 10
- [C]April 12

[D]April 13

Answer:April 12

Explanation:

The International Day of Human Space Flight is observed every year on April 12 to begin the space era for mankind and to reaffirm the important contribution of space science and technology in achieving sustainable development goals. On this date, in 1961, the first human space flight was carried out by Yuri Gagarin, which opened the way for space exploration for the benefit of all humanity.

82. Which state government has recently launched "Food Entitlement Scheme"?

[A]Sikkim

[B]Jammu and Kashmir

[C]Himachal Pradesh

[D]Haryana

Answer:Jammu and Kashmir

Explanation:

The Jammu and Kashmir government has recently launched Mufti Mohammad Sayeed Food Entitlement Scheme (MMSFES) to supplement the National Food Security Act in the state. As per the scheme, all those persons who are covered under the state's public distribution system, will get additional 5 kgs of ration per person in addition to 5 kgs of ration they are entitled to get under NFSA.

83. Which of the following has become the first entity to receive approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start a payments bank?

[A]Airtel M Commerce Services

[B]Fino Pay Tech

[C]Reliance Industries

[D]Cholamandalam Distribution Services Ltd.

Answer:Airtel M Commerce Services

Explanation:

Airtel M Commerce Services Ltd., a subsidiary of Bharti Airtel, has become the first entity to receive final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start a payments bank. The payments banks are not allowed to lend, they have to tie-up with banks will help them source loans for their customers.

84. Which of the following districts has been recently renamed by the Haryana Government?

[A]Rohtak

[B]Hissar

[C]Gurgaon

[D]Faridabad

Answer:Gurgaon

Explanation:

The Haryana Government has recently renamed Gurgaon district as "Gurugram district". The city is the corporate hub of Haryana located immediately south of the National Capital Territory of Delhi. As per the sources, Gurgaon derived its name from the name of Guru Dronacharya, the master of archery in Mahabharata who tutored the Pandavas. The village was given as gurudakshina to him by his students "the Pandavas" and thus, it came to be known as Guru-gram, which in course of time got distorted to Gurgaon. Beside this, the Haryana government has also decided to rename Mewat district as Nuh.

85. Who has won the 2016 Global Indian of the Year award?

[A]Shahrukh Khan

[B]Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

[C]Sanjay Leela Bhansali

[D]Priyanka Chopra

Answer:Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

Explanation:

The bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan has won the Global Indian of the Year award at the 2016 NRI of the Year award function in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The NRI of the Year Award recognises outstanding achievements of the Indian diaspora globally.

86. Which country has successfully launched "SJ-10" a retrievable scientific research satellite?

[A]India

[B]United States

[C]China

[D]Russia

Answer:China

Explanation:

China has successfully launched a retrievable scientific research satellite "SJ-10" in a bid to aid scientists to study microgravity and space life science. The satellite was put into orbit by Long March 2-D rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwestern China's Gobi desert. It will house 19 experiments including microgravity fluid physics, microgravity combustion, space material, space radiation effect, microgravity biological effect and space bio-technology, etc., before coming back to Earth with results.

87. Which interface has been launched by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for next-generation mobile banking?

[A]Unique Payments Interface

[B]Unified Payments Interface

[C]Universal Payments Interface

[D]Unicellular Payments Interface

Answer:Unified Payments Interface

Explanation:

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched "Unified Payments Interface (UPI)", which will leverage trends such as increasing smart phone adoption and deeper penetration of mobile data. The UPI is a new payment method that powers multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application (of any bank) of a participating bank,merging several banking features, seamless fund routing and merchant payments into one hood. It facilitates 'virtual address' as a payment identifier for sending and collecting money and works on single click 2 factor authentication. It also provides an option for scheduling push and pull transactions for various purposes like sharing bills among peers.

88. Who has been chosen for 2015 Saraswati Samman?

[A]K Aiyappa Panickar

[B]Vijay Tendulkar

[C]Padma Sachdev

[D]Veerappa Moily

Answer:Padma Sachdev

Padma Sachdev, Jammu-born poet and novelist, has been chosen for the 25th edition of prestigious Saraswati Samman 2015 for her autobiography 'Chitt-Chete' written in Dogri language. The award carries an award money of Rs 15 lakh, a citation and a plaque.

89. Which Indian Army Chief has been conferred with the Officer of the Legion of Honour, the highest French civilian distinction?

[A]Bikram Singh

[B]Deepak Kapoor

[C]Joginder Jaswant Singh

[D]Nirmal Chander Vij

Answer:Joginder Jaswant Singh

Explanation:

Joginder Jaswant Singh, ex-Indian Army Chief General, has been conferred with the prestigious "Officer of the Legion of Honour" in recognition of his "stellar role" in modernising the Indian Army and initiating robust exchanges between the Indian and French armies leading to unprecedented levels of cooperation and inter-operability and creation of enduring ties and promotion of mutual understanding between the two countries. The award is the highest civilian award given by the French Republic for outstanding service to France, regardless of the nationality of the recipients.

90. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D)?

[A]Abhay Singh

[B]Meeran Borwankar

[C]Deepak Jog

[D]Arvind Inamdar

Answer:Meeran Borwankar

Explanation:

Meeran Chadha Borwankar, senior Maharashtra cadre IPS officer of the 1981 batch, has been appointed as the Director General of Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D). She will hold the post till her retirement in September 2017.

91. Who has topped the Time's poll of 100 most influential people?

[A]Aung San Suu Kyi

[B]Narendra Modi

[C]Bernie Sanders

[D]Hillary Clinton

Answer:Bernie Sanders

Explanation:

Bernie Sanders has acquired the top position in the Time magazine's readers' poll of the world's 100 most influential people. He is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in the 2016 election.

92. Which country has become the 189th member of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank?

[A]Senegal

[B]Chad

[C]Nauru

[D]Grenada

Answer:Nauru

Explanation:

The Republic of Nauru, a tiny South Pacific island nation, has become the 189th member of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank. By joining the World Bank (WB), Nauru will get access to financial support, technical support and special expertise in dealing with Pacific area issues like water and sanitation and disaster risk management amid the threat of climate change and rising sea levels. With the IMF, Nauru can benefit from the crisis lender's advice on managing government finances and monetary policy.

93. Who is the author of the book "Framed As a Terrorist: My 14-Year Old Struggle to Prove My Innocence"?

[A]Chaman Ara

[B]Aman Biradari

[C]Mohammad Aamir Khan

[D]Mohammad Nasir Batla

Answer: Mohammad Aamir Khan

Mohammad Aamir Khan is the author of a book titled "Framed As a Terrorist: My 14-Year Old Struggle to Prove My Innocence". It's a story of author, who is from Delhi, who was proved innocent 14 years after being charged in 18 bomb blast cases.

94. As per the recently released report by IT major Dell, which Indian city has been listed in the World's 50 'future-ready economies cities'?

[A]Mumbai

[B]Delhi

[C]Bangaluru

[D]Kolkata

Answer: Delhi

Explanation:

As per the recently released report by I major Dell, the National Capital of India, Delhi has been ranked 44th among the world's 50 'future-ready economies cities' that are embracing technology for growth. The list is topped by San Jose, followed by San Francisco, Singapore, London, Washington DC, etc. These high-growth cities were evaluated on the parameters of human capital, infrastructure and commerce. The 'Future-Ready Economies Model' scores large, high-growth global metropolitan areas based on attributes that enable people and organisations to access new tools and ideas that deliver better connectivity, better economic performance and a greater ability to attract talent.

95. Which of the following has won the Laadli Media & Advertising Award for Gender Sensitivity 2014-15 for "Films"?

[A]Bajrangi Bhaijaan

[B]Masaan

[C]Dum Laga Ke Haisha

[D]Neerja

Answer: Dum Laga Ke Haisha

Explanation:

The 7th edition of Laadli Media & Advertising Award for Gender Sensitivity 2014-15 for "Films" has been awarded to "Dum Laga Ke Haisha" and "Aligarh and Margarita with a Straw".

96. "DEEP" web portal has been launched for the acquisition of short-term power by DISCOMs.

What does 'DEEP' stands for?

[A]Discovery of Efficacy Electricity Price

[B]Discovery of Effective Electricity Price

[C]Discovery of Efficient Electricity Price

[D]Discovery of Effable Electricity Price

Answer: Discovery of Efficient Electricity Price

Explanation:

The Union Government has launched the "DEEP" web portal, an e-Bidding & e-Reverse Auction portal, for the acquisition of short-term power by Distribution Companies (DISCOMs). The DEEP stands for Discovery of Efficient Electricity Price. The web portal will ensure the continuous flow of power from seller to the buyer.

97. Which Indian Air Force base has been renamed after former IAF chief Arjan Singh?

[A]Udhampur

[B]Panagarh

[C]Darbhanga

[D]Port Blair

Answer: Panagarh

Explanation:

The Indian Air Force base at Panagarh in West Bengal has been renamed after Marshal of the Indian Air Force (MIAF) Arjan Singh and be called as "Air Force Station Arjan Singh". MIAF Arjan Singh, the former Indian Air Force (IAF) chief, is the only officer of the IAF to be promoted to five-star rank, equal to a Field Marshal and had led the IAF in the 1965 India-Pakistan war.

98. Who has been named as the International Boxing Association (AIBA) ambassador for Women's World Championship?

[A]Akhil Kumar

[B]Mary Kom

[C]Mohammad Ali Qamar

[D]Vijender Singh

Answer: Mary Kom

Explanation:

Mary Kom, an iconic Indian woman boxer, has been named as the International Boxing Association (AIBA) ambassador for Women's World Championship, which is scheduled from May 19 to 27, 2016 in Astana, Kazakhstan.

99. Super computer "Param Kanchenjunga" has been launched in which state of India?

[A]Sikkim

[B]Kerala

[C]Gujarat

[D]Odisha

Answer: Sikkim

Explanation:

The supercomputer "Param Kanchenjunga" has been launched by Sikkim Governor Shrinvas Patil at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Sikkim campus at Ravangla in South Sikkim District. The Pune-based Centre for Development of Advanced Computing 'C-DAC' and the NIT Sikkim have jointly

established the supercomputer at a cost of Rs. 3 crore. The supercomputer is expected to help achieve excellence in engineering education and research in the north-east region.

100. Who has been chosen for the Wisden Almanack's Cricketers of the Year 2015?

- [A]Jonathan Bairstow
- [B]Brendon McCullum
- [C]Ben Stokes
- [D]All of the above

Answer:All of the above

Explanation:

Jonathan Bairstow (England), Ben Stokes (England), Brendon McCullum (New Zealand), Kane Williamson (New Zealand) and Steven Smith (Australia) have been named as the Wisden Almanack's Five Cricketers of the Year 2015 for their outstanding performance in a year.

101. 'Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan' a nationwide campaign, was started from which city of India?

- [A]Mhow
- [B]Akbarpur
- [C]Surat
- [D]Varanasi

Answer:Mhow

Explanation:

Mhow, officially known as Dr Ambedkar Nagar, is a cantonment in the Indore District in Madhya Pradesh state of India. The Central Government, in collaboration with States and Panchayats, is carrying out a 'Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan' (Village Self Governance Campaign) in the period between 14th April to 24th April 2016.

102. Which airport has become the world's first airport to completely operate on solar power?

- [A]Kochi Airport
- [B]Indira Gandhi International Airport
- [C]Chennai International Airport
- [D]Kempegowda International Airport

Answer:Kochi Airport

Explanation:

Cochin (Kochi) International airport became the first airport in the world that completely operates on solar power. Now, Cochin airport's solar power plant is producing 50,000 to 60,000 units of electricity per day to be consumed for all its operational functions, which technically make the airport 'absolutely power neutral'.

103. Recently, India agreed to sign the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA)

with which country?

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

Answer:United States

Explanation:

India and the U.S. have agreed "in principle" on a logistics support agreement. The agreement was first proposed in 2004, but was resisted by UPA government for years. The agreement will make it easier for both militaries to share each other's facilities.

104. Recently, Ministry of Water Resources, has Signed an Implementation Agreement for Ganga Rejuvenation with:

- [A]German International Cooperation (GIZ)
- [B]Solyndra, Inc.
- [C]French Environment and Energy Management Agency
- [D]Brookfield Renewable Energy Partners LP

Answer:German International Cooperation (GIZ)

Explanation:

Ministry of Water Resources, has signed the River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation implementation agreement with German International Cooperation (GIZ) of Germany. The objective of the agreement is to enable responsible stakeholders at National and State level to apply integrated river basin management approach for the rejuvenation of the river Ganga.

105. POSCO Pratirodh Sangram Samiti (PPSS) is an active outfit in which state of India?

- [A]West Bengal
- [B]Odisha
- [C]Andhra Pradesh
- [D]Telangana

Answer:Odisha

Explanation:

POSCO Pratirodh Sangram Samiti (PPSS), an outfit of the local people in Odisha has been opposing land acquisition for the project since 2005.

106. The M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) is a light multiple rocket launcher from which country?

- [A]United States
- [B]China
- [C]Israel
- [D]India

Answer:United States

Explanation:

Recently, the U.S. has launched a joint South China Sea naval patrols with the Philippines,

escalating its presence as it accused Beijing of “militarising” a region which is locked in territorial disputes. The U.S. unleashed six missiles at distant targets from a dry riverbed three hours’ drive from Manila.

107. The headquarters of World Anti-Doping Agency are located at:

- [A]Brussels, Belgium
- [B]Geneva, Switzerland
- [C]Montreal, Canada
- [D]New York, USA

Answer:Montreal, Canada

Explanation:

The headquarters of World Anti-Doping Agency are located at Montreal, Canada.The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has that athletes can escape from ban for taking meldonium because it does not know for sure how long it takes for the substance to leave the body.

108. Which of the following companies has become the first to implement 85 per cent pictorial health warnings on both sides of their products?

- [A]Golden Tobacco Ltd
- [B]ITC
- [C]Kothari Products
- [D]NTC Industries

Answer:Golden Tobacco Ltd

Explanation:

The new pictorial warnings notification by Government of India mandates 85% pictorial warnings on both sides of the tobacco product packages. Golden Tobacco Ltd has become the first company to implement 85 per cent pictorial health warnings on both sides of their products.

109. The first Maritime India Summit (MIS) was held at _?

- [A]Kochi
- [B]Mumbai
- [C]Chennai
- [D]Visakhapatnam

Answer:Mumbai

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, inaugurated the first Maritime India Summit in Mumbai. He discussed over the agenda of emphasising on port-led development, the Centre plans to mobilise an investment of Rs 1 lakh crore in the port sector to more than double port capacity to 3,000 million tonnes by 2025.

110. Which country has won the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup for the year 2016?

- [A]India

- [B]Australia
- [C]New Zealand
- [D]Pakistan

Answer:Australia

Explanation:

Australia defeated India 4-0 in the summit showdown to win the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament in Ipoh, Malaysia.

111. The Indian Army’s battle exercise ‘Shatrujeet’ was conducted in which district of India?

- [A]Bikaner
- [B]Vadodara
- [C]Meerut
- [D]Jaisalmer

Answer:Bikaner

Explanation:

The Indian Army’s tank exercise ‘Shatrujeet’ was conducted in the deserts of Bikaner district of Rajasthan

112. According to a report by World Bank, which of the following country has received largest sum through remittances in year 2015?

- [A]China
- [B]India
- [C]USA
- [D]Saudi Arabia

Answer:India

Explanation:

India became the largest remittances receiving country at USD 72 billion this year followed by China at USD 64 billion, as per the World Bank Report.

113. Which State Government has made it mandatory to have a hologram on every alcohol bottle manufactured and sold in the state?

- [A]Bihar
- [B]Maharashtra
- [C]Uttar Pradesh
- [D]Gujarat

Answer:Maharashtra

Explanation:

Maharashtra Government has decided to paste “polyester base track and trace” hologram, to be supported by a mobile app, which will help consumers find out whether the liquor is fake or genuine.

114. Who among the following became the first ever Indian woman to qualify for Olympics in Gymnastics?

- [A]Dipa Karmakar
- [B]Aparna Popat

[C]Dola Banerjee

[D]Divya Singh

Answer:Dipa Karmakar

Explanation:

Dipa Karmakar becomes the first ever Indian woman to qualify for Olympics in Gymnastics.

115. Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of National Monument Authority (NMA)?

[A]Nidhi Sharma

[B]Prabha Ray

[C]Susmita Pande

[D]Nivedita Sarda

Answer:Susmita Pande

Explanation:

Susmita Pande has been appointed as the new chairperson of National Monument Authority (NMA). She succeeded Himanshu Prabha Ray. Presently, Pande is the head of the School of Studies in Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology in the Vikram University of Madhya Pradesh.

116. The 2016 Retreat of the Supreme Court judges was held in which city of India?

[A]Lucknow

[B]Delhi

[C]Bhopal

[D]Amritsar

Answer:Bhopal

Explanation:

President Pranab Mukherjee has inaugurated the 4th edition of retreat of Supreme Court Judges 2016 at the National Judicial Academy in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. In the 3-day retreat, the national issues such as global terrorism, economic growth globalization, climate change, environmental challenges, would be discussed by experts, serving and retired government officials.

117. Who is the author of the book "The Life and Death of Adolf Hitler"?

[A]James Cross Giblin

[B]John Banville

[C]Jeffrey Archer

[D]Agatha Christie

Answer:James Cross Giblin

Explanation:

James Cross Giblin (82), who is known for writing a biography of Adolf Hitler "The Life and Death of Adolf Hitler", has recently passed away in United States. He was a highly skilled editor and a children's book author.

118. The World Haemophilia Day is observed on which date?

[A]April 16

[B]April 17

[C]April 15

[D]April 18

Answer:April 17

Explanation:

The World Haemophilia Day is observed every year on April 17 to create awareness for hemophilia and other bleeding disorders. It also serves to raise funds and attract volunteers for the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH).

119. "Twitter Seva" is to be launched by Union Government for which purpose?

[A]For women safety

[B]For water purity mission

[C]For Start-Ups

[D]For fight against human trafficking

Answer:For Start-Ups

Explanation:

The Union government will launch a new service "Twitter Seva" on April 21, 2016 to address various queries of startups in a time-bound manner. In it, any startup which wants to access government irrespective of any department, they can (put their queries).

120. Which of the following will be India's first online interactive heritage portal?

[A]Sahapedia

[B]Sanskriti

[C]Dharohar

[D]BharatUday

Answer:Sahapedia

Explanation:

India's first online interactive heritage portal "Sahapedia" will be launched on April 23, 2016 by the Union Government in New Delhi. The web portal will be a collaborative knowledge resource on the arts, culture and heritage of India. The purpose of this portal is to inform, educate and act on subjects such as knowledge traditions, visual and material arts, performing arts, literature and languages, practices and rituals, histories, institutions, people, built spaces and natural environment. It will be accessible across user groups such as scholars, practitioners, students, teachers, travellers and enthusiasts, while integrating activities and services including research, documentation, digitization and conservation.

121. Who has won the 2016 Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award?

[A]Lewis Hamilton

- [B]Usain Bolt
- [C]Novak Djokovic
- [D]Lionel Messi

Answer:Novak Djokovic

Explanation:

Novak Djokovic of Serbia has won the 2016 Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award in Berlin, Germany. Beside this, 2016 Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year Award has been awarded to Serena Williams and Paralympic swimmer Daniel Dias of Brazil was given disabled sportsperson of the year award. He won the award for the third time. The Laureus World Sports Awards (also known as the Oscars of Sports) has been given to honour the notable sporting personalities and their achievements of the previous year.

122. India has recently signed MoU to promote cooperation in the field of Traditional Medicine and Homoeopathy, with which country?

- [A]Australia
- [B]Mauritius
- [C]Brazil
- [D]China

Answer:Mauritius

Explanation:

India and Mauritius has recently signed MoU to promote cooperation in the field of Traditional Medicine and Homoeopathy. It envisages exchange of experts, supply of traditional medicinal substances, joint research and development and recognition of the traditional systems of health and medicine in both countries.

123. "Twinning Network Program on Chemical Ecology" has been launched in which state of India?

- [A]Tripura
- [B]Sikkim
- [C]Nagaland
- [D]Manipur

Answer:Nagaland

Explanation:

The "Twinning Network Program on Chemical Ecology" has been launched in Kohima, Nagaland by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, the Union Minister for Science and Earth Sciences. The program is a new collaborative and interdisciplinary programme in Chemical Ecology between institutions in the North Eastern Region (NER) and partners in Bangalore.

124. The Regional Conference of North Eastern States on Child Adoption has been held in which city of India?

- [A]Agartala

- [B]Aizawl
- [C]Shillong
- [D]Itanagar

Answer:Shillong

Explanation:

The Regional Conference of North Eastern States on Child Adoption has been held at State Convention Centre in Shillong, Meghalaya. The Union Minister for Women & Child Development Maneka Gandhi has inaugurated the conference to familiarize the stakeholders involved in the adoption process in North Eastern States about the provisions relating to adoption under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and orient them about the provisions of Adoption Guidelines – 2015 as well as the online adoption process through Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS).

125. Which village panchayat has been awarded as the best Panchayat in India?

- [A]Daultabad village of Uttar Pradesh
- [B]Lodhruva village of Rajasthan
- [C]Balamallupalli village of Telangana
- [D]Delakhari village of Madhya Pradesh

Answer:Balamallupalli village of Telangana

Explanation:

In Telangana, Balamallupalli village in Karimnagar district has been awarded as the best Panchayat in India. The sarpanch of the Kasturi village, Tirupati Reddy will receive the award from Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Jamshedpur, Jharkhand state on April 24, 2016.

126. The 2016 Islamic Summit Conference has been concluded in which country?

- [A]Iran
- [B]Afghanistan
- [C]Turkey
- [D]Israel

Answer:Turkey

Explanation:

The 13th edition of the Islamic Summit Conference has been concluded in Istanbul, Turkey under the theme "Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace". The agenda of the summit included many issues such as the question of Palestine and Arab-Israeli conflict, conflict situation in the Muslim world, combating terrorism and violent extremism, Islamophobia, humanitarian situation in the Muslim world and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) 2025 Programme of Action.

127. Which private sector bank has become the first in India to open dedicated branch for

startups?

[A]Dhanlaxmi Bank

[B]RBL Bank

[C]ICICI Bank

[D]IDFC Bank

Answer:RBL Bank

Explanation:

The RBL Bank Ltd. (formerly Ratnakar Bank) has become the first private sector bank in India to open a specialized branch for start-ups offering a bouquet of banking products to service the end-to-end needs of the emerging entrepreneurial eco-system. The branch was inaugurated at Koramangala, Bengaluru, by Nandan Nilekani, noted entrepreneur and former chairman of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

128. Which Indian umpire has been recently promoted as umpire for International Hockey Federation (FIH)?

[A]Deepika Kaul

[B]Nepoleon Singh

[C]Satinder Sharma

[D]Durga Thakur

Answer:Durga Thakur

Explanation:

Durga Thakur from India has recently been promoted to international outdoor umpire by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) following her good performance at the recently-held Hawkes Bay Cup in Hastings, New Zealand. She is a physical education teacher at Modern School, New Delhi and represented her state Himachal Pradesh in the National Championships in three sporting disciplines viz. handball, basketball and hockey.

129. The Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (CGRBMS) has been launched in which city of India?

[A]New Delhi

[B]Varanasi

[C]Patna

[D]Lucknow

Answer:New Delhi

Explanation:

The Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (CGRBMS) has been launched in New Delhi by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation with Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IITK). The CGRBMS will work as a think-tank to coordinate all activities within the Ganga river basin, including science, technology, research, innovation, social and investment related aspects.

130. As per recently released Assocham-SREI report, which state has acquired the top position in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects across India?

[A]Maharashtra

[B]Uttar Pradesh

[C]Haryana

[D]Gujarat

Answer:Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

As per the recently released ASSOCHAM-SREI report titled 'PPP Investment in Indian Infrastructure: Need for growth and development', Uttar Pradesh has acquired the top position with the highest share (15%) in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects across India, followed by Maharashtra (11%), Haryana (8.5%), Gujarat (6%) and Madhya Pradesh (4.5%).

131. The Cheraman Juma Masjid is located in which state of India?

[A]Karnataka

[B]Telangana

[C]Kerala

[D]Andhra Pradesh

Answer:Kerala

Explanation:

The Cheraman Juma Masjid is a mosque in Methala, Kodungallur Taluk, Thrissur District in the Indian state of Kerala Built in 629 AD, it is the first mosque in India.

132. Which of the following countries have recently signed an agreement for the launch of "PRSS-1" satellite to monitor CPEC projects?

[A]India and Iran

[B]Pakistan and China

[C]India and United States

[D]Japan and United States

Answer:Pakistan and China

Explanation:

Pakistan and China have recently signed an agreement for the launch of a special satellite "Pakistan Remote Sensing Satellite (PRSS-1) System" in June 2018 to monitor the development of the \$46 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. The CPEC project has launched with the help of China to connect western China to southern Pakistan's port city of Gawadar that gives China an opening to the Arabian Sea. India has been protesting the corridor's passing through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir ever since the project was started by President Xi Jinping during his visit to Islamabad 2015.

133. What is the India's rank in the 2016 World Press Freedom Index (WPF)?

- [A]135th
- [B]137th
- [C]133rd
- [D]130th

Answer:133rd

Explanation:

India has been ranked 133rd out of 180 countries listed in the 2016 World Press Freedom Index (WPF), released by NGO Reporters Without Borders (RSF). The list is topped by Finland followed by Netherlands, Norway, Denmark and New Zealand. Among India's neighboring countries, Bhutan has ranked 94, Nepal (105), Afghanistan (120), Sri Lanka (141), Bangladesh (144), Pakistan (147) and China (176).

134. Vishnu Vardhan is associated with which sports?

- [A]Badminton
- [B]Tennis
- [C]Hockey
- [D]Football

Answer:Tennis

Explanation:

Vishnu Vardhan, former national champion, has become the first champion of the Asian Tennis Tour (ATT) after defeating Sidharth Rawat by 7-6(7), 6-3 in the final of the \$5,000 event at Delhi Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA) Complex, Delhi.

135. Who is the author of the book "The Story of Kashmir through the Ages"?

- [A]Nehan Singhal
- [B]Arjan Nath Chaku
- [C]Amitabh Matoo
- [D]Leher Sethi

Answer:Arjan Nath Chaku

Explanation:

The book "The Story of Kashmir through the Ages" has been authored by Arjan Nath Chaku and Inder K Chaku. Its' a two volume encyclopedia on Kashmir, which was recently launched in New Delhi.

136. Who has won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for fiction?

- [A]T J Stiles
- [B]Lin-Manuel Miranda
- [C]Viet Thanh Nguyen
- [D]Peter Balakian

Answer:Viet Thanh Nguyen

Explanation:

Viet Thanh Nguyen, the Vietnamese American professor at the University of Southern

California and editor of diaCRITICS, has won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for fiction for his 2015 novel "The Sympathizer". The novel is the story of a man of two minds, someone whose political beliefs clash with his individual loyalties.

137. The National Civil Services Day is celebrated on which date in India?

- [A]April 19
- [B]April 20
- [C]April 21
- [D]April 22

Answer:April 21

Explanation:

The National Civil Services Day is celebrated every year on April 21, when civil servants rededicate themselves to the cause of the citizens and renew their commitment to public service. On this day, "PM Awards for Excellence in Public administration" have been instituted with a view to acknowledge, recognize and reward the extraordinary and innovative work done by officers of the Central and State Governments for the welfare of common citizen. This day coincides with the date on which Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel had addressed the first batch of probationers at the All India Administrative Service Training School at Metcalfe House, New Delhi in 1947.

138. Which Union Territory (UT) of India has got the Jan Dhan Yojana Award on 2016 National Civil Services Day?

- [A]Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- [B]Chandigarh
- [C]Lakshadweep
- [D]Puducherry

Answer:Chandigarh

Explanation:

The 10th edition of Civil Services Day 2016 has been celebrated at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on April 21, 2016. On this occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released a book titled "Transforming India" and gave away awards for good governance. For the priority programme Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJSY), Chandigarh was awarded in Union Territories (Uts), Nagaon, Assam in North East and Hill States category, and North 24 Parganas, West Bengal in Other States group.

139. As per recently released World Malaria Report 2015 of WHO, which continent has become first in the world to end malaria?

- [A]North America
- [B]Europe

[C]Australia

[D]Africa

Answer:Europe

Explanation:

As per recently released World Malaria Report 2015 of World Health Organization (WHO), Europe has become the world's first region to wipe out malaria with zero cases reported in the year 2015. The report has stated that the number of malaria cases fell from 90,712 to zero between 1995 and 2015 in the countries of European region.

140. Which Chinese professor has been honoured with the 2013 Dr. George Grierson prize for promoting Hindi?

[A]Yang Lian

[B]Xu Jinglei

[C]Ge Fuping

[D]Zhao Wei

Answer:Ge Fuping

Ge Fuping, the Chinese professor, has been honoured with the 2013 Dr. George Grierson prize by the President of India Pranab Mukherjee for his remarkable works done for the propagation of Hindi in foreign. Besides him, Alka Dunputh (from Mauritius) and Shichiro Soma (from Japan) were also given the George Grierson award for 2012 and 2014 by the honourable President.

141. Who has been appointed as the new Director of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)?

[A]V Ravi Rama Krishna

[B]Prashant Pathrabe

[C]Bhupendra Kainthola

[D]D J Narain

Answer:Bhupendra Kainthola

Explanation:

Bhupendra Kainthola, an Indian Information Service (IIS) officer of 1989 batch, has been appointed as the new Director of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII). He succeeded Prashant Pathrabe. FTII is the India's premier institute that provides training for acting, film making, video editing, direction and production.

142. Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which city of India?

[A]Delhi

[B]Bikaner

[C]Chandigarh

[D]Pathankot

Answer:Delhi

Explanation:

The Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary is located at Asola near Tughlaqabad in the Delhi, National

Capital Territory of India. It is in news recently because the Haryana Government has proposed to declare a 100-metre Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) in Gurgaon and a 1-km ESZ in Faridabad along the boundary of the sanctuary and regarding to it, environment activists have opposed the state government's move to reduce the eco-sensitive zone of the sanctuary from 10 kilometres to 100 metres.

143. The IRNSS-1G will be launched from which satellite vehicle in orbit on April 28, 2016?

[A]PSLV-C32

[B]PSLV-C31

[C]PSLV-C30

[D]PSLV-C33

Answer:PSLV-C33

Explanation:

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS)-1G in orbit using Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C33 on April 28, 2016 at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The 1,425-kg spacecraft, IRNSS-1G, will be the 7th spacecraft to be placed in orbit.

144. Who is the author of the book "Hindutva or Hind Swaraj"?

[A]Agha Shahid Ali

[B]U.R. Ananthamurthy

[C]Rohinton Mistry

[D]Amrith Tripathi

Answer:U.R. Ananthamurthy

Explanation:

The book "Hindutva or Hind Swaraj" was penned by Udupi Rajagopalacharya Ananthamurthy, a contemporary writer and critic in the Kannada language. This was the very last work of the Ananthamurthy. The book examines two directions that were open to India at the time of Independence, comparing Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) founder V.D. Savarkar's idea of Hindutva with Mahatma Gandhi's concept of Hind Swaraj.

145. Khongjom Day is celebrated in which state of India?

[A]Arunachal Pradesh

[B]Tripura

[C]Manipur

[D]Himachal Pradesh

Answer:Manipur

Explanation:

The Khongjom Day is celebrated every year on April 23 by the Government of Manipur to pay tribute to the war heroes of Anglo-Manipur War 1891 who had

sacrificed their lives fighting against the British to protect freedom of Manipur.

146. Which committee has been constituted to sort out issue on central excise duty on jewellery?

- [A] Girish Shah committee
- [B] Gautam Ray committee
- [C] Ashok Lahri committee
- [D] A P Shah committee

Answer: Ashok Lahri committee

Explanation:

The Union Government has recently constituted Dr. Ashok Lahri committee to interact with the trade and industry on the imposition of Central Excise Duty on jewellery.

147. The United Nations' World Book and Copy Right day is observed on which date?

- [A] April 22
- [B] April 23
- [C] April 24
- [D] April 25

Answer: April 23

Explanation:

The United Nations' World Book and Copy Right day is observed every year on April 23 to mark the anniversary of the birth or death well-known writers such as Inca Garcilaso de la Vega, Manuel Mejía Vallejo, Vladimir Nabokov, William Shakespeare, etc. The purpose of this day is to encourage everyone to discover the pleasure of reading and gain a renewed respect for the irreplaceable contributions of those, who have furthered the social and cultural progress of humanity.

148. Which committee has been constituted by the Union Government to suggest ways for doubling farmers' income by 2022?

- [A] Arvind Panagariya committee
- [B] Ashok Dalwai committee
- [C] Amitabh Kant committee
- [D] Bibek Debroy committee

Answer: Ashok Dalwai committee

Explanation:

The Union Government has recently constituted 8-member committee to prepare a blueprint for doubling farmers' income by 2022. The committee will be headed by Ashok Dalwai, who is the additional secretary at the Union Agriculture Ministry. The committee will identify potential areas of agriculture where more investment should happen and suggest ways to reduce the risk of farming by diversifying to horticulture and allied activities like livestock and fisheries to boost income.

149. Which Indian company has become the first to join a global energy productivity campaign "EP100"?

- [A] Reliance Communications Ltd.
- [B] Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.
- [C] Tata Global Beverages Ltd.
- [D] Adani Enterprises Ltd.

Answer: Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.

Explanation:

Indian automobile giant Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. has become the first Indian company to sign up for "EP100", a global energy productivity campaign. The campaign is a brainchild of the "Climate Group", an international non-profit organization, which helps businesses from all over the world to increase their energy productivity and thereby lessen their carbon footprints. By joining this campaign, the Indian company has committed to double their energy productivity by 2030, which is a core requirement for any business signing on to the campaign.

150. Who has been named as the goodwill ambassador for the Indian contingent in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games?

- [A] John Abraham
- [B] Salman Khan
- [C] Amitabh Bachhan
- [D] Priyanka Chopra

Answer: Salman Khan

Explanation:

The Bollywood actor Salman Khan has been named as the goodwill ambassador for the Indian contingent in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. This is the first time that a Bollywood superstar has been chosen to as a Goodwill Ambassador for the games.

151. Who is the author of the book "Flying in High Winds: A Memoir"?

- [A] Shirish Chindhade
- [B] S.K. Mishra
- [C] Bilal Siddiqi
- [D] Ruskin Bond

Answer: S.K. Mishra

Explanation:

The book "Flying in High Winds: A Memoir" has been authored by S.K. Mishra. The book chronicles a life well lived, revealing unknown facets of the prominent personalities with whom author interacted, such as Jawaharlal Nehru, M.F. Husain, Prince Charles, Sanjay Gandhi and Ebrahim Alkazi and behind-the-scenes history of major events in which he played a key role.

152. Sandeep Tomar is associated with which sport?

- [A]Wushu
- [B]Swimming
- [C]Wrestling
- [D]Racing

Answer:Wrestling

Explanation:

Sandeep Tomar, wrestler from India, has recently secured the 2016 Rio Olympic quota place in the men's 57kg freestyle category by clinching bronze-medal at the first World Olympic Qualifying tournament in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. With this, Sandeep has become the 4th Indian wrestler after Yogeshwar Dutt (men's 65kg freestyle), Narsingh Yadav (men's 74kg freestyle) and Hardeep Singh (Greco-Roman 98kg) booked a berth for the Rio Games 2016.

153. Who has won India's first ever individual skeet medal at the 2016 ISSF World Cup?

- [A]Sanjeev Rajput
- [B]Gagan Narang
- [C]Mairaj Ahmed Khan
- [D]Raninder Singh

Answer:Mairaj Ahmed Khan

Explanation:

Indian shooter Mairaj Ahmed Khan has won the silver medal in men's skeet event at the 2016 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. With this win, he has won the India's first ever skeet medal at the 2016 ISSF World Cup. Before this, he also became India's first skeet shooter to win 2016 Rio Olympic quota place.

154. The National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD) is celebrated on which date in India?

- [A]April 23
- [B]April 24
- [C]April 25
- [D]April 26

Answer:April 24

Explanation:

The National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD), also known as National Local Self-Government day, is celebrated every year on April 24 by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj in India. On this day, in 1993, the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 came into force that has institutionalized Panchayati Raj through the village, Intermediate and District level Panchayats. So far, NPRD was celebrated in New Delhi, but in 2016, as part of the 'Gramoday se Bharat Uday' Abhiyan, the NPRD has celebrated in all Gram Panchayats in the country (except in poll bound States),

as Gram Sabhas were held between April 21-24, 2016 nationwide.

155. Which country is hosting the 2016 Heart of Asia – Istanbul Ministerial Process?

- [A]India
- [B]Iran
- [C]Tajikistan
- [D]Turkey

Answer:India

Explanation:

The 6th edition of Heart of Asia – Istanbul Ministerial Process 2016, a regional conference, will be held in New Delhi on April 26, 2016. The conference was established in 2011 to provide a platform to discuss regional issues, particularly encouraging security, political, and economic cooperation among Afghanistan and its neighbors.

156. The 2018 Commonwealth Judo Championships will be hosted in which city of India?

- [A]Jaipur
- [B]Lucknow
- [C]Ahmedabad
- [D]Chandigarh

Answer:Jaipur

Explanation:

The 2018 Commonwealth Judo Championships will be hosted in Jaipur.

157. What is the theme for 2016 International Mother Earth Day?

- [A]Unite for tomorrow
- [B]Trees for the Earth
- [C]Environmental teach-in
- [D]Earth and its ecosystems

Answer:Trees for the Earth

Explanation:

The International Mother Earth Day is observed every year on April 22 to raise awareness among humans that they have a collective responsibility to promote harmony with nature and to balance the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations. The 2016 theme is 'Trees for the Earth', which signifies that trees are crucial for combating climate change as they absorb harmful levels of Carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere.

158. Which of the following schemes has been rechristened as Khelo India Programme?

- [A]Rajiv Gandhi Khel Utsah (RGKU)
- [B]Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA)
- [C]Rajiv Gandhi Khel Parisars (RGKP)
- [D]Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA)

Answer:Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA)

Explanation:

The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) scheme has been rechristened as Khelo India Programme by the Union Government for development of sports. Beside this, two other sport projects launched under the Congress-led UPA government namely Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) and National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS) have been merged under Khelo India. The Khelo India scheme is based on Gujarat's model of Khel Mahakumbh under which the schools and colleges from different parts of the country participate in about 27 disciplines.

159. Which bollywood actress has bagged the best actress in an International Narrative Feature at the 2016 Tribeca Film Festival?

- [A]Priyanka Chopra
- [B]Radhika Apte
- [C]Deepika Padukone
- [D]Kangna Ranaut

Answer:Radhika Apte

Explanation:

The Bollywood actress Radhika Apte has bagged the best actress in an International Narrative Feature for her performance in anthology film "Madly" at the 15th edition of Tribeca Film Festival 2016 in New York, United States. With this, she has become the first Indian actress to won the best actress award at Tribeca. The movie is directed by Anurag Kashyap.

160. The Chithirai festival is celebrated in which state of India?

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

Answer:Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

The Chithirai festival is celebrated every year at the Meenakshi Temple in Madurai, Tamil Nadu during the month of April for symbolizing the unity of saivitism and vaishnavism. It does so by re-enacting the wedding of Lord Sundareswarar (Lord Shiva) and Goddess Meenakshi (Lord Vishnu's sister). The festival includes a procession of Kallazhagar avtar of Lord Vishnu entering Vaigai river. He travels from his abode in Azhagarmalai to get his sister married to Lord Sundareswarar. This journey from his abode to his sister's wedding, on a golden chariot, is the legend behind celebrating the Chithirai Festival.

161. Nomadic Elephant 2016, is the joint military exercise of India and which country?

- [A]Russia
- [B]Seychelles
- [C]Mongolia
- [D]France

Answer:Mongolia

Explanation:

The 11th edition of Indo-Mongolia joint training Exercise, 'Nomadic Elephant – 2016' has started in Mongolia to promote military associations between India and Mongolia. The exercise will culminate on May 8, 2016. The purpose of this exercise is to develop synergy and inter operability between the two armies to fight in Counter Insurgency and Counter Terrorism environment under the United Nation mandate.

162. What is the theme of 2016 World Intellectual Property Day (WIPD)?

- [A]Creativity – The Next Generation
- [B]Digital Creativity: Culture Reimagined
- [C]Movies – a Global Passion
- [D]Get Up, Stand Up For Music

Answer:Digital Creativity: Culture Reimagined

Explanation:

The World Intellectual Property Day (WIPD) is observed every year on April 26 to raise awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and designs impact on daily life and to celebrate creativity, and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of societies across the globe. The 2016 theme is "Digital Creativity: Culture Reimagined" to explore the future of culture in the digital age in order to answer questions how we create it, how we access it, how we finance it related to it.

163. The World Malaria Day (WMD) is observed on which date?

- [A]April 21
- [B]April 27
- [C]April 24
- [D]April 25

Answer:April 25

Explanation:

The World Malaria Day (WMD) is observed every year on April 25 to provide a common platform for countries to showcase their successes in malaria control and unify diverse initiatives in the changing global context. The 2016 theme is "End Malaria For Good", it reflects the vision of a malaria-free world set out in the Global technical strategy for malaria 2016-2030.

164. Which of the following has become the India's first e-office electricity distribution company among all power utilities?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power
- [B] Central Assam Electricity Distribution Company Limited
- [C] Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited
- [D] Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited

Answer: Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power

Explanation:

The Visakhapatnam-based Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company Limited (APEPDCL) has become the India's first e-office electricity distribution company among all power utilities. The purpose of the e-office is to clear the files without any delay, and to ensure transparency and accountability.

165. "Operation Sulaimani" has been launched in which district of Kerala to eradicate poverty?

- [A] Thiruvananthapuram
- [B] Kannur
- [C] Kozhikode
- [D] Palakkad

Answer: Kozhikode

Explanation:

The "Operation Sulaimani" has been launched by the Kozhikode district Collector with the slogan "Food for the Hungry" to eradicate poverty from the Kozhikode district of Kerala. Its' an initiative by the district administration in collaboration with the state Hotel and Restaurants Association and numerous non-governmental organisations, to eliminate hunger by providing food free of cost to the needy.

166. Dattu Bhokanal is associated with which sports?

- [A] Swimming
- [B] Wushu
- [C] Rowing
- [D] Table Tennis

Answer: Rowing

Explanation:

Indian rower Dattu Bhokanal has qualified for the 2016 Rio Olympics after winning a silver medal in the finals of men's single sculls at the 2016 FISA Asian and Oceania Olympic Qualification Regatta at Chung-ju, South Korea.

167. Who is the author of the book "Alphabet Soup for Lovers"?

- [A] Sunny Leone
- [B] Arunangsu Roy Chowdhury
- [C] Anand Swarup Gupta
- [D] Anita Nair

Answer: Anita Nair

Explanation:

The book "Alphabet Soup for Lovers" has been authored by Anita Nair. The book is a cool love story between Shoola Pani, a popular film star on a self-imposed retreat up in the Anamalai Hills, and his landlady Lena Abraham.

168. Who has been honoured with the 2016 Lifetime Achievement of Master Dinanath Mangeshkar Award?

- [A] Rishi Kapoor
- [B] Dilip Kumar
- [C] Saira Banu
- [D] Jeetendra

Answer: Jeetendra

Explanation:

The veteran actor Jeetendra has been honoured with the 2016 Lifetime Achievement of Master Dinanath Mangeshkar Award for his contribution in film industry in movies such as Himmatwala, Tohfa and Dharam Veer, etc.

169. Which Indian footballer has recently won the FPAI Indian Player of the Year award?

- [A] Dhanachandra Singh
- [B] Bikash Jairu
- [C] Jeje Lalpekhlua
- [D] Sunil Chhetri

Answer: Jeje Lalpekhlua

Explanation:

Indian striker Jeje Lalpekhlua has won the FPAI Indian Player of the Year award by the Football Players Association of India (FPAI) at the Cooperage Ground in Mumbai. Apart from him, Nigerian striker Ranti Martins has won the FPAI Foreign Player of the Year award.

170. Sharana Basaveshwara Temple is located in which state of India?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Telangana

Answer: Karnataka

Explanation:

Sharana Basaveshwara Temple is a shrine at Kalburgi (Gulbarga), an ancient town in the northeastern part of Karnataka.

171. With which country India has recently signed MOU on Jaitapur nuclear reactor?

- [A] Italy
- [B] Papua New Guinea
- [C] France

[D]Germany

Answer:France

Explanation:

India has recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with France for implementation of six Evolutionary Pressurised Water Reactors (EPR) at Jaitapur, Maharashtra together with associated fuel, fuel services and other services. The scope of work under the MoU is also to define technical configuration to meet the Indian statutory and regulatory requirements for certification and design.

172. Who is the newly elected Prime Minister of the Tibetan government-in-exile?

[A]Lobsang Sangay

[B]Penpa Tsering

[C]Lobsang Tenzin

[D]Sonam Topgyal

Answer:Lobsang Sangay

Explanation:

Lobsang Sangay has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of Tibetan government-in-exile for a second consecutive term. It was the 2nd election since the Dalai Lama stepped down as head of the government-in-exile in 2011 to focus on his role as the Tibetans' spiritual leader. China doesn't recognize the Tibetan government-in-exile and hasn't held any dialogue with the representatives of the Dalai Lama since 2010.

173. Which of the following artists has won the gold medal at the 2016 Moscow Sand Sculpture Championship "The magical world of sand"?

[A]Rahul Arya

[B]Nitish Bharti

[C]Manas Kumar Sahoo

[D]Sudarsan Pattnaik

Answer:Sudarsan Pattnaik

Explanation:

Sudarsan Pattnaik, the renowned sand artist from India, has won the gold medal at the 9th edition of Moscow Sand Sculpture Championship "The magical world of sand" 2016 at Moscow, Russia. He has won the competition for his 15 feet high sand sculpture "Mahatma Gandhi-World Peace" for non-violence and peace.

174. Which Indian academician has been appointed as the new member to the global body United Nations University Council (UNUC)?

[A]Nikhil Rastogi

[B]Hari Saadu

[C]Radha Kumar

[D]Manoj Sathyan

Answer:Radha Kumar

Explanation:

The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has recently appointed 12 new members to the global body United Nations University Council (UNUC) to formulate its principles and policies, consider and approve biennial budget and work programme. Among them, Radha Kumar, an Indian academician, has been chosen by the UN chief. She is the Director General of New Delhi-based think tank Delhi Policy Group. The new appointees, who will take office on May 2016, will serve for terms of either 3 or 6 years.

175. The World Day for Safety and Health at Work (WDSHW) is observed on which date?

[A]April 27

[B]April 28

[C]April 29

[D]April 30

Answer:April 28

Explanation:

The World Day for Safety and Health at Work (WDSHW) is observed every year on April 28 to raise awareness about safe work and awareness of the dimensions and consequences of work-related accidents and diseases and to provide support to the national efforts for the improvement of national Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) systems and programmes in line with relevant international labour standards. The 2016 theme is "Workplace stress: a collective challenge" to draw attention to current global trends on work-related stress and its impact.

176. Who is the author of the book "The Great Indian World Trip"?

[A]Tushar Agarwal

[B]Gerry Rodgers

[C]J. Alchemely

[D]Subra Ramamurthy

Answer:Tushar Agarwal

Explanation:

The book "The Great Indian World Trip" has been authored by Tushar Agarwal. The book narrates the incredible journey of the author and his friend who beat all odds to live their dream of driving all around the world by car covering 90000 kms in 50 countries and 6 continents.

177. Deepika Kumari is associated with which sports?

[A]Squash

[B]Boxing

[C]Archery

[D]Rowing

Answer:Archery

Explanation:

Indian athlete Deepika Kumari has recently equalled the world record in 2016 Women's

Recurve event at the qualifying stage of Archery World Cup at Shanghai, China. She equalled the world record set by South Korea's Ki Boe Bae at the World University Games in Gwangju in 2015. Beside this, she has already qualified for the Rio Olympics with her performance at the 2015 Copenhagen World Championships.

178. "Operation Milan" has been launched by which state police department of India to recover abducted youths?

[A]Haryana

[B]Gujarat

[C]Uttar Pradesh

[D]Rajasthan

Answer:Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

The Uttar Pradesh police have recently launched 'Operation Milan' in Lucknow to rescue abducted youths and minors, including girls and reunite them with their families.

179. Which committee has recently submitted report on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2015?

[A]Shah Nawaz Committee

[B]Ravi Prakash Tyagi committee

[C]Kalyan Banerjee committee

[D]Bhupender Yadav committee

Answer:Bhupender Yadav committee

Explanation:

The Bhupender Yadav Committee on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2015 has recently submitted its report to Parliament of India. It's a 30-member joint committee of the Members of Parliament. As per the report, any person adjudged as an undischarged insolvent may also be covered under the definition of bankrupt. The Committee also recommended that provident fund, pension fund and gratuity which provide social safety net of employees should be secured in the event of liquidation of a Company or bankruptcy of partnership firm. It has also favoured insertion of new provisions relating to cross-border insolvency saying the code does not have any provision to deal with such eventualities.

180. The 2016 RedInk Veer Patrakar Puraskar has been posthumously honoured to which journalist?

[A]Gunjan Sharma

[B]Ravish Kumar

[C]Jagendra Singh

[D]Meher Ali

Answer:Jagendra Singh

Explanation:

The '2016 RedInk Veer Patrakar Puraskar', the RedInk Award for bravery, has been posthumously honoured to journalist Jagendra Singh by the Mumbai Press Club in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It was received by his daughter Diksha Singh. Jagendra Singh, the Uttar Pradeshbased brave journalist, ran a Facebook page "Shahjahanpur Samachar" through which he exposed local MLA and Uttar Pradesh minister Ram Murti Verma's links with illegal sand mining. He was allegedly set on fire on June 1, 2015 by some local policemen and criminals for the expose and lost his life.

181. Who is the author of the book "No Time to Pause"?

[A]Tushar Kumar

[B]Amrish Tripathi

[C]Pavithra Ramesh

[D]J. Alchem

Answer:Pavithra Ramesh

Explanation:

The book "No Time to Pause" has been authored by Pavithra Ramesh. The book chronicles the life of a typical college student who decides to stay miles away from her family to get value education. The book afterward details into the challenges she encounters, the people she meets and how she finally completes college as a strong woman ready to face the rough world outside.

182. Who has been honoured with the 2016 Red Ink Life Time Achievement Award for journalism?

[A]Pallava Bagla

[B]Meher Ali

[C]Ravish Kumar

[D]T.N. Ninan

Answer:T.N. Ninan

Explanation:

At the 6th edition of the RedInk Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2016, T.N. Ninan, chairman of Business Standard, has been honoured with the 2016 Red Ink Life Time Achievement Award in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Beside him, the '2016 Red Ink Journalist of the Year' award has been bestowed to NDTV India's senior executive editor Ravish Kumar, for his consistent and good reporting on politics and issues that concern the common man.

The theme of the Red Ink Awards 2016 is "To Rise Above It All".

183. Which country's bank note has won the 2015 IBNS Bank Note of the Year Award?

- [A] New Zealand's \$5 polymer note
- [B] Scotland's Clydesdale Bank five-pound note
- [C] Russia's 100 rouble note
- [D] Sweden's 20 kronor note

Answer: New Zealand's \$5 polymer note

Explanation:

New Zealand's \$5 polymer note has won the 'IBNS Bank Note of the Year Award' for 2015. This award is an initiative of the International Bank Note Society (IBNS) to recognize an exceptional banknote issued each year. To be eligible for this award, a banknote must have been issued for the first time during the year of the award and be in general circulation. It is assessed for its artistic merit and/or innovative security features, including use of colour, contrast and balance.

184. Which of the following Indian Naval Ships (INS) have been decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai?

- [A] INS Prabal and INS Pralaya
- [B] INS Nipat and INS Veer
- [C] INS Prabal and INS Nashak
- [D] INS Nirbhik and INS Nishank

Answer: INS Nipat and INS Veer

Explanation:

The Indian Naval Ships (INS) Veer and Nipat have been decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Both the ships, which are 1241 RE class missile vessels, played a significant role as the guardian of International Maritime orderline off west coast of India and were extensively deployed during the Operations Vijay and Parakram.

185. Which Indian personality has been invited to address joint session of United States Congress?

- [A] Baba Ramdev
- [B] Ratan Tata
- [C] Narendra Modi
- [D] Sushma Swaraj

Answer: Narendra Modi

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited to address a joint meeting of the United States Congress during his visit to Washington, DC on June 8, 2016. He will become the 5th Indian PM to address the congress after Rajiv Gandhi (1985), PV Narasimha Rao (1994), Atal Bihari Vajpayee (2000) and Manmohan Singh (2005).

186. What is the India's rank in global doping report for year 2014 by World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)?

- [A] First
- [B] Third
- [C] Fifth
- [D] Tenth

Answer: Third

Explanation:

According to the recently published World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)'s annual report for 2014, India has been ranked third in Anti-Doping Rule Violations Report (ADRVs) in 2014, with 96 of the 1,693 doping violations cases. The list is topped by Russia (148), followed by Italy (123), India (96), Belgium (91), France (91), Turkey (73), Australia (49), China (49), Brazil (46) and South Korea (43).

187. The International Dance day is observed on which date?

- [A] April 28
- [B] April 30
- [C] April 26
- [D] April 29

Answer: April 29

Explanation:

The International Dance Day, also known as World Dance Day, is observed every year on April 29 to promote the art of dance around the world.

188. Which Indian personality will be bestowed with the Japan's second highest national decoration "The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star"?

- [A] E Sreedharan
- [B] Ashwini Kumar
- [C] N K Singh
- [D] Tarun Vijay

Answer: N K Singh

Explanation:

Indian politician N K Singh will be bestowed with the prestigious 'The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star', Japan's 2nd highest national decoration, for his contribution in boosting Indo-Japan economic relations over last few decades on May 10, 2016. The Order of the Rising Sun is a Japanese Government honor established in 1875 by Emperor Meiji.

189. The Almatti Dam is a hydroelectric project on which river?

- [A] Krishna
- [B] Kaveri
- [C] Godavari
- [D] Tungabhadra

Answer:Krishna

Explanation:

The Almatti Dam is a hydroelectric project on the Krishna River in North Karnataka, India which was completed in July 2005. It was recently in news due to fall of water level in the Dam.

190. Recently, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has entered into a collaboration with which country for the programme 'Soil Protection and Rehabilitation for Food Security'?

[A]Germany

[B]France

[C]USA

[D]Russia

Answer:Germany

Explanation:

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has entered into a collaboration with German government for a special programme on 'Soil Protection and Rehabilitation for Food Security'. The programme is a part of the German government's recently introduced special initiative 'One World, No Hunger' initiative.