Dear Aspirants,

This is the information age and knowledge has no limit. Gone are the days when people used to depend solely on libraries and books to gain knowledge. The means of procuring knowledge and accessing information has undergone a sea change with the advent of computers, internet and smart phones. The internet is the biggest library ever created in human history and seemingly presents itself as an unlimited and ever growing store of knowledge and information.

So when my team approached me with the idea of a current affairs magazine of ARIFIN the first question I asked myself was why? What difference can we make?

There are the news papers, a plethora of similar national level magazines and of course the internet which serve the purpose already. The reason I gave my nod was simple.

(1) With so much of information around, there is the problem of overload; I believe there is still a gap to be bridged when it comes to providing precise, succinct and relevant information.

(2) It need not be a mere current affairs magazine but rather it can be a holistic support system for competitive Exam preparation with question banks, tips and tricks, concepts and practice exercises, general awareness, traditional GK and more such similar features.

Hence, the result is this magazine whose editorial team is a blend of youth, energy, knowledge and experience. As explained earlier, I promise my readers two things:

(1) This is not going to be just another magazine. This will be a magazine with a difference.

(2) With each new issue, the magazine will get better and better with new and innovative features.

So, watch out, enjoy and benefit!!
Loans for MSMEs in 59 minutes
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced 12 measures to boost the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector, including a portal that would enable the units to get a loan in just 59 minutes and interest subvention of 2%.
- Public sector companies had now been asked to compulsorily procure 25%, instead of 20%, of their total purchases from the MSMEs. Also of the 25% procurement mandated from the MSMEs, 3% must now be reserved for women entrepreneurs.
- Government announced a 2% interest subvention on fresh or incremental loans for all GST-registered MSMEs.

RBI allows banks to provide partial guarantee to NBFC bonds
- The Reserve Bank permitted banks to provide partial credit enhancement (PCE), or a partial guarantee, to bonds issued by systematically important NBFCs and Housing Finance Companies. This will enhance their liquidity position.
- Proceeds from the bonds backed by PCE from banks should only be utilized for refinancing the existing debt of the NBFC-ND-SIs/HFCs.
- The exposure of a bank by way of PCEs to bonds issued by each such NBFC-ND-SI/HFC shall be restricted to one percent of capital funds of the bank within the extant single/group borrower exposure limits.

RBI Initiates Process To Set Up Digital Public Credit Registry
- The Reserve Bank of India has initiated the process to set up a digital Public Credit Registry (PCR) to capture all the details of borrowers, including wilful defaulters and also the pending legal suits in order to check financial delinquencies.
- The public credit registry will also include data from entities like market regulator SEBI, the corporate affairs ministry, Goods and Service Tax Network and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India to enable the banks and financial institutions to get a 360-degree profile of existing and prospective borrowers on a real-time basis.

Centre to sell its entire stake in Dredging Corporation
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gave ‘in-principle’ approval for strategic disinvestment of the government’s entire stake in the Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCIL) to a consortium of four ports viz. Vishakhapatnam Port Trust, Paradeep Port Trust, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and Kandla Port Trust.

- The government holds 73.44% shares in DCIL valued at a little over Rs.700 crore as per current market prices of the share.
- The government had set a disinvestment target of Rs.80,000 crore for the current financial year.

RBI Plans Ombudsman for Digital Payments
- The Reserve Bank of India is likely to establish an ombudsman for digital payments by March 2019 to take the load off the increasing number of complaints currently being handled by the banking ombudsman.
- Given the rapid adoption of digital payments across the country, RBI in its Annual Report for 2017-18 had announced that it was considering a plan to establish a separate ombudsman to handle consumer complaints related to digital transactions.

RBI Relaxes ECB Norms for Infrastructure Companies
- The Reserve Bank has liberalised the norms governing foreign borrowings for infrastructure creation “in consultation with the Government”. As per the notification, the minimum average maturity requirement for ECBs (external commercial borrowings) in the infrastructure space raised by eligible borrowers has been reduced to three years from earlier five years.

RBI Cancels Registration of 31 NBFCs
- The RBI canceled the certificate of registrations of as many as 31 NBFCs for unspecified reasons.
- It also canceled the certificate of registrations of 17 NBFCs following a request by them for the same. The action comes amid difficulties faced by the NBFCs sector. A majority 27 of 31 companies which lost licenses are from Bengal.

Sunil Mehta Panel Incorporates ‘Sashakt India AMC’ for Large NPAs
- Sunil Mehta, the chairman of a bankers’ panel working on the faster resolution of stressed assets in public sector banks, had announced that an asset management company (AMC) for
resolving large bad loans has been formed and will be called as Sashakt India Asset Management.

- The panel is now working towards identifying potential investors for an alternate investment fund (AIF) which will fund the AMC.
- Under the project, the committee had to float an AMC and an AIF to resolve non-performing assets (NPAs) over Rs 500 crore.

**Karnataka Bank launches CASA campaign ‘KBL SB - TASC’**

- Karnataka Bank has launched a special campaign for opening current account and savings accounts (CASA). The campaign will remain in force for a period of three-and-a-half months from November 15 to February 28.
- It has been introduced as introduced as a new SB scheme ‘KBL SB - TASC’ a specialized product for Trusts/Associates/Societies/Clubs. Bank intends to open more than 4.18 lakh Current & Savings accounts by the active involvement of its 8000 plus workforce in all the 823 branches across India.

**PSU banks’ losses widen 3.5 times in July-Sept.**

- State-owned banks saw their cumulative losses widen nearly 5 times to Rs 14,716.2 crore in the July-September quarter of the current fiscal due to mounting bad loans. These 21 public sector banks had posted a net loss of Rs 4,284.45 crore in the September quarter of 2017-18.
- Higher provisioning towards bad loans or non-performing assets (NPAs) had impacted the balance sheets of these PSU lenders.
- The biggest loss was posted by scam-hit Punjab National Bank (PNB) Rs 4,532.35 crore in the September quarter of the current fiscal as against a profit of Rs 560.58 crore in the year-ago period.

**Board committees to assist RBI**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is set to get a makeover in line with its global counterparts, with several board committees to be formed on various aspects like technology, risk management, banking regulation, supervision, among others, to assist the central bank in its operations.
- During latest Board meeting decisions were taken on four aspects: forming a committee on RBI’s economic capital framework, debt recast scheme for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, extending the deadline for last tranche of capital conservation buffer by one year and review of banks under prompt corrective action by the Board for Financial Supervision (BFS).
- Also deadline for implementing the last tranche of 0.625% under the Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB), has been extended by one year, that is, up to March 31, 2020.

**SBICAP Ventures Launches SME, Affordable Housing Funds**

- SBICAP Ventures (SVL), an alternative asset manager and a wholly owned subsidiary of SBI Capital Markets, has launched two funds for the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and affordable housing sectors.
- The SME fund is expecting to raise a corpus of Rs 400 crore, while the affordable housing fund would look at raising Rs 350 crore.

**RBI To Set Up Expert Panel to Look Into Issues on Capital Surplus**

- The RBI board decided to set up a high-powered committee to examine issues related to the surplus capital of Rs 9.69 lakh crore with the central bank and advised it to consider a scheme for restructuring stressed assets in the MSME sector.
- At the crucial meeting of the board in Mumbai, it was also decided that the Board for Financial Supervision (BFS) of the RBI would examine the issues concerning the banks health under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework and the Economic Capital Framework – ECF of RBI.

**Govt. may miss fiscal deficit target for FY1**

- Lower than expected indirect tax and non-tax revenue will result in the government likely missing its fiscal deficit target for the year, according to India Ratings and Research.
- Fiscal deficit in FY19 is estimated to be Rs.6.67 lakh crore as against the budgeted Rs.6.24 lakh crore. This translates into fiscal deficit/GDP of 3.5% for FY19 compared to the budgeted estimate of 3.3%. This means that FY19 will be the third consecutive year in which fiscal deficit/GDP will be 3.5%.

**RBI eases ECB hedging norms for companies**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has eased hedging norms for companies that raise funds through external commercial borrowings (ECB).
- A notification issued by the central bank said mandatory hedge coverage has been reduced from 100% to 70% under Track I of the ECB framework.
- Track I refers to medium-term foreign currency-denominated ECBs with a minimum average
maturity of 3-5 years.

**Moody's downgraded Yes Bank's ratings**
- Moody's Investors Service has downgraded Yes Bank's foreign currency issuer rating to Ba1 from Baa3. It has also downgraded the private lender’s baseline credit assessment (BCA) and adjusted BCA to Ba2 from Ba1.
- In Moody’s opinion, although the bank’s reported credit fundamentals remain stable, the developments surrounding the transition in leadership as well as the governance issues are credit negative because they complicate management’s effective implementation of the private lender’s long-term strategy.

**Paytm Partners With LIC For Insurance Premium Payments**
- Paytm has partnered with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to offer online insurance premium payments on its platform.
- Softbank-backed Paytm will provide premium payment solutions from over 30 insurance companies including LIC, ICICI Prudential Life, Reliance Life, and Max Life Insurance among others.

### STATE AFFAIRS

**‘Soura Jalanidhi’ Scheme Launched In Odisha**
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the Soura Jalanidhi scheme that aims to increase use of solar energy for helping farmers in irrigating their land.
- ‘Soura Jalanidhi’, is a dug well based solar pump irrigation system in convergence mode. Under the scheme, 5,000 solar pumps will be given to Odisha farmers at a subsidy of 90% to irrigate 2,500 acres of land.

**Odisha Government Launched ‘Mo Bus’ Services**
- Odisha government has launched a new initiative named ‘Mo Bus’ services in the Bhubaneswar ahead of the Men’s Hockey World Cup. The service will be launched as a part of state government-owned Capital Region Urban Transport’s (CRUT) ‘City Bus Modernisation’ programme. The services will be launched for the residents of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Puri.

**Investors commit Rs.4.2 lakh cr. to Odisha**
- The second edition of ‘Make in Odisha Conclave 2018 (MIO 2018)’, held in Bhubaneswar, received overall investment intent of Rs.4,19,574 crore across 15 diversified sectors.
- The top five among the proposals are Rs.60,950 crore by Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.; Rs.58,797 crore by Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.; Rs.43,000 crore by CPC Corporation of Taiwan; and Rs.41,040 crore by Steel Authority of India Ltd.
- The first edition of the conclave held in 2016 generated investment intent worth Rs.2,03,000 crore.

**UP Cabinet Approves Renaming Of Faizabad As Ayodhya, Allahabad As Prayagraj**
- The Uttar Pradesh government has approved renaming of Faizabad and Allahabad divisions as Ayodhya and Prayagraj respectively. The decision was taken at a meeting of the state cabinet presided over by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.
- Earlier, the government renamed the Mughalsarai Railway station, another historic spot, as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya junction.

**Kerala Introduces New Open Online Learning Programme: ‘KOOL’**
- The Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE) has rolled out– KOOL, its Online Open Learning training platform. The platform can be used to train teachers, students and the general public.
- With the state’s schools going Hi-Tech, requiring teachers and students to be trained on different domains simultaneously, it was decided to launch KOOL. KOOL has been designed in a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) model.

**Odisha House passes 33% reservation for women**
- The Odisha Assembly on Tuesday passed a resolution by unanimous voice vote for providing 33% reservation for women in Legislative Assemblies and Parliament.
- Patnaik, whose government has enhanced reservation for women in local bodies to 50%, said that the real number was much more than 50% in the State at present.
India jumps to 77th rank in the Ease of Doing Business Index

- India jumped 23 ranks in the World Bank’s Ease of Doing Business Index 2018 to 77. In the 2017 report, the country was ranked 100.
- The Index ranks 190 countries based on 10 indicators across the life-cycle of a business, from “starting a business” to “resolving insolvency.”
- India was ranked no 1 in South Asia for the first time and third among BRICS countries.
- Further Indian now ranks among top 25 on three indicators – getting electricity, getting credit and protecting minority investors.
- New Zealand topped the index.

India Signs $950 Million Contract With Russia To Buy Two Stealth Frigates

- India has signed a $950 million contract with Russia for two upgraded Krivak III-class stealth frigates. A government-to-government contract was signed between India and United Shipbuilding Corporation of Russia for the supply of two stealth frigates.
- The 4,000-ton Krivak III vessels will also accommodate two multirole helicopters and will be used for anti-submarine and airborne early warning missions.

India-Japan Military Exercise ‘Dharma Guardian’ Kick Starts In Mizoram

- Armies of India and Japan began their first-ever joint military exercise ‘Dharma Guardian- 2018’ at a jungle warfare school in Mizoram’s Vairengte with a focus on strengthening counter-terror cooperation.

INS Viraat To Become A Floating Museum

- The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved the conversion of decommissioned carrier INS Viraat into a floating museum. As per primary estimates, the project worth 852 crore rupees will be implemented through public-private-partnership (PPP).
- The decision has been taken to elicit interest among the school and college students in the marine sector. Besides, it will make the new generation familiar with the glorious history of INS Viraat.

INS Arihant completes India’s nuclear triad, PM Modi felicitates crew

- India’s first indigenous nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, INS Arihant, has successfully completed its first deterrence patrol
- The fully operational submarine completes the sea leg of India’s nuclear triad, giving it enduring nuclear strike and counterstrike capabilities.
- The United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France and China are the only countries that can deliver nuclear warheads from a submarine.

Lucknow Stadium Renamed After Atal Bihari Vajpayee

- The newly-built Ekana International Stadium of Lucknow was renamed after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The stadium will now be known as ‘Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium’. The stadium was renamed just ahead of the first-ever international cricket match - the T20 International between India and West Indies.

Indian Army inducts K9 Vajra, M777 howitzers, first guns since Bofors

- Three new artillery guns and equipment, including the powerful K9 Vajra and M777 howitzers, were inducted into the Indian Army at the Deolali artillery centre in Nashik.
- This is the first major induction since the Bofors were inducted in the 1980s. While M777 howitzers are US-made light weight guns, the K9 Vajras are South Korea-made self-propelled artillery guns.

ISRO invites foreign ‘riders’ to Venus

- The yet to be officially named ‘Mission Venus’ for mid-2023 of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) plans to study the planet from an elliptical orbit that is closest to Venus at 500 km and 60,000 km at the farthest end.
- It plans to send up instruments or payloads totally weighing 100 kg.
- From the Moon orbiter mission Chandrayaan-1 in 2008 and the Rs.450 crore MOM, the Venus voyage, if approved, would be ISRO’s third interplanetary dash.

Bangalore Ranked India’s Most Congested City: NBER

- Bangalore tops the index for the most congested city, and Mumbai in the second position, while Pune follows in the seventh place, according to a
recent research published under the US-based organization, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

Satyarup Siddhanta Became 1st Indian To Climb Mt Giluwe

- Indian mountaineer Satyarup Siddhanta became the first Indian to climb Mt Giluwe, the second highest mountain in Papua New Guinea.
- Satyarup reached the summit of the mountain which is at an elevation of 4,367 metres. Satya now has scaled 5 of the 7 volcanic summits.

ISRO Launches GSAT-29 Communication Satellite From Andhra Pradesh

- GSAT-29 communication satellite, which is being carried by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)’s Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-Mk III) was launched into space from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- The satellite aims at solving the communication barriers faced by Village Resource Centres (VRCs), which are responsible for providing space-based services to ISRO from rural areas.

Maternity leave: govt. for incentive scheme

- In a bid to encourage employers, especially in the private sector, to implement the extended 26-week maternity leave law, the Labour Ministry plans to refund them for seven weeks’ worth of wages for women workers with a wage ceiling up to Rs.15,000 a month.
- The Ministry is in the process of getting budgetary approvals for the Rs.400 crore incentive scheme.
- In March 2017, the Centre amended the Maternity Benefit Act to increase paid maternity leave from 12 to 26 weeks for all women employees in establishments employing 10 or more people.

India gets its first dedicated elephant hospital

- India’s elephants now have their first dedicated hospital in Mathura, complete with wireless digital X-Ray, laser treatment and dental X-ray facilities. The ‘jumbo’ hospital is the result of a collaboration between the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department and conservation NGO Wildlife SOS.
- Located near Agra, the facility is in the Farah block of Mathura, near the Elephant Conservation and Care Center (ECCC) run by Wildlife SOS.
- Training courses would be organized by Wildlife SOS to spread knowledge on elephant medical care, humane elephant management and veterinary procedures.

Government To Issue Rs 75 Coin To Mark 75th Anniversary of Tricolour Hoisting

- The government will release a Rs 75 coin to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose hoisting the Tricolour for the first time at Port Blair.
- On December 30, 1943, Bose raised the Indian National Army (INA) to fight against the British, had hoisted the Tricolour for the first time at Cellular Jail, Port Blair.

Salient features of the coin:
1. Weight: 35 grams.
2. Composition: 50% silver, 40% copper, and 5% each of nickel and zinc.
3. Portrait of ‘Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose’ saluting the flag on the background of Cellular Jail in Port Blair.

India To Top U.S. As 2nd-Largest Carbon Spewer From Power: IEA Report

- The International Energy Agency in its latest report ‘World Energy Outlook’ stated that India will overtake the U.S. to become the world’s second-biggest emitter of carbon dioxide from the power sector before 2030.
- Carbon dioxide emissions from India’s power sector are expected to rise nearly 80% by 2040 as power use almost triples, driven in part by air conditioning. China will remain the biggest emitter.

AirSewa 2.0 portal, app unveiled

- Government launched an upgraded version of AirSewa digital platform.
- AirSewa 2.0, the upgraded version of the web portal and mobile app, provides chatbot support for faster resolution and personalised traveller experience. Also, passengers can sign up using their Facebook and Google accounts.
- Generally, chatbots are computer programmes that interacts with people through audio or text messages.
- Civil Aviation Minister Suresh Prabhu formally launched the upgraded version of AirSewa.

Dehradun airport to be renamed after Vajpayee

- The Uttarakhand government on Saturday decided to rename the Dehradun airport after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- The proposal to rename the Jolly Grant airport was approved by the State Cabinet at a meeting chaired by CM Trivendra Singh Rawat.

India’s First Justice City To Set Up In Andhra Pradesh
Andhra Pradesh is building a world-class and India’s first ‘Justice City’ within its new capital Amaravati with the vision to provide a state-of-the-art ecosystem built on latest technology for supporting the judicial system in the state.

Justice City will provide the necessary infrastructure to provide speedy justice for litigants, easy and better access to justice for the masses and reduce pending cases.

**Indo-US Joint Military Exercise ‘Vajra Prahar’ Commences In Jaipur**

The 12-day long joint military exercise between India and the United States known as ‘Vajra Prahar’ commenced in Jaipur.

A contingent of the United States Pacific Commander arrived at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges for undertaking Joint training with the Indian Special Forces.

**IMD World Talent Ranking: India Ranks 53rd, Switzerland Tops**

Switzerland has topped the list of the IMD World Talent Ranking 2018 for the fifth year in a row, followed by Denmark (2nd) and Norway (3rd).

Among the BRICS countries, South Africa remains in the middle position (50th) performing better than India (53rd) and Brazil (58th) but lagging behind China (39th) and Russia (46th).

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**GLOBAL NEWS**

**Largest brain-mimicking supercomputer switched on**

- The world’s largest supercomputer designed to work in the same way as the human brain has been switched on for the first time.
- The Spiking Neural Network Architecture machine is capable of completing more than 200 million actions per second, with each of its chips having 100 million transistors.
- SpiNNaker, built at the University of Manchester in U.K., can model more biological neurons in real time than any other machine on the planet.

**Abu Dhabi firm inks deal to store crude in India**

- Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd. (ISPRL) to explore the possibility of storing ADNOC crude oil at ISPRL’s underground oil storage facility at Padur in Karnataka, which has a 2.5 million-tonne (~17 million barrels) capacity.
- The MoU was signed by Abdulla Salem Al Dhaheri, director of Marketing, Sales and Trading at ADNOC, and HPS Ahuja, CEO and MD at ISPRL.

**Indian-Indonesian Navy Bilateral Exercise ‘Samudra Shakti’ Begins**

- The inaugural edition of Indian Navy -Indonesian Navy Bilateral Exercise ‘Samudra Shakti’ began at Surabaya, Indonesia.
- The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Rana of the Eastern Fleet based at Visakhapatnam under the Eastern Naval Command arrived at the port of Surabaya to participate in the exercise.

**Morocco Unveils Africa’s First Ever High Speed Train Line**

- French President Emmanuel Macron and Morocco’s King Mohammed VI have inaugurated Morocco’s first high-speed rail line, the first ever such line in Africa. The $2 billion project was launched in September 2011 by the king and Nicolas Sarkozy, then president of France.
- Known as the LGV, it will connect the economic hubs of Tangier and Casablanca in 2 hours 10 minutes at a speed of up to 320 kph (199 mph) instead of almost 5 hours on a regular train.

**APEC Summit 2018 Held In Papua New Guinea**

- The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit was held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinean capital.
- This is the first time Papua New Guinea (PNG), the poorest of the 21 countries in APEC, has hosted the summit.

**Maldives Cabinet Approves To Rejoin Commonwealth**

- The Maldives cabinet has approved to rejoin the Commonwealth, two years after withdrawing from the 53-nation grouping. The announcement was made by New President of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih. Now, the proposal will be sent to Parliament for ratification.
- The country left the Commonwealth during former President Abdulla Yameen’s administration in October 2016, amid mounting
pressure over corruption and deteriorating human rights.

India, Pak. commit to Kartarpur corridor
- India and Pakistan committed to build the required infrastructure for visa-free direct travel by Sikh pilgrims to Pakistan’s Kartarpur Sahib gurdwara, allowing them to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev in November 2019.
- Earlier Union Cabinet approved development of the Kartarpur corridor from Dera Baba Nanak village in Gurdaspur to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur in Pakistan.

India, China set for post Wuhan boundary talks
- The 21st round of talks between the special representatives of both the countries will take place in Chengdu, China.
- National Security Adviser Ajit Doval will hold talks with foreign minister and state councilor Wang Yi, to build on the Wuhan informal summit in April between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping.
- The two senior officials are also expected to prepare for a meeting between Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi on the sidelines of a G-20 meeting that begins on November 30 in Argentina capital Buenos Aires.

Mars: Nasa lands InSight robot to study planet’s interior
- The US space agency Nasa has landed a new robot Insight on Mars after a dramatic seven-minute plunge to the surface of the Red Planet.
- The mission is set to last for two Earth years – which is a little over one Mars year. The information it gathers should help scientists to better understand how Earth and other planets in the solar system were formed at the dawn of the solar system – 4.6bn years ago.
- NASA is the only space agency to have made it, and is invested in these missions as a way to prepare for the first Mars-bound human explorers in the 2030s.

India-UAE Strategic Conclave Held in Abu Dhabi
- The second edition of the India-UAE Strategic Conclave held in the capital city of Abu Dhabi on 27th of November. The day-long conclave will initiate a dialogue to widen the scope of bilateral investments.
- Indian Ambassador to the UAE, Navdeep Suri will inaugurate the conclave. It is being organized by the Economic Times, India.

PEOPLE IN NEWS

Kher resigns as chairperson of FTII
1. Actor Anupam Kher resigned as chairperson of the Film and Television Institute of India.
2. In his resignation letter to Information and Broadcasting Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore he stated that it would not be possible for him to discharge his responsibilities due to his professional commitments in the U.S.
3. His resignation letter, dated October 30, has been accepted by Mr. Rathore.

RBI Clears Re-Appointment of Aditya Puri as HDFC Bank CEO
1. HDFC Bank had announced that the RBI had approved the re-appointment of Aditya Puri as MD and CEO of the bank for another two years. Aditya Puri will now serve the office from November 1, 2018 to October 26, 2020.

African American Playwright Ntozake Shange Passes Away
2. Playwright, poet and author Ntozake Shange, whose most acclaimed theatre piece is the 1975 Tony Award-nominated play “For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf,” had passed away. She was 70.

Gafur Rakhimov Elected President of AIBA
1. Uzbekistan’s businessman Gafur Rakhimov was elected president of the International Boxing Association (AIBA).
2. Rakhimov won 86 of the 134 second-round votes collected by AIBA officials in Moscow to beat his only opponent, former boxer Serik Konakbayev of Kazakhstan.

1971 war hero passes away
1. Vice-Admiral M.P. Awati (retd.), who commanded a naval unit of the Eastern Fleet in the 1971 India-Pakistan war and whose actions led to the destruction of an enemy submarine,
2. Navy chief Sunil Lanba said Vice-Admiral Awati’s death marked the end of an era.

1. Oscar-winning musician A.R. Rahman, whose biography Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of A.R. Rahman was launched in Mumbai says the book has been a journey for him and took him to those corners of his life which have remained candid for a long time.

2. Tesla has named Robyn Denholm as its new chair to take the place of Elon Musk after he was forced to relinquish the position as part of a settlement with US regulators.

3. Tesla was ordered to appoint an independent chair to its board under Mr Musk’s settlement with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), after claims he committed fraud by tweeting that he had “funding secured” to take the company private.

1. The ACC has approved the appointment of S. S. Deswal, IPS as Director General, Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). He took charge from R K Pachnanda, the outgoing DG of ITBP, who superannuated recently.

2. Mr Deswal will hold the additional charge of the post of DG, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) till further orders.

Ashok Kumar Gupta Appointed New CCI Chairperson
1. Former IAS Officer Ashok Kumar Gupta has been appointed as the Chairman of the Competition Commission of India (CCI). His appointment has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

2. Mr Gupta has replaced Sudhir Mittal.

Mansi Gulati’s Book ‘Yoga And Mindfulness’ Launched

2. The book was launched by the Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Conference Hall, Vice President’s House, New Delhi.

Veteran Marathi Actress Lalan Sarang Passes Away
1. Veteran theatre and Marathi film actor Lalan Sarang had passed away in Pune. Sarang was 79 years old.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Ananth Kumar Passes Away
2. Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, and Chemicals and Fertilizers H.N. Ananth Kumar, also a senior BJP leader from the State passed away in Bengaluru. He was 59.

Nepal names former law minister as ambassador to India
3. The Nepal government nominated former Law Minister and senior politician Nilambar Acharya as Ambassador to India.

4. The position was vacant since October last year after Deep Kumar Upadhyay resigned to join politics.

Binny Bansal resigns as Flipkart CEO
1. Binny Bansal has announced his resignation as CEO of Flipkart Group, following a probe into an allegation of “serious personal misconduct,” said Walmart Inc. in a statement.

Stan Lee, Co-Creator of Spider-Man, Iron Man, Passes Away

3. Born as Stanley Martin Lieber in Manhattan, he is credited with co-creating several fictional characters including Spider-Man, the Hulk, Doctor Strange, the X-Men, Iron Man, and Thor.

Ministers Sadananda Gowda and Narendra Singh Tomar Gets Additional Charge
1. After the demise of Union Minister Ananth Kumar, Union Minister DV Sadananda Gowda has got the additional charge of the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers and Narendra Singh Tomar was assigned the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

2. Currently, DV Sadananda Gowda holds the portfolio of Statistics and Programme Implementation, while Narendra Singh is Minister of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Mines. Mr Ananth Kumar passed away recently due to multiple organ failure.

BIS Names Siddharth Tiwari as Chief Representative for Asia
1. The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) announced a new addition to its team, with Siddharth Tiwari joining as the Chief
Representative for Asia and the Pacific.
2. He succeeds Eli Remolona, who was the previous Chief Representative of the Asian Office who held this position from 2008 to 2018.

**UIDAI CEO to replace Adhia**
1. Centre appointed Ajay Bhushan Pandey, Chief Executive Officer of UIDAI, new Secretary, Revenue in place of Hasmukh Adhia, who will retire in November-end.
2. Pandey will continue to hold additional charge as CEO of UIDAI and Chairman of the GST Network.
3. The government also appointed Sanjay Kumar Mishra, a 1984-batch IRS Officer, Director of Enforcement Directorate (ED) for two years.
4. C. Murmu, a 1985-batch Gujarat-cadre IAS officer, will be the new Expenditure Secretary. He will take over from A.N. Jha, who will retire in January.
5. Upma Chawdhry will be the new Secretary of Youth Affairs and Yogendra Tripathy Secretary of Tourism.
6. Sumanta Chaudhury will be Secretary of the Coal Ministry and Chhabilendra Raol Secretary, Fertilizers.

**Alyque Padamsee dies at 90**
1. Ad guru and theatre doyen Alyque Padamsee passed following an illness. He was 90.
2. Known as the ‘Brand Father of Indian advertising’, Mr. Padamsee built more than 100 brands during his long stint at advertising agency Lintas India (now MullenLowe Lintas Group).

**Yes Bank Chairman Ashok Chawla Resigns**
1. Ashok Chawla, chairman of Yes Bank Ltd, resigned with immediate effect from the lender’s board after being named in a corruption charge sheet by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
2. Mr. Ashok Chawla is the present Chairman of the Board of Directors of NSE and Mr. Vikram Limaye is the Managing Director and CEO of NSE.

**UIDAI CEO Ajay Bhushan Pandey Appointed New Revenue Secretary**
1. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet appointed Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) CEO Ajay Bhushan Pandey as the new revenue secretary. He will succeed current Finance and Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia.

**Oracle Veteran Thomas Kurian To Head Google Cloud**
2. Oracle’s ex-product chief Thomas Kurian will head Google’s cloud division. He will replace Diane Greene.

**Asia’s 1st Woman Neurosurgeon TS Kanaka Passes Away**
3. Dr. TS Kanaka, the continent’s first woman neurosurgeon, passed away after a brief illness at the age of 86. She was the third woman neurosurgeon in the whole world.

**UNICEF Appoints Athlete Hima Das As India’s 1st Ever Youth Ambassador**
4. The United Nations Children’s Fund-India (UNICEF) has appointed Asian Games gold-medalist sprinter Hima Das as India’s first ever Youth Ambassador.
5. Recently, Hima clinched a Gold medal in Women’s 4x400 metre relay event at the 2018 Asian Games at Jakarta, Indonesian.

**Padma Shri Awardee Saint Narayan Das Maharaj Passes Away**
1. Padma Shri awardee and revered saint Narayan Das Maharaj of Triveni dham near Jaipur passed away.
2. He was awarded Padma Shri in January 2018.

**Jalaj Srivastava is IWAI chairman**
1. Jalaj Srivastava, a 1984 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, has been appointed the chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).
2. The IWAI comes under the Union Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways, currently headed by Nitin Gadkari.

**Abhijit Bose named as WhatsApp India head**
1. Under pressure to address issues raised by the Centre, WhatsApp appointed Abhijit Bose as its India head.
2. Bose, who was co-founder and CEO of electronic payments company Ezetap previously, will join early next year.

**South Korean candidate chosen as Interpol chief**
1. International police organisation Interpol elected Kim Jong-yang of South Korea as president.
2. He was elected at Interpol’s annual congress in Dubai for a two-year term to succeed China’s Meng Hongwei.

**Vijay Kumar Dev new Delhi Chief Secretary**
1. Delhi’s Chief Electoral Officer Vijay Kumar Dev
has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Delhi.

2. Dev, a 1987-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, takes over from Anshu Prakash, a 1986-batch officer.

Ranjan Mathai quits Jet board
1. Ranjan Mathai has resigned as Independent Director of Jet Airways board with effect from November 22 2018.
2. Mathai resigned due to increasing pressure on his time from other commitments and consequent inability to devote the time required to discharge his obligations,” Jet Airways said in a late night statement.

Ambareesh, the Beloved Rebel of Kannada Cinema and Politics, Passes Away at 66
1. Veteran Kannada actor and former minister Ambareesh passed away in a Bengaluru.
3. He had the national award for his debut film Naagarahaavu in 1972 and was known as ‘Rebel star’ especially after his film Chakravyuha. In a career spanning to over 50 years, he acted in at least 200 films.

Jaffer Sharief passes away
1. Veteran Congress leader and former Railway Minister Challakere Kareem Jaffer Sharief, 85, passed away.
2. He was Railway Minister in the Narasimha Rao government and had served as Minister of State in the Indira Gandhi and the Rajiv Gandhi governments.

InterGlobe Aviation chairman passed away
1. InterGlobe Aviation, which operates the country’s largest airline IndiGo, on Sunday said its chairman Devadas Mallya Mangalore passed away.
2. He had served as the CMD of Bank of Baroda and Bank of Maharashtra.

President Kovind appoints Sunil Arora as new Chief Election Commissioner
1. President Ram Nath Kovind appointed Sunil Arora as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), replacing OP Rawat. Arora will take charge on December 2.
2. He was previously brought in as the Election Commissioner in September, last year to fill the vacancy created by former CEC Nasim Zaidi’s retirement.

Iravatham Mahadevan, noted epigraphist, passes away
1. Iravatham Mahadevan, 88, one of the world’s leading scholars on the Indus Valley Script, the pre-eminent scholar on the Tamil Brahmi script, and a man of many accomplishments, passed away
2. Mahadevan was awarded the Padma Shri in April 2009.

Prithviraj elected FMSCI president
1. Coimbatore Auto Sports Club’s Prithviraj was unanimously elected as President of The Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India at its annual general meeting.
2. The following governing council members were also elected during the AGM are Vicky Chanhdkh (MMSC), Farokh Commissariat (IARC), Ms. Sita Raina (CMSC), Akbar Ebrahim (Meco MS), Arindam Ghosh (RRPM), Faroq Ahmed (MSCC), B. Vijaykumar (Spitfire MS) and Sanjay Sharma (PCRT).

Veteran playback singer Mohammed Aziz died
1. Singer Mohammed Aziz, who did playback for artistes such as Amitabh Bachchan, Govinda and Rishi Kapoor, passed away.
2. Aziz, who has over 20,000 songs to his credit, has sung in the Bollywood, Bengali and Odia film industries.

UN Environment Chief Erik Solheim Resigns
i. The UN’s environment chief, Erik Solheim, has resigned following severe criticism of his global travels and internal rule-breaking which led some nations to withhold their funding.
ii. The former environment minister of Norway had been at the helm of the Nairobi-based UN Environment since June 2016. Solheim’s resignation comes ahead of crucial talks opening in Poland on December 2 on implementing the Paris climate deal.

Yes Bank Director R. Chandrashekhar Resigns
1. R. Chandrashekhar, an independent director at Yes Bank Ltd resigned saying he was concerned about recent events at the company.
2. Notably, Yes Bank has been ordered by India’s central bank to replace its chief executive officer, Rana Kapoor.

Jitendra Singh Releases Book ‘Radio Kashmir-In Times of Peace & War’ By Rajesh Bhat
1. Minister of State for Development of North
Eastern Region (I/C) Dr Jitendra Singh released a book titled ‘Radio Kashmir - In Times of Peace & War’ written by Dr Rajesh Bhat.

2. The author Dr Rajesh Bhat is currently posted in the Policy Division of Directorate General, All India Radio, New Delhi.

Oscar-Winning Screenwriter William Goldman Passes Away
1. The Oscar-winning screenwriter and best-selling author William Goldman, known for “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid” and “All The President’s Men”, passes away. He was 87.

Millie Bobby Brown Named Youngest-Ever UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador
2. UNICEF appointed Millie Bobby Brown, the star of hit Netflix series “Stranger Things”, as its youngest ever goodwill ambassador and the 14-year-old had a message for world leaders: “Listen to us.”

SPORTS

Advani wins Asian snooker title
- Nineteen-time World champion Pankaj Advani has won the Asian Snooker Tour in Jinan, China.
- Advani delivered a power-packed performance to outclass China’s Ju Reti 6-1 in the final and become the first Indian to win an Asian Snooker Tour event.

Rahul Dravid Becomes Fifth Indian To Be Inducted Into ICC Hall Of Fame
- Sunil Gavaskar presented the ICC cap to Rahul Dravid, following the latter’s induction to the ICC’s Hall of Fame.
- Last July, Dravid had become the fifth Indian, after Gavaskar, Bishan Singh Bedi, Kapil Dev and Anil Kumble, to receive the honour.

Qatar to Host World Corporate Games in 2019
- Qatar will host the 23rd edition of the World Corporate Games 2019. The Games will provide an opportunity for corporations around the world to showcase their competitive prowess through sports, the organisers said.
- This is the first time the World Corporate Games will be held in the Middle East. The sporting event takes place every one to two years and the last edition was held in Houston in the US last year.

Azhar Ali Announces Retirement From ODIs
- Senior Pakistan batsman Azhar Ali announced his retirement from limited overs cricket in order to concentrate fully on Test cricket.

Mary Kom Named Brand Ambassador of 2018 Women’s World Boxing Championships
- Olympic bronze medalist and five-time World Champion, MC Mary Kom has been named as the brand ambassador of the 10th edition of the Women’s World Championship in New Delhi.

India clinches SAFF U-15 bronze
- India registered a 1-0 win over hosts Nepal in a third-place playoff to return with a bronze medal from the SAFF U-15 Championship in Kathmandu.
- The 2018 SAFF U-15 Championship was the 5th edition of international football competition for men’s Under-15 national teams organized by SAFF. The tournament was hosted by Nepal from October 25 to November 3, 2018.

Thailand’s Luksika Kumkhum wins maiden WTA title
- Thailand’s Luksika Kumkhum won her first WTA title against Russian Irina Khromacheva in the $1,25,000 L&T Open in Mumbai.
- Brimming with confidence, Luksika stamped her authority in the third and final set.
- She is a Thai tennis player and turned professional in 2011 reaching on 20 October 2014 her career-high singles ranking of world No. 85.

Saurabh & Manu win junior mixed gold
- It was a golden climax for India as 16-year-old Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary combined to clinch the junior mixed air pistol gold with a junior world record of 485.4 in the 11th Asian Air Gun championship which concluded in Kuwait City.
- Saurabh Chaudhary had earlier won the junior men’s air pistol, while Manu Bhaker had missed a medal in junior women’s air pistol.

IPL 2019: Mohammad Kaif Appointed Delhi Daredevils’ Assistant Coach
- The Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Delhi Daredevils appointed Mohammad Kaif as their...
assistant coach for the 2019 season.

- Prior to this, Kaif had worked in the capacity of an assistant coach to Brad Hodge at Gujarat Lions in IPL 2017.
- Now, Kaif has joined Ricky Ponting and James Hoopes as part of DD’s coaching team.

**Bajrang Punia Becomes Number 1 In World in 65kg**

- Star Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia touched a new high in his career by achieving the number one rank in the world in the 65kg category. The 24-year-old Bajrang was placed atop the ranking table with 96 points in the UWW list.

**Lewis Hamilton Won Brazilian Grand Prix**

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) won the Brazilian Grand Prix after Red Bull’s Max Verstappen lost the lead in a collision with backmarker Esteban Ocon (Force India).

**Prajnesh wins Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger**

- Prajnesh Gunneswaran secured 6-2, 6-2 victory over Saketh Myneni in the $150,000 Bengaluru Open final.
- The title in Bengaluru is his second $150,000 Challenger crown this year.

**Former England Midfielder Joe Cole Announced Retirement**

- Former England and Chelsea Football midfielder Joe Cole has retired at the age of 37.

**Alexander Zverev Won ATP World Tour Finals in London**

- Alexander Zverev has won ATP World Tour finals in London. Alexander Zverev defeated world number one Novak Djokovic in straight sets to claim the season-ending ATP Finals and earn the biggest victory of his career. Zverev also became the first player to beat both Djokovic and Federer in the same ATP Finals.

**Shubhankar is ‘rookie of the year’**

- Shubhankar Sharma capped a dream season on the European Tour by becoming the first Indian to win the tour’s Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the Year award.
- Shubhankar achieved the feat soon after finishing tied 41st at the season-ending DP World Tour Championship event in Dubai.

**Anjum picks up her fourth gold**

- Anjum Moudgil finished her campaign in the 62nd National shooting championships on a high, winning a fourth gold medal by topping the field in the women’s 50m rifle prone event.
- Also Haryana won the team gold in the event with a winning total of 1834.7, ahead of Tamil Nadu (1818.0) and Punjab (1813.2).

**Mary Kom Wins 6th World Boxing Championship Title**

- India’s legendary MC Mary Kom has won the title of 48 kilograms in the 10th edition of the IBBA Women’s World Boxing Championship on Saturday (November 24th). Mary Kom won the gold medal in the final by defeating Ukraine’s Hanna Okhota.
- Mary Kom is the world’s first boxer to reach seven times in the final of the World Championship.
- This is the sixth world championship title of Mary Kom, & her eighth medal at the World Championship.

**Croatia clinch victory over France to win Davis Cup**

- Croatia dethroned holders France to win the Davis Cup for the second time.
- It was the last final in the traditional format before a radical but controversial reorganization of the venerable competition.
- The victory gives Croatia some revenge for their football team’s defeat by France in the World Cup final in July.

**Sameer Verma won Syed Modi Championship**

- World No. 16 Sameer defeated China’s Lu Guangzu to won Syed Modi International Badminton Championship in Lucknow.
- Han Yue OF China won in women’s category by beating Saina Nehwal.

**Bhakti wins maiden National crown**

- Bhakti Kulkarni defeated Mary Ann Gomes to the National women chess title on superior tie-break after the 11th and final round in Jaipur.
- Other participants were - P. V. Nandhidhaa, Saranya, S. Vijayalakshmi, M. Mahalakshmi, Sakshi Chitlange, Nisha Mohota, P. Bala Kannamma, Srija Seshadari.
AWARDS

**Ram Mohan Roy award for N. Ram**
- Veteran journalist and The Hindu Publishing Group Chairman Ram has been chosen for the prestigious Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award, presented by the Press Council of India (PCI), for his outstanding contribution towards journalism.
- PCI also announced National Awards for Excellence in Journalism for 2018. Ruby Sarkar, chief correspondent of Deshbandhu, Bhopal, and Rajesh Parshuram Joshte of Daily Pudhari, Ratnagiri, have been named joint winners for ‘Rural Journalism’.
- No entry qualified in the newly introduced category of ‘Sports Reporting’.

**Anupam Kher Gets ‘Distinguished Fellow’ Award**
- Veteran actor Anupam Kher was honoured as a ‘Distinguished Fellow’ by India Global - a leading US think-tank that works on issues concerning non-resident Indians.
- The actor was given a fellowship at the 3rd India Global Summit. The event was held at the prestigious MIT Sloan School of Management in Boston and was facilitated by MIT Sloan India Business Club.

**Swati Chaturvedi Wins RSF Press Freedom Award for Courage**

**ATP World Tour Awards 2018 Announced: Complete List Of Winners**
- The big three of men’s tennis – Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer – were all among the winners at the 2018 ATP World Tour Awards. The trio were named as award winners in the prelude to the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals in London.
- Djokovic won the ‘Comeback Player of the Year Award’, voted by the ATP players, on the back of his glorious run during the second half of the season.

**Jawahar Lal Sarin Conferred With France’s Highest Civilian Honour**
- Jawahar Lal Sarin, president of the governing body of Alliance Francaise, was conferred with France’s highest civilian honor by French Ambassador to India Alexandre Ziegler at an event.
- France’s highest civilian honor ‘Knight of the Legion of Honour’ was bestowed on Sarin in recognition of his outstanding contribution to enhancing Indo-French cultural cooperation and promoting the French language.

**UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards 2018 Announced for Cultural Heritage Conservation**
- The renewal of the early 20th-century ‘Shijo-cho Ofune-hoko Float Machiya’ has received the Award of Excellence in this year’s UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.
- Ten projects from five countries – Australia, China, India, Japan, and Thailand – have been recognized by an international Jury of conservation experts in this year’s Awards.

**Dr. Martha Farrell Receives Lifetime Achievement Award**
- Late Dr. Martha Farrell has been honoured with the “Lifetime Achievement Award” at the 6th Indian Social Work Congress in New Delhi.
- Dr. Farrell was recognized for her lifelong work towards gender equality, women’s empowerment and prevention of sexual harassment at workplace.

**Messi Won La Liga Player Of The Year Award For 6th Time**
- Barcelona star Lionel Messi was named La Liga Player of the Year for 6th time, adding one more title to his abundant collection of soccer’s great honours. Messi lifted the prestigious award at FIFA’s gala ceremony in Zurich.
- The late England player and manager Bobby Robson received FIFA’s fair play award, while the presidential award for contributions to football and society went to Jordan’s Queen Rania.

**Ustad Amjad Ali Khan Presented Lifetime Achievement Award In Delhi**
- One of India’s greatest sarod masters, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, was presented the ‘Sumitra
Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement’ at the Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi, for his “immense contribution to the enrichment and promotion of the Indian classical music”.

CSE gets 2018 Indira Gandhi Prize
- Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), the New Delhi (India)-based independent research and advocacy think tank, has been named the recipient of the prestigious Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2018.

At IFFI, Israeli filmmaker bags Lifetime Achievement Award
- Israeli filmmaker Dan Wolman was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award at the inaugural ceremony of the 49th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2018 held in Panaji.
- The festival was formally inaugurated by Goa Governor Mridula Sinha and other dignitaries.
- Israel is the Country of Focus for this year’s IFFI while the State in Focus is Jharkhand.

Mexico honor’s Indian academic Ganguly of highest civilian award
- Professor S.P. Ganguly of Jawaharlal Nehru University became first Indian to be awarded the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle, the highest civilian honour given to a foreigner by Mexico.
- The award was in recognition of his “outstanding work in the study and dissemination of the Spanish language and Mexican culture”.

Azim Premji to receive France’s highest civilian award Knight of the Legion of Honour
- Tech magnate and philanthropist Azim Premji will be conferred the highest French civilian award this month. Premji will receive the Knight of the Legion of Honour or Chevalier de la Legion d’Honneur from Ambassador of France to India, Alexandre Ziegler.
- The renowned entrepreneur will be bestowed with this distinction for his contribution to developing the IT industry in India and his economic outreach in France.

Asian of The Year award for Kerala flood rescue
- Indian Navy commander Vijay Varma and captain P. Rajkumar were among those honoured at the ‘Asian of The Year’ awards in Singapore.
- The awards were given acknowledging their selfless service and bravery in rescue operations during the Kerala floods.

Donbass wins Golden Peacock at IFFI
- Ukrainian film Donbass, directed by Sergei Loznitsa, won the coveted Golden Peacock award at the 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI).
- Lijo Jose Pellissery won the Silver Peacock for Best Director for the Malayalam film Ee.Ma.Yau.
- The Best Actor (Male) Award went to Chemban Vinod for his portrayal of ‘Eeshi’ in in Ee.Ma.Yau, while Anastasiia Pustovit won the Best Actor (Female) Award for her portrayal of a teenage girl ‘Larysa’ in the Ukrainian film When the Trees Fall.

MAHE Wins International Green Apple Silver Award
- Manipal Academy of Higher Education won silver in the International Green Apple Award for Environmental best practice 2018. The award was received by Derrick I. Joshua, Assistant Director, Environment Sustainability, MAHE at a ceremony at the Houses of Parliament, London.

Amitabh Bachchan Receives Sayaji Ratna Award
- Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan was awarded the third Sayaji Ratna Award, established in the memory of erstwhile Baroda ruler Sayajirao Gaekwad III. Infosys co-founder N R Narayana Murthy and noted industrialist Ratan Tata have been given the award earlier.
Dear Students,
You all must have observed your mother. Everyday, she gets up early, ignites the gas stove and cooks delicious food for you and switches it off before going to bed. She does the same routine work everyday with the same level of dedication without any excuses.

Same is the characteristic of a Competitive examination. It needs a sincere but continuous effort. We all need get up at a particular time everyday, keep ourselves fit and devote quality time to our study everyday, with the same level of dedication and without any excuses. Because...

“The more I LEARN, the more I LEARN that I need to LEARN more”

Yours,
Kamalesh Sir.
(Trainer, Mentor & Guide)

Let's know Andhra Pradesh

- Potti Sreeramulu: Fasted to death in 1952. Andhra State was carved out of Madras state on 1st Oct, 1953. (It’s capital was Kurnool)
- Imp. Rivers:
  - Krishna
  - Godavari
  - Tungabhadra
  - Pennar
- National Parks, wildlife Sanctuaries etc.
  - Krishna wildlife sanctuary
  - Nagarjunsagar
- Srisailam Tiger Revenue
  - Atapaka Bird Sanctuary
  - Pulicat lake Bird Sanctuary
- Lambasingi: Kashmir of Andhra
  - The only place in South India which receives “Snowfall”.
- Telugu: One of the Classical languages of India.
- Tirupati: Lord Venkateshwara Temple, the 2nd Richest temple in the world.

- Capital: Amaravati (proposed)
  Present: Hyderabad
- CM: N. Chandrababu Naidu
- Governor: E.S.L. Narasimhan
- State Symbols:
  - Animal: Black Buck
  - Bird: Rose Ringed Parrot
  - Flower: Jasmine
  - Tree: Neem
  - Fruit: Mango
  - Sport: Kabaddi
- History:
  - Harithara & Bukka: Founded the Vijayanagara Empire
  - Operation Polo: Hyderabad was forcibly joined to Republic of India (1948)

- Neelam Sanjiva Reddy: 1st CM of Andhra to become President of India (1977-82).
- Sobriquets:
  - Rice bowl of India
  - Egg bowl of Asia
- Culture:
  - Kuchipudi: Classical Dance
    (Kuchipudi is a village in Krishna dist.)
  - Andhra has entered Guinness World Record for performing Kuchipudi by 6,117 dancers in Vijaywada.
- Important GI Tags: (Geographical Indications)
  - Banaganapalle Mango
  - Bandar Laddu
  - Bobbili Veena
  - Budithi Bell and Brass craft
  - Guntur Sannam (Red Chilli)
  - Kondapalli Toys
• Machilipatnam Kalamkari
• Mangalagiri Sarees & Fabrics
• Srikalahasti Kalamkari
• Tirupati Laddu
• Uppada Jamdani Sari
• Venkatagiri Saree
• Pandura Khaddaru

❖ Arts & Crafts:
• Durgi stone carvings
• Etikoppaka Toys

❖ Literature:
• Nanaaya wrote 1st Telugu Grammar Nameel "Andhra Shabda Chintamani" in Telugu.

❖ Music:
• Burra Katha: An oral story telling technique
• Ranga Sthalam: Indian theatre in Telugu
• Gurazada Apparao: He whole the play “Kanyasulkam” (1892) which is considered the greatest play in Telugu

❖ C. Pullaiah: Father of Telugu theatre movement.


❖ Cuisine: Pootharekulu (Traditional Sweet)

❖ Tourism: Borra caves: Borra means Hole in Odia
• One of the largest caves in India and deepest
• Also called Borra Guhalu.

❖ Jindhagada: Highest peak of Eastern Ghat (1690m)
• 1680: Arma Konda (AP)
• 1670: Deomali (OD)

❖ Pandit Nehru Bus Station: Vijayawada
• One of the largest Bus terminals in Asia.

❖ Shimiliguda: Highest broad gauge railway station in India.

❖ Education & Research:
• IIPE: (Visakhapatnam)
• Indian Institute of petroleum and Energy
• NID: (Vijayawada)
• National Institute of Design.
• IISER: (Tirupati)
• Indian Institute of Science Education and Research.

SAMEER: Visakhapatnam
• Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engg. & Research.
• Central Tobacco Research Institute: Rajamundhry
• Indian Institute of Oil Plam Research – Pedavegi
• CCRH: Central Council for Research in Homeopathy, Gudivada.
(Also located NIO- Goa, NIO – Kerala)

❖ Space Research Organization:
• Satish Dhawan space centre/Sriharikota Range (SAHR)
(Location: Barrier Island, Sriharikota, Nellore)

❖ Important Dams:
• Sri Sailam

❖ Lepakshi Temple: It has the only pillar on the world which stands Suspended in air.
• Veer bhadra temple, Lepakshi
• Mallikarjuna Swami Temple: Sri Sailam

❖ Folk Dances:
• Ghanta Mardala
• Butta bommalle
• Tappeta Gullu
• Lambadi
• Dhimsa
• Chindu

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1. Who has been selected for 2018 Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, the highest literacy prize of the Kerala government?
   (1) Uma Shankar Singh
   (2) K Satichidanandan
   (3) M Mukundan
   (4) Ram V Kumar

2. Who has been appointed as the new Director General (DG) of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)?
   (1) RK Pachnanda
   (2) S S Deswal
   (3) Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar
   (4) Sudeep Lakhtakia

3. Which Indian cricketer has officially been inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame?
   (1) Sachin Tendulkar
   (2) Saurav Ganguly
   (3) Rahul Dravid
   (4) VVS Laxman

4. Which state government has recently launched “Soura Jalanidhi” scheme?
   (1) Jharkhand
   (2) Odisha
   (3) Bihar
   (4) Uttar Pradesh

5. What is the India’s rank in the World Bank’s Ease of Doing Business Index 2018?
   (1) 77th
   (2) 98th
   (3) 87th
   (4) 64th

6. Who has become the first Indian to win an Asian Snooker Tour event?
   (1) Pankaj Advani
   (2) Lucky Vatnani
   (3) Varun Madan
   (4) Manan Chandra

7. Which country has launched the world’s first Sovereign Blue Bond?
   (1) United Kingdom
   (2) Mauritius
   (3) Japan
   (4) Seychelles

8. Which union territory falls under jurisdiction of Calcutta High Court?
   (1) Puducherry
   (2) Lakshadweep
   (3) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
   (4) West Bengal

9. Which is the only Indian film has been included in BBC’s 100 best foreign language films list of the 21st century?
   (1) Pather Panchali
   (2) Aparajito
   (3) The World of Apu
   (4) The Big City

10. Which Indian Sculptor designed the world’s ‘tallest statue’Statue of Unity’?
    (1) Ram V. Sutar
    (2) Vivan Sundaram
    (3) Jitish Kallat
    (4) N. N. Rimzon

11. Which decommissioned aircraft carrier will be converted into India’s first-ever moored maritime museum-cum-marine adventure centre?
    (1) INS Chakra
    (2) INS Vagsheer
    (3) INS Vikrant
    (4) INS Viraat

12. Which of the following is the global satellite navigation system of European Union?
    (1) BeiDou
    (2) GPS
    (3) Galileo
    (4) GLONASS

13. India has officially signed a $950 million contract with which country for the purchase of two upgraded Krivak III-class stealth frigates?
    (1) France
    (2) Russia
    (3) Japan
    (4) United States

14. Which Indian company has been named an Official Partner of FIH Men’s Hockey World Cup 2018?
    (1) Tata Steel
    (2) Reliance
    (3) Infosys
    (4) Wipro

15. Ntozake Shange, who passed away recently, was the acclaimed playwright and poet of which country?
    (1) New Zealand
    (2) Brazil
    (3) United States
    (4) South Africa

16. The first-ever Indo-Japan joint military exercise ‘Dharma Guardian-2018’ has started in which of the following states?
    (1) Mizoram
    (2) Nagaland
    (3) West Bengal
    (4) Odisha

17. Which country to host the 23rd edition of the World Corporate Games (WCG-2019)?
    (1) Qatar
    (2) Saudi Arabia
    (3) India
    (4) Bangladesh

18. On which date, the 2018 World Vegan Day (WVD) was observed recently?
    (1) November 2
    (2) November 3
    (3) November 1
    (4) November 4
19. The Jharsuguda Airport of Odisha will be renamed after which eminent freedom fighter of the state?
   (1) Jagabandu Hota      (2) Surendra Sai
   (3) Salegram Bariha      (4) Trilochan Panigrahi

20. Which of the following states doesn’t celebrate its foundation day on November 1?
   (1) Kerala      (2) Karnataka
   (3) Jharkhand      (4) Haryana

21. Simone Biles, who has become the first ever gymnast to win 13 world championship gold medals, is from which country?
   (1) United States      (2) Brazil
   (3) South Africa      (4) Chile

22. RBI has recently permitted banks to provide PCE to NBFC bonds. What does ‘PCE’ stands for?
   (1) Premium Credit Enhancement
   (2) Personal Credit Enhancement
   (3) Prone Credit Enhancement
   (4) Partial Credit Enhancement

23. What is the theme of the United Nations for 2018 World Cities Day (WCD)?
   (1) Promoting a better urban future
   (2) Building Sustainable and Resilient Cities
   (3) Better City, Better Life
   (4) Innovative Governance, Open Cities

24. India and which country have signed a loan pact of Rs 18.17 crore for the construction of the Turga Pumped Storage in West Bengal?
   (1) France      (2) Brazil
   (3) South Africa      (4) Japan

25. Recently, the first-ever India-US Dialogue On Intellectual Property (IP) was launched in which of the following cities?
   (1) New York      (2) New Delhi
   (3) Washington DC      (4) Pune

26. Who has been named the Brand Ambassador of 2018 Women’s World Boxing Championships (WWBC)?
   (1) Sarjubala Devi      (2) Yogeshwar Dutt
   (3) Mary Kom      (4) Pinki Jangra

27. Which of the following cities is the venue of the 2018 India International Cherry Blossom (IICB) festival?
   (1) Agartala      (2) Gangtok
   (3) Srinagar’      (4) Shillong

28. Which city has topped the Ola Mobility Institute (OMI)’s ‘Ease of Moving Index 2018’ in public transport?
   (1) Chennai      (2) Hyderabad
   (3) Kolkata      (4) New Delhi

29. Which of the following films was the India’s lone entry at the Rome Film Festival 2018?
   (1) Sui Dhaaga
   (2) Parmanu: The Story of Pokhran
   (3) Raazi
   (4) Mare Pyare Prime Minister

30. Under the provisions of which article of the constitution, the President appoint judges of Supreme Court (SC)?
   (1) Article 125      (2) Article 124
   (3) Article 126      (4) Article 127

31. Which city is the venue of the National Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Ayurveda?
   (1) Guwahati      (2) Chennai
   (3) Pune      (4) New Delhi

32. RBI has started process to set up PCR for capturing borrowers’ details. The acronym “PCR” stands for?
   (1) Public Credit Registry
   (2) Personal Credit Registry
   (3) Prone Credit Registry
   (4) Premium Credit Registry

33. IAMAI has constituted which AR/VR Committee to promote the technologies in India?
   (1) Kumar Yadav committee
   (2) Mahesh Prabhu committee
   (3) Ajit Kumar committee
   (4) Namrita Mahindro committee

34. The All-India ‘Unreserved Mobile Ticketing’ facility (UTS on Mobile) has been developed by Indian Railway- CRIS. Where is the headquarters of CRIS?
   (1) Pune      (2) New Delhi
   (3) Kolkata      (4) Chennai

35. V. Rathinam, veteran freedom fighter and member of Indian National Army (INA) has passed away. He belonged to which state?
   (1) Karnataka      (2) Kerala
   (3) Tamil Nadu      (4) Odisha
36. The first WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health was held in which city?
   (1) New York (2) Geneva (3) New Delhi (4) Paris

37. ‘Little India Gate’, which is in news recently, is inaugurated in which of the following cities?
   (1) Medan (2) Jakarta (3) Banten (4) Depok

38. On which date, the 2018 World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD) is observed on which date?
   (1) November 3 (2) November 4 (3) November 5 (4) November 6

39. India’s first asymmetrical cable-stayed bridge “Signature Bridge” has recently inaugurated in which of the following cities?
   (1) Mumbai (2) Kolkata (3) Chennai (4) Delhi

40. The Union government has awarded which state police for citizen services under an e-governance project “CCTNS”?
   (1) Haryana (2) Assam (3) Jharkhand (4) Kerala

41. Which noted journalist has been chosen for the prestigious Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award?
   (1) Ruby Sarkar (2) Rajesh Parshuram Joshte (3) VS Rajesh (4) N. Ram

42. Which of the following cities is the venue of the 18th IORA Council of (Foreign) Ministers Meetings (COM)?
   (1) Santiago (2) Durban (3) Brasilia (4) Harare

43. Which company has received India’s first Letter of Credit (LC) payment via blockchain?
   (1) Tata Motors (2) Wipro (3) Reliance Industries (4) Infosys

44. The Government of India (GoI) has recently approved operationalisation strategy for Operation Greens for which of the following crops?
   (1) Tomato, Onion and Potato (2) Onion, Carrot and Peas (3) Potato, Wheat and Onion (4) Tomato, Peas and Chilli

45. Who has been appointed India’s new Ambassador to Iran?
   (1) Saurabh Kumar (2) Gaddam Dharmendra (3) N K Saxena (4) Priti Jindal

46. Who of the following lifted the 2018 Men’s Singles title at the Rolex Paris Masters?
   (1) Milos Raonic (2) Juan Martín del Potro (3) Karen Khachanov (4) Novak Djokovic

47. Which sports journalist is the author of the book “The Fire Burns Blue: A History of Women’s Cricket in India”?
   (1) Jatin Sapru (2) Karunya Keshav (3) Mayanti Langer (4) Boria Majumdar

48. What is the theme of the 2018 National Ayurveda Day (NAD) of India?
   (1) Ayurveda for Public Health (2) Ayurveda for Prevention and Control of Diabetes (3) Ayurveda: Cure and Protect Our Lives (4) Live happily with Ayurveda

49. The newly-built Ekana cricket stadium is located in which of the following cities?
   (1) Udaipur (2) Lucknow (3) New Delhi (4) Pune

50. Which renowned personality has been honoured with ‘Distinguished Fellow Award’ by IndiaGlobal in Boston?
   (1) Sachin Tendulkar (2) Sudha Murthy (3) Anupam Kher (4) Piyush Goyal

51. Supreme Court has recently given nod for a separate High Court for which of the following states/UTs?
   (1) Nagaland (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Andaman and Nicobar Islands (4) Mizoram

52. Who has been elected the new President of International Boxing Association (AIBA)?
   (1) Thomas Bach (2) P S Bopanna (3) Gafur Rakhimov (4) Will Smith
53. Which state government has recently rolled out the technology-driven & citizen-friendly ‘Mo Bus’ service?
(1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Karnataka
(3) Odisha (4) Kerala

54. Which international organisation has recently inked $172 million loan pact to make farming viable in Andhra Pradesh?
(1) AIIB (2) New Development Bank
(3) UNICEF (4) World Bank

55. For which term, India has been elected as a member of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Council?
(1) 2020 to 2023 (2) 2019 to 2022
(3) 2021 to 2024 (4) 2018 to 2021

56. Which of the following countries have recently exempted by United States for buying Iranian oil?
(1) China, Taiwan and Greece
(2) Japan, South Korea and India
(3) India, Italy and Turkey
(4) All of the above

57. Who has been appointed the new Secretary General of Lok Sabha?
(1) Snehlata Shrivastava (2) Anup Mishra
(3) Rama Devi (4) Nischal Jain

58. Which Indian shooter has won the historic men’s skeet gold at the Asian Shotgun Championship 2018 in Kuwait?
(1) Saurabh Chaudhary (2) Arjun Babuta
(3) Angad Vir Singh Bajwa (4) Hriday Hazarika

59. Under which schedule of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act – 2014, the Central Tribal University will be set up in the state?
(1) 10th (2) 13th
(3) 11th (4) 12th

60. Lalan Sarang, who passed away recently, was the noted theatre personality of which regional cinema?
(1) Marathi (2) Odia
(3) Tamil (4) Telugu

61. The 5th edition of World Buddhist Forum (WBF -2018) was recently held in which country?
(1) India (2) Nepal
(3) Sri Lanka (4) China

62. The 25th maritime exercise “SIMBEX-18” has started between India and which country?
(1) Saudi Arabia (2) Seychelles
(3) Sri Lanka (4) Singapore

63. India is hosting the “Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities 2018” in collaboration with which country?
(1) South Korea (2) Spain
(3) Japan (4) France

64. The first-ever solutions-focused event “Global Cooling Innovation Summit” will be held in which country?
(1) Brazil (2) India
(3) South Africa (4) United Kingdom

65. Which news agency has recently launched the world’s first AI news anchor?
(1) Yonhap (2) Kyodo News
(3) Xinhua (4) Lankapuvath

66. The Union Cabinet has recently approved sale of Govt. of India’s equity in DCIL to consortium of which of the following ports?
(1) Paradeep Port (2) Vishakhapatnam Port
(3) Jawahar Lal Nehru Port (4) All of the above

67. Who has been appointed the new chairperson of Competition Commission of India (CCI)?
(1) G P Mittal (2) U C Nahta
(3) Ashok Kumar Gupta (4) Smita Jhingran

68. Which Indian personality has recently bestowed with France’s highest civilian honour “Knight of the Legion of Honour”?
(1) Kailash Satyarthi (2) Amartya Sen
(3) Jawahar Lal Sarin (4) Soumitra Chatterjee

69. On which date, the National Cancer Awareness Day (NCAD), was observed recently in India?
(1) November 7 (2) November 9
(3) November 10 (4) November 11
70. Which IIT has developed a portable solar-powered cold storage device with a 500 kg capacity?
   (1) IIT Indore  (2) IIT Bombay  (3) IIT Kanpur  (4) IIT Madras

71. Who has won the 2018 Fuzhou China Open Badminton tournament?
   (1) Huang Yuxiang  (2) Lin Dan  (3) Kento Momota  (4) Chou Tien-chen

72. Which Indian wrestler has been ranked world No. 1 rank in 65 Kg category?
   (1) Sushil Kumar  (2) Sanjeet Kumar  (3) Yogeshwar Dutt  (4) Bajrang Punia

73. M777 Howitzers, which are recently inducted into Indian Army, are procured from which country?
   (1) United States  (2) South Korea  (3) Russia  (4) Italy

74. Ananth Kumar, who passed away recently, was in charge of which of the following union ministries?
   (1) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs  (2) Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
   (3) Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises  (4) Ministry of Labour and Employment

75. Which Indian mountaineer has recently been awarded an honorary doctorate by a prestigious University of Strathclyde?
   (1) Bachendri Pal  (2) Premlata Agarwal  (3) Arunima Sinha  (4) Malavath Purna

76. What is the theme of the 2018 World Science Day for Peace and Development?
   (1) Science for Global Understanding  (2) Science, a Human Right
   (3) Celebrating Science Centres and Science Museums  (4) Quality Science Education

77. Which city is the venue of the International Conference on Yoga for Public Health?
   (1) Kolkata  (2) Panjim  (3) Agartala  (4) Bhopal

78. Which state government is celebrating the “Jashn-e-Virazat-e-Urdu” festival?
   (1) Telangana  (2) Uttarakhand  (3) Delhi  (4) Jharkhand

79. During INSPIRE 2018, EESL and ADB signed pact for $13 million Global Environment Facility (GEF) grant to set up an EERF. What does EERF stands for?
   (1) Environment Efficiency Revolving Fund  (2) Ecology Efficiency Revolving Fund
   (3) Eco Efficiency Revolving Fund  (4) Energy Efficiency Revolving Fund

80. What is the theme of the 33rd ASEAN summit 2018?
   (1) Partnering for change, engaging the world  (2) Resilient and Innovative Asean
   (3) One ASEAN at the Heart of Dynamic Asia  (4) Strengthening ASEAN Maritime Cooperation

81. Which of the following countries has become the world’s first nation to ban reef-killing toxic sunscreen?
   (1) Nauru  (2) Papua New Guinea  (3) Vanuatu  (4) Palau

82. Which Indian journalist has won the 2018 London Press Freedom Award for Courage?
   (1) Ravish Kumar  (2) Arnab Goswami  (3) Swati Chaturvedi  (4) Dhruv Rathee

83. As per latest US-based National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) report, which of the following cities is the India’s most congested city?
   (1) Bengaluru  (2) Delhi  (3) Chennai  (4) Kolkata

84. Which article of the Constitution provides free legal assistance to the poor and weaker sections of the society?
   (1) Article 39A  (2) Article 37A   (3) Article 38A  (4) Article 36A

   (1) Anuja Chauhan  (2) Krishna Triklo  (3) Mridula Behari  (4) Devapriya Roy
86. The Union HRD ministry has launched the LEAP initiative for higher education faculty. What does ‘LEAP’ stands for?
   (1) Legitimate for Academicians Programme
   (2) Lasting for Academicians Programme
   (3) Leadership for Academicians Programme
   (4) Legible for Academicians Programme

87. Which India’s restoration project has won the 2018 UNESCO Asia-Pacific award for conservation in Award of Distinction category?
   (1) Ruttonsee Muljee Jetha Fountain
   (2) Rajabai Clock Tower
   (3) Agra Fort
   (4) LAMO center

88. The first-ever bilateral naval exercise ‘Samudra Shakti 2018’ has started between India and which country?
   (1) Indonesia
   (2) Seychelles
   (3) Vanuatu
   (4) Philippines

89. Which social initiative has been launched by Twitter India to boost youth engagement for 2019 General Elections?
   (1) #PowerOf18
   (2) #PowerOfVoters
   (3) #PowerOf19
   (4) #Power Of Election

90. Stan Lee, who passed away recently, was the legendary comic book writer of which country?
   (1) South Africa
   (2) United States
   (3) France
   (4) Canada

91. Who has become the first Indian to climb Mt Giluwe in Papua New Guinea?
   (1) Taka Tamut
   (2) Sivangi Pathak
   (3) Raj Singh Dharmshaktu
   (4) Satyarup Siddhanta

92. The 17th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting was held in which country?
   (1) Indonesia
   (2) New Zealand
   (3) Singapore
   (4) Malaysia

93. Who has been honoured with the 2018 Munin Barkotoki Literary Award?
   (1) Arupa Kalita Patangia
   (2) Homen Borgohain
   (3) Debabhuson Borah
   (4) Dhrubajyoti Bora

94. The Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) has recently hired which of the following India’s strategic crude oil storage facility?
   (1) Padur
   (2) Visakhapatnam
   (3) Mangalore
   (4) Rajkot

95. Which of the following countries is the Partner Country at the 38th India International Trade Fair (IITF-2018)?
   (1) Iran
   (2) Afghanistan
   (3) Nepal
   (4) Bangladesh

96. What is the theme of the 2018 campaign of World Diabetes Day (WDD)?
   (1) Go Blue for Breakfast
   (2) Eyes on Diabetes
   (3) The Family and Diabetes
   (4) Women and diabetes

97. India’s first multi-modal terminal has recently inaugurated on which of the following rivers?
   (1) Yamuna
   (2) Ganga
   (3) Brahmaputra
   (4) Godavari

98. Which is the host nation for the conference on Global Digital Content Market (GDCM) 2018?
   (1) India
   (2) Nepal
   (3) France
   (4) Indonesia

99. Which Indian city is the venue of the regional meeting of the World Customs Organisation (WCO)?
   (1) New Delhi
   (2) Jaipur
   (3) Pune
   (4) Hyderabad

100. Which of the following countries is the Partner Country at the 9th Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2019?
    (1) Oman
    (2) Qatar
    (3) UAE
    (4) Israel

101. Which of the following cities is the principal seat of the Madhya Pradesh High Court?
    (1) Gwalior
    (2) Bhopal
    (3) Indore
    (4) Jabalpur

102. India has recently signed pact with which country to collaborate on cancer research?
    (1) Japan
    (2) United Kingdom
    (3) France
    (4) United States
103. Who has been honoured with the “Lifetime Achievement Award” at the 6th Indian Social Work Congress in New Delhi?
   (1) Neelam Kler
   (2) Ketayun Ardeshir Dinshaw
   (3) M. Subhadra Nair
   (4) Martha Farrell

104. ISRO has successfully launched GSAT-29 satellite into space from which launch vehicle?
   (1) GSLV Mk III
   (2) GSLV Mk I
   (3) GSLV Mk II
   (4) GSLV Mk IV

105. Who has been appointed the new Chief Representative for Asia and the Pacific by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS)?
   (1) Ramesh Gelli
   (2) K. V. Kamath
   (3) Siddharth Tiwari
   (4) Narayanan Vaghul

106. Which state police has launched e-learning portal ‘Nipun’ for training its personnel?
   (1) Tamil Nadu Police
   (2) Mumbai Police
   (3) Delhi Police
   (4) Kolkata Police

107. Which Indian sportsperson has been appointed as UNICEF India’s first-ever Youth Ambassador?
   (1) Hima Das
   (2) Amit Panghal
   (3) Neeraj Chopra
   (4) Bajrang Punia

108. Which of the following international personalities will be chief guest at the 2019 Republic Day parade of India?
   (1) Mauricio Macri
   (2) Cyril Ramaphosa
   (3) Ashraf Ghani
   (4) Petro Poroshenko

109. Which city is the venue of the 2018 Women’s World Boxing Championships?
   (1) New Delhi
   (2) Pune
   (3) Shimla
   (4) Patna

110. Which country is the current chair at the 13th East Asia Summit (EAS -2018)?
   (1) New Zealand
   (2) South Korea
   (3) Singapore
   (4) Australia

111. What is the theme of the 2018 World Pneumonia Day (WPD)?
   (1) Stop Pneumonia: Invest in Child Health
   (2) Keep the Promise, Stop Pneumonia Now
   (3) Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia Now
   (4) Universal access to pneumonia prevention and care

112. Which city is the venue of the 2018 South Asian Regional Conference on Urban Infrastructure?
   (1) Kathmandu
   (2) New Delhi
   (3) Naypyidaw
   (4) Bangkok

113. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has recently lifted sanctions against which African nation after 9 years?
   (1) Eritrea
   (2) Burundi
   (3) Somalia
   (4) Egypt

114. Where is the headquarters of National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)?
   (1) Chennai
   (2) Kolkata
   (3) New Delhi
   (4) Pune

115. On which date, the 2018 National Press Day (NPD) was celebrated in India recently?
   (1) November 14
   (2) November 15
   (3) November 17
   (4) November 16

116. Prof. T N Srinivasan, who passed away recently, was the renowned personality of which field?
   (1) Marine Science
   (2) Economy
   (3) Art
   (4) Biology

117. The Himalayan State Regional Council (HSRC), which is recently set up by NITI Aayog, will be chaired by whom?
   (1) K. Radhakrishnan
   (2) V K Saraswat
   (3) Kailasavadivoo Sivan
   (4) G Madhavan Nair

118. On which date, the 2018 International Day for Tolerance was observed recently?
   (1) November 17
   (2) November 18
   (3) November 16
   (4) November 15

119. Which city is the venue of the 4th edition of Intex South Asia 2018?
   (1) New Delhi
   (2) Colombo
   (3) Kathmandu
   (4) Naypyidaw

120. Who is the author of the book ‘A Great Association-Glimpses into the Life of Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha’?
   (1) Myslwamy Annadurai
   (2) Shashi Shekar Vempati
   (3) Nirviseshananda Tirtha
   (4) K Sreedharan
121. Which state government has launched the ‘Gau Samridhi Plus scheme’ for dairy farmers?
(1) Odisha (2) Jharkhand
(3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Kerala

122. Which of the following banks has launched the India’s first interactive credit card with buttons?
(1) ICICI Bank (2) IndusInd Bank
(3) Bandhan Bank (4) Axis Bank

123. India’s first specialized hospital for elephants has opened in which of the following cities?
(1) Varanasi (2) Kochi
(3) Mathura (4) Bangalore

124. Which of the following words has been chosen ‘Word of the Year 2018’ by Oxford Dictionaries?
(1) Toxic (2) MeToo
(3) Cakeism (4) Vegan

125. Ad Guru Alyque Padamsee, who passed away recently, created which of the following Indian ad campaigns?
(1) Cherry Charlie (2) TV detective Karamchand
(3) Hamara Bajaj (4) All of the above

126. The Union Government has set up tribunal to decide on ban on two Tripura militant groups “NLFT & ATTF”. Who is the head of the tribunal?
(1) Ramesh Abhishek (2) Alok Verma
(3) Rita Teotia (4) Suresh Kait

127. The Union Government has signed a $300 million loan pact with which international organisation to boost infra funding by IIFCL?
(1) World Bank (2) NDB
(3) ADB (4) AIIB

128. What is the theme of the 26th Conference of Central and State Organizations (COCSSO)?
(1) Agriculture & Farmers’ Statistics
(2) Administrative Statistics
(3) Quality Assurance in Official Statistics
(4) Agriculture & Quality Statistics

129. The birth anniversary of which freedom fighter is celebrated as National Education Day (NED) in India?
(1) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
(2) J B Kripalani
(3) Jawaharlal Nehru
(4) Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

130. William Goldman, the Oscar-winning screenwriter and novelist has passed away. He was from which country?
(1) France (2) Germany
(3) United Kingdom (4) United States

131. Which city is the venue of the 8th National Conference of Women in Police (NCWP)?
(1) Patna (2) Kanpur
(3) Ranchi (4) Shimla

132. The Maharashtra government has recently granted reservation to which community under a new category called ‘Socially and Educationally Backward Class (SEBC)?’
(1) Dhangar (2) Lingayat
(3) Buddhist (4) Maratha

133. The first-ever Naturopathy Day has recently celebrated on which date in India?
(1) November 18 (2) November 17
(3) November 20 (4) November 19

134. Who has been appointed the new Secretary of Revenue?
(1) Ajay Narayan Jha
(2) Sanjay Kumar Mishra
(3) Ajay Bhushan Pandey
(4) Girish Chandra Murmu

135. Which Indian personality has been conferred with the Global Education Leaders Award 2018?
(1) Saroj Suman Gulati (2) Sujoy Ghosh
(3) Gopal Das Banerjee (4) Trilok Chaudhry

136. Which of the following movies has won the Best Film award at the 24th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIff-2018)?
(1) The Third Wife
(2) Judgement Day
(3) Sun goes round the Earth
(4) ‘Widow of Silence
137. What is the theme of the 2018 World Toilet Day (WTD)?
   (1) Follow the Flush
   (2) Toilets and Nutrition
   (3) Wastewater
   (4) When Nature Calls

138. Which of the following state governments has legally banned hookah parlours after Gujarat and Maharashtra?
   (1) Himachal Pradesh
   (2) Uttar Pradesh
   (3) Punjab
   (4) West Bengal

139. The INDO-Russian joint exercise “INDRA 2018” has started in which of the following cities?
   (1) Pithoragarh
   (2) Amritsar
   (3) Kochi
   (4) Jhansi

140. India’s first Sri Vishwakarma Skill Development University will come up in which of the following states?
   (1) Jharkhand
   (2) Haryana
   (3) Assam
   (4) Maharashtra

141. Which of the following organisations has won the 2018 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development?
   (1) ISRO
   (2) UNHCR
   (3) UNESCO
   (4) CSE

142. Which state government has rolled out open online learning programme ‘KOOL’?
   (1) Kerala
   (2) Tamil Nadu
   (3) Andhra Pradesh
   (4) Karnataka

143. Who has been appointed the new chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)?
   (1) Ajay Kumar Pandey
   (2) Rachit Kulbhushan
   (3) Jalaj Srivastava
   (4) Nirmal Jain

144. Which Indian musician has been honoured with the 2018 Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement Award?
   (1) Girija Devi
   (2) Hariprasad Chaurasia
   (3) Amjad Ali Khan
   (4) Kishori Amonkar

145. Dr. T S Kanaka was the famous medical specialist in which of the following fields, who passed away recently?
   (1) Nephrology
   (2) Neurosurgery
   (3) Ophthalmology
   (4) Cardiology

146. Brigadier (retd) Kuldup Singh Chandpuri, who passed away recently, is known for his heroic leadership in which of the following historic battles during 1971 Indo-Pak War?
   (1) Battle of Longewala
   (2) Battle of Bogura
   (3) Battle of Sylhet
   (4) Battle of Parbat Ali

147. Which state government has recently launched Nari Sashaktikaran Sankalp Abhiyan?
   (1) Jharkhand
   (2) Uttar Pradesh
   (3) Bihar
   (4) Assam

148. Which northeastern state of India will host the 7th edition of International Tourism Mart (ITM-2018)?
   (1) Mizoram
   (2) Manipur
   (3) Tripura
   (4) Nagaland

149. The 2018 Africa Industrialization Day (AID) is observed on which date?
   (1) November 18
   (2) November 21
   (3) November 20
   (4) November 19

150. Lakshya Sen is related to which sports?
   (1) Wrestling
   (2) Badminton
   (3) Tennis
   (4) Boxing

151. The World Fisheries Day (WFD-2018) is observed on which of the following dates?
   (1) November 23
   (2) November 22
   (3) November 20
   (4) November 21

152. The researchers at which IIT have devised a Decision Support System (DSS) to boost LPG distribution in households below poverty line?
   (1) IIT Indore
   (2) IIT Kanpur
   (3) IIT Kharagpur
   (4) IIT Madras

153. The 14th edition of International theatre festival for children “Jashne Bachpan 2018” has started in which city?
   (1) New Delhi
   (2) Pune
   (3) Kochi
   (4) Bangaluru

154. Which of the following organisations has launched India’s first sewer cleaning machine to put an end to the unsafe manual scavenging?
   (1) Sulabh International
   (2) Smile Foundation
   (3) Goonj
   (4) Uday Foundation
155. Who has been elected the new President of Interpol?
   (1) Bill Browder
   (2) Alexander Prokopchuk
   (3) Meng Hongwei
   (4) Kim Jong Yang

156. The Cloud seeding project of which IIT has been approved by the Union Government to induce artificial rain to clear Delhi air?
   (1) IIT Kanpur
   (2) IIT Indore
   (3) IIT Madras
   (4) IIT Kharagpur

157. The first-ever business festival of Indo-Japan Business Council (IJBC) was held in which city?
   (1) Chennai
   (2) New Delhi
   (3) Pune
   (4) Kolkata

158. The world’s first underground hotel has opened in which of the following cities?
   (1) Paris
   (2) Shanghai
   (3) Tokyo
   (4) New York

159. Which of the following cities is the venue of the 27th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change 2018?
   (1) Beijing
   (2) Seoul
   (3) New Delhi
   (4) Cape Town

160. Which Indian personality has been awarded the Mexico’s highest civilian honour “Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle”?
   (1) Shyama Prasad Ganguly
   (2) Nitin Nohria
   (3) Abhijit Banerjee
   (4) Avinash Dixit

161. Which country’s team clinched Under-17 boys Subroto Cup International Football Tournament 2018?
   (1) Afghanistan
   (2) Nepal
   (3) Bangladesh
   (4) India

162. The researchers at which IIT have developed smartphone-based sensor to detect adulteration in milk?
   (1) IIT-Bombay
   (2) IIT-Hyderabad
   (3) IIT-Madras
   (4) IIT-Kanpur

163. India’s first National Institute of Inter-Faith Studies will be set up in which state?
   (1) Punjab
   (2) Himachal Pradesh
   (3) West Bengal
   (4) Jharkhand

164. Who has become the first player to score 11,000 runs in Ranji Trophy cricket?
   (1) Shivam Chaudhary
   (2) Wasim Jaffer
   (3) Himanshu Asnora
   (4) Almas Shaukat

165. What is the theme of the 2018 Universal Children’s Day (UCD)?
   (1) Stop Violence Against Children!
   (2) Children are taking over and turning the world blue
   (3) Protect Child Protect World
   (4) Kids Take Over

166. Which state government has launched ‘Bhudaar’ portal to make land records accessible to people?
   (1) Andhra Pradesh
   (2) Karnataka
   (3) Odisha
   (4) Assam

167. What is the India’s rank at the 2018 IMD World Talent Ranking?
   (1) 45th
   (2) 53rd
   (3) 61st
   (4) 74th

168. Fahmida Riaz, who passed away recently, was the noted poet and human rights activist of which country?
   (1) Kenya
   (2) Pakistan
   (3) Israel
   (4) Afghanistan

169. Which of the following Indian organisations has won the 2018 Asia Environment Enforcement Awards?
   (1) National Tiger Conservation Authority
   (2) National Biodiversity Authority
   (3) Wildlife Crime Control Bureau
   (4) Centre for Ecology & Rural Development

170. Who has become the first Indian golfer to win European Tour ‘Rookie of the Year’ Award?
   (1) Arjun Atwal
   (2) Shiv Kapur
   (3) Shubhankar Sharma
   (4) C Muniyappa

171. What is the theme of the 2018 World COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) Day?
   (1) The Many Faces of COPD
   (2) Never too early, never too late
   (4) Aware for Nearby Air
173. Kartarpur corridor, which was recently approved by Union Cabinet, is located in which district of Punjab?
   (1) Bathinda  (2) Gurdaspur  (3) Ferozepur  (4) Amritsar

174. Who has been named the youngest-ever UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador?
   (1) Hima Das  (2) Sonam Wangchen  (3) Millie Bobby Brown  (4) Hinna Asefi Wardak

175. Who has been appointed as the first ‘Youth Advocate’ of the north-eastern region by UNICEF India?
   (1) Jahnu Barua  (2) Sharmila Tagore  (3) Nahid Afrin  (4) Hima Das

176. Ustad Imrat Khan, the noted Indian classical musician has passed away. He belonged to which Sitar gharana?
   (1) Imdadkhani gharana  (2) Maihar gharana  (3) Senia Gharana  (4) Bishanpur Gharana

177. Which among the following is not a correct statement about “Atmosphere & Climate Research-Modelling Observing Systems & Services (ACROSS)” scheme?
   (1) Implemented by Ministry of Earth Sciences  (2) 8 sub-schemes  (3) Duration: 2017-2020  (4) All of the above

178. Which Indian personality has been honoured with the third Sayaji Ratna Award 2018?
   (1) Aamir Khan  (2) Nandita Das  (3) Priyanka Chopra  (4) Amitabh Bachchan

179. Which IIM has recently signed pact with Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) to promote startup ecosystem in East and Northeast India?
   (1) IIM Calcutta  (2) IIM Bangalore  (3) IIM Lucknow  (4) IIM Indore

180. India Skills Report 2017 on employment scenario in the country has been launched by which of the following organisations?
   (1) UNDP  (2) UNESCO  (3) World Bank  (4) IMF

181. Which Indian actress is awardee of FIAPF Award at the 12th Asia Pacific Screen Awards (APSA) 2018?
   (1) Priyanka Chopra  (2) Aishwarya Rai  (3) Deepika Padukone  (4) Nandita Das

182. Which filmmaker is the recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award at the 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2018?
   (1) Kalpana Lajmi  (2) Dan Wolman  (3) Adrian Sitaru  (4) Tom Fitzpatrick

183. Which Indian organisation has developed a new technology ‘Impact Based Forecasting Approach’ to monitor impact of rain & deal with natural disasters?
   1) IMD  (2) DRDO  (3) ISRO  (4) BARC

184. Which music director has composed the Odisha Men’s Hockey World Cup-2018 anthem?
   (1) Ilaiyaraaja  (2) Pritam Chakraborty  (3) A R Rahman  (4) M M Keeravani

185. Which of these cities is the venue of 12th World Congress on Mountain Medicine?
   (1) Kathmandu  (2) New Delhi  (3) Chennai  (4) Colombo

186. In which year, Mary Kom won her first gold in the Women’s World Boxing Championship?
   (1) 2003  (2) 2005  (3) 2006  (4) 2002

187. Which state has topped the highest employability rate, as per latest India Skills Report 2019?
   (1) Haryana  (2) Andhra Pradesh  (3) Rajasthan  (4) Madhya Pradesh

188. Which country to host 50th Union World Conference on Lung Health in 2019?
   (1) Brazil  (2) Japan  (3) India  (4) United States

189. Sandeep Michael, who passed away recently, was the noted player of which sports?
   (1) Wrestling  (2) Hockey  (3) Tennis  (4) Boxing

190. In which year, Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation was promulgated?
   (1) 1962  (2) 1956  (3) 1951  (4) 1966
191. Which of the following cities is the venue of the first-ever India Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue?
   (1) St. Petersburg (2) Bangaluru
   (3) New Delhi (4) Moscow

192. Which of the following are two Indian movies nominated for 2018 ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Medal?
   (1) Baaram and Walking with the Wind
   (2) Gold and Paarka Thonuthe
   (3) Hichki and Bangistan
   (4) Saranalayam and Raazi

193. Which state government has come out with lexicons of 21 rare tribal languages to preserve vanishing native languages in State?
   (1) Tamil Nadu (2) Kerala
   (3) Karnataka (4) Odisha

194. Who has become the first Indian to win gold in Senior Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2018 in Canberra?
   (1) Husnapreet Kaur (2) Bhavani Devi
   (3) Sundaraj Soumya (4) Shivani Barode

195. Which country’s national team has won the 2018 ICC Women’s World Twenty-20 tournament?
   (1) West Indies (2) India
   (3) Australia (4) England

196. India’s first-ever autism township will come up in which of the following Indian states?
   (1) West Bengal (2) Odisha
   (3) Assam (4) Punjab

197. Which Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) has joined hands with Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (DTR) to provide security to its forests?
   (1) SSB (2) BSF
   (3) ITBP (4) CISF

198. Which Indian shuttler has clinched the men’s singles title at the 2018 Syed Modi International Badminton Championships?
   (1) Kidambi Srikanth (2) HS Prannoy
   (3) Chetan Anand (4) Sameer Verma

199. Which of the cyclones has been declared ‘rarest cyclone’, as per latest report by RIMES?
   (1) Gaza (2) Manghkut
   (3) Titli (4) Morakot

200. Which country has decided to venture into Internet of things (IoT) with new satellite system ‘Marathon’?
   (1) South Korea (2) Russia
   (3) China (4) Japan

201. Which Indian sportswoman has been named captain of the ICC Women’s World Twenty20 XI?
   (1) Harmanpreet Kaur (2) Poonam Yadav
   (3) Smriti Mandhana (4) Mithali Raj

202. Which renowned scientist has been appointed as Chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)?
   (1) D.K. Shukla (2) G.K. Rath
   (3) Nageshwar Rao Guntur (4) Devang V.Khakhar

203. Who is the recipient of the FICA Emerging Artist Award 2018?
   (1) Rakhi Peswani, (2) Anupam Roy
   (3) Latika Gupta (4) Shirana Shahbazi

204. What is the theme of the 2018 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (IDAEVAW)?
   (1) Orange the World: #SupportMeToo
   (2) Orange the World: #HearMeToo
   (3) Orange the World: #ListenMeToo
   (4) Orange the World: #Stand4MeToo

205. Which of the following banks has designed & developed PaiSA portal for processing interest subvention on bank loans to beneficiaries under DAY-NULM?
   (1) SBI (2) PNB
   (3) Allahabad Bank (4) Dena Bank

206. The National Law Day (NLD-2018) is celebrated on which of the following dates in India?
   (1) November 26 (2) November 27
   (3) November 28 (4) November 29

207. Which country’s team has won the 2018 Davis Cup tennis tournament?
   (1) France (2) Belgium
   (3) Germany (4) Croatia

208. India has recently signed $200 million Loan pact with which international organisation for the Bihar State Highways III Project (BSHP-III) ?
   (1) AIIB (2) ADB
   (3) World Bank (4) NDB
209. Which of the following Indian cities has been selected by UN for Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative?
   (1) Chennai  (2) Kochi  (3) Noida  (4) Pune

210. The West Bengal Green University will soon be renamed as Rani Rashmoni Green University. Rani Rashmoni was the founder of which temple in Kolkata?
   1) Kalighat Kali Temple  2) Dakshineswar Kali Temple  3) Pareshnath Jain Temple  4) Agni Mandir

211. Which sportsperson has clinched women’s trap gold at the 62nd National Shotgun championship 2018?
   (1) Varsha V arman  (2) Soumya Gupta  (3) Shagun Chowdhary  (4) Shreyasi Singh

212. Who has been awarded the prestigious Swarnajayanti Fellowship by the central government for 2017-18?
   (1) Nageswara Rao  (2) Punyasloke Bhaduri  (3) Sumit Bhattacharjee  (4) A Prasanna Kumar

213. Kerch Strait, which is in news recently, connects the Sea of Azov from which of the following seas?
   (1) Mediterranean Sea  (2) Caspian Sea  (3) Red Sea  (4) Black Sea

214. Playback singer Mohammed Aziz, who passed away recently, was from which state?
   (1) West Bengal  (2) Assam  (3) Telangana  (4) Andhra Pradesh

215. Which of the following countries is the partner country at the 2018 International Gita Festival?
   (1) Sri Lanka  (2) Nepal  (3) Mauritius  (4) Myanmar

216. Who is the recipient of the 2018 Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi LTA for Classical Music?
   (1) Ronu Majumdar  (2) Hariprasad Chaurasia  (3) Rakesh Chaurasia  (4) Keshav Ginde

217. Which state government has launched the ‘DataCity’ to foster innovation and solve global challenges?
   (1) Karnataka  (2) Odisha  (3) Kerala  (4) Himachal Pradesh

218. The National Milk Day (NMD-2018) is celebrated on which of the following dates in India?
   (1) November 26  (2) November 27  (3) November 28  (4) November 25

219. Which city is the venue of the first-ever Sustainable Blue Economy Conference 2018?
   (1) Brasilia  (2) Cape Town  (3) New Delhi  (4) Nairobi

220. The University of Auckland has signed its first strategic partnership with which of the Indian institutes for research tie-up?
   (1) IIT Kanpur  (2) IIT Bombay  (3) IIT Madras  (4) IIT Kharagpur

221. What is the objective of Bhasha Sangam initiative launched by HRD ministry recently?
   (1) To provide multilingual exposure to students in Indian languages
   (2) To provide financial support to authors of Indian languages
   (3) To provide an online platform to Indian language authors
   (4) To encourage Indian diaspora to promote Indian languages

222. The Indian Organ Donation Day (IODD-2018) is observed on which of the following dates?
   (1) November 27  (2) November 26  (3) November 29  (4) November 30

223. Which state has been adjudged the Best State in Organ Donation at the 9th Indian Organ Donation Day (IODD-2018)?
   (1) Karnataka  (2) Tamil Nadu  (3) Punjab  (4) Maharashtra

224. The chairman of UPSC is appointed by President under which of the following articles of constitution?
   (1) Article 317  (2) Article 316  (3) Article 315  (4) Article 320

225. Which of the following movies has won the coveted Golden Peacock Award at the 49thIFFI 2018?
   (1) When the Trees Fall  (2) Ee Ma Y au  (3) Walking with the Wind(4) Donbass

226. Who has been conferred the Best Director Award at IFFI 2018?
   (1) Sergei Loznitsa  (2) Praveen Morchhale  (3) Lijo Jose Pellissery  (4) Anastasiia Pustovit
227. Which of the following Indian movies has won the 2018 ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Medal?
   1) Baaram
   2) Walking with the Wind
   3) Saranalayam
   4) Paarka Thonuthe

228. Which of the following states has become the first Indian state to launch a single emergency number “112”?
   1) Sikkim
   2) Assam
   3) Karnataka
   4) Himachal Pradesh

229. Which city is the venue of the 13th G20 summit 2018?
   1) Paris
   2) New York
   3) Buenos Aires
   4) Sydney

230. Which launch vehicle has successfully launched ISRO’s HysIS satellite into the orbit?
   1) PSLV-C41
   2) PSLV-C43
   3) PSLV-C44
   4) PSLV-C42

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**GK & CA ANSWER KEYS**

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The False Human Belief

As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at anytime can break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. “Well,” trainer said, “when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it’s enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free.”

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn’t, they were stuck right where they were.

Like the elephants, how many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it once before?

Moral: Failure is a part of learning. We should never give up the struggle in life. You Fail not because you are destined to fail, but because there are lessons which you need to learn as you move on with your life.

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