

# NESTO GK Capsule

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1. The Muziris Heritage Project is the tourism project of which state of India?

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

**Answer:** Kerala

**Explanation:**

The President of India Pranab Mukherjee has inaugurated the first phase of the Muziris Heritage Project at Kodungalloor in Thrissur district, Kerala to reinstate the historical and cultural significance of Muziris and to boost tourism. The project aims to showcase a culture that is more than 3,000 years old. This is first green Project of Kerala Government and largest heritage conservation project of India. Beside the project, the President also launched the website of the Muziris Heritage Project.

2. Which committee has been set up to consider ST status to six communities of Assam?

- [A]Sushil Sahu committee
- [B]Amar Pratap Singh committee
- [C]Mahesh Kumar Singla committee
- [D]Yogesh Sen committee

**Answer:** Mahesh Kumar Singla committee

**Explanation:**

The Government of India (GoI) has constituted Mahesh Kumar Singla committee to consider ST status to six communities of Assam. These six communities are Koch Rajbongshi, Moran, Matak, Tai Ahom, Chutia and Adivasi (Tea Tribes). Singla is a Special Secretary (Internal Security) Ministry of

Home Affairs. The committee shall submit its report by May 31, 2016.

3. Who has won 2015 FMSCI Motorsports Man of the Year Trophy?

- [A]Abhinay Bikkani
- [B]B I Chandhok
- [C]Arjun Narendran
- [D]Armaan Ebrahim

**Answer:** Armaan Ebrahim

**Explanation:**

Armaan Ebrahim from India has won the 2015 FMSCI Motorsports Man of the Year Trophy, which is awarded by the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI) in New Delhi. Apart from him, B.I. Chandhok has won the Lifetime Achievement Award for his immense contribution to motorsports in the country.

4. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)?

- [A]Justin Gatlin
- [B]Rozle Prezelj
- [C]Lamine Diack
- [D]Sebastian Coe

**Answer:** Rozle Prezelj

**Explanation:**

Slovenian high-jumper Rozle Prezelj has been appointed as the new chairman of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Athletes' Commission. He will replace Namibian Frank Fredericks. Prezelj is a three-time Olympian and a European Under-23 champion in 2001.

5. Which campaign has been launched by Twitter for women empowerment in India?

- [A]#Strength OfWomen
- [B]#Women In Unity
- [C]#Position Of Strength
- [D]#Unity Of Women

**Answer:** #Position Of Strength

**Explanation:**

Twitter has launched “#Position Of Strength” campaign for women empowerment to raise voices against any form of discrimination in India. The purpose of the campaign is to spread awareness to bridge the gender equality gap online in India and inspire the next generation of women leaders to have an influential voice in society.

6. Who has won the first All India Open Invitational Snooker Championship 2016?

- [A]Pushpender Singh
- [B]Rahul Sachdev
- [C]Kamal Chawla
- [D]Laxman Rawat

**Answer:** Rahul Sachdev

**Explanation:**

Rahul Sachdev, former National 6Reds runner-up, has won the first All India Open Invitational Snooker Championship 2016 that is held in Aurangabad, Maharashtra. In the final, Rahul defeated Pushpender Singh of Railways.

7. Who is elected as the new President of the Republic of Kosovo?

- [A]Bali Muharremaj
- [B]Hashim Thaci
- [C]Isa Mustafa
- [D]Rafet Rama

**Answer:** Hashim Thaci

**Explanation:**

Hashim Thaci has been elected as the new President of the Republic of Kosovo. He is the leader of the Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK). He was a guerrilla leader during a conflict that led to Kosovo, a mainly ethnic Albanian province declaring independence from Serbia in 2008.

8. Which of the following institute is the largest residential institute for the tribals in the world?

- [A]Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai
- [B]Centre for Economic and Social Change, Bangalore
- [C]Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)
- [D]Gujrat Institute of Development Studies

**Answer:** Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)

**Explanation:**

The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) is the largest residential institute for the tribals in the world, providing free of cost accommodation, food, health care, education from Kindergarten to Post Graduation to more than 25,000 children of whom 12,200 are girls.

9. Who is heading a five-member task force to rationalise central government staff?

- [A]Rajiv Kumar
- [B]Sachin Mahadev
- [C]Surya Pratap
- [D]S M Sampath

**Answer:** Rajiv Kumar

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has constituted a five-member task force to rationalise central government staff and ensure their maximum optimisation. The task force will be headed by Rajiv Kumar, Additional Secretary in Department of Personnel and Training. The task force will submit its report in April.

10. Santosh Trophy is related to which sports?

- [A]Cricket
- [B]Hockey

[C]Football

[D]Badminton

**Answer:** Football

**Explanation:**

Santosh Trophy is an annual football tournament conducted in India. The tournament is contested by states and government institutions. The tournament first began in 1941.

11. Who has been chosen for the 2015 Bihari Puraskar?

- [A]Vijaydan Detha
- [B]Nand Bhardwaj
- [C]Bhagwati Lal Vyas
- [D]Rajesh Vyas

**Answer:** Bhagwati Lal Vyas

**Explanation:**

The renowned poet Dr. Bhagwati Lal Vyas has been chosen for the 2015 Bihari Puraskar for his anthology of Rajasthani poems "Katha Sun Aawe Hai Sabad". The award is instituted by the K K Birla Foundation in 1991 and is given annually for an outstanding literary work in Hindi or Rajasthani published during last 10 years by a Rajasthani writer. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. One lakh, a citation and a plaque.

12. The World Wildlife Day is observed on which date?

- [A]February 29
- [B]March 3
- [C]April 21
- [D]May 5

**Answer:** March 3

**Explanation:**

The World Wildlife Day is observed on March 3 every year to raise awareness about the dangers faced by the planet's fauna and flora. The 2016 theme is "The future of wildlife is in our hands", with African and Asian elephants being the main focus of global campaigns.

13. India's first Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme has been launched by which state?

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

**Answer:** Delhi

**Explanation:**

Delhi has become the first Indian state to launch Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine as a health programme for school children. The girls studying in Class VI in government schools will be targeted in the first year. The HPV vaccine protects people against

the group of 150-odd HPVs, some of which can cause cervical cancer.

14. Which Indian has won the 2016 Windham-Campbell in the fiction category?

- [A]Kiran Nagarkar
- [B]Stanley Crouch
- [C]Rohinton Mistry
- [D]Jerry Pinto

**Answer:** Jerry Pinto

**Explanation:**

The Indian columnist and author Jerry Pinto has won the 2016 Windham-Campbell Prize for his novel "Em and The Big Hoom" in the fiction category at the Yale University, United States. The novel tells the story of an unnamed narrator's slow, painful attempt to come to terms with his mother's bipolar disorder and suicidal tendencies. Apart from him, the other winners in the fiction category are Tessa Hadley and C.E. Morgan.

15. The first Raisina Dialogue 2016 has been hosted by which union ministry?

- [A]Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour
- [B]Ministry of Health
- [C]Ministry of External Affairs
- [D]Ministry of Finance

**Answer:** Ministry of External Affairs

**Explanation:**

The first Raisina Dialogue 2016 has been hosted by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), an independent think tank based in India, in New Delhi from March 1-3, 2016. It is a 3-day India's flagship conference on Geopolitics and Geo-economics with the theme "Asia: Regional and Global Connectivity". The 2016 dialogue will enable the MEA to reach out to a wider international multi-disciplinary audience.

16. Who will be conferred with the Lifetime Achievement honour at the 2016 Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META)?

- [A]Girish Karnad
- [B]Badal Sarkar
- [C]Ratan Thiyam
- [D]Khaled Chowdhury

**Answer:** Ratan Thiyam

**Explanation:**

The renowned playwright and director Ratan Thiyam will be conferred with a Lifetime Achievement Award in the 11th edition of the Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META) 2016. Thiyam, theatre guru and current chairman of the National School of Drama, has been selected for creating a new language in theatre and enriching the

art form in various roles as writer, director, designer, composer and choreographer.

17. Martin Crowe, who died recently, was a cricketer from which country?

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

**Answer:** New Zealand

**Explanation:**

Martin Crowe (53), former New Zealand cricket captain, commentator and author, passed away in Auckland, New Zealand. He was a Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1985 and was credited as one of the best young batsmen in the world.

18. What is the theme of the 2016 Zero Discrimination Day?

- [A]Stand Up
- [B]Stand Out
- [C]Speak loud for justice
- [D]Live Up

**Answer:** Stand Out

**Explanation:**

The Zero Discrimination Day is observed on March 1 every year to promote diversity and recognizes that everyone counts. The 2016 theme is "Stand Out" and encourages everyone to stand for fair and just societies.

19. What is the India's position in the latest Global Energy Architecture Performance Index Report?

- [A]44
- [B]86
- [C]90
- [D]112

**Answer:** 90

**Explanation:**

India has been ranked at the 90th place in a list of 126 countries in the latest Global Energy Architecture Performance Index Report compiled by World Economic Forum (WEF) on the basis of their ability to deliver secure, affordable and sustainable energy. The list is topped by Switzerland followed by Norway, Sweden, Austria, Denmark, etc.

20. Which of the following organisation has launched its first Uridashi Masala bonds?

- [A]International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- [B]International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- [C]Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- [D]BRICS Bank

**Answer:** International Finance Corporation (IFC)

**Explanation:**

The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the investment arm of the World Bank has launched its first Uridashi Masala Bonds (Japanese bonds). These masala bonds were launched to mobilize 30 crore rupees from Japanese retail investors and will be sold to Japanese household investors. The proceeds from these bonds will be used for promoting private sector development in India. JP Morgan is the sole arranger of the bonds and Daisen Hinomaru Securities is its distributor.

21. Who will be conferred with the 47th Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2015?

- [A]Rishi Kapoor
- [B]Jaya Bachhan
- [C]Manoj Kumar
- [D]Kamal Hassan

**Answer:** Manoj Kumar

**Explanation:**

The veteran Film Actor and Director Manoj Kumar will be conferred with the 47th Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2015 for his outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian Cinema. He is known for his iconic roles in movies such as, Purab Aur Paschim, Himalaya Ki God Mein, Patthar Ke Sanam, Neel Kamal, Kranti and Upkaar.

22. Exercise FORCE 18 has started in which city?

- [A]Pune
- [B]Ahmedabad
- [C]Bengaluru
- [D]Kolkata

**Answer:** Pune

**Explanation:**

Multinational Field Training Exercise (FTX) – Exercise FORCE 18, involving ASEAN Plus countries has started in Pune. This is the largest Ground Forces Exercise ever conducted on Indian soil and would be conducted from 02 to 08 March 2016 with themes based on ‘Humanitarian Mine Action’ and ‘Peacekeeping Operations’. In its first phase, over 28 foreign trainers were trained by the Indian Army from 24 Feb to 01 Mar 2016. These trainers will form the training backbone for the conduct of ‘Exercise FORCE 18’.

23. When will the Indian government set to digitally connect all post offices in rural areas in the country?

- [A]December, 2016
- [B]March, 2017
- [C]August, 2017
- [D]December, 2017

**Answer:** March, 2017

**Explanation:**

The Indian government is digitally connecting all 1,29,323 gramian post offices in rural areas across the country by March 2017.

24. Chapchar Kut festival is celebrated in which state?

- [A]Odisha
- [B]West Bengal
- [C]Mizoram
- [D]Kerala

**Answer:** Mizoram

**Explanation:**

The traditional festival Chapchar Kut of the Mizos is celebrated across the north-eastern state of Mizoram and also in the Mizo-inhabited areas in the neighbouring states. It is a spring festival celebrated during March after completion of their most arduous task of Jhum operation i.e., jungle-clearing (clearing of the remnants of burning) with great fervor and gaiety.

25. Paramesh Krishnan Nair, who died recently, was related to which field?

- [A]Banking
- [B]Film Industry
- [C]Photography
- [D]History

**Answer:** Film Industry

**Explanation:**

India’s pioneering film archivist and film scholar Paramesh Krishnan Nair (82) passed away in Pune, Maharashtra. He was the founder and former director of the National Film Archive of India (NFAI), Pune. He had dedicated his life to preservation of films and building the collection of films at the NFA. He was instrumental in archiving several landmark Indian films like Dadasaheb Phalke’s Raja Harishchandra and Kaliya Mardan, Bombay Talkies films such as Jeevan Naiya, Bandhan, Kangan, Achhut Kanya and Kismet, S.S. Vasan’s Chandralekha and Uday Shankar’s Kalpana.

26. Who of the following Indian-American investor took charge as Alternate Executive Director at International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- [A]Nikhil Chopra
- [B]Sunil Sabharwal
- [C]Vikrant Singh
- [D]Dheerendra Payasi

**Answer:** Sunil Sabharwal

**Explanation:**

Independent investor Sunil Sabharwal has become the first Indian-American to take charge as an

Alternate Executive Director at International Monetary Fund (IMF).

27. Which Indian umpire has been promoted as the International Outdoor Umpire by the International Hockey Federation (FIH)?

- [A]Kumar Dixit
- [B]Jitendra Rai
- [C]Nepoleon Singh
- [D]Mahendra Singh

**Answer:** Napoleon Singh

**Explanation:**

Hockey India national-level umpire Napoleon Singh has been promoted to the International Outdoor Umpire by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). He has been selected after seeing his performance in the recently- concluded 12th South Asian Games 2016. Napoleon started his career as an umpire from Manipur in the third Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2013 held at Ranchi, Jharkhand.

28. The world's most expensive train station has been opened in which city?

- [A]Washington
- [B]Berlin
- [C]Tokyo
- [D]New York

**Answer:** New York

**Explanation:**

The world's most expensive train station has been opened in New York, Unites States. The station is designed by Santiago Calatrava, the Spanish-Swiss architect, who called it a gift of love to the city.

29. Who has won Gold medal in the 50m pistol men event at the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup 2016?

- [A]Abhinav Bindra
- [B]Karam Lehal
- [C]Jitu Rai
- [D]Ronjan Sodhi

**Answer:** Jitu Rai

**Explanation:**

Ace Indian shooter Jitu Rai has won Gold medal in the 50m pistol men final event at the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup held in Bangkok, Thailand.

30. The Setu Bharatam project has been launched for which purpose?

- [A]To create free apps for Swatch Bharat Mission
- [B]To make all national highways free of Railway crossings

[C]To boost Swatch Bharat Abhiyan

[D]To encourage entrepreneurship among youth

**Answer:** To make all national highways free of Railway crossings

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently launched Setu Bharatam project to make all national highways free of Railway crossings by 2019. This project will be implemented by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and more than Rs. 50 thousand crore will be spent on the project.

31. What is the theme of the first National conference of Women legislators?

- [A]Unite Women of India
- [B]Building Resurgent India
- [C]Rising Women Power
- [D]Women's Role in Building India

**Answer:** Building Resurgent India

**Explanation:**

The President of India Pranab Mukherjee has inaugurated the first National conference of Women legislators titled "The Role of Women Legislators in Nation Building (Mahila Janpratinidhi – Sashakt Bharat Ki Nirmata)" in New Delhi. The theme is "Building Resurgent India". The Speaker of Bangladesh Dr. Shirin Chaudhary was the chairperson of the plenary session. The basic purpose of the conference is to tell women legislators how can they contribute in nation-building.

32. Who is the author of the book titled "Fixed! Cash and Corruption in Cricket"?

- [A]Shantanu Guha Ray
- [B]Amish Tripathi
- [C]Subroto Bagchi
- [D]Jhumpa Lahiri

**Answer:** Shantanu Guha Ray

**Explanation:**

The book titled "Fixed! Cash and Corruption in Cricket" has been authored by Journalist Shantanu Guha Ray. The book examines the allegations of corruption against players, cricket administrators and bookies alike.

33. The National Safety Day is observed on which date in India?

- [A]March 4
- [B]February 7
- [C]April 14
- [D]January 12

**Answer:** March 4

**Explanation:**

The National Safety Day/ Week Campaign is observed in India every year on March 4 to highlight

the importance of Safety in all spheres of life so as to prevent mishaps and accidents resulting out of neglect or lack of awareness. The 2016 theme is “Strengthen Safety Movement to Achieve Zero Harm”. It is observed by the National Safety Council (NSC) of India.

34. Which cricket team has won the 2015-16 Col CK Nayudu Trophy?

- [A]Madhya Pradesh
- [B]Mumbai
- [C]Chennai
- [D]Railways

**Answer:** Mumbai

**Explanation:**

The Mumbai U-23 cricket team has won the Col CK Nayudu Trophy for the season 2015-16 by defeating Madhya Pradesh under-23 cricket team in the final match played at Holkar Stadium, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. This is the Mumbai’s 2nd big title of the season after they had won the 2016 Ranji Trophy.

35. Who has won Global Green Hero award at the 13th Annual Global Green USA pre-Oscar party?

- [A]Vikram Seth
- [B]Robin Sharma
- [C]Stevie Wonder
- [D]Ramachandra Guha

**Answer:** Stevie Wonder

**Explanation:**

The renowned singer Stevie Wonder has been honoured with Global Green Hero award at the 13th Annual Global Green USA Pre Oscar party. His hit songs are “Living in the City”, “Boogie on a Reggae Woman”, etc.

36. Who has become the first woman to lead Indian Army contingent at a multi-national military exercise “Force 18”?

- [A]Nasira Khan
- [B]Niharika Rathore
- [C]Sophia Qureshi
- [D]Neha Sharma

**Answer:** Sophia Qureshi

**Explanation:**

Lieutenant Colonel Sofia Qureshi has become the first woman officer to lead Indian Army contingent at a multi-national military exercise “Force 18” which is going on in Pune, Maharashtra from March 2 to 8, 2016. The exercise is hosted by the Indian Army and in it 18 ASEAN Plus countries including China, USA, Russia, Japan and South Korea are participating.

37. India’s first solar powered ferry will come up in which state?

- [A]Gujarat
- [B]Kerala
- [C]Goa
- [D]Andhra Pradesh

**Answer:** Kerala

**Explanation:**

India’s first 75-seater solar powered ferry will come up in the favourite tourism spot of Kerala “Allepey (the Venice of the East)”. These boats will be commissioned within the next three months and will run on the 2.5 km-long Vaikom-Thavanakkadavu route. The boat is 20 m long, 7 m wide with a maximum cruising speed of 7.5 knots. The boat is built by a Kochi-based NavAlt, in collaboration with a French firm AltEn, which makes solar powered ferries across the world.

38. India’s first self cleaning smart toilets have been installed in which city?

- [A]Chennai
- [B]Bengaluru
- [C]Kolkata
- [D]Mumbai

**Answer:** Chennai

**Explanation:**

India’s first self cleaning smart toilets have been installed in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Around 180 self-cleaning public e-Toilets have been installed and are free for public use. Each toilet automatically cleans itself before entry and after use; and sensors in it enable consumption of less water and power with each use.

39. Which organisations have launched Blue Dot hubs to boost protection for children and families on the move across Europe?

- [A]UNICEF and UNHCR
- [B]UNICEF and WHO
- [C]WHO and UNDP
- [D]UNDP and UNHCR

**Answer:** UNICEF and UNHCR

**Explanation:**

The United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) have launched “Blue Dot hubs” to boost protection for children and families on the move across Europe. The hubs will be located in selected strategic sites like border entry/exit points, registration sites, some strategic urban centres, etc. The services include restoring family links, family reunification, child friendly space and dedicated mother and baby/toddler spaces, psychosocial first aid, legal counselling, etc.

40. Which company has become the BCCI's official associate sponsor for next four years?

- [A]DLF
- [B]PepsiCo
- [C]IBM
- [D]Coca-Cola

**Answer:** PepsiCo

**Explanation:**

The Beverage major PepsiCo has become the BCCI's official associate sponsor for all international matches in India for refreshment, snacks and drinks. With this four-year partnership, Pepsico would have visibility on the field for all international matches at home. The Mobile commerce platform Paytm is the official title sponsor of the BCCI.

41. Who has been chosen for Innovation Award 2016 for developing laterite based arsenic water filter?

- [A]Nipun Singhi
- [B]Shubhankar Singhvi
- [C]Sirshendu De
- [D]Sudha Jain

**Answer:** Sirshendu De

**Explanation:**

Dr. Sirshendu De, Professor of the Chemical Engineering department of the IIT, Kharagpur, has been selected for the Innovation Award 2016 for developing low cost eco-friendly laterite based arsenic filter for providing safe drinking water for less than 3 paisa per litre. The award will be given by Indian Desalination Association (South Zone)for this technology.

42. The National Special Olympic for special children was organized in which city?

- [A]Jaipur
- [B]Shimla
- [C]Hyderabad
- [D]Lucknow

**Answer:** Shimla

**Explanation:**

The National Special Olympic for special children was organized at Narkanda slopes in Shimla district, Himachal Pradesh. The snowbound slopes in Narkanda are world famous. The annual sports event was organized by Special Olympic Bharat. The winners of this event would participate in world winter games to be held in Austria from 14th to 25th March, 2016.

43. How many times Indian cricket team has won Asia cup T20 trophy?

- [A]4

[B]5

[C]6

[D]7

**Answer:** 6

**Explanation:**

India has won the 2016 Asia Cup T20 trophy for a record 6th time after beating Bangladesh by 8-wickets in the final at Sher-e-Bangla stadium in Mirpur, Bangladesh. Shikhar Dhawan has won the Man of the Match while Sabbir Rahman has declared Man of the series.

44. Which team has won the 2016 Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) trophy?

- [A]Bengaluru Bulls
- [B]Puneri Paltan
- [C]Dabang Delhi
- [D]Patna Pirates

**Answer:** Patna Pirates

**Explanation:**

Patna Pirates has won the 3rd season of Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) 2016 by defeating U Mumba in the final at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi.

45. Which of the following banks will become the India's first Small Finance Bank (SFB)?

- [A]Ujjivan Financial Services Pvt. Ltd
- [B]Capital Local Area Bank Ltd
- [C]Au Financiers Ltd
- [D]Janalakshmi Financial Services Pvt. Ltd

**Answer:** Capital Local Area Bank Ltd

**Explanation:**

The Jalandhar-based Capital Local Area Bank Ltd (CLABL) will become the India's first small area finance bank (SFB) by flagging-off its operations on April 13, 2016. The small bank will launch operations under a new name "Capital Small Finance Bank Limited". Apart from CLABL, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted 9 entities in-principle licences to open small finance banks to expand access to financial services in rural and semi-urban areas. These are Ujjivan Financial Services Pvt. Ltd, Janalakshmi Financial Services Pvt. Ltd, Au Financiers (India) Ltd, etc.

46. Raymond Tomlinson, who passed away recently, was related to which field?

- [A]Politics
- [B]Fashion Industry
- [C]Journalism
- [D]Computer programming

**Answer:** Computer programming

**Explanation:**

Raymond Samuel Tomlinson (74), the inventor of modern email and a technological leader, has passed away in Washington, United States.

47. Who has been awarded 2015 Krutitava Smagra Samman?

- [A]Ajit Sen
- [B]Manorma Kushwaha
- [C]Padma Sachdev
- [D]Prema Jaiswal

**Answer:** Padma Sachdev

**Explanation:**

The renowned Dogri poetess and writer Padma Sachdev has been awarded 2015 Krutitava Smagra Samman by Bharatiya's Bhasha Parishad, Kolkata. She has received the award for her outstanding contribution in literature and great service to Dogri Language. The award carries an amount of Rs. 1.0 lakh, a shawl and citation.

48. The world's longest all-women crew international flight has been operated by which airline?

- [A]IndiGo
- [B]Air India
- [C]Jet Airways
- [D]Vistara

**Answer:** Air India

**Explanation:**

Air India, India's national carrier airline, has operated the longest all-women crew flight from New Delhi to San Francisco. The flight "AI 173" returned to New Delhi on March 8, 2016 to commemorate the International Women's Day. In 1985, Air India became the first carrier in the world to operate an all-women crew.

49. The "Mahila E-HAAT" has been launched by which union ministry?

- [A]Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B]Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [C]Ministry of Minority Affairs
- [D]Ministry of Human Resource Development

**Answer:** Ministry of Women and Child Development

**Explanation:**

The Women and Child Development Ministry has launched an online marketing platform "Mahila E-HAAT" to facilitate women entrepreneurs to sell their products to buyers. The initiative has been started jointly by the Ministry and Rashtriya Mahila Kosh for meeting the needs of women entrepreneurs. The purpose of the facility is to bring buyers and sellers at one platform. By this portal, women can sell their products like cloths, bags, jewellery, etc.

50. Germany will partner with India to develop which cities as smart cities?

- [A]Jaipur, Ahmedabad and Ludhiana
- [B]Kochi, Bhubaneswar and Coimbatore
- [C]Allahabad, Ajmer and Visakhapatnam
- [D]Kakinada, Sholapur and Udaipur

**Answer:** Kochi, Bhubaneswar and Coimbatore

**Explanation:**

In the India's smart city programme, Germany will partner with India to develop the cities of Kochi(Kerala), Bhubaneswar (Odisha) and Coimbatore(Tamil Nadu) as smart cities.

51. What is the campaign theme of the 2016 International Women's Day?

- [A]#PledgeForUnity
- [B]#PledgeForParity
- [C]#PledgeForFreedom
- [D]#PledgeForEquality

**Answer:** #PledgeForParity

**Explanation:**

The International Women's Day is observed every year on March 8 to highlight the achievements of women while calling for greater equality. The 2016 theme is "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality". The 2016 campaign theme is #PledgeForParity. It reflects acceleration of the 2030 Agenda, building momentum for the effective implementation of the new Sustainable Development Goals.

52. The 2016 BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave will be hosted by which city?

- [A]Ahmedabad
- [B]Mumbai
- [C]Jaipur
- [D]Indore

**Answer:** Mumbai

**Explanation:**

The 2016 BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave will be hosted by the Mumbai, Maharashtra in April 2016. The three-day conclave will be hosted jointly by the Mumbai First (a think tank for Mumbai's development), the Maharashtra government and the Ministry of External Affairs. The riceWaterhouseCoopers has been roped in as the knowledge partner. The event assumes significance given the Mumbai's aspiration to become a global financial centre.

53. Which bank has launched iWork@home programme for its women employees?

- [A]Yes bank
- [B]Exim Bank
- [C]ICICI Bank



[D]Axis Bank Ltd.

**Answer:** ICICI Bank

**Explanation:**

The ICICI Bank has launched “iWork@home”, a first-of-its-kind programme that allows women employees to work from home for up to a year. The company has deployed face recognition technology to facilitate women to work from home and provide access to the bank’s core banking servers.

54. Who has been conferred with the 2016 Mahindra Samridhi Krishi Shiromani Samman?

[A]Amrita Patel

[B]Krishnpal Singh Mourya

[C]Neelam Dutta

[D]Sugan Bai Patidar

**Answer:** Amrita Patel

**Explanation:**

Dr. Amrita Patel has been conferred with the prestigious 2016 Mahindra Samridhi India Agri Lifetime Achievement Award (also known as the Krishi Shiromani Samman) in New Delhi for her contribution that made a difference in the field of agriculture to increase productivity and rural prosperity. Currently, she is the chairman of Charutar Arogya Mandal. Earlier, Dr. Patel was the chairman of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) from 1998 to 2014. She played a pivotal role in the implementation of NDDB’s Operation Flood, which was the world’s biggest dairy development program that had transformed India from a milk-deficient nation into the world’s largest milk producer by surpassing the USA in 1998.

55. Which organization has released a report titled “Women at Work: Trends 2016”?

[A]World Bank

[B]United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

[C]International Labour Organization (ILO)

[D]OECD

**Answer:** International Labour Organization (ILO)

**Explanation:**

The International Labour Organization (ILO) has recently released a report titled “Women at Work: Trends 2016”. As per the latest report on 178 countries, gender equality still remains elusive in the workplace. It finds millions of women worldwide are not getting the same kind of quality, well-paying jobs as men. The women continue to work longer hours per day than men in both paid and unpaid work. The report shows the gender gap in employment, wages and social protection has changed little in 20 years.

56. Who has won the 2016 WGC-Cadillac Championship?

[A]Bubba Watson

[B]Adam Scott

[C]Phil Mickelson

[D]Rory McIlroy

**Answer:** Adam Scott

**Explanation:**

Australian golfer Adam Scott has won the 2016 WGC-Cadillac Championship at Doral, Florida, United States.

57. Who has been honoured with the lifetime achievement award in the 2016 Zee Cine Awards?

[A]Amir Grover

[B]Veeru Devgan

[C]Sanjay Mishra

[D]Varun Grover

**Answer:** Veeru Devgan

**Explanation:**

The stunt and action choreographer Veeru Devgan has been honoured with the lifetime achievement award in the 2016 Zee Cine Awards in Mumbai for his contribution in making action praise worthy in Bollywood.

58. Which state has launched Mukhyamantri Santwana Harish Yojana?

[A]Himachal Pradesh

[B]Tamil Nadu

[C]Karnataka

[D]Odisha

**Answer:** Karnataka

**Explanation:**

The Karnataka government has launched Mukhyamantri Santwana Harish Yojana for free medical treatment to accident victims. As per the scheme, the accident victims will be given free medical treatment for the first 48 hours at any hospital and financial aid upto Rs. 25,000 will also be provided. The scheme has been named after Harish Nanjappa who had donated his eyes moments before his death.

59. Who is the author of the book titled “The Culture Heritage of Trans Himalayas-Kinnaur”?

[A]Aswin Sanghi

[B]Arundhati Roy

[C]Arving Adiga

[D]P.S. Nagi Loktus

**Answer:** P.S. Nagi Loktus

**Explanation:**

The book titled “The Culture Heritage of Trans Himalayas-Kinnaur” has been authored by P.S. Nagi Loktus, IAS (retd.) and published by IGNCIA under Ministry of Culture. It is a study of the cultural

heritage of the trans-Himalayan area of Himachal Pradesh, especially Kinnaur that involves documentation of traditional institutions like temples, monasteries, Bon chos, artefacts, forts and old dialects of various ethnic groups.

60. Who has been bestowed with the French Legion of Honour, recently?

- [A] David Cameron
- [B] Muhammad bin Nayef
- [C] Mutaib bin Abdullah
- [D] Bandar bin Sultan

**Answer:** Muhammad bin Nayef

**Explanation:**

The Saudi Arabian Prince Muhammad bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz has been bestowed with the Legion of Honour, France's highest Civil Award by the French president Francois Hollande. Nayef received the honour as a foreign individual for his efforts in fight against terrorism and extremism.

61. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of Bombay Stock exchange (BSE)?

- [A] Sudhakar Rao
- [B] Sethurathnam Ravi
- [C] Prem Kumar
- [D] S Ramadorai

**Answer:** Sudhakar Rao

**Explanation:**

The Public Interest Director Sudhakar Rao has been appointed as the new chairman of Bombay Stock exchange (BSE). He succeeded S Ramadorai.

62. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day is celebrated on which date?

- [A] February 11
- [B] March 10
- [C] April 26
- [D] May 3

**Answer:** March 10

**Explanation:**

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day is celebrated every year on March 10. On this day, in 1969, the CISF was set up under an act of the Parliament of India with a strength of 2,800. It is directly under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and its headquarters are at New Delhi.

63. The world's tallest Jain statue is located in which state of India?

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

**Answer:** Maharashtra

**Explanation:**

A 108-feet tall idol of Lord Rishabhdeva, the first Teerthankar of Jains, carved out of a single rock, has entered the "Guinness World Records" as the world's tallest Jain statue. The impressive statue is located atop Mangi Tungi mountain near Teharabad village of Baglan tehsil in Nashik district of Maharashtra. Before this statue, the 57 feet idol of Lord Bahubali in Shravanabelagola in Karnataka was considered the world's tallest Jain statue.

64. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the 21st Law Commission of India (LCI)?

- [A] Neeraj Tripathi
- [B] Balbir Singh Chauhan
- [C] Ravi R Tripathi
- [D] Sushil Sahu

**Answer:** Balbir Singh Chauhan

**Explanation:**

The former Supreme Court (SC) judge Dr. Justice Balbir Singh Chauhan has been appointed as the Chairman of the 21st Law Commission of India (LCI). Presently, he is the chairman of the Cauvery River Water Disputes Tribunal. Beside him, the Union Government has appointed former judge of the Gujarat high court Justice Ravi R Tripathi as member of 21st LCI.

65. Tarun Kona is related to which sports?

- [A] Badminton
- [B] Hockey
- [C] Basketball
- [D] Cricket

**Answer:** Badminton

**Explanation:**

Indian shuttlers Tarun Kona and Alwin Francis (Badminton) has recently won the 2016 Peru International Series by defeating the top-seeded Mexican pair of Job Castillo and Lino Munoz in the final at Lima, Peru.

66. Which team has won 2016 Irani Cup Cricket Title?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Railways
- [C] Delhi
- [D] Rest of India

**Answer:** Rest of India

**Explanation:**

Rest of India has won the 2016 Irani Cup Cricket Title by defeating Mumbai in the final at Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai.

67. Who has been appointed as the Secretary General of the Arab League?

- [A] Ahmed Abul Gheit

[B]T P Seetharam

[C]Abdel Fattah Abul

[D]Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa

**Answer:** Ahmed Abul Gheit

**Explanation:**

The renowned Egyptian diplomat Ahmed Abul Gheit has been appointed as the Secretary General of the Arab League. Currently, the league has 22 Arab countries spanning North Africa, the Horn of Africa and the Middle East.

68. Garuda Shakti 2016 is the joint military exercise between India and which country?

[A]Indonesia

[B]Malaysia

[C]Maldives

[D]Vietnam

**Answer:** Indonesia

**Explanation:**

The 4th edition of the joint exercise "Garuda Shakti" is conducted between India and Indonesia from March 10 to 23, 2016 at Magelang, Indonesia. The purpose of the exercise is to build and promote positive relations between the two Armies of India and Indonesia and to enhance the ability of Indian and Indonesian Army to undertake joint tactical level operations in a Counter Insurgency environment under United Nations Charter.

69. Nana Vasconcelos, who died recently, was a percussionist of which country?

[A]Russia

[B]Brazil

[C]South Africa

[D]Germany

**Answer:** Brazil

**Explanation:**

The well-known Brazilian Latin jazz percussionist Nana Vasconcelos (71) passed away in Recife, Brazil. He was the master of the single-string percussion instrument known in Portuguese as the berimbau.

70. What is the theme of the Indian Army cycling event 2016?

[A]Cycle for Healthy Environment

[B]Cycle to Save Nature

[C]Cycle to Recycle

[D]Cycle to Live Nature

**Answer:** Cycle to Recycle

**Explanation:**

The Indian Army cycling event 2016 has been flagged off recently from Pangsau Pass on the India-Myanmar border with the theme "Cycle to Recycle" on March 8, 2016. It was organised as part of the Assam Rifles 181st raising day celebrations.

The purpose of this cycling event is to create public awareness about the need of nature and environment conservation. The event will culminate on March 16, 2016 in Shillong, Meghalaya.

71. The Kakrapar atomic power station is located in which of the following states?

[A]Rajasthan

[B]Gujarat

[C]Maharashtra

[D]Karnataka

**Answer:** Gujarat

**Explanation:**

Recently, a power generation unit at Kakrapar atomic power station in Gujarat was shut down after leakage of heavy water. This atomic station is located in near Vyara in Gujarat and has two 220 MW pressurised water reactors with heavy water as moderator (PHWR).

72. What is the approximate contribution of real estate in India's national GDP?

[A]7%

[B]9%

[C]12%

[D]15%

**Answer:** 9%

**Explanation:**

Recently, the Rajya Sabha passed the Real Estate Bill to protect the home buyers. Real estate contributes nine per cent to the national GDP.

73. What is the main objective of the recently launched pilot project on Highway Advisory Services?

[A]To advise prospective companies about investment opportunities in Highways

[B]To advise the government on investment in highways

[C]To provide traffic related information to commuters

[D]None of the above

**Answer:** To provide traffic related information to commuters

**Explanation:**

The Union Road Transport and Highways ministry has launched a pilot project called Highway Advisory Services to give traffic updates to commuters on the 256-km Delhi-Jaipur National Highway-8. The objective of this radio channel project is to provide information to the highway commuters about travel tips, safety tips, traffic updates, including information on accidents and diversions.

74. Which of the following satellites was placed in orbit via the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV C-32)?

[A]IRNSS-1C

[B]IRNSS-1D

[C]IRNSS-1E

[D]IRNSS-1F

**Answer:** IRNSS-1F

**Explanation:**

On 12 March, the ISRO has successfully put into orbit India's sixth dedicated navigation satellite, the IRNSS-1F. The Independent Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) is designed to provide accurate position information service to users in India and the region extending up to 1,500 km from the border.

75. Who is the first Indian classical musician to perform at United Nations?

[A]Pt. Bhimsen Joshi

[B]Pt. Jasraj

[C]Ustad Jakir Hussain

[D]MS Subbulakshmi

**Answer:** MS Subbulakshmi

**Explanation:**

In 1966, MS Subbulakshmi was invited by Secretary-General of the United Nations, U Thant to give a special concert at the United Nations. This was the first performance by any Indian classical musician at the UN.

76. Which of the following two seas surround the Crimean Peninsula?

[A]Black Sea and Sea of Azov

[B]Wadden Sea and Black Sea

[C]Caspian Sea and Sea of Azov

[D]Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea

**Answer:** Black Sea and Sea of Azov

**Explanation:**

Crimean Peninsula is surrounded by two seas — Black Sea and Sea of Azov. It is a land mass towards the north of the Black Sea and has Ukrainian region of Kherson to the south and Russian region of Kuban to the west. Crimea and adjacent territories were united in the Crimean Khanate before becoming part of Russia during 1783. Its economy primarily depends on tourism and agriculture, but since Russian annexation of Crimea in 2014, there has been a considerable drop in the number of people visiting it. With an area of 27,000 square kilometres, Crimea has a population of 2.2 million people.

77. Recently, which neighbour of India passed a resolution to convert its Parliament into Constitutional Assembly?

[A]Myanmar

[B]Nepal

[C]Sri Lanka

[D]Bangladesh

**Answer:** Sri Lanka

**Explanation:**

The Sri Lankan Parliament has recently adopted a resolution to convert itself into a Constitutional Assembly.

78. Google's computer programme AlphaGo is related to which of the following?

[A]Search Engine algorithms

[B]A board game of China

[C]Music and Media search

[D]Live video streaming

**Answer:** A board game of China

**Explanation:**

AlphaGo is a computer program developed by Google DeepMind in London to play the Chinese board game Go. It has defeated human champions of the game and is considered a breakthrough in the field of artificial intelligence.

79. Which of the following is the world's largest cruise ship currently (in 2016)?

[A]Harmony of the Seas

[B]Legend of the Seas

[C]Splendour of the Seas

[D]Grandeur of the Seas

**Answer:** Harmony of the Seas

**Explanation:**

Harmony of the Seas is an Oasis-class cruise ship. With a gross tonnage of 227,700 GT, she is the largest passenger ship in the world, surpassing her older sisters MS Oasis of the Seas and MS Allure of the Seas by some 2,000 gross tons. In March 2016, it went on its first sea trial from Saint-Nazaire, western France, with just two months to go to delivery.

80. Which of the following is not a correct statement about Infrasound?

[A]Infrasound has a frequency lower than 50 hertz

[B]Infrasound is produced / detected by elephants and whales

[C]Infrasound can travel longer distances than high frequency sound waves

[D]All are correct

**Answer:** Infrasound has a frequency lower than 50 hertz

**Explanation:**

Infrasound has a frequency lower than 20 hertz. Though it cannot be heard by humans, animals such as elephants, rhinos, alligators and whales produce infrasound. One interesting feature of these sound waves is that they can travel longer distances than high frequency waves. Avalanches and earthquakes also produce infrasound.

81. Art of Living's World Culture Festival was held in which city?

[A] New Delhi

[B] Mumbai

[C] Kolkata

[D] Hyderabad

**Answer:** New Delhi

**Explanation:**

Art of Living's World Culture Festival has been organised at Yamuna Flood Plains, New Delhi from March 11 to 13, 2016. The festival celebrated the diversity in cultures from across the world while simultaneously highlighting unity as a human family.

82. Which football team has won the 2016 Santosh Trophy National Football Championships title?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Mizoram

[D] Services

**Answer:** Services

**Explanation:**

Services team has won the 70th edition of Santosh Trophy Football Championships title 2016 by defeating Maharashtra in the final match at SEC Railway Stadium, Nagpur, Maharashtra.

83. Who has won the 2016 YONEX All England Open Badminton Championship?

[A] Wang Shixian

[B] Nozomi Okuhara

[C] Lin Dan

[D] Tian Houwei

**Answer:** Lin Dan

**Explanation:**

Lin Dan from China has won the 2016 YONEX All England Open Badminton Championship. With this, he became the six-time All England champion. He won the title by defeating Chinese teammate Tian Houwei by 21-9, 21-10 in the final in England.

84. Which of the following state's tourism campaign has bagged the prestigious Golden City Gate Award?

[A] Madhya Pradesh

[B] Kerala

[C] Assam

[D] Tripura

**Answer:** Kerala

**Explanation:**

The prestigious '2016 Golden City Gate Award' has been won by the Kerala Tourism campaign titled 'New Worlds' at the International Tourismus-Borse Berlin (ITB-Berlin) 2016. The multimedia campaign contains three short films directed by Malayalam filmmaker Anwar Rasheed. Kerala Tourism had

earlier won the 'Ulysses' Prize of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) for its contribution as a global leader to sustainable tourism.

85. What is the new name of the LED based Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELP)?

[A] Jyoti

[B] Ujala

[C] Disha

[D] Prakash

**Answer:** Ujala

**Explanation:**

The Union Power Ministry has recently named the LED based Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELP) as "UJALA". Presently, DELP is running successfully in over 120 cities across India. UJALA, an acronym for Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All, is being implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL). The National LED programme was launched by the Prime Minister on January 2015 with a target of replacing 77 crore incandescent lamps with LED bulbs.

86. The South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Centre (SARTTC) will be set up in which city of India?

[A] Mumbai

[B] Ahmedabad

[C] Kolkata

[D] New Delhi

**Answer:** New Delhi

**Explanation:**

India and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have recently signed an agreement to set up South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Centre (SARTTC) in New Delhi. The SARTTAC will become the focal point for planning, co-ordinating and implementing IMF's capacity development activity in the region on a wide range of issues. It will offer courses and seminars for policymakers from six countries of SAARC. India, Australia and the Republic of Korea have pledged financial support for the centre.

87. Who has been conferred with the France's Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, recently?

[A] Ratan Tata

[B] Aditya Birla

[C] Anand Mahindra

[D] Cyrus P Mistry

**Answer:** Anand Mahindra

**Explanation:**

Mahindra & Mahindra Chairman and Managing Director (MD) Anand Mahindra has been conferred

with the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) by French Government for his outstanding national and international achievements and initiatives at the helm of the Mahindra Group.

88. Who has won the 2016 Global Teacher Prize?

- [A] Matthew McConaughey
- [B] Robin Chaurasiya
- [C] Sunny Varkey
- [D] Hanan Al Hroub

**Answer:** Hanan Al Hroub

**Explanation:**

Palestinian primary school teacher Hanan al-Hroub has won the 2016 Global Teacher Prize in Dubai for educating her students about non-violence.

89. The Festival of Innovations is hosted by which city of India?

- [A] Rajkot
- [B] Varanasi
- [C] New Delhi
- [D] Jodhpur

**Answer:** New Delhi

**Explanation:**

The President of India Pranab Mukherjee has inaugurated "Festival of Innovations" at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on March 12, 2016. The week-long festival is being organised by Rashtrapati Bhavan in collaboration with the National Innovation Foundation.

90. ExoMars 2016 spacecraft has been successfully launched by which of the following space agencies?

- [A] NASA & Roscosmos
- [B] NASA & JAXA
- [C] ESA & Roscosmos
- [D] ESA & NASA

**Answer:** ESA & Roscosmos

**Explanation:**

An unmanned spacecraft "ExoMars 2016" has been successfully launched by the European Space Agency (ESA) in collaboration with the Russian Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos) to search the signs of life on the Red Planet. The ExoMars 2016 is the first of a two-phase of ExoMars (Exobiology on Mars) program.

91. Who is the newly elected President of Myanmar?

- [A] Henry Van Thio
- [B] Htin Kyaw
- [C] Myint Swe
- [D] Aung San Suu Kyi

**Answer:** Htin Kyaw

**Explanation:**

Htin Kyaw has been elected as the first civilian President of Myanmar after 53 years of military rule. He belongs to National League for Democracy (NLD) party. Aung San Suu Kyi is the President of NLD party.

92. The Fulbright – Kalam Climate Fellowship has been launched by India and which country?

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

**Answer:** United States

**Explanation:**

India and United States have launched the Fulbright – Kalam Climate Fellowship that enables Indian research scholars to work with American institutions in the field of climate change. It will sponsor up to 6 Indian PhD students and post-doctoral researchers to work with US institutions for a period up to one year. The fellowship has been named after late Indian President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. It will be operated by the bi-national US-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) under the umbrella of the prestigious Fulbright programme. It will be jointly funded by both the governments.

93. Which Indian scholar has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Canberra?

- [A] H Deep Saini
- [B] Sagar Mal
- [C] Mandeep Singh
- [D] Stephen Parker

**Answer:** H Deep Saini

**Explanation:**

The noted Indian scholar and plant physiologist H Deep Saini has been appointed as the fifth Vice Chancellor of the prestigious University of Canberra. He will succeed Vice Chancellor Stephen Parker in September 2016. Currently, Saini is the Vice-President of the University of Toronto and Principal of the University of Toronto Mississauga campus in Canada.

94. The 2016 World Congress of Biosphere Reserves has been hosted by which country?

- [A] United States
- [B] Peru
- [C] Belgium
- [D] Switzerland

**Answer:** Peru

**Explanation:**

The 4th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves 2016 has been inaugurated at Lima, Peru on March 14, 2016. The event would be to address different issues

related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Post 2015 Development Agenda.

95. Who is the current Administrator of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)?

- [A] Maria Casar
- [B] Helen Clark
- [C] James Morse
- [D] Rudolph Hoffman

**Answer:** Helen Clark

**Explanation:**

Helen Clark is the current Administrator of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

96. Lloyd Stowell Shapley, who died recently, had won 2012 Nobel Prize in which category?

- [A] Physics
- [B] Economics
- [C] Literature
- [D] Medicine

**Answer:** Economics

**Explanation:**

Dr. Lloyd Stowell Shapley (92), the noted American mathematician, has recently passed away in Tucson, Arizona. With Alvin E. Roth, Shapley won the 2012 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences for work on game theory that has been used to study subjects as diverse as matching couples and allocating costs.

97. The World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD) is observed on which date?

- [A] February 12
- [B] March 15
- [C] January 16
- [D] April 9

**Answer:** March 15

**Explanation:**

The World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD) is observed every year on March 15 as an occasion of solidarity among consumers for promotion of the rights of consumers and to ensure that consumers are protected from unscrupulous traders and their consumer grievances are redressed. The 2016 theme is "Antibiotics off the menu". It is a campaign to stop the sale of meat raised with the use of antibiotics important to human medicine.

98. Which country announced to set up its own International Maritime Judicial Centre (IMJC)?

- [A] China
- [B] Japan
- [C] Indonesia
- [D] Vietnam

**Answer:** China

**Explanation:**

China will set up its own International Maritime Judicial Centre (IMJC) to handle territorial disputes and to protect its sovereignty, maritime rights and other core interests at sea.

99. Which initiative has recently been launched by NITI Aayog?

- [A] Leadership for India
- [B] Women Transforming India
- [C] Girls Education
- [D] Transforming Agriculture

**Answer:** Women Transforming India

**Explanation:**

The NITI Aayog, Union Government's premier think-tank, has launched the 'Women Transforming India' initiative on the International Women's Day in partnership with the United Nations and MyGov. The initiative is to directly engage with women leaders from across urban and rural areas of India.

100. Which state government has launched awareness programme to protect sparrows?

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

**Answer:** Uttar Pradesh

**Explanation:**

The Uttar Pradesh has launched awareness campaign at school levels to create awareness about conservation of birds on March 14, 2016. The awareness campaign would also be spread among the students to make the state clean and green under "CleanUP – Green UP".

101. The world's first fully electric-powered double-decker bus has been launched in which country?

- [A] India
- [B] United Kingdom
- [C] Japan
- [D] Unites States

**Answer:** United Kingdom

**Explanation:**

The world's first fully electric-powered double-decker bus has been launched in London, United Kingdom. It is built by Chinese manufactures BYD and will be able to travel 180 miles on a single charge.

102. Who has become the youngest person to climb the Mt. Kangchenjunga base camp in Sikkim?

- [A] Vasay Kumari
- [B] Suryassangyini Chaudhary
- [C] Vaasangyan Reddy

[D]Mansi Chopra

**Answer:** Suryassangyini Chaudhary

**Explanation:**

Ms. Suryassangyini Chaudhary (6) has become the youngest girl to climb the 16,300 feet high Mt. Kangchenjunga base camp at Goechala, Sikkim. She is from Baraut in Baghpat district, Uttar Pradesh.

103. The 2016 Maritime India Summit (MIS) will be held in which city?

[A]Mormugao

[B]Visakhapatnam

[C]Mumbai

[D]Panaji

**Answer:** Mumbai

**Explanation:**

The 2016 Maritime India Summit (MIS) will be organized at Bombay Convention and Exhibition Centre, Goregaon, Mumbai from April 14-16, 2016. It is a maiden flagship initiative of Union Ministry of Shipping that will provide a unique global platform for investors to explore potential business opportunities in the Indian Maritime Sector.

104. Who has won the first prize in UN #LinksSDGs Data Visualization Challenge?

[A]Sandeep Konam

[B]Wouter Eekhout

[C]Abdulqadir Rashik

[D]Jorge Martinez Navarrete

**Answer:** Abdulqadir Rashik

**Explanation:**

Abdulqadir Rashik, founder of India-based Miavy Systems, has won the first prize in UN #LinksSDGs Data Visualization Challenge. He has been awarded for his submission "Links to Sustainable Cities", an interactive visualization that identifies and maps the links between Sustainable Development Goal 11, Sustainable Cities and Communities, and the other 16 Goals.

105. The 2016 Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development meeting has been held in which country?

[A]UAE

[B]Iran

[C]India

[D]Sri Lanka

**Answer:** UAE

**Explanation:**

The 13th meeting of Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development has been held on March 14, 2016 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). The meeting was held to promote the power of

broadband networks and services for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

106. The first-ever World Sufi Forum (WSF) has been hosted by which city of India?

[A]New Delhi

[B]Hyderabad

[C]Lucknow

[D]Kanpur

**Answer:** New Delhi

**Explanation:**

The first-ever World Sufi Forum (WSF) has been inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on March 17, 2016. The 4-day event is focused on finding constructive ways to spread the Islamic message of peace and tolerance as a counter to rising global violent extremism. It is organized by All India Ulama and Mashaikh Board (AIUMB), the apex body of Sufi Dargahs in India.

107. Who has been named as Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)?

[A]Tyler Ritter

[B]Ashley Judd

[C]Wynonna Judd

[D]Booboo Stewart

**Answer:** Ashley Judd

**Explanation:**

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) appointed actor and activist Ashley Judd as its Goodwill Ambassador.

108. Ustad Ali Ahmad Hussain Khan, who passed away recently, was exponent in which musical instrument?

[A]Sarangi

[B]Shehnai

[C]Sitar

[D]Tabla

**Answer:** Shehnai

**Explanation:**

The renowned Shehnai exponent Ustad Ali Ahmad Hussain Khan (77) passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal. He hailed from a family of renowned Shehnai exponents from Benaras. He was known for his innovative style and mastery over the classical, semi-classical and folk music repertoire.

109. What is India's rank in the United Nations' World Happiness Index 2016?

[A]101

[B]112

[C]118

[D]129



**Answer:** 118

**Explanation:**

India has been ranked 118th out of 156 countries on the United Nations' World Happiness Index (WHI) 2016. According to the World Happiness Report 2016, published by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), Denmark has topped the list, followed by Iceland, Norway, Finland, Canada, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Australia and Sweden.

110. India's first contact-less mobile payment solution "iTap" has been launched by which bank?

[A] State Bank of India

[B] HDFC Bank

[C] Axis Bank Ltd

[D] ICICI Bank

**Answer:** ICICI Bank

**Explanation:**

India's first contact-less mobile payment solution "iTap" has been launched by ICICI Bank. Through "iTap" its customers will be able to make payments by waving their cell phones near an NFC-enabled merchant terminal. In it, ICICI bank has used the Host Card Emulation (HCE) technology which creates 'virtual' cards for 'physical' credit or debit cards (Visa/MasterCard) of the bank, as selected by the customer.

111. Who are the winners of 2015-16 Chameli Devi Jain Award?

[A] Alka Dhupkar and Ravish Kumar

[B] Alka Dhupkar and Raksha Kumar

[C] Priyanka Kakodkar and Raksha Kumar

[D] Priyanka Kakodkar and Ravish Kumar

**Answer:** Priyanka Kakodkar and Raksha Kumar

**Explanation:**

The Media Foundation's Chameli Devi Jain award for 2015-16 has been jointly awarded to Priyanka Kakodkar and Raksha Kumar for work that combines social concern and compassion with ground-breaking reportage and sharp analytical skills. The annual Chameli Devi Award is the premier award for women media persons in India. It was first awarded in 1982 to an outstanding woman media person, who has made a difference through writing with depth, dedication, courage and compassion.

112. Which is the national intelligence agency of Israel?

[A] GRU

[B] NSIS

[C] CISEN

[D] Mossad

**Answer:** Mossad

**Explanation:**

Mossad is the national intelligence agency of Israel. It is one of the most powerful secret service agencies in the world. Its headquarters is in Tel Aviv, Israel. The agency has active agents spread across the world and are involved in intelligence gathering, covert operations and protecting Jews and Jewish interests.

113. Who is the newly appointed Governor of Central Bank of Bangladesh?

[A] Fazle Kabir

[B] Abdul Hamid

[C] AMA Muhith

[D] Shahana Rahman

**Answer:** Fazle Kabir

**Explanation:**

Fazle Kabir, former Secretary of Finance Division, has been appointed as the 11th Governor of Central Bank of Bangladesh. He will succeed Dr. Atiur Rahman due to his resign after taking moral responsibility over the cyber theft from the central bank's official account with New York Federal Reserve Bank.

114. The 37th SAARC Foreign Ministers meet was recently held in which country?

[A] Nepal

[B] India

[C] Myanmar

[D] Bhutan

**Answer:** Nepal

**Explanation:**

The 37th foreign ministerial meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries was held in Pokhara, Nepal on March 17, 2016.

115. India Aviation 2016 event has been hosted by which city of India?

[A] Kolkata

[B] Agra

[C] Hyderabad

[D] Udaipur

**Answer:** Hyderabad

**Explanation:**

The President of India Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the 5th edition of 'India Aviation 2016' on March 16, 2016 at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad. The 2016 theme is "India's Civil Aviation Sector: Potential a Global Manufacturing & MRO Hub".

116. Who has won 2016 Abel Prize?

[A] Endre Szemerédi

[B] John Rognes

[C]Andrew Wiles

[D]Michael Atiyah

**Answer:** Andrew Wiles

**Explanation:**

The British mathematician Andrew J. Wiles has won 2016 Abel Prize for solving a centuries-old hypothesis-Fermat's Last theorem. The prize will be given by the Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters in May 2016.

117. Which organisation has recently released the e-Atlas of Gender Inequality in Education?

[A]UNESCO

[B]UNICEF

[C]UNFPA

[D]UNSDN

**Answer:** UNESCO

**Explanation:**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Institute of Physics has recently released the e-Atlas of Gender Inequality in Education. The e-Atlas shows gender gaps from primary to tertiary education and educational pathways of girls and boys in more than 200 countries and territories.

118. Songkran festival is celebrated in which country?

[A]India

[B]Thailand

[C]Indonesia

[D]China

**Answer:** Thailand

**Explanation:**

The Songkran festival, also known as the World's biggest water festival, is celebrated every year in Thailand from 13 to 15 April. Recently, it is in news because Thailand government has decided to impose a curfew during 2016 Songkran festival to show solidarity with farmers hit by drought.

119. Who has been conferred with the 2016 Skoch Lifetime Achievement Award?

[A]Arun Jaitely

[B]Narendra Modi

[C]Venkaiah Naidu

[D]K.Taraka Rama Rao

**Answer:** Venkaiah Naidu

**Explanation:**

Venkaiah Naidu, union urban development minister, has been conferred with the 2016 Skoch Lifetime Achievement Award at the 43rd SKOCH summit held in New Delhi for his contributions to inclusive growth and towards poverty alleviation in India. Beside him, K.Taraka Rama Rao, Telangana Minister for IT,

Municipal Administration and Panchayat Raj, has been awarded the most prestigious Skoch Challenger of the Year Award for 2016.

120. Which film has won the best film award at the 2016 Asian Film Awards (AFA)?

[A]Port of Call

[B]The Assassin

[C]Inside Men

[D]Blind Massage

**Answer:** The Assassin

**Explanation:**

The 10th edition of Asian Film Awards (AFA) 2016 has been held at the Venetian theatre in Macau, China. 'The Assassin', a movie about a highly trained female, has bagged the prizes for best film, best actress (Shu Qi), best supporting actress (Zhou Yun) and best director (Hou HsiaoHsien ), best cinematography (Mark Lee Ping-bing) and best original music (Lim Giong) at a glittering ceremony.

121. According to the IRCTC survey, which railway station has been named the cleanest in India?

[A]Varanasi railway station

[B]Surat railway station

[C]Rajkot railway station

[D]Bilaspur railway station

**Answer:** Surat railway station

**Explanation:**

According to an Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) survey, the Surat railway station has been named the cleanest in India in the A1 category, followed by Rajkot, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh), etc. The survey, conducted across 407 stations and based on the feedback of around 1.34 lakh passengers, classified the stations into 'A' and 'A1' categories based on their traffic. For A category railway stations, the Beas railway station topped the list followed by Gandhidham in Ahmedabad, Vasco-da-Gama, Jamnagar, etc.

122. Which state government has launched India's first state-wide broadband project?

[A]Tamil Nadu

[B]Andhra Pradesh

[C]Gujarat

[D]Maharashtra

**Answer:** Andhra Pradesh

**Explanation:**

India's first state-wide broadband project "AP FiberNet" has been launched by Andhra Pradesh government in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Under the project, Internet connections would be provided at cheap rate in the districts of

Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam and Vizianagaram by April 2016 and after that the rest of the state will be recovered. Andhra Pradesh government has tied up with Cisco to roll out the project.

123. Which union ministry is hosting “The Everlasting Flame International Programme”?

- [A]Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B]Ministry of Finance
- [C]Ministry of Minority Affairs
- [D]Ministry of Railways

**Answer:** Ministry of Minority Affairs

**Explanation:**

The Union Ministry of Minority Affairs is hosting a cultural spectacle “The Everlasting Flame International Programme” in New Delhi from March 19 to 29, 2016 under its scheme “Hamari Dharohar” in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and the Parzor Foundation. It is a celebration of the history, beliefs, practices, and contribution of Parsis, the micro-minority community whose contribution surpasses its numbers. It will encompass all the elements of the contribution of Zoroastrians and Parsis to the world culture, philosophy and art.

124. Which is the first bank to commence the sale of Indian Gold Coin (IGC) in the domestic market?

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

**Answer:** Indian Overseas Bank

**Explanation:**

The Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has become the first bank to commence the sale of Indian Gold Coin (IGC) in the domestic market. The bank has tied up with Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation (MMTC) for the sale of IGC of 24 carat purity. IGC is the first ever national gold offering by the Centre. The IGC has the national emblem, the Ashok Chakra, engraved on one side and the face of Mahatma Gandhi on the other. The coin carries advanced anti-counterfeit features and comes in tamper-proof packaging. The current denominations available are 5, 10 and 20 gm.

125. Which organisation is providing loan support for “Madhya Pradesh Citizen Access to Responsive Services Project”?

- [A]World Bank (WB)
- [B]International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- [C]Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- [D]Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

**Answer:** World Bank (WB)

**Explanation:**

India has recently signed a loan agreement of \$35 Million with the World Bank (WB) for “Madhya Pradesh Citizen Access to Responsive Services Project”. The purpose of the project is to improve Current Affairs: March 2016 [Date-wise access and quality of public services in Madhya Pradesh through implementation of the 2010 Public Service Delivery Guarantee Act. The duration of project is 5 years.

126. Who is the author of the book titled “Gandhi: An Illustrated Biography”?

- [A]Pramod Kapoor
- [B]Arundhati Roy
- [C]Ambrish Tripathi
- [D]Aarathi Prasad

**Answer:** Pramod Kapoor

**Explanation:**

The book titled “Gandhi: An Illustrated Biography” has been authored by Pramod Kapoor. The book seeks to decode Gandhi for modern generation.

127. Exercise Iron Fist 2016 has conducted by the Indian Air Force in which state?

- [A]Maharashtra
- [B]Rajasthan
- [C]West Bengal
- [D]Kerala

**Answer:** Rajasthan

**Explanation:**

The Iron Fist Exercise 2016 has conducted by the Indian Air Force on March 18, 2016 at Air Force Firing Range, Pokhran, Rajasthan. It is a day-night exercise that showcased the firepower capacity of the Indian Air Force.

128. The 2016 Global Bamboo Summit will be hosted by which city of India?

- [A]Udaipur
- [B]Rajkot
- [C]Panaji
- [D]Indore

**Answer:** Indore

**Explanation:**

The 2016 Global Bamboo Summit will be held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh from April 8, 2016. It will be organized by Madhya Pradesh Government with National Bamboo Mission, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India and Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE).

129. Frank Sinatra Junior, who died recently, was a singer of which country?

- [A]France

- [B]Germany
- [C]South Africa
- [D]United States

**Answer:** United States

**Explanation:**

The renowned Singer Frank Sinatra Junior has passed away recently in Florida, United States.

130. World Sparrow Day is observed on which date?

- [A]February 15
- [B]March 10
- [C]March 20
- [D]April 12

**Answer:** March 20

**Explanation:**

World Sparrow Day is observed on March 20. The day designated to raise awareness of the house sparrow and other common birds.

131. Who has won the 2016 Formula One Rolex Australian Grand Prix?

- [A]Nico Rosberg
- [B]Daniel Ricciardo
- [C]Lewis Hamilton
- [D]Sebastian Vettel

**Answer:** Nico Rosberg

**Explanation:**

Nico Rosberg, a German racing driver for Mercedes Formula One team, has won the 2016 Formula One Rolex Australian Grand Prix.

132. Who is the winner of the first Noor Inayat Khan Prize for 2016?

- [A]Mamta Jain
- [B]Padma Sharma
- [C]Geetakshi Arora
- [D]Geetanjali Purohit

**Answer:** Geetakshi Arora

**Explanation:**

An Indian student Geetakshi Arora is the winner of the first Noor Inayat Khan Prize for 2016 for her excellent dissertation on "Goddess Myths in Graphic Novels: Reimagining Indian Femininity". She is a post-graduate student of the South Asia Institute at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. The London-based Noor Inayat Khan Memorial Trust awards the annual prize to a post-graduate student from SOAS, University of London, working in the area of gender studies and South Asian history.

133. Who has won the 2016 Swiss Open Grand Prix Gold badminton Men's Singles tournament?

- [A]Chetan Anand
- [B]Kidambi Srikanth

- [C]Aditya Joshi
- [D]HS Prannoy

**Answer:** HS Prannoy

**Explanation:**

Indian shuttler HS Prannoy has won the 2016 Swiss Open Grand Prix Gold badminton Men's Singles tournament in Basel, Switzerland. He won the title by defeating Marc Zwiebler of Germany by 21-18 21-15 in the final.

134. Which of the following biosphere reserve from India is included in the UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves, recently?

- [A]Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve
- [B]Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve
- [C]Manas Biosphere Reserve
- [D]Panna Biosphere Reserve

**Answer:** Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve

**Explanation:**

Recently, the International Coordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has added 20 sites to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves. India's "unique" Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve (ABR) in the Western Ghats is one among the 20 sites. Consisting mostly of tropical forests, the ABR site is home to 2,254 species of higher plants including about 400 that are endemic.

135. What is the theme of the 2016 International Day of Forests?

- [A]Save Trees & Water
- [B]Forests and Water
- [C]Save Nature
- [D]Human Life: Water and Trees

**Answer:** Forests and Water

**Explanation:**

The International Day of Forests is observed every year on March 21 to raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests and of trees outside forests. The 2016 theme is "forests and water".

136. The United Nations International Day of Happiness is celebrated on which date?

- [A]February 16
- [B]March 20
- [C]May 19
- [D]April 6

**Answer:** March 20

**Explanation:**

The International Day of Happiness 2016 is celebrated every year on March 20 to recognize that happiness is a fundamental human goal and countries must access public policies in a way that improves

the well-being of all peoples. This year's focus is on the relationship between having a healthy planet and happiness. The 2016 theme is "Angry Birds Happy Planet".

137. Gurmeet Singh is associated with which sports?

- [A] Race walk
- [B] Swimming
- [C] Hockey
- [D] Kabaddi

**Answer:** Race walk

**Explanation:**

Gurmeet Singh has become the first Indian athlete to clinch a gold medal at the 2016 Asian 20km Race Walk Championships in Nomi, Japan. It is the first time in 34 years that an Indian has won a gold in either an Asian Championships or Asian Games in this event. Before him, Hakam Singh and Chand Ram won a gold each in 20km road walk in 1978 and 1982 Asian Games respectively.

138. Who has been appointed as the advisor to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for promotion of khadi within India and globally?

- [A] Payal Singhal
- [B] Ritu Beri
- [C] Tarun Tahiliani
- [D] Manish Arora

**Answer:** Ritu Beri

**Explanation:**

The noted fashion designer Ritu Beri has been appointed as the advisor to the Union Government's statutory body Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for promotion of khadi within India and across the world.

139. Who has been conferred with the France's Knight of the Legion of Honour?

- [A] Tikka Shatrughit Singh
- [B] Nigam Sen
- [C] Chandra Prabha Saxena
- [D] Aditya Chopra

**Answer:** Tikka Shatrughit Singh

**Explanation:**

Tikka Shatrughit Singh, the royal scion of Kapurthala's Ahluwalia dynasty, has been conferred with the prestigious Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) by the French Government. He has been chosen for the highest French civilian distinction in recognition of his extraordinary work in exchanging the French lifestyle and Indian culture with each other.

140. What percent of FDI is allowed under automatic approval route in the insurance sector?

[A] 26%

[B] 35%

[C] 49%

[D] 51%

**Answer:** 49%

**Explanation:**

To attract more foreign investment into the insurance sector in the country, the government of India has relaxed FDI norms for the insurance sector by permitting overseas companies to buy 49 per cent stake in domestic insurers without prior approval.

141. Which country has recently signed refugee deal with European Union?

- [A] Iran
- [B] Turkey
- [C] Russia
- [D] Saudi Arabia

**Answer:** Turkey

**Explanation:**

After five months of intense negotiations, the European Union (EU) and Turkey finally signed a key deal on March 18 to prevent migration movements stemming from the Syrian war. According to the deal, any asylum-seeker reaching Greece from Turkey after March 20 will be sent back to Turkey, or their application will be quickly examined to determine whether they will be allowed to remain.

142. Who has won 2016 Men's Singles BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament?

- [A] Rafael Nadal
- [B] Roger Federer
- [C] Novak Djokovic
- [D] Milos Raonic

**Answer:** Novak Djokovic

**Explanation:**

Novak Djokovic has won the 2016 Men's Singles BNP Paribas Open tournament by defeating Milos Raonic by 6-2, 6-0 in the final at Indian Wells, California, United States.

143. Who has been chosen for CV Kunhiraman Literary Prize, recently?

- [A] N Nandishwar
- [B] M Sukumaran
- [C] M Mukundan
- [D] Hashim Rajan

**Answer:** M Sukumaran

**Explanation:**

The noted Malayalam writer M Sukumaran has been chosen for CV Kunhiraman Literary Prize. The prize consists of Rs.10,001 in cash, a citation, and a statuette designed by artist BD Dathan.

144. The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed on which date?

[A] March 21

[B] June 8

[C] May 11

[D] April 23

**Answer:** March 21

**Explanation:**

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed every year on March 21. The 2016 theme is "Challenges and Achievements of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action".

145. What is the theme of the 2016 World Water Day (WWD)?

[A] The World's Water: Is there enough?

[B] Water and Culture

[C] Better Water, Better Jobs

[D] Clean Water and War

**Answer:** Better Water, Better Jobs

**Explanation:**

The World Water Day (WWD) is observed every year on March 22 to preserve and ration consumption of water. The 2016 theme "Better Water, Better Jobs" focuses on how enough quantity and quality of water can change workers' lives and livelihoods and even transform societies and economies.

146. The World Poetry day is observed on which date?

[A] October 6

[B] June 18

[C] April 7

[D] March 21

**Answer:** March 21

**Explanation:**

The World Poetry day is observed every year on March 21 to encourage creativity, inspire the teaching of poetry and restore a dialogue between poetry and other arts, such as theatre, dance, music, etc.

147. The 2016 BRICS Summit will be held in which state of India?

[A] Goa

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Kerala

[D] Telangana

**Answer:** Goa

**Explanation:**

The 8th edition of BRICS Summit 2016 will be held in Panaji, Goa from October 15 to 16, 2016. The logo for the summit is a lotus having colours from all the five member countries and a traditional 'namaste' in the

centre. The theme of India's BRICS Chairmanship 2016 is "Building Responsive, Inclusive and Collective Solutions (BRICS)".

148. The 2016 International Abilitylympics (IA) has started in which country?

[A] New Zealand

[B] India

[C] Denmark

[D] France

**Answer:** France

**Explanation:**

The 9th edition of International Abilitylympics (IA) 2016 has started at Bordeaux, France to promote social awareness in the field of skills development and employment both locally and internationally and foster friendship among the competing nations. The event is organised by Abilitylympics France from March 23 to 27, 2016. Abilitylympics, coined from 'Olympics of abilities' of persons with disabilities, is a global work skills competition held every four years.

149. Who has won the 2016 Hero Indian Open golf title?

[A] Jeunghun Wang

[B] SSP Chawrasia

[C] Anirban Lahiri

[D] N Thangaraja

**Answer:** SSP Chawrasia

**Explanation:**

Indian Golfer Shiv Shankar Prasad Chawrasia has won the 2016 Hero Indian Open title at the Delhi Golf Club, New Delhi.

150. The Palatana thermal power project is located in which state?

[A] Manipur

[B] Tripura

[C] Odisha

[D] Telangana

**Answer:** Tripura

**Explanation:**

Recently, India opened a new 100MW power transmission line to Bangladesh and received 10 GB bandwidth for internet connectivity to Tripura in return. The power from Palatana thermal power project in Tripura will add to the 500MW India already supplies to Bangladesh, and the bandwidth from Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh to Agartala will for the first time open up India's Northeast as an internet gateway to the outside world. India currently leases internet bandwidth through Mumbai and Chennai alone.

151. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT)?

- [A] Amit Bhosle
- [B] Permod Kohli
- [C] Nikhil Sharma
- [D] Mayuri Saxena

**Answer:** Permod Kohli

**Explanation:**

Permod Kohli, the retired Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court Justice, has been appointed as the Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) for a period of 5 years with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post, or till attaining the age of 68 years, whichever is earlier.

152. ICGS Arnvesh has been commissioned by the Indian Coast Guard in which state?

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

**Answer:** Andhra Pradesh

**Explanation:**

ICGS Arnvesh, a fast patrol vessel (FPV) of the Indian Coast Guard, has been commissioned at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Chiefly, the ship will focus on surveillance at sea, patrol, anti-smuggling and anti-piracy operations. It is equipped with the most-advanced navigational and communication sensors and equipment, including night vision capabilities and is fitted with 40/60 Bofors gun onboard as main armament. It is built by the Cochin Shipyard Ltd.

153. Who has been appointed as an Asia-Pacific member of the International Coordinating Committee Bureau of NHRI-ICC?

- [A] Arun Jaitley
- [B] HL Dattu
- [C] R M Lodha
- [D] H L Narayanaswamy

**Answer:** HL Dattu

**Explanation:**

HL Dattu, the Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and former Chief Justice of India, has been appointed as an Asia-Pacific member of the International Coordinating Committee Bureau (ICCB) of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI-ICC) Bureau in Geneva. His role in the ICC Bureau is to strengthen the ICC and also to enhance the role of NHRIs in the UN mechanisms.

154. Johan Cruyff, who died recently, was a football legend of which country?

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

**Answer:** Netherlands

**Explanation:**

Johan Cruyff (68), the Holland football legend, passed away in Barcelona, Netherlands. He was one of the most famous exponents of the football philosophy known as "Total Football" explored by Rinus Michels and is widely regarded to be one of the greatest players in football history.

155. Who has won the 2016 FIFA Interactive World Cup (FIWC)?

- [A] Adam Johnson
- [B] Mohamad Al-Bacha
- [C] Sean Allen
- [D] Abdulaziz Alshehri

**Answer:** Mohamad Al-Bacha

**Explanation:**

Mohamad Al-Bacha (17) from Denmark has won the 2016 FIFA Interactive World Cup (FIWC) in New York, United States. He defeated Sean Allen from England in the final to win the \$20,000 top prize and a chance to visit the Ballon d'Or-2016 ceremony in Switzerland. The FIWC is an annual international competition of football video games held under the auspices of FIFA with partnership from EA Sports and Sony Computer Entertainment Europe. Notably, this was the first time the tournament was played on both X-Box and PlayStation consoles.

156. Which of the following countries have recently become dialogue partners of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)?

- [A] Nepal and Azerbaijan
- [B] India and Nepal
- [C] Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
- [D] Iran and Afghanistan

**Answer:** Nepal and Azerbaijan

**Explanation:**

Nepal and Azerbaijan have officially become dialogue partners of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), a Beijing-based regional security grouping. The member states of SCO include China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. SCO observer states include Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran, and Mongolia. SCO dialogue partners include Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Turkey. India and Pakistan are on the way to become full members of SCO.

157. The United Nations World Meteorological Day (WMD) is observed on which date?

- [A] April 25
- [B] May 22
- [C] March 23
- [D] June 21

**Answer:** March 23

**Explanation:**

The United Nations World Meteorological Day (WMD) 2016 is observed across the world on March 23. The 2016 theme is "Hotter, Drier, Wetter. Face the Future". It highlights that, without urgent action to cut green gas emissions, the trend of increasing temperatures and the frequency and intensity of extreme events will accelerate.

158. Which is the India's oldest paramilitary force?

- [A] Indian Coast Guard
- [B] Special Frontier Force
- [C] Assam Rifles
- [D] None of the above

**Answer:** Assam Rifles

**Explanation:**

Assam rifles is India's oldest paramilitary force, raised originally in 1835 as Cachar Levy. They perform many roles including the provision of internal security under the control of the army through the conduct of counter insurgency and border security operations. Assam Rifles is known as "Sentinels of the Northeast". Its headquarters are located at Laitkor (Shillong). The motto of Assam Rifles is "Friends of the Hill People". While Assam Rifles functions under the Ministry of Defence, its administrative control is under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

159. What is the theme of the 2016 World Down syndrome Day?

- [A] Build an inclusive society for all
- [B] Let Us In – We Want to Work!
- [C] My friends, My Community
- [D] Neighbours and My Country

**Answer:** My friends, My Community

**Explanation:**

The World Down syndrome Day (WDSD) is observed every year on March 21 to raise public awareness about the syndrome and well being of people with Down syndrome. The 2016 theme is "My friends, My Community".

160. The World Tuberculosis Day is observed on which date?

- [A] February 10
- [B] March 24

[C] March 28

[D] April 5

**Answer:** March 24

**Explanation:**

The World Tuberculosis (TB) Day is observed every year on March 24 in order to create public awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis (TB) and efforts to eliminate the disease. The 2016 theme is "Unite to End TB".

161. Who among the following won the Laadli Media and Advertising Award for Gender Sensitivity 2014-2015?

- [A] Aruna Gali
- [B] Kiran Bedi
- [C] Medha Patkar
- [D] Vandana Shiva

**Answer:** Aruna Gali

**Explanation:**

Aruna Gali won the award for the Laadli Media and Advertising Gender Sensitivity 2014-2015. Her Telugu blog 'Vivakshaku Mugimpu Palakaali' has been selected as the best blog under the web category for bringing to the fore core issues faced by women in the agriculture sector.

162. Recently, which State government has developed a mobile app to monitor the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme?

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

**Answer:** Karnataka

**Explanation:**

Karnataka developed the mobile application titled 'MGNREGA M-platform,' helps officials monitor the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, and allows the beneficiaries to monitor progress at every stage.

163. Recently, India entered into an agreement with which country, to supply 100 megawatt of electricity in return for 10 gigabits per second internet bandwidth?

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

**Answer:** Bangladesh

**Explanation:**

India will supply 100 megawatt of electricity to Bangladesh in return for 10 gigabits per second internet bandwidth. The aim behind the project is to



provide internet connectivity to NorthEastern states, and connect them to rest of India.

164. Kamarajar Port is situated in which state of India?

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

**Answer:** Tamil Nadu

**Explanation:**

Kamarajar Port is situated in Tamil Nadu state of India. Kamarajar Port Limited (KPL) will be commissioning five projects, including its maiden container terminal and multi-purpose cargo berths. The project will increase the port's cargo handling capacity.

165. Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) is an organisation which aims to:

- [A]promote empowerment of women
- [B]protect the rights of children
- [C]protect the human rights of people
- [D]take care of Mentally or Physically Challenged Persons

**Answer:** promote empowerment of women

**Explanation:**

Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) aims to promote empowerment of women as leaders and entrepreneurs through self help groups, social enterprises and community led initiatives.

166. According to 2014-15 economic survey, which state of India holds the top position in terms of investment in manufacturing sector?

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

**Answer:** Odisha

**Explanation:**

Odisha tops the list in the country by bagging the lion's share at 17% of the total investments in manufacturing sector.

167. Desert city of Palmyra, which has been recently captured by ISIS, is in which country?

- [A]Iraq
- [B]Syria
- [C]Turkey
- [D]Israel

**Answer:** Syria

**Explanation:**

The city has been making news because of Syrian army fighting ISIS to recapture the city.

168. Who is the author of the novel "That Long Silence"?

- [A]Shashi Deshpande
  - [B]Arundhati Roy
  - [C]Kiran Desai
  - [D]Anita Desai
- Answer:** Shashi Deshpande

**Explanation:**

That Long Silence was written by Shashi Deshpande. She won the Sahitya Akademi Award for the novel "That Long Silence".

169. What does BEPZA stands for?

- [A]Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority
- [B]Brazil Export Processing Zones Authority
- [C]Belgium Export Processing Zones Authority
- [D]Bahamas Export Processing Zones Authority

**Answer:** Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority

**Explanation:**

BEPZA stands for "Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority", which is a government organization, that includes information of investment opportunities and for investors, proposals, reports, export promotion zones (EPZ) in Bangladesh.

170. Who among the following has been placed in the list of top 50 most influential leaders of the world by Fortune magazine?

- [A]Arvind Kejriwal
  - [B]Narendra Modi
  - [C]Sonia Gandhi
  - [D]Mamata Banerjee
- Answer:** Arvind Kejriwal

**Explanation:**

Arvind Kejriwal was named among the world's 50 greatest leaders by Fortune magazine.

171. "Pattiseema lift irrigation project" has been launched in which state of India?

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

**Answer:** Andhra Pradesh

**Explanation:**

The Andhra Pradesh government has launched India's first river linking project "Pattiseema lift irrigation project" that connects Godavari River with Krishna River from the ongoing Polavaram Multi-purpose Irrigation Project. The project has been completed in a record time of one year by the Hyderabad-based Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited (MEIL).

172. The Gadanki Ionospheric Radar Interferometer (GIRI) has been recently established in which city of India?

- [A]Kannur
- [B]Tirupati
- [C]Thanjavur
- [D]Thiruvananthapuram

**Answer:** Tirupati

**Explanation:**

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has established the Gadanki Ionospheric Radar Interferometer (GIRI) near Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. It is up at the National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL), which is an autonomous research institute of the Department of Space. The primary objective of GIRI radar system is to carry out unattended observations towards studying the forcing from the sun like variation in solar flux, solar flare and magnetic storm on the ionospheric irregularities.

173. "The International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade", is observed on which date?

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

**Answer:** March 25

**Explanation:**

The International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed every year on March 25 to offer the opportunity to honour and remember those who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal slavery system. The 2016 theme is "Remember Slavery: Celebrating the Heritage and Culture of the African Diaspora and its Roots".

174. Garry Shandling, who died recently, was a legendary writer of which country?

- [A]United States
- [B]Germany
- [C]France
- [D]South Africa

**Answer:** United States

**Explanation:**

Garry Shandling (66), legendary US writer, actor, and comedian, passed away in Los Angeles, United States. He was best known for his work in "It's Garry Shandling's Show" and "The Larry Sanders Show".

175. The book titled "Standing On An Apple Box" has been written by \_?

- [A]Amitav Ghosh
- [B]Amish Tripathi
- [C]Chetan Bhagat
- [D]Aishwarya Dhanush

**Answer:** Aishwarya Dhanush

**Explanation:**

Aishwaryaa Dhanush, an Indian film director and classical dancer, has penned her autobiography titled "Standing On An Apple Box". She is the daughter of legendary actor Rajinikanth and wife of Kollywood actor Dhanush. The book has showcased her personal accounts, with moments and memories drawn from real life incidents.

176. What is the theme of the defence trade show, Defexpo India 2016?

- [A]Unity in Power
- [B]Rise of Futurism
- [C]Unite India, Make India
- [D]Force in Transit

**Answer:** Rise of Futurism

**Explanation:**

The Defexpo India 2016, the official defence trade exhibition, will begin in Goa from March 28, 2016. It is the 9th edition of the series of biennial land, naval and internal homeland security systems exhibitions. The 2016 theme is "Rise of Futurism". Its' vision is to make India prosperous by establishing world class science and technology base and provide India's Defence Services decisive edge by equipping them with internationally competitive systems and solutions.

177. The fast patrol vessel (FPV) of the Indian coast Guard, ICGS Arnvesh, was commissioned at which port of India?

- [A]Visakhapatnam
- [B]Paradip
- [C]Chennai
- [D]Tuticorin

**Answer:** Visakhapatnam

**Explanation:**

The fast patrol vessel (FPV) of the Indian coast Guard, ICGS Arnvesh, was commissioned at Visakhapatnam port of India.

178. Which country will host the eighth annual summit of BRICS, from October 15-16, in 2016?

- [A]India
- [B]Brazil
- [C]Russia
- [D]China

**Answer:** India

**Explanation:**

India will host the eighth annual summit of BRICS from October 15-16 in Goa, in its capacity as chair of the influential bloc comprising five countries — Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa.

179. Who is the incumbent Chief Election Commissioner of India?

- [A] Syed Nasim Zaidi
- [B] Harishankar Brahma
- [C] Shahabuddin Yaqoob Quraishi
- [D] Navin Chawla

**Answer:** Syed Nasim Zaidi

**Explanation:**

Syed Nasim Zaidi is the incumbent Chief Election Commissioner of India. He is a retired I.A.S. officer of 1976 batch from the Uttar Pradesh cadre.

180. Narsingh Pantham Yadav, who qualified for Rio Olympics 2016, is associated with which sport?

- [A] Wrestling
- [B] Weightlifting
- [C] Boxing
- [D] Athletics

**Answer:** Wrestling

**Explanation:**

Narsingh Pantham Yadav is an Indian wrestler. At the 2010 Commonwealth Games, he won the gold medal in the men's freestyle 74 kg category.

181. 'Shuklaphanta Wildlife Reserve' is located in which country?

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

**Answer:** Nepal

**Explanation:**

The Shuklaphanta Wildlife Reserve is a protected area in the Terai of the Far-Western Region, Nepal, covering 305 km<sup>2</sup> (118 sq mi) of open grassland, forests, riverbeds and tropical wetlands at an altitude of 174 to 1,386 metres. It was gazetted in 1976 as Royal Shuklaphanta Wildlife Reserve.

182. Which of the following virus is responsible for diarrhoea among infants and young children?

- [A] Parvovirus
- [B] Norwalk virus
- [C] Megavirus
- [D] Rotavirus

**Answer:** Rotavirus

**Explanation:**

Diarrhoea caused by Rotavirus is one of the leading causes of severe diarrhoea and death among children less than five years of age in India. Rotovac is the new

vaccine launched by Health Ministry to combat problem of Diarrhoea in India.

183. Who has won the best actor award at the 63rd National Film Awards 2016?

- [A] Ranjeet Singh
- [B] Shahid Kapoor
- [C] Amitabh Bachchan
- [D] Salman Khan

**Answer:** Amitabh Bachchan

**Explanation:**

The bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan has won the Best Actor Award for his role in the movie 'Piku' at the 63rd National Film Awards 2016. Some of the awardees are as follows:

Kangana Ranaut has been selected for Best Actress award for her role in the movie 'Tanu Weds Manu Returns'. Director Sanjay Leela Bhansali has won the best director award for his movie 'Bajirao Mastani' and "Baahubali: The Beginning" has won the Best Film award. The awards will be presented on May 3, 2016.

184. The 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup will be hosted by which country?

- [A] India
- [B] France
- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] Vietnam

**Answer:** India

**Explanation:**

The 17th edition of the FIFA under-17 World Cup football tournament 2017 will be hosted by India. This will be the first time India will host an international football competition.

185. Singareni Thermal Power Project is located in which state of India?

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

**Answer:** Telangana

**Explanation:**

The state-run power equipment maker BHEL has recently commissioned a 500 MW coal-based unit at Singareni Thermal Power Project in Adilabad district, Telangana.

186. Which state government has recently launched a new scheme 'Adapting Homes for the Differently-abled'?

- [A] Uttarakhand
- [B] West Bengal
- [C] Haryana

[D]Jharkhand

**Answer:** Haryana

**Explanation:**

The Haryana Government has recently launched a new scheme 'Adapting Homes for the Differently-abled', under which six months pension will be given in advance to such persons for adapting their homes as per their requirement. Beside this, Haryana has been selected by the Union Government as a pilot state for universal ID for persons with disability.

187. The ITBP's weapon and support weapon training centre will be set up in which district of Madhya Pradesh?

[A]Bhopal

[B]Chhindwara

[C]Indore

[D]Damoh

**Answer:** Damoh

**Explanation:**

Indo Tibetan Border Police's (ITBP) modern weapon and support weapon training centre, first of its kind in the state, will be set up at Batiagarh in Damoh, Madhya Pradesh . The centre will be set up with an estimated cost of Rs. 2,100 crore in an area spreading across 1,800 acres between Batigarh and Fatehgarh. The newly recruited constables of ITBP will be given training at the centre for operating all kinds of small and big weapons including cannons capable of firing up to 5-km range and sten guns. Presently, a similar training centre is operational in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh.

188. Who has won the 2016 Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award?

[A]Baldev Singh

[B]Shankar Laxman

[C]Harjeet Singh

[D]Kothajit Singh

**Answer:** Shankar Laxman

**Explanation:**

Late Captain Shankar Laxman (posthumously) has won the 2016 Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award. He was a goalkeeper and was part of the Olympic medal winning teams of 1956 (Melbourne, Gold), 1960 (Rome, Silver), and 1964 (Tokyo, Gold).

189. 'Project Salamati', has been launched by which state government in India?

[A]Haryana

[B]Uttarakhand

[C]Telangana

[D]Punjab

**Answer:** Haryana

**Explanation:**

The Haryana government launched 'Project Salamati', which aims to maintain healthy gap between the births of children by using injectable contraceptive. The project was launched by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

190. Who is the incumbent chief of the National Investigation Agency?

[A]Sharad Kumar

[B]Radha Vinod Raju

[C]Rajinder Khanna

[D]Dineshwar Sharma

**Answer:** Sharad Kumar

**Explanation:**

National Investigation Agency (NIA) is a central agency established by the Indian Government to combat terror in India. In July 2013, Sharad Kumar was appointed as the Chief of National Investigation Agency.

191. Recently, India signed the Kamov helicopter deal, with which country?

[A]Israel

[B]Russia

[C]Ukraine

[D]France

**Answer:** Russia

**Explanation:**

The deal is an Inter-Governmental Agreement on the manufacture of Kamov-226 helicopters in India. It is the first project for a major defence platform under the Make-in-India mission.

192. 'Chanderkhani Pass' is located in which state of India?

[A]Himachal Pradesh

[B]Uttarakhand

[C]Sikkim

[D]Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer:** Himachal Pradesh

**Explanation:**

Chanderkhani Pass is located in Himachal Pradesh state of India. The Chanderkhani Pass was making news when eight trekkers were caught in heavy snowfall in the Pass.

193. Which two states of India are undergoing controversies over Satluj-Yamuna canal link?

[A]Haryana and Rajasthan

[B]Punjab and Haryana

[C]Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh

[D]Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab

**Answer:** Punjab and Haryana

**Explanation:**

Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal (SARYU) or SYL as it is popularly known, is a proposed 214-kilometer (133 mi) long canal in India to connect the Sutlej and Yamuna rivers. However, the two states Punjab and Haryana are undergoing controversies over the construction of canal, with Punjab unwilling to share the water with Haryana.

194. Who is the incumbent Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- [A]Christine Lagarde
- [B]Dominique Strauss-Kahn
- [C]Ban Ki-moon
- [D]Jim Yong Kim

**Answer:** Christine Lagarde

**Explanation:**

Christine Lagarde, a national of France, is the incumbent Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund. She was appointed in July 2011.

195. 'Kakrapara Atomic Power Station' is located in which state of India?

- [A]Gujarat
- [B]Karnataka
- [C]Maharashtra
- [D]Rajasthan

**Answer:** Gujarat

**Explanation:**

Kakrapara Atomic Power Station (KAPS) in Gujarat was recently making news, when its one unit was shut down after leakage of heavy water from its coolant system.

196. Molenbeek, the place, which recently gained international attention as the base of numerous Islamic terrorists, is located in which country?

- [A]France
- [B]Belgium
- [C]Syria
- [D]Turkey

**Answer:** Belgium

**Explanation:**

Molenbeek is a municipality, in Belgium. The region was making news, when it recently gained international attention as the base of numerous Islamic terrorists, after bombing activity occurred at Brussels Airport.

197. Who is the incumbent chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)?

- [A]Atulesh Jindal
- [B]Satynarayan Mohanty
- [C]Harsh Kumar Bhanwala
- [D]Upendra Kumar Sinha

**Answer:** Harsh Kumar Bhanwala

**Explanation:**

Harsh Kumar Bhanwala has been Chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) since December 18, 2013.

198. The headquarters of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) will be located at\_?

- [A]Bengaluru
- [B]Gurgaon
- [C]Hyderabad
- [D]Pune

**Answer:** Gurgaon

**Explanation:**

Recently, the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi, and the President of France Mr François Hollande, jointly laid the foundation stone of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Headquarters and inaugurated the interim Secretariat of the ISA in National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Gwalpahari, Gurgaon. The ISA headquarters will come up on five acres of land in the campus of the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE).

199. Apurvi Singh Chandela, who qualified for the 2016 Olympics, is associated with which sport?

- [A]Shooting
- [B]Archery
- [C]Athletics
- [D]Table tennis

**Answer:** Shooting

**Explanation:**

Apurvi Singh Chandela is an Indian shooter who competes in the 10 metre air rifle event. She won the gold medal in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. She has qualified for the 2016 Olympics.

200. Which committee has recommended change in the structure and ecosystem in the Indian cricket board?

- [A]Kirit Parikh committee
- [B]RM Lodha committee
- [C]Bibek Debroy committee
- [D]Naresh Chandra committee

**Answer:** RM Lodha committee

**Explanation:**

The Lodha committee, which was primarily assigned with the task of determining the quantum of punishment for players and others involved in spot fixing in IPL, also gave recommendation on change in the structure and ecosystem in the Indian cricket board saying no to politicians' involvement in BCCI.