

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

MONTH OF JANUARY-2020

List of Important Days

- January 2 - National Science Fiction Day.
- January 4 - World Braille Day.
- January 9 - 16th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas.
- January 10 -World Hindi Day.
- January 12 -National Youth Day celebrated in India on the birthday of **Swami Vivekananda**.
- January 15 - Indian Army Day.
- January 19 - 15th Raising Day Celebrated By National Disaster Response Force
- January 26 - Republic Day.
- January 26 - The International Customs Day (ICD).
- January 27 - International Day Of Commemoration International Holocaust Remembrance Day. (Theme - "75 years after Auschwitz - Holocaust Education and Remembrance for Global Justice").

Reserve Bank of India

- Reserve Bank of India, **RBI** has launched a mobile app, **MANI**, Mobile Aided Note Identifier, to help **visually challenged people** to identify denomination of **currency notes**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has allowed **electronic mandate** for the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** on recurring payments of up to **Rs 2,000**, bringing the payment system at par with other instruments such as debit cards, credit cards and mobile wallets.
- The **RBI** has amended the **KYC norms** allowing banks and other lending institutions regulated by it to use **Video based Customer** Identification Process (V-CIP), a move which will help them onboard customers remotely.
- Digital payments body NPCI launches Blockchain-based '**Vajra Platform**' to make payments fast & secure.

State Bank of India

- **SBI** introduced **one-time password** for every cash withdrawal of Rs 10,000 and above between 8 am and 8 pm.
 - The OTP-based cash withdrawal will be effective from **January 1, 2020** across all SBI ATMs.
- The **State Bank of India** has announced '**residential builder finance with buyer guarantee**' (RBBG) scheme which was implemented by RBI.
 - Aim - to giving a push to residential sales and improve homebuyers' confidence.

Other Banks

- The two Indian private sector lenders **Axis Bank** and **ICICI Bank** to close their operations in **Sri Lanka** after the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has permitted.
- **Yes Bank** board approves 10,000 crore funding in one or more tranches through a qualified institutional placement (QIP), or any other private placement of equity or debt.

Insurance

- **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has **mandated** all the health and General Insurance Companies (GICs) to offer 1st of its kind standardised health insurance products (SHIP) in the name "**Arogya Sanjeevani**" policy with effect from April 1, 2020.

Election Commission

- Delhi Chief Electoral Officer **Ranbir Singh** has said that **booth app** will be used in 11 Assembly Constituencies in the national capital during the Assembly polls.
- **Postal Ballot facility** has been made available for the **Super Senior Citizens** (over 80 years of age) and **PwDs** in the Delhi Assembly Election.

States

- Delhi government's naming committee has decided to rename **Pragati Maidan Metro station** as **Supreme Court Metro Station**.
 - Naming committee in its meeting also decided to rename **Mukarba Chowk** and its flyover after Kargil war martyr Captain **Vikram Batra** and **Mehrauli - Badarpur Road** as **Acharya Sri Mahapragya Marg**.
- The **Andhra Pradesh** Government announced that it will **deliver sand at customers' doorsteps**.
- **Maharashtra** Government has launched a '**Cyber Safe Women**' initiative under which awareness camps will be held across all the districts of the state regarding cyber safety.
- **UPSRTC** (Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation) has launched '**Damini**' helpline service considering the safety of the women passengers.
 - As the extension of '**Nirbhaya Yojana**' the unique number "81142-77777" has been subscribed for this helpline.
- **Kolkata Police** has started the 3rd edition of '**Sukanya**' project. The project aims to provide self-defence training to **girls studying in schools and colleges** in the city.
 - The third batch of '**Sukanya**' started at 100 city-based schools and colleges situated in Kolkata Police jurisdiction.
- **Uttar Pradesh** (UP) became the 1st state in India to conduct an exercise to **shortlist migrants** from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan for eligibility under the new **Citizenship Amendment Act** (CAA) 2019.
- **Gujarat** Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has announced the setting up of the **Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center** (VSCIC) to identify, nurture and promote children's innovation in the state.
- **West Bengal** Government will provide **insurance** coverage of **five lakh rupees** each to the **Ganga Sagar pilgrims**.
- In **Jammu and Kashmir**, the Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation has approved 17 projects worth over **110 crore** rupee for funding, submitted by the line departments for funding by the Corporation.
- Transport department in **Maharashtra** observed 31st **Road Safety Week** from 11th-17th Jan 2020.
- **Gujarat** Chief Minister Vijay Rupani launches 7th **Economic Census Process** in Gujarat.
- **Karnataka, Bengaluru** has come up with a Centre for **Excellence in Blockchain Technology**.

11. Place in the News

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** dedicated the new campus of **National Fire Service College** (NFSC) under Ministry of Home affairs in **Nagpur**.
- Narendra Modi celebrated the 150th anniversary of the historic **Kolkata Port Trust** and renamed the port after Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee**.

Personalities

- The birth anniversary of the tenth Sikh Guru, **Guru Gobind Singh ji** is being celebrated on 2nd January.

- India's star batsman, **Rohit Gurunath Sharma** has laid the foundation of Cricket Stadium and Training Center at 'Heartfulness Institute's headquarters in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.
 - The cricket stadium has been named as "**Rohit Sharma Cricket stadium**" by spiritual guru Kamlesh Patel.
- A signed dress worn by **Serena Williams** at her first tournament of the year is being auctioned off to **raise funds** for firefighters tackling **Australia's** unprecedented bushfire emergency.

Defence and National Security

- **Russia's** 1st missile unit equipped with **Avangard Hypersonic glide vehicle** enters into service.
- **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** observes 2020 as the "**Year of Mobility**" for the welfare of the troops.
- 12th naval exercise '**Naseem-Al-Bahr**' between **India** and **Oman** held in **Goa**.
- First tri-dimensional expedition '**Maha-Navy Connect 2020**' was launched by Indian Navy in **Mumbai**.
- **Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL)** has recently released food items that will be part of the space menu of **Gaganyaan**.
- Two Indian Coast Guard Ships (**ICGS**) - **Annie Besant** and **Amrit Kaur** were commissioned by Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar at **Kolkata**.
- Captain **Tania Shergill**, an officer with Army's Corps of Signals, will be the first woman parade adjutant for the **Republic Day parade**.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh dedicated to the nation the **51st K9 Vajra** self-propelled Howitzer gun made by L&T at Hazira in **Gujarat**.
- India successfully Test-Fired **K-4 Ballistic Missile** from **Andhra Pradesh**.

Schemes/Initiatives

- Minister of State (I/C) for Civil Aviation launched the **Biometric enabled Centralized Access Control System (CACS)** and '**e-BCAS Project Training Module**'.
 - The two projects aims to enhance security and ease of doing business at airports.
- Gujarat Chief Minister **Vijay Rupani** unveils the **second** tallest statue of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** in the world at **Ahmedabad**.
- First **Silk Processing Plant** was inaugurated at Surendra agar in **Gujarat** by **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** which would help cut down the cost of production of silk yarn drastically and increases the sale and availability of raw material for Gujarati Patola Sarees locally.
- The **Women Science Congress** was inaugurated at the ongoing Indian Science Congress in **Bengaluru**.
 - DRDO Aeronautical Systems Director-General **Dr Tessy Thomas** who is known as **Missile Woman of India** graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.
- AI powered **National Stock Exchange Knowledge Hub** inaugurated in **New Delhi**.
- Union Home Minister has laid the foundation stone of **Delhi Cycle Walk project**.
 - The project will be installed at Tughlakabad in the **National Capital New Delhi**.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** laid foundation stone to **Lakshadweep's first Super Specialty Hospital** at **Kavaratti**.
- The Union Minister of Commerce and Industries inaugurated the **National Stock Exchange (NSE) Knowledge Hub** in **New Delhi**.

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** inaugurated the **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre** in **New Delhi** and National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (www.cybercrime.gov.in).
- The Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit of India “**AASHVAST**” in Gandhinagar, **Gujarat**.
 - 2 other projects – VISWAS (Video Integration and State Wide Advanced Security) & Netrang (Command and Control Room).
- **I&B Ministry** organize **Digital Exhibition** on 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in **Bellary** at the venue of Hampi Utsav at the world heritage site of Vijayanagara empire ruins.
- Minister Prahlad Singh Patel launched an exhibition titled “**Indian Heritage in Digital Space**” at National Museum, **New Delhi**.
- In **Uttar Pradesh**, various programs under ‘**Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat**’ has been organized.
 - **Arunachal Pradesh** is the **partner** state of Uttar Pradesh, so cultural exchanges also took place between the two states.
- Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched mission **PURVODAYA**, which aims at accelerated development of eastern India through integrated steel hub in Kolkata, West Bengal.
 - The mission will drive India’s march towards USD 5 trillion economy set by the government.
- Smriti Irani launches **Yashaswini Scheme** for Women entrepreneurship in **Goa**.
- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu is scheduled to inaugurate a new **Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Telugu** in **Nellore** district of Andhra Pradesh.
- Mega campaign on fuel conservation ‘**Saksham**’ inaugurated in New Delhi.
- PM Modi, **Nepal** PM Oli to jointly inaugurate Integrated Check Post **Biratnagar**.
- 12th **National Tribal Youth Exchange Programme** inaugurated in **Puducherry**.
- National integration camp highlighting ‘**Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat**’ Scheme begins in Madurai, **Tamil Nadu**.
- The world’s largest meditation centre and the global headquarters of the Heartfulness Institute will be inaugurated in **Hyderabad**.

Summit/Conference

- 27th edition of **National Children’s Science Congress (NCSC)** 2019 held in Mar Ivanios College in Thiruvananthapuram, **Kerala** from December 27 -31,2019.
 - Theme - “Science, Technology and Innovation for a clean, green and healthy nation”
- 3-days long **14th Global Healthcare Summit (GHS)** held in **Visakhapatnam**, Andhra Pradesh (AP) for the 1st time.
- Minister of Home Affairs (MoHA) Shri Amit Shah has been announced to **head** the Group of Ministers (GOM) to discuss and examine the proposed **National Tariff Policy** 2016.
- **Fifth Asia Pacific Drosophila Research Conference** was held at **Pune**.
- The 5th edition of the **Asia Pacific Drosophila Research Conference (APDRC5)** held in **Pune**, Maharashtra.
- India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA) announced that the 5th edition **The Pulses Conclave** will be held from 12th to 14th February, 2020 at Amby Valley City in Lonavala, **Maharashtra**.
- **World Future Energy Summit** held in **Abu Dhabi, UAE**.
- The 7th conference of **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association**, India region was held in State capital **Lucknow**.
- The 5th edition of the prestigious **Raisina Dialogue** kicked-off in New Delhi.

- Union Territory **Ladakh** is hosting the first ever **Food Processing Summit** to attract investors to the region.
- Om Birla inaugurates 7th conference of **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)** India Region in **Lucknow**
 - Theme - “**ROLE OF LEGISLATORS**”.
- 3rd edition of **North Zone Conference** of Media Units Of I&B Ministry held in Jammu.
- Ravi Shankar Prasad to inaugurate Second Edition Of NIC Tech Conclave-2020 in New Delhi.
 - **Theme** - “Technologies for Next-Gen Governance”.
- 10th **World Future Energy Summit 2020** held in Abu Dhabi, **UAE**.
- 2-day ‘**Innovation Festival**’ begins at Science Centre in **Itanagar**.
- The **Ganga-Volga Dialogue** was held between **India** and **Russia** in New Delhi.

Agreement/Deal/Signed

- Government of **India** signed MoU with **Flipkart** for **selling the products made by women self help** group under **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)** on e-commerce platform.
- **HDFC Life Insurance**, a long-term life insurance provider has entered into the partnership with **Paytm**, an Indian e-commerce payment system to allow the latter’s 450 million registered customers to purchase insurance products from HDFC Life.
 - HDFC Life had already tied up with India’s 2nd largest telecom company - **Airtel** to issue product portfolio within seconds.
- **India** and **Pakistan** exchanged their **nuclear installations** under an agreement that prevents them from attacking each other’s atomic facilities.
- **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas** signed the contracts for 7 blocks, awarded under **Open Acreage Licensing Programme (OALP) Bid Round – IV**.
- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)**, an Indian Multinational, public sector Bank has signed a co-lending partnership agreement with **JM Financial Home Loans Limited (JMFHL)**, the housing finance arm of **JM Financial Group**, to provide retail loans to home buyers.
- **Indian bank** has signed a MoU with **Women Entrepreneurs Welfare Association (WEWA)** of **Tamil Nadu (TN)** to provide training and credit linkage to its women entrepreneurs to establish business.
- **Common Service Centres (CSC) e-Governance Services India** has signed a memorandum of understanding with **Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL)** for sale of **FASTags**.
- India’s leading Digital lending startup, **RevFin** has joined hands with **PNB MetLife India Insurance Company** to offer protection to the RevFin’s customers by bundling life insurance cover on their loans.
- **India, Bangladesh** Sign MoU for content exchange programme between All India Radio and Bangladesh Betar.
- **Arunachal Pradesh** signed a MoU with **International Union for Conservation of Nature’s (IUCN)** to red listing of orchids.

Meet/Visit

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** visited to Karnataka.
 - Prime Minister takes part in the **Krishi award** function in Karnataka. He will hand over Krishi Karman Award to **21 states** that have recorded good **agriculture production** in various categories during the previous crop seasons.

- In **Karnataka**, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** electronically released **12,000 crore rupees** under **Pradhan Mantri Samaan Yojana** to **six crore farmers** in Tumakuru.
- The fishermen of **Tamil Nadu** and **Karnataka** were also given deep sea fishing boats and transponders that will help them to navigate in the deep sea.
- He also dedicates **five DRDO Young Scientists Laboratories** to the nation.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited the **Shri Siddhaganga Mutt** in Tumkuru, Karnataka and laid the foundation stone for a memorial **museum** of **Shri Shri Shivakumar Swamiji**.
- The 6th meeting of the **Island Development Agency (IDA)** was chaired by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi.
- Union Minister **Piyush Goyal** to lead Indian in 50th **World Economic Forum** in **Switzerland**.
 - **Theme** - 'Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World'.

Bills

- **Kerala** became the 1st state in the country to pass a **resolution against the Citizenship Amendment Act**.
- The **Citizenship (Amendment) Act** has come into effect from **10 January 2020**.
 - According to the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, members of **six minorities** communities who have come to India from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan till December 31, 2014 facing religious persecution there **will not** be treated as **illegal immigrants** but given Indian citizenship.
 - The minorities communities are Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian to whom citizenship will be granted.

Fund

- **India** has extended a line of credit (LoC) of **USD 75 million** (over Rs 500 crore) to **Cuba**. The line of credit is being provided to finance **solar parks** in Cuba.
 - The line of credit is as per agreement signed between **Export-Import Bank of India** (Exim Bank) and **Banco Exterior De Cuba** for installation of 75 MW Photovoltaic Solar Parks.

Economy

- **Indian economy** is estimated to grow at **5 per cent** in 2019-20 as against 6.8 per cent in the previous fiscal by National Statistical Office (NSO).
- **National Statistical Office (NSO)** projects **India's GDP growth** rate for 2019-20 at **5%**.
- **Deutsche Bank** projects **India's Economy** to reach **\$7 Trillion** by **2030**.
 - Deutsche Bank releases its research report 'Imagine 2030'.
- The **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)** had **grown** by **0.2 per cent** in November 2019.
- **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** lowers India's 2019 growth forecast to **4.8%** from 6.1%.

Companies/Industry

- **Flipkart** co-founder and former CEO Sachin Bansal has reportedly acquired **DHFL General Insurance** from Wadhawan Group Capital (WGC) for around Rs 100 crore.
- **Amazon** to invest **\$1 Billion** to digitize Small And Medium Businesses in India.
- Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda launched the **APNA UREA - SonaUgle** brand of Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited (HURL) at a function in New Delhi.
- **Zomato** has acquired **Uber Eats**, the food delivery business of ridehailing giant Uber India for around Rs 2,485 crore (\$350 million) in an all-stock deal.

- Western Union joins hands with **Airtel Payments Bank & Airtel Africa** for Money Transfer Service.

Stock Market

- Market regulator **SEBI** has extended the deadline given to companies to **separate the roles of chairman and managing director** by two years till **April 2022**.

Exports/Imports

- Government has slashed **import duty** on **refined palmolein** from **50 per cent to 45 per cent** and **crude palm oil (CPO)** from **40 per cent to 37.5 per cent** with immediate effect.
 - The duty cut has been made under the ASEAN agreement and the India-Malaysia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (IMCECA).

Space

- **India** will launch **Chandrayaan-3** in **2020**.
- **Indian Space Research Organization** will establish a **second** launch port in **Thoothukodi** district in Tamilnadu exclusively to launch small satellite launch vehicles.
- On the progress made in India's first manned mission to outer space **Gaganyaan**, the process of Astronaut selection is over and four men selected from **Indian Air Force** will leave for **Russia** to get training.
 - The Gaganyaan mission is targeted to be launched by **2022**.
- **ISRO** proposed **2,700 crores** of infrastructure plan to construct **Human Space Flight Infrastructure Centre**.
 - The facility is to be set up at Challakere, Chitradurga district of **Karnataka** and is expected to become operational in three years.
- India's "high power" communication satellite **GSAT-30** was successfully launched onboard **Ariane 5** rocket from French Guiana.

Science and Technology

- **IIT Guwahati** researchers develop materials to produce **energy** from **Water** on a small scale.

Health/Diseases/Drugs

- In the honour of 200th birth anniversary of **Florence Nightingale**, the **World Health Organization** designated the year 2020 as the "**Year of Nurse and Midwife**".

Energy/Gas/Oil

- Union Minister for Road Transport **Nitin Gadkari** asserted that he wants to create a **50,000-crore** rupees **ethanol economy**.
- Union Government released the **State Energy Efficiency Index 2019**, which tracks the progress of Energy Efficiency initiatives in 36 States and Union Territories.
- '**Saksham**', an annual one-month long fuel conservation mega campaign of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, was launched in **Delhi**.

Education

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's** interaction programme **Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020** with a cross-section of Students and Teachers from India and abroad to beat exam stress has been rescheduled to 20th January 2020.
- Neutral pronoun '**they**' has been voted word of the decade by US language experts.

- **Aunties, uncles & tube lights** have made it to the latest edition of **Oxford dictionary**, with 26 new Indian English words being added to a total of 384 existing ones.

Transport/Cars/Scooters

- The **Indian Railways** has integrated its **helpline** numbers into a single number – **139** for quick grievance redressal and enquiries by passengers during their train journeys.
- The **Indian Railways** has renamed its security force **RPF** (Railway Protection Force) as **Indian Railway Protection Force Service**.
- **Navigation facilities for visually impaired** was inaugurated in **Chandigarh** railway station in Punjab.
 - This facility has been introduced by the Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation through NGO '**Anuprayaas**'.
 - It is fifth in the country and first in North India to have this facility for visually impaired.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (**DPIIT**), has launched **paperless licensing** process for road **tankers** for transportation of petroleum.
- The state of art- new **Tejas Express** train between **Ahmedabad** and **Mumbai** Central has been flagged off by Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani at Ahmedabad Railway Station.

Films and Film Festival

- The 18th edition of **Dhaka International Film Festival** began on 11th Jan in Dhaka, **Bangladesh**.
 - **Theme** - 'Better Film, Better Audience and Better Society'.
 - The **Iranian** film '**Castle of Dreams**' directed by Reza Mirakarimi won the Best Film Award in Asian. The film also won the Best Director Award. Event held in Dhaka.
 - In the Asian Competition segment, **Sri Lankan** director Prasanna Vithanage's film 'Children of the Sun' won **Special Jury Award**.
 - In Bangladesh Panorama Section, '**No Dorai**' directed by Taneem Rahman Angshu bagged the Best Film Award.
 - Indian film 'Finally Love' directed by Anjan Dutt bagged **Best Audience Award** in Cinema of the World Category.
- The fifth edition of **Science Film Festival** of India, SCI-FFI 2020, was kick-started in **Goa's** capital city Panaji.
 - A special workshop titled 'Million SoUL' will also be conducted by IIT Bombay on training about making solar lamps.
- 9th **International Children's Film Festival** begins in **Kolkata** with the screening of Aizaz Khan directed Hamid.
 - **Theme** - 'Under the World'.

Festival

- Human Resources Development Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal** inaugurated the 28th edition of annual **New Delhi World Book Fair** at Pragati Maidan in **New Delhi**.
 - **Theme** - Gandhi: The Writers' Writer
- In **Tripura**, **Lai Haraoba**, a ritualistic festival observed by Manipuri meitei communities since ancient times, began in Agartala.
- **Mizoram** State Government is organizing **Zo Kutpui** festival across 10 states in the country and also in countries such as Myanmar, US and Bangladesh.
- The fourth '**Buxa Bird Festival**' has begun in Buxa National Park in **West Bengal's** Alipurduar district.
- **Maharashtra** Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray will inaugurate "**Advantage Maharashtra expo 2020**" in **Aurangabad**.

- The Exhibition has been organized by the Marathwada Association of Small Scale Industries and Agriculture (MASSIA).
- **Bangladesh** host the first phase of **Bishwa Ijtema**, the second largest congregation of Muslim community after Hajj, from January 10 to 12, 2020 in **Dhaka**.
- **Lohri** is popular festival in north India, particularly in the Indian state of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Jammu and Chandigarh.
- The 23rd **National Youth Festival (NYF) 2020** has been scheduled to be held from 12-16 January at Indira Pratishthan, **Lucknow**.
 - **Theme** - "FIT YOUTH FIT INDIA".
- The famous **Parshuram Kund Mela** began in **Arunachal Pradesh** on the eve of Makar Sankranti.
- The festival of **Maghe Sankranti** is being celebrated with gaiety and religious fervor in **Nepal**.
- **Chapchar Kut**, the biggest and most important festival of the Mizos, will be celebrated by the Government of **Mizoram** on March 6, 2020.

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), has approved the extension in the deputation tenure of **Special Protection Group (SPG) director, Arun Kumar Sinha**.
- Former US Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** has been appointed the new **chancellor of Queen's University** in Belfast, Ireland.
- Mr. **Umesh Sinha** has been re-employed as the **Deputy Election Commissioner (DEC)** after the approval by the Appointments Committee of the cabinet (ACC).
- The **Andhra Pradesh** government-appointed Indian Administrative Service (IAS) official **Dr Kritika Shukla** and Indian Police Service (IPS) official **M Deepika**, as Special Officers for implementing the **Andhra Pradesh Disha Act 2019**.
 - The Act is intended for speedy trial and **faster** execution in cases of **sexual offences against women** in the state.
- The chief of Delhi AIIMS' ENT head-neck surgery department, Professor **Suresh Chandra Sharma**, was appointed the **chairman of National Medical Commission**.
- **Abhinav Kumar** gets extension as **Border Security Force (BSF) Inspector General (IG)**.
- Former Director General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) **Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar** has been appointed as **Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir**.
- Two Indian origin women, Judge **Archana Rao** and Judge **Deepa Ambedkar** have been appointed as judges to criminal and civil courts of **New York**.
- A **Sakthivel** has been appointed as the new **chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council of India (AEPC)** for the period 2020-21. He will replace **HKL Magu**.
- **Tsai Ing-wen** has secured a second term in office in **Taiwan** after winning the **presidential** election with 57.1 per cent of the votes.
- **Robert Abela** will replace Joseph Muscat, who is stepping down as close associates of his have come under scrutiny after the killing of a journalist.
- **Oman** has named **Haitham bin Tariq Al Said** as the country's new ruler following the death of his cousin Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said.
- IPS officer **Anand Prakash Maheshwari** took over as the new director general of the **CRPF**.
- **Bipul Behari Saha**, a noted chemist has been elected as a bureau member of the **International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)** for the period 2020-23.
- **Michael Patra** will serve as the **deputy governor** for three years from the time of his appointment.

- Senior Advocate **Harish Salve** has been appointed the **Queen's Counsel** for the courts of England and Wales.
- **Alok Kansal** took over the charge as General Manager of **Western Railway**.
- IPS officer **Anand Prakash Maheshwari** took over as the new director general of the CRPF.
- Union Minister **Arjun Munda** was elected as President of the suspended **Archery Association of India** (AAI) in its much-delayed elections.
- General **Satinder Kumar Saini** appointed as the New Vice Chief Of Army Staff.
- The Government of India has appointed **Nripendra Misra** as the chairperson of the executive council and Dr A Surya Prakash as the vice-chairperson of the executive council of the **Nehru Memorial Museum and Library** (NMML).
- **Sanjiv Chadha** appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive of **Bank Of Baroda**.
 - **Lingam Venkat Prabhakar** as MD & CEO of **Canara Bank**.
 - **Atanu Kumar Das** as MD & CEO of **Bank of India**.
- **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw** fourth Indian to receive highest **Australian Civilian Honour**.
- The Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia(FEMBoSA) has got a new chairman- **Sunil Arora** for the year 2020.

Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- Director-General, All India Radio, **F. Sheheryar** has retired from service.
- **Australian** cricketer **Peter Siddle** has announced his retirement from international cricket after 11 years in the game.
- Indian all-rounder **Irfan Pathan** announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Veteran former **Italy** international **Daniele De Rossi** announced his retirement from football, just six months after joining Argentine giants Boca Juniors.
- Prime Minister **Oleksiy Honcharuk** tendered his resignation to President Volodymyr Zelenskiy after less than six months in the role.

Deaths

- Nagaland Legislative Assembly Speaker **Vikho-o Yhoshü** passed away at Mumbai hospital.
- Senior Nationalist Congress Party leader and former MP, **D P Tripathi** passed away in Delhi after a prolonged illness.
- **Iran's** top commander General **Qassim Soleimani** has been killed in a **U.S. drone strike** in **Baghdad**.
- Eminent Assamese dramatist, litterateur and social activist **Ratna Ojha** passed away.
- Former Governor of Karnataka **T N Chaturvedi** passed away.
- Former West Germany football Goalkeeper **Hans Tilkowski** passed away.
- Painter and artist **Akbar Padamsee**, 91 years old, died at the Isha Yoga Ashram near Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
- Oman's Sultan **Qaboos**, one of the longest serving rulers of middle east, passed away.
- Kerala Cartoonist and Secretary of Kerala Cartoon Academy **Thomas Antony** passed away.
- Portuguese motorcycle rider **Paulo Goncalves** died after a crash in the seventh stage of the Dakar Rally in Saudi Arabia.
- National award winning film director from Odisha **Manmohan Mahapatra** passed away.

- Indian Classical singer **Sunanda Patnaik** Passes Away.
- World's shortest man **Khagendra Thapa Magar** Passes Away.
- **Kobe Bryant**, 41-year-old National Basketball Association (NBA) legend and his 13-year-old daughter, **Gianna** died in a helicopter crash in the city of Calabasas, California.
- Eminent artist and sculptor **Sher Singh Kukkal** dies at 86.

Awards/Honours

- **Sanjay Gupta**, the editor-in-chief of 'Jagran' will be honored with "**Lokmanya Tilak National Journalism Award**" for his great contribution in the field of Journalism.
- **B Sai Deepak** has set a Guinness World Records for **most side lunges** in 60 seconds.
- Famous Portuguese professional football player **Cristiano Ronaldo** was awarded by **Globe Soccer Award** as the best **men's player of the year** in the international football function held in **Dubai**.
 - England international **Lucy Bronze** was awarded the **best women's player of the year**.
- **Krishnamachari Srikanth & Anjum Chopra** will be conferred with the **CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award**.
- A 13-year-old Dubai-based Indian girl **Sucheta Satish** has won the **100 Global Child Prodigy Award** in Delhi.
- **Aayushi Dholakia** has bagged the title of **Miss Teen International 2019**.
 - She also bagged the titles of **Best in National Costume Award** and **Best in Speech Award**.
 - **Yessenia Garcia** from Paraguay and **Anicia Gaothusi** from Botswana became the First and second Runners-Up respectively.
 - **Thu Phan** from Vietnam was adjudged Miss Teen Asia.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister **Prakash Javadekar** conferred the first **Antarrashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman** to 30 media houses in New Delhi.
- Indian-origin **Jasbinder Bilan** has been conferred the **UK's famous Costa Children's Award 2019**.
 - He has won the award for his debut novel '**Asha and the Spirit Bird**'.
- **BCCI Annual Awards:**
 - Event held in **Mumbai**.
 - COL. C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award - **Kris Srikanth**
 - BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award in women's category - **Anjum Chopra**
 - BCCI Special Award - **Dilip Joshi**
 - **POLLY Polly Umrigar** Award for Best International Cricketer in men's category - **Jasprit Bumrah**
 - Best International Cricketer in women's category - **Poonam Yadav**
 - Best International debut in men's category - **Mayank Agarwal**
 - Best International in men's category - **Shafali Verma**
 - Dilip Sardesai Award - Highest Run Getter in Test Cricket (Male) - **Cheteshwar Pujara**
 - Dilip Sardesai Award - Highest Wicket taker in Test Cricket (Male) - **Jasprit Bumrah**
 - Highest Run Getter in women's category - **Smriti Mandhana**
 - Highest Wicket taker ODIs in women's category - **Jhulan Goswami**
 - Best umpire in domestic cricket - **Virendra Sharma**
 - Best performance in domestic tournaments - **Vidarbha Cricket Association**
 - Lala Amarnath Award for Best all-rounder in Ranji Trophy - **Shivam Dube**
- The 182-meter tall **Statue of Unity** in **Gujarat** has been included in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's '**8 Wonders of SCO**' list.

- Famous Agricultural Scientist **Dr M S Swaminathan** was honoured as the first recipients '**Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence**' for his distinguished contribution to the field of agriculture.
 - **Dr Gutta Muniratnam** also was chosen for 'Muppavarapu National Award for Social Service'.
- A 10-year-old British Indian yoga boy **Ishwar Sharma** wins Global Child Prodigy Award.
- **Puri, Odisha** has been awarded for its initiatives for plastic waste management with the **Swachhata Darpan Awards 2019**.
- ICC Awards 2019:
 - ICC also released the **Test XI** and **ODI Team** of the year. Indian captain **Virat Kohli** leads both the teams of the year.
 - Rohit Sharma - ODI player of the year
 - Pat Cummins - Test player of the year
 - Marnus Labuschagne - Emerging player of the year award
 - Virat Kohli - Spirit of the game award
 - Umpire of the year - Richard Illingworth (England)
 - T20I Performance of the Year - Deepak Chahar
 - Associate Cricketer of the Year - Kyle Coetzer (Scotland)
- Sindhi writer **Vasdev Mohi** to be conferred with 29th **Saraswati Samman**
 - He has been selected for this prestigious literary award for his short stories collection- **Chequebook**.
- '**CVIGIL**' And '**Voter Helpline App**' won **E-Governance Award Of Excellence 2019** in Bhubaneswar, **Odisha**.
- President of India Presents 14th **Ramnath Goenka Excellence** in Journalism Awards ceremony held in New Delhi.
- Government announces **141 Padma Awards** for this year on occasion of 71st Republic Day
 - The list comprises of 7 Padma Vibhushan, 16 Padma Bhushan and 118 Padma Shri awards.
 - 34 awardees are women and 18 foreigners. 12 persons are awarded posthumously.
- Graphic designer **Sneha Pamneja** wins **Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2020** for 'Tiffin' at 13th Jaipur Literature Festival.
- Journalist & Hindu group Chairman **N Ram** honoured with **Kerala's National Media Award**.
- **N Kumar**, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, has been conferred '**Harit Ratna Award 2019**' by the All India Agricultural Students Association for dissemination of Rs 30 Crore entrepreneurship project in agri-business.

Sports/Game

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) plans to **scrap five-day Tests** from **2023**.
 - The ICC could make **four-day Tests** mandatory from 2023 as part of the World Test Championship, primarily to free up the crowded calendar.
- Former India skipper **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** was picked as captain of ESPN Cricinfo's **ODI and Twenty20** teams of the decade, while **Virat Kohli** was named the leader in **Tests**.
 - Former skipper **Mithali Raj** and fast bowler **Jhulan Goswami** were named in the same women's team picked for both the ODIs and T20s.
 - Australia's inspirational cricketer, **Meg Lanning** was named the **captain** of the side.
- **Jeremy Lalrinnunga**, who became the first Indian to win a gold at the **Youth Olympic Games** is now preparing for a berth at the **2020 Tokyo Olympics**.
- 5th Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) **National Ice Hockey Championship -2020** has begun in **Leh**.

- **Leh-Ladakh**, the home teams won the 5th Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) National Ice Hockey Championship -2020 in both Boys and Girls categories.
- 18-years-old **Malavath Poorna** from Telangana scaled **Mt Vinson Massif**, the highest mountain peak in Antarctica at 4,892 meters and becomes the first and youngest tribal women in the World to scale six mountain peaks in six continents.
 - 'Poorna', a biography of **Poorna Malavath** was written by **Aparna Thota**.
- Shri Nityanand Rai inaugurated the **4th All India Police Judo Cluster Championship 2019**.
 - This event organized by CRPF.
- Young Indian paddler **Manav Thakkar** became **world no.1** in the latest **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)** rankings in the Under-21 men's singles category.
 - Thakkar became the **fourth** Indian to achieve the feat after Harmeet Desai, G Sathiyam and Soumyajit Ghosh.
- Chief Executive Officer of "**Khelo India Games**" has announced the inclusion of "**Lawn bowls**" and "**Cycling**" in the 3rd edition of Khelo India Games.
 - This event held in **Guwahati, Assam**.
- The 63rd **National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) 2019** in Small Bore Rifle & Pistol events (including Para events) was held at Shooting Academy Shooting Ranges, **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (MP)**.
- Indian shooter **Saurabh Chaudhary** has won the **men's 10 metres** air pistol gold medal at the 63rd **National Shooting Championship** in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**.
 - Second-placed **Sarabjot Singh** of Haryana, while world number two **Abhishek Verma** settled for bronze in a high-quality final.
- Sports Ministry has given 'in principle' approval to hold the **Commonwealth Games shooting and archery** events in **India**.
 - These events will be held under the aegis of the Commonwealth Games (CWG) Friendship Program in March 2022.
- First edition of **Khelo India University Games** is scheduled to be held at the **KIIT University** in **Bhubaneswar** from February 22nd to March 1st.
- **New Zealand's** batsman **Leo Carter** has become the **seventh batsman** in the history of cricket to smash six 6s in an over.
- India's **P Magesh Chandran** lifted the title in the 95th edition of the prestigious **Hastings International Chess Congress** at Hastings in **England**.
- Team Serbia (**Novak Djokovic**) beats Team Spain (**Rafael Nadal**) at ATP Cup at Ken Rosewall Arena in **Sydney**.
- Russia's **Ekaterina Alexandrova** captured her maiden WTA singles title at the **Shenzhen Open**, powering past past Kazakh tennis player Elena Rybakina.
- World number one **Kento Momota** (Japan) won the **Malaysia Masters** after easily defeating Denmark's Viktor Axelsen.
- **Sania Mirza** (India) and **Nadiia Kichenok** (Ukraine) have won the women's doubles title of the **WTA International trophy** at Hobart, Australia.
- ICC U-19 World Cup Cricket begins in **South Africa**.
- ICC ODI Rankings - **Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma** consolidate top batting positions; **Bumrah** tops **Bowling** chart.
- Thailand's **Ratchanok Intanon** lifted the Indonesia Badminton Masters 2020 women's singles title after defeating Carolina Marin.

- **India** has returned with **seven** medals from the **Rome Ranking Series (Wrestling)**.
- **Kuldeep Yadav** becomes fastest Indian Spinner to take 100 Wickets in ODIs.
- **Jacqueline Williams** of **Jamaica** becomes the 1st Woman third umpire in Men's T20I.
- **India's Federation Cup Games** moved from Virus-Hit **China** to **Kazakhstan**.
- Tennis player **Joao Souza** of Brazil **banned** for life due to Match-Fixing.
- The **World Archery** has **lifted** the **suspension** on **India** and hence allowed the Indian Archers to represent India in the upcoming International tournaments.

Report

- **NITI** (National Institution for Transforming India) **Aayog** has released the 2nd edition of **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India** Index and dashboard for the year 2019 in **New Delhi**.
 - **Kerala** topped the index with a score of 70.
- **India** for the first time ranks among the **top ten** in the **Climate Change Performance Index, CCPI**.
- **Kanhaiya Kumar, Prashant Kishor, and Mahua Moitra** have found a place in the **Forbes'** list of people to **watch in the 2020s**.
 - The list was topped by **Hasan Minhaj** who is the American comedian and political commentator.
- According to the **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)**, **Malappuram** (India) city ranks first among the top 10 **fastest-growing urban areas** in the world.
 - Kerala's **Kozhikode** has been ranked number 4; **Kollam** is in the tenth position.
 - **Vietnam's Can Tho** is in the second position while **China's** three cities (Suqian, Putian, and Suzhou) have included in the list.
- **India** under Narendra Modi is the **fifth** biggest **geopolitical risk of 2020**, said **Eurasia Group**, world's leading political risk consultancy.
 - It was topped by **US, Brexit issue** (Who Governs the US).
- **"The Global Risks Report 2020"** has been released by World Economic Forum.
- World Economic Forum (WEF) released 1st edition of a report titled **"The Global Social Mobility Report 2020: Equality, Opportunity and a New Economic Imperative"**.
 - As per the Index, **India** ranked in the **76th** position with a score of 42.7 while **Denmark** topped the list.
- United Nation Conference on Trade and Development released its report on **Global Investment Trend Monitor Report** for the year 2019.
 - India among top 10 recipients of FDI
- **Gujarat** ranked top for **Water Efficiency**, **Delhi** among **worst** performing states.
- **China** Ranked World's **Second** largest arms producer trailing behind US.

General - National

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has unveiled **infrastructure projects** worth **102 lakh crore** rupees that will be implemented in the next five years as a part of the government's spending push to the infrastructure sector.
- **Dr. Ambedkar's** memorial at **Indu Mills Compound** in Mumbai.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to social reformer **Savitribai Phule** on her birth anniversary on January 3.

- The **External affairs** ministry announced the setting up of new **emerging and strategic technologies** (NEST) division.
- **Census India-2021** will begin on **1st of April** this year and will end on **30th of September**.
 - Census India-2021 will be conducted through a **mobile phone application**, moving away from the traditional pen and paper.
- The **India Meteorological Department** (IMD) celebrated its 145th Foundation Day on 15 January 2020.
- Two villages namely **Bahadurpur and Kheri Viran** of Uttar Pradesh (UP) has set to become India's first '**Model Sports villages**' as a part of Institute of Management Technology (IMT) Ghaziabad, UP 'Adarsh Khel Gram' program.
- India to set up the **Maritime Research Coordination Centre** in Sri Lanka

General - International

- President of Nepal **Bidya Devi Bhandari** launched much-awaited **Visit Nepal Year 2020** campaign amidst a spectacular ceremony held at historic Dasaratha Rangashala in **Kathmandu**.
 - The ambitious campaign is aimed to promote tourism in Nepal and attract **2 million** tourists during the year 2020.
- Pacific island nation **Palau** ban on "reef-toxic" **sunscreens** takes effect.
 - The tiny Pacific island nation introduced strict **environmental measures**.
- **UAE** Cabinet has approved the issuance of a **five-year multi-entry tourist visa** for all nationalities visiting the country.
- The **Iranian** parliament approved a triple-urgency bill which designates the **US army** and the Pentagon as a terrorist entity.
 - The Bill further requires the government to allocate 200 million euro to the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Quds Force.
- Hong Kong Chief Executive says '**One Country, Two Systems**' can continue beyond 2047.
- **Sri Lankan** President decides Estate Workers' **Daily Wage** to be Rs.1,000 From March 1.

Books and Authors

- The book 'Essays & Reminiscences: A Festschrift in Honour of Nani A Palkhivala' was released to mark the birth centenary anniversary of Indian Jurist and Economist Nanaboy "Nani" Ardeshir Palkhivala. Book edited by the senior advocate Arvind Datar.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah released a book '**Karmayoddha Granth**' on the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Former Indian cricketer WV Raman's book '**The Winning Sixer**', released by **Anil Kumble** in Bengaluru, **Karnataka**.

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TO THE POINTS : JANUARY-2020

- The Global Family Day was celebrated every year on **January 1**.
- **Nagaland** has been declared as 'disturbed' and AFSPA has been extended for six more months.
- **Virat Kohli** has been picked as captain of ESPN Cricinfo's test series.
- The opening ceremony of the Third Khelo India youth games will take place in **Indira Gandhi** stadium.
- PPRTMS has been launched by the election commission to track applicants. **PPRTMS - Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System**.
- UIDAI has opened **28** Aadhaar Seva Kendras across the country recently.
- Central Equipment Identity Register has been launched by the government for **tracking stolen mobile phones**.
- **Pariksha pe Charcha**, the programme in which Prime Minister interacts with the cross section of Students and Teachers from India and abroad to beat exam stress.
- The National Green Corps scheme has been revived in **Jammu & Kashmir**.
- **Palau** has banned the 'reef-toxic' sunscreen and introduced strict environmental measures.
- **India** has recorded the highest number of babies born globally on New Year's Day.
- **RBI** has launched a mobile app for the visually challenged to identify denomination of currency notes.
- The GST collection for the month of December stood at **1.03** lac crore for the second time in a row.
- **Flipkart** has partnered with Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) to empower MSMEs.
- FSSAI has launched the 'Verified Milk Vendor Scheme' in **Gujarat**.
- 11-day long 'Dhanu Jatra' which is considered as the largest open air theatre will begin in **Odisha**.
- **Odisha** government has launched the e-certificate project to provide official documents such as income, residence and other certificates without any fees.
- Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar has inaugurated Atal Canteen in **Karnal**.
- **Kerala** has become the first one to pass the Anti-CAA Resolution amidst widespread protests in the country.
- **Kerala Travel Mart** is set to implement and support Green Cochin Mission.
- **SS Deswal** has been given additional charge of CRPF after the retirement of its DG, RR Bhatnagar.
- **Umaro Cissoko Embaló** has won the Guinea-Bissau presidential election.
- **VK Yadav** has been appointed as Chairman Railway Board for one year.
- **Rohan Shah** has been appointed by the Centre as India's Representative and Governor on the board of Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia ("ERIA").
- **Krishnamachari Srikanth** has won the CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award for being a member of the 1983 World Cup.
- **Sanjay Gupta** has been honoured with the Lokmanya Tilak journalism award.
- ISRO has acquired land for setting up its second space launch centre in **Tamil Nadu**.
- **MS Dhoni** has been picked as captain of ESPN Cricinfo's ODI and T20 teams of the decade.

- ICC has planned to scrap five-day Tests from **2023**.
- Palau has banned the 'reef-toxic' sunscreen and introduced strict environmental measures to protect marine life. **Tommy Remengesau** is the President of Palau.
- Third Khelo India youth games will be held in **Assam** in Jan 2020.
- Peter Siddle is related to **Cricket**.
- The Krishi Karman Awards and the 3rd installment of Rs 2000 to 6 crore beneficiaries under PM KISAN distributed by the Prime Minister from **Tumkur, Karnataka**.
- RBI has launched an app by the name of MANI to help the visually challenged in identifying denomination of currency notes. What is the full form of MANI - **Mobile Aided Note Identifier**.
- **Sunil Arora** is the Chief election commissioner.
- The government of **Andhra Pradesh** is planning the delivery of sand after its scarcity has hit construction sector.
- CEIR - **Central Equipment Identity Register**, used to facilitate blocking and tracking of stolen mobile phones.
- The integrated helpline number launched for Indian Railways is **139**.
- MalavathPoorna is a famous **Mountaineer**.
- Theme of the 36th International Geological Congress to be held in March 2020 - **Geosciences: The Basic Science for a Sustainable Future**.
- Social activist AlajangiViswanathSwamy, who passed away recently, was a former RajyaSabha member from **Odisha**.
- **PT Garuda Indonesia** is the world's most punctual airline as ranked by AirlineRatings.com
- The new campus of National Fire Service College (NFSC) under Ministry of Home Affairs has been established in **Nagpur**.
- The Government has approved the release of Grant-in-Aid of ₹ 2.6 Crore to **Jammu & Kashmir** pollution control board.
- Hillary Clinton has been appointed as the new chancellor of **Queen's University, Belfast**.
- **Bidhya Devi Bhandari** has launched 'Visit Nepal Year 2020' campaign to promote tourism.
- **Uttar Pradesh** road transport corporation has launched a dedicated helpline for women.
- **Pragatimaidan** metro station has been renamed as the Supreme Court metro station.
- The government of **Maharashtra** has launched 'Cyber Safe Women' initiative to create awareness regarding cyber safety.
- The 'Lai Haraoba' festival is celebrated in **Tripura**.
- The municipal corporation of **Odisha** has launched the 'Go Green' campaign.
- Current rate of interest for the KisanVikasPatra is **7.6%**.
- **HDFC** has got the requisite approval to hold a 51.2% stake in Apollo Munich Health Insurance Company.
- **S Sundar** has been appointed as the interim MD & CEO of Lakshmi Vilas Bank.
- **UmeshSinha** has received 1 year extension as the Deputy Election Commissioner by the Appointment Committee of the cabinet.
- **MalavathPoorna** has scaled the highest mountain in Antarctica, Mount Vinson Massif.

- **PiyuusJaiswal** has been awarded with Global Peace Excellence Humanitarian & Global Bihar Excellence Awards 2019.
- The 14th Global Healthcare Summit will be held in **Visakhapatnam** in 2021.
- **India** will host the 36th International Geological Congress in March 2020.
- **Qantas** airline has become the world's safest airline as ranked by the AirlineRatings.com
- The Air Force Chief has formally inducted **Dornier** aircraft into the 41 Otters Squadron.
- **BipinRawat** has proposed the creation of Air Defence Command by June 30.
- The 5th IHAI National Ice Hockey Championship-2020 has begun in **Leh**.
- RatanOjha was related to **Acting**.
- D P Tripathi who passed away recently was a senior leader of **Nationalist congress party**.
- **Amit Shah** has inaugurated the new campus of National Fire Service College (NFSC) in Nagpur.
- The Environment and Forests Ministry has approved release of **2.6** crore to J&K Pollution Control Board.
- **Hillary Clinton** has been appointed as the new chancellor of Queen's University Belfast in Ireland.
- 'Visit Nepal Year 2020' has been launched by the President of Nepal that aims to attract **2** million tourists during 2020.
- The Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (UPSRTC) has launched a dedicated helpline service for the safety of women. **Damini** is the name of the helpline.
- The Maharashtra Government has launched a 'Cyber Safe Women' Initiative to help educate women about the web. **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** is the Governor of Maharashtra.
- **Rebati Mohan Das** has inaugurated the 5 day 'Lai Haroba' festival in Agartala.
- The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation has launched a campaign to promote environment and encourage eco-friendly gifts, the campaign has been launched by the name of **Go Green**.
- The interest rates on small schemes are revised on a **Quarterly** basis.
- HDFC, India's largest mortgage financier has received approval from **IRDA** to acquire stake in Apollo Munich Health Insurance.
- Tagline of Lakshmi Vilas Bank - **The changing face of prosperity**.
- The secretariat of the International Union of Geological Sciences located in **China**.
- The World Braille Day is observed annually on **January 4**.
- The 28th edition of the World Book Fair will be organized in **New Delhi**.
- Headquarter of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) located in **Mumbai**.
- A top commander of **Quds Force** was recently killed in the US airstrike.
- The 3-day capacity building programme for Government e-market place (GeM) will be held in **Jammu & Kashmir**.
- **ManavThakkar** has become the world's no.1 in the latest International Table Tennis Federation rankings recently.
- The Tiger deaths have hit the **100** mark again, according to data from the Ministry of Forest Environment and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- 5 DRDO **Young Scientist Laboratories** (DYSLs) have come up in Bengaluru, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Hyderabad.

- The Project Tiger to keep a tab on the dwindling population of tigers was started on **1973**.
- **WHO** has designated 2020 as International Year of the Nurse and Midwife.
- Reliance is all set to venture in e-commerce with **Jio Mart** to provide retail packaged consumer goods.
- The government of **Telangana** has declared 2020 as the year of AI.
- The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act was passed in **2016**.
- The 2nd tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel has been unveiled in **Gujarat**.
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has opened its first silk processing plant in **Gujarat**.
- **Patola** is the name of the trademark saree of Gujarat which was once adored by royals and aristocrats.
- **Suresh Chandra** has been appointed as the first chief of the National Medical Commission.
- **Prince William** has unveiled the prize for climate innovation and tackle climate change.
- **14** number of Indian scientists will be getting the SwarnaJayanti Fellowship.
- **Ramesh Pokhriyal** has inaugurated the 28th edition of World Book Fair.
- **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated five high-tech DRDO labs for developing military weaponry.
- **DARPG** will organize the capacity building programme for GeM officers of Jammu&Kashmir.
- **K Vijay Raghavan** has selected the directors of the five high tech DRDO labs to develop military weaponry.
- Manav Thakkar has become the **4th** Indian to achieve the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings in the Under-21 men's singles category.
- Military commander **Qassem Soleimani** has been assassinated by the US in an airstrike in Baghdad.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has ranked on top in case of Tiger deaths according to the data from the Ministry of Forest Environment and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- The WHO has designated **2020** as the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife.
- Reliance is all set to venture into e-commerce segment with Jio Mart. It will be launched from **Mumbai**.
- The government of Telangana has signed an MoU with **IIT Kharagpur** to set up a centre of excellence in AI.
- **Kerala** has launched K-RERA to bring transparency in real estate sector.
- **Vallabhai Patel** has been unveiled by the Gujarat Chief Minister in Ahmedabad.
- The National Medical commission act, 2019 will replace **Indian Medical Council Act, 1956**.
- Theme of the 28th edition of the World Book Fair - **Gandhi: The Writers' Writer**.
- The 107th Indian science congress has been organized in **Bengaluru**.
- **Exam Warriors** book has been launched by PM Modi on World Braille Day.
- The Global meet on marine ecosystem will be held in **Kochi**.
- **Saurabh Chaudhary** has won gold in men's 10 m air pistol at 63rd National Shooting C'ship.
- T N Chaturvedi who passed away recently was the former governor of **Karnataka**.

- The National Traders convention to protect traders interests will be held in **Delhi**.
- **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** has now come up with the usage of data analytics to identify 'risky' exporters'.
- The government of **Tamil Nadu** has planned to launch a single-window clearance system for promotion of ease of doing business.
- **Vilgro Innovation Foundation** has tied up with Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) to support clean energy solutions.
- A fine of **Rs.5000** will be levied per day on firms for failing to operationalise RuPay, BHIM as payment options.
- The Andhra Pradesh government has launched **YSR Aarogyasri** to cover medical ailments for people having an annual income of upto 5 lacs.
- **Rohit Sharma** has laid the foundation stone for international cricket stadium and training centre at the Heartfulness Institute.
- The First-of-its kind turtle rehab centre will come up in **Bihar**.
- Bhim Chandra Jana who passed away recently, was a **Freedom fighter**.
- The first smog tower to combat air pollution been installed in **Delhi**.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government has started a health insurance scheme for over 12.55 lakh government employees.
- **Kolkata** Police is set to start the third edition of 'Sukanya' project to provide self defence training to girls in schools and colleges.
- The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments platform has been developed by **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**.
- India has been ranked on **34th** on the Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index.
- **Rajiv Bhatnagar** has been appointed as an advisor to Jammu-Kashmir Lt. Governor.
- PR Seshadri has resigned as the MD & CEO of **KarurVysya Bank**.
- **PrakashJavadekar** will confer the first 'Antarrashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman' to 30 media houses in New Delhi.
- ISRO has inked a pact with **National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkhal** to set up Regional Academic Centre for Space.
- NASSCOM has signed an MoU with **Chandigarh group of colleges** to facilitate the development of training programs for engineering students.
- **JF - 17 Thunder** is an Upgraded Version of Fighter Jet which has been developed jointly by China and Pakistan.
- Week long sport events being organized by the Indian Blind Sports Association is held in **New Delhi**.
- Famous cricketer **IrfanPathan** has recently announced retirement from all forms of Cricket.
- The 63rd National Shooting championship has been held in **Bhopal**.
- **PK Das** is the Chairperson of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- PH Pandian who passed away recently was the assembly speaker of **Tamil Nadu**.
- Businesses with a turnover of **50 crore** need to operationalise payments via Rupay and Bhim UPI failing which they will have to pay a hefty penalty.

- The foundation stone for international cricket stadium and training has been laid down by Rohti Sharma in **Hyderabad**.
- **Tessy Thomas** is known as the Missile Women of India.
- CEEW and ViLgro have tied up with an amount of **2.5** million to be deployed for clean technology.
- **Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated the 3-day National Traders Convention in Delhi.
- The Foreign tourist arrivals in India have risen approximately by **3%** in Jan-Nov 2019.
- The third edition of the Khelo India Youth Games-2020 is advocating the topic of **Ban on single use plastic**.
- SuchetaSatish is a **Singer**.
- The 95th Hastings International Chess Congress was held in **England**.
- **Amit Shah** has laid the foundation stone of The Delhi Cycle Walk.
- **Rajnath Singh** has launched the website on grant of permission for aerial photography and remote sensing survey.
- International footballer **Daniele De Rossi** has recently announced his retirement.
- The Central government has released **5908** crore to seven states which have been affected by disasters.
- **UAE** has approved the issuance of 5-Year multi-entry tourist visa for all nationalities.
- The AK-203 rifles will be manufactured by the Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL) at Korwa in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- **Chandigarh** railway station has introduced Navigation facilities for visually impaired.
- Journalist Day has been observed in Maharashtra on **January 6**.
- Himachal Pradesh Government has launched Himachal MyGov portal to strengthen public participation. **BandaruDattatreya** is the governor of Himachal Pradesh.
- The government of **West Bengal** will provide insurance coverage of Rs 5 lakh to Ganga Sagar pilgrims.
- IRDAI has directed all general and standalone health insurers to provide boost to affordable health cover with the introduction of the mandatory **AarogyaSanjeevani** policy.
- **PiyushGoyal** has inaugurated the NSE Knowledge Hub in New Delhi.
- The government is planning to launch **Bharatcraft** portal on the lines of Alibaba and Amazon.
- HAL has signed a pact with **Wipro** to make 3D-printed aircraft parts to be used on aircrafts manufactured by state run HAL.
- **Indian Bank** has signed an MoU with Women Entrepreneurs Welfare Association to provide credit.
- Uber has teamed up with **Hyundai** to develop electric air taxi, joining the race to make small self-flying cars.
- **Paypal** has recently unveiled the Adoption Assistance Programme aimed at enhancing the parental support benefits for employees.
- **SuchetaSatish** has won the Global Child Prodigy Award in the singing category.
- **They** is the word of the decade to recognize the use of third person plural pronouns as a singular form.

- ISRO has signed a pact with **Indian Institute of Astrophysics** to set up optical telescopes under Project NETRA.
- Project NETRA launched by ISRO for **Early detection of space debris**.
- The app for visually challenged to read currency called **Retinuz** has been launched to identify and read information.
- The Defence Expo 2020 will be inaugurated in **Uttar Pradesh** by PM Modi on Feb 5.
- Theme of the Defence Expo 2020 - **India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub**.
- The Indian Army will sign an MoU with **Russia** to procure AK-203 assault rifles.
- The Khelo India Youth Games 2020 is being organized in **20** disciplines.
- 1st edition of Khelo India University Games be held in **Bhubaneswar** from Feb 22 to March 1.
- **P MageshChandran** has won the 95th Hastings International Chess title.
- Hans Tilkowski was a famous footballer from **Germany**.
- **Anuprayaas** has collaborated with the Indian railways to introduce navigation facilities for the visually impaired.
- **Ram NathKovind** has laid the foundation stone to Lakshadweep's first Super Specialty Hospital at Kavaratti.
- **Sadio Mane** has won the African Footballer of the Year award.
- The Naseem-Al-Bahr exercise will be held in **Goa**.
- **Jim Bridenstine** is the current administrator of NASA.
- RBI has rolled out a new Supervisory Action Framework to tighten norms for **Urban Co-operative Banks** (UCBs).
- The first set of 4 astronauts selected for the first Gaganyaan mission will be trained in **Russia**.
- The Indian Navy expedition 'Maha-Navy Connect 2020' was launched in **Maharashtra**.
- **Rajesh Ranjan** is the present Director General of CISF.
- A Special drive has been launched by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for **to remove speed breakers**.
- The SahityaAkademi in collaboration with Iranian Embassy organized Indo-Iranian Writers' Meet in **New Delhi**.
- **India** has continued to be the top sourcing market for Sri Lankan tourism.
- **Bangladesh's** High Court has banned the single use plastic.
- The Prime Minister of **Finland** has proposed a four day working week.
- **Mizoram** will organize ZoKutpui to unify the tribes and strengthen brotherhood.
- 'Buxa Bird Festival' has begun in **West Bengal**.
- **Bhubaneswar** has received an ODF++ status a day before commencement of Swachh Survekshan 2020.
- The growth rate as per the first advance estimates released by NSO has been pegged at **5 %**.
- RBI has bought three long-term securities worth **10000** Crore in the 3rd special Open Market Operations (OMO).
- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** has waived of non-maintenance charges on all savings accounts besides lowering transaction charges.

- The RBI has issued directions for regulation of UCBs under **Banking Regulation act, 1949**.
- The government is unlikely to meet its coverage target under PM Kisan scheme with only **50** per cent farmers to be covered this year.
- The PM Kisan scheme was launched in **2018**.
- India's per-capita monthly income is estimated to have risen by 6.8 per cent to **11,254** a month in FY20.
- 77th edition of Golden Globe Awards was held in **USA**.
- **Joaquin Phoenix** has won the best actor award in a motion picture at the 77th Golden Globe Awards.
- ISRO's astronaut training hub will be setup in **Challakere**.
- **SpaceX** has launched the third batch of Starlink satellites part of plan to form global broadband.
- **TESS** satellite of NASA has found an Earth-sized world in 'Goldilocks zone'.
- The "Naseem-Al-Bahr" will be held between India & **Oman**.
- **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** is to observe 2020 as "year of mobility" for troops" welfare.
- PN Hoon was a commander in **Indian Army**.
- **Payment on toll plazas** is the purpose of FASTag.
- RBI has given in-principle nod to **Shivalik Mercantile Cooperative bank** to convert to Small Finance Bank.
- The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is observed annually on **January 9**.
- **Zoran Milanovic** has won the presidential polls in Croatia.
- Headquarters of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) is **Switzerland**.
- Minati Mishra, who passed away recently, was a famous **Dancer**.
- **Gujarat Ayurved University** will soon get the status of Institution of National Importance.
- The India government has signed an MoU on space cooperation with **Mongolia**.
- Government has approved a project for natural gas supplies in Northeast with an outlay of **5000** crores.
- The National Wetland Management Committee was formed in **1987**.
- **RailTel** has been entrusted with the work of IP based Video Surveillance System being installed by Indian Railways at railway stations.
- Railway Board has approved works for provision of Video Surveillance System covering **983** stations under Nirbhaya funds.
- A ten day long art Exhibition was inaugurated in **Bangladesh** to mark 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- **SBI** has recently announced the 'residential builder finance with buyer guarantee' scheme.
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a strategic disinvestment of 49.78 per cent equity shareholding of **Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation Limited**.
- **PayTm** has launched an all-in-one QR for merchants to accept UPI based payments directly.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has launched the Amma Vodi scheme to provide financial assistance to mothers or guardians to send their children to school.

- The 31st International Kite Festival was launched in **Ahmedabad**.
- **Uddav Thackeray** will inaugurate the Advantage Maharashtra expo 2020'.
- **Pedro Sánchez** has been sworn in as PM of Spain.
- **Kanahaiya Kumar** has been featured in the list of 20 people to watch in 2020s'.
- The fifth edition of global Drosophila conference held in **Pune**.
- **Amit Shah** has released a book titled Karmayoddha Granth on the life of PM Narendra Modi.
- 3 cities of **Kerala** have featured among the list of world's fastest growing urban region.
- According to the EU climate monitoring service, **2019** was the second hottest year on record.
- India's first indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant will be commissioned in **2021**.
- The Indian government has given its approval for ratification of Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement with **France**.
- The two day International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) executive committee meeting will be held in **New Delhi**.
- **Virat Kohli** has retained the top spot in the latest ICC test rankings.
- **Sarbjeeet Kaur** has been banned for four years due to doping violation.
- R.P. Ulaganambi who passed away recently was a former MP representing **DMK** political party.
- India and **UK** has signed an MoU for Enabling Energy Self-Sufficiency for Indian Railways.
- **1656** kilometers pipeline will connect Guwahati in Assam to major cities in the region such as Itanagar, Dimapur, Kohima, Imphal, Aizawl and Agartala.
- **Gujarat** will set up the Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center to promote children's innovation.
- **Jammu & Kashmir** has registered the highest Inpatient Department care in country.
- The 34th Women Senior National Weightlifting Championship was held in **Visakhapatnam**.
- The World Hindi Day is observed annually on **January 10**.
- The Andhra Pradesh government has inked an agreement with **KfW** to promote Zero-Budget Natural Farming in the state.
- Indian Railways has planned to source about 1000 MW Solar Power for usage by **2021-22**.
- **Japan** has topped in the list of most powerful passports in 2019.
- **Guntakal Division** has been declared as the first solar section in the South Central Railway.
- Indian Consulate will issue passports in **Dubai** under tatkal scheme on the same day.
- The annual Madhavpur Mela was held in the state of **Gujarat**.
- **IT Department** has launched a 24x7 control room to monitor black money and illegal inducements in Delhi elections.
- **Jammu & Kashmir** has launched a publicity campaign at South Asian Trade and Travel Exchange Expo (SATTE) 2020 to showcase diverse tourism attractions of the region.
- Kashmir to be connected with the rest of India through rail by **December 2021**.
- **Kerala** has launched a website for promotion of investment by Non-residents.
- The Sale of Electoral Bonds has begun at Authorized Branches of **SBI**.

- RBI has amended norms of KYC norms by allowing the use of **Video based customer identification process** to onboard customers.
- World Bank's projected rate of Growth in India is **5%** in 2019-2020.
- Government has proposed easing foreign investment in insurance and pension companies from 49% to **74%**.
- India ranks **84th**, while Japan, for the second time in a row, has topped a global index for the world's most powerful passport in 2019.
- **AbhiBus** has tied up with IRCTC for promoting online booking services.
- **HDFC** has launched myApps to boost digital payments in India.
- According to IND-RA, India needs a labour productivity growth of **6.3%** to clock 8% GDP.
- A loan pact for **711** crores was signed between Andhra Pradesh government and German development bank to expand zero budget natural farming.
- **M Nagaraj** has been appointed as the CMD of Housing and Urban Development Corporation (Hudco).
- **Jasbinder Bilan** has won the UK Costa Children's award 2019.
- **Dr. Swaminathan** has been chosen for the Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Awards.
- 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020' will held in **New Delhi** from 20th January.
- India will launch **GSAT 30** from Kourou space centre in French Guiana.
- Department of Biotechnology has funded **Tamil Nadu Agricultural University** to set up biotech kisan hub.
- The Henley Passport Index covers 199 passports and 227 travel destinations, it is based on the data provided by **International Air Transport Authority**.
- The MILAN 2020 navy exercise will be held in **Visakhapatnam**.
- Navy day celebrated on **December 4**.
- **VK Yadav** is the chairman of the Railway Board.
- Sharif Idu who passed away recently was a famous **Sarangi player**.
- **SBI** has launched a promotional campaign with Metro Cash & Carry in Bengaluru.
- **www.okih.org** website set by the State government of Kerala to attract overseas investment.
- Electoral bonds are issued in denominations of **1000, 10000, 1 lac**.
- The Census India-2021 will begin from **April 1** and will be conducted via a mobile app.
- **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** has launched a paperless licensing process for petroleum road tankers.
- Gopinath Gajapati Narayan Deo, who passed away recently, was a former **Parliamentarian**.
- The National Youth Festival is being organized by the government since **1995** to provide platform to youth to showcase their talents.
- **4** Indian airports have received an international recognition for reducing carbon emissions.
- **CPGRAMS** - Centralized Public Grievance Redress And Monitoring System.
- **Jitendra Singh** is the Minister of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- **Amit Shah** has inaugurated the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre and dedicated the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal to the nation.

- **Mangaluru** railway station facility has obtained the Integrated Management System (IMS) certification.
- The second largest Muslim Congregation in the world Bishwa Ijtema will be held in **Bangladesh**.
- **Sri Lanka** will buy 500 buses from India for USD 15 million.
- The Shaheed Ashfaquallah Khan Zoo will come up in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- The Tamil Nadu government has named two state run universities after **J Jayalithaa**.
- The legislative assembly of **Arunachal Pradesh** has adopted a new logo to reflect the culture of the state.
- PM Modi has re-dedicated three restored colonial structures in **Kolkata**.
- **Jammu & Kashmir** will have a SMS-based taxi aggregator scheme to ensure quality of services, safety and regulation of fares.
- **Uttam Prakash Aggarwal** has resigned from the post of independent director of Yes Bank.
- 23rd National Youth Festival-2020 organized in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- The 5th edition of the Pulses Conclave will be held in **Maharashtra**.
- Indian scientists have received **Merck Young Scientist Award 2019** for solving some of the toughest problems in chemical sciences.
- India has been listed at **5th** place in case of the biggest geo-political risks of 2020 by Eurasia Group.
- **Manipur** is ranked worst among the Energy Efficiency Index that tracks progress in 36 states and union territories.
- **Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation** has launched water soluble fertilizers in Ahmedabad bid to encourage high grade agri-inputs.
- The Indian Navy has decided to continue with Operation **Sankalp** in Gulf region to secure sea borne trade.
- **Rani Rampal** has been nominated for 'World Games Athlete of the Year'.
- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) comes under **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**.
- Sultan Qaboos bin Said, who passed away recently, was the King of **Oman**.
- Theme of the 32nd National Youth Festival - **Fit youth Fit India**.
- The Awaaz-e-aam portal has been launched in **Jammu & Kashmir** to help redress citizen grievances.
- The foxtail orchid is the state flower of **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport (Kolkata)** to have managed a reduction in carbon emissions as per the Airports Council International (ACI).
- The portal **www.cybercrime.gov.in** is a citizen centric initiative and can be used to file complaints against cyber crimes.
- **Metcalfe Hall** is being restored and made vibrant with intervention of the Ministry of Culture.
- The Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation has launched water soluble fertilizers under the brand name **Agro** to promote precision agriculture and produce vegetables matching global standards.
- The National Youth Day is observed annually on **January 12**.
- **Narendra Modi** has launched projects worth 600 crore rupees on 150th year celebrations of Kolkata Port Trust.

- The National Youth Festival 2020 will be held in **Lucknow**.
- Dharmendra Pradhan has unveiled Mission Purvodaya for **Development of the steel hub in Eastern India**.
- Theme of the 18th Dhaka International Film Festival is **Better Film, Better Audience and Better Society**.
- **Dharmendra Pradhan** is the Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas.
- Chinese navy has commissioned a warship named **Nanchang** to accompany aircraft carriers in new battle groups.
- UK-based Big Innovation Centre has opened its office in **Hyderabad**.
- IRDAI has made a mandatory general and health insurers to come up with a standard health insurance product with a minimum amount of **1 lac**.
- **Yuvraj Malik** has been appointed as the director of National Book Trust.
- The states have waived of **4.7** trillion in farm loans according to a report by SBI research.
- **LinguaSol** has launched a website translator service for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).
- **PayU** is going to acquire digital credit platform PaySense for \$185 mn.
- **Tsai Ing-wen** has won a second term as Taiwan president.
- **Dr Bipul Behari Saha** has been elected as the Bureau Member of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC).
- **Sultan Haitham bin Tariq bin Taimour** has become the New Sultan of Oman.
- **Jasprit Bumrah** is all set to receive the Polly Umrigar Award for best international male cricketers.
- The Wings India 2020, an international conference on civil aviation will be held in **Hyderabad**.
- The Global investor meet ASCEND 2020 will be held in **Kochi**
- The World Future Energy Summit will be held in **Abu Dhabi**.
- India has deployed INS **Vikramaditya** in the Arabian Sea amidst China-Pak naval drill.
- Mission Purvodaya has been launched in **Kolkata** for the accelerated development of eastern India.
- Headquarter of IRDAI – **Hyderabad**.
- Naval version of Tejas will take its maiden flight from **INS Vikramaditya**.
- India aims to become a \$250 bn maritime economy by **2024**.
- India will acquire **200** fighter jets for Air Force to cope up with depleting aerial inventory.
- **Gautam Gambhir** has been appointed as a member of the Cricket advisory committee.
- Obaid Siddiqui was a famous **Broadcaster**. He worked with NDTV.
- Currency of China – **Renminbi**.
- Chidananda Murthy was a noted **Kannada** scholar. He was known for his campaign to save monuments of Hampi.
- Headquarter of Big Innovation Centre (BIC) to address economic challenges and innovation capabilities – **UK**.
- Babul Baruah who passed away recently was a **Journalist**.
- Governor of Uttar Pradesh - **Anandiben Patel**.
- CEO of PayU - **Laurent le Moal**.

- The National Book Trust comes under **HRD Ministry**.
- Headquarter of International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry – **US**.
- Theme of World Future Energy Summit 2020 is **Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment**.
- Judge of Indian origin **Samiya Naseem** has been appointed as a judge of Chicago.
- Currency of Taiwan - **New Taiwan dollar**.
- **Kolkata Port** has been renamed as the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port.
- The Raisina Dialogue which is India's flagship global conference will be held in **New Delhi**.
- Governor of Odisha - **Ganeshi Lal**.
- **Smriti Irani** has launched the Yashaswini Scheme in Goa.
- The Mines ministry has set up a **11** member committee to examine issues on royalty rates for major minerals.
- The India-Bangladesh I&B Ministers' Meet 2020 will be held in **New Delhi**.
- The World Bank has predicted the world growth rate at **2.5** percent.
- **Nepal** has decided to make yoga education compulsory for school children.
- **China** has launched driverless bullet train ahead of the 2022 Winter Olympics.
- **AP Maheshwari** has been appointed as the Director General of CRPF.
- SEBI has deferred the deadline to separate roles of chairman and MD till **April 2022**.
- **Michael Patra** has been appointed as the new RBI Deputy Governor.
- PAX SINICA: Implications for the Indian Dawn has been published by **Rupa Publications**.
- Retail inflation has jumped to about 5-yr high of **7.35** percent in Dec 2019.
- **Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)** has launched efforts to Protect Buddhist Site at Sankaram, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Lohri** festival marks the end of long nights of winter and welcome the longer days of summer.
- The mugger crocodile species is found in **Odisha**.
- Kaziranga National Park has 96 species of wetland birds and is located in **Assam**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** is likely to have four Regional Zones with the focus on decentralization.
- Headquarter of ISSF – **Germany**.
- Fresh investment proposals worth **6608** crores has been approved in Tamil Nadu.
- A Cultural exchange programme will be organized in **Bihar** under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.
- **Peddapalli** district has received the fourth consecutive national award for sanitation.
- Yashaswini Scheme launched by Smriti Irani. **Scheme to promote women entrepreneurship**.
- Indian Railways has signed an MoU with **RailTel** for Phase 2 of e-Office execution.
- **Robert Abela** has become the new prime minister of Malta.
- **GSAT-30** will be launched by India to provide high quality television and broadcasting services.
- The selected writings of **Arun Jaitley** will be released in February to provide an authoritative account of policies and decisions of the Prime Minister.
- **Subrahmanyam Jaishankar** has launched PAX SINICA: Implications for the Indian Dawn.

- Two Coast Guard ships have been commissioned by the Indian Coast Guard in **Kolkata**.
- **Tania Shergill** has become the first woman parade adjutant for Republic Day parade.
- Indian Navy has partnered with **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)** to launch special fuel with reduced carbon footprints.
- **India** has finished at the top shooting nation for 2019.
- The Anamalai Tiger Reserve is located in **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Albert Roca** has been appointed as the new coach of Hyderabad FC.
- Thomas Antony who passed away recently was a famous **Cartoonist**.
- Currency of Nepal - **Nepalese rupee**.
- The coast guard ship of **Japan** has arrived in Chennai for a five day goodwill visit.
- Headquarter of INTACH - **New Delhi**.
- Indian Army Day is observed annually on **January 15**.
- CARA - **Central Adoption Resource Authority**.
- PM Modi has welcomed the agreement to permanently settle refugees from **Tripura** to help them avail benefits under numerous welfare schemes.
- The Mega campaign on fuel conservation **Saksham** will be inaugurated in New Delhi.
- **Qatar** has scrapped the unpopular exit permits for domestic workers.
- **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has ordered a probe against Amazon and Flipkart over deep discount practices.
- Wholesale prices based inflation surged to **2.59** per cent in December 2019.
- **RBI** has asked banks to provide facility to switch on and off cards to prevent frauds.
- 'Parshuram Kund Mela' is held in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- **Chhattisgarh** has launched the Rojgaar Sangi- app to connect trained candidates with jobs.
- **Uddhav Thackeray** has launched the first girder of India's longest sea-bridge the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link.
- The government of **Madhya Pradesh** will set up Gandhi chairs, pillars in universities & colleges.
- **Harish Salve** has been appointed as Queen's Counsel for courts of England & Wales.
- **Dmitry Medvedev** was the Russian Prime Minister and has submitted his resignation to President Vladimir Putin.
- **Puri** District has received the Swachhata Darpan Awards for 2019.
- **Vasdev Mohi** has won the 29th Saraswati Samman for his collection of short stories.
- The exhibition on Indian Heritage in Digital Space will be inaugurated by **Prahlad Patel**.
- **Ladakh** will host the first ever Food Processing Summit to attract investors.
- **Om Birla** has inaugurated the 7th Conference of CPA India Region in Lucknow.
- The **5th** Science Film festival will be held in Goa's capital city Panaji.
- The 6th National Standards Conclave is being held in **New Delhi**.
- Isro's GSAT-30 satellite has been successfully launched aboard **Ariane** rocket.

- Indo-Japanese joint exercise **Sahyog-Kaijin** started in Chennai Coast to strengthen the bond between the two countries.
- **Rajnath Singh** has flagged off the 51st K9 VAJRA-T gun from L&T complex in Gujarat.
- The ICC U-19 World Cup Cricket will begin in **South Africa**.
- Indian cricketer **MS Dhoni** has been dropped from BCCI's central contracts list.
- The 5th Annual Day of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) has been celebrated in **New Delhi**.
- The Manas National Park is located in **Assam**.
- The Indian Army day is celebrated in remembrance of **KM Cariappa taking command of the Indian Army**.
- **Priyam Garg** is the captain of the U-19 Indian cricket team.
- A workshop titled Million Soul will be conducted by **IIT Bombay** on training about solar lamps.
- Chief Minister of Tripura - **Biplab Kumar Deb**.
- Theme of the 7th Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association - **Role of Legislators**.
- The Saksham campaign has been launched from **New Delhi**.
- Harish Salve is a famous **Advocate**.
- The Rojgaar Sangi has been developed by **Chhattisgarh** State Skill Development Authority to connect trained candidates with the jobs.
- HSN - **Harmonized System Nomenclature**.
- The Renewable Energy Investors' Meet organized by Indian Railways will be held in **New Delhi**.
- **Arunachal Pradesh** has become the first in the country to start red-listing of orchids.
- National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has celebrated its 15th Raising Day on **January 18**.
- The World's shortest man Khagendra Thapa Magar passed away in **Nepal**.
- **RBI** has been ranked sixth among buying gold abroad.
- **Ram Nath Kovind** has launched the Pulse Polio Programme for 2020.
- 3rd edition of North Zone Conference' of Media Units of I&B Ministry held in **Jammu**.
- DV Sadananda Gowda has launched **APNA UREA** of urea under Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited (HURL).
- The Conference on Census 2021 will be held in **New Delhi**.
- **Castle of Dreams** has bagged the award for the best film at the Dhaka International Film Festival.
- Qatar has signed a **470** million solar deal to build its first solar energy plant.
- **Corona** virus has become a cause of concern gripping China's Wuhan city.
- **Tamil Nadu** has planned a single window system for building permits.
- The employment-oriented mobile app 'Rojgar Sangi' has been launched by **Chhattisgarh**.
- The election commission of **Telangana** will use facial recognition app to counter impersonation by voters.
- **New Delhi** has launched the 'Guarantee card' to ensure 24 hours drinking water supply to every household.

- **Bengaluru** will come up with a Centre for Excellence in Blockchain Technology to improve the e-Governance system.
- A Week-long National Tribal Youth Exchange Programme will be held in **Puducherry** to ensure development of tribal youth.
- The Andhra Pradesh government has given approval to **Visakhapatnam** to be its new executive Capital.
- Oleksiy Honcharuk has resigned as the Prime Minister of **Ukraine**.
- **Arjun Munda** has been appointed as the President of Archery Association of India (AAI).
- The 9th International Children's Film Festival will be held in **Kolkata**.
- **Piyush Goyal** will lead the Indian delegation to 50th World Economic Forum at Davos.
- **Muhammad Anas** has won the GV Raja award instituted by the Kerala State Sports Council.
- **Suman Kalyanpur** has won the 2017 National Lata Mangeshkar Award of the state govt of Madhya Pradesh.
- **Mumbai** has been ranked among the cheapest cities in the world for luxury goods, according to the Global Wealth and Lifestyle report.
- India has been ranked very low at **76th** place out of 82 countries on a new Social Mobility Index compiled by the World Economic Forum, while Denmark has topped the charts.
- **CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)**, Hyderabad is conducting a workshop on genome for providing personalized healthcare.
- Russia will deliver **S-400** air defence systems to India by 2025.
- India has successfully test-fired K-4 ballistic missile. It has a range of **3500** kilometers.
- **Ratchanok Intanon** has won the women's singles Indonesia Masters 2020 title.
- India has bagged **7** medals in Rome Ranking Wrestling Series.
- Senior journalist and MP Ashwini Kumar Chopra passed away recently. He belonged to **BJP**.
- Sunanda Patnaik who passed away recently was a famous **Singer**.
- Babu Nadkarni who passed away recently was a famous **Cricketer**.
- Saleha Sultan was the titular queen of **Bhopal**. She passed away due to long term illness.
- Government of India has planned to hold **National Immunization Day** on January 19, 2020.
- The integrated check post between India & Nepal has been inaugurated in **Biratnagar**.
- 'The Winning Sixer: Leadership Lessons To Master' has been published by **Rupa** publications.
- The 50th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum is being held in **Switzerland**.
- Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina will launch e-passport distribution service in **Dhaka**.
- Loan amount **70000 crore**, that has been disbursed till Jan 13 under MSMEs scheme by the Government.
- **West Bengal** has emerged at the top in vegetable production for 2018-19.
- **Bharat Electronics Ltd** has commissioned the real time train info system for Railways.
- India has attracted **49** billion inflows in 2019 as per the UN report.
- **Zomato** has acquired UberEats in India for nearly Rs 2,500 crore in all-stock deal.
- The Magh Bihu is celebrated in **Assam**.

- **Haryana** has passed a motion to ratify 126th Constitutional Amendment to extend reservation for scheduled castes and tribes.
- **Nipendra Misra** has been appointed as the Chairman of Nehru Memorial Museum & Library.
- **Lt Gen SK Saini** has been Appointed as India's Vice Chief Of Army Staff.
- **Rajeev Singh Thakur** has been appointed as joint secretary in the military affairs department.
- **Ashok Kumar Parmar** has been appointed as an advisor to the inter-state council secretariat under the home ministry.
- **Sanjiv Chadha** has been appointed as the CEO of Bank of Baroda.
- Growth rate predicted by the IMF for India is **4.8%**.
- **eVIGIL** has won the eGovernance 'Award of Excellence' for the year 2019.
- **Kiran Mazumdar Shaw** has been conferred with the Order of Australia, the fourth Indian to receive highest Australian civilian honour.
- **Hemant Soren** has won the 'Champion of Change Award' for his work in Barhait and Dumka assembly.
- The First edition of Krishi Manthan will be held in **Ahmedabad**.
- **Prakash Javadekar** has inaugurated ELECRAMA 2020 to showcase the Indian electrical industry.
- The 35th edition of the India International Leather Fair (IILF) will be held in **Chennai**.
- The IAF has inducted its first squadron of Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft equipped with BrahMos missiles in **Tamil Nadu**.
- **SpaceX** has tested the launch and destruction of a rocket in space.
- The Book named 'Essays and Reminiscences' is based on Nani A Palkhivala. He was a famous **Advocate**.
- **WV Raman** has written the book The Winning Sixer.
- **Virat Kohli** has ranked the number one on the ICC ODI rankings.
- Shamsher Surjewala was a political leader belonging to **Congress**.
- **Piyush Goyal** headed the Indian delegation to the 50th Annual Meeting of World Economic Forum.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has topped in the production of fruits for the year 2018-19.
- The Global Investment Trend Monitor report is released by **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**.
- **Atanu Kumar Das** has been appointed as the MD and CEO of the Bank of India.
- GoM constituted first in **2018** on sexual harassment at work.
- **Narendra Modi** will chair the 32nd interaction through PRAGATI platform to address common man's grievances.
- The DAC has approved procurement of defence equipment worth over **5100 crore** to promote indigenization.
- Government has set up National Startup Advisory Council for **Nurturing innovation and start-ups**.
- **Jair Bolsonaro** was the chief guest at 71st Republic Day.
- The Global unemployment is projected to rise by around **2.5 million** in 2020.

- The certificate of authorization of **Vodafone m-pesa** has been cancelled by RBI after its voluntary surrender of authorization.
- The UP Government has launched **Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana** to provide financial assistance to farmers who die while working in fields.
- 44 underprivileged children will get their 1st flight experience from **Odisha**.
- The Maharashtra government has made **Marathi** mandatory in all schools.
- The Hyderabad Metro Rail has tied up with **RedBus** for carpool services in the city.
- The Visually impaired cricketers will get an exclusive sports ground in **Bengaluru**.
- **Ram Nath Kovind** will present the 14th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards.
- Human Dignity – A purpose in perpetuity highlights issues related to freedom and dignity has been published by **LexisNexis**.
- **Priya Prakash** has won the Global Citizen Prize: Cisco Youth Leadership Award for 2019.
- **Sparsh Ganga** has been awarded the Champions of Change Award 2019 for cleaning & saving river Ganga.
- ‘The Gateway’ – a Social Commentary on Safety of Senior Citizens has been written by **Hariharan Balagopal**.
- **Punit Sood** has been appointed as the Head of Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) India.
- **Elyes Fakhfakh** has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Tunisia.
- **Andrew Bailey** has been named the governor of the Bank of England to guide through Brexit.
- **IIM Kozhikode** will host the International Conclave on ‘Globalizing Indian Thought’.
- **France** will train Indian flight surgeons for the Gaganyaan mission.
- **Jharia** is the country’s most polluted city according to Greenpeace India.
- India has been ranked **5th** in the Carbon Disclosure Project 2019.
- **Gujarat** has replaced West Bengal as the top governing state in 2019.
- Hyderabad has ranked **14th** globally in housing price appreciation of Knight Frank.
- Female Indian Shooter **Apurvi Chandela** has clinched top spot in the Meyton Cup in Austria.
- **Yogeshwar Dutt** has been inducted in the government’s All India Council of Sports.
- **Sachin Tendulkar** will coach the star-studded teams for the Aussie bushfire relief match.
- Man Mohan Sood, who passed away recently was a famous **Cricketer**.
- **Manmohan Singh** has launched the book ‘Human Dignity – A purpose in perpetuity’.
- **US** has secured the top spot in the Carbon Disclosure Project 2019.
- **Budapest** has topped the Knight Frank’s Global Residential Cities Index for 2019.
- Headquarters of the ILO – **Switzerland**.
- The Royal Bank of Scotland is headquartered in **UK**.
- The 2019 Skoch rankings are based on **22** parameters.
- The 14th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards are being held in **New Delhi**.
- The Union Cabinet has approved a sum of **4300** crore to establish permanent campuses for new NITs.

- **Adani Capital** will acquire Essel Finance's MSME loan business.
- Headquarters of Geological Survey of India - **Kolkata**.
- The Nation is celebrating homage of Subhas Chandra Bose on his **123rd** birth anniversary.
- The Cabinet has given approval to EC to enter into MoU with Election Commissions of **Tunisia**.
- The Capital of Dadra and Nagar Haveli will be **Daman**.
- **SAIL** has launched scheme for employee-led philanthropic activities.
- UK Parliament has ratified the Brexit divorce law and will leave the EU on **January 31**.
- The Aurobindo Ashram School building constructed with India's assistance will be inaugurated in **Nepal**.
- The WHO has decided to declare **Corona** virus outbreak as "An emergency".
- Government has approved a model pact with foreign countries for **Maritime education and training**.
- **ICICI** has introduced Cardless Cash Withdrawal Facility through ATMs with a per Day Limit at Rs 20,000.
- Japan's NTT will invest **Rs 11,000** crore in data centres in India.
- India Ratings has projected a growth rate of **5.5** percent in FY21.
- **PhonePe** has launched a digital ATM where users can withdraw cash from merchant shops.
- The government of **Maharashtra** will make it compulsory for school students to read the Preamble to the Constitution.
- **Uttarakhand** will become the first to implement agricultural land leasing policy.
- Jaipur Literature Festival will host 500 speakers from different fields. This is the **13th** edition of the festival.
- **Ekaterini Sakellaropoulou** has been elected as the first woman president of Greece.
- **49** children will receive the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2020.
- **Tamil Nadu Agricultural University** Vice-Chancellor has been conferred with the Harit Ratna Award.
- **Jitendra Singh** will inaugurate India's first global Mega Science Exhibition "Vigyan Samagam" in Delhi.
- The second edition of NIC Tech Conclave-2020 will be held in **New Delhi**.
- **Norway** has topped the EIU Democracy Index.
- Indian Navy has signed an MoU with **Geological survey of India** for sharing offshore data and products.
- ISRO will send a robot named **Vyomamitra** in unmanned Gaganyaan spacecraft ahead of human spaceflight.
- **Avadi Ordnance Board** has doubled the manufacturing capacity of Battle Tanks for Indian army.
- **Karambir Singh** is the Chief of Naval Staff.
- The constituency of Ravi Shankar Prasad is **Patna Sahib**, Bihar.
- James Marape is the Prime Minister of **Papua New Guinea**.
- The year 2020 has been designated as **Year of Nurse and Midwives** by the WHO.

- **Smriti Irani** is the Minister of Women and Child Development.
- SAIL is headquartered in **New Delhi**.
- Theme of the second edition of NIC Tech Conclave-2020 - **Technologies for Next-Gen Governance**.
- The Cabinet committee has approved the closure of **Hindustan Fluorocarbons** in Telangana.
- The National Girl Child Day is observed annually on **January 24**.
- **Niti Aayog** will develop a National Data Platform to make government data accessible to all stakeholders.
- India will open its first Mahatma Gandhi convention centre in **Niger**.
- Pakistan has conducted the launch of **Ghaznavi** nuclear-capable missile.
- **Palestine** will take over a chairman of the G77 Group.
- RBI has bought **Rs 10,000** crore of long-term securities in fourth special open market operation and has sold Rs 2950 crore of short term bonds.
- **ICICI Lombard** has received approval from IRDAI to pilot five projects under Sandbox.
- Google has partnered with **Bharti Airtel** to offer G Suite to small and medium businesses.
- **Apollo** hospital has launched 'Health EMI card' offering credit limit of up to Rs 4 lac.
- India's first e-waste clinic has opened in **Bhopal**.
- **Maharashtra** has allowed malls, shops, eateries to stay open 24X7 from January 27.
- **Tamil Nadu** has laid the foundation of DLF DownTown.
- The women-only cab service has been launched exclusively in **New Delhi**.
- **HDFC Ergo** has collaborated with Home Credit to provide health life insurance.
- The 13th World India expo will be held in **Mumbai** from February 6.
- **Mansukh Mandaviya** will participate in the Round-table of UNAIDS which focuses on advocacy and coordination to deliver life saving HIV services.
- **Election Commission of India** will host the 1st Sukumar Sen Memorial Lecture as a tribute to the first Chief election commissioner.
- The International Day of Education is observed every year on **January 24**.
- **Manoj Kohli** has been appointed as India head of SoftBank.
- **Sri Lanka** has topped the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative list among 97 countries.
- India has been ranked **72** among 132 countries in the global talent index.
- POLNET 2.0 services has launched for **Enhancing police communication services**.
- World Archery has lifted suspension on **India** to enable archers to represent country.
- **Maharashtra** has been crowned as the Champion of the Khelo India Youth Games.
- The Story of Yoga: From Ancient India to the Modern West has been written by **Alistair Shearer**.
- Monty Python Star Terry Jones who passed away recently was a **Comedian**.

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MODEL QUESTIONS

List of Important Days

1. When is the World Braille day celebrated every year?
(1) January 2 (2) January 3 (3) January 4 (4) January 5 (5) None of these
2. When is the Army Day celebrated across India, every year?
(1) January 13 (2) January 14 (3) January 15 (4) January 16 (5) None of these
3. When is the International Day of Education observed every year?
(1) January 21 (2) January 24 (3) February 21 (4) February 24 (5) None of these
4. What is the theme of the National Voters' Day celebrated across the country?
(1) Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy
(2) Voting Rights For All
(3) Ethical Voting
(4) Sab Se Pehle Voting
(5) None of these

Reserve Bank of India

5. The report titled 'National Strategy for Financial Inclusion' was recently released by which organization?
(1) Reserve Bank of India
(2) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
(3) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
(4) Securities and Exchange Board of India
(5) None of these

Other Banks

6. Which Indian Private sector bank has recently launched its wealth management platform called 'Pioneer Banking'?
(1) ICICI Bank (2) HDFC Bank (3) Axis Bank (4) IndusInd Bank (5) None of these

Insurance

7. What is the name of the mandatory standard individual health insurance policy launched by IRDAI?
(1) Arogya Raksha (2) Arogya Suraksha (3) Arogya Sanjeevani
(4) Arogya Samridhi (5) None of these

Supreme Court

8. Recently, Supreme Court of India has asked the centre to consider deployment of which force to guard various courts of India?
(1) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
(2) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
(3) National Security Guard (NSG)
(4) Indian Army
(5) None of these

States

9. Which state is going to observe "No Vehicle Day" on the first day of every month in 2020?
(1) Kerala (2) Gujarat (3) Punjab (4) Rajasthan (5) None of these

10. The Transport Department of which state recently launched a helpline for women called 'Damini'?
- (1) UP (2) Uttarakhand (3) Maharashtra (4) Rajasthan (5) None of these
11. Which state government has started a project to save paper by using digital medium for administrative work?
- (1) Odisha (2) Kerala (3) West Bengal (4) Telengana (5) None of these
12. Which state is set to conduct a dedicated state-level Adalat for LGBT community?
- (1) Telengana (2) Maharashtra (3) Kerala (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
13. Manmad and Bhusawal railway stations, where AI based Facial Recognition technology was recently installed, belong to which state?
- (1) MP (2) Maharashtra (3) Karnataka (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
14. Which state is the worst place for women's security, according to the recent National Crime Records Bureau (NRCB) report?
- (1) UP (2) WB (3) Bihar (4) Jharkhand (5) None of these
15. Which state recently organized the world's longest awareness human-chain for more than 18000 km?
- (1) UP (2) Bihar (3) Odisha (4) West Bengal (5) None of these
16. Which state is the first in the country to implement agricultural land leasing policy?
- (1) Gujarat (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Uttarakhand (4) West Bengal (5) None of these
17. Which state has recently made reading of preamble to constitution as a mandatory practice in schools?
- (1) UP (2) MP (3) Gujarat (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these

Place in the News

18. Where was the event held to commemorate the 76th Anniversary of the First Flag Hoisting by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose?
- (1) Kashmir (2) Jammu (3) Ladakh
(4) Andaman and Nicobar Islands (5) None of these
19. The first silk processing plant of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is set up in which state, to boost production of Patola sarees?
- (1) Maharashtra (2) Gujarat (3) Rajasthan (4) MP (5) None of these
20. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Academy is to be established in which city?
- (1) Mussoorie (2) Dehradun (3) Nagpur (4) Hyderabad (5) None of these
21. Which city will play host to the 2022 Common Wealth Games?
- (1) London (2) New Delhi (3) Birmingham (4) Gold Coast (5) None of these
22. The country's first-of-its-kind exhibition on 'Indian Heritage in Digital Space' was inaugurated in which city?
- (1) Varanasi (2) Puri (3) New Delhi (4) Jaipur (5) None of these
23. The 6.5-kilometre long Z-Morh tunnel, which was seen in news recently, is to be constructed in which state/UT?
- (1) HP (2) Sikkim (3) Assam (4) J&K (5) None of these

Personalities

24. On January 2, 2020, Prakash Parv was celebrated as birth anniversary of which Sikh Guru?
(1) Guru Harkrishan Sahib (2) Guru Har Rai (3) Guru Gobind Singh
(4) Guru Teg Bahadur (5) None of these
25. Nankana Sahib Gurdwara, recently seen in news is situated in which country?
(1) India (2) Pakistan (3) Nepal (4) Bhutan (5) None of these
26. On 9th January 2020, birth anniversary of Har Gobind Khorana was observed. He won Nobel Prize in Physiology in which year?
(1) 1965 (2) 1968 (3) 1972 (4) 1979 (5) None of these
27. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is to organize the 23rd National Youth Festival in Lucknow. It is celebrated to commemorate the birthday of which famous personality?
(1) A P J Abdul Kalam (2) Swami Vivekananda (3) B R Ambedkar
(4) Bhagat Singh (5) None of these
28. Mark Rutte, who was seen in news recently, is the Prime Minister of which country?
(1) Germany (2) Netherlands (3) France (4) Italy (5) None of these

Defence and National Security

29. Who will be the head of the recently created Sainya Karta Vibhag?
(1) Prime Minister (2) Defence Minister (3) Finance Minister
(4) Chief of Defence Staff (5) None of these
30. Who is the Director General of Aeronautical Systems in DRDO and is also known as Missile Woman of India?
(1) Dr. Tessy Thomas (2) Ritu Karidhal (3) Muthiah Vanitha
(4) Anuradha T K (5) None of these
31. Which city is set to host the international naval event 'MILAN' in March 2020?
(1) Goa (2) Vishakhapatnam (3) Cochin (4) Mumbai (5) None of these
32. Which country recently test-fired a nuclear-capable ballistic missile, named 'K-4', which can be launched from submarine?
(1) China (2) Russia (3) India (4) Israel (5) None of these
33. What is the name of the indigenous artillery guns, which are to be inducted into the Indian Army?
(1) Sharang (2) Shrirang (3) Sevak (4) Senak (5) None of these

Schemes/Initiatives

34. The Prime Minister of India recently inaugurated five Young Scientists Labs of which organization?
(1) Indian Space Research Organization, ISRO
(2) Defence Research and Development Organization, DRDO
(3) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, BARC
(4) Department of Atomic Energy, DAE
(5) None of these
35. Union Minister Smriti Irani recently launched a welfare scheme named 'Yashaswini' from Goa. What does the scheme aim at?
(1) Vaccination to Children (2) Assistance to women Self Help Groups
(3) Cleaning of Beaches (4) Assistance to schools (5) None of these

36. Who will participate in the interaction program with students named 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' scheduled for the year 2020?
 (1) Venkiah Naidu (2) Narendra Modi (3) K Sivan
 (4) Ramesh Pokriyal Nishank (5) None of these
37. How is the 'Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP)', the scheme of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, recently renamed?
 (1) National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP)
 (2) National Tuberculosis Control Programme (NTCP)
 (3) National Tuberculosis Removal Programme (NTRP)
 (4) National Tuberculosis Abolition Programme (NTAP)
 (5) None of these
38. The 'APNA UREA - Sona Ugle' brand of Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited (HURL) was recently launched by which Union Minister?
 (1) Ramvilas Paswan (2) D.V. Sadananda Gowda (3) Harsimrat Kaur Badal
 (4) Harsh Vardhan (5) None of these

Summit/Conference

39. Raisina Dialogue is an annual multi-lateral conference organized by which Ministry?
 (1) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 (2) Ministry of External Affairs
 (3) Ministry of Finance
 (4) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
 (5) None of these
40. The Biennial Global Pulses Conference named 'The Pulses Conclave 2020' is to be held in which state?
 (1) Tamil Nadu (2) Kerala (3) Karnataka (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
41. The 7th Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (India Region) was organized in which city?
 (1) New Delhi (2) Mumbai (3) Lucknow (4) Ahmedabad (5) None of these
42. The first edition of "Krishi Manthan" summit is being held in which state?
 (1) Assam (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Andhra (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
43. The first edition of Ganga-Volga dialogue was recently held in New Delhi, to enhance the bilateral co-operation between India and which country?
 (1) China (2) Russia (3) Nepal (4) Bangladesh (5) None of these
44. The International Summit on Women in STEM- "Visualizing the Future: New Skylines", was recently held in which city?
 (1) Mumbai (2) New Delhi (3) Hyderabad (4) Kolkata (5) None of these
45. 'The National Tourism Conference' of the year 2020 was recently organized in which Indian city?
 (1) Varanasi (2) Konark (3) Shimla (4) Leh (5) None of these

Agreement/Deal/Signed

46. The agreement on the prohibition of attack against nuclear installations and facilities was signed in 1988 between which two countries?
 (1) US and USSR (2) USSR and China (3) India and Pakistan
 (4) India and USSR (5) None of these

47. Which state has recently declared 2020 as the year of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and has signed MoUs with tech firms for AI research?
 (1) AP (2) Telengana (3) Odisha (4) Assam (5) None of these
48. Which bank has recently signed a MoU with South-Central Railway zone of the Indian Railways, for doorstep collection of earnings from the railway stations?
 (1) Punjab National Bank (2) Bank of Baroda (3) State Bank of India
 (4) Bank of India (5) None of these
49. Which defence Force of India has recently signed an MoU with Geological Survey of India?
 (1) Indian Army (2) Indian Navy (3) Indian Air Force
 (4) Indian Coast Guard (5) None of these
50. Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has recently signed a MoU with which of the following organizations?
 (1) World Bank (2) BRICS Bank (3) ADB
 (4) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (5) None of these
51. India signed and MoU with the World Bank for the Agri-business and Rural Transformation Project of which state?
 (1) Gujarat (2) Maharashtra (3) MP (4) Haryana (5) None of these

Bills

52. The freedom of speech and freedom to carry on a business through internet is covered under which article of Indian constitution?
 (1) Article 17 (2) Article 18 (3) Article 19 (4) Article 20 (5) None of these

Fund

53. India recently provided nearly 1 lakh academic text books to which country, to assist its development in higher education and research?
 (1) Madagascar (2) Malawi (3) Mozambique (4) Zimbabwe (5) None of these

Economy

54. Which country was the largest source of foreign direct investment (FDI) in India during the first half of the financial year 2019-2020?
 (1) UAE (2) Switzerland (3) Singapore (4) USA (5) None of these
55. What is India's projected growth rate as per first advance estimates of gross domestic product (GDP) growth for 2019-20?
 (1) 5% (2) 5.5% (3) 6% (4) 6.5% (5) None of these
56. What is India's GDP growth rate for the current fiscal, as estimated by the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?
 (1) 5.2 % (2) 5.0 % (3) 4.8 % (4) 4.6 % (5) None of these

Companies/Industry

57. Hyundai partnered with which ride-sharing company to develop electric air taxis?
 (1) Didi (2) Uber (3) Lyft (4) Grab (5) None of these
58. Which famous international money transfer company recently partnered with Ebixcash to expand its presence in Indian market?
 (1) PayPal (2) MoneyGram (3) Western Union
 (4) Transfer Wise (5) None of these

59. Which company recently announced to offer guidance to 15 tech start-up companies from 5 Indian states?
 (1) Google (2) Microsoft (3) Amazon (4) Flipkart (5) None of these
60. Which company has recently announced to invest \$ 1 billion to digitize Small and Medium Businesses in India?
 (1) Google (2) Amazon (3) Microsoft (4) IBM (5) None of these
61. Which major tech-company recently announced that it has planned to cut more than half of carbon emissions across its supply chain, by 2030?
 (1) Google (2) Microsoft (3) Infosys (4) IBM (5) None of these
62. China's Great Wall Motors (GWM) is set to acquire the manufacturing plant of which automobile company located in Maharashtra?
 (1) Toyota (2) Ford (3) Volkswagen (4) General Motors (5) None of these
63. Which Indian tele-com service provider recently got approval from the telecom department to raise the FDI limit to 100%?
 (1) Jio (2) Bharti Airtel (3) BSNL (4) Vodafone Idea (5) None of these

Agriculture/Production

64. Which state has recently started an awareness campaign for farmers to protect their sugarcane crop from locust?
 (1) Gujarat (2) Rajasthan (3) UP (4) Bihar (5) None of these

Space

65. From which Indian organization, the four personnel have been selected for training in Russia for the Gaganyaan Mission, that is going to be launched in 2022?
 (1) ISRO (2) IAF (3) MARCOS (4) Indian Navy (5) None of these
66. ISRO is to set up its second launch port in Tamilnadu for SSLV. What does SSLV stand for?
 (1) Space Satellite Launch Vehicle (2) Speed Satellite Launch Vehicle
 (3) Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (4) Solar Satellite Launch Vehicle (5) None of these
67. What is the estimated cost of the new Chandrayaan -3 project, as per the announcement of ISRO?
 (1) Rs.600 Crore (2) Rs.500 Crore (3) Rs.400 Crore
 (4) Rs.300 Crore (5) None of these
68. Which satellite would be launched on January 17, 2020 as the first satellite of the year 2020?
 (1) GSAT 30 (2) GSAT 29 (3) GSAT 17 (4) GSAT 11 (5) None of these
69. The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) which recently discovered a new habitable exoplanet, belongs to which space agency?
 (1) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
 (2) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
 (3) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
 (4) China National Space Administration (CNSA)
 (5) None of these
70. Scientists recently discovered dwarf galaxies with massive black holes using Very Large Array (VLA) observatory. Where is the observatory situated?
 (1) Japan (2) China (3) U.S.A (4) Russia (5) None of these

71. How many Indian astronauts have been selected for India's first human space mission?
(1) Two (2) Three (3) Four (4) Five (5) None of these

Health/Diseases/Drugs

72. The passengers returning from which country are to be screened for novel Corona virus (nCov), in selected Indian airports?
(1) Indonesia (2) China (3) Thailand (4) Japan (5) None of these

Environment

73. Fausta, a female black rhino, believed to be the world's oldest rhino, had recently died in Tanzanian conservation area. What is the IUCN status of the black rhinos?
(1) Least concern (2) Endangered (3) Near threatened
(4) Critically Endangered (5) None of these
74. According to the recent data from the Ministry of Forest Environment and Climate Change (MoEFCC), what is the total number of tiger deaths occurred in India during 2019?
(1) 95 (2) 100 (3) 105 (4) 110 (5) None of these
75. Which state will have the country's first rehabilitation centre for freshwater turtles?
(1) MP (2) Bihar (3) Chhattisgarh (4) Odisha (5) None of these
76. A one-horned rhinoceros calf was recently born at the Manas National Park. The National park is situated in which state?
(1) AP (2) Assam (3) Sikkim (4) HP (5) None of these
77. According to the India Meteorological Department's (IMD's) Statement on Climate of India During 2019 report, Arabian Sea on India's west coast saw a 400% rise in cyclones, a record that is repeated only after 1902. Which five cyclones hit Arabian Sea in 2019?
(1) Vayu, Pabuk, Kyarr, Bulbul and Pavan
(2) Vayu, Pabuk, Kyarr, Bulbul and Fani
(3) Pabuk, Vayu, Kyarr, Bulbul and Fani
(4) Vayu, Hikka, Kyarr, Maha and Pavan
(5) None of these
78. Recently, 146 Irrawady dolphins were recently spotted in Chilika Lake. Where is the Chilka Lake situated?
(1) HP (2) Odisha (3) J&K (4) Uttarakhand (5) None of these

Education

79. Which state government recently announced to prepare special text-books for children with learning disabilities?
(1) AP (2) MP (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Odisha (5) None of these

Transport/Cars/Scooters

80. The highest railway bridge in the world is to be constructed in which state/ UT?
(1) HP (2) Uttarakhand (3) Sikkim (4) J&K (5) None of these
81. Which is the first Indian airport to get Disabled Aircraft Recovery Equipment (DARE)?
(1) Chatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai
(2) Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
(3) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
(4) Cochin International Airport
(5) None of these

82. The second Tejas Express, which was recently flagged off, connects Mumbai with which city?
(1) Pune (2) Hyderabad (3) Ahmedabad (4) Nagpur (5) None of these

Films and Film Festival

83. An international Film Festival with the theme of 'Better Film, Better Audience and Better Society', was recently inaugurated in which city?
(1) Tokyo (2) Dubai (3) Dhaka (4) Colombo (5) None of these
84. Which famous international company is to release its original film named 'The Banker'?
(1) Amazon (2) Apple (3) Netflix (4) HBO (5) None of these

Festival

85. Dhanu Jatra is currently celebrated in which state?
(1) Odisha (2) Telangana (3) Jharkhand (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

86. Which airline is currently headed by Ashwani Lohani?
(1) Indigo (2) Spicejet (3) Air India (4) Vistara (5) None of these
87. Who has been recently named as the new ruler/sultan of Oman?
(1) Qasem Soleimani (2) Qaboos bin Said al Said (3) Haitham bin Tariq
(4) Mahjoob Zweiri (5) None of these
88. Who has recently been appointed as the new Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?
(1) Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar (2) A.P. Maheshwari (3) Vijay Kumar
(4) Arvind Kumar (5) None of these
89. Who was recently appointed as the new Managing Director of the State Bank of India (SBI)?
(1) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty (2) Rajnish Kumar (3) Atanu Kumar Das
(4) Sanjiv Chadha (5) None of these
90. Hassan Diab, who was seen in news recently, is the Prime Minister of which country?
(1) Israel (2) Jordan (3) Syria (4) Lebanon (5) None of these

Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

91. Sunita Lakra, who announced her retirement recently, is a famous Indian player of which Sports?
(1) Tennis (2) Badminton (3) Hockey (4) Cricket (5) None of these
92. Which famous Indian cricketer recently announced his retirement from all forms of cricket?
(1) Irfan Pathan (2) Yusuf Pathan (3) Bhuvanesh Kumar
(4) R Ashwin (5) None of these
93. Daniele De Rossi, who announced his retirement recently, is a world-cup winning footballer of which country?
(1) Brazil (2) Italy (3) Germany (4) France (5) None of these

Deaths

94. David Stern who passed away recently was the Commissioner of which famous Sports league?
(1) Formula 1, F1 (2) National Basketball Association, NBA
(3) Major League Baseball, MLB (4) National Hockey League, NHL (5) None of these

95. Qassim Soleimani, who was killed in the US air strike was the Military Commander of which country?
 (1) Iraq (2) Iran (3) Israel (4) Syria (5) None of these
96. Ratna Ojha, who recently passed away, was a theatre artist and activist of which state?
 (1) Odisha (2) Meghalaya (3) Assam (4) West Bengal (5) None of these
97. Bapu Nadkarni, who recently passed away, belonged to which field?
 (1) Politics (2) Literature (3) Sports (4) Arts (5) None of these

Awards/Honours

98. Who will launch the "Earthshot Prize" to motivate new solution to tackle climate crisis?
 (1) Duke of Cambridge (2) Queen Elizabeth II (3) Duke of Sussex
 (4) Prince of Wales (5) None of these
99. Which Indian cricketer is selected for the 'C K Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award' of BCCI?
 (1) Kapil Dev (2) K Srikanth (3) Sunil Gavaskar
 (4) Dilip Vengsarkar (5) None of these
100. Which cricketer won the 'Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy' for 'Player of the Year', presented by the International Cricket Council (ICC)?
 (1) Virat Kohli (2) Ben Stokes (3) Kane Williamson
 (4) Rohit Sharma (5) None of these
101. The 'National Highway Excellence Awards', which was recently presented by the Union Road, Transport and Highway Minister, was instituted in which year?
 (1) 2016 (2) 2017 (3) 2018 (4) 2019 (5) None of these
102. Who has been recently conferred with the 29th Saraswati Samman Award?
 (1) Vikram Seth (2) Mahabaleshwar Sail (3) Vasdev Mohi
 (4) Padma Sachdev (5) None of these
103. Which Indian entrepreneur was recently honoured with the Australia's highest civilian honour, 'Order of Australia'?
 (1) Anand Mahindra (2) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (3) Azim Premji
 (4) Uday Kotak (5) None of these
104. The National Bravery Awards for children are presented by which ministry/ organization annually?
 (1) Ministry of Women and Child Development
 (2) Ministry of Defence
 (3) UNICEF
 (4) Indian Council for Child Welfare
 (5) None of these
105. Which Indian actor was recently honoured with the Crystal Award of the World Economic Forum?
 (1) Priyanka Chopra (2) Deepika Padukone (3) Kareena Kapoor
 (4) Anushka Sharma (5) None of these
106. Who has been recently awarded with the Subash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar, 2020?
 (1) Vijay Kumar (2) Sylendra Babu (3) Naveen Kumar
 (4) Kumar Munnan Singh (5) None of these

107. Which state's Tourism department has received the special mention honour as "Emerging Global Destination" in UN World Tourism Organization Global Destination Award 2019?
(1) Kerala (2) Manipur (3) Assam (4) Uttarakhand (5) None of these
108. Which legendary Indian sportsperson was awarded with the prestigious 'Padma Vibhushan' award recently?
(1) Sachin Tendulkar (2) Dhanraj Pillai (3) M C Mary Kom
(4) Abhinav Bindra (5) None of these
109. How many personalities were selected for the 'Padma Bhushan' award, on the republic day 2020?
(1) 14 (2) 15 (3) 16 (4) 17 (5) None of these

Sports/Game

110. Manav Thakkar, who is in news recently, is a famous personality of which sports?
(1) Badminton (2) Tennis (3) Squash (4) Table Tennis (5) None of these
111. Which Indian city hosts the All India Police Judo Cluster Championship 2019?
(1) Guwahati (2) Cuttack (3) New Delhi (4) Goa (5) None of these
112. Which city plays host to the annual 'World Future Energy Summit' of the year 2020?
(1) Sharjah (2) Riyadh (3) Dubai (4) Abu Dhabi (5) None of these
113. Which Indian wrestler won the Gold medal at the Rome Ranking Series 2020 event, held recently?
(1) Geeta Phogat (2) Babita Phogat (3) Vinesh Phogat
(4) Sakshi Malik (5) None of these
114. Which famous International Tennis tournament is held in the month of January, every year?
(1) US Open (2) Australian Open (3) French Open
(4) Wimbledon (5) None of these
115. Which city plays host to the annual event 'Bharat Parv, 2020' which celebrates the spirit of India?
(1) Mumbai (2) New Delhi (3) Ahmedabad (4) Jaipur (5) None of these

Report

116. Which Indian monument has found place in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's '8 Wonders of SCO' list?
(1) Taj Mahal (2) Statue of Unity (3) Konark Sun Temple
(4) Ajanta Caves (5) None of these
117. According to the recent study conducted by the Swiss bank Julius Baer, which is the most expensive city of the world for luxury goods?
(1) Mumbai (2) Hong Kong (3) New York (4) Singapore (5) None of these
118. The 'World Economic Situation and Prospects report' is released by which organization?
(1) World Bank
(2) United Nations (UN)
(3) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
(4) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
(5) None of these
119. The birth rate of which country fell to the lowest, since the founding of the country seven decades ago?
(1) India (2) China (3) US (4) Brazil (5) None of these

120. Which Indian city has been adjudged as the 'World's most dynamic city', as per the JLL City Momentum Index, 2020?
 (1) Mumbai (2) Bengaluru (3) Kolkata (4) Hyderabad (5) None of these
121. Which Indian state has topped the production of vegetables in 2018-19, as per the recent data from the Ministry of Agriculture?
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) West Bengal (3) Madhya Pradesh
 (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
122. What is the rank of India in the 'Social Mobility Index', recently released by the World Economic Forum?
 (1) 56 (2) 66 (3) 76 (4) 86 (5) None of these
123. Which organization recently released the 'Time to care' report?
 (1) World Bank (2) Asian Development Bank (3) NGO Oxfam
 (4) NGO Pratham (5) None of these
124. Which is the most polluted city in India, according to Greenpeace India's recent report?
 (1) Gurugram (2) Jharia (3) Lucknow (4) Noida (5) None of these
125. What is India's rank in the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) India annual report?
 (1) Fifth (2) Sixth (3) Seventh (4) Eighth (5) None of these

General - National

126. The government had recently launched central Equipment Identity Register portal. It operates under which department?
 (1) Department of Biotechnology (2) Department of Telecom
 (3) Department of Public Enterprise (4) Department of Science and Technology
 (5) None of these
127. Which Union Ministry is set to launch a program for development of eastern states called 'Purvodaya'?
 (1) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
 (2) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
 (3) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
 (4) Ministry of Steel
 (5) None of these
128. According to the recent notification issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice, India, which country was declared as the 'reciprocating territory'?
 (1) United Arab Emirates (2) Oman (3) Saudi Arabia
 (4) Yemen (5) None of these

General - International

129. Which nation has recently banned the 'reef toxic' sunscreen?
 (1) Australia (2) New Zealand (3) Palau (4) Nauru (5) None of these
130. Australia recently witnessed which disaster that killed many lives and caused huge destruction?
 (1) Flood (2) Cyclone (3) Wild fires (4) Tsunami (5) None of these
131. Which Middle East country recently announced multiple-entry tourist visas to people of all countries?
 (1) Singapore (2) France (3) UAE (4) Spain (5) None of these

132. The first in-depth review of India's energy policies was recently released by which international organization?

- (1) World Energy Council
- (2) International Energy Agency
- (3) Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
- (4) International Renewable Energy Agency
- (5) None of these

133. The Union External Affairs Minister recently launched a book titled 'PAX SINICA: Implications for the Indian Dawn'. Who is the author of the book?

- (1) Samir Saran
- (2) Samrat Upadhyay
- (3) Sharad Rathore
- (4) Sumit Agarwal
- (5) None of these

134. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently released a book titled 'Karmayoddha Granth' on the life of which Indian political leader?

- (1) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- (2) Narendra Modi
- (3) L K Advani
- (4) Arun Jaitley
- (5) None of these

Ans: 1-3, 2-3, 3-2, 4-1, 5-1, 6-4, 7-3, 8-2, 9-4, 10-1,11-3, 12-3, 13-2, 14-1, 15-2, 16-3, 17-2, 18-4, 19-2, 20-3, 21-3, 22-3, 23-4, 24-3, 25-2, 26-2, 27-2, 28-2, 29-4, 30-1, 31-2, 32-3, 33-1, 34-2, 35-2, 36-2, 37-1, 38-2, 39-2, 40-4, 41-3, 42-4, 43-2, 44-2, 45-2, 46-3, 47-2, 48-3, 49-2, 50-4, 51-2, 52-3, 53-1, 54-3, 55-1, 56-3, 57-2, 58-2, 59-2, 60-2, 61-2, 62-4, 63-2, 64-3, 65-2, 66-3, 67-1, 68-1, 69-2, 70-3, 71-3, 72-2, 73-4, 74-1, 75-2, 76-2, 77-4, 78-2, 79-3, 80-4, 81-3, 82-3, 83-3, 84-2, 85-1, 86-3, 87-3, 88-2, 89-1, 90-4, 91-3, 92-1, 93-2, 94-2, 95-2, 96-3, 97-3, 98-1, 99-2, 100-2, 101-3, 102-3, 103-2, 104-4, 105-2, 106-4, 107-1, 108-3, 109-3, 110-4, 111-3, 112-4, 113-3, 114-2, 115-2, 116-2, 117-2, 118-2, 119-2, 120-4, 121-2, 122-3, 123-3, 124-2, 125-1, 126-2, 127-4, 128-1, 129-3, 130-3, 131-3, 132-2, 133-1, 134-2.

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