

NESTO-GK CAPSULE

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1. Sameer Mon is associated with which sports?

- [A]Boxing
- [B]Wrestling
- [C]Sprint
- [D]Long Jump

Answer: Sprint

Explanation:

Sameer Mon, the famous sprinter from Manipur, has recently won gold in 100 metre dash in 10.60 seconds at the 56th National Inter-state Senior Athletics Championships in Hyderabad. With this, he became the fastest male athlete in India.

2. Which online grievance redressal portal has been launched by Union Railway ministry for railway employees?

- [A]Aakalan
- [B]Sahyog
- [C]Nivaran
- [D]Sahayata

Answer:Nivaran

Explanation:

The Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has recently launched NIVARAN portal, an online system for redressal of service related grievance of serving and former railway employees. This online system facilitates the employees to lodge their grievances and also monitor the progress. The system would also provide facility for lodging appeal to the higher authority in case the decision is not found satisfactory. The highest controlling authorities shall also be able to monitor the progress of grievance redressal by field offices.

3. "Exercise RIMPAC 2016" the multilateral naval exercise has started in which country?

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

Answer:United States

Explanation:

The 25th edition of Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2016 has started in Pacific Ocean at Hawaii, United States from June 30, 2016 and will continue till August 4, 2016. In it, 27 countries viz. India, the Philippines, Australia, France, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Tonga, the United Kingdom, etc, are participating. The RIMPAC is the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise, which provides a platform for multilateral operational interactions

Aimed at increased interoperability and development of common understanding of procedures for maritime security operations.

4. Who has been sworn-in as the new President of Philippines?

- [A]Jejomar Binay
- [B]Benigno Aquino
- [C]Rodrigo Duterte
- [D]Leni Robredo

Answer:Rodrigo Duterte

Explanation:

Rodrigo Duterte, Maverick anti-crime candidate, has been sworn-in as the 16th President of the Philippines, after a landslide election victory in May 2016. He succeeded Benigno S. Aquino III and will have a tenure of 6 years.

5. How much amount has been approved by World Bank (WB) for technical education quality improvement project in India?

- [A]\$121.50 million
- [B]\$201.50 million
- [C]\$222.50 million
- [D]\$355.50 million

Answer:\$201.50 million

Explanation:

The World Bank Board has approved the \$ 201.50 million for Technical Education Quality Improvement Project (TEQIP III) in India. The purpose of the project is to increase quality and equity in participating engineering education institutes and to improve the efficiency of the engineering education system in focus states. The maturity period for the project is 25 years with an additional 5 years grace period.

6. What is the India's rank in the World Bank's 2016 Logistics Performance Index (LPI)?

- [A]55th
- [B]78th
- [C]35th
- [D]19th

Answer:35th

Explanation:

India has been ranked 35th out of 160 countries in the World Bank's 2016 Logistics Performance Index (LPI). India's logistics performance at its key international gateways has improved in the last two years from 54 in 2014 to 35 in 2016, which will not only boost programmes, such as Make in India,



but also help in increasing trade. The list is topped by Germany, followed by Luxembourg and Sweden. Logistics organises the movement of goods through a network of activities and services operating at global, regional, and local scale. The LPI is the World Bank's biennial measure of international supply chain efficiency.

7. The National Doctors' Day is celebrated on which date in India?

- [A] June 30
- [B] July 5
- [C] July 6
- [D] July 1

Answer: July 1

Explanation:

The National Doctors' Day is celebrated every year on July 1 in India to honour the legendary physician and the 2nd Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy. This is a vital day for doctors as it provides them with an opportunity to reflect on their career and remind them about practicing the art and science of Medicine and Surgery in an ethical manner.

8. The book "The mind of the terrorist: the Psychology of terrorism from the IRA to al-Qaeda" has been authored by whom?

- [A] Amitav Ghosh
- [B] Ashwin Sanghi
- [C] Kunal Basu
- [D] Jerrold M. Post

Answer: Jerrold M. Post

Explanation:

The book "The mind of the terrorist: the Psychology of terrorism from the IRA to al-Qaeda" has been authored by Dr. Jerrold M. Post. The book is an exceptionally well-written book that makes a significant contribution to the field of counter-terrorism. It is a comprehensive and informative account of the psychology of terrorists and how their history has shaped their motivations.

9. Ramchandra Chintaman Dhere, who passed away recently, was a famous writer of which language?

- [A] Marathi
- [B] Urdu
- [C] Tamil
- [D] Telugu

Answer: Marathi

Explanation:

Ramchandra Chintaman Dhere (86), the famous Marathi writer, has recently passed away in Pune, Maharashtra. He was known for his exhaustive research in folk literature and bhakti tradition of Maharashtra. His works include Vividh, Gangajali, Dakshinecha Lokdev Khandoba, History of Nath Sampraday, Sri Venkateshwara, etc.

10. The Kawal Tiger Reserve (KTR) is located in which state of India?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Telengana
- [D] Chhattisgarh

Answer: Telengana

Explanation:

The Kawal Tiger Reserve (KTR) is located at Jannaram mandal of Adilabad district in Telangana. The reserve covers a core area of 892.23 sq km and a buffer zone of 1,123.21 sq km. It is home to many mammal species such as tiger, leopard, gaur, cheetal, sambar, nilgai, barking deer, chowsingha, sloth bear, etc.

11. Who is the newly appointed head of the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)?

- [A] Peter Thomson
- [B] Delali Johnson Sakyi
- [C] N Saibaba
- [D] Per Gustaf Lodin

Answer: Per Gustaf Lodin

Explanation:

Major General Per Gustaf Lodin of Sweden is the newly appointed Chief Military Observer and Head of Mission for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP). He succeeded Major General Delali Johnson Sakyi of Ghana. Prior to this appointment, he was Director of Procurement and Logistics for the Swedish Armed Forces. The UNMOGIP observes and reports on ceasefire violations along and across the Line of Control (LoC) and the working boundary between the nuclear-armed South Asian neighbors, India and Pakistan, in Jammu and Kashmir and also reports developments that could lead to ceasefire violations.

12. Which of the following state governments has recently banned e-cigarettes?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Punjab
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Odisha

Answer: Kerala

Explanation:

The Kerala Government has banned the manufacture, sale, marketing and advertising of ecigarettes (or electronic cigarette) in the state, as its use could lead to cancer and heart diseases. With this, Kerala has become the 4th state in India to ban e-cigarette after Punjab, Maharashtra and Karnataka. E-cigarettes are handy devices that emit doses of vaporized nicotine. Nicotine is lethal, addictive and extremely harmful to children if they inhale or ingest it accidentally.

13. India's first integrated Defense Communication Network (DCN) has been launched in which of the following cities?

- [A]New Delhi
- [B]Lucknow
- [C]Ahmedabad
- [D]Kochi

Answer:New Delhi

Explanation:

India's first integrated Defense Communication Network (DCN) has been launched by Union Defense Minister Manohar Parrikar in New Delhi. The network will facilitate Indian Army, Indian Air force, Indian Navy and the Special Forces Command to share situational awareness for a faster decision-making process. The DCN is a strategic, exclusive, secure and state-of-the-art communication network and has a pan-India reach from Ladakh to the North East to island territories. The network provides converged voice, data and video services to the three services based on the secured system with adequate redundancy. It is built by HCL under a nearly Rs. 600 crore project and is capable of working on terrestrial as well as satellite mode of communication and has also been fixed onboard different military vehicles.

14. The Rapid Rural Police Response System (RRPRS) has recently launched in which state of India?

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

Answer:Punjab

Explanation:

The Rapid Rural Police Response System (RRPRS) has been launched by Punjab police to ensure prompt and effective police response in villages to counter any crime or law and order situation in just 20 minutes. Under this response system, any resident from rural area would only have to make a call on police helpline "100" for any kind of assistance from the police force. The new system would be available for 24x7 hours to respond to all kinds of emergencies or 'call-for-help' from the citizens of the State.

15. "Animal-Human-Nature Continuum", the first International Film, Arts and Animal Welfare Festival has started in which country?

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

Answer:India

Explanation:

The first international film, arts and animal welfare festival "Animal-Human-Nature Continuum" has started at Liberty in Mumbai, India from July 1 and will continue till August 28, 2016. The focus of the unique festival is to highlight the

relationship among animals, humans and nature. In it, over 150 films from more than 40 countries will be screened up.

16. India's first Commercial Court & Commercial Disputes Resolution Centre has been opened in which state?

- [A]Odisha
- [B]Assam
- [C]Chhattisgarh
- [D]Kerala

Answer:Chhattisgarh

Explanation:

India's first Commercial Court and Commercial Disputes Resolution Centre has been opened at Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh. The complex has ultra-modern facilities like Videoconferencing, E-Court, E-Library, E-Filing and E-Summons. These facilities will help the investors in their commercial dealings.

17. Which Indian bank has recently signed an agreement with the World Bank for \$625-million credit facility to support grid connected rooftop solar programme in India?

- [A]State Bank of India
- [B]ICICI Bank
- [C]Punjab National Bank
- [D]Reserve Bank of India

Answer:State Bank of India

Explanation:

The State Bank of India (SBI) has signed agreements with the World Bank for a \$625 million credit facility to support grid connected rooftop solar programme in India. This will help SBI in financing grid connected rooftop solar photovoltaic (GRPV) projects at very competitive rates. The eligible beneficiaries under the facility would be developers, aggregators and end-users, who wish to set up solar PV projects, mainly on commercial, industrial and institutional rooftops.

18. Which of the following cities is hosting the first meeting of BRICS Working Group on "Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency"?

- [A]Brasília
- [B]Pretoria
- [C]Visakhapatnam
- [D]Beijing

Answer:Visakhapatnam

Explanation:

The first meeting of the BRICS Working Group on "Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency" will be held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh from July 4-5, 2016. In it, the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) countries would make presentations on measures taken by them in the field of energy saving and energy efficiency. India will also showcase its efforts in energy saving, energy efficiency, in particular the LED street lighting programme and PAT (Performance



Achievement and Trade) programme for industrial energy efficiency. The five member-countries will also deliberate on a work plan on development of cooperation in energy saving and energy efficiency within the BRICS nations.

19. The book "Rustom and the Last Storyteller of Almora" has been authored by whom?

- [A]Sheetal Vyas
- [B]Kanika Dhillon
- [C]Gaurav Parab
- [D]Sowmya Sriram

Answer:Gaurav Parab

Explanation:

The book "Rustom and the Last Storyteller of Almora" has been authored by Gaurav Parab. The book is a scintillating debut about a man ready to embrace death to redeem his life.

20. Mohammad Shahid is associated with which sports?

- [A]Hockey
- [B]Badminton
- [C]Wrestling
- [D]Boxing

Answer:Hockey

Explanation:

The Union Sports minister Dr Jitendra Singh has recently granted Rs. 10 lakh to Olympic gold medallist Mohammed Shahid, who is undergoing treatment for serious liver and kidney disease at a hospital in Gurgaon. Shahid is known for his artistic stickwork and was a member of the Indian Hockey team that won the gold medal at the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

21. Who has won the 2016 Formula One Austrian Grand Prix?

- [A]Lewis Hamilton
- [B]Daniel Ricardo
- [C]Felipe Massa
- [D]Sebastian Vettel

Answer:Lewis Hamilton

Explanation:

Lewis Hamilton, a British Formula One racing driver from England, has won the 2016 Austrian Grand Prix title of Formula One. It is his third title of the 2016 season after Monaco Grand Prix and Canadian Grand Prix.

22. Who has won 2016 Men's Singles Canada Open Grand Prix Badminton tournament?

- [A]Ajay Jayaram
- [B]Sai Praneeth
- [C]H. S. Prannoy
- [D]Manu Attri

Answer:Sai Praneeth

Explanation:

Sai Praneeth from India has won the 2016 Men's Singles Canada Open Grand Prix Badminton tournament by defeating South Korean Lee Hyun-il in final by 21-12 21-10 at the Markin MacPhail Centre, in Calgary, Canada.

23. Elie Wiesel, who passed away recently, had won the Nobel prize in which category?

- [A]Medicine
- [B]Physics
- [C]Chemistry
- [D]Peace

Answer:Peace

Explanation:

Elie Wiesel (87), the Nobel Peace Prize laureate and human rights activist, has recently passed away in Manhattan, United States. He was best known for his major role in promoting Holocaust education and for perpetuating the memory of the Holocaust in the post-World War II era with his book "Night", which was based on his experience as a prisoner in the Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps.

24. Which of the following countries will host the 2016 BRICS Urban Forum meeting?

- [A]China
- [B]Brazil
- [C]India
- [D]South Africa

Answer: India

Explanation:

The 3rd edition of BRICS Urban Forum meeting 2016 will be host by Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh from September 14 to 16, 2016. The conference will throw light on the challenges faced by the cities and the emergence of new urban spaces with rapid urbanization. It would also provide a platform for each participant country to learn the best practices of other BRICS countries and adapt them in making their cities smart at their backyard. BRICS is an acronym of the five emerging economies in the world viz. Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

25. What is the theme of the 2016 BRICS Youth Summit?

- [A]BRICS Youth Council for skill development
- [B]Youth: Power to enhance
- [C]Youth as bridge for Intra-BRICS Exchanges
- [D]To develop BRICS youth for governance

Answer:Youth as bridge for Intra-BRICS Exchanges

Explanation:

The 2nd edition of BRICS Youth Summit 2016 was organized at Guwahati, Assam from 1st to 3rd July, 2016. The 2016 theme is "Youth as bridge for Intra-BRICS Exchanges". The summit adopted the 'Guwahati BRICS Youth Summit 2016 Call to Action' and urged the youth of the five member



nations to come together for working towards this goal. The 1st BRICS Youth Summit held in Kazan, Russia in 2015.

26. Which Indian personality has been conferred with the 2016 Bharat Gaurav award?

- [A]Suresh Mishra
- [B]Neerja Bhanot
- [C]Sunil Bharti Mittal
- [D]Manoj Kumar

Answer:Neerja Bhanot

Explanation:

Neerja Bhanot, the senior flight purser on a Pan Am flight, has been conferred with the 2016 Bharat Gaurav Award in London, United Kingdom (UK) for her distinguished services to the nation and outstanding individual achievements. Neerja (22) gave up her life to save passengers during a terrorist hijack of a Pan-Am flight at Karachi international airport in Pakistan on September 5, 1986. The award was instituted by Sankshiti Yuva Sanstha, a Jaipur-headquartered NGO. Akhil and Aneesh Bhanot, brothers of Neerja, received the award at the Westminster Parliament building in London.

27. What is the theme of 2016 United Nations (UN)' International Day of Cooperatives (IDC)?

- [A]Co-operatives for Fair Globalisation: Creating Opportunities for All
- [B]Cooperatives and the Globalization of the Economy
- [C]Co-operatives: The power to act for a sustainable future
- [D]Society and Co-operatives: Concern for Community

Answer:Co-operatives: The power to act for a sustainable future

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)' International Co-operative Day (IDC) is observed every year on the first Saturday of July to recognize and reaffirms the role of cooperatives in economic, social and cultural development and in the achievement of social policy objectives. This year it is observed on July 2, 2016 with the theme "Co-operatives: The power to act for a sustainable future".

28. "Mingle", a social media banking platform for Face book and Twitter users has been launched by which of the following banks?

- [A]Dena Bank
- [B]State Bank of India
- [C]Punjab National Bank
- [D]HDFC Bank

Answer: State Bank of India

Explanation:

The State Bank of India (SBI) has recently launched a social media banking platform for Face book and Twitter users "SBI Mingle", which will allow its customers to access various banking services via these social platforms. The customers have to register for this service through a simple one time

registration process using either their account number or their ATM/Debit Card details. Currently, balance enquiry, mini statement, funds transfer within SBI as well as inter-bank and beneficiary management services are available for Facebook. On Twitter, using hashtags the customers can find out their account balance and view mini statements.

29. The world's first Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) 'Super Fight League' will be hosted by which country?

- [A]India
- [B]China
- [C]Thailand
- [D]Indonesia

Answer:India

Explanation:

The world's first Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) 'Super Fight League' will be hosted by India from August 26 to October 1, 2016. The championship will have an equal stage for women as a total of 96 fighters will be involved in both men and women combined. The franchise-based league will feature 8 teams – Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Mumbai, Haryana, Bangalore, Punjab, Pune and Goa. Each team will comprise of 12 players, both male and female, with 9 Indian fighters and 3 international players.

30. The State Bank of India(SBI) has tied-up with which e-commerce firm to offer pre-approved EMI facility to shop online?

- [A]Myntra
- [B]Snapdeal
- [C]Flipkart
- [D]Amazon

Answer:Flipkart

Explanation:

The State Bank of India (SBI) has recently tied up with e-commerce giant Flipkart to offer new pre-approved Equated Monthly Installment(EMI) facility for SBI account holders. Under the tie-up, SBI will provide overdraft facility to its customers purchasing goods worth Rs. 5,000 and above on Flipkart for a tenor of 6, 9, and 12 months without any processing fees. The customer will be charged an interest for the purchase, which will be as per the bank's personal loan policy. Personal loan interest (14%) will apply for the purchase. The purpose of this facility is to provide finance to credit worthy individuals through an end-to-end online facility without having to go through the process of applying for a personal loan for simple purchases.

31. Which Indian para-swimmer has won 8 medals in the 2016 International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports (IWAS) U-23 World Games?

- [A]Bharat Kumar
- [B]Niranjan Mukundan
- [C]Sharath Gayakwad



[D]Prasana Karmakar

Answer:Niranjan Mukundan

Explanation:

Bengaluru para swimmer Niranjan Mukundan has won 8 medals at the 2016 International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports (IWAS) U-23 World Games in Prague, Czech Republic. He has bagged gold medals in 200m freestyle, 50m butterfly and 50m breaststroke, silver in 100m fly and 50m freestyle, and bronze in 100m freestyle, 100m breaststroke and 100m backstroke events.

32. Who of the following pairs has won 2016 Men's doubles Canada Open Grand Prix Badminton tournament?

[A]Pranaav Jerry Chopra and Akshay Dewalkar

[B]Adrian Liu and Toby Ng

[C]Manu Attri and Sumeeth Reddy

[D]Setyana Mapasa and Gronya Somerville

Answer:Manu Attri and Sumeeth Reddy

Explanation:

The top seed doubles Indian pair Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy have won the 2016 Men's doubles Canada Open Grand Prix Badminton tournament by defeating Adrian Liu and Toby Ng in the final by 21-8 21-14 at the Markin MacPhail Centre in Calgary, Canada. Both Attri and Reddy are the first Indian men's doubles pair to qualify for the Rio Olympics 2016.

33. The recently released 2016 "State of the World's Children" report is the annual flagship report of which international organisation?

[A]United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

[B]Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

[C]International Labour Organization (ILO)

[D]World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Answer:United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

Explanation:

The recently released 2016 "State of the World's Children" report is the annual flagship report of United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). As per the report, global under-five mortality rates have been more than halved since 1990 globally. It also points out that based on current trends, 69 million children under the age of 5 will die from mostly preventable causes, 167 million children will live in poverty and 750 million women will have been married as children by 2030. The report calls for more attention from governments, donors, businesses and international organizations to accelerate their efforts in order to achieve Sustainable Development Goals.

34. Which mobile app has been launched by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to measure mobile internet speed?

[A]SpeedAxis

[B]WhatSpeed

[C]MySpeed

[D]MobileSpeed

Answer:MySpeed

Explanation:

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recently launched 'MySpeed' mobile app, which allow users to measure their internet speed on their smart phone and send results to a TRAI analytics portal. The application will also send coverage, data speed and network information along with device and location of the customer.

35. Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

[A]Deepak Singhal

[B]Sudarshan Sen

[C]Meena Hemchandra

[D]Milind Sharma

Answer: Sudarshan Sen

Explanation:

Sudarshan Sen has been appointed as the new Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in place of N S Vishwanathan, who has been elevated as Deputy Governor at the central bank. Sen will look after Department of Banking Regulation, Department of Co-operative Bank Regulation and Department of Non-Banking Regulation. Earlier, he was in-charge of the Department of Banking Regulation. He also served as the Regional Director of Ahmedabad office of the RBI.

36. Which country will host the 2016 meet of BRICS anti-narcotics heads?

[A]Russia

[B]India

[C]Brazil

[D]China

Answer: India

Explanation:

India will host the 2016 meet of BRICS anti-narcotics heads on July 8, 2016 to discuss issues related to narco-terrorism and money laundering among the BRICS member-nations. The oneday meeting will be hosted by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the agenda of the high-level meeting is expected to revolve around illicit drug trafficking including diversion of precursors and chemicals, usage of new psychoactive substances, maritime drug trafficking, narco terrorism and drug money laundering. All the BRICS nations (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) will discuss ways to increase cooperation to effectively deal with these issues and keep an effective monitoring on illegal narcotics transport happening between these nations.

37. Who has become the first Indian footballer to play in the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Europa league?

- [A] Syed Rahim Nabi
- [B] Sandesh Jhingan
- [C] Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- [D] Sunil Chhetri

Answer: Gurpreet Singh Sandhu

Explanation:

Gurpreet Singh Sandhu has become the first Indian footballer to play in the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Europa League. He achieved this feat when he plays for the Norwegian club Stabaek FC as the goalie against Connah's Quay FC in a qualifying match in Rhyl, Wales. Previously, he made history by becoming the first Indian player to appear in a top-division European league game for Stabaek in Norwegian Tippiligaen, which is the Norway's national league, in May 2016. The Europa League is a prestigious European club competition, only one rung below the Champions League.

38. The Renuka Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state of India?

- [A] Sikkim
- [B] Himachal Pradesh
- [C] Haryana
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

The Renuka Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Sirmour district, Himachal Pradesh. The area is well recognized by its religious, aesthetic and cultural value. Renuka is an abode of temples of the mother-and-son duo of Renukaji and Lord Parshuram. It is home to leopard, sambar, spotted deer, barking deer jackal, porcupine, blue jay, black partridge, hill crow, bulbul, green pigeons, etc.

39. Which port has become the first Indian port to implement logistics data bank tagging system of containers?

- [A] Kandla Port Trust
- [B] Paradip Port
- [C] Visakhapatnam Port
- [D] Jawaharlal Nehru Port

Answer: Jawaharlal Nehru Port

Explanation:

The Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT) has become the first port in India to implement the logistics data bank tagging of containers. It is first of its kind facility, which will help importers/exporters to track their goods in transit through logistics data bank service. The facility would be operated by a Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID), which will be attached to each container and will be tracked through RFID readers installed at different locations. This would help in reducing the overall lead time of the container movement

across the western corridor and lower the transaction costs incurred by shippers and consignees. The JNPT is located at Nhava Sheva in Raigad District, Maharashtra.

40. The book "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End" has been authored by whom?

- [A] Chetan Bhagat
- [B] Amrith Tripathi
- [C] Atul Gawande
- [D] Kavita Sharma

Answer: Atul Gawande

Explanation:

The book "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End" has been authored by Atul Gawande. The book is a masterful exploration of aging, death and the medical profession's mishandling of both. It states that medicine can comfort and boost our experience even to the end, providing not only a good life but also a good end.

41. How much interest subsidy for farmers has been approved by Government of India (GoI) for FY17?

- [A] 7.5 %
- [B] 5 %
- [C] 6.7 %
- [D] 8 %

Answer: 5 %

Explanation:

The Government of India (GoI) will provide interest subvention of 5 % for all farmers for short term crop loans up to Rs 3 lakh for FY 17 (2016-17), provided they repay in time, or else a higher rate of 7% will be charged. Thus, farmers will have to effectively pay only 4% as interest. Beside this, an interest subsidy of 2 % has also been cleared for loans upto 6 months for small and marginal farmers who would have to borrow at 9 % for the post harvest storage of their produce. For farmers affected by Natural Calamities, the interest subvention of 2 % will be provided to Banks for the first year on the restructured amount. The Interest subvention scheme is for public and private sector banks, cooperative banks, regional rural banks and NABARD for providing short term crop loan to farmers. Earlier, the subvention scheme was implemented by the Finance Ministry. It was transferred to the Agriculture Ministry in 2016.

42. Who is the 2016 winner of The Caine Prize for African writing?

- [A] Lidudumalingani
- [B] Namwali Serpell
- [C] Abdul Adan
- [D] Lesley Nneka Arimah

Answer: Lidudumalingani

Explanation:

Lidudumalingani, the South African writer, filmmaker and photographer, has won the 17th edition of prestigious Caine



Prize 2016 for his short story “Memories We Lost”. The winning story explores mental health through the relationship of two sisters in a South African village, one of whom is schizophrenic and the other her protector. The sister’s situation deteriorates as her care is entrusted to Nkunzi, a local man who employs traditional techniques to rid people of their demons. The Caine Prize is an annual literature prize awarded to an African writer of a short story published in the English language to encourage and highlight the richness and diversity of African writing by bringing it to a wider audience internationally.

43. The book “When Breath Becomes Air” has been authored by whom?

- [A]Ruskin Bond
- [B]Raj Kotwal
- [C]Paul Kalanithi
- [D]Zalmay Khalilzad

Answer:Raj KotwalPaul Kalanithi

Explanation:

The book “When Breath Becomes Air” has been authored by Paul Kalanithi. The book is an unforgettable, life-affirming reflection on the challenge of facing death and on the relationship between doctor and patient, from a brilliant writer who became both.

44. The Indravati National Park (INP) is located at which state?

- [A]Assam
- [B]Chhattisgarh
- [C]Uttar Pradesh
- [D]Kerala

Answer:Chhattisgarh

Explanation:

The Indravati National Park (INP) is located in Bijapur district, Chhattisgarh. It is also home to gaur (Indian bison), nilgai, blackbuck, chausingha (four-horned antelope), sambar, Indian muntjac, Indian spotted chevrotain, wild boar, tigers, leopards, sloth bears, dholes (wild dog), striped hyenas, etc.

45. Who is the newly appointed Union Minister of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD)?

- [A]Jayant Sinha
- [B]Prakash Javadekar
- [C]Santosh Kumar Gangwar
- [D]Arjun Ram Meghwal

Answer:Prakash Javadekar

Explanation:

Prakash Javadekar is the newly appointed Union Minister of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). He succeeded Smriti Irani. Previously, Javadekar was the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

46. The world’s largest Charkha has been set up in which city of India?

- [A]New Delhi
- [B]Mumbai
- [C]Porbander
- [D]Ahmedabad

Answer:New Delhi

Explanation:

The world’s largest Charkha has been set up by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Minister Kalraj Mishra at Terminal 3 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in New Delhi. The 4-tones Charkha made from high-quality Burma teak wood is estimated to last for over 50 years. It is 9 feet wide, 17 feet tall and 30 feet long. The Charkha is a symbol of India’s glorious heritage and an inspiring reminder of freedom struggle led by Mahatma Gandhi. It represents Swadeshi, self-sufficiency and interdependence because the wheel is at the center of a network of cotton growers, weavers, distributors and users.

47. Which Indian state police has recently launched 24-hour helpline to report incidents of cow smuggling?

- [A]Punjab
- [B]Haryana
- [C]Gujarat
- [D]Chhattisgarh

Answer:Haryana

Explanation:

The Haryana Police has recently launched a 24-hour helpline “8284030455” for people to report incidents of the smuggling or slaughter of cows in the state, where cattle slaughter and beef sale are already banned. The information will then be relayed to police officials posted in the area who will then send a special team set up for the purpose. The initiative has been set up after a video surfaced on social media where two men were being forced to eat a cow dung concoction by members of ‘Gau Rakshak Dal’volunteers, after they were allegedly caught with beef in their possession.

48. Which of the following cities is hosting the 2016 Woodpecker Environment and Wildlife Film Festival?

- [A]Shimla
- [B]Guwahati
- [C]Agartala
- [D]Bhubaneswar

Answer:Shimla

Explanation:

The 4th edition of Woodpecker Environment and Wildlife Film Festival 2016 will begin at historic Gaiety Theatre in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh from July 7 and will continue till July 9, 2016. In the festival, 45 films, including several national award winning movies and five films from Himachal Pradesh will be screened, which is aimed at highlighting the

environmental concerns. The focus of the festival will be critical environment and wildlife conservation issues like climate change, forest conservation, biodiversity and man-animal conflict and success stories will also be showcased in it. The festival is being organized by WWF India in collaboration with CMSR foundation, Delhi with the support of Himachal Pradesh's Department of Language, Art and culture and Department of Forest.

49. Which state has become the first Indian state to introduce minimum wages for part time workers?

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

Answer:Rajasthan

Explanation:

Rajasthan has become the first Indian state to introduce minimum wages for part time. As per the notification, it is now mandatory to pay 50 % of the prescribed a day minimum wage to a person who works for less than 4 hours in a day. With this notification, now part time workers come under the Minimum Wages Act 1948.

50. Who has been appointed as the president of the first-ever association for Indian Olympians "Olympians Association of India (OAI)"?

- [A]Viren Rasquinha
- [B]Shiva Keshavan
- [C]Rajyavardhan Rathore
- [D]Aneesh Madani

Answer:Shiva Keshavan

Explanation:

The 5-time Olympian Shiva Keshavan has been appointed as the first President of the Olympians Association of India (OAI). The OAI is the India's first and only non-profit organization founded by Olympians viz. Shiva Keshavan(luge), Viren Rasquinha (hockey), Malav Shroff (sailing), Mary Kom (boxing), etc., for Olympians in India. It is directly affiliated to the World Association (WOA) under the International Olympic Committee. It has been formed to voice the concerns of athletes. The OAI's official Twitter account, @IndianOlympians, will serve as the platform for real-time updates of the Indian contingent at the Rio Olympics, which is scheduled to be held at August 2016. All Indian Olympians will be registered members and will contribute for the cause and at the same time mutually benefit from projects initiated by the OAI. It will be a platform for Olympians to take care of each other's needs beyond their sporting careers.

51. Which committee has been constituted to examine the feasibility of a new financial year?

- [A]Shankar Acharya committee
- [B]Rajiv Kumar committee

[C]KM Chandrasekhar committee

[D]PV Rajaraman committee

Answer:Shankar Acharya committee

Explanation:

The Dr. Shankar Acharya committee has been constituted by the Union Finance Ministry to examine the feasibility and desirability of having a new financial year. This could lead to changing India's financial year from April-March to January – February or any other 12-month period. As per terms of reference, the 4-member committee will examine the merits and demerits of various dates for commencement of financial year including the existing dates. The panel will take into account the genesis of current financial year, suitability of financial year from point of view of correct estimation of receipts and expenditure of Central and State governments. It will also consider the effect of the different agriculture crop periods, impact on business, taxation systems and procedures, statistics and data collection and convenience of Legislatures for transacting budget work. The committee will submit its reports by December 31, 2016.

52. What is the India's rank in the 2016 Networked Readiness Index (NRI)?

- [A]100th
- [B]91st
- [C]89th
- [D]68th

Answer:91st

Explanation:

India has been ranked 91st out of 139 countries in the 2016 Networked Readiness Index (NRI). The 2016 NRI index is a key component of the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s Global Information Technology Report 2016. The list is topped by Singapore, followed by Finland, Sweden, Norway and the United States. The index measures countries' success in creating the necessary conditions for a transition to a digitized economy and society.

53. The tropical cyclone 'Nepartak ' is approaching towards which of the following countries?

- [A]Maldivies
- [B]Indonesia
- [C]Malaysia
- [D]Taiwan

Answer:Taiwan

Explanation:

The category-5 tropical cyclone 'Nepartak ' is approaching towards Taiwan at a speed of 280 kilometers per hour.

54. The Namami Gange programme has been launched from which city of India?

- [A]Haridwar
- [B]Patna
- [C]Delhi



[D]Nainital

Answer: Haridwar

Explanation:

The Union Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Uma Bharti has recently launched the Namami Gange programme for cleaning of river Ganga from Haridwar, Uttarakhand. The simultaneous programmes were also launched for cleaning of Ganga and its tributaries from Gangotri to Howrah at various locations in Uttarakhand, UP, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Haryana and Delhi. The 231 projects under Namami Gange involve modernization and redevelopment of ghats and crematoriums, development of sewage infrastructure and treatment, afforestation, tree plantation (medicinal plants), pilot drain project, interceptor drain project, trash skimmers and conservation of biodiversity.

55. The World Zoonoses day is observed on which date?

[A]July 7

[B]July 6

[C]July 8

[D]July 5

Answer: July 6

Explanation:

The World Zoonoses Day is observed on July 6 every year to create awareness on zoonotic diseases, how to prevent them and what actions to take when exposed. The word "zoonoses" was derived from the Greek words zoon (animal) and nosos (ailment). It is all about spread of infectious disease between species, sometimes done by a vector from animals to humans and from humans to other animals. As per the veterinary doctors, there are about 150 known zoonotic diseases and prominent among them are tuberculosis, cat scratch fever, tick paralysis, roundworms, hookworms, scabies and rabies.

56. Who is the newly appointed Union Minister of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting?

[A]Birender Singh

[B]Ananth Kumar

[C]Ravi Shankar Prasad

[D]Venkaiah Naidu

Answer:Venkaiah Naidu

Explanation:

Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu is the newly appointed Union Minister of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B). In addition to I & B ministry, he already holds the portfolio of Urban Development Housing, Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs. Earlier, the I&B ministry was with Union finance minister Arun Jaitley who also held it as an additional charge.

57. Who has become the first-ever Indian gymnast to be certified as "World Class Gymnast" by the International Federation of Gymnastics (IFG)?

[A]Vikas Gowda

[B]Dipa Karmakar

[C]Sanathoi Devi

[D]Sharath Gayakwad

Answer:Dipa Karmakar

Explanation:

Dipa Karmakar from Tripura has become the first-ever Indian gymnast to be certified as "World Class Gymnast" by the International Federation of Gymnastics (IFG). The IFG is the governing body of competitive gymnastics and its headquarters is at Lausanne, Switzerland.

58. Abbas Kiarostami, who passed away recently, was a famous film-director of which country?

[A]India

[B]Iran

[C]Bangladesh

[D]Pakistan

Answer: Iran

Explanation:

Abbas Kiarostami (76), the immensely acclaimed and influential Iranian writer-director, has recently passed away in Paris, France. He was the only Iranian ever to win the Palme D'Or at Cannes film festival.

59. The book "Wood smoke and Leafcups : autobiographical footnotes to the anthropology of the Durwa" has been authored by whom?

[A]Vivek Shanbhag

[B]Venkat Raman Singh Shyam

[C]S. Anand

[D]Madhu Ramnath

Answer: Madhu Ramnath

Explanation:

The book "Wood smoke and Leafcups : autobiographical footnotes to the anthropology of the Durwa" has been authored by Madhu Ramnath. The book articulates the vast struggles over land and territory that haunt tribal areas. It is highly recommended for anyone who wants to journey into a deeper understanding of tribal cultures, which currently face genocide in Central India.

60. The UNESCO Kalinga prize is related to which field?

[A]Sports

[B]Science

[C]Journalism

[D]Peace

Answer:Science

Explanation:

The UNESCO Kalinga Prize is given to a person(s) who make outstanding contribution to the interpretation of science and

technology to the general public. It is in news recently because the Odisha government has decided to double the prize money of UNESCO Kalinga Prize-2017 from \$ 20,000 to \$40,000. The prize was established in 1951 by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), with a generous grant from Mr Biju Patnaik, the founder president of the Kalinga Foundation Trust. The biennial award is jointly financed by the Government of India through the Ministry of Science and Technology, Odisha government and Kalinga Foundation Trust.

61. India has recently set up apparel training centre in which of the following African countries to promote skill development?

- [A]Zambia
- [B]Nigeria
- [C]Morocco
- [D]Algeria

Answer:Nigeria

Explanation:

India has recently set up an apparel training centre at Kadunia in Nigeria to support textiles industry and to promote skill development in the West African country. This is a first of its kind centre in Nigeria, set up in partnership with the Government of Nigeria. The centre has been established under the Cotton Technical Assistance Programme (Cotton TAP) for Africa. The programme is being implemented by the Department of Commerce, Government of India under 2nd India Africa Forum Summit.

62. The 2016 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Summit has started in which of the following cities?

- [A]Geneva
- [B]Paris
- [C]Warsaw
- [D]Berlin

Answer:Warsaw

Explanation:

The 2016 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has started at the National Stadium in Warsaw, Poland from July 8. In the 2-day summit, the leaders of the 28 NATO Allies and many partner nations will deliberate and take decisions to increase the alliance's security by strengthening its deterrence and defense and projecting stability beyond its borders. The issues such as continuing support for Afghan forces, defeating Islamic State militants on NATO's southern flank and deterring Russian aggression on the alliance's eastern flank will be discussed.

63. The National Green Highways Mission (NGHM) has been launched from which city of India?

- [A]Lucknow
- [B]Kolkata
- [C]New Delhi

[D]Chennai

Answer:New Delhi

Explanation:

The National Green Highways Mission (NGHM) has been launched by Nitin Gadkari, the Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping, in New Delhi. Under this initiative, plantation drive on 1500 km of National Highways was launched at a cost of about Rs. 300 crore. The mission aims to provide a green canopy along 100,000km of highways and create jobs for 1 million youth.

64. Om Prakash Sonik, who passed away recently, was a famous personality of which field?

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

Answer:Film Industry

Explanation:

Om Prakash Sonik (77), the noted music director, has recently passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Some of the best-known works are Bhakti Mein Shakti, Dil Ne Phir Yaad Kiya, Dharma, Sawan Bhadon, Aabroo and Raftaar.

65. The 'Smart Pulse Survey' will be conducted by which state government of India?

- [A]Andhra Pradesh
- [B]Assam
- [C]Tamil Nadu
- [D]Punjab

Answer:Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

The Andhra Pradesh government will conduct a 'Smart Pulse Survey' for collecting socioeconomic data of 1.48 crore households in the state. The first phase of the survey has started from July 8 and will continue till July 30, 2016.

66. The 2016 BRICS heads of drug control agencies working group meeting has been hosted by which city of India?

- [A]Jaipur
- [B]Hyderabad
- [C]New Delhi
- [D]Mumbai

Answer:New Delhi

Explanation:

The 2nd anti-drug Working Group meeting of Heads of Drug Control Agencies of BRICS countries has inaugurated by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi to discuss issues related to narco-terrorism and money laundering among the BRICS nations (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) on July 8, 2016. The one-day meeting was organized by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) of India.

67. Which Indian personality has won the Gourmand World Cookbook Award for 2015-16?

- [A]Padma Vijay
- [B]Nimi Sunilkumar
- [C]Nandini Gulati
- [D]Marut Sikka

Answer:Nimi Sunilkumar

Explanation:

Nimi Sunilkumar, a cookbook author and food blogger, has won the Gourmand World Cookbook Award for 2015-16, which is known to be the Oscar award in the field of cookery. Her book "4 o'clock Temptations of Kerala" has been chosen for the award in the 'Best Indian Cuisine Cookbook' section. The book is enriched with photos and details of 54 recipes from Kerala. These recipes are said to be specific to each district. The award is organized to honour the best food and wine books either printed or digital. This is the only international competition in this particular field.

68. The Pobitora wildlife sanctuary is located in which state of India?

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

Answer:Assam

Explanation:

The Pobitora wildlife sanctuary is located at Morigaon district, Assam. It is famous for migratory bird population, one-horned rhinoceros, leopard, wild boar, Barking deer, wild buffalo, etc. It is also home to more than 2000 migratory birds and various reptiles.

69. Who is the author of the book "MS: A life in Music"?

- [A]U. R. Ananthamurthy
- [B]T.J.S. George
- [C]Elena Ferrante
- [D]Perumal Murugan

Answer:T.J.S. George

Explanation:

The book "MS: A life in Music" has been authored by T.J.S. George. It's a biography of one of the India's most revered and respected musician "MS Subbulakshmi". It's a fascinating story of how a girl from a devadasi family challenged male dominance in Carnatic music.

70. "INNOPROM 2016" is the largest annual international industrial trade fair of which country?

- [A]Russia
- [B]Germany
- [C] United Kingdom
- [D]South Africa

Answer: Russia

Explanation:

The 2016 INNOPROM is the largest annual international industrial trade fair of Russia, which will be started on July 10, 2016 in Ekaterinburg. India is the partner country for INNOPROM 2016. From India, Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will lead a delegation of over 110 Indian companies that will showcase their engineering prowess at a trade fair in Russia. 'INNOPROM' will also offer India a platform to showcase 'Brand India Engineering' and 'Make in India'. The theme of the trade fair is "Industrial Net" that aims to bring together all important components to improve efficacy under one roof.

71. Which web portal has been launched by Government of India (GoI) for monitoring farm centres?

- [A]Krishi Saras Kendra
- [B]Krishi Gyan Kendra
- [C]Krishi Nagar Kendra
- [D]Krishi Vigyan Kendra

Answer:Krishi Vigyan Kendra

Explanation:

The Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh has recently launched Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) web portal in New Delhi to monitor nearly 645 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), known as farm science centres, in the country. The KVK portal will provide information related to all schemes, market development and weather updates, besides advisory to farmers. The portal "<http://kvk.icar.gov.in>" will also provide agriculture related information of the districts to the farmers.

72. Abdul Sattar Edhi, who died recently, was the well-known philanthropist of which country?

- [A]India
- [B]Pakistan
- [C]Iran
- [D]Israel

Answer: Pakistan

Explanation:

Abdul Sattar Edhi (92), the well-known Pakistani humanitarian and philanthropist, has recently passed away in Karachi, Pakistan. He was the founder and head of the Edhi Foundation in Pakistan. The Edhi Foundation provides a broad range of free social services, including ambulances, orphanages and support for the elderly and disabled.

73. India's first Centre of Excellence on Internet of Things (CoE- IoT) has been launched in which city of India?

- [A]Bengaluru
- [B]Chennai
- [C]Hyderabad
- [D]Kochi

Answer:Bengaluru

Explanation:



India's first Centre of Excellence on Internet of Things (CoE-IoT) has been launched in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The centre, which can house 40 startups, is jointly set up by software industry grouping National Association of Software and Service Company (NASSCOM), Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DEITY) and Education and Research Network (ERNET). The IoT centre, which allows startups to build a prototype and test them, will focus on building solutions for applications such as agriculture, automobile, telecom, healthcare and consumer goods.

74. India has recently signed MoU with which African country in areas of drug trafficking, pulse trading and sports?

- [A]South Africa
- [B]Mozambique
- [C]Ghana
- [D]Zimbabwe

Answer: Mozambique

Explanation:

India has recently signed three Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mozambique in areas of drug trafficking, pulse trading and sports. The excerpts of MoUs are on reduction of drug trafficking and psychotropic substances and related materials, cooperation in the field of youth affairs and sports and long term agreement for purchase of pulses. In it, Mozambique will focus on the production of tur daal (Pigeon Peas) to facilitate the long term trade goals with India.

75. The world's first digital incubator for student start-ups "SV.CO" will be launched in which state of India?

- [A]Tamil Nadu
- [B]Kerala
- [C]Himachal Pradesh
- [D]Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Kerala

Explanation:

The world's first digital incubator for student start-ups "SV.CO" will be launched at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on July 13, 2016. With this, students can form teams and apply for admission to the digital incubator. Once selected, they will be guided right from selecting an idea to building a prototype and its launch to early customers within 6 months. Based on whether customers like the product, teams can then graduate to incubators, accelerators, raise Angel Funding, and even get acqui-hired as a team or hired to other start-ups or go for higher studies.

76. SIDBI has tied up with which Indian bank for World Bank energy efficiency initiative?

- [A]Sate Bank of India
- [B]Yes Bank
- [C]HDFC Bank
- [D]ICICI Bank

Answer: Yes Bank

Explanation:

The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has partnered with Yes Bank under the Partial Risk Sharing Facility (PRSF) for financing energy efficiency projects programme sponsored by the World Bank. As per the agreement, SIDBI will guarantee 75% of loans of up to Rs. 15 crore extended to the energy efficiency projects. SIDBI is the project execution agency whereas YES Bank is empanelled for the programme.

77. The book "Ace against Odds" is the autobiography of which Indian tennis player?

- [A]Leander Paes
- [B]Somdev Devvarman
- [C]Sania Mirza
- [D]Mahesh Bhupathi

Answer: Sania Mirza

Explanation:

The book "Ace against Odds" is the autobiography of Sania Mirza, which she penned with her father Imran Mirza. The book chronicles her rise to the top and is peppered with anecdotes where she talks about the difficulties and hardships as well as the joys and triumphs that came her way. The autobiography also contains some memorable encounters of the player on and off the court and the people and relationships that have contributed to her growth as a person and a sportsperson.

78. The National E-Vidhan Academy will be set up in which state of India?

- [A]Karnataka
- [B]Kerala
- [C]Himachal Pradesh
- [D]Assam

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

The National E-Vidhan Academy will be set up in Tapovan, where Himachal Vidhan Sabha is situated in Dharamshala. The academy in Dharamshala will train MPs, MLAs and the staff of such institutions from different states in the country.

79. Who will become the first woman in the world to receive the 2016 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea?

- [A]Mehak Fanifau
- [B]Janick Gilbert
- [C]Christopher Leon
- [D]Radhika Menon

Answer: Radhika Menon

Explanation:

Captain Radhika Menon from India, Master of the oil products tanker Sampurna Swarajya, will become the first woman in the world to receive the 2016 International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Award for Exceptional Bravery



at Sea for her role in the dramatic rescue of seven fishermen from a sinking fishing boat in tumultuous seas. The award ceremony will take place at IMO Headquarters in London on November 2016. The annual award was established by IMO to provide international recognition for those who, at the risk of losing their own life and perform acts of exceptional bravery.

80. Who is the newly appointed Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)?

- [A]Nirmal Kumar
- [B]S K Kohli
- [C]M J Tiwari
- [D]Narendra Singh Rathore

Answer:S K Kohli

Explanation:

S K Kohli, the senior bureaucrat, has been appointed as the new Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA). The CGDA is mandated to audit, payment and accounting of all charges pertaining to the armed forces, including bills for supplies and services rendered and for construction and repair works, pay and allowances and pensions, among others.

81. Who has won the 2016 Women's Singles Wimbledon Championship?

- [A]Simona Halep
- [B]Serena Williams
- [C]Angelique Kerber
- [D]Garbine Muguruza

Answer:Serena Williams

Explanation:

Serena Williams has won the 2016 Women's Singles Wimbledon Championship by defeating Angelique Kerber in the final by 7–5, 6–3 in London, United Kingdom. With this win, Williams equaled Steffi Graf's Open Era record of 22 major singles titles.

82. Who has won the 2016 Computer History Museum Book Prize?

- [A]Manoj Bhudholia
- [B]Yogesh Sen
- [C]Dinesh Sharma
- [D]Mayank Jain

Answer:Dinesh Sharma

Explanation:

Dinesh C. Sharma, the Indian columnist and author, has won the 2016 Computer History Museum Book Prize for his book "The Outsourcer: The Story of India's IT Revolution". The book is a panoramic history of development of software and information technology in India spanning almost half a century. The prize of \$1,000 is awarded by the Special Interest Group for Computers, Information and Society (SIGCIS) for the History of Technology.

83. DRDO has signed pact with which IITs for Centre for Propulsion Technology (CoPT)?

- [A]IIT Bombay and IIT Madras
- [B]IIT Indore and IIT Mandi
- [C]IIT Delhi and IIT Bhubaneswar
- [D]IIT Kharagpur and IIT Madras

Answer:IIT Bombay and IIT Madras

Explanation:

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have recently signed an agreement with IIT-Bombay and Madras to establish a bi-nodal Centre of Propulsion Technology (CoPT) at the two institutions. The purpose of the agreement is to achieve synergy between DRDO and IITs for channelizing research efforts towards developing products and aerospace technologies. The CoPT will facilitate and undertake multidisciplinary directed research in the focused areas of futuristic aero engines, hypersonic propulsion for long duration flights, solid propellant combustion modelling and morphing aircraft technologies. It will also undertake advanced collaborative research in the areas of critical defence technologies.

84. Who has won the 2016 Men's Singles Wimbledon Championship?

- [A]Rafael Nadal
- [B]Milos Raonic
- [C]Novak Djokovic
- [D]Andy Murray

Answer:Andy Murray

Explanation:

Andy Murray from Great Britain has won the 2016 Men's Singles Wimbledon Championship by defeating Milos Raonic in the final by 6-4, 7-6, 7-6 at centre court in London, United Kingdom. With this, he clinched a 2nd Wimbledon title and third Grand Slam crown of his career.

85. The 2016 Mountain Echoes literary festival will be held in which country?

- [A]Nepal
- [B]Bhutan
- [C]India
- [D]Myanmar

Answer:Bhutan

Explanation:

The 7th edition of Mountain Echoes literary festival 2016 will be held in Thimpu, Bhutan on August 26 to 28, 2016. It is an initiative of India-Bhutan Foundation in association with Siyahi, a literary organization. The festival aims to provide a platform for the greatest literary minds to engage in a cultural dialogue. In 2016, the festival will focus on climate change, women's voices and travel writing. Beside this, the festival will also announced the first edition of 'Bonfire Tales': A cultural journey that travels via motorcycle to the



Phobjikha valley in the impressive Black Mountains of Bhutan and then onto the warm climes of Punakha.

86. What is the theme of 2016 United Nations World Population Day?

- [A] Investing in teenage girls
- [B] Equality empowers
- [C] Be counted: say what you need
- [D] Vulnerable populations in emergencies

Answer: Investing in teenage girls

Explanation:

The United Nations World Population Day is observed every year on July 11 to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issue. The 2016 theme is "Investing in Teenage Girls" that calls for action to address the vast challenges faced by teenage girls across the world. As per the theme, if a teenage girl has the power, the means and the information to make her own decisions in life, she is more likely to overcome obstacles that stand between her and a healthy, productive future. This will benefit her, her family and her community.

87. The Gangajal delivery scheme has been started from which city of India?

- [A] Patna
- [B] Ranchi
- [C] Dehradun
- [D] Bhubaneswar

Answer: Patna

Explanation:

The Gangajal delivery scheme has been launched at General Post Master office in Patna, Bihar. The initiative to deliver 'Gangajal', a holy water from the river Ganga, from Indian Postal Services has been launched by Union Minister of Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad and Minister of State for Communications Manoj Sinha. Under the scheme, the pious Gangajal, brought from Gangotri and Rishikesh, would be delivered at the doorsteps of people at nominal prices.

88. Who has won the 2016 Formulae One British Grand Prix championship?

- [A] Kimi Raikkonen
- [B] Lewis Hamilton
- [C] Max Verstappen
- [D] Nico Rosberg

Answer: Lewis Hamilton

Explanation:

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton from England has won the 2016 Formulae One British Grand Prix championship in Silverstone, United Kingdom. It is his 4th title of the 2016 season after Monaco Grand Prix, Canadian Grand Prix, and Austrian Grand Prix.

89. The book "One Part Woman" has been authored by whom?

- [A] Nanda Devi
- [B] Perumal Murugan
- [C] Arundhati Roy
- [D] Gautam Bhatia

Answer: Perumal Murugan

Explanation:

The book "Mathorubhagan (or One Part Woman)" has been authored by tamil writer Perumal Murugan. The novel's focus is on recording the travails of a childless couple subjected to community ridicule. Recently, the novel is in news because the Madras High Court has invalidated the settlement, dismissed the criminal complaints and dismissed the petition seeking a ban on the book. The issue was that some Hindu groups took offence to this book and alleged that the author portrayed the Kailasanathar temple in Tiruchengode and its women devotees in bad light. They demanded that the book should be ban.

90. Which national football team has won the 2016 UEFA European football championship?

- [A] France
- [B] Portugal
- [C] Germany
- [D] Spain

Answer: Portugal

Explanation:

Portugal has won the 15th edition of UEFA European football championship 2016 (or Euro Cup 2016) by defeating host France by 1-0 at Saint-Denis in Paris. It is Portugal's first UEFA Euro Cup title. With this, Portugal has earned the right to compete at the 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup in Russia.

91. Which state government will introduce online filing of Performance Appraisal Report (PAR) through SPARROW for its IPS officers?

- [A] Jammu & Kashmir
- [B] Haryana
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Haryana

Explanation:

The Haryana Government has decided to introduce online filing of Performance Appraisal Report (PAR) through Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window (SPARROW) for all its IPS officers from the assessment year 2015-16. The government has also notified the instructions for writing of their PAR which will be recorded online at <http://ips.gov.in> by December 31, 2016.

92. Which committee has been constituted to tackle the shortage of pulses in India?

- [A] Sanjay Mitra committee



- [B]NK Singh committee
 [C]Arvind Subramanian committee
 [D]Divakar Reddy committee

Answer: Arvind Subramanian committee

Explanation:

The Union Government has recently constituted a high-level committee headed by Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian to tackle the shortage of pulses in India. The committee will consider a reasonable hike in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for pulses and bonus for the farmers to promote pulse cultivation and frame an appropriate policy to promote cultivation of lentils in India. The committee will submit its report within 2- weeks. Beside this, the Government of India (Gol) has decided to increase the buffer stock of pulses from 8 lakh to 20 lakh tonnes.

93. Who has become the first woman Chief Justice of Nepal?

- [A]Kalyani Shrestha
 [B]Nirjala Nagendra
 [C]Sushila Karki
 [D]Mridula Upadhyaya

Answer:Sushila Karki

Explanation:

Sushila Karki has become the first woman Chief Justice of Nepal after taking oath of office and secrecy at a special programme organized at the Presidential Residence, Sheetal Niwas. She will head the judiciary till June 6, 2017. The oath was administered by President Bidya Devi Bhandari. Beside Karki, President Bhandari has also administered oath of office and secrecy to newly appointed Chief Election Commissioner Dr. Ayodhi Prasad Yadav.

94. Amal Dutta, who passed away recently, was related to which sports?

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

Answer:Football

Explanation:

Amal Dutta (86), the former India footballer and India's first full time diamond coach, has recently passed away at Baguiati in Kolkata, West Bengal. He was a midfielder during his playing days and represented India in the 1954 Asian Games at Manila. He was renowned for his bold and innovative tactics and formation "Diamond system", thus he was also called as Diamond Coach.

95. The Kharchi Puja festival has started in which state of India?

- [A]West Bengal
 [B]Tripura
 [C]Odisha
 [D]Tamil Nadu

Answer:Tripura

Explanation:

The 7-day long Kharchi Puja festival has started at Chaturdas Devta Temple in Old Agartala, Tripura. It is a century old traditional festival of Tripura. The uniqueness of the fest lies in offering Puja to the head-images of 14 God and Goddesses, who live in a locked room throughout the year and it is only during the first week of Shukla Paksha of Ashad of Bengali calendar year they are brought out so that the devotees can see them. The head images of 14 God and Goddesses symbolize with Hindu Gods like Hara, Uma, Hari, Vani, Kartik etc. Because of the beliefs of festival, Tripura is also known as the land of fourteen gods.

96. Which union minister has recently launched the "Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight

(IDCF)" in New Delhi?

- [A]Jagadish Shettar
 [B]Jagat Prakash Nadda
 [C]DV Sadananda Gowda
 [D]Harsh Vardhan

Answer:Jagat Prakash Nadda

Explanation:

Jagat Prakash Nadda, the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, has recently launched nationwide "Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF)" in New Delhi on July 11, which will be continue till July 23, 2016. The purpose of the IDCF is to curb the risk of diarrhoea which scales up during monsoon season. The Ministry also unveiled a package of measures to end child diarrhoea deaths on the overdrive. As per the programme, ASHA workers shall visit all households with children below 5-years of age for pre-positioning the ORS. The combination of ORS and Zinc has been found to be the most cost-effective intervention to prevent deaths due to diarrhea.

97. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)?

- [A]D Rajkumar
 [B]Utpal Bora
 [C]M Rajeshwari
 [D]S Varadarajan

Answer:D Rajkumar

Explanation:

D Rajkumar has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL). He will take over the charge on or after October 1, 2016 after retirement of BPCL's current chief S Varadarajan in September 2016. Currently, he is working as Managing Director of Bharat Petro Resources Ltd, a unit of BPCL focused on exploration and production. Apart from him, Utpal Bora has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Oil India Limited (OIL).

98. Dharambir Singh is associated with which sports?

- [A]Wushu
- [B]Golf
- [C]Sprint
- [D]Triple Jump

Answer:Sprint

Explanation:

Dharambir Singh has recently book his berth in 2016 Rio Olympics by clocking 20.45 seconds in Men's 200 meters race at the Indian Grand Prix in Bengaluru and become the first Indian to qualify in the sprint event after Perumal Subramaniam in the 1980 Moscow games. Apart from him, Jinson Johnson from Kerala has also qualified for the 2016 Rio in the 800m race after clocking a time of 1:45.98 seconds.

99. Who has been conferred with the 2015 Jnanpith Award?

- [A]Pannalal Patel
- [B]Umashankar Joshi
- [C]Raghuveer Chaudhari
- [D]Rama Jain

Answer:Raghuveer Chaudhari

Explanation:

The President of India Pranab Mukherjee has recently conferred the 51st edition of the Jnanpith Award 2015 to Dr. Raghuveer Chaudhari at a function held at Parliament Library Building, New Delhi. The award consists of a citation plaque, a cash prize of Rs.11 lakh and a bronze replica of Saraswati, the Hindu goddess of knowledge and wisdom.

100. The book "The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable" has been authored by whom?

- [A]Amrish Tripathi
- [B]Tabish Khair
- [C]Amitav Ghosh
- [D]Nitin Gokhale

Answer:Amitav Ghosh

Explanation:

The book "The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable" has been authored by Amitav Ghosh. The book examines human's inability—at the level of literature, history, and politics—to grasp the scale and violence of climate change. The book serves as a great writer's summons to confront the most urgent task of our time.

101. Which country is hosting the 2016 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit?

- [A]India
- [B]Thailand
- [C]Mongolia
- [D]Bhutan

Answer: Mongolia

Explanation:

The 11th edition of Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit 2016 will be held at Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia from July 14 to

16, 2016. The theme of the bi-annual Summit is "20 Years of ASEM: Partnership for the Future through Connectivity". The ASEM is a unique platform that serves to bridge the two continents of Asia and Europe for constructive partnership and exchange, under the three key pillars of political dialogue, economic collaboration and socio-cultural exchanges. From India, Vice President Mohammed Hamid Ansari will lead the Indian delegation to the ASEM summit.

102. Which new Marine Commandos Naval Base has been commissioned at Visakhapatnam?

- [A]INS Varun
- [B]INS Karna
- [C]INS Abhimanyu
- [D]INS Arjun

Answer: INS Karna

Explanation:

An independent base of Marine Commandos (MARCOS) "INS Karna" has been commissioned by Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba at Bheemunipatanam Naval Base in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Captain Varun Singh will be the Commanding Officer of INS Karna. The MARCOS was established in February 1987 at INS Abhimanyu in Mumbai as the Indian Marine Special Force (IMSF). They are known to be very secretive elite soldiers and are capable of operating in all three mediums namely sea, air and land.

103. Sushila Chanu is associated with which sports?

- [A]Hockey
- [B]Wrestling
- [C]Football
- [D]Cricket

Answer: Hockey

Explanation:

Sushila Chanu Pukhrbambam, an Indian field hockey player, will lead the 16-member Indian women's hockey team at the forthcoming Olympic Games to be held at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil from August 5 to 21, 2016. This will be the first time in 36 years that Indian women's hockey team will be participating at the Olympic Games, after stellar show at the Hockey World League Semifinals in 2015. On the other side, Goalkeeper Parattu Raveendran Sreejesh has been named as the captain of the 16-member Indian men's hockey team for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

104. What is the theme of the Indian Languages Festivals (ILF) "Samanvay 2016"?

- [A]Insider/Outsider: Languages are for Unity
- [B]Language as Public Action
- [C]The Languages of a Union
- [D]Writing India's Dreams and Realities

Answer: Language as Public Action

Explanation:



The 6th edition of the Indian Languages Festivals (ILF)-Samanvay 2016 will be held in New Delhi on November 2016 to explore the idea of language beyond the purview of the literary word. The 2016 theme is "Language as Public Action". The purpose of the festival is to blur the existing distinctions between a major and a minor language.

105. The book "Beyond NJ 9842: The Siachen Saga" has been authored by whom?

- [A]Siddhartha Mukherjee
- [B]Nitin Gokhale
- [C]Vinay Sitapati
- [D]Gautam Kumar Beva

Answer:Nitin Gokhale

Explanation:

The book "Beyond NJ 9842: The Siachen Saga" has been authored by Nitin A. Gokhale. The author has portrayed the longstanding dispute between India and Pakistan through the eyes of the veterans who had served there, with the help of their personal stories and anecdotes. The book also contains photographs from private albums from the soldiers who fought there. It is a part of history that speaks volumes of the courage and patriotism of the Indian Army, fighting for their country from a unfriendly place "Siachen".

106. The world's first Snoopy Museum has recently opened in which country?

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

Answer: Japan

Explanation:

The world's first Snoopy Museum has opened at Roppongi in Tokyo, Japan. It is organized by Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center and is dedicated to the cartoon beagle.

107. Who is the newly appointed Union Minister of Minority Affairs?

- [A]Kalraj Mishra
- [B]Babul Supriyo
- [C]Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
- [D]G.M. Siddeshwara

Answer: Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

Explanation:

Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has been appointed as the new Union Minister of Minority Affairs. He succeeded Dr. Najma Heptulla, who recently resigned from the post as she had crossed 75 years.

108. Which of the following banks has signed MoU with IIT Bombay to promote startups in financial sector?

- [A]Axis Bank
- [B]State Bank of India

[C]ICICI

[D]HDFC

Answer: State Bank of India

Explanation:

The IIT-Bombay's technology business incubator "Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE)" has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Bank of India (SBI) to promote innovation by startups in the financial sector. As per the MoU, both the parties will identify FinTech startups that have products or applications to cater to the financial sector and can help SBI to explore opportunities to increase the synergy for their banking services. SBI will provide a platform for testing/ piloting financial products/applications and also check for any specific business linkages.

109. The 2016 Hemis festival will be held in which state of India?

- [A]Jammu and Kashmir
- [B]Himachal Pradesh
- [C]Sikkim
- [D]Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Jammu and Kashmir

Explanation:

The 2016 Hemis festival will be held at the Hemis Monastery in Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) from July 14, 2016 to celebrate the birthday of Lord Padmasambhava (Guru Rinpoche), who is believed to be the local savior who banished demons and evil spirits. It is said that he introduced Buddhism in the Himalayan Kingdom as early as the 8th century. The 2-day festival will be unique this year because the famous silk thangka of Guru Rinpoche will be unfurled, which takes place once in every 12 years, as 2016 is the Tibetan Year of the Monkey.

110. Who has won the first-ever Wimbledon wheelchair tennis men's singles title?

- [A]Gustavo Fernandez
- [B]Stefan Olsson
- [C]Alfie Hewett
- [D]Gordon Reid

Answer:Gordon Reid

Explanation:

Gordon Reid, the British Paralympian, has won the first-ever Wimbledon wheelchair tennis men's singles champion 2016 by defeating Sweden's Stefan Olsson in the final by 6-1, 6-4 at Wimbledon, London. Beside this, Gordon Reid has also won the 2016 Wimbledon wheelchair men's doubles title with his compatriot Alfie Hewett by defeating Stephane Houdet and Peifer in the final by 4-6, 6-1 and 7-6.

111. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID)?

- [A]Arunesh Singh

[B]Ashok Patnaik

[C]Ashok Prasad

[D]Raghu Raman

Answer: Ashok Patnaik

Explanation:

Ashok Patnaik, a 1983-batch Gujarat cadre IPS officer, has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) and will hold charge till December 31, 2018. He is the son-in-law of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. Currently, Patnaik is posted as Additional Director in the Intelligence Bureau (IB). The NATGRID is an ambitious intelligence network project to strengthen counter-terror capabilities of law enforcement agencies.

112. Who is the newly appointed CMD of Jute Corporation of India Ltd. (JCI)?

[A]Madan Seth

[B]Partha Dasgupta

[C]K V R Murthy

[D]K R Nigam

Answer:K V R Murthy

Explanation:

K V R Murthy has been appointed as the new Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Jute Corporation of India Ltd. (JCI). His appointment is for a period of 5 years or till the date of his superannuation. Prior of this appointment, he was the Chief Commercial Manager of Eastern Railways. The JCI is an agency of the government of India that assists jute cultivators in states where this crop is grown and provides minimum price support. The headquarters is at Kolkata, West Bengal.

113. Which operation has been started by India to evacuate its citizens stranded from war-torn

South Sudan?

[A]Operation Sukoon

[B]Operation Safe Homecoming

[C]Operation Raahat

[D]Operation Sankat Mochan

Answer: Operation Sankat Mochan

Explanation:

The Indian Government has started the operation "Sankat Mochan" to evacuate Indian nationals from war-torn African country South Sudan. The operation is being headed by Minister of State for External Affairs General (Retd.) Vijay Kumar Singh. Two C-17 military transport aircrafts have been pressed in service to make the evacuation. There are around 600 Indians in South Sudan, of them 450 are in Juba (capital city of South Sudan) and nearly 150 are outside Juba.

114. Who is the new Prime Minister of United Kingdom (UK)?

[A]Theresa Donovan

[B]Theresa Miller

[C]Theresa May

[D]Theresa Makone

Answer: Theresa May

Explanation:

Theresa May, the leader of the Conservative Party, is the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (UK). She succeeded David Cameron, who resigned after the outcome of the European Union membership referendum. She is the 2nd female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom after Margaret Thatcher.

115. The book "Ringside with Vijender" has been authored by whom?

[A]Srijit Mukherji

[B]Rudraneil Sengupta

[C]Parambrata Chatterjee

[D]Raj Chakraborty

Answer: Rudraneil Sengupta

Explanation:

The book "Ringside with Vijender" has been authored by Rudraneil Sengupta, the deputy editor of Lounge (the weekly feature magazine of Mint). The book throws light on the Beijing Olympics bronze medallist boxer Vijender Singh's sudden decision to turn pro just a year ahead of the 2016 Rio Olympics. It also portrays the moment when Vijendra was awarded India's highest sporting honour Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award. Beside this, it also contains his struggles, changes in his boxing style, training and his personal life.

116. The 41st edition of All India Electricity Board Kabaddi tournament has started in which state of India?

[A]Haryana

[B]New Delhi

[C]Punjab

[D]Tamil Nadu

Answer: Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

The 41st edition of All India Electricity Board Kabaddi tournament has started at St. Joseph's College in Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu. It is organized by Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO). In it, 18 teams from various states viz. Punjab, Haryana, New Delhi, Tamil Nadu, etc., will participate.

117. How much loan amount has been sanctioned by Asian Development Bank (ADB) for 'Climate Adaptation in Vennar Subbasin of Cauvery Delta project' in Tamil Nadu?

[A]\$200 million

[B]\$300 million

[C]\$500 million

[D]\$100 million

Answer:\$100 million

Explanation:



The Government of India (GoI) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently signed a \$100 million loan agreement for 'Climate Adaptation in Vennar Subbasin of Cauvery Delta project' in Tamil Nadu. The financing will be used to strengthen embankments of 6-major irrigation water channels in the Vennar system and rehabilitate 13 irrigation pumping schemes.

118. Which Indian bank has recently acquired Tamil Nadu-based Grama Vidiyal Microfinance to extend its rural banking services?

- [A]Axis Bank
- [B]IDFC bank
- [C]HDFC Bank
- [D]ICICI Bank

Answer:IDFC bank

Explanation:

The IDFC bank Ltd has recently acquired 100% stake in Tamil Nadu-based Grama Vidiyal Microfinance, a leading Micro-Finance Institution (MFI) in India, to extend its rural banking services. After acquisition, Grama Vidiyal will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of IDFC Bank and will act as a dedicated Business Correspondent (BC) of the bank. It will expand the delivery mechanism for the services of IDFC Bank. The acquisition will help IDFC Bank to increase its network and reach to a large customer base in India. With this, IDFC Bank can access Grama Vidiyal's network of 1.2 million households in 319 rural and semi-urban areas across 65 districts of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Pondicherry, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.

119. The Zika health emergency has been declared in which of the following South American countries?

- [A]Argentina
- [B]Chile
- [C]Peru
- [D]Venezuela

Answer:Peru

Explanation:

The Republic of Peru has recently declared a Zika health emergency across the northern half of the country after 102 people were infected with the virus. The 90-day health emergency was declared to prevent the spread of the disease, which is principally transmitted by daytime-active mosquitoes. Over 100 cases of Zika have been reported in Peru, more than 30 of the infected are pregnant women. The Zika virus has been linked to abnormally small heads and brain damage in newborns, known as microcephaly, in children born to infected mothers, as well as blindness, deafness, seizures and other congenital defects. In adults, the virus is linked to a form of temporary paralysis known as Guillain-Barre syndrome.

120. The Dampa Tiger Reserve is located in which state of India?

- [A]Mizoram
- [B]Nagaland
- [C]Tripura
- [D]Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Mizoram

Explanation:

The Dampa Tiger Reserve is the largest wildlife sanctuary in Mizoram, which covers an area of approximately 550 km². It is situated in the western part of Mizoram state, at the international border with Bangladesh about 127 km from Aizawl. It is the natural home of leopards, Indian bison, barking deer, sloth bear, gibbons, langurs, slow loris, rhesus macaque, Indian Python, wild boar and a variety of birds.

121. Who has won the 2016 Fide Women's Grand Prix trophy?

- [A]Geetha Narayanan Gopal
- [B]Harika Dronavalli
- [C]Olga Girya
- [D]Koneru Humpy

Answer:Harika Dronavalli

Explanation:

Harika Dronavalli, an Indian chess grandmaster, has won the 2016 Fide Women's Grand Prix trophy by defeating Russia's Olga Girya in the final in Chendu, China.

122. Which state government of India has recently signed MoU with the Netherlands to set up a skill development centre for farmers?

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

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

The Uttar Pradesh government has signed a MoU with the Netherlands to set up a skill development centre to help farmers. As per the MoU, Netherlands will help Uttar Pradesh in solid waste management, urban development and infrastructure, water management, water supply, cleanliness of water resources, sewage treatment, transport management and revival of water bodies. It would also help in land reclamation of 1,500 acres in the Ganga basin in Kanpur and development of cultural heritage. The MoU will be effective for 3 years.

123. The book "Furiously Happy: A Funny book about Horrible Things" has been authored by whom?

- [A]Allie Brosh
- [B]Alexandra Brosh
- [C]Jenny Lawson
- [D]Roy Sorensen



Answer: Jenny Lawson

Explanation:

The book "Furiously Happy: A Funny book about Horrible Things" has been authored by Jenny Lawson. The book explores her lifelong battle with mental illness. This is a book about accepting everything that makes us who we are, beautiful and imperfect, and then using it to find joy in fantastic and outrageous ways. The author is an award-winning humor writer known for her great openness in sharing her struggle with depression and mental illness.

124. The 2016 Homeless World Cup has started in which of the following cities?

- [A]Tokyo
- [B]Kochi
- [C]New York
- [D]Glasgow

Answer: Glasgow

Explanation:

The 14th edition of Homeless World Cup 2016 has started in Glasgow, Scotland from July 10 and will continue till July 16. It is an annual football tournament focusing on advocating a global awareness about homelessness. Recently, Slum Soccer has partnered with Tata Trusts and Football Players Association of India (FPAI) for team India's participation in the world cup. The Slum Soccer is an organization that uses football as a tool for the social upliftment of downtrodden and at-risk youth.

125. "Operation Megh Prahar", the battle exercise has been conducted by which Indian military force?

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

Answer:Indian Army

Explanation:

The battle exercise "Operation Megh Prahar" has been conducted by Indian Army on the banks of the Yamuna River on July 14, 2016 to test the effectiveness of the ultra modern Tank T-90 & BMP-2 in fighting across opposed river obstacle in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh. This exercise also showcased the importance of incorporating the 3rd dimension in bridging the gap of an obstacle and helping in capture of depth obstacle by a mechanized formation.

126. What is the 2016 theme of the World Youth Skills Day (WYSD)?

- [A]Youth: To motivate for skill development
- [B]Youth skills for work and life
- [C]Skills Development to Improve Youth Employment
- [D]World Skills for peace and prosperity

Answer: Skills Development to Improve Youth Employment

Explanation:

The World Youth Skills Day (WYSD) is observed every year on July 15 to create awareness about the importance of investing in youth skills development. The 2016 theme is "Skills Development to Improve Youth Employment".

127. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)?

- [A]Sarvendra Vikram Bahadur Singh
- [B]Rakesh Kumar Chaturvedi
- [C]Pramod Kumar Das
- [D]Girish Chandra Murmu

Answer:Rakesh Kumar Chaturvedi

Explanation:

Rakesh Kumar Chaturvedi, a 1987 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for a period of 5 years. The post was lying vacant since December 2014.

128. The 2016 Tuluni festival has been held in which state of India?

- [A]Jammu and Kashmir
- [B]Nagaland
- [C]Sikkim
- [D]Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Nagaland

Explanation:

The Tuluni festival is celebrated every year on July 8 by Sumi Naga tribe of Nagaland to mark the end of dry season and the beginning of new fruits. The premier festival is marked by prayers and offerings to Litsaba, the deity of fruitfulness who gives life and protection to the crops. The Tuluni festival symbolizes fraternity, solidarity, sharing and oneness not only among the Sumi community but Nagas as a whole.

129. The first edition of India Skills Competition has started in which city of India?

- [A]Mumbai
- [B]Chennai
- [C]New Delhi
- [D]Bangalore

Answer: New Delhi

Explanation:

The first edition of India Skills Competition has recently launched by President Pranab Mukherjee in New Delhi on July 15, 2016 and will be continued till July 17, 2016. Around 4,820 candidates have registered to compete at the competition. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) have organized "India Skills" to select the best talent in 24 skills/trades viz. hair stylist, welding, car painting, auto body repair, graphic designing, robotics, etc. The shortlisted candidates from these events will qualify for the final selection for World Skills International Competition



at Abu Dhabi (Dubai) in 2017. The India Skills is a platform that will bring youth, industries, and educators together and provide youth an opportunity to compete, experience, and learn how to become the best in the skill of their choice.

130. Which Indian corporate has become the first-ever to issue Masala Bond on London Stock Exchange (LSE)?

- [A]HDFC
- [B]ICICI
- [C]Axis Bank
- [D]Yes Bank

Answer: HDFC

Explanation:

The Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) has become the first Indian company to issue rupee-denominated bonds “masala bonds” on London Stock Exchange (LSE). The bond will help HDFC to diversify its borrowing profile and access global investors. The Masala bond refers to a bond through which Indian entities can raise money from foreign markets in rupee, and not in foreign currency. By issuing bonds in rupees, an Indian entity is protected against the risk of currency fluctuation, typically associated with borrowing in foreign currency. With this, masala bonds will help in internationalization of the rupee and will expand the Indian bond markets. Though, the bonds are traded on the LSE, not in India.

131. Which state government of India has recently granted scheme for students of local language schools?

- [A]West Bengal
- [B]Goa
- [C]Maharashtra
- [D]Punjab

Answer: Goa

Explanation:

The Goa government has recently granted scheme for students of local language schools. As per the scheme, aided primary schools having Konkani and Marathi as Medium of Instruction (Mol) will be provided a special grant of Rs.400 per student per month for 10 months in a year. The new monthly-grant scheme has been designed in the wake of difficulties faced by schools in accessing benefits under government’s “one-time grant scheme”.

132. The Transforming India portal has been launched by which union ministry?

- [A]Ministry of Urban Development
- [B]Ministry of Home Affairs
- [C]Ministry of Finance
- [D]Ministry of Law and Justice

Answer: Ministry of Law and Justice

Explanation:

Ravi Shankar Prasad, the Union Minister of Law and Justice and the Communication and Information Technology, has

recently launched ‘Transforming India’ web portal in New Delhi to share the impact of various governance initiatives with citizens in real-time basis. The web portal “www.transformingindia.mygov.in” will provide information in a user-friendly format and allow citizens to post pictures, videos and feedback on any schemes by the government. The portal will bridge the gap between citizens and government and provide a seamless interface for two way information interchange.

133. The Ramayana Masam has started in which state of India?

- [A]Tamil Nadu
- [B]Kerala
- [C]Andhra Pradesh
- [D]Telangana

Answer:Kerala

Explanation:

The Ramayana Masam has begun in Kerala in the Malayalam month “Karkidakam” on July 16, 2016 and will ends on August 16. The famous Malayalam version of the Ramayana titled “Adhyatma Ramayanam Kilippattu” written by Thunchath Ezhuthachan is the one recited in the month. The book, considered holy by devotees, is recited by elder people from the beginning till the end of the Karkidakam month.

134. Which ancient site of India has recently declared as the UNESCO World Heritage Site?

- [A]Mountain Railways of India
- [B]Churches and Convents of Goa
- [C]Nalanda Mahavihara
- [D]Mahabodhi temple

Answer: Nalanda Mahavihara

Explanation:

The archaeological site of Nalanda Mahavihara (also known as Nalanda University) in Bihar has been declared as the World Cultural Heritage by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee meeting in Istanbul, Turkey. The Nalanda site consists of the archaeological remains of a monastic and scholastic institution dating from the 3rd century BC to the 13th century AD. Besides the site of India, Zuojiang Huashan Rock Art Cultural Landscape (China), the Persian Qanat (Iran), Nan Madol: Ceremonial Center of Eastern Micronesia (Micronesia), Archaeological Site of Philippi (Greece), Antequera Dolmens Site (Spain), Archaeological Site of Ani (Turkey),Gorham’s Cave Complex (Britain) and Stecci — Medieval Tombstones Graveyards (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia) are also included.

135. Which committee has been constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to study the regulatory issues relating to financial technology and digital banking in India?



- [A]Nachiket Mor committee
 [B]Sudarshan Sen committee
 [C]M V Nair committee
 [D]K S Krishnaswamy committee

Answer:Sudarshan Sen committee

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted Sudarshan Sen committee to study the regulatory issues relating to financial technology and digital banking in India. The committee will scope the developments in the Fin Tech space relating to technological platforms, major innovations, key players and how markets have adopted these new developments. It will also frame an appropriate regulatory response with an aim to increase Fin Tech and digital banking opportunities and also manage risks and challenges. The committee will submit its report within 6 months.

136. Which Indian personality will be the face of the “city compost campaign” under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)?

- [A]Salman Khan
 [B]Amitabh Bachchan
 [C]Priyanka Chopra
 [D]Deepika Padukone

Answer: Amitabh Bachchan

Explanation:

The Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan will be the face of the “city compost campaign” under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) to encourage citizens to use compost produced from municipal solid waste. He will appeal to all citizens, nursery owners and horticulture agencies to pledge to use only city compost in their gardens, farm houses and public gardens. In addition, he will make an appeal to bulk waste generators like educational institutions and hotels to set up decentralized composite equipment in their respective premises and encourage the citizens to segregate organic waste for further composting.

137. Suresh Ketkar, who passed away recently, was related to which field?

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

Answer:Politics

Explanation:

Suresh Ketkar (84), the senior Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) pracharak, has recently passed away at Latur, Maharashtra.

138. Which state has become the first Indian state to set up ‘Happiness Department’?

- [A]Himachal Pradesh
 [B]Sikkim

- [C]Madhya Pradesh
 [D]Tripura

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh has become the first Indian state to set up ‘Happiness Department’. The new department will work to ensure happiness in the lives of common people on the lines of Bhutan. It will map and define parameters of happiness and efficiency and would chalk out directives/guidelines for coordination between departments in the direction of spreading happiness in the state. The Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will head the department. Bhutan is the only country in the world that measures its progress through the Gross Happiness Index (GHI).

139. Which is the the world’s first hospital on a train?

- [A]Gatiman Express
 [B]Jyoti Express
 [C]Lifeline Express
 [D]Red Cross Express

Answer: Lifeline Express

Explanation:

The Lifeline Express (or Jeevan Rekha Express) is the world’s first hospital on a train, has celebrated 25 years of service to the poor and underprivileged masses of rural India in Mumbai, Maharashtra on July 16, 2016. It is also known as the Magic Train of India. The train, which is the flagship of Impact India Foundation, in partnership with the Indian Railways, has medically served more than 10 lakh poor in rural India, restoring sight, movement, hearing and correction of cleft lips with dental and neurological treatment and more, completely free of cost. The train has covered 173 projects in 18 states and also covered 2 lakh km distance.

140. The book “Courage & Commitment: An Autobiography” has been authored by whom?

- [A]Pratibha Patil
 [B]Margaret Alva
 [C]Manmohan Singh
 [D]Sonia Gandhi

Answer:Margaret Alva

Explanation:

The book “Courage & Commitment: An Autobiography” has been authored by Margaret Alva. It is the story of the author that shows how a woman, a minority, from a small town middle class family grew up and survived in the turbulent politics of her times, without the backing of money power or business lobbies. It narrates the author’s 44-year career under four Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, PV Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh. It also tells about her transition from politician to Governor.

141. "The Great India Run" India's first multi-city marathon has started from which city of India?

- [A]New Delhi
- [B]Mumbai
- [C]Ahmedabad
- [D]Jaipur

Answer:New Delhi

Explanation:

India's first multi-city marathon "The Great India Run" has started from New Delhi on July 17, 2016. The run will pass through Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and will end at Mumbai in Maharashtra on August 6, 2016.

142. The Khangchendzonga National Park is located in which state of India?

- [A]Himachal Pradesh
- [B]Sikkim
- [C]Assam
- [D]Odisha

Answer:Sikkim

Explanation:

The Khangchendzonga National Park is located in Sikkim. It is home to musk deer, snow leopard, Himalayan tahr, etc. It is in news recently because the Capitol Complex of Chandigarh, Khangchendzonga National Park of Sikkim and Nalanda Mahavihara of Bihar are recently listed in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites at the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee meeting in Istanbul, Turkey. This is the first time that any country got 3-sites inscribed in the World Heritage List at a single session of the committee meeting. A World Heritage Site is a place (such as a building, city, complex, desert, forest, island, lake, monument, or mountain) that is listed by the UNESCO as being of special cultural or physical significance.

143. "e-marketplace" web portal has been launched by which union ministry for goods procurement?

- [A]Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- [B]Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
- [C]Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- [D]Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Answer:Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Explanation:

Nirmala Sitharaman, the Union Minister of State (MoS) Commerce and Industry, has recently launched an "e-marketplace" web portal for online purchase of goods and services by various central government ministries and departments in New Delhi. The purpose of the portal is to bring more transparency and streamlining the government procurement of goods and services. The portal has developed by Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D).

144. What is the India's rank on business optimism index for June quarter 2016, as per the latest Grant Thornton International Business Report (IBR)?

- [A]1st
- [B]2nd
- [C]4th
- [D]3rd

Answer:3rd

Explanation:

India has been ranked 3rd on the business optimism index for April-June quarter of 2016, as per the latest Grant Thornton's latest International Business Report (IBR). After remaining on top globally for the two preceding quarters, India's rank has dropped due to delays in key reforms such as Goods and Services Tax (GST), non-resolution of tax disputes, banking issues due to NPAs and the banking sector's performance .

145. Who has won the 2016 WBO Asia Pacific Super Middleweight title?

- [A]Sunil Siwach
- [B]Sumit Rangi
- [C]Vijender Singh
- [D]Dibagh Thakran

Answer: Vijender Singh

Explanation:

Vijender Singh, an Indian professional boxer, has won the 2016 WBO Asia Pacific Super Middleweight title after defeating former WBC European champion Kerry Hope in a 10-round bout in New Delhi.

146. Which of the following states are the first states in India where Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS) will be launched?

- [A]Punjab and Haryana
- [B]Telangana and Andhra Pradesh
- [C]Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh
- [D]Bihar and Jharkhand

Answer: Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are the first states in India where Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS) will be launched. The system will integrate the courts, police stations, prosecution, forensic science laboratories and jails.

147. Which event has been organised by the Union HRD Ministry to felicitate Class XII achievers who braved difficult circumstances?

- [A]Man Vishvas
- [B]Gun Gaurav
- [C]Udaan
- [D]Tarang Sansar

Answer:Gun Gaurav

Explanation:



Prakash Javadekar, the Union Minister of Human Resource Development (HRD), has organized "Gun Gaurav" event to felicitate 46 students who achieved high marks in their XII exams, despite hailing from economically weakest of weaker sections and secured admission in top Delhi colleges. The Gun Gaurav, the first of its kind event, has been held at Minister's residence to acknowledge the consistent efforts and merit of these students.

148. Which train safety system will be launched by the Indian Railways to avoid train accidents?

- [A]Tri-Safety
- [B]Tri-Netra
- [C]Tri-Network
- [D]Tri-Veil

Answer:Tri-Netra

Explanation:

The Terrain Imaging for Diesel Drivers- Infrared Enhanced Optical and Radar Assisted (Tri-NETRA) system will be launched by the Indian Railways to avoid train accidents. The device uses infrared and radar technology to collect signals up to a distance of 2-3 km and displays the information on a screen fitted inside the locomotive. This will give ample time for the driver to apply the brakes. The tri-netra device will alert the drivers of any physical obstruction on railway tracks ahead and thus prevent train accidents. It will be very useful during fog, heavy rain and nights, when drivers have to constantly look outside the locomotive to judge the condition.

149. "TalkToAK", the live interactive programme has been launched by which union territory/state of India?

- [A]Delhi
- [B]Uttar Pradesh
- [C]Gujarat
- [D]Puducherry

Answer:Delhi

Explanation:

Arvind Kejriwal, the Chief Minister of Delhi, has recently launched a live interactive programme "TalkToAK" at the Delhi Secretariat, which aims at direct communication with Delhi people. The first programme was an hour-long session and people asked questions by logging on to 'talktoak.com' or on 011-2339299. In it, the Chief Minister answered a wide variety of questions based on education, youth and city administration.

150. Which Union Territory (UT) of India will form "Swachh Bal Senas" to build it as a garbage-free UT?

- [A]Daman and Diu
- [B]Puducherry
- [C]Lakshadweep
- [D]Chandigarh

Answer:Puducherry

Explanation:

The Puducherry government will form 'Swachh Bal Senas' to make sure that children function as watchdogs of cleanliness and prevent elders from littering streets in the union territory. It's a novel initiative to ensure a garbage-free Puducherry. The children will be given yellow coloured whistles, which they will blow whenever they see elder throwing garbage. By this way, the young children will also gain knowledge of healthy style of living. With this, Puducherry will become the first union territory of India to have such senas.

151. The International Criminal Justice Day is observed on which date?

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

Answer:July 17

Explanation:

The International Criminal Justice Day is observed every year on July 17 to end atrocities and prosecute individuals who perpetuate human rights abuses. This is a day to reflect upon the victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes and to celebrate the international community's continued efforts to create a more just and peaceful world.

152. Who has won the 2016 Women's Senior National Squash Championship?

- [A]Sharmila Nicollet
- [B]Ritwika Bhattacharya
- [C]Dipika Pallikal
- [D]Joshna Chinappa

Answer: Dipika Pallikal

Explanation:

Dipika Pallikal Karthik has won the 73rd edition of women's title for Senior National Squash Championship 2016 by defeating Joshna Chinappa in the final in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Beside this, Saurav Ghosal has created history by winning men's National Squash title for the 11th time by defeating Harinderpal Singh Sandhu in the final in Mumbai.

153. Which state electricity board has won the champion trophy in the 2016 All India Electricity Board Kabaddi tournament?

- [A]Delhi
- [B]Himachal Pradesh
- [C]Haryana
- [D]Punjab

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

Himachal Pradesh has won the champion trophy in the 41st edition of All India Electricity Board Kabaddi tournament 2016 by defeating Punjab in the final by 36-32 at Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu.



154. What is the theme of 2016 Nelson Mandela International Day?

- [A] Fight for social justice
- [B] Promote peace and Livelihood
- [C] Clear vision, clear approach
- [D] Take action, inspire change

Answer: Take Action, Inspire Change

Explanation:

The Nelson Mandela International Day is observed every year on July 18 to recognize the legacy of Nelson Mandela, South Africa's former President, for his tireless struggle against apartheid. The day is a global call to action that celebrates the idea that each individual has the power to transform the world, the ability to make an impact. The 2016 theme is "Take Action, Inspire Change".

155. Which state government has launched free bus pass scheme for school and college students for the year 2016-17?

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

Answer: Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

The Tamil Nadu government has recently launched the free bus pass scheme for school and college students for the year 2016-17. The government scheme is aimed to benefit students from poor backgrounds.

156. Which web portal has been launched to reduce paper work in the Lok Sabha, the lower house of Parliament of India?

- [A] e-portal
- [B] m-portal
- [C] w-portal
- [D] n-portal

Answer: e-portal

Explanation:

Sumitra Mahajan, the Lok Sabha Speaker, has recently launched an "e-portal" for Lok Sabha members that will enable them to interact with each other and with various branches of the secretariat through e-mail and SMS. It is one of the steps to reduce paper work in the Lok Sabha, the lower house of Parliament of India. The portal will have separate login and password for each member. In it, Lok Sabha members will be able to e-file questions and notices online. It can be used for issuing notices, calling adjournment motion, calling attention motion. The portal will be available in Hindi and English. The portal also provides ready information regarding Bills, Committee meeting schedules, Agenda and Reports, verbatim debates and other parliamentary information.

157. Kudsi Erguner, who has been named as the new UNESCO Artist for Peace, belongs to which country?

- [A] Turkey
- [B] Pakistan
- [C] Iran
- [D] Iraq

Answer: Turkey

Explanation:

Kudsi Erguner, a Turkish musician, has been named as the new UNESCO Artist for Peace in recognition of his efforts to promote the universal values of music and for his contribution to the protection of musical heritage. He has been appointed by the Irina Bokova (Director-General of UNESCO) at the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee in Istanbul, Turkey.

158. The book "Managing Piety: The Shrine of Data Ganj Bakhsh" has been authored by whom?

- [A] Christa Wolf
- [B] Gunter Grass
- [C] Doris Lessing
- [D] Linus Strothmann

Answer: Linus Strothmann

Explanation:

The book "Managing Piety: The Shrine of Data Ganj Bakhsh" has been authored by Linus Strothmann. The book gives an account of various developments associated with the shrine of Ali Hajveri (or Data Ganj Bakhsh), which is located in Lahore (Pakistan), with particular focus on the relationship between the state, public space, the secular and the religious values. It gives detailed accounts of the economy, management and social impact of the shrine. The shrine is one of the South Asia's most important Sufi sites.

159. Which of the following will be the official nutrition sponsor of the Indian Olympic team in 2016 Rio Olympics?

- [A] Dabur
- [B] Star India
- [C] Herbalife International India
- [D] Pepsi

Answer: Herbalife International India

Explanation:

Herbalife International India will be the official nutrition sponsor of the Indian Olympic team in 2016 Rio Olympics. Herbalife is a global premier nutrition company that has exclusively partnered with Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for 2 years. Apart from this, Herbalife (HLF) will also sponsor the Costa Rican, Israeli, Italian, and Vietnamese Olympic Committees at the Rio 2016 Olympics and Paralympics Games.

160. Mubarak Begum, who passed away recently, was related to which field?

- [A] Singing

[B]Classical Dance

[C]Poetry

[D]Sports

Answer: Singing

Explanation:

Mubarak Begum (80), the legendary playback singer, has recently passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra. She is remembered for singing scores of songs, duets and ghazals for Bollywood, mainly during the 1950s-1970s. Mubarak Begum is known for the evergreen song "Kabhi tanhaiyon mein hamari yaad ayegi" from the 1961 movie "Hamari Yaad Aayegi".

161. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI)?

[A]Guruprasad Mohapatra

[B]J P Alex

[C]R K Srivastava

[D]Arun Kumar

Answer: Guruprasad Mohapatra

Explanation:

Guruprasad Mohapatra, a 1986 batch Gujarat cadre IAS officer, has been appointed as the new chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI). Prior to this appointment, he was posted as the Joint Secretary in Union Ministry of Commerce.

162. Who will be the new Chief Economist and Senior Vice-President of the World Bank (WB)?

[A]Justin Yifu Lin

[B]Martin Ravallion

[C]Paul Romer

[D]Justin Yifu Lin

Answer: Paul Romer

Explanation:

Paul Romer, the American economist, will be the new Chief Economist and Senior Vice-President of the World Bank (WB). He will succeed Kaushik Basu, a former Indian government economics adviser, on September 2016. Presently, Romer is a professor at New York University (NYU) and director of NYU's Marron Institute of Urban Management.

163. Who is the newly elected Prime Minister of Australia?

[A]Sally Young

[B]Tanya Plibersek

[C]Peter Cosgrove

[D]Malcolm Turnbull

Answer: Malcolm Turnbull

Explanation:

Malcolm Turnbull, the leader of the Liberal Party, is the newly elected Prime Minister of Australia after the 2016 Australian federal election. The election was the first double dissolution election to all 226 members of the 45th Parliament of Australia since the 1987 election.

164. The book "Who Moved My Interest Rate?" has been authored by whom?

[A]C. Rangarajan

[B]Bimal Jalan

[C]D Subbarao

[D]Y. V. Reddy

Answer: D Subbarao

Explanation:

The book "Who Moved My Interest Rate?: Leading the Reserve Bank of India Through Five Turbulent Years" has been authored by Duvvuri Subbarao. The book is an insider's account of the problems and complexities Subbarao confronted while leading the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) through the extraordinary economic and political challenges. This is also a compelling chronicle of Subbarao's attempts to demystify the RBI and explain to the public its impact on their everyday lives.

165. Didi Akinyelure, who has won the 2016 BBC World News Komla Dumor Award, is a journalist of which country?

[A]Kenya

[B]Mauritius

[C]Nigeria

[D]Ethiopia

Answer: Nigeria

Explanation:

Didi Akinyelure, a Nigerian business journalist and presenter, has won the 2nd edition of BBC World News Komla Dumor Award 2016. As part of the award, she will join the BBC's News team in London and begin a 3-month placement from September 2016. This placement will provide her an opportunity to gain skills and experience by attending a course with the BBC Academy. She will also have an opportunity to travel to a country in Africa, with a top BBC producer, to report on a story for a global audience. Currently, Akinyelure is a prime-time news anchor in Nigeria and presents business news for CNBC, which broadcasts across the continent.

166. Who has become the first-ever Indian to win the Mr. World title, recently?

[A]Gautham Karthik

[B]Rohit Khandelwal

[C]Ajith Kumar

[D]Puneeth Rajkumar

Answer: Rohit Khandelwal

Explanation:

Rohit Khandelwal from India has won the prestigious Mr. World 2016 title at a grand ceremony at Southport in England and won a cash prize of \$ 50,000. With this, he became the first-ever Indian to win the title. Khandelwal is a popular actor, television personality and model from Hyderabad. Previously, he won the Mr. India 2015 contest.



167. Mohammad Shahid, who passed away recently, was the legendary player of which sports?

- [A]Wrestling
- [B]Football
- [C]Hockey
- [D]Sprint

Answer:Hockey

Explanation:

Mohammed Shahid (56), the legendary Indian hockey player, has recently passed away in Gurugram, Haryana. He was known for his dribbling skills and was considered one of India's greatest hockey players. Shahid was a member of the V Baskaran-led Indian team that won a gold medal at the 1980 Moscow Olympics. He was also a part of the national team that won a silver medal at the Delhi Asian Games (1982) and bronze at the 1986 Seoul Asian Games.

168. NITI Aayog has recently partnered with which technical giant to set up Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in India?

- [A]Wipro
- [B]Intel India
- [C]Infosys
- [D]TCS

Answer:Intel India

Explanation:

The NITI Aayog has recently signed a Statement of Intent (Sol) with Intel India to set up 10 Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATLs) in India to promote curiosity, creativity and imagination among young innovators. The ATL initiative is a part of the government's flagship programme "Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)". The purpose of the ATL is to build relevant skill sets among youngsters and to provide access to technology that will help to create solutions for social impact. These laboratories intend to impact 250,000 youth with innovation skills & skills for the future across 500 communities & schools. As part of the initiative, Intel India will facilitate ideation, design thinking and prototyping workshops through industry experts and co-lead an innovation festival.

169. The BRICS Policy Planning Dialogue will be hosted by which city of India?

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

Answer:Patna

Explanation:

The BRICS Policy Planning Dialogue will be hosted by India in Patna, Bihar on July 26, 2016. The dialogue will provide an opportunity for exchange on strategic assessments of international situation and the regional situation of each country. This will be the first time that Union External Affairs

Ministry will host an official foreign policy related engagement in Patna.

170. What is the motto of the Election Commission of India (ECI) for year 2016?

- [A]Voter is at highest priority
- [B]Healthy support for citizens
- [C]None is above than polls
- [D]No voter to be left behind

Answer:No voter to be left behind

Explanation:

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has recently launched National Electoral Roll Purification (NERP) 2016 to improve health of electoral rolls and optimize the polling station location and area. Beside this, the 2016 motto of the ECI is "No voter to be left behind".

171. The Petrapole Integrated Check Post (ICP) has been launched between India and which of the following neighboring countries?

- [A]Myanmar
- [B]Bhutan
- [C]Nepal
- [D]Bangladesh

Answer: Bangladesh

Explanation:

The Petrapole Integrated Check Post (ICP) has been launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina through video conferencing at Petrapole, West Bengal to boost India-Bangladesh trade ties. The purpose of the Petrapole ICP is to provide better facilities on the security, customs and immigration front. It will also support facilities for smooth cross-border movement of persons, goods and transport. The Petrapole ICP is the 2nd ICP on the India-Bangladesh border after the Agartala ICP at the Agartala (India)-Akhaura (Bangladesh) land border.

172. The book "In the Name of Democracy: JP Movement and the Emergency" has been authored by whom?

- [A]Keith Richards
- [B]Bipan Chandra
- [C]Ajit Ranade
- [D]Milind Deora

Answer:Bipan Chandra

Explanation:

The book "In the Name of Democracy: JP Movement and the Emergency" was authored by Bipan Chandra, an Indian historian. The book is a valuable contribution to our understanding of those turbulent years of emergency of 1975-77 and JP movement. Through the book, we can look at these happenings sequentially and can understand their character and the nature of the challenge they (Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Jayaprakash Narayan) posed to our democracy.

173. The first annual meeting of the Board of Governors of BRICS New Development Bank has been held in which country?

- [A]China
- [B]India
- [C]South Africa
- [D]Russia

Answer:China

Explanation:

The first annual meeting of the Board of Governors of BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) has been held at Shanghai, China. The 2016 meeting marks the commencement of the phase of immense work for realization of NDB's vision of providing catalytic resources for sustainable infrastructure to the founder members and other emerging and developing economies. India will be the Chair of the Board of Governors of the Bank and the 2nd annual meetings of NDB will be held in India in 2017.

174. Which state/union territory of India has launched online payment system for licensing & registration of Food Business Operators (FBOs)?

- [A]Delhi
- [B]Uttar Pradesh
- [C]Rajasthan
- [D]Odisha

Answer: Delhi

Explanation:

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT) has recently launched an online payment system for licensing and registration of Food Business Operators (FBOs). Applicants can now make payments through credit and debit card and net banking, which will eliminate delay in collection of fees and simplify processes for applicants. Beside this, the Delhi Government has also introduced a credit note system in dealings between the food safety officers and the FBOs, which used to be in cash. In the new practice no cash dealings will be done. Such measures will ensure transparency and also check corruption.

175. The Social Security Agreement (SSA) has been signed between India and with which country, recently?

- [A]Austria
- [B]Hungary
- [C]Japan
- [D]Sweden

Answer:Japan

Explanation:

The Social Security Agreement (SSA) has been signed between India and Japan, which will come into force on October 1, 2016. As per the pact, an Indian worker on a short-term contract in Japan will be exempt from making a social security contribution there. The same applies to Japanese workers in India. This exemption will be provided

only if the Indian worker is covered under the social security system of India and continues to pay his or her contribution during the period of overseas contract.

176. The world's first Zika vaccine test on humans will be conducted by which country?

- [A]Canada
- [B]France
- [C]China
- [D]South Korea

Answer: Canada

Explanation:

The world's first Zika vaccine test on humans will be conducted by Canadian University to counter the explosively spreading virus. The researchers from Laval University, based in Quebec City, will conduct the test. Till date, vaccines have been tested on mice. Mainly, the Zika virus is transmitted by mosquitoes and there is no existing treatment or vaccine for it.

177. What is the India's rank in the 2016 Natixis Global Retirement Index?

- [A]24th
- [B]43rd
- [C]19th
- [D]3rd

Answer:43rd

Explanation:

India has been ranked 43rd out of 43 countries in the 2016 Global Retirement Index (GRI). The list is topped by Norway, followed by Switzerland, Iceland, Sweden and Germany. The index is compiled by Natixis Global Asset Management with support from CoreData Research, a U.K.- based financial research firm. The purpose of the index is to provide a global benchmark for retirees and future retirees so that they can evaluate and compare the suitability of various nations, and plan their retirement according to their expectations and needs.

178. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup?

- [A]Phil Simmons
- [B]Steve Elworthy
- [C]Steve Waugh
- [D]Trevor Bayliss

Answer:Steve Elworthy

Explanation:

Steve Elworthy, the former South Africa fast bowler, has been appointed as the Managing Director of the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup, which will be held in England and Wales. He will also oversee the ICC Champions Trophy 2017 and the ICC Women's World Cup 2017.



179. The Baisipalli Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state of India?

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

Answer: Odisha

Explanation:

The Baisipalli Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Nayagr, Odisha. It is 168.35 square kilometres and is home to bears, elephants, leopards, Sambar Deer and spotted deer.

180. India's first-ever SAARC Tourism Summit will be hosted by which city?

- [A]New Delhi
- [B]Agra
- [C]Aurangabad
- [D]Patna

Answer:Aurangabad

Explanation:

India's first-ever SAARC Tourism Summit will be hosted by Aurangabad, Maharashtra in October 2016. The purpose of the 2-day summit is to tap Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) under "Make in India" and "Make in Maharashtra" schemes. The Ministry of External Affairs has chosen Aurangabad for the summit because 2017 will be celebrated as "Visit Maharashtra Year" and in 2018, the 200th anniversary of the discovery of the world heritage Ajanta caves will be celebrated by the state.

181. Michelle Kakade, who has become the first person to complete the Indian Golden Quadrilateral on foot, is belonged to which city of India?

- [A]Pune
- [B]Kochi
- [C]Chennai
- [D]Bengaluru

Answer:Pune

Explanation:

Michelle Kakade from Pune has become the first person to complete the Indian Golden Quadrilateral on foot. It took her 193 days, 1 hour & 9 minutes to cover 5968.4 kms of the Golden Quadrilateral that connects the 4- major metros of India. With this, she booked her name in the Guinness Book of World Records for "Fastest time to travel the Indian Golden Quadrilateral on foot (female)" across 57 major cities in India and on the India' most valuable and largest highway project.

182. What is the India's rank in the 2016 Sustainable Development Goal Index?

- [A]110th
- [B]88th
- [C]63rd

[D]129th

Answer:110th

Explanation:

India has been ranked 110th out of 149 nations in the 2016 Sustainable Development Goal Index. The new index is launched by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and the Bertelsmann to provide a report card for tracking Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) progress and ensuring accountability. The index is topped by Sweden, followed by Denmark and Norway. The index helps countries to identify priorities for early actions and shows that every country faces major challenges in achieving the SDGs.

183. Which state government has constituted judicial panel for reforms in Sri Jagannath temple management?

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

Answer:Odisha

Explanation:

The Odisha government has recently constituted a judicial commission to study the functioning of the Sri Jagannath Temple, which has recently witnessed major controversies over mismanagement of rituals by unruly servitors. The commission will be headed by retired judge of Orissa High Court Justice Bimal Prasad Das. The one-man commission will recommend reforms for smooth management of the Sri Jagannath Temple and propagation of the Jagannath culture.

184. Which of the following Indian companies has/have been listed in the 2016 Fortune 500 list of the world's biggest corporations in terms of revenue?

- [A]Indian Oil Corporation
- [B]Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd
- [C]Hindustan Petroleum Corp. Ltd
- [D]All of the above

Answer:All of the above

Explanation:

In the 2016 Fortune 500 list of the world's biggest corporations in terms of revenue, 7 Indian companies are listed. These are Indian Oil Corporation (161st), Reliance Industries Ltd (215th), Tata Motors Ltd (226th), State Bank of India (232nd), Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd (358th), Hindustan Petroleum Corp. Ltd (367th), and Rajesh Exports (423rd). The list is topped by Walmart, followed by State Grid and China National Petroleum.

185. The Ghatampur Thermal Power Station (GTPS) is located in which state of India?

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

Answer:Uttar Pradesh**Explanation:**

The Ghatampur Thermal Power Station (GTPS) is an upcoming coal-based thermal power plant located in Ghatampur in Kanpur district, Uttar Pradesh (UP). Recently, it is in news because the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has given its approval for installation of 1980 MW Ghatampur Thermal Power Project (GTPC) through a Joint Venture Company "Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited (NUPPL)", which is formed jointly by Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC) and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (UPRVUNL).

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

- [A]Khushal Mangal
- [B]Ajay Bhusan Pandey
- [C]Nandan Kishore
- [D]Neelam Sharma

Answer:Ajay Bhusan Pandey**Explanation:**

Ajay Bhusan Pandey, a 1984 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). Prior to this, he was the director general of UIDAI.

187. Which country has recently declared a 3-month state of emergency in the aftermath of coup attempt?

- [A]Iraq
- [B]Libya
- [C]Turkey
- [D]Tunisia

Answer:Turkey**Explanation:**

The Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has recently declared a 3-month state of emergency in the aftermath of coup attempt. As per Article 121 of the Turkish constitution, the state of emergency allows the president and cabinet to bypass parliament when drafting new laws and to restrict or suspend rights and freedoms.

188. The Mother Teresa International Film Festival (MTIFF) will be started from which city of India?

- [A]Kochi
- [B]Chennai
- [C]Kolkata
- [D]Bellary

Answer:Kolkata**Explanation:**

The Mother Teresa International Film Festival (MTIFF) will be started from Kolkata, West Bengal on August 26, 2016, after which it will travel all over the world for the next 6 months to mark the canonisation of Mother Teresa on September 4, 2016. The Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa, who passed

away in 1997 after serving the poor and sick on the streets of Kolkata for 45 years, will be declared a saint by Pope Francis in the Vatican City on September 2016. The film festival will be organised by the World Catholic Association for Communication's India chapter and will focus on her life and teachings.

189. The book "Sleep Revolution" has been authored by whom?

- [A]Sherry Turkle
- [B]Sheryl Sandberg
- [C]Shawn Stevenson
- [D]Arianna Huffington

Answer:Arianna Huffington**Explanation:**

The book "Sleep Revolution: Transforming Your Life, One Night at a Time" has been authored by Arianna Huffington. Through the book, author draws a remarkable breadth and depth of science, literature, spirituality and story to remind us that sleep is not just a restorative, but a threshold to the resources of life that wait below our noise.

190. Which Indian teenager has won the 2016 Google Community Impact Award from Asia?

- [A]Advay Ramesh
- [B]Riya Sharma
- [C]Aadil Khan
- [D]Priyanka Chaturvedi

Answer:Advay Ramesh**Explanation:**

Advay Ramesh (14) from Chennai has won the prestigious Google Community Impact Award from Asia for creating a device that enhances fishermen's safety and productivity. It is a theme based award part of Google Science Fair 2016. Ramesh's "FishErmen Lifeline Terminal (FELT)" hand-held terminal uses the Standard Position Services (SPS), an open service without encryption provided by the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) to increase fishermen's safety and productivity at the sea. The Google Community Impact Award honors a project that makes a practical difference in the innovator's community by addressing an environmental, health or resources challenge.

191. Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of Joint Committee of Parliament (JPC) on land acquisition bill?

- [A]Radheshyam Biswas
- [B]Ganesh Singh
- [C]Ram Prasad Sarmah
- [D]Gourav Gogoi

Answer:Ganesh Singh**Explanation:**

Ganesh Singh, the Lok Sabha member of BJP, has been appointed as the new chairperson of the Joint Committee of Parliament (JPC) on land acquisition bill. He succeeded SS

Ahluwalia, who became the Minister of the State for Parliamentary Affairs.

192. Which committee has been constituted to prepare a draft plan on Ganga river?

- [A] D B Shekatar committee
- [B] Mukesh Kumar Singla committee
- [C] Shankar Acharya committee
- [D] Girdhar Malviya committee

Answer: Girdhar Malviya committee

Explanation:

The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation has recently constituted a committee to prepare a draft plan on Ganga river. The committee headed by Justice (Retd) Girdhar Malviya will have the responsibility of preparing the draft act that should have provisions to ensure cleanliness and uninterrupted e-flow of Ganga. It will submit its report within 3 months.

193. Which committee has been constituted to prepare guidelines for de-silting of the river stretch between Bhimgauda (Uttarakhand) and Farakka (West Bengal)?

- [A] AK Gosain committee
- [B] Nayan Sharma committee
- [C] Madhav Chitale committee
- [D] Mukesh Sinha committee

Answer: Madhav Chitale committee

Explanation:

The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation has recently constituted Madhav Chitale committee to prepare guidelines for de-silting of the river stretch between Bhimgauda (Uttarakhand) and Farakka (West Bengal). Chitale is a member of the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA). The 4-member committee has been formed to establish difference between de-silting and sand mining and also to establish need for de-silting for (ensuing) ecology and e-flow of the river Ganga. The tenure of the committee will be 3 months.

194. The State Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (STAGI) has been formed by which state government of India?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Kerala

Explanation:

The Kerala government has recently constituted a State Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (STAGI) to advise it on the policies and practices to be adopted and implemented under the National Immunization Programme (NIP). It is formed on the lines of the National Technical Advisory Group on immunization (NTAGI). The STAGI will

provide technical and academic inputs and leadership in the State's immunization efforts.

195. Which state government of India has imposed an unconditional ban on Chinese manja and other non-biodegradable threads used to fly kites?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Odisha

Answer: Karnataka

Explanation:

The Karnataka government has recently imposed an unconditional ban on the sale and possession of Chinese manja and other non-biodegradable threads used to fly kites. The threads, coated with finely crushed glass and other harmful substances, are responsible for causing injuries and claiming lives of birds.

196. How much amount India has contributed to UN trust fund set up for victims of sexual exploitation and abuse?

- [A] \$ 100,000
- [B] \$ 150,000
- [C] \$ 175,000
- [D] \$ 200,000

Answer: \$ 100,000

Explanation:

The Government of India (GoI) has recently contributed \$ 100,000 to UN trust fund set up for victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by peacekeepers. With this, India has become the first country to make a contribution to the Trust Fund in Support of Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA). India is one of the largest troop-contributing countries in UN peacekeeping operations and is currently ranked as the 2nd largest contributor of military and police personnel.

197. Which state tourism of India has won gold in the Marketing Media category of the 2016 Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold Award?

- [A] Himachal Pradesh
- [B] Sikkim
- [C] Kerala
- [D] West Bengal

Answer: Kerala

Explanation:

The Kerala Tourism has recently won two gold awards at the 2016 Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) awards in recognition of its trend-setting marketing initiatives. The two PATA gold awards for 'Marketing Media' are in the categories of Visit Kerala's Travel Advertisement Broadcast Media and Kerala Tourism's E-Newsletter. Beside this, SOTC's Luxury Travel division Perfect Moments has also won PATA Gold Award for India in the Marketing Media -Consumer Travel Brochure category. The awards will be presented at the PATA

Gold Awards Luncheon and Presentation on September 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

198. Sayed Haider Raza, who passed away recently, was the well-known personality of which field?

- [A]Painting
- [B]Classical Dance
- [C]Sports
- [D]Journalism

Answer:Painting

Explanation:

The legendary painter Sayed Haider Raza (94), who popularized globally Indian concepts and iconography and built a towering legacy of modern art, has recently passed away in New Delhi. Raza was an internationally acclaimed painter, whose works are mainly abstracts in oil or acrylic, with a very rich use of color, replete with icons from Indian cosmology as well as its philosophy.

199. Indian Railways has recently signed MoU with which of the following banks to promote rail ticketing?

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

Answer: State Bank of India

Explanation:

The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has recently signed MoU with the State Bank of India (SBI) to promote rail ticketing including internet ticketing and unreserved ticketing system.

200. The book "One Last Drink at Guapa" has been authored by whom?

- [A]Deepankar Sharma
- [B]Sheila Kumar
- [C]Saleem Haddad
- [D]Krishna Sobti

Answer:Saleem Haddad

Explanation:

The book "One Last Drink at Guapa" has been authored by Saleem Haddad. The novel is the story of Rasa, a young gay man living in an unnamed Arab country and trying to carve out a life for himself in the midst of political and religious turmoil.

201. The Startup India States Conference has been held in which of the following cities?

- [A]Mumbai
- [B]New Delhi
- [C]Indore
- [D]Jaipur

Answer:New Delhi

Explanation:

The Start-up India States' Conference has been organized by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in New Delhi on July 23, 2016 to give momentum to start-up India initiative. The conference was presided by Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. As per the conference, under the 'Start-up India' action plan, 3-year tax holiday and other benefits will be granted by the Union Government to the entrepreneurs. Beside this, a start-up would now require only a certificate of recognition from the DIPP to avail Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) benefits.

202. Which state government has recently launched pilot project of e-complaint system?

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

Answer:Maharashtra

Explanation:

The Maharashtra government has recently launched a pilot project of e-complaint system on an experimental basis in Pune. Now, citizens can register a police complaint online at any city police station from anywhere. To register online complaint, a citizen will have to first create a user name and password on "www.mhpolice.maharashtra.gov.in". According to the police, people can write their complaints in up to 12,000 words and send it online. It will be analyzed by the police station concerned and if it is found to be cognizable in nature, the person will be called to the police station for registration of the FIR. Also, a new SMS gateway has been launched wherein people get acknowledgement of the FIR on phone through a system generated SMS and also when accused are arrested, chargesheet/final report submitted in the court. As per current laws, FIRs have to be registered at the police station only.

203. India's first green rail corridor has been launched in which of the following states?

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

Answer:Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

India's first green rail corridor " has recently launched by Railways Minister Suresh Prabhu in Tamil Nadu to mark the first discharge free route in railways. It is a 114-km long Rameswaram Manamadurai stretch in Tamil Nadu which ensures zero toilet discharge on rail tracks.

204. The 2016 International Minjar fair has started in which state of India?

- [A]Nagaland
- [B]Assam



[C]Himachal Pradesh

[D]Tripura

Answer:Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

The 2016 International Minjar fair has started in Chamba town, Himachal Pradesh. This 8-day long fair is a symbol of national integration and is organized to thank god and his blessings for a good yield. As per tradition, the idol of Lord Raghuvira is brought in a chariot in procession to the Chogan Maidan and people offer Minjar to Lord Raghuvira. This Minjar is made up of maize and wrapped in red fabric to offer to the deities. In it, hundreds of deities from Chamba district took part in the procession amid cultural songs.

205. Manavaditya Rathore is associated with which sports?

[A]Wrestling

[B]Shooting

[C]Boxing

[D]Sprint

Answer:Shooting

Explanation:

Indian shooter Manavaditya Rathore has won the trap bronze medal in the 'Champion of Champions' match at the Junior World Cup in Porpetto, Italy. He is son of Athens Olympics silver medallist Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore. Apart from Rathore, Anant Naruka bagged a bronze in 'Champion of Champions' battle in skeet. In the Champion of Champions event, the medalists of the three Junior World Cups of the year compete against each other.

206. India's first-ever Water Metro project has been launched in which of the following cities?

[A]New Delhi

[B]Kochi

[C]Chandigarh

[D]Jaipur

Answer: Kochi

Explanation:

India's first-ever Water Metro project "Kochi Water Metro project" has been launched by the Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at Kochi. The purpose of the project is to provide water connectivity to people living between islands in the Kochi agglomeration area and the city. The new boats which will be procured for this project will provide the same transportation experience as the Metro, and will be called 'Water Metros'. The financing for this project is being done by the Indo-German Bilateral Cooperation, under the climate-friendly urban mobility plan. The project will be implemented by the Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) and will become operational in 2 years.

207. Neeraj Chopra, who has become the first-ever Indian to hold a world record in athletics (junior or senior), is related to which sports?

[A]Long jump

[B]Discus throw

[C]Hammer

[D]Javelin throw

Answer:Javelin throw

Explanation:

Neeraj Chopra from Haryana, the Javelin thrower, has become the first-ever Indian to hold a world record in athletics (junior or senior). He achieved this feat by throwing javelin at a record distance of 86.48m at the 2016 IAAF World U20 Championships in Bydgoszcz, Poland and won gold in the event. His effort of 86.48m brought India's first World record and the country's first-ever gold in any World athletics championships in any category. Despite this performance, he failed to qualify for the 2016 Summer Olympics as the cutoff date was July 11, 2016.

208. Who has been chosen for the 2016 Sangita Kalanidhi Award of the Madras Music Academy?

[A]R.N. Tharanathan

[B]Avasarala Kanyakumari

[C]K. Venkataramanan

[D]R.N. Thyagarajan

Answer: Avasarala Kanyakumari

Explanation:

Avasarala Kanyakumari, the well-known violinist from south India, has been chosen for the prestigious 2016 Sangita Kalanidhi Award of the Madras Music Academy. With this, she became the first female violinist to get the award in the history of the Music Academy. The award will be conferred to her on January 1, 2017 at the Sadras. This honour is considered one of the highest awards in Carnatic music.

209. Who won the 2016 Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix?

[A]Sebastian Vettel

[B]Lewis Hamilton

[C]Daniel Ricciardo

[D]Nico Rosberg

Answer: Lewis Hamilton

Explanation:

Lewis Hamilton, a British Formula One racing driver from England, has won the 2016 Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix at the Hungaroring in Mogyorod, Hungary. It is his 5th title of the 2016 season after Monaco Grand Prix, Canadian Grand Prix, Austrian Grand Prix and British Grand Prix.

210. Which committee has been formed to probe into Bhagwant Mann's live streaming of security arrangements in Parliament of India?

[A]Goutam Ghose committee

[B]Kirit Somaiya committee

[C]AT Nana Patil committee

[D]Abhishek Singh committee

Answer: Kirit Somaiya committee



Explanation:

Sumitra Mahajan, the Lok Sabha Speaker, has set up a Kirit Somaiya committee to probe into live streaming of a video of Parliament House complex by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Bhagwant Mann on his Facebook page. The 9-member committee will do its inquiry into the serious security implications and related aspects arising out of the audio visual recording around the Parliament House complex. The Somaiya committee will also suggest remedial measures so that such episodes will not be repeated in future. The committee will submit its report on August 3, 2016. Till the decision is made on this matter, Bhagwant Mann has been suspended from Lok Sabha.

211. How much insurance cover has been offered by the Indian Railways for passengers?

- [A]Rs. 5 lakh
- [B]Rs. 2 lakh
- [C]Rs. 8 lakh
- [D]Rs.10 lakh

Answer:Rs.10 lakh

Explanation:

The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will offer the insurance cover of Rs.10 lakh at a premium of one rupee from September 2016 to those railway passengers who will book their tickets through IRCTC website. The insurance cover is besides the compensation given by the Railways in case of accidents to valid ticket holders. The insurance will provide coverage against death, injury and disabilities caused due to accidents. Though, it is the passengers' choice to opt for the insurance as it is a voluntary offer.

212. Which country has the largest number of stunted children in the world, as per Water Grid's latest report titled 'Caught Short-How lack of toilets and clean water contribute to malnutrition' ?

- [A]India
- [B]Nigeria
- [C]Pakistan
- [D]Bangladesh

Answer: India

Explanation:

As per latest report titled 'Caught Short-How lack of toilets and clean water contribute to malnutrition', India has the highest number of children suffering from stunting in the world. The report was released by WaterAid, an international development charity. As per the report, 48 million children in India, or two in every five children under the age of 5, suffer from stunted growth, affecting their physical as well as cognitive and emotional development. India is followed by Nigeria, Pakistan, Indonesia, China, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, DR Congo and Philippines.

213. Which of the following banks have become first Indian banks to join SWIFT's global payments innovation initiative?

- [A]ICICI Bank and Axis Bank
- [B]SBI and Axis Bank
- [C]ICICI Bank and SBI
- [D]HDFC Bank and SBI

Answer:ICICI Bank and Axis Bank

Explanation:

ICICI Bank and Axis Bank have become first Indian banks to join SWIFT's global payments innovation initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to increase cross-border payments by using SWIFT's messaging platform. With the initiative, banks will be able to improve the payment experience by offering same day use of funds, more transparency in fees, tracking from one end to the other and more payment information. The initial phase of the global initiative will focus on business-to-business payments. The new service will enable corporates to receive an enhanced payments service directly from their banks.

214. Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on which day?

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

Answer:July 26

Explanation:

The 17th anniversary Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated in India on July 26, 2016 to mark the success of Operation Vijay and in honour of the Kargil War's Heroes. Every year, on this day, the Prime Minister of India pays homage to the soldiers at Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate, New Delhi.

215. Who will be bestowed with the 2016 Tilak Sanman Puraskar?

- [A]Radha Mohan Singh
- [B]Devendra Fadnavis
- [C]M S Swaminathan
- [D]Sharad Pawar

Answer:Sharad Pawar

Explanation:

Sharad Pawar, the former Union Agriculture Minister and NCP chief, will be bestowed with the 2016 Tilak Sanman Puraskar for his contribution to Green Revolution. The award will be presented to Pawar in Pune, Maharashtra on August 1, 2016. The award includes a citation and Rs. 1 Lakh.

216. The BRICS policy planning dialogue meeting has been held in which of the following cities?

- [A]Pune
- [B]Guwahati
- [C]Lucknow
- [D]Kochi

Answer:Patna

Explanation:

The BRICS policy planning dialogue meeting has been held in Patna, Bihar. It provided an opportunity for exchanges on strategic assessments of international situation and the regional situation of each country and trends therein.

217. Which Indian Arabic calligrapher has won second prize at Cairo International Festival for Arabic Calligraphy?

- [A]Mohammad Baghdadi
- [B]Muqtar Ahmed
- [C]Mamoun Luthfi Sakkal
- [D]Khalid Mohammad

Answer:Muqtar Ahmed

Explanation:

Muqtar Ahmed, an Indian Arabic calligrapher, has won the second prize at the Cairo International Festival for Arabic Calligraphy in Egypt. Out of 115 calligraphers, the first prize has been won by Khalid Mohammad of Egypt. The festival focuses on developing the artistic taste among participants and connecting new generations with their history through the public show and the workshops it organizes in this field.

218. Who has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of National Museum?

- [A]Omita Paul
- [B]N R Pillai
- [C]Venu Vasudevan
- [D]Budha Rashmi Mani

Answer: Budha Rashmi Mani

Explanation:

Dr. Budha Rashmi Mani, former Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) official, has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of National Museum, New Delhi. He will hold the post for 3 years or till the age of 70. The National Museum holds objects and artifacts worth 5,000 years of history of India and the sub-continent.

219. The first-ever meeting of BRICS Employment Working Group (BEWG) will be hosted by which country?

- [A]India
- [B]China
- [C]South Africa
- [D]Brazil

Answer: India

Explanation:

The first-ever meeting of BRICS Employment Working Group (BEWG) will be held in Hyderabad, India from July 27 to 28, 2016 to shape the agenda for labour and employment track in BRICS countries. The meeting is a prelude to the BRICS Labour and Employment Ministerial Meeting under the Indian Presidency, scheduled on September 27-28 at Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

220. The “How To Be a Bawse: A Guide to Surviving Conquering Life” has been authored by whom?

- [A]Arjun Nath
- [B]Lilly Singh
- [C]Pramod Kapoor
- [D]Ajai Mansingh

Answer:Lilly Singh

Explanation:

The book “How To Be a Bawse: A Guide to Surviving Conquering Life” has been authored by YouTube superstar Lilly Singh. The book is inspired by hilarious and honest stories from Lilly’s own experiences and life achievements and proves that becoming a ‘bawse’ requires hard work and dedication and there are no shortcuts to success. It will be published globally on March 28, 2017.

221. The book “Those Pricey Thakur Girls” has been authored by whom?

- [A]Neelam Kumar
- [B]Anuja Chauhan
- [C]Vikram Seth
- [D]Twinkle Khanna

Answer:Anuja Chauhan

Explanation:

The book “Those Pricey Thakur Girls” has been authored by Anuja Chauhan, an Indian author and advertiser. The novel is about pre-liberalisation New Delhi, plagued by a state-censored media.

222. Who has/have been conferred with the 2016 Ramon Magsaysay Award?

- [A]Conchita Carpio Morales
- [B]TM Krishna
- [C]Bezwada Wilson
- [D]All of the above

Answer:All of the above

Explanation:

From India, Carnatic musician Thodur Madabusi Krishna and human rights activist Bezwada Wilson has been conferred with the 2016 Ramon Magsaysay Award. Other 2016 winners are Conchita Carpio-Morales from Philippines, Dompot Dhuafa from Indonesia, Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and Vientiane Rescue from Laos. The Ramon Magsaysay Award is an annual award to honour greatness of spirit in selfless service to the peoples of Asia.

223. How much amount has been sanctioned by the Union Government for Jammu and Kashmir’s skill development program ‘Himayat’?

- [A]Rs. 1,500 crore
- [B]Rs. 1,601 crore
- [C]Rs. 1,745 crore
- [D]Rs. 1,561 crore

Answer:Rs. 1,601 crore



Explanation:

The Union Government has recently sanctioned Rs. 1,601 crore for Jammu and Kashmir's skill development programme 'Himayat' to train local youths in vocational courses. Under the reanimated Himayat programme, 1.24 lakh local youths from both rural and urban areas of the state would be imparted training in various job-intensive vocational courses over the next 3 years. They will be given training for 6-months, 9-months and 1- year job-oriented courses.

224. Parveen Rana is associated with which sports?

- [A]Table Tennis
- [B]Wrestling
- [C]Boxing
- [D]Swimming

Answer:Wrestling

Explanation:

As per Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Parveen Rana will replace dope-tainted wrestler Narsingh Yadav in the 74kg men's freestyle category as a provisional entry for 2016 Rio Olympics.

225. Which expert committee has been constituted to explore alternatives to pellet guns as nonlethal weapons?

- [A]Rajesh Kumar committee
- [B]Rajeev Krishna committee
- [C]T V S N Prasad committee
- [D]Tushar Tripathy committee

Answer:T V S N Prasad committee

Explanation:

The Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has constituted 7-member expert committee to explore the other possible alternatives to pellet guns as non-lethal weapons. The committee will be chaired by T V S N Prasad and will submit its report within 2 months.

226. Which commodity exchange of India has won the best commodity exchange award at the 2016 Bullion Federation Global Convention ?

- [A]National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)
- [B]National Spot Exchange Limited (NSEL)
- [C]Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX)
- [D]National Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (NMCE)

Answer:Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX)

Explanation:

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX) has won the 'Best Commodity Exchange' award at the 2016 Bullion Federation Global Convention organized by the Bullion Federation in Agra, Uttar Pradesh. The award recognizes MCX's commitment towards developing a vibrant commodity futures market in India by providing a robust and efficient platform for price discovery and risk management across a diverse range of precious metal, energy, base metal and

agriculture products. The Bullion Federation is a national level apex body of bullion industry.

227. Which of the following will be inducted into the 2016 ICC Cricket Hall of Fame?

- [A]Sachin Tendulkar
- [B]Anil Kumble
- [C]Muttiah Muralidaran
- [D]Saurav Ganguly

Answer:Muttiah Muralidaran

Explanation:

Muttiah Muralidaran, Sri Lankan spin legend, will become the first Sri Lankan player to be inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame for year 2016, along with the late England fast bowler George Lohmann, the late Australia opener Arthur Morris and former Australia Women captain Karen Rolton.

228. "Prime" premium service has been launched by which e-commerce firm in India?

- [A]Amazon
- [B]Snapdeal
- [C]Flipkart
- [D]Mynta

Answer:Amazon

Explanation:

The e-commerce firm Amazon has launched Amazon Prime premium service in India. The service will be available to customers in 100 Indian cities. With this, Indian customers in over 100 cities can enjoy unlimited free one-day and two-day delivery on lakhs of eligible products. Currently, Amazon Prime is available for a free 60-day trial after which the annual subscription will be available at a special introductory price of Rs 499.

229. Which high-level committee has been constituted for restructuring the University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)?

- [A]Amit Mitra committee
- [B]M L Mehta committee
- [C]Arvind Panagariya committee
- [D]K R Laxman committee

Answer:Arvind Panagariya committee

Explanation:

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has constituted a high-level committee to prepare a road map for restructuring the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). The committee is chaired by Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Arvind Panagariya. Apart from this, Arvind Panagariya committee, which is working on restructuring of Medical Council of India (MCI), has recommended replacing MCI with the National Medical Commission (NMC).



230. Which country has been officially declared measles free by the World Health Organisation (WHO)?

- [A]Brazil
- [B]China
- [C]India
- [D]South Africa

Answer:Brazil

Explanation:

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has officially declared Brazil free of measles, after no case of the disease was registered in 2015.

231. Which Indian bank has recently got in-principle approval from Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to start Asset Management Company (AMC) in India?

- [A]Yes Bank
- [B]ICICI Bank
- [C]HDFC Bank
- [D]Dena Bank

Answer:Yes Bank

Explanation:

Yes Bank Ltd, the private sector lender, has recently got an in-principle approval from Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to sponsor a mutual fund and to setup an Asset Management Company (AMC) and a trustee company in India.

232. Which Indian bank has recently launched an Instant Money Transfer (IMT) payment system on its ATMs in India?

- [A]Punjab National Bank
- [B]Central Bank of India
- [C]State Bank of India
- [D]Indian Bank

Answer:State Bank of India

Explanation:

The State Bank of India (SBI) has recently launched an Instant Money Transfer (IMT) payment system on its ATMs in India. The system will enable a payment up to Rs.10000 from any SBI bank account to a person using just his/her mobile number as the identifier. The recipient of this payment can withdraw funds instantly from an IMT-enabled ATM of SBI without using a debit card. IMT is a payment system launched in India by Empays Payment Systems. It enables a payment to be made to a mobile phone from a bank account. There is no requirement for the beneficiary to have a bank account. The receiver can obtain the funds immediately from any IMT-enabled ATM.

233. India has signed \$1 billion deal with which country for 4 P-8I submarine hunter aircrafts?

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

Answer:United States

Explanation:

India has recently signed \$1 billion deal with US aerospace major Boeing for purchasing 4 additional P-8I (Poseidon Eight India) long-range maritime patrol aircraft. With this, the naval surveillance capabilities of Indian Navy will increase. The P-8I is a long-range anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft capable of broad area, maritime and littoral operations.

234. The foreign investment in Indian Stock Exchanges has been increased from 5% to _____?

- [A]25
- [B]15
- [C]10
- [D]20

Answer: 15

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has recently approved the foreign shareholding limit from 5% to 15% in Indian Stock Exchanges for a stock exchange, depository, banking company, insurance company and commodity derivative exchange. Apart from this, the Cabinet has also approved the proposal to allow foreign portfolio investors to acquire shares through initial allotment, besides secondary market, in the stock exchanges. This move will help in increasing global competitiveness of Indian stock exchanges by accelerating/facilitating the adoption of latest technology and global best practices which will lead to overall growth and development of the Indian Capital Market.

235. Neelamraju Ganga Prasada Rao, who recently passed away, was the well-known scientist of which field?

- [A]Economics
- [B]Medical
- [C]Telecom
- [D]Agriculture

Answer:Agriculture

Explanation:

Dr. Neelamraju Ganga Prasada Rao (89), the noted agricultural scientist, has recently passed away in Hyderabad,Telangana. He is famously known as "Father of Hybrid Sorghum" and also famous for his basic and applied research in breeding and agronomy of several dry-land crops.

236. Who has been appointed as the chief Brexit negotiator by the European Commission?

- [A]Michael Harney
- [B]Michel Barnier
- [C]Michelle Kakade
- [D]Michael Kors

Answer:Michel Barnier

Explanation:



Michel Barnier, ex-European Commission vice-president and former French Minister, has been appointed as the chief Brexit negotiator by the European Commission. With this, he has become in charge of leading the Commission Taskforce for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom (UK) under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU).

237. Nandu Pol, who passed away recently, was related to which field?

- [A] Theatre
- [B] Journalism
- [C] Economics
- [D] Science

Answer: Theatre

Explanation:

Nandu Pol (68), the noted Marathi theatre actor and founder member of "Theatre Academy", has recently passed away in Maharashtra. Pol acted in many feature and short films and TV serials, educational films and documentaries viz. Tin Paishacha Tamasha, Mahanirvan, Samna, Sinhasan, etc. He also penned his 5-decade-long creative journey in his book 'Mi Nandu Pol'.

238. What is the theme of 2016 World Hepatitis Day (WHD) ?

- [A] It's closer than you think
- [B] Hepatitis: Think Again
- [C] Prevention of viral Hepatitis
- [D] Elimination

Answer: Elimination

Explanation:

The World Hepatitis Day (WHD) is observed every year on July 28 to raise global awareness of hepatitis, which is a group of infectious diseases known as Hepatitis A, B, C, D and E. The 2016 theme is "Elimination".

239. The 2016 SAARC Home Ministers' conference will be held in which country?

- [A] India
- [B] Pakistan
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Bhutan

Answer: Pakistan

Explanation:

The 2016 SAARC Home Ministers' conference will be held in Islamabad, Pakistan. The focus of the conference will be on strengthening networking among police authorities of SAARC member countries and increasing information-sharing among law enforcement agencies. From India, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh will attend the conference.

240. The book "The Sialkot Saga" has been authored by whom?

- [A] Manmohan Desai

[B] Vijay Goel

[C] Ashwin Sanghi

[D] Pritish Nandy

Answer: Ashwin Sanghi

Explanation:

The book "The Sialkot Saga" has been authored by Ashwin Sanghi. The book begins in the aftermath of Partition in Sialkot, Pakistan. It is a heady mix of past and present, fact and fiction, history and mythology and business and politics.

241. What is the theme of recently launched "Mission Harita Andhra Pradesh" ?

- [A] Forest and our deeds
- [B] Green cover for a happy living
- [C] Plant trees to protect earth
- [D] Greenery for peaceful life

Answer: Green cover for a happy living

Explanation:

N Chandrababu Naidu, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, has recently launched 'Mission Harita Andhra Pradesh', with the theme "Green cover for a happy living", by planting saplings at Sunkollu village under Nuzvidu mandal in Krishna district. The purpose of the mission is to increase the green cover in the state to 50 % by the year 2029. Currently, Andhra Pradesh has 23 % green cover (forest area) and another 3 % non-forest, besides 13 lakh hectares of degraded forest. The mission was a pet project of late chief minister Y S Rajasekhara Reddy but Naidu has made it a mission with a new slogan "Vanam-Manam (forest and we)".

242. The International Tiger Day is observed on which date?

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

Answer: July 29

Explanation:

The International Tiger Day, also known as Global Tiger Day, is observed every year on July 29 to raise worldwide attention to the reservation of tigers.

243. Mahasweta Devi, who recently passed away, was the well-known personality of which field?

- [A] Medical
- [B] Literature
- [C] Classical Dancer
- [D] Photography

Answer: Literature

Explanation:

Mahasweta Devi, the well-known author and social activist, has recently passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal. Her writings were focused on the marginalized communities in India and served as the voice of the oppressed. Her famous

works include 'Hazaar Chaurasi ki Ma', Aaranyer Adhikar, Agnigarbha, Bashai Tudu and Rudaali.

244. Who has won the 2015 Navlekhan award of Bharatiya Jananpith ?

- [A]Amlendu Tiwari
- [B]Tasneem Khan
- [C]Balram Kawant
- [D]All of the above

Answer:All of the above

Explanation:

The 11th edition of Navlekhan award 2015 of Bharatiya Jnanpith has been awarded to Amlendu Tiwari and Balram Kawant for their novels 'Parityakt', 'Sara Morila,' while Om Naagar and Tasneem Khan were awarded for their non-fictions 'Nib Ke Chire Se' and 'Yeh Mere Rahnuma' respectively.

245. Who has been sworn-in as the new Chief Justice of Patna High Court?

- [A]Subhro Kamal Mukherjee
- [B]Iqbal Ahmed Ansari
- [C]Ajay Kumar Mittal
- [D]Awadhesh Narain Singh

Answer:Iqbal Ahmed Ansari

Explanation:

Justice Iqbal Ahmed Ansari has been sworn-in as the 39th Chief Justice of Patna High Court and will retire on October 29, 2016. Justice Ansari had worked twice as Acting Chief Justice of Patna High Court since December 2014.

246. Which committee will be constituted by Union Government for timely implementation of Central Schemes?

- [A]Parishad
- [B]Samrasta
- [C]Disha
- [D]Milap

Answer:Disha

Explanation:

The Union Government will constitute the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DDCMC), which will be known as "Disha", for effective development and coordination of Central Government's programme. Disha will monitor the implementation of 28 schemes and programmes of Ministry of Rural Development and other Ministries to promote synergy and convergence for greater impact. The main purpose of the committee is to coordinate with Central and State and local Panchayat Governments. The first meeting of DISHA will be held on August 13, 2016. The Chairperson of the committee will be the senior most Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) elected from the district, nominated by the Ministry of Rural Development.

247. The World Nature Conservation Day (WNCD) is observed on which date?

- [A]July 26
- [B]July 27
- [C]July 28
- [D]July 29

Answer: July 28

Explanation:

The World Nature Conservation Day (WNCD) is observed every year on July 28 to raise awareness about protecting nature and conserving our natural resources. The day recognizes that a healthy environment is the foundation for a stable and productive society and to ensure the well-being of present and future generations, we all must participate to protect, conserve, and sustainably manage our natural resources.

248. The 2015 All India Coordinated Rice Improvement Project Award has won by which state of India?

- [A]West Bengal
- [B]Kerala
- [C]Tamil Nadu
- [D]Karnataka

Answer:West Bengal

Explanation:

West Bengal has been selected for the 2015 All India Coordinated Rice Improvement Project Award by the 51st committee from the Indira Gandhi Krishi Bikash Kendra. This is the first time the state will be receiving this award. The state has been selected for the award for its achievement in 4 key areas that include scientific research for seeds. The West Bengal Government has also bagged the award of the 2nd position for participating in International Agriculture and Horticulture Expo at Pragati Maidan in Delhi in July 2016.

249. "INSAT-3DR" an Indian weather satellite will be put into orbit from which launch vehicle?

- [A]GSLV-Mark III
- [B]GSLV-Mark IV
- [C]GSLV-Mark II
- [D]GSLV-Mark V

Answer:GSLV-Mark II

Explanation:

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch weather satellite "INSAT-3DR with its Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) Mark II in August 2016 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The satellite is the replacement for Insat-3D launched in 2013 on atop of Ariane 5 ECA.

250. The novel "The Village by the Sea: an Indian family story" has been authored by whom?

- [A]Amrish Tripathi
- [B]Anita Desai



[C]Ananth Kumar

[D]Uma Dasgupta

Answer: Anita Desai

Explanation:

The novel "The Village by the Sea: an Indian family story" has been authored by Anita Desai. It is a short novel for children, which is based on the poverty, hardships and sorrow faced by a small rural community in India.

251. The Pashudhan Bima Yojana has been launched by which state government of India?

[A]Rajasthan

[B]Haryana

[C]Punjab

[D]Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Haryana

Explanation:

The Haryana Government has recently launched Pashudhan Bima Yojana in Jhajjar. It is an insurance cover scheme for cattle breeders in the state, which will be provided at a premium of Rs.100 for cows, buffaloes, bulls, camels and at Rs. 25 for sheep, goat and pig for a period of three years. As per the scheme, the insurance companies would give compensation in case of death of animal (cattle). The scheme is free of cost for cattle breeders from the Scheduled Castes (SC).

252. Pandit Lachu Maharaj, who passed away recently, was a well-known maestro of which musical instrument?

[A]Tabla

[B]Sarangi

[C]Bansuri

[D]Vichitra vina

Answer: Tabla

Explanation:

Noted Tabla maestro Pandit Lachu Maharaj (73) has recently passed away in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. He was renowned internationally and his table performance had drawn attention of the connoisseur of performing arts from across India and world.

253. Which Indian movie has won the Best Asian Genre Film award at 2016 Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival (BIFAN)?

[A]Captain Fantastic

[B]Psycho Raman

[C]The Forest

[D]Auto Head

Answer: Psycho Raman

Explanation:

The psychological thriller 'Psycho Raman' has won the Best Asian Genre Film award at the 20th Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival (BIFAN) 2016 in South Korea. In other words, the film has won the Europe Fantastic Film Festivals

Federation (EFFFF) Asian Award, which is directed by Anurag Kashyap. It is based on the real life serial killer Raman Raghav, which was released in Hindi as "Raman Raghav 2.0" in 2016. Apart from this, Deepak Sampat has won the best actor award for Rohit Mittal's "Auto Head" at the festival.

254. India has recently set up military hotlines with which of the following neighbouring countries?

[A]Myanmar

[B]Nepal

[C]China

[D]Bhutan

Answer: China

Explanation:

India has recently set up military hotlines at 3-border locations with China at Border Personnel Meeting (BPM). The hotlines have recently been activated at the BPMs locations of Spangur, Nathu La and Kibithu. The in-principle approval has been given for establishment of a hotline between military headquarters of both sides. India has such arrangements with other neighbouring countries, including Pakistan, Myanmar and Nepal, as part of the Confidence Building Measures (CBMs).

255. Who has been sworn-in as the new chief justice of Allahabad High Court?

[A]Ajay Kumar Mittal

[B]Jagadip Narayan Singh

[C]D.Y. Chandrachud

[D]Dilip Babasaheb Bhosale

Answer: Dilip Babasaheb Bhosale

Explanation:

Justice Dilip Babasaheb Bhosale has been sworn-in as the new chief justice of Allahabad High Court. Till date, he was serving as acting chief justice of high court of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The post was lying vacant after Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud was appointed as judge of Supreme Court in 2016.

256. Which state of India has won the best state award for comprehensive development of tourism for the year 2014-2015?

[A]Rajasthan

[B]Madhya Pradesh

[C]Karnataka

[D]Gujarat

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh has won the best state award for comprehensive development of tourism, followed by Gujarat and Karnataka, at the National Tourism Awards for the year 2014-2015. The Ministry of Tourism annually presents National Tourism Award to various segments of the travel, tourism and hospitality industry. Beside this, Rajasthan's

Sawai Madhopur railway station received the Best Tourist Friendly railway station award while Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport got the Best Airport award and Telangana's Warangal won the best heritage city award.

257. The United Nations' World Day against Trafficking in Persons is observed on which date?

- [A] July 25
- [B] July 28
- [C] July 30
- [D] July 27

Answer: July 30

Explanation:

The United Nations' World Day against Trafficking in Persons is observed every year on July 30 to raise awareness and encourage the international community to take action against human trafficking.

258. The 2016 International summit on tobacco-control will be hosted by which country?

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

Answer: India

Explanation:

The 2016 International summit on tobacco-control will be hosted by India in Noida on November 2016. The purpose of the summit is to eliminate the illicit trade of tobacco products. In it, about 1,000-1,500 delegates from 180 countries will participate.

259. The 2016 joint military exercise "Maitree" has been conducted between India and which of the following countries?

- [A] Indonesia
- [B] Thailand
- [C] Malaysia
- [D] Maldives

Answer: Thailand

Explanation:

The 2016 joint military exercise "Maitree" has been conducted between India and Thailand at Krabi, Thailand. The purpose of the joint exercise was to increase mutual cooperation and interoperability between the Indian Army and Royal Thailand Army and to improve understanding of each other's tactical drills and actions in counter terrorism operations.

260. The book "Hashimpura 22 May: The forgotten story of one of India's biggest custodial killings" has been authored by whom?

- [A] Nikhil Wagale
- [B] Vibhuti Narain Rai

[C] Avnesh Nehra

[D] Suraj Kumar

Answer: Vibhuti Narain Rai

Explanation:

The book "Hashimpura 22 May: The forgotten story of one of India's biggest custodial killings" has been authored by Vibhuti Narain Rai, who was posted as Superintendent of Police in Ghaziabad district when the Hashimpura massacre took place. It is a blow-by-blow account of the massacre and its aftermath.