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India's Seventh Navigation Satellite IRNSS-1G successfully launched

Question: Name the ISRO's Launch Vehicle which has launched IRNSS-1G, the seventh satellite of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS)?

- (a) PSLV-C32
- (b) PSLV-C33
- (c) PSLV-C34
- (d) PSLV-C31

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 28 April 2016 ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C33 successfully launched the IRNSS-1G, the seventh satellite of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS).
- The satellite was launched from the First Launch Pad (FLP) of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota at 1250 hrs (12:50 pm) IST.
- The seventh and final satellite of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System, the IRNSS 1G, was launched into a sub geosynchronous transfer orbit with a perigee (nearest point to earth) of 284 km and an apogee (farthest point to earth) of 20,657 km.
- This was the thirty fourth consecutively successful mission of PSLV and the thirteenth in its 'XL' configuration.
- IRNSS-1G has a lift-off mass of 1425 kg.
- This launch also made India into the 5 selected nations that have their own GPS (Global Positioning System) or navigation system.
- The system will be similar to the Global Positioning System (GPS) operated by the United States with 24 satellites and the Glonass, Galileo and BeiDou systems of Russia, Europe and China respectively.
- IRNSS is an independent regional navigation satellite system designed to provide position information in the Indian region and 1500 km around the Indian mainland.
- IRNSS provides two types of services, namely, Standard Positioning Services (SPS) - provided to all users and Restricted Services (RS) - provided to authorised users.
- This navigation system will be controlled by ISRO's Master Control Facility (MCF) at Hassan, Karnataka.
- It may recall that IRNSS-1G is the seventh of the seven satellites constituting the space segment of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System. IRNSS-1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F, the first six satellites of the constellation, were successfully launched by PSLV on July 02, 2013, April 04, 2014, October 16, 2014, March 28, 2015, January 20, 2016 and March 10, 2016 respectively.
- On the Occasion Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, heartily thanked and congratulated all the ISRO scientists and team ISRO for completing IRNSS constellation and dedicated IRNSS to the nation as 'NavIC' (Navigation Indian Constellation).



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Six Persons nominated to Rajya Sabha

Question: Which of the following names is not included in the list of six person nominated to Rajya Sabha?

- (a) M.C Marycom
- (b) Anupam Kher
- (c) Navjot Singh
- (d) Narendra Jadev

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 22 April 2016 President Pranab Mukherjee nominated the six personalities from different fields to the House of Elders following a recommendation of the Narendra Modi government.
- Six members nominated to the Rajya Sabha include Subramanian Swamy, Navjot Singh Sidhu, Mary Kom, Narendra Jadhav, Suresh Gopi and Swapan Dasgupta.
- In the Rajya Sabha there are 12 nominated members, of which seven seats are empty at the moment.
- Six of the seven seats have been approved by the president.
- Mr Swamy, a Harvard-educated economist, was a former Union Minister for Commerce and Law. He was also a former member of the Planning Commission.
- Mr Sidhu, cricketer-turned-parliamentarian is three-time Lok Sabha member of BJP from Amritsar.
- 33-year-old Mary Kom, who hails from Manipur, is a five-time world amateur boxing champion and the only woman boxer to have won a medal in each one of the six world championships.
- Swapan Dasgupta is a senior journalist and has held different editorial posts at The Statesman, The Times of India and India Today besides others.
- Mr. Jadhav, apart from his economics writings is famous for penning a biography of his family, called Amchi Baap Ani Amhi in Marathi and was translated as Untouchables in English.
- Suresh Gopinathan, commonly known as Suresh Gopi, is an Indian film actor and singer who has starred in over 200 Malayalam films. The role of Kannan Perumalayan in Kaliyattam (1997) won him the National Film Award for Best Actor along with the Kerala State Film Award for Best Actor.
- As per Article 80(1), (3) (Part V) of the Constitution, President can nominate 12 members in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha). These persons should have special knowledge or practical experience in the field of Art, Science, Literature and Social Service.

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Prime Minister Launched National Agriculture Market

Question: Name the e-trading platform which is recently launched by Prime Minister for the National Agriculture Market?

- (a) e-Mandi
- (b) e-NAM
- (c) e-KISAN
- (d) e-BAZAR

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 14 April 2016 Prime



Minister Narendra Modi, launched the pilot of e-NAM - the e-trading platform for the National Agriculture Market.

- 21 mandis in 8 states have been linked to National Agriculture Market.
- 200 mandis will be Linked within five Months and 585 Mandis by March, 2018.
- Its software will be provided to all the willing states without cost. A knowledgeable person is being deployed for one year in every sharing mandi so as to facilitate the smooth functioning of the portal.
- Government of India is providing a grant of Rs. 30 lacs to the proposed agriculture mandis of the states.
- The farmers will be provided “farmer helpline services round the clock” for obtaining information related to this portal.

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Visit of President of Maldives to India

Question: Name the President of Maldives who was on an Official visit to India on April 10-11, 2016?

- (a) Mohamed Nasheed
- (b) Abdulla Yamin Abdul Gayoom
- (c) Dunya Maumoon
- (d) Dr. Mohammed Saini

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- The President of Maldives, Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom was on an Official visit to India on April 10-11, 2016.
- His Official delegation includes Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dunya Maumoon, Minister of Fisheries and Agriculture Dr. Mohamed Shainee and three Members of the Maldivian Parliament.
- President Yameen's first State visit after assumption of Office was to India in January 1-4, 2014.
- Both countries have historically had a close relationship.
- India was among the first to recognise Maldives after its independence in 1965 and to establish diplomatic relations with the country.
- India and Maldives signed a trade agreement in 1981, which provides for export of essential commodities
- Growing from modest beginnings, India-Maldives bilateral trade now stands at Rs.700 crores
- Indian exports to the Maldives include agriculture and poultry produce, sugar, fruits, vegetables, spices, rice, wheat flour (Atta), textiles, drugs and medicines, a variety of engineering and industrial products, sand and aggregate, cement for building etc.
- Indian imports primarily scrap metals from the Maldives.
- The programme in Delhi for President Yameen's visit also included a meeting and working lunch with Prime Minister on April 11, 2016.
- List of Agreements/MoUs signed during the visit of President of Maldives to India on April 11, 2016.
- The Agreement to avoid double taxation of income derived from international air transport.
- Agreement for the Exchange of Information with respect to Taxes.
- Bilateral Agreement related to Orbit Frequency Coordination of "South Asia Satellite" proposed at 48 degree East.
- Agreement for Cooperation in the area of conservation and restoration of ancient mosques and joint research and exploratory surveys in Maldives.
- Agreement on cooperation in the field of Tourism.
- Agreement for Defence Cooperation.

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Prime Minister's visit to Belgium, US and Saudi Arabia

Question: Recently Prime Minister of India was on an official visit to Belgium, US and Saudi Arabia. During this where did he attend the 4th Nuclear Security Summit?

- (a) Brussels
- (b) Washington D.C
- (c) Riyadh
- (d) New York

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- Prime Minister of India was on an official visit to Belgium, US and Saudi Arabia on 30 March 2016 -3 April 2016.
- Prime Minister was on his first official visit to Brussels, Belgium on 30 March 2016.
- Belgium is India's second largest trade partner within the EU (**European Union**). EU is India's leading trade and investment partner and biggest export destination.
- During his visit he attended the 13th India-EU Summit at the invitation of the President of the European Council, Mr. Donald Tusk and the President of the European Commission, Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker.
- India-EU Summit was started in early 2000.
- The last summit was held in New Delhi in 2012.
- The Prime Minister held a bilateral Summit meeting with Belgium at the invitation of the Belgian Prime Minister Mr. Charles Michel
- The two prime Minister agreed to cooperate in the field of counter terrorism, renewable energy, biotechnology, shipping, ICT and taxation.
- From March 31 to April 1, 2016 Prime Minister was on the visit to the United States Of America.
- The Prime Minister also attended the 4th Nuclear Security Summit on March 31 and April 1, 2016 at Washington D.C.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was an official visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 2-3 April, 2016 at the invitation of King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud.
- This is the highest-level visit from India to Saudi Arabia after the visit of the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh to Riyadh in 2010.
- Saudi Arabia has become India's 4th largest partner with bilateral trade exceeding US\$ 39 billion in 2014-15.
- On 2 April 2016 prime minister visited the residential compound of L & T personnel in Riyadh.
- On 3 April 2016 the Prime Minister visited First All-Women technology services center established by TCS in Riyadh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred Saudi Arabia's highest civilian honour, "the King Abdulaziz Sash" by the Saudi Arabia king Salman Bin Abdulaziz.

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National Programmes for Smart Pumps for Farmers

Question: On 7 April 2016, In order to make country more energy efficient the Union Government has started which of the following programmes?

- (a) National Energy Efficient Agriculture Pumps Programme
- (b) National Energy Saving Programme
- (c) Energy saving initiatives
- (d) None Of the Above

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 7 April 2016, In order to make country more energy efficient, the Union Government has launched two schemes namely National Energy Efficient Agriculture Pumps Programme and National Energy Efficient Fan Programme in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
- The programme was launched by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, N. Chandrababu Naidu during the inaugural session of the two-day International workshop on energy efficient lighting.
- These Schemes will be implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a JV of PSUs under Ministry of Power.

National Energy efficient agricultural program features includes:

- Smart BEE star rated Energy Efficient Agricultural Pump sets be distributed to farmers.
- Farmers can replace their inefficient agricultural pump sets free of cost.
- Pumps to come with Smart Control Panes that has a SIM card and a Smart Meter.
- EESL will distribute 200,000 BEE star rated pump-sets to the farmers under this programme, which will lead to 30% of energy savings by 2019.

National energy efficient fan program features includes:

- Energy-Efficient, 50 Watts and 5-Star Rated Ceiling Fans will be distributed. These fans are 30% more energy efficient as compared to conventional fans, which range from 75- 80 Watts.
- At present, two energy efficient fans will be provided to each consumer at Rs 60 a month per fan on EMI basis.
- Consumers can also purchase the fan by making UPFRONT payment of Rs. 1,250 for 50 watts fan.

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Solid Waste Management Rules (SWM)-2016

Question: On 5 April 2016 The Environment Ministry has revised Solid Waste Management Rules, It has been revised after how many years?

- (a) 10 Years
- (b) 15 Years
- (c) 05 Years
- (d) 16 Years

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- On April 2016 Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar has revised Solid Waste Management Rules.
- It has been revised after 16 years.
- **Some of the salient features of SWM Rules, 2016 include:**
 1. The Rules are now applicable beyond Municipal areas.
- This is extend to urban agglomerations, census towns, notified industrial townships, areas under the control of Indian Railways, airports, airbase, Port and harbour, defence establishments, special economic zones, State and Central government organizations, places of pilgrims, religious & historical importance.
 2. No person should throw, burn, or bury the solid waste generated by him, on streets, open public spaces outside his premises, or in the drain, or water bodies.
 3. Generator will have to pay 'User Fee' to waste collector and for 'Spot Fine' for Littering and Non-segregation.
 4. Construction and demolition waste should be stored, separately disposed off, as per the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016
- The Government has also constituted a Central Monitoring Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to monitor the overall implementation of the Rules.
- It is estimated that about 62 million tonnes of waste is generated annually in the country.
- Out of which 5.6 million is plastic waste, 0.17 million is biomedical waste. In addition, hazardous waste generation is 7.90 million TPA (Tonnes Per Annum) and 15 lakh tonne is e-waste.

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UIDAI generates a billion (100 crore) Aadhaars A Historic Moment for India

Question: Recently the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) generated the 100th crore Aadhaar on April 4, 2016, touching the landmark in a span of five-and-a-half years since the first Aadhaar was issued in 2010. Presently Aadhaar coverage now is at what percent among people above the age of 18?

- (a) 90%
- (b) 93%
- (c) 95%
- (d) 92%

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 4 April 2016 The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) generated the 100th crore Aadhaar touching the landmark in a span of five-and-a-half years since the first Aadhaar was issued in 2010.
- This comes just a few days after a historic legislation Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits, and Services) Act 2016 has been notified by the Government.
- Aadhaar coverage now is at 93 percent among people above the age of 18 (as per projected population figures of 2015).
- As on date, in thirteen states and union territories (UTs) Aadhaar saturation has crossed 90 percent, while in thirteen other states and UTs it is between 75-90 percent.
- **Aadhaar Achievements**
 - More than 100 crore people have Aadhaar
 - 73.96 Crores (93%) of adults in India have Aadhaar
 - 22.25 Crore (67%) Children of age 5-18 Years have Aadhaar
 - 2.30 Crore (20%) Children of Age 0- <5 years have Aadhaar
 - Every day more than 5-7 lakhs people get enrolled for Aadhaar.
 - Aadhaar is now the largest online digital identity platform in the world.
- **Aadhaar Benefits**
 - DBTL (Pahal) – estimated savings of Rs 14,672 cr.
 - PDS – estimated savings of Rs 2,346 cr. across 4 states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Puducherry and Delhi
 - Scholarship – estimated savings of Rs 276 cr. across 3 states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Punjab
 - Pensions (NSAP) – estimated savings of Rs 66 cr. across 3 states of Jharkhand, Chandigarh and Puducherry
- **Aadhaar Usage**
 - 25.48 cr. Bank accounts linked with unique Aadhaars
 - Over 12.28 cr (71%) LPG connections linked with Aadhaar
 - Over 11.39 crore (45%) ration cards linked with Aadhaar
 - Over 5.90 cr. (60%) NREGA Cards linked with Aadhaar
- **Aadhaar Authentication**
 - Over 150.6 cr. authentication transactions done by UIDAI
 - Over 8.4 cr. e-KYC transactions done at UIDAI
 - UIDAI authenticates over 40 lakh auth transactions per day

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India's First Semi-High Speed Train

Question: Name the India's First Semi-High Speed Train which was flagged off on 5th April, 2016 from H. Nizamuddin Railway Station by the Minister of Railways Suresh Prabhakar Prabu ?

- (a) Atal Express
- (b) Gatiman Express
- (c) Antodaya Express
- (d) Mahamana Express

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 5 April 2016 India's first semi-high speed train christened as Gatimaan Express was flagged off from H. Nizamuddin Railway Station by the Minister of Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabu.
- This Gatimaan Express will run six days a week except Friday and will carry the numbers 12050/12049 in its regular trips.
- The coaches which were used in Gatimaan Express are new LHB coaches turned out by Rail Coach Factory(RCF), Kapurthala.
- The train is hauled by an electrical engine WAP 5 with horse power of 5500 HP.
- It is capable of running at a maximum speed of 160 KMPH.
- 'Gatiman' Express train will comprise of TWO Executive AC Chair Car & EIGHT AC Chair Car coaches. The fare for AC Chair Car is Rs.750/- whereas it is Rs.1500/- for Executive AC Chair Car.
- The on board catering on this train is being organized by railway PSU namely Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).
- IRCTC has made arrangement for deploying train hostesses also on board the train.
- Another unique feature of this train is free of cost on board entertainment facility provided by an agency MyFreeTv.in .
- Under this facility, passengers can view various entertaining videos during travel on their smart phone, tablets or laptops even without internet connection through WiFi.
- The 12049 AgraCantt - H.Nizamuddin Gatimaan Express started its first regular run on 05/04/2016 from Agra Cantt Railway station at 17:50 hrs. to reach H. Nizamuddin at 19:30 hrs the same day.
- The regular run of train no. 12050 H. Nizamuddin-Agra Cantt Gatimaan started from H.Nizamuddin station at 08.10 a.m. from 06.04.2016 to reach Agra Cantt. at 09.50 a.m. the same day.

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India Rankings 2016

Question: On April 4, the Union Minister for Human Resource Development Smriti Zubin Irani released the India Rankings 2016 under National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) in New Delhi. Which of the following Institution topped in the Management Category?

- (a) IIM Bangalore
- (b) IIM Ahmedabad
- (c) IIM Mumbai
- (d) IIM Kolkata

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On April 4, the Union Minister for Human Resource Development Smriti Zubin Irani released the India Rankings 2016 under National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) in New Delhi.
- The India Rankings 2016 is the first of its kind since the launch of NIRF on 29 September 2015. It assessed the performance of higher educational institutions in India and ranked them accordingly.
- The ranking was divided into four categories namely Management, engineering, pharma and universities.
- The criteria for ranking included teaching/learning resources, research, graduation outcomes, outreach/inclusivity and perception. The data for the first four parameters, which account for 90% of the weightage.
- The data was submitted by the institutions and verified by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), a body constituted by the HRD ministry last year to conduct annual surveys.
- Predictably IIMs hog the top slots amongst the management institutions. The first six ranks are occupied by IIMs led by IIM Bangalore at 1st rank with a weighted score of 93.04, closely followed by IIM Ahmedabad (rank 2), IIM Calcutta (rank 3) and IIM Lucknow (rank 4) with weighted scores of 89.92, 87.45 and 86.13 respectively.
- In Engineering category the first five positions led by IIT Madras the top slot with a weighted score of 89.42 followed by IIT Bombay, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Delhi and IIT Kanpur with weighted score of 87.67, 83.91, 82.03 and 81.07 respectively.
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru is ranked as the first amongst universities with a weighted score of 91.81 closely followed by Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, formerly University Department of Chemical Technology (UDCT), University of Mumbai, which stands at rank 2 with a weighted score of 87.58 .
- Ranks 3 to 8 are occupied by the traditional, multi-disciplinary universities led by Jawaharlal Nehru University (rank 3) followed by University of Hyderabad (rank 4), Tezpur University (rank 5), University of Delhi (rank 6), Banaras Hindu University (rank 7) and Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (rank 8) with weighted scores ranging from 86.46 (JNU) to 78.83 (IISST)
- In Pharmacy category, Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences at rank 1 with a weighted score of 77.87 closely followed by University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chandigarh at 2 rank with a weighted score of 77.10. Jamia Hamdard (rank 3), Poona College of Pharmacy, Pune (rank 4) and Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University (rank 5) obtained weighted scores of 71.39, 70.93 and 69.76 respectively.

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International

World Press Freedom Index-2016

Question: In recently released 2016 World Press Freedom Index (WPFI), India ranked at which of the following position?

- (a) 133th
- (b) 134th
- (c) 136th
- (d) 145th

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 20 April 2016 World Press Freedom Index (WPFI)-2016 has been released which is compiled and produced by France-based international non-governmental organization Reporters Without Borders (RWB), or Reporters Sans Frontières (RSF).
- The Index ranks 180 countries according to the freedom allowed journalists. It also includes indicators of the level of media freedom violations in each region.
- Out of total 180 countries in the index, Finland with the score of 8.59 has retained its top spot for the sixth consecutive year.
- The Netherlands (8.76), Norway(8.79), Denmark(8.89) and New Zealand(10.01) has occupied 2nd ,3rd , 4th and 5th position respectively.
- The last five positions are occupied by China (176th), Syria (177th) Turkmenistan (178th), North Korea (179th) and Eritrea (180th).
- In this edition, India with a score of 43.17 has jumped three spots from the 136th position it had in 2015 and ranked 133rd in 2016.
- Among India's neighboring countries, Pakistan ranks 147th , Sri Lanka (141st), Afghanistan (120th), Bangladesh (144th), Maldives (112th) Nepal (105th) and Bhutan (94th).
- Among the Developed countries, United Kingdom is ranked 38th, United States (41st), France (45th), Japan (72nd) and Russia is placed at the 148th place.
- The Index is published annually by Reporters Sans Frontières (RSF) since 2002.

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Europe declared Malaria-free

Question: Recently the World Health Organization (W.H.O.) has declared which of the following region as malaria free region in the world?

- (a) South America
- (b) Europe
- (c) South- East Asia
- (d) United States Of America

Ans (b)

Related facts:

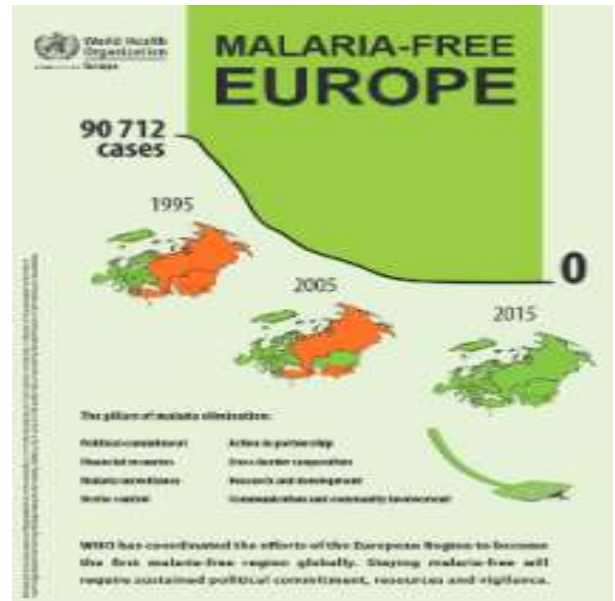
- On 20 April 2016 Europe has been declared as malaria free region by the World Health Organization (W.H.O.).
- According to the World Health Organization, (WHO), the number of malaria cases in Europe dropped from almost 91,000 in 1995 to zero last year.
- It's a significant and symbolic achievement because Europe is the first region to eradicate the disease as part of a new UN-led strategy to wipe out malaria globally.
- Speaking ahead of World Malaria Day 2016 (on Monday, 25 April), WHO's Dr Nedret Emiroglu warned that the continent will remain vulnerable until the disease is beaten globally.
- According to the latest estimates from WHO, there were 214 million new cases of malaria worldwide in 2015 and there were an estimated 438 000 malaria deaths worldwide in 2015.
- It may be recalled that On 12 Feb. 2016 J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, launched the National Framework for Malaria Elimination (NFME) 2016-2030, which outlines India's strategy for elimination of the disease by 2030.
- Malaria is caused by Plasmodium parasites. The parasites are spread to people through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes, called "malaria vectors."
- Malaria is preventable and curable, and increased efforts can dramatically reduce the malaria burden in many places.

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World Economic Outlook, April 2016

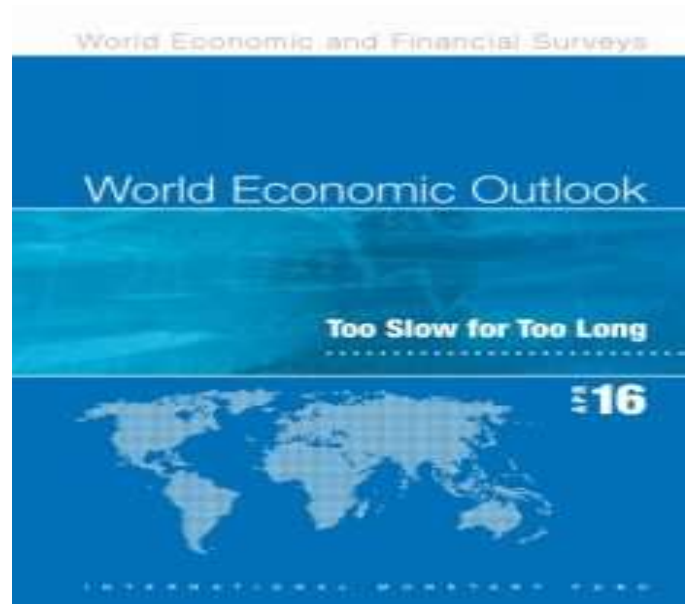
Question: World Economic Outlook report is published by-

- (a) The International Monetary Fund
- (b) The World Bank
- (c) The World Economic Forum
- (d) None of these

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 12 April 2016 the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has published its “World Economic Outlook, April 2016” report.
- The IMF's latest World Economic Outlook now predicts global growth of 3.2% in 2016 and 3.5% in 2017.
- The current value is less than its earlier projection (January) by 0.2 and 0.1 percentage points respectively.
- According to the report, India will be the fastest growing major economy in 2016-17 growing at 7.5%, ahead of China, at a time when global growth is facing increasing downside risks, as per the World Economic outlook released by the IMF.
- According to the IMF the growth rate of the Indian economy is driven by private consumption and an increase in industrial activity.
- The report also marginally increased its growth projections by 0.2% percentage points for China to 6.5% and 6.2% in 2016 and 2017 respectively citing resilient domestic demand.



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India's External Debt at end-December 2015

Question: The quarterly statistics on India's external debt for the quarters ending September and December every year is released by-

- (a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- (b) Ministry of commerce and industry
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) Reserve Bank of India

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- On 31 March 2016, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance has issued press release relates to India's external debt at end-December 2015.
- Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance has been compiling and releasing quarterly statistics on India's external debt for the quarters ending September and December every year.
- The figures for the first two quarters (March and June end) are compiled and issued by the Reserve Bank of India.
- At end-December 2015, India's external debt stock stood at US\$ 480.2 billion, recording an increase of US\$ 4.9 billion (1.0 per cent) over the level at end-March 2015.
- The rise in external debt during the period was due to long-term external debt particularly commercial borrowings and NRI deposits.
- However, on a sequential basis, total external debt at end December 2015 declined by US\$ 1.2 billion from the end-September 2015 level.
- At end-December 2015, long-term external debt accounted for 83.0 per cent of India's total external debt, while the remaining (17 per cent) was short-term debt.
- Long-term debt at end-December 2015 was US\$ 398.6 billion, showing an increase of US\$ 8.8 billion (2.3 per cent) over the level at end-March 2015.
- Short-term external debt witnessed a decline of 4.6 per cent and stood at US\$ 81.6 billion at end-December 2015.
- Government (sovereign) external debt stood at US\$ 90.7 billion at end-December 2015 while non-Government debt amounted to US\$ 389.5 billion.
- The share of Government (Sovereign) and non-Government debt in the total external debt was 18.9 per cent and 81.1 per cent respectively, at end-December 2015.
- The share of US dollar denominated debt continued to be the highest in external debt stock at 57.6 per cent at end-December 2015, followed by the Indian rupee (28.7 per cent), SDR (5.8 per cent), Japanese yen (4.1 per cent), and euro (2.3 per cent).
- The ratio of concessional debt to total external debt was 8.7 per cent at end-December 2015 (8.8 per cent at end-March 2015).
- India's foreign exchange reserves provided a cover of 73.0 per cent to the total external debt stock at end-December 2015 vis-à-vis 67.5 per cent at end-March 2015.
- The ratio of short term external debt to foreign exchange reserves was 23.3 per cent at end-December 2015 as against 26.7 per cent at end-March 2015.

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India's External Debt at end-December 2015

Asia's 50 most powerful business women list-2016

Question: Who has topped the list of Asia's 50 most powerful business women-2016 published by Forbes?

- (a) Shikha Sharma
- (b) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- (c) Nita Ambani
- (d) Chanda Kochhar

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- On 6 April 2016 Forbes has release the Asia's 50 Power Business Women List-2016.
- In accordance with the list, **8 Indian women** have made their mark in the list of 50 Power Business Women.
- The list is topped by Reliance Foundation Chairperson Nita Ambani .
- SBI Chairman Arundhati Bhattacharya has been placed at the second position in this list.
- Other Indian Women in the list includes the name of Ambiga Dhiraj, chief executive, of Mu Sigma placed at 14th position and Dipali Goenka, chief executive of Welspun India placed at 16th position.
- Vinita Gupta, chief executive of Lupin running India's third-largest pharmaceutical company, with \$2 billion in revenue has been placed at 18th position followed by Chanda Kochhar, managing director of ICICI Bank at 22nd position.
- Vandana Luthra, Founder and Vice Chairperson of VLCC Health Care have been placed at 26th position and Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Founder and Chairperson of Biocon has been placed at 28th position.

Reference:

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesasia/2016/04/06/asias-50-power-businesswomen-2016/#5ae311e4f487>



First Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement, 2016-17

Question: On 5 April 2016 RBI has issued First Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement, 2016-17. In this the policy repo rate has been reduced under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by how much?

- (a) 25 basis points
- (b) 50 basis points
- (c) 75 basis points
- (d) 65 basis points

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 5 April 2016 has issued First Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement, 2016-17.
- On the basis of an assessment of the current and evolving macroeconomic situation, RBI has decided to reduce the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points from 6.75 per cent to 6.5 per cent.
- Earlier, the central bank on September 29, 2015 in its fourth bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement 2015-16 the policy repo rate was reduced 50 basis points to 6.75 per cent from 7.25 per cent .
- RBI has decided to reduce the minimum daily maintenance of the cash reserve ratio (CRR) from 95 per cent of the requirement to 90 per cent with effect from the fortnight beginning April 16, 2016, while keeping the CRR unchanged at 4.0 per cent of net demand and time liabilities (NDTL).
- Effective from April 2, 2016 the statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) of scheduled commercial banks was reduced by 25 basis points from 21.5 per cent to 21.25 per cent of their NDTL.
- Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the LAF stands adjusted to 6.0 per cent, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate to 7.0 per cent. The Bank Rate which is aligned to the MSF rate also stands adjusted to 7.0 per cent.
- The GVA (Gross Value Added: GVA) growth projection for 2016-17 is estimated at 7.6 per cent.

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Nomadic Elephant-2016

Question: Nomadic Elephant 2016, is the joint military exercise of which of the following two countries?

- (a) India and Sri Lanka
- (b) India and Thailand
- (c) India and Mongolia
- (d) India and Afghanistan

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- On 25 April 2016 the Eleventh Indo-Mongolia joint training Exercise, 'Nomadic Elephant - 2016' to promote military associations between India and Mongolia has commenced at Mongolia.
- The exercise will end on 08 May 2016.
- The aim of this exercise is to develop synergy and inter operability between the two armies to fight in Counter Insurgency and Counter Terrorism environment under the United Nation mandate.
- A platoon of the Kumaon Regiment of the Indian Army alongwith a team of two observers will be taking part in the event.
- From the Mongolian Armed Forces, a total of 60 personnel will take part in the exercise.
- The event will end with a 48 hours joint outdoor exercise covering specialised operations in Counter Insurgency and Counter Terrorism environment.

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Japan successfully tested first stealth fighter jet

Question: Name the Japan's first stealth fighter jet which was successfully tested on 22 April 2016?

- (a) X-2
- (b) P-2
- (c) D-1
- (d) F-3

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 22 April 2016 Japan became the fourth country to test-fly its own stealth jet.
- The domestically developed X-2 took off from Nagoya Airfield (Komaki Airport) in Aichi Prefecture at around 08:50 a.m. local time on 22 April 2016 (23:50 GMT on Thursday) and landed safely at Gifu Air Field in Gifu Prefecture at 09:13 a.m. (00:13 GMT).
- Japan is now the fourth nation, after the United States, Russia and China to test fly its own stealth jet.
- The X-2, developed by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and 200 other firms.
- It measures 14.2 metres (47 feet) long and 9.1 metres wide.
- It was built as a successor to F-2 fighter jets developed jointly with the United States.
- Japan began the project in 2009 and has reportedly spent about 39.4 billion yen (\$332 million) to develop the aircraft.

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ISRO developed the world's most lightweight material

Question: Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre is located in which of the following city?

- (a) Visakhapatnam
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Thiruvananthapuram
- (d) Bengaluru

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- ISRO has developed the world's lightest insulating material called 'silica aerogel'.
- Scientists at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, India's premier rocket lab recently manufactured the world's lightest material called silica aerogel or 'blue air.'
- This material has excellent thermal resistance and can be used for various purposes.
- It is so light weight that it can be delicately placed on a flower head, ISRO has made the world's lightest known material, sometimes also called 'frozen smoke.'
- The matrix of aerogel is made up of 99 per cent air. The material is still very fragile and brittle and scientists at the space centre are still finding ways to make it tough and resilient.
- Since it is lightweight, it could also be used in designing the space suits that future Indian astronauts may be wearing.
- There are other societal benefits of using the 'silica aerogel', if window panes are given a coating of this new material, light would easily pass but heat would be contained, says Naga Priya, a scientist who is part of the team that made this material.

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Param Kanchenjunga

Question: Name the state where supercomputer named 'Param Kanchenjunga' was unveiled recently?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Sikkim
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- On 14 April 2016 the supercomputer, named 'Param Kanchenjunga', was formally unveiled by Sikkim Governor Shrinvas Patil at the NIT Sikkim campus at Ravangla in South Sikkim District.
- The super computer have jointly established by Pune-based Centre for Development of Advanced Computing 'C-DAC' and the NIT Sikkim.
- This has been established at a cost of Rs. three crore.
- The Param Kanchenjunga will function at 15 Teraflops with help of Intel latest processors.
- The supercomputer is expected to help achieve excellence in engineering education and research in the north-east region.

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Asia's biggest telescope launched

Question: Name the state in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Belgian counterpart Charles Michel remotely launched Asia's biggest telescope, the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), built with Belgian assistance?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Jammu Kashmir
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Uttarakhand

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- On 30 March 2016 Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Belgian counterpart Charles Michel remotely launched Asia's biggest telescope (Deosthal Optical Telescope),
- This is built by Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) with Belgian assistance.
- It is a 3.6 metre optical telescope located at Deosthal in Uttarakhand.
- The telescope at the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), has been installed in the Uttarakhand Himalayas, as a result of close collaboration between scientists from the two countries, especially between the teams of ARIES in India, and AMOS (Advanced Mechanical and Optical Systems) in Belgium.
- This is a state-of-the-art world class telescope, which will contribute to observations for several frontline scientific applications.
- The large optical telescopes in India so far have mirrors of about 2-meter diameter only. The largest was the 2.3 meter diameter telescope situated at Kavalur in Tamilnadu since 1986.
- ARIES is an autonomous institute established in 2004 and is funded by Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.
- The main aim of ARIES is to carry out fundamental research in the field of astronomy, astrophysics and atmospheric sciences.
- The 3.6 meter telescope was established by ARIES, Nainital with a total project cost of nearly 150 Crore rupees.
- Considering the global importance of this telescope, the Belgian government through its science department BELSPO decided to participate in this project, and financed seven-percent of its total cost.
- The telescope can target exactly within an object of about 20 meter size at 1000 km distance.

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Sports

Tennis

Porsche Tennis Grand Prix-2016

Question: Who has won the singles title in recently held Porsche Tennis Grand Prix-2016?

- (a) Laura Siegemund
- (b) Caroline Garcia
- (c) Martina Hingis
- (d) Angelique Kerber

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- The 2016 Porsche Tennis Grand Prix was a women's tennis tournament played on indoor clay courts.
- It was the 39th edition of the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix, and part of the Premier tournaments of the 2016 WTA Tour.
- It took place at the Porsche Arena in Stuttgart, Germany, from 18 April through 24 April 2016.

Result of the Tournament is as follows:

Women's Singles:

- Winner: Angelique Kerber(Germany)
- Runner Up: Laura Siegemund (Germany)

Women's Doubles:

- Winner: Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic (Both are of France)
- Runner Up: Martina Hingis(Switzerland) and Sania Mirza (India)

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Copa Colsanitas-2016

Question: Who has won the women's singles title of Copa Colsanitas-2016?

- (a) Silvia Soler
- (b) Teliana Pereira
- (c) Marina Melnikova
- (d) Irina Falconi

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- The 2016 Copa Colsanitas (also known as the 2016 Claro Open Colsanitas) was a women's tennis tournament. It was the 19th edition of the Copa Colsanitas, and part of the International category of the 2016 WTA Tour.
- It took place at the Centro de Alto Rendimiento in Bogota, Colombia, from April 11 through April 17, 2016.

Result of the competition is as follows:

Women's Singles:

- Winner: Irina Falconi(United States)
- Runner Up: Silvia Soler Espinosa(Spain)

Women's Doubles:

- Winner: Lara Arruabarrena(Spain) and Tatjana Maria(Germany)
- Runner Up: Gabriela Ce(Brazil) and Andrea Gamiz(Venezuela)

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Volvo Car Open Tennis tournament-2016

Question: Who has won the Women's singles title in Volvo Car Open Tennis tournament-2016?

- (a) Sloane Stephens
- (b) Elena Vesnina
- (c) Caroline Garcia
- (d) Lucie Safarova

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- The 2016 Volvo Car Open was a women's tennis event on the 2016 WTA Tour. It took place from April 4 – 10, 2016 in Charleston, United States. It was the 43rd edition of the Charleston Open tournament.
- Result of the tournament:
- **Women's Singles:**
- Winner: Sloane Stephens (United States Of America)
- Runner Up: Elena Vesnina (Russia)
- **Women's Doubles:**
- Winner: Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic (Both are of France)
- Runner Up: Bethanie Mattek-Sands (United States Of America) and Lucie Safarova (Czech Republic)

Reference:

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Monte Carlo Rolex Masters-2016

Question: Who has won the title of Men's singles in 'Monte Carlo Rolex Masters-2016' tournament?

- (a) Roger Federer
- (b) Rafael Nadal
- (c) Novak Djokovic
- (d) Andy Murray

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- The 2016 Monte-Carlo Masters was a tennis tournament for male professional players, played from 10 April through 17 April 2016. It was sponsored by Rolex, watch manufacturing company.
- The Results are as follows:
- **Men's Singles:**
 - Winner: Rafael Nadal(Spain)
 - Runner up: Gael Monfils(France)
- **Men's Doubles:**
 - Winner: Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut(Both are of France)
 - Runner up: Jamie Murray(United Kingdom) and Bruno Soares(Brazil)

Reference:

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Miami Open-2016

Question: Who has won the Women's singles title in Miami Open-2016?

- (a) Victoria Azarenka
- (b) Bethanie Mattek-Sands
- (c) Svetlana Kuznetsova
- (d) Lucie Šafářová

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- The 2016 Miami Open presented by Itaú (also known as 2016 Miami Masters) was held at the Tennis Center at Crandon Park in Key Biscayne, Florida, United States, from March 22 to April 3, 2016.
- **Men's Singles:**
 - Winner: Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
 - Runner: Kei Nishikori (Japan)
- **Women's Singles:**
 - Winner: Victoria Azarenka (Belarus)
 - Runner: Svetlana Kuznetsova (Russia)
- **Men's Doubles:**
 - Winner: Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut (Both are of France)
 - Runner: Raven Klaasen (South Africa) and Rajeev Ram (United States)
- **Women's Doubles:**
 - Winner: Bethanie Mattek-Sands (United States) and Lucie Šafářová (Czech Republic)
 - Runner: Tímea Babos (Hungary) and Yaroslava Shvedova (Kazakhstan)

Reference:

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Cricket

James Taylor

Question: Name the England cricketer who has recently announced his retirement due to a serious heart condition?

- (a) Ben Stokes
- (b) Joe Root
- (c) James Taylor
- (d) Eoin Morgan

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- On 12 April 2016 James Taylor, the England middle-order batsman, has been forced into retirement at the age of 26 with a serious heart condition, it was announced by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB).
- Taylor scored 312 runs in 7 test matches played for England at an average of 26 with his highest score of 76 runs.
- Taylor scored 887 runs in 27 international one-day matches at an average of 42.23 with his highest score of 101 runs.
- He scored 1972 runs in 91 Twenty20 matches at an average of 34.59 with his highest score of 62 runs not out.
- He captained the England team in May 2015 in a match against Ireland.

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2016 ICC Men's World Twenty20

Question: Which of the following team won the 2016 ICC World Men's Twenty20?

- (a) England
- (b) West Indies
- (c) Australia
- (d) New Zealand

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- The 2016 ICC World Twenty20 was the sixth edition of the ICC World Twenty20, the world championship of Twenty20 International cricket.
- It was held in India from 8 March to 3 April 2016, and was the first edition to be hosted by India
- The tournament featured 16 teams. All ten full members qualified automatically, joined by the six associate members that qualified through the ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier matches.
- The top eight Full Member nations in the ICC T20I Championship rankings as of 30 April 2014 automatically progressed to the Super 10 stage, with the remaining eight teams competed in the group stage.
- From the group stage, Bangladesh and associate nation Afghanistan advanced to the Super 10 stage
- The final match of the World Cup was played on April 3, 2016 between England and West Indies at Eden Gardens stadium in Kolkata.
- England beat West Indies by 4 wickets and won Twenty20 World Cup for the second time.
- England posted a total of 155/9 from their 20 overs, with Joe Root top-scoring with 54 runs from 36 balls. The West Indies subsequently reached their target with just two balls to spare
- West Indies captain was Darren Sammy and England's captain was Eoin Morgan.
- Marlon Samuels scored 85 not out from 66 balls, and was named as "man of the match".
- This is the highest runs scored ever by an individual in T20 finals.
- Player of the Tournament award was presented to India's Virat Kohli, who scored 273 in the World Cup.
- Bangladesh's Tamim Iqbal scored 295, the highest in the World Cup.
- Afghanistan's Mohammad Nabi took 12 wickets, most in the World Cup.
- On March 16, 2016 West Indies batsman Chris Gayle made a record of making the fastest century in the ICC Twenty20 world cup.
- Gayle playing against England in Mumbai set a record by scoring an unbeaten 100 off 47 balls.
- Afghanistan reached in the second phase of the first Twenty20 World Cup and made it to the Super-10.
- On 18 March chasing 229 runs made by South Africa for victory, England scored 230 runs.
- This is the highest total chased by any team in Twenty20 World Cup in order to win the game.

- On March 27 in a match against Australia, Ravichandran Ashwin become the first Indian bowler to take 50 wickets in a Twenty20.
- **Other Key facts of T20 World Cup 2016:**
- Tamim Iqbal of Bangladesh scored most sixes(14) in the tournament.
- Most runs in an inning (230) scored by England against South Africa.
- Lowest runs of 70 were scored by Bangladesh against England.
- Best bowling performance in an innings was performed by Mustafizur Rahman of Bangladesh (5 wickets against New Zealand by 22 runs).
- Best stats in Wicket Keeping is of 4 catches, 4 stumping which is achieved by Indian Captain M .S Dhoni.
- In 2007 the first Twenty20 World Cup was won by Indian team.
- Australia will host the 2020 Twenty20 world cup.
- A group of ex-players and commentators has selected ICC Twenty20 World Cup squad of the tournament.
- Indian vice-captain Virat Kohli has been selected as the captain of 12-member men's team.
- In addition, Ashish Nehra is another indian included in the squad.
- West Indies Women's team captain Stafanie Taylor has been selected as the captain of 12-member women's team.
- This team does not include any Indian woman.

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Hockey

Senior Men National Championship 2016 (B Division)

Question: Who has won the title of recently held Senior Men National Championship 2016 (B Division)?

- (a) Hockey Chandigarh
- (b) Punjab and Sind Bank
- (c) CISF
- (d) Delhi Hockey

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- The 6th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2016 (B Division) was held on 8 - 21 Apr 2016 in Saifai, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh.
- Punjab & Sind Bank won the title of hockey tournament against Chandigarh in a penalty shootout by 4-3.
- Delhi finished third in the tournament after registering a 5 – 2 win over CISF in their third place match.

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Senior Women National Championship 2016 (B Division)

Question: The 6th Senior Women National Championship 2016 (B Division) was held at-

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Chhatisgarh
- (c) Safai
- (d) Chandigarh

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- The 6th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2016 (Div B) was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka from 18 – 27 April 2016..
- Hockey Gangpur-Odisha defeated Association of Indian Universities 3-1 in the final to emerge champions in the 'B' Division of the 6th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship.
- Chhattisgarh took third place by defeating Tamilnadu by 4-3 at 6th Senior Women National Championship 2016 (B Division).

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Sultan Azlan Shah Cup-2016

Question: Which of the following country has won the 25th edition of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup?

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) Australia
- (c) India
- (d) Malaysia

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- The 2016 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup was the 25th edition of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup. It was held in Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia from 6–16 April 2016.
- Australia won the title for the ninth time after defeating India 4–0 in final.
- New Zealand defeated Malaysia by 5-4 in penalty shootout to win the bronze medal of the competition.
- Awards of the competition are:
 - **Player of the Tournament:** Blake Govers (Australia)
 - **Man of the Match(Final)** : Thomas Craig (Australia)
 - **Maximum Goal** : Muhammad Arsalan Qadir (Pakistan)
 - **Best Goalkeeper:** Kyle Pontifex (New Zealand)
 - **Fair Play Award:** New Zealand

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Hawkes Bay Cup 2016

Question: Which of the following team has won the title of Hawkes Bay Cup 2016?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Korea
- (c) India
- (d) New Zealand

Ans (d)



Related facts:

- The hockey tournament Hawkes Bay Cup 2016 was held at Hasting, New Zealand on 2-10 April 2016.
- 8 teams have participated in this competition which have been placed in Pool A and B.
- Pool A consists of Australia, Korea, Japan and Canada.
- Pool B consists of New Zealand, China, India and Ireland.
- New Zealand women's team defeated the Japan by 3-2 in the final.
- Australia secured third place after defeating China by 3-1.
- Indian women team ranked sixth after got defeated from Ireland in a penalty shoot-out by 4-3.
- Senior defender Deepika was the captain of Indian team.
- Korea defeated Canada by 3-1 and secured the seventh ranked subsequently Canada Securing eighth position.
- Mie Nakashima of Japan and Australia's Georgia Parker scored highest, 4-4 goals in the tournament.

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Chess

Asian Nations Cup Chess Championship 2016

Question: Who is the captain of Indian men team which has won the Asian Nations Cup Chess championship-2016?

- (a) B. Adhiban
- (b) S.P. Sethuraman
- (c) R.B. Ramesh
- (d) Deep Sengupta

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- Asian Nations Cup Chess championship-2016 was held on 28 March-7 April, 2016 in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- Indian men team clinched the title with a decisive last round 3:1 victory over Vietnam and scored 17 Points.
- World and Olympic champion China ranked second with 15 points.
- Kazakhstan and Iran were ranked third and fourth respectively.
- The men's championship is conducted as a 9-round Swiss System among 22 teams.
- This was the third time that Indian men won the event. Earlier India has won at Esfahan, Iran in 2005 and Kolkata 2009.
- The Indian team is composed of Grand Master B. Adhiban on top board, S.P. Sethuraman, Vidit Santosh Gujrathi, Krishnan Sasikiran and Deep Sengupta and captained by Grand Master R.B. Ramesh.
- Individual board gold medalists are GM Bu Xiangzhi of China on board 1 by performance rating of 2765, Wang Yue of China on board 2, Vidit of India on board 3.
- Defending champion China women's team won the title in Women's category with 15 match points.
- Uzbekistan in second place with 14 match points and Kazakhstan in third place with 13 match points.
- The Indian women finished with 12 points followed by Vietnam 11.
- Individual women board gold medalists are Ju Wenjun, Zhao Xue of China on boards 1 and 2, respectively, Irina Georgyan of Uzbekistan on board 3, Swaminathan Soumya of India on board 4 and Guo Qi of China on board 5.

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Badminton

21st Peru International Badminton Tournament-2016

Question: Who has won the men's single title in 21st Peru International Badminton Tournament-2016?

- (a) Ygor Coelho De Oliveira
- (b) Martin Giuffre
- (c) Bjorn Seguin
- (d) Luka Wraber

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- The 21st Peru International Badminton Tournament was held from 13-17 April 2016 in Lima the capital city of Peru.
- Result of the tournament is as follows:
- Men's Singles:
 - Winner: Ygor Coelho De Oliveira(Brazil)
 - Runner Up: Martin Giuffre(Canada)
- Women's Singles:
 - Winner: Karin Schnaase(Germany)
 - Runner Up: Iris Wang(United States)
- Men's Doubles:
 - Winner: Adam Cwalina and Przemyslaw Wacha(Both are of Poland)
 - Runner Up: Manu Attri and Sumeeth Reddy B.(Both are of India)
- **Women's Doubles:**
 - Winner: Johanna Goliszewski and Carla Nelte(Both are of Germany)
 - Runner Up: Heather Olver and Lauren Smith(Both are of England)
- **Mixed Double:**
 - Winner : Vitalij Durkin and Nina Vislova(Both are of Russia)
 - Runner Up: Evgenij Dremin and Evgenia Dimova(Both are of Russia)

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Victor Dutch International 2016

Question: Who has won the men's singles title of Victor Dutch International 2016?

- (a) Kieran Merrilees
- (b) Mark Caljouw
- (c) Pablo Abian
- (d) Nick Fransman

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- The Victor Dutch International 2016 was held in Wateringen, Netherlands from 21-24 April 2016.
- The result of the tournament is as follows:
- **Men's singles:**
 - Winner: Pablo Abian(Spain)
 - Runner Up: Kieran Merrilees (Scotland)
- **Women's singles:**
 - Winner: Yvonne Li (Germany)
 - Runner up: Mette Poulsen (Denmark)
- **Men's Doubles:**
 - Winner: Alexander Bond and Joel Eipe (Both are of Denmark)
 - Runer Up: Frederik Aalestru and Mathias Moldt Baskjaer (Both are of Denmark)
- **Women's doubles:**
 - Winner: Chloe Birch and Sophie Brown (Both are of England)
 - Runner up: Myke Halkema and Lisa Malaihollo (Both are of Netherlands)
- **Mixed Doubles:**
 - Winner: Ditte Soby Hansen and Alexander Bond (Both are of Denmark)
 - Runner up: Jessica Pugh and Ben Lane (Both are of England)

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Singapore Open Superseries-2016

Question: Who has won the title of women's singles in Singapore Open Superseries-2016?

- (a) Sun Yu
- (b) Bingjiao He
- (c) Ratchanok Intanon
- (d) Akane Yamaguchi

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- The 2016 Singapore Open Superseries was the fourth Superseries tournament of the 2016 BWF Superseries.
- The tournament took place in Singapore City, Singapore from April 12 - 17, 2016
- Result of the tournament is as follows:
- **Men's Singles:**
- Winner: Sony Dwi Kuncoro(Indonesia)
- Runner Up: Son Wan Ho (South Korea)
- **Women's Singles:**
- Winner: Ratchanok Intanon(Thailand)
- Runner Up: Sun Yu (China)
- **Men's Doubles:**
- Winner: Fu Haifeng and Zhang Nan (Both are of China)
- Runner Up: Takeshi Kamura and Keigo Sonoda(Both are of Japan)
- **Women's Doubles:**
- Winner: Nitya Krishinda Maheswari and Greysia Poli(Both are of Indonesia)
- Runner Up: Misaki Matsutomo and Ayaka Takahashi(Both are of Japan)
- **Mixed Double:**
- Winner : Ko Sung Hyun and Kim Ha Na (Both are of South Korea)
- Runner Up: Xu Chen and Ma Jin (Both are of China)

Reference:

<http://www.singaporebadmintonopen.com.sg/>

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/winners.aspx?id=9711F8AD-3CF5-4664-8D85-373DB957B215>

<http://www.badmintonplanet.com/badminton-news/4367-sony-dwi-kuncoro-ratchanok-intanon-win-singapore-open.html>



Tahiti International-2016

Question: Who has won the men's singles title in Tahiti International-2016?

- (a) Indra Bagus Ade Chandra
- (b) Milan Ludik
- (c) Moe Araki
- (d) Przemyslaw Wacha

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- Tahiti International -2016 tournament was held on 4/21/2016 to 4/24/2016 at Tahiti French Polynesia.



Result of the Tournament:

Men's Singles:

- Winner: Indra Bagus Ade Chandra (Italy)
- Runner Up: Milan Ludik (Czech Republic)

Women's Singles:

- Winner: Moe Araki (Japan)
- Runner Up: Lianne Tan (Belgium)

Men's Doubles:

- Winner: Adam Cwalina and Przemyslaw Wacha(Both are of Poland)
- Runner Up: Phillip Chew and Sattawat Pongnairat(Both are of U.S.A.)

Women's Doubles:

- Winner: Akane Araki and Ayaka Kawasaki(Both are of Japan)
- Runner Up: Eva Lee and Paula Lynn Obanana(Both are of U.S.A)

Mixed Doubles:

- Winner: Vitalij Durkin and Nina Vislova(Both are of Russia)
- Runner Up: Phillip Chew and Jamie Subandhi (Both are of U.S.A.)

Reference:

http://www.bwfbadminton.org/tournamentcalendar_event.aspx?id=26358

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/winners.aspx?id=3D13B00E-75D3-42CA-A83E-6CFD2AD2D2A7>

China Masters Grand Prix-2016

Question: Who has won the women's singles title in China Masters Grand Prix-2016?

- (a) Sun Yu
- (b) Li Xuerui
- (c) Chen Yufei
- (d) P.V. Sindhu

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- The 2016 China Masters Grand Prix Gold is the seventh Grand Prix's badminton tournament of the 2016 BWF Grand Prix and Grand Prix Gold.
- The tournament was held at the Olympic Sports Center Xincheng Gymnasium in Changzhou, Jiangsu, China on 19–24 April 2016.

Result of the Tournament:

Men's Singles:

- Winner: Lin Dan(China)
- Runner Up: Chen Long(China)

Women's Singles:

- Winner: Li Xuerui(China)
- Runner Up: Sun Yu(China)

Men's Doubles:

- Winner: Lee Yong Dae and YooYeon Seong(Both are of South Korea)
- Runner Up: Kim Gi Jung and Kim Sa Rang(Both are of South Korea)

Women's Doubles:

- Winner: Luo Yingand Luo Yu (Both are of China)
- Runner Up: Chen Qingchen and Jia Yifan(Both are of China)

Mixed Doubles:

- Winner: Xu Chen andMa Jin(Both are of China)
- Runner Up: Zheng Siwei and Chen Qingchen(Both are of China)

Reference:

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/winners.aspx?id=34B879DC-1948-47E1-9E25-6CD469CC9E9D>
<http://bwfbadminton.com/2016/04/25/lin-dan-masters-chen-long-finals-bonny-china-masters-2016/>



Malaysia Open Super series

Question: Who has won the men's singles title in Malaysia Open Super series?

- (a) Chen Long
- (b) Lee Chong Wei
- (c) Chai Biao
- (d) Tontowi Ahmad

Ans(b)

Related facts:

- The 11th Celcom Axiata Malaysia Open Superseries-2016 was held from 5-10 April, 2016 in Shah Alam, Malaysia.
- The results of the competition are:
- **Men's Singles:**
 - Winner: Lee Chong Wei (Malaysia)
 - Runner: Chen Long (China)
- **Women's Singles:**
 - Winner: Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand)
 - Runner: Tai Tzu Ying (Taiwan)
- **Men's Doubles:**
 - Winner: Kim Gi Jung and Kim Sa Rang (Both are of South Korea)
 - Runner: Chai Biao and Hong Wei (Both are of China)
- **Women's Doubles:**
 - Winner: Tang Yuanting and Yu Yang (Both are of China)
 - Runner: ung Kyung Eun and Shin Seung Chan (Both are of South Korea)
- **Mixed Doubles:**
 - Winner: Tontowi Ahmad and Liliyana Natsir (Both are of Indonesia)
 - Runner: Chan Peng Soon and Goh Liu Ying (Both are of Malaysia)

Reference:

<http://bam.org.my/featured-news/chong-wei-demolishes-chen-long-for-his-11th-malaysia-open-title/>



Finnish Open 2016

Question: Who has won the women's singles title in recently held Finnish Open 2016?

- (a) Tien Minh Nguyen
- (b) Anna Thea Madsen
- (c) Mette Poulsen
- (d) Rira Kawashima

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- The Finnish Open-2016 was held from 7 to 10 April, 2016 in Vantaa, Finland.
- The results of the competition are:
 - **Men's Singles:**
 - Winner: Kanta Tsuneyama (Japan)
 - Runner: Tien Minh Nguyen (Vietnam)
 - **Women's Singles:**
 - Winner: Anna Thea Madsen (Denmark)
 - Runner: Rira Kawashima (Japan)
 - **Men's Doubles:**
 - Winner: Mathias Christiansen and David Daugaard (Both are of Denmark)
 - Runner: Adam Cwalina and Przemyslaw Wacha (Both are of Poland)
 - **Women's Doubles:**
 - Winner: Misato Aratama and Akane Watanabe (Both are of Japan)
 - Runner: Samantha Barning and Iris Tabeling (Both are of Netherlands)
 - **Mixed Doubles:**
 - Winner: Mathias Christiansen and Lena Grebak (Both are of Denmark)
 - Runner: Niclas Nohr and Sara Thygesen (Both are of Denmark)

Reference:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/winners.aspx?id=CDCB2B00-B1BC-4BA7-AFD4-6EE3A60A33A0>
<http://finnishopen.sulkapallo.fi/en/2016/04/10/finnish-open-2016-saatu-paatokseen-tanskalle-kolme-mestaruutta/>



Yonex Sunrise India Open-2016

Question: Who has won the Men's singles title of Yonex Sunrise India Open-2016?

- (a) Kento Momota
- (b) Lee Chong Wei
- (c) Viktor Axelsen
- (d) Tian Houwei

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- The 2016 India Super Series was the second super series tournament of the 2016 BWF Super Series. The tournament took place in Siri Fort Sports Complex, New Delhi, India from March 29– April 3, 2016.
- The results of the competition is as follows:
 - **Men's Singles:**
 - Winner: Kento Momota(Japan)
 - Runner: Viktor Axelsen(Denmark)
 - **Women's Singles:**
 - Winner: Ratchanok Intanon(Thailand)
 - Runner: Li Xuerui (China)
 - **Men's Doubles:**
 - Winner: Markus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo(Both are of Indonesia)
 - Runner: Angga Pratama and Ricky Karanda Suwardi(Both are of Indonesia)
 - **Women's Singles:**
 - Winner: Misaki Matsutomo and Ayaka Takahashi(Both are of Japan)
 - Runner: Naoko Fukuman and Kurumi Yonao(Both are of Japan)
 - **Mixed Doubles:**
 - Winner: Lu Kai and Huang Yaqiong (Both are of China)
 - Runner: Riky Widianto and Puspita Richi Dili(Both are of Indonesia)



Reference:

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/winners.aspx?id=B0BE4A8A-DD7C-4C88-A745-42D3D22ADEE8>
<http://www.badmintonindia.org/>

Golf

Valero Texas Open

Question: Who has won title of recently held Valero Texas Open?

- (a) Charley Hoffman
- (b) Patrick Reed
- (c) Chad Collins
- (d) Kevin Chappell

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- The Valero Texas Open is a professional Golf tournament on the PGA Tour, played near San Antonio, Texas from 21-24 April 2016.
- Charley Hoffman of United States has won the title of Valero Texas Open-2016

Reference:

<http://valerotexasopen.com/>

<http://valerotexasopen.com/news/2016/final-scores-earnings/>

<http://valerotexasopen.com/news/2016/final-round-game-story-04-24-2016/>



RBC Heritage Tournament-2016

Question: Who has won the title of recently held RBC Heritage tournament-2016?

- (a) Luke Donald
- (b) Russell Knox
- (c) Arnold Palmer
- (d) Branden Grace

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- The RBC Heritage, a PGA Tour event was held from 10 to 16 April 2016 in South Carolina.
- Branden Grace, a South African golfer has won the title of RBC Heritage tournament-2016.

Reference:

<http://www.rbcheritage.com/>

<http://www.golfdigest.com/story/brendan-grace-wins-rbc-heritage-his-first-pga-tour-victory>



Shell Houston Open

Question: Who has won the title of recently held Shell Houston Open-2016?

- (a) Rafa Cabrera Bello
- (b) Henrik Stenson
- (c) Jim Herman
- (d) Daniel Berger

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- The Shell Houston Open is a regular golf tournament on the PGA Tour, currently played from 31st March to 3rd early April at the Golf Club of Houston (formerly known as Redstone Golf Club) in unincorporated area in Harris County, Texas.
- Jim Herman has won the title of recently held Shell Houston Open-2016.

Reference:

<http://www.pgatour.com/tournaments/shell-houston-open.html>

<http://www.pgatour.com/monday-finish/2016/04/04/jim-herman-wins-shell-houston-open.html>



Augusta Masters Tournament

Question: Who has won the title of recently held Augusta Masters Tournament?

- (a) Danny Willett
- (b) Jordan Spieth
- (c) J.B. Holmes
- (d) Dustin Johnson

Ans (a)

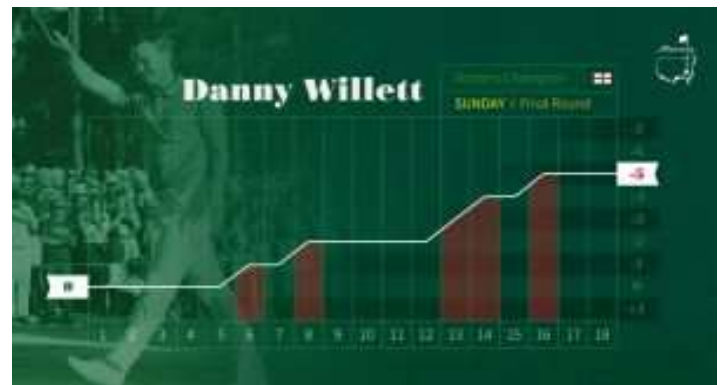
Related facts:

- The 2016 Masters Tournament was the 80th edition of the Masters Tournament and first Championship out four major championships, held from April 7–10 at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia.
- Danny Willett of England won this tournament and also first Masters Title of his life.

Reference:

http://www.masters.com/en_US/news/articles/2016-04-10/englands_willett_swings_to_masters_victory.html

<http://www.europeantour.com/europeantour/season=2016/tournamentid=2016026/news/newsid=289697.html>



Formula One

Chinese Grand Prix -2016

Question: Who has won the Chinese Grand Prix -2016?

- (a) Lewis Hamilton
- (b) Sebastian Vettel
- (c) Nico Rosberg
- (d) Sergio Perez

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- The **2016 Chinese Grand Prix** (formally known as the **2016 Formula 1 Chinese Grand Prix**) was a Formula One motor race that was held on 17 April 2016 at the Shanghai International Circuit in Shanghai, China.
- Nico Rosberg, German driver of the Mercedes team has won the competition.
- This should be noted that Nico Rosberg has won all the three motor racing held in this season.
- Russian Grand Prix will be the next race of the 2016 Formula One season, It will held at Sochi Autodrom, Sochi, Russia on 1 May 2016.

Reference:

<https://www.formula1.com/content/fom-website/en/championship/results/2016-race-results/2016-china-results/race.html>

<https://www.formula1.com/content/fom-website/en/championship/races/2016.html>



2016 Formula One season

Question: How many races will be held in 2016 Formula One season?

- (a) 19
- (b) 20
- (c) 21
- (d) 22

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- The **2016 Formula One season** is the 67th season of the FIA Formula One World Championship.
- In 2016 season of Formula One total 11 teams had participated which also includes Sahara Force India Formula One Team.
- Teams and drivers are scheduled to take part in twenty-one Grands Prix making for the longest season in the sport's history starting in Australia on 20 March and finishing in Abu Dhabi on 27 November 2016.
- On 22 March 2016 Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg from Germany has won the 2016 Formula One Rolex Australian Grand Prix held at the Melbourne Grand Prix Circuit.
- He has won the 2016 Bahrain Grand Prix held on 3 April 2016 at Bahrain International Circuit in Manama.

Reference:

<http://www.formula1.com/content/fom-website/en/latest/headlines/2015/12/f1-2016-calendar-confirmed.html>

<https://www.formula1.com/content/fom-website/en/latest/headlines/2016/3/rosberg-wins-drama-filled-melbourne-race.html>



Atheletics

London Marathon-2016

Question: Who has won the men's title of the recently held London Marathon-2016?

- (a) Stanley Biwott
- (b) Manish Singh
- (c) Khushbir Kaur
- (d) Eliud Kipchoge

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- The 2016 London Marathon took place on 24 April 2016.
- It was the 36th running of the annual mass-participation marathon race and the third World Marathon Major of the year.
- The men's race was won by Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge of Kenya.
- Kipchoge completed the marathon in 2 hours 3 minutes 5 seconds.
- It may be recalled that Kipchoge had won the race in 2015 by completing the race in 2 hours 4 minutes 42 seconds.
- The women's race was won by Kenyan Jemima Sumgong of Kenya.
- She completed the race in 2 hours 22 minutes 58 seconds.
- The 2015 London Marathon was won by Tigist Tufa, an Ethiopian marathon runner in a time of 2 hours 23 minutes 3 seconds, making her the first female Ethiopian to win the race in 14 years.



Reference:

<https://www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com/en-gb/news-media/latest-news/item/kipchoge-shines-as-london-celebrates-its-millionth-finisher/>

<http://results-2016.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com/2016/?pid=leaderboard>

<http://www.bbc.com/sport/athletics/36123242>

Boston Marathon

Question: Who has won the title of women's category in the recently held Boston Marathon?

- (a) Atsede Baysa
- (b) Tirfi Tsegaye
- (c) Jelena Prokopcuka
- (d) Fate Tola

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- Lemi Berhanu Hayle of Euthopia has won the men's title of Boston Marathon (United States) which was concluded on 18 April 2016.
- Hayle took 2 hours 12 minutes 45 seconds to cover a distance of 42.195 km.
- Atsede Baysa of Euthopia has won the women's title of recently held Boston Marathon (United States). She finished the race in 2 hours 29 minutes 19 seconds.



Reference:

<http://www.iaaf.org/news/report/boston-marathon-hayle-baysa>

<http://www.baa.org/event-calendar/event-listing/2016/april/120th-boston-marathon-number-pick-up-sun.aspx>

<http://www.baa.org/races/boston-marathon/results-commentary/2016-boston-marathon.aspx>

Sports Miscellaneous

ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun-2016

Question: Name the only medal winner from India in ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun-2016?

- (a) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
- (b) Jaspal Rana
- (c) Mairaj Ahmad Khan
- (d) Sanjeev Rajput

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun-2016 was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 13-25 April 2016.
- The first phase of ISSF World Cup-2016 was hosted by Bangkok (Thailand) the remaining two phases were held in Munich (Germany) and Baku (Azerbaijan) respectively and finals held in Bologna (Italy)
- China topped the medal tally with total 7 medals(2 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze).
- The top five medal-winning countries are as following:

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	2	2	3	7
2	Russia	2	2	1	5
3	Ukraine	2	-	1	3
4	Spain	2	-	-	2
5	Germany	1	1	2	4

- Mairaj Ahmad Khan has won the Silver medal in the skeet event at the International Shooting Sport Federation(ISSF) Shooting World Cup in Rio de Janeiro.
- Where as Marcus Svensson of Sweden won the Gold and the bronze medal was won by Tamarro Casandro of Italy.
- India ranked 14th in medals tally of the competition.
- It may be recalled that the Indian shooter Jitu Rai on 4 March 2016 became the only person to win gold (50m pistol) in first phase of the ISSF World Cup in Bangkok.

Reference:

http://www.issf-sports.org/competitions/venue/schedule_by_discipline.ashx?cshipid=1822

<http://www.issf-sports.org/competitions/results/detail.ashx?cshipid=1820&eventcode=FP&isjunior=False>

<http://www.issf-sports.org/athletes/athlete.ashx?personissfid=SHINDM0211197501>



Government merges Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan with Khelo India

Question: When did the government of India has merged Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), launched by the previous UPA government, with the Khelo India programme?

- (a) 20 April 2016
- (b) 15 April 2016
- (c) 10 April 2016
- (d) 05 April 2016



Ans(a)

Related facts:

- On 20 April 2016 Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has merged **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA)**, launched by the previous UPA government, with the **Khelo India programme**.
- Union Government also has merged two other sport projects launched by then UPA regime viz. Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) and National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS) under Khelo India.
- The **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA)** was launched by the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government in February 2014 to replace Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA).
- This should be noted that the government in centre has allocated Rs 140 crore for the financial year 2016-17 for Khelo India.

Reference:

http://www.ianslive.in/index.php?param=news/Rajiv_Gandhi_Khel_Abhiyan_rechristened_as_Khelo_India-507296/SPORTS/9

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/Rajiv-Gandhi-Khel-Abhiyan-rechristened-as-Khelo-India/articleshow/51909219.cms>

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/sport/Rajiv-Gandhi-Khel-Abhiyan-Rechristened-as-Khelo-India/2016/04/20/article3390439.ece>

<http://www.iansatta.com/national/modi-government-merges-rajiv-gandhi-khel-abhiyan-with-khelo-india/87625/>

Sports Personalities

Rahul Johri

Question: Recently who has been appointment as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Board of Control for Cricket in India?

- (a) Anurag Thakur
- (b) Shashank Manohar
- (c) Rahul Johri
- (d) C. K Khanna

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- On 20 April 2016 The Board of Control for Cricket in India announced the appointment of Mr Rahul Johri as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- He will take on his new role starting June 1, 2016 onwards.
- Rahul was last serving as Discovery Networks Asia Pacific's Executive Vice-President and General Manager for South Asia.
- The appointment of CEO is largely perceived as a fall-out of the Supreme Court-appointed Justice R.M. Lodha panel's recommendations for administrative reforms in Indian cricket.

Reference:

<http://www.bcci.tv/news/2016/press-releases/13420/bcci-announces-appointment-of-mr-rahul-johri-as-ceo>



Rangana Herath

Question: Name the Sri Lankan cricket player who has recently announced his retirement from One Day and Twenty20 International cricket?

- (a) Lasith Malinga
- (b) Thisara Perera
- (c) Rangana Herath
- (d) Kumar Sangakkara

Ans (c)

Related Facts:

- On 17 April 2016 Sri Lanka left-arm spinner Rangana Herath has announced his retirement from limited-over's (One Day and Twenty20) cricket in order to focus on the remainder of his Test career.
- He has taken 74 wickets from 71 ODIs at an average of 31.91, but will be remembered more fondly for his impact in T20 internationals in which he has taken 18 wickets from 17 matches at an average of 20.72.
- Herath played his first ODI against Zimbabwe on April 25, 2004 in Harare and the last one-day match was played by him on March 1, 2015 in Wellington against England.
- He played his first international Twenty20 match on August 6, 2011 against Australia in Pallekele (Sri Lanka) and last Twenty20 match was played by him on March 28, 2016 against South Africa played in Delhi.

Reference:

<http://www.espncriinfo.com/srilanka/content/story/999319.html>

<http://www.cricbuzz.com/cricket-news/79373/rangana-herath-announces-limited-overs-retirement>

<http://www.espncriinfo.com/srilanka/content/player/49178.html>



Waqar Younis

Question: On 4 April 2016 who has resigned as Pakistan's cricket team head coach?

- (a) Waqar Younis
- (b) Wasim Akram
- (c) Inzamam-ul-Haq
- (d) Abdul Qadir

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 4 April 2016 Waqar Younis has resigned as Pakistan's cricket team head coach.
- Younis said the Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) failed to implement his recommendations after the 2015 World Cup
- He first coached the side in 2010-11 and re appointed as the head coach of the team in 2014.
- The performance of Pakistan cricket team was very disappointing in the World Twenty20 in India and the Asia Cup in Bangladesh.
- Pakistan won only three of the eight games they played at the World Twenty20 and the Asia Cup.
- On 3 April 2016, before Waqar Pakistan Twenty20 captain Shahid Afridi had resigned from his post.
- Afridi however will continue to play one-day international cricket and T20 internationals.
- On 5 April 2016 Wicketkeeper and batsman Sarfraz Ahmed has been named as the Twenty20 captain of Pakistan Cricket Team.

Reference:

<http://www.espncriinfo.com/pakistan/content/story/995183.html>

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1249929>

<http://www.espncriinfo.com/pakistan/content/story/994471.html>

<http://indianexpress.com/article/sports/cricket/waqar-younis-resigns-as-pakistan-cricket-team-coach/>

<http://www.theguardian.com/sport/2016/apr/04/waqar-younis-resigns-pakistan-coach>

<http://sports.ndtv.com/icc-world-twenty20-2016/news/257138-waqar-younis-resigns-as-pakistan-cricket-coach>

Shahid Afridi

Question: Name the Player who became the highest wicket taker in T20 World Cup?

- (a) Shahid Afridi
- (b) Lasith Malinga
- (c) Saeed Ajmal
- (d) Ajantha Mendis

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- The Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi became the highest wicket taker in T20 World Cup tournament.
- He picked 2 wickets in match played on 22 March 2016 against New Zealand at Mohali, Chandigarh. Shahid Afridi has now 39 wickets from 33 matches.
- Shahid Afridi is now the highest wicket-taker in World T20s surpassing Lasith Malinga of Sri Lanka.
- He also holds the record as highest wicket-taker in international Twenty20 matches.
- He took 97 wickets in 96 innings of 98 matches.

Reference:

<http://sportswiki.com/cricket/shahid-afridi-becomes-the-highest-wicket-taker-in-t20-world-cup/>

[http://www.espncriinfo.com/icc-world-twenty20-](http://www.espncriinfo.com/icc-world-twenty20-2016/content/story/983737.html)

[2016/content/story/983737.htmlhttp://www.cricketcountry.com/news/shahid-afridi-surpasses-lasith-malinga-to-become-leading-wicket-taker-in-world-t20s-421148](http://www.cricketcountry.com/news/shahid-afridi-surpasses-lasith-malinga-to-become-leading-wicket-taker-in-world-t20s-421148)



Kento Momota

Question: Name the ace player of Badminton who has been recently banned by the Nippon Badminton Association of Japan?

- (a) Kenichi Hayakawa
- (b) Sho Sasaki
- (c) Kento Momota
- (d) Takeshi Kamura

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- Badminton player Kento Momota of Japan has been banned from competing at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro by the Nippon Badminton Association of Japan.
- He has been banned for gambling at an illegal casino.
- The Nippon Badminton Association banned the 21-year-old world number three from competition indefinitely, after an emergency meeting held on 8 April 2016 to decide on the player's fate
- Teammate Kenichi Tago, also found guilty of placing illegal bets, was removed from the organisation's official player list for an indefinite period.
- Momota became the first Japanese man to win a world championship medal.
- He also became the first Japanese man to win bronze in the 2015 World Championships in Jakarta.
- It should be noted that gambling is largely illegal in Japan.

Reference:

<http://www.badmintonplanet.com/badminton-news/4348-kento-momota-may-be-banned-from-olympics-over-illegal-gambling.html>

<http://www.japantoday.com/category/sports/view/badminton-ace-momota-banned-from-competition-indefinitely-over-illegal-gambling>



Personalities

S. K. Bhagat

Question: Recently who has been appointed as Director General, Railway Protection Force by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet?

- (a) Dinesh Pathak
- (b) Arvind Kumar
- (c) S.K Bhagat
- (d) Santosh Saxena

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- On 28 April 2016 the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of S. K. Bhagat, as Director General (DG), Railway Protection Force, Railway Board.
- He is a 1982 batch IPS officer of Uttarakhand cadre.
- He has been appointed till the date of his superannuation i.e 30.6.2017 from the date of assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- Prior to this appointment he was the Special DG, CRPF.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=142449>
<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/s-k-bhagat-appointed-rpf-dg/1/653785.html>



V. T. Thomas

Question: Recently V T Thomas passed away, He was a-

- (a) Writer
- (b) Cartoonist
- (c) Singer
- (d) Scientist

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 28 April 2016 the well known cartoonist of Kerala, V T Thomas passed away. He was 86 years old.
- He was popularly known as Toms.
- Toms is known as the creator of everlasting cartoon characters 'Bobanum Moliyum' (Boban and Molly)
- Toms began his career as cartoonist with Malayala Manorama in 1961 and continued till his retirement in 1987.

Reference:

<http://english.manoramaonline.com/news/just-in/renowned-cartoonist-toms-bobanum-moliyum-passes-away.html>
<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/magazines/panache/boban-and-molly-creator-v-t-thomas-passes-away-at-87/articleshow/52022803.cms>
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Lobsang Sangay

Question: Recently who has been re-elected as PM of Tibetan government-in-exile?

- (a) Choephel Shosur
- (b) Lobsay Sangay
- (c) Penpa Tsering
- (d) Tashi Dondup

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 27 April 2016, Tibet's Election Commission of Central Tibetan Administration announced the final results of the elections.
- Lobsang Sangay, Tibetan scholar and political leader has been elected as the Prime Minister of the Tibetan government in exile.
- He has been elected for the second time as the Prime Minister of the Tibetan government in exile.
- A total of 45 members were elected for Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile.
- Chief Election Commissioner Sonam Choephel Shosur told reporters that Sangay polled 33,876 (57.08 per cent) votes against Tsering's 24,864 (41.89 per cent) votes.
- Polling was carried out at 85 different places around the world.

Reference:

<https://www.tibetsun.com/elections/sikyong-2016-final-round-results>

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/lobsang-sangay-re-elected-as-pm-of-tibetan-government-in-exile-116042701474_1.html

<http://www.britannica.com/biography/Lobsang-Sangay>



Harriet Tubman

Question: Recently the U.S. Treasury Department announced on 20 April 2016 that the image of an American abolitionist and anti-slavery activist Harriet Tubman will be printer on notes of-

- (a) 20 Dollar
- (b) 10 Dollar
- (c) 50 Dollar
- (d) 5 dollar

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 20 April 2016 The U.S. Treasury Department announced that the image of an American abolitionist and anti-slavery activist Harriet Tubman will appear on a new series of US \$20 bills.
- With this, Tubman will become the first African-American and the first woman in more than a century to appear on U.S. paper currency.
- The \$20 bill will be redesigned with Tubman's portrait on the front the portrait of Andrew Jackson, the nation's seventh president will now be printed to the back of the bill.

Reference:

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Bhupendra Kainthola

Question: Who has been appointed recently as the new Director of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)?

- (a) Gajendra Chauhan
- (b) Bhupendra Kainthola
- (c) Prakash Jha
- (d) Anupam Kher

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 22 April 2016 Government has appointed Bhupendra Kainthola as the new Director of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).
- He is an Indian Information Service (IIS) officer of 1989 batch.
- He will replace Prashant Pathrabe.
- He has been appointed to the post for three years as per an order issued by Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).
- FTII, is the country's premier institute that provides training for acting, film making, video editing, direction and production under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- Presently Gajendra Chauhan is its chairman.

Reference:

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/bhupendra-kainthola-is-new-ftii-director-2766281/>

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<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india/bhupendra-kainthola-replaces-pathrabe-as-ftii-director/story-kbSSky0LoeE4EGwXl1UHbN.html>

Prince Rogers Nelson

Question: Recently Prince Rogers Nelson has passed away. He was related to which of the following field?

- (a) Arts
- (b) Music
- (c) Science
- (d) Sports

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 21 April 2016 hugely popular, acclaimed and influential musician of America, Prince Rogers Nelson has died at his home in Minnesota at the age of 57.
- Prince Rogers Nelson was an American singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, record producer and actor.
- He recorded more than 30 albums. His best known hits include Let's Go Crazy and When Doves Cry.
- He won seven Grammy Awards, a Golden Globe Award, and an Academy Award.
- In 1984, he won an Oscar for the score to "Purple Rain", a film in which he also starred.
- In 2004, Prince was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- "Hit n Run Phase One", was Prince's penultimate and 39th album which was released one day before when he was found dead at his Paisley Park compound in Minnesota.

Reference:

<http://edition.cnn.com/2016/04/21/entertainment/prince-estate-death/>

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-people-prince-idUSKCN0XI2C4>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/21/prince-feared-dead-as-police-investigate-death-on-stars-paisley2/>

<http://aajtak.intoday.in/story/us-pop-singer-prince-found-dead-at-minnesota-home-1-865269.html>



Sachin Tendulkar

Question: Recently who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the 'Skill India' campaign by the ministry for skill development and entrepreneurship (MSDE)?

- (a) Rahul Dravid
- (b) Sachin Tendulkar
- (c) Vishwanath Anand
- (d) Saina Nehwal

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 8 April 2016 Cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the 'Skill India' campaign by the ministry for skill development and entrepreneurship (MSDE).
- 'Skill India' is an ambitious campaign of Government of India which started on 15 2015.
- The government has set a target to provide skill training to 40.02 crore people by 2022.

Reference:

http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/sachin-is-brand-ambassador-of-skill-india-116040801017_1.html

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Justice P K Mishra

Question: Recently Justice P K Mishra has been appointed as the Lokayukta of which of the following state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Goa
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Ans (b)

Related facts:

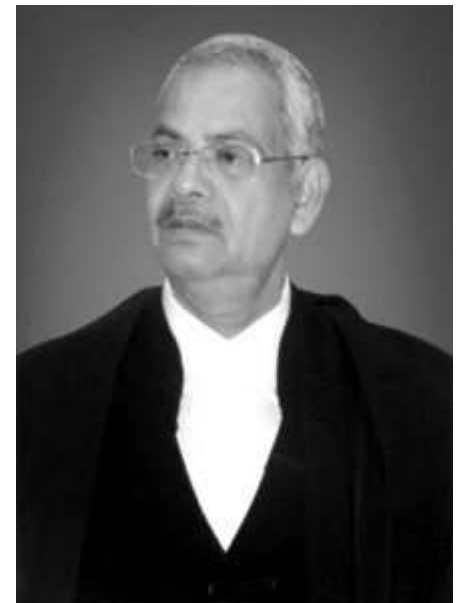
- On 20 April 2016 The Goa government appointed Justice P.K. Mishra, former Chief Justice of Patna High Court as Lokayukta of the State.
- He has been announced to be appointed after Chief Minister Laxmikant Parsekar has taken concurrence from Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court and Goa's Leader of Opposition, Pratapsingh Rane over the selection of Justice Mishra as per Lokayukta Act, 2013.
- Justice (Retd) Sudarshan Reddy, Goa's first Lokayukta, had resigned within seven months of his appointment on October 17, 2013 and since then the post was vacant for more than two years.
- Justice Mishra is currently serving as President of Goa State Human Rights Commission.

Reference:

http://www.ptinews.com/news/7352259_Goa-Cabinet-recommends-Justice-P-K-Mishra-for-Lokayukta

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/goa-appoints-justice-pk-mishra-as-lokayukta/article8498492.ece>

http://www.goanews.com/news_disp.php?newsid=7230



C. P Gurnani

Question: Recently who has been appointed as the chairman of The National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom)?

- (a) Raman Roy
- (b) CP Gurnani
- (c) B.V.R Mohan Reddy
- (d) Cyrus Mistry

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 6 April 2016 the CEO of Tech Mahindra CP Gurnani has been appointed as the Chairman of The National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) for 2016-17.
- He has replaced **BVR Mohan Reddy**.
- Raman Roy has been appointed as vice chairman of Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) for the 2016-17.

Reference:

<http://www.nasscom.in/executive-council>

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/ites/nasscom-appoints-cp-gurnani-as-chairman-for-2016-17/articleshow/51716069.cms>



Dr. Kallol Roy

Question: Who has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of the Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI)?

- (a) Perumal Chellapandi
- (b) Dr. Kallol Roy
- (c) Dr. B.B Singh
- (d) Dr. S. K Deva

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 31 March 2016 Dr. Kallol Roy has taken over as Chairman and Managing Director of the Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI), Kalpakkam.
- He has replaced Perumal Chellapandi.
- Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI) is a Government Company under the administrative control of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).
- It was incorporated on 22nd October 2003 as Public Limited Company under the companies act, 1956.

Reference:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/kallol-roy-is-new-cmd-of-bhavini/article8431023.ece>

<http://www.bhavini.nic.in/Userpages/CompanyView.aspx>



Raj Rewal

Question: Recently, Raj Rewal has been awarded with the highest French civilian distinction, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour). He is related to which of the following fields?

- (a) Medical
- (b) Architecture
- (c) Education
- (d) Writer

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 22 March 2016 François Richier, Ambassador of France to India, conferred the highest French civilian distinction, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour), on distinguished architect Raj Rewal.
- This honour comes in recognition of Mr Rewal's lifelong ties with France, where he started his career and whose embassy in New Delhi he contributed to build with architects Paul Chemetov and Borja Huidobro.
- He was born in 1934 in Hoshiarpur, Raj Rewal was educated in Delhi and London. He worked in French architect and urban planner Michel Ecochard's office in Paris.
- He opened company named Raj Rewal & Associates, in New Delhi in the 1960s.
- In the early 1980s, Raj Rewal was involved in the construction of buildings of the Embassy of France
- The numerous other prestigious landmarks in Mr Rewal's building portfolio also include: Hall of Nations, New Delhi; Nehru Memorial Pavilion, New Delhi; SCOPE office complex, New Delhi; Asian Games Village, New Delhi; National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi; the World Bank, New Delhi; Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi; Library for the Indian Parliament, New Delhi; Lisbon Ismaili Centre, Portugal; Indian Embassy, Beijing; Coal India Headquarters, Kolkata etc.
- The award was created in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, the Légion d'Honneur ("Legion of Honour") is the highest civilian award given by the French Republic for outstanding service to France, regardless of the nationality of the recipients.
- He was also awarded with Chevalier des Arts des Lettres award, 2005 by the French Government.

Reference:

<http://www.ambafrance-in.org/Highest-French-Distinction-Knight-of-the-Legion-of-Honour-conferred-on-Raj>



Mehbooba Mufti

Question: As the first woman Chief Minister, Mehbooba Mufti, president of the Peoples Democratic Party took the oath of the office of which of the following Indian State?

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
- (b) Assam
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 30 April 2016 Mehbooba Mufti, president of the Peoples Democratic Party took oath as the thirteenth and first women Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.
- It may be recalled that J & K slipped into the governor's rule immediately after sitting Chief Minister Mufti Muhammad Sayeed's demise on January 7, 2016.
- Besides Mehbooba, 22 other ministers were sworn-in by Governor N N Vohra, bringing to an end the three-month President's Rule in the state.
- In the Mehbooba led government Nirmal Kumar Singh took oath for the second time as deputy chief Minister.
- He was deputy chief Minister in the Mufti Mohammad Sayeed's tenure also.
- 8 Ministers from both the party were inducted into the cabinet.
- As Minister of State(MoS) three MLAs from both PDP and BJP were sworn in.
- The 87-member Jammu and Kashmir assembly has 56 MLAs, It includes 25 of BJP and 27 of PDP and 2 members of the People's Conference Party.
- Syeda Anwara Taimur was the chief minister of the Indian state of Assam from 6 December 1980 to 30 June 1981 achieving the feat of the first Muslim woman Chief Minister of any state followed by Mehbooba Mufti.

Reference:

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/mehbooba-mufti-sworn-in-as-first-woman-cm-of-jk/article8432512.ece>

<http://www.jagran.com/news/national-mehbooba-mufti-takes-oath-as-a-first-lady-chief-minister-of-jammu-and-kashmir-13816016.html>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anwara_Taimur



Rashmi Uday Singh

Question: Recently Rashmi Uday Singh is conferred upon insignia of Chevalier des Arts et Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters). She is related which of the following fields?

- (a) Writing
- (b) Science and Technology
- (c) Painting
- (d) Journalism

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 18 March 2016 Rashmi Uday Singh, the famous Indian food critic conferred upon the insignia of Chevalier des Arts et Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) by H.E. Mr François Richier, Ambassador of France to India.
- This honour came in recognition of her remarkable work as an author and discerning food critic, and her decisive contribution to the promotion of French gastronomy among the Indian public.
- Six times a World Gourmand award winner, author of 37 books (including India's first ever city restaurant guide), TV host, producer and director Rashmi Uday Singh's French connection has been sealed in many exciting and different ways.
- The Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Order of Arts and Letters) is an Order of France, established on 2 May 1957 by the Minister of Culture. The Order has three grades namely Commandeur (Commander), Officier (Officer) and Chevalier (Knight).
- The French government distinction Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) is conferred on "persons who have distinguished themselves by their creativity in the field of art, culture and literature or for their contribution to the influence of arts in France and throughout the world.
- It may be recalled the Artist Bharti Kher has been awarded the esteemed 'Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres' (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) on March 23, 2015.

Reference:

<http://www.ambafrance-in.org/French-distinction-conferred-on-food-critic-Rashmi-Uday-Singh>
<https://web.facebook.com/FranceinIndia/photos/pcb.776715179126874/776706575794401/?type=3&theater>



Places

Kasauli

Question: Recently, J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the first of its kind Current Good Manufacturing Practise (CGMP) compliant facility within the Central Government for manufacture of DPT and TT vaccine at the Central Research Institute (CRI) at-

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Kasauli
- (c) Izzatnagar
- (d) Jaipur

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 24 April 2016, J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the first of its kind Current Good Manufacturing Practise (CGMP) compliant facility within the Central Government for manufacture of DPT and TT vaccine at the Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh.
- This made CRI the first Central Government Institute to have CGMP compliant infrastructure for vaccine production.
- Central Research Institute, Kasauli is one of the most important suppliers of vaccines for the Government's Universal immunization programme (UIP) especially for DPT and TT vaccines.
- The Institute is involved in manufacture and supply of various lifesaving therapeutic antisera for snake bites, Rabies and Diphtheria, and supplies Yellow Fever Vaccine to different parts of the country.
- The Health Minister also launched the website of CRI at the occasion.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=141107>

<http://www.amarujala.com/shimla/india-s-first-gmp-lab-opened-at-kasauli-himachal>

First Samajwadi Abhinav Vidyalaya of Uttar Pradesh

Question: Name the district in which the first Samajwadi Abhinav Vidyalaya of Uttar Pradesh was recently inaugurated by chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav?

- (a) Kannauj
- (b) Badaun
- (c) Allahabad
- (d) Azamgarh

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- On 23 April 2016 chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Akhilesh Yadav has inaugurated the states's first Samajwadi Abhinav Vidyalaya in Dandupur, Allahabad.
- The school is presently affiliated to UP board but efforts are on to get CBSE affiliation.
- The Samajwadi Abhinav Vidyalaya is being set up by the state government in 18 divisional headquarters, each at the costs Rs 3 Core 2 lakh.
- He also declared Dandupur as the LED village and Open Defecation free village.

Reference:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/allahabad/UP-gets-its-first-model-school/articleshow/51962362.cms>

<https://tactstorage.blob.core.windows.net/docnews/task-doc-ad2b1bf5-4e17-4069-8bef-366071ab8951.pdf>

http://information.up.nic.in/View_Hindinews.aspx?id=2757

<http://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/metro/lucknow/other-news/nvs-schools-will-be-on-the-lines-of-studies/articleshow/51958612.cms>

Kohima

Question: Recently Union Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, inaugurated the Paragonimiasis Research Lab (PRL) in which of the following city?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Kohima
- (c) Agartala
- (d) Rampur

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 19 April 2016 Union Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the Paragonimiasis Research Lab (PRL) at the Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) in Kohima, Nagaland.
- Paragonimiasis is a food borne parasitic infection caused by eating undercooked crab or crayfish.
- It has been endemic in Nagaland and about half of the patients attending the TB clinic were actually suffering from pulmonary paragonimiasis.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=139065>

<http://www.nagalandpost.com/ChannelNews/State/StateNews.aspx?news=TkVXUzEwMDA5NjIwOQ%3D%3D>



World's first White Tiger Safari

Question: Recently, where did the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the world's first 'White Tiger Safari'?

- (a) Satna
- (b) Indore
- (c) Maihar
- (d) Katni

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 3 April 2016 Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the world's maiden 'White Tiger Safari' at Mukundpur in Satna district.
- This White Tiger Safari has been named as "Maharaja Martand Singh Judeo Safari".
- Presiding over the function, Union MoS for Environment, Forests and Climate Change Prakash Javedkar said that 75 percent of total population of tigers is in our country.

Reference:

<http://www.mpinfo.org/News/TodaysNews.aspx?newsid=20160403N14&LocID=1&PDt=4/3/2016>



International perfume museum and Perfume Park

Question: Recently the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav laid the foundation stone of an international perfume museum and park at-

- (a) Jaunpur
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Kannauj

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- On 12 April 2016 Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav laid the foundation stone of an international perfume museum and park at Kannauj.
- It is to be developed by Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation (UPSIDC).
- The project includes a special perfume manufacturing zone in Kannauj for modern distillation and extraction units in addition to international perfume museum, which will house various varieties of fragrances.
- Kannauj has traditionally been a manufacturing centre for natural perfumes and essence which are prepared from flowers and natural extracts oil.
- He also laid the foundation stone of 'Cow Milk Plant' of 1 lakh liter capacity which is planned to set up at a cost of Rs 140 crore.

Reference:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/international-perfume-museum-park-at-kannauj/article8466370.ece>

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http://information.up.nic.in/View_Hindinews.aspx?id=2728



Shani Shingnapur temple

Question: Recently the Shani Shingnapur temple trust allowed women to enter the sanctum sanctorum, breaking the tradition followed for several decades. The temple is located in-

- (a) Goa
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Maharashtra

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- On 8 April 2016 the Shani Shingnapur temple trust allowed women to enter the sanctum sanctorum, breaking the tradition followed for several decades.
- The temple is located in the Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra. Women, as per the 400-year old tradition, were not allowed to enter the Shani temple.
- Women, led by activist Trupti Desai, marched to the temple under the group "Bhumata Ranragani Brigade", demanding entry into the Inner sanctum.
- In this case, the Bombay High Court played important role.
- On April 1, the High Court held that it is the women's fundamental right to go into places of worship and the government is duty-bound to protect it.



Reference:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/shani-shingnapur-temple-lifts-ban-on-womens-entry/article8451406.ece>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shani_Shingnapur

<http://www.bhaskar.com/news-ht/MH-PUN-HMU-activist-again-trupti-desai-leaves-for-shani-shingnapur-temple-5294881-PHO.html>

Chandigarh

Question: On 1st April, 2016 which of the following city has been declared as kerosene free by Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas?

- (a) Jaipur
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Chandigarh
- (d) Ahmedabad

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- On 1 April 2016 Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has declared Chandigarh as kerosene free city.
- With the help of campaign, a total of 15,249 LPG connections were provided in Chandigarh city, including 1574 for BPL households.
- There will be no further distribution of subsidized kerosene will be done in Chandigarh from the month of April, 2016 onwards.
- Earlier, Delhi has been declared kerosene free city.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138485>

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/delhi-becomes-first-kerosenefree-city-in-india/article6120837.ece>



Foundation Stone laying Ceremony of Haryana State University of Horticultural Sciences

Question: Recently the Union Agriculture and farmers Welfare Minister, Radha Mohan Singh laid the Foundation stone of Haryana State University of Horticultural Sciences in whic of the following district?

- (a) Hisar
- (b) Panipat
- (c) Karnal
- (d) Kurukshetra

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- On 6 April 2016 the Union Agriculture and farmers Welfare Minister, Radha Mohan Singh laid the Foundation stone of Haryana State University of Horticultural Sciences at Karnal, Haryana.
- The horticultural university will cater the needs to support the gap between teaching, research and extension activities in the state and will establish the convergence and synergy to disseminate latest technology and horticulture education to our young generation, besides identifying strategies for further development.
- Haryana is leader in adopting Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture programme and giving priority for protected cultivation and post Harvest management.
- The State leap forwarded to increase area under horticultural crops from 2.0 lakh hectare in the year 2002-03 to 4.5 lakh hectare during 2013-14 and production increases from 2.51 million tonnes to 6.30 million tonnes during same period.
- State has planned to increase the area to 9.0 lakh hectare with production to 27 million tonnes in next decade.
- On the occasion, Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar was also present.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138639>

Awards & Honors

Aurora Prize-2016

Question: The inaugural Aurora prize was awarded in which of the following year?

- (a) 2014
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2016
- (d) 2012

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- The Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity is a humanitarian award founded to memorialize the victims of the Armenian Genocide (1915).
- The inaugural prize was awarded on April 24, 2016, in Yerevan, Armenia to Marguerite Barankitse, from Maison Shalom and REMA Hospital, who provided humanitarian aid during the civil war in Burundi.
- She had also won the UNESCO Prize in 2008.
- The Aurora Prize Laureate is awarded a US \$100,000 grant, as well as the opportunity to nominate organizations that inspired his or her work for a US \$1,000,000 award.
- Other three finalists for the inaugural Aurora Prize were:
 - Dr. Tom Catena, the only physician at Mother of Mercy Hospital in Sudan
 - Syeda Ghulam Fatima, the General Secretary of the Bonded Labor Liberation Front in Pakistan
 - Father Bernard Kinvi, who provided humanitarian aid during the civil war in the Central African Republic
- The above three finalist are presented with \$25,000 from the Aurora Prize co-founders to support the organizations that have inspired their work.
- This prize was established by 100 LIVES to raise awareness about the atrocities that occur around the globe and to acknowledge the contributions of humanitarians who work in this field.

Reference:

<https://auroraprize.com/en/aurora/detail/9663/marguerite-barankitse-awarded-inaugural-aurora-prize>
<https://auroraprize.com/en/aurora/detail/9675/aurora-prize-weekend>
<http://www.marieclaire.co.uk/blogs/552831/marguerite-barankitse-interview-aurora-prize-winner-talks-refugees.html>

Awards for Excellence in implementation of Priority Programmes

Question: Which of the following district has been awarded for Excellence in implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) in the category of other States?

- (a) Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Bikaner, Rajasthan
- (c) Arrah, Bihar
- (d) Rewa, Madhya Pradesh

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 21 April 2016 Prime Minister on the occasion of 10th Civil Services Day distributed the awards to the districts for Excellence in implementation of 4 Priority Programmes.
- **For Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana** Nagaon, Assam has been awarded in the category of North East and Hill states where as North 24 Parganas, West Bengal has been awarded in the Other States category.
- **For Implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)** Bikaner, Rajasthan and West Sikkim, Sikkim has been awarded in the category of Other States and North East & Hill States respectively.
- **For Implementation of** Swachh Vidyalaya programme Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh and Anantnag, Jammu & Kashmir has been awarded in the category of Other States and North East & Hill States respectively where as in the category of Union Territories awarded has been given to Dadra and Nagar Haveli.
- **For implementation of Soil Health Card Scheme** Balrampur, Chhattisgarh has been awarded in the category of Other States and Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh has been awarded in the category of North East & Hill States.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi released two books namely: 'The Change Makers' and 'Transforming India' on the occasion of Civil Services Day.

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Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2016

Question: Recently who has been awarded with the Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2016?

- (a) Khadija Ismayilova
- (b) Mazen Darwish
- (c) Najam Sethi
- (d) None Of These

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 8 April 2016 **Khadija Ismayilova** a freelance journalist and contributor to the Azerbaijani service of Radio Free Europe has been awarded with the Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2016.
- An independent international jury of media professionals recommended Ms Ismayilova in recognition of her outstanding contribution to press freedom in difficult circumstances.
- The Prize will be awarded during the celebration of World Press Freedom Day, 3 May, hosted by Finland this year.
- The prize was created by UNESCO's Executive Board in 1997, the annual UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize honours a person, organization or institution that has made an outstanding contribution to the defence and, or promotion of press freedom anywhere in the world, and especially when this has been achieved in the face of danger.
- The Prize includes cash prize of \$25,000 and is named in honour of Guillermo Cano Isaza, a Colombian journalist who was assassinated in front of the offices of his newspaper, *El Espectador*, in Bogotá, on 17 December 1986.

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Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award

Question: Recently who has been presented with the prestigious Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management-2015?

- (a) Rajat Sharma
- (b) Dr. Prannoy Roy
- (c) Dr. Raghuram Rajan
- (d) Pradeep Kumar Sinha

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 28 March 2016 Dr. Prannoy Roy, co-founder and co-chairperson of NDTV, was presented with the prestigious Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management-2015.
- He was awarded by the former Supreme Court Chief Justice V.N Khare.
- This consists of a cash award of 500,000 rupees plus a citation and a plaque.
- The award for the first time in 1999 was given to Pro. CK Prahlada.
- For the year 2014 the award was given to A. S. Pillai, for his contribution in developing BrahMos cruise missile.

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Femina Miss India 2016

Question: Recently who has been awarded with the title of Femina Miss India 2016?

- (a) Navpreet Kaur
- (b) Priyadarshini Chatterjee
- (c) Sushruthi Krishna
- (d) Roshmitha Harimurthy

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 9 April 2016, 53rd Femina Miss India 2016 beauty contest was held at Yash Raj studios in Mumbai.
- Priyadarshini Chatterjee(19) from Guwahati, Assam, has won the Miss India pageant 2016 and was crowned at Yash Raj Studios.
- Priyadarshini will represent India at the Miss World 2016 pageant.
- Bangalore's Sushruthi Krishna, was the 1st runner up and Lucknow's Pankhuri Gidwani, was the 2nd runner up.
- Pankhuri Gidwani will represent India at Miss Asia Pacific 2016.
- Beauty with a purpose award was given to Sushruthi Krishna while Best National Costume award was given to Roshmitha Harimurthy
- Twenty-one finalists were selected who competed at the finals of Femina Miss India 2016 for the titles of Miss India World 2016.
- The Femina Miss India contest was organised by Femina, a women's magazine published by company Bennett, Coleman and Company Limited (BCCL).

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Saraswati Samman-2015

Question: Recently a Jammu-born poet and novelist Padma Sachdev has been chosen for the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2015 for her autobiography written in which of the following language?

- (a) Tamil
- (b) Gujrati
- (c) Marathi
- (d) Dogri

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- On 12 April 2016 Jammu-born poet and novelist Padma Sachdev has been chosen for the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2015 for her autobiography written in Dogri language.
- She has been awarded for her autobiography titled “**Chitt-Chete**” written in Dogri language.
- The selection for the award was made by a 13-member panel of scholars and writers headed by former Chief Justice of India A S Anand.
- The 76-year-old writer’s autobiography ‘Chitt-Chete’, published in 2007, was selected from 22 works in as many languages published between the years 2005-2014.
- Born in Jammu in 1940, Sachdev hails from a family of Sanskrit scholars and took to writing in her mother tongue - Dogri- as a teenager.
- She has published her several poetry collection including Meri Kavita Mere Geet that has won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1971.
- She has also received the **Padma Shri**, the Indian fourth highest civilian award in 2001, and the **Kabir Samman** for poetry for the year 2007-2008, given by Government of Madhya Pradesh.
- She has been awarded prestigious “Krutitava Smagra Samman” for the year 2015 by Indian Language Council in March, 2016.
- Instituted by the K K Birla Foundation in 1991, Saraswati Samman is given annually for an outstanding literary work in any Indian language mentioned in the Schedule VIII of the Constitution.
- The award, in its 25th year now, carries a cash purse of Rs 15 lakh, a citation and a plaque.
- The Saraswati Samman for 2014 was given to **Veerappa Moily** for his work **Ramayana Mahanveshanam**.



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Hockey India Awards

Question: Who has won the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award under Hockey India Awards 2015?

- (a) Baldev Singh
- (b) Late Shankar Laxman
- (c) Baljit Singh
- (d) P.R Sreejesh

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 26 March 2016 Hockey India conferred the Hockey India 2nd Annual Awards 2015 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The Late Captain Shankar Laxman has been awarded with the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award.
- He was a goalkeeper and was part of the Olympic medal-winning teams of 1956 (Melbourne, Gold), 1960 (Rome, Silver), and 1964 (Tokyo, Gold).
- Other winners include the following names:
- **Dhruv Batra Player of the Year Award:** P.R Sreejesh (male), Deepika (female).
- **Baljit Singh Goalkeeper of the Year Award:** Savita.
- **Pargat Singh Defender of the Year Award:** Kothajit Singh.
- **Ajit Pal Singh Midfielder of the Year Award:** Ritu Rani.
- **Dhanraj Pillay Forward of the Year Award:** Rani.
- **Asunta Lakra Upcoming Player of the Year Award:** Harjeet Singh (male), Preeti Dubey (female).
- **Jaman Lal Sharma Award for Invaluable Contribution:** Baldev Singh.
- **President's Award for Outstanding Achievement:** Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy.
- Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 30.00 lakh and a trophy.
- Dhruv Batra Player of the Year Award for Men and Women carries a trophy and prize cheque of Rs. 25.00 lakh for each.
- Hockey India has given others *awards* for felicitating the players for the performance during 2015.

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6th Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award

Question: Recently who has been announced to be awarded with 6th Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award?

- (a) Vishwanathan Anand
- (b) V. V. S Laxman
- (c) Pankaj Advani
- (d) Karun Chandhok

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 6 April 2016 Five-time world chess champion Vishwanathan Anand has been announced to be awarded with 6th Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award.
- Viswanathan Anand was born on 11 December 1969 at Mayiladuthurai, Tamil Nadu.
- Viswanathan Anand became India's first grandmaster in 1988.
- Anand won the FIDE World Chess Championship in 2000 for the first time and became first Indian to do so.
- He won World Chess Championship in 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, consistently.
- The award was established in 2011 by Mumbai- based socio-cultural organisation Hridayesh Art in the honour of music composer and singer Hridaynath Mangeskar.
- The honour carries be a cash award of Rs 2 lakh and a memento.
- State Governor C Vidyasagar Rao will present the award to the 46-year-old sportsman at an event here on April 12.
- It may be recalled that Oscar-winning composer AR Rahman has been conferred with prestigious 2015 Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award.

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National Geoscience Awards 2014

Question: Who has been awarded with the 'Award For Excellence' in National Geoscience Awards-2014?

- (a) Prof. Ashok Kumar Singhvi
- (b) Dr. Muduru Lachhana Dora
- (c) Shri Kaushik Rajbanshi
- (d) Dr. Indra Sekhar Sen

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 5 April 2016 the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee presented the National Geoscience Awards - 2014 at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The awards given in various disciplines is as follows:
- Prof. Ashok Kumar Singhvi has been awarded with the Award For Excellence in National Geoscience Awards-2014.
- Dr. Muduru Lachhana Dora, Biswajeet Lenka, Syed Ajaz Ahmad and Hemraj Suryavanshi has been awarded for Mineral Discovery & Exploration.
- Vijay V. Mugal, Lalit Khasdeo and Kaushik Rajbanshi has been awarded for Coal, Lignite and Coal Bed Methane Discovery & Exploration.
- Dr. Abhijit Mukherjee has been awarded for Groundwater Exploration while Dr. Satyendra Kumar Singh and Prof. Arvind Kumar Mishra has been awarded for the Mining Technology.
- Dr. Sreenivas Tumulr and Dr. Swati Mohanty has been awarded for the Mineral Beneficiation where as Dr. Khanindra Pathak won the award for Sustainable Mineral Development.
- Dr. Dewashish Upadhyay, Dr. Prasanta Sanyal and Dr. Rajeev Patnaik won the award in discipline of Basic Geosciences. Milind V. Dhakate, Gautam Saha, Rashtrapal H. Chavhan and Prashant Tukaram Ilamkar won in the discipline of Applied Geology.
- In Geophysics / Applied Geophysics the awards were given to Dr. Simanchal Padhy and Dr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta where as Dr. Nathani Basavaiah received the award in Geo-Environmental studies.
- Dr. Balakrishnan Nair T., Dr. Francis P.A. , Dr. Harikumar R and Sandhya K. G. Won awards in the discipline of Oceanography and Marine Geology.
- For Glaciology and Arctic & Antarctic Research the awards were given to Dr. R. Venkatesan, M. Arul Muthiah, Dr. K.P. Krishnan, and B. Kesavakumar.
- Dr. Indra Sekhar Sen won the Young Scientist Award.
- The National Geoscience Awards, previously known as the National Mineral Awards.
- It was instituted by the Ministry of Mines in 1966, to honour individuals and teams of scientists for their extraordinary achievements and outstanding contributions in fundamental and applied geosciences and mining and allied fields.

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Operation & Campaign

Indo-Thai Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)

Question: Which edition of Indo-Thai Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) is scheduled from 19-27 Apr 16 in the Andaman Sea?

- (a) 22nd
- (b) 21st
- (c) 23rd
- (d) 20th

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- The 22nd edition of Indo-Thai Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) is scheduled from 19-27 April, 2016 in the Andaman Sea.
- INS Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette based at the Andaman and Nicobar Command, alongwith a Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft, are participating in the 22nd Indo-Thai Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT).
- Maritime interaction between India and Thailand has been growing steadily with frequent port visits, participation in multilateral exercises and training exchanges.
- Under the broad ambit of this strong maritime relationship, the two navies have been carrying out CORPATs along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) twice a year since 2005, with the aim of keeping this vital part of the Indian Ocean Region safe and secure for commercial shipping and international trade.
- The CORPAT has also strengthened understanding and interoperability between the navies and facilitated institution of measures to prevent unlawful activities at sea as well as conduct Search and Rescue (SAR) operations.
- The 22nd edition of CORPAT would bolster the already strong bilateral relationship between the two nations and contribute significantly to enhancing maritime security in the region.

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Indian Army Conducted Battle Exercise 'Shatrujeet'

Question: Recently where did the Indian Army conducted major battle exercise named as 'Shatrujeet'?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Gujarat

Answer (c)

Related facts:



- On 16 April 2016 the Indian Army is conducting a major Exercise SHATRUJEET by the elite STRIKE 1 in deserts of Rajasthan.
- The capability to Strike deep in enemy territory in an integrated Air-Land battle environment was tested. This exercise was joined by 30,000 soldiers.
- The operationally oriented exercise is focusing on validating integrated theatre battle fighting concept incorporating new age technologies, weapon platforms and systems as well as long range precision targeting vectors.
- Indian Army undertakes such exercises at regular intervals at different levels to ensure forces are provided real war like situations and are kept in high state of battle readiness.
- The exercise was ended on April 23.

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Gramoday se Bharat Uday Abhiyan

Question: Where did the Prime Minister launched the "Gramoday se Bharat Uday" Abhiyan?

- (a) Mhow (Madhya Pradesh)
- (b) Ballia (Uttar Pradesh)
- (c) Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)
- (d) None of the Above

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 14 April 2016 Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan' (Village Self Governance Campaign) to strengthen Panchayati Raj in villages and ensure social harmony in villages.
- It was launched on the occasion of 125th birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar at his birthplace at Mhow, Madhya Pradesh.
- Starting with Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's 125th Birth Anniversary on 14th April 2016 and culminating in Panchayati Raj Day on 24th April 2016, in the period from 14th April to 24th April 2016, the Central Government, in collaboration with States and Panchayats, will organize a 'Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan' (Village Self Governance Campaign).
- The campaign aims to generate nation-wide efforts to increase social harmony across villages, strengthen Panchayati Raj, promote rural development, and foster farmers' progress.
- In the preceding days, from 14th April to 16th April, 2016 a 'Social Harmony Programme' will be conducted in all Gram Panchayats, supported collaboratively by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Subsequently, between 17th April to 20th April, 2016 'Village Farmer Assemblies' will be organized in Gram Panchayats.
- The aim of this programme is to promote agriculture. In these assemblies, information regarding schemes regarding agriculture such as the Fasal Bima Yojna, Social Health Card etc. will be provided to farmers and their suggestions for bringing about improvements in agriculture will be solicited.
- Preceding the main event of Gram Sabha meetings for Panchayati Raj Day, a National meeting of tribal women Gram Panchayat Presidents from Fifth Schedule Areas of 10 States will be held at Vijaywada on 19th April 2016 focusing on Panchayat and tribal development.
- Gram Sabha meetings will be held from 21-24th April, 2016 across the country. On this day, there will be a Prabhat Pheri (or morning walk) in the village, a programme on sanitation, a cultural programme as well as a sports programme.
- On 24th April 2016, Panchayati Raj Day will be celebrated at Jamshedpur.
- It will be attended by selected Panchayat representatives from the country. Hon'ble Prime Minister will address the gathering on this day and message will be beamed live to all villages in the country.

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Commission & Committee

Ashok Dalwai committee

Question: Name the Person under whose chairmanship the government has set up a panel (Inter-ministerial Committee) to prepare a blueprint for doubling farmers' income by 2022?

- (a) S.S Mundra
- (b) M.S Swaminathan
- (c) Ashok Dalwai
- (d) Sikha sharma

Ans (c)



Related facts:

- On 22 April 2016 the central government has set up a eight-member panel (**Inter-ministerial Committee**) headed by Ashok Dalwai, additional secretary at the Agriculture Ministry to suggest ways to double farm incomes by 2022.
- The other members will be officials from Agriculture and Food Ministries as well as experts from the Delhi-based National Council of Applied Economic Research and National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research.
- The government's decision to set up the committee follows the Budget 2016-17 announcements that set a target of doubling farm incomes by 2022.
- The eight-member panel will identify potential areas of agriculture where more investment should happen and suggest ways to reduce the risk of farming by diversifying to horticulture and allied activities like livestock and fisheries to boost income.
- The committee would be to diversify risks in farming and chalk out ways in which integrated farming—food grains, horticulture and allied activities like livestock and fisheries—can boost farm incomes.

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B.B. Tandon committee

Question: Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court directions has constituted a three member committee chaired by B.B. Tandon to address the issues related to-

- (a) Content Regulation in Government Advertising
- (b) Content Regulation in Food Advertising
- (c) Content Regulation in Election campaign Advertising
- (d) Content Regulation in T.V Advertising

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 11 April 2016 Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court directions has constituted a three member committee to address the issues related to Content Regulation in Government Advertising.
- The committee would be chaired by Shri B.B. Tandon, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India.
- Others members of the committee includes Rajat Sharma, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of India TV and President of the News Broadcasters Association and Piyush Pandey, Executive Chairman and Creative Director, South Asia, Ogilvy & Mather.
- The three member committee was selected by a three member panel constituted by Ministry of I&B after obtaining advice from Ministry of Law & Justice.
- The selection panel for constitution of the Committee was headed by Justice (Retd.) Chandramauli Kumar Prasad, Chairman, Press Council of India.
- It may be recalled that on 13 May 2015, Hon'ble Supreme Court had directed to constitute the Body for ironing out the creases that are bound to show from time to time in implementation of the judgement of Apex Court on Content Regulation of Government Advertising.
- The tenure of the members would be initially for a period of two years which shall be extendable by one year at a time, but overall extension should not be more than two times.

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MHA constitutes Committee to strengthen border protection

Question: The Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted a Committee under whose Chairmanship in order to strengthen border protection and address the issue of gaps and vulnerability in border fencing along Indo-Pakistan border?

- (a) R. K Chaubey
- (b) V. K Saraswat
- (c) Madhukar Gupta
- (d) Anil Kakodkar

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- On 5 April 2016 The Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Madhukar Gupta, Retd. Home Secretary.
- The committee is constituted in order to strengthen border protection and address the issue of gaps and vulnerability in border fencing along Indo-Pakistan border.
- The mandate of the Committee will be to study all types of gaps in fencing and all other vulnerabilities in the International Border on Indo-Pakistan Border and to suggest comprehensive approach to fix these gaps in fencing and other vulnerabilities on interim and permanent basis.
- The Committee will submit its report in 3 months.

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Planning & Project

Online web portal 'NOAPS' launched

Question: Recently Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State of Culture and Tourism (I/C) and Minister of State for Civil Aviation launched the Web Portal called “NOC Online Application and Processing System (NOAPS)”. The portal is developed by-

- (a) National Monuments Authority (NMA)
- (b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- (c) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
- (d) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Ans (a)



Related facts:

- On 26 April 2016 Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State of Culture and Tourism (I/C) and Minister of State for Civil Aviation launched the National Monuments Authority (NMA)'s Web Portal called “NOC Online Application and Processing System (NOAPS)” in New Delhi.
- Keeping in view the directive of Prime Minister of India regarding “e-Governance” and “Ease of Doing Business”, the National Monuments Authority has developed this online Web Portal.
- The Portal has used the technology and expertise of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), who are in the process of mapping of 3686 ASI protected monuments and sites.

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Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

Question: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on May 1 launch an ambitious Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at which of the following city?

- (a) Ballia
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Gorakhpur

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On May 1, 2016 Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch an ambitious Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Ballia, Uttar Pradesh.
- Earlier on 10 March 2016 the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana - Scheme for Providing Free LPG connections to Women from BPL Households.
- Under the scheme, Rs 8000 crore has been earmarked for providing five crore LPG connections to BPL households.
- This Scheme would be implemented over three years, namely, the FY 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.
- The Scheme provides a financial support of Rs 1600 for each LPG connection to the BPL households. The identification of eligible BPL families will be made in consultation with the State Governments and the Union Territories.
- The scheme will use the amount accumulated from 1.13 crore people who have given-up their LPG subsidies since the launch of 'Give-it-Up' campaign.
- It may be recalled that the 'Give-it-Up' campaign seeking the well-heeled to voluntarily surrender cooking gas subsidies for one year was launched in January, 2015.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 27, 2015 officially launched the programme.
- Maharashtra tops the list with 16.44 lakh consumers giving up subsidies. Uttar Pradesh saw nearly 13 lakh users give up subsidies, followed by Delhi (7.26 lakh).
- Five states of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu account for roughly half of the people who have given up LPG subsidies.

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India's Commerce Ministry launches Twitter Seva for Startups

Question: Which of the following is one of the objectives of 'start-up in India campaign'?

- (a) To ensure access to various financial services
- (b) To build an environment of gender equality in the country
- (c) To universalize the pension scheme for citizens of India
- (d) Increasing the entrepreneurial spirit in young people

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- On 21 April 2016 The Union Commerce and Industry Ministry has launched a new service "Twitter Seva".
- It has been launched to address issues and grievances of start-ups, exporters and importers, and other stakeholders.
- In particular, queries regarding the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Directorate General of supplies and Disposals, SEZs, tea, coffee, rubber, spices, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) would be addressed by the ministry.
- Issues related to manufacturing policy, industrial corridors, investment promotion, Make in India, Start up India, FDI, intellectual property rights will be addressed by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP).
- Under this, anyone who is desirous of assistance from the ministry can use the hashtag — '#mociseva'
- This service is an initiative of the Commerce and Industry Minister towards the Prime Minister's statement of "minimum government, maximum governance '.

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Expansion of the “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao programme”

Question: Recently the Minister of Women and Child Development Maneka Sanjay Gandhi formally launched the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao programme of the Government for additional how many districts?

- (a) 62
- (b) 61
- (c) 51
- (d) 70

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 19 April 2016 the Minister of Women and Child Development Maneka Sanjay Gandhi formally launched the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao programme (BBBP) of the Government for additional 61 districts in 11 States/ UTs with low CSR.
- There is an increasing trend in Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) is visible in 49% of the BBBP districts in the first year of the scheme.
- The Minister of Women and Child Development highlighted the commendable initiatives taken by the States.
- This included the name of Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu, Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh, Jalgaon district of Maharashtra, Gomati in Tripura.
- The goal is scheme is to improve SRB by a minimum of ten points per year and gradually bring it at par within five years.
- A booklet titled “Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao- A Journey So Far” was also released by Maneka Sanjay Gandhi on the occasion.
- It may be recalled that the Prime Minister launched the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao program on January 22, 2015 in Panipat district of Haryana .
- BBBP is already operational in select 100 districts of the country with low child sex ratio.

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Bank launches dedicated branch for start-ups

Question: Name the bank which on 19 April 2016 become the first private sector Bank to open specialized branches for start-ups offering a bouquet of banking products to service their end-to-end needs?

- (a) RBL Bank
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) YES Bank

Ans (a)



Related facts:

- On 19 April 2016 private sector bank RBL Bank (formerly Ratnakar Bank), launched an exclusive branch for start-ups in Koramangala, offering a bouquet of banking products to service their end-to-end needs.
- With this, RBL Bank becomes the first private sector bank to open a dedicated branch for start-ups.
- The dedicated branch will assist entrepreneurs in setting up new companies and offer banking services like foreign exchange, remittances and cash management.
- The Branch will also provide a range of value added services including registration, legal and tax formalities through its affiliates and partners.
- It may be recalled that RBL Bank Limited, in January 2016 announced the launch of 'India Startup Club' a unique offering that services the end-to-end banking needs of the emerging entrepreneurial community

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Sagarmala National Perspective Plan

Question: Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the National Perspective Plan at the inauguration of the Maritime India Summit in Mumbai detailing the contours of "Sagarmala", the program aims for-

- (a) Development of ports
- (b) Development of national highways
- (c) Connecting National Highways to the ports
- (d) Development of maritime economic zones

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 14 April 2016 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released the National Perspective Plan at the inauguration of the Maritime India Summit in Mumbai.
- National Perspective Plan provides details of the contours of Sagarmala.
- "Sagarmala" is the government's flagship program to promote port-led development in the country.
- The National Perspective Plan has been crafted after detailed consultations with key stakeholders in the central and state governments, public sector companies as well as private players from shipping, ports, ship-building, power, cement and steel sectors.
- It takes forward Sagarmala's vision of substantially reducing export-import and domestic trade costs with a minimal investment.
- The report estimates that the program could lead to annual logistics cost savings of close to Rs 35,000 crore.
- It will also boost India's merchandise exports to \$110 billion by 2025.
- About one crore new jobs are estimated to be created, of which 40lakhs will be direct employment.
- With a coastline of about 7,500kms covering 13 states and Union Territories, India enjoys a strategic location on key international trade routes.
- It is based on the following four strategic aspects:
 1. Optimizing multi-modal transport to reduce the cost of domestic cargo,
 2. Minimizing the time and cost of export-import cargo logistics,
 3. Lowering costs for bulk industries by locating them closer to the coast, and
 4. Improving export competitiveness by locating discrete manufacturing clusters near ports.
- Sagarmala aims to deliver impact through over 150 projects and initiatives in four broad areas.
- To modernize India's port infrastructure, 5 to 6 new ports have been proposed to be built.

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On World Health Day, Health Minister launches new health initiatives and Mobile APPS

Question: Name the mobile application which has been launched in order to fight against Vector Borne Diseases, especially Dengue?

- (a) Fights Dengue
- (b) India Fights Dengue
- (c) Control of Dengue
- (d) India Beats Dengue

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 7 April 2016 on the occasion of World Health Day, J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched e-health and m-health initiatives.
- He has also launched mobile application 'India Fights Dengue' in order to fight against Vector Borne Diseases, especially Dengue.
- He launched the 'Swasth Bharat Mobile application' and 'ANM Online application-ANMOL'.
- ANMOL is a tablet-based application that allows ANMs to enter and updated data for beneficiaries of their jurisdiction.
- As part of this event the Health Minister also launched 'E-RaktKosh initiative.' It is an integrated Blood Bank Management Information System that has been conceptualized and developed after multiple consultations with all stakeholders.
- This web-based mechanism interconnects all the Blood Banks of the State into a single network.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138674>



Petroleum & Natural Gas Minister dedicates new CNG stations in Delhi & NCR

Question: Recently the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Petroleum & Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan dedicated how many new CNG stations located in Delhi and NCR to the public?

- (a) 32
- (b) 30
- (c) 36
- (d) 48

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- On 7 April 2016 The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Petroleum & Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan has dedicated 36 new CNG stations located in Delhi and NCR to the public.
- 30 out of these stations have been installed by Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) at the retail outlets of Oil Marketing Companies like Indian Oil, BPCL and HPCL. 3 stations by Haryana City gas in Gurgaon, 1 station by GAIL Gas in Sonapat and 2 stations by Adani gas – one each in Faridabad and Khurja (Bulandshahar) have been set up.
- While 25 out of these 36 CNG stations are located in NCT of Delhi, 11 are located in NCR - Ghaziabad, Greater Noida, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Sonipat and Khurja.
- Out of the 1026 CNG stations currently in operation in the country, about 34% are located in Delhi and adjoining NCR towns.
- Delhi/NCR is having 347 CNG stations of about 77 lakh kg per day CNG dispensing capacity.
- All 4 CGD companies operating in Delhi/NCR have planned to augment the existing CNG dispensing capacity to 88 lakh kg per day by developing additional 104 CNG stations in Delhi/NCR.
- The actual CNG consumption in Delhi/NCR is around 25 lakh kg/day.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138673>



National Hydrology Project

Question: When did the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval to Implementation of the National Hydrology Project?

- (a) 6 April 2016
- (b) 5 April 2016
- (c) 4 April 2016
- (d) 3 April 2016

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 6 April 2016 the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval to Implementation of the National Hydrology Project.
- It will be a central sector scheme with a total outlay of Rs. 3679.7674 crore. This includes Rs.3,640 crore for National Hydrology Project (NHP) and Rs. 39.7674 crore for National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC) to be taken up in two stages.
- It also provides for establishment of NWIC as an independent organization under the control of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD&GR).
- The National Hydrology Project (NHP) will help in gathering Hydro-meteorological data which will be stored and analysed on a real time basis and can be seamlessly accessed by any user at the State/District/village level.
- The components of the proposal are:
 1. In Situ Hydromet Monitoring System and Hydromet Data Acquisition System.
 2. Setting up of National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC).
 3. Water Resources Operation and Management System
 4. Water Resources Institutions and Capacity Building
- The NHP will result in the improvement of:
 1. Data storage, exchange, analysis and dissemination through National Water Informatics Centre.
 2. Mapping of flood inundation areas for use by the disaster management authorities
 3. Assessment of surface and ground water resources in a river basin for better planning & allocation for PMKSY and other schemes of Govt. of India
- The fifty per cent of the amount that is Rs.1839.8837 crore, would be World Bank loan which would be repaid by Central Government.
- The remaining 50% that is Rs. 1839.8837 crore would be Central Assistance from the budgetary support.

Reference:

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Purvanchal Expressway

Question: Which of the following to cities of Uttar Pradesh is going to be connected by 348 km long six-lane expressway named as “Samajwadi Purvanchal Expressway”?

- (a) Lucknow to Varanasi
- (b) Lucknow to Azamgarh
- (c) Lucknow to Ballia
- (d) Lucknow to Mau

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- On 30 march 2016 Uttar Pradesh cabinet accepted the proposal to build the Greenfield Expressway (Purvanchal Expressway).
- The Lucknow-Ballia Expressway will now be known as Samajwadi Purvanchal Expressway and would be constructed on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Model.
- It is 348-km-long six-lane Expressway.
- The estimated cost stands at about Rs 19,437 crore.
- The Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) has been named as the nodal agency of this project.
- The construction contracts will be divided into 8 packages.
- Under this project district-Lucknow, Barabanki, Amethi, Faizabad, Ambedkar Sultanpur, Azamgarh, Mau, Ghazipur and Ballia will be covered.
- The width of the expressway (R.O.W) will be 120 meters.

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India's first 'Aadhaar Number' & 'Aadhaar Biometric' (fingerprint) enabled ATM launched

Question: Which of the following Bank launched India's first 'Aadhaar Number' & 'Aadhaar Biometric' (fingerprint) enabled ATM?

- (a) DCB Bank
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) Axis Bank

Ans (a)



Related facts:

- On 2 April 2016 DCB Bank Ltd. launched, first time in India, an ATM that accepts Aadhaar number and Aadhaar fingerprint (biometric) instead of ATM/Debit Card and PIN to dispense cash from the bank account.
- It is a "Cardless and PIN less" ATM. This ATM is currently placed in pilot site at DCB Bank at Peninsula Business Park, Lower Parel, Mumbai.
- The Bank plans to continue the pilot for 30 to 45 days and then begin the upgrade of all its 400+ ATMs to accept Aadhaar number and Aadhaar fingerprint.
- There is no need for ATM/Debit Card or the hassle of remembering PIN. All a customer needs to do is to input their 12 digit Aadhaar number and place their finger tip on the biometric reader.
- DCB Bank Ltd. is a modern new generation private sector bank with 176 plus branches across 17 states and 2 union territories (as on 31st December 2015).
- It is a scheduled commercial bank and is listed in the BSC and NSC.

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Inauguration of Manesar-Palwal section of Western Peripheral Expressway

Question: Recently the Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Manesar-Palwal section of the Kundli- Manesar-Palwal Expressway. It is located in which of the following states?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) New Delhi

Ans(b)

Related facts:



- On 5 April 2016 the Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Manesar-Palwal section of the Kundli- Manesar-Palwal Expressway.
- The Manesar-Palwal section of the Expressway has been built at a cost of Rs 457.81Crores. It is an access controlled, six-lane, divided road with 1.5 metre wide paved shoulder on each side.
- It intersects with Delhi-Jaipur NH8 near Manesar, Palwal-Sohna-Rewari NH 919, Sohna-Nuh-Alwar Road NH 248A and finally joins NH2 near Palwal. The road will provide uninterrupted high –speed link for traffic, especially commercial traffic from Haryana to neighbouring states.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138596>

Micro Solar Dome “Surya Jyoti” Launched

Question: Which of the following is recently launched the Low Cost and Environment-friendly solar lighting device by Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan?

- (a) Divya Jyoti
- (b) Surya Jyoti
- (c) Kutir Jyoti
- (d) Swachh Jyoti

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 5 April 2016 Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, launched the Low Cost and Environment-friendly solar lighting device named “Surya Jyoti”.
- The device has been developed under the aegis of the Department of Science & Technology.
- It would prove to be a boon for the urban and rural households in the country that do not have reliable access to electricity.
- It is estimated that if this technology is adopted in 10 million households only, it has the potential of saving 1750 million units of energy.
- It would also lead to an emission reduction of about 12.5 million ton of CO₂ equivalent.
- It will give a fillip to the mission of ‘Clean India, Green India’.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138585>

Stand Up India Scheme launched

Question: When did the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, launched “Stand Up India” Scheme?

- (a) 5 April 2016
- (b) 6 April 2016
- (c) 1 April 2016
- (d) 31 March 2016

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 5 April 2016 The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, launched the “Stand Up India” Scheme.
- It was launched to promote entrepreneurship among SC/ST and Women entrepreneurs.
- The Scheme is intended to facilitate at least two such projects per bank branch, on an average one for each category of entrepreneur. It is expected to benefit at least 2.5 lakh borrowers.
- Under this scheme Composite loan between 10 lakh rupees and up to 1 crore rupees will be provided to SC/ST and women and also inclusive of working capital component for setting up any new enterprise.
- On this occasion the Prime Minister also distributed 5100 e-rickshaws to beneficiaries.
- It may be recalled that on August 15, 2015, on the occasion of the 69th Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced to launch 'start-up India' and 'stand-up India' initiative in order to encourage entrepreneurship.
- On January 6, 2016, the Union Cabinet headed by the Prime Minister approved 'start-up India' initiative.

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I-SPARSH Smart and self-sufficient village scheme

Question: How much amount has been allocated by Uttar Pradesh Government for its recently launched I-SPARSH Smart and self-sufficient village scheme?

- (a) Rs 500 Crore
- (b) Rs 400 Crore
- (c) Rs 300 Crore
- (d) Rs 200 Crore

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- On 30 March 2016 Uttar Pradesh chief Minister Akhilesh yadav has launched I-SPARSH Smart and self-sufficient village scheme.
- The basic aim of the scheme is to provide all essential facilities at villages.
- Aim of the scheme is to bring qualitative change in the lifestyle of villagers so that there is increase in Human Development Index (HDI).
- All the identified villages under Janeshwar Mishra Village development scheme would be brought under I-SPARSH project
- The project was announced in the budgetary proposal for the 2016-17 with an allocated amount of Rs 300 Crore.
- The acronym of I-SPARSH stand for: I - for Inclusive (Growth), Income (Enhancement) and IT (Solutions). S - for Skill (Development) Social (Cihesion) Simple (Solution). P Participation, people, panchayati Raj. A Adaption, Agriculture (Smart and Precise), allied activities. R Responsive (Governance), resilience, recycle. S Safety, security, sanitation. H Health Housing and Hygiene.
- Under the plan, the Village Level Implementation Committee under the chairmanship of deputy collector, approval and monitoring district level committee headed by the District Magistrate and State Level Monitoring Committee headed by Chief Secretary will be constituted.



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Treaty & Agreement

Cabinet approves MoU between India and Papua New Guinea

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Papua New Guinea on cooperation in which of the following field?

- (a) Art & Culture
- (b) Information Technology
- (c) Health and Medical Sciences
- (d) Space cooperation

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- On 27 April 2016 The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Papua New Guinea on cooperation in the field of Healthcare and Medical Science.
- It will strengthen bilateral ties between India and Papua New Guinea.
- The bilateral MoU will encourage cooperation between the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of India and the Ministry of Health and HIV/AIDS of the Papua New Guinea through joint initiatives in the health sector.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=142379>



MoU between IRDAI and the Insurance Authority, United Arab Emirates

Question: The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and the Insurance Authority of United Arab Emirates. The MoU was signed in-

- (a) January, 2016
- (b) February, 2016
- (c) March, 2016
- (d) April, 2016

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 27 April 2016 Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and the Insurance Authority of United Arab Emirates.
- The MoU was signed in February, 2016.
- The MoU provides for enhanced cooperation between the two authorities in the field of insurance supervision by providing a framework for co-operation such as channels of communication.
- It will also result in increasing mutual understanding through the exchange of regulatory and relevant supervisory information including confidential information to enforce or ensure compliance with their respective laws and regulations.

Reference:

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Memorandum of Understanding between India and Bhutan

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet gave its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on technical cooperation in the field of capacity building, benchmarking and bilateral exchange in infrastructure engineering with which of the following country?

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Maldives
- (d) Nepal

Ans (a)



Related facts:

- On 20 April 2016 The Union Cabinet gave its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Bhutan on technical cooperation in the field of capacity building, benchmarking and bilateral exchange in infrastructure engineering.
- Through this MoU, the Central Public Works Department will stand to gain in terms of experience in hills road construction which is of paramount importance in J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and various States of North-East Region.
- The CPWD also expects to garner some road construction projects in Bhutan.
- In June 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an official visit to Bhutan.

Reference:

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India and Mauritius sign MoU

Question: Recently India has signed a MoU with Mauritius on cooperation in which of the following field?

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) Traditional system of medicine and Homoeopathy
- (c) Information technology
- (d) None of these

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- According to the Press Information Bureau release dated 19 April 2016 India has signed an memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Mauritius on cooperation in the field of traditional system of medicine and Homoeopathy.
- The MoU was signed during the recent visit of Minister of State for AYUSH (Independent Charge) and Health & Family Welfare, Shripad Yesso Naik to Mauritius.
- This MoU will promote cooperation in the field of traditional system of health and medicine between the two countries which already share these traditions due to our unique historical and cultural ties.
- The MoU envisages exchange of experts, supply of traditional medicinal substances, joint research and development and recognition of the traditional systems of health and medicine in both countries.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138966>

Memorandum of Understanding between India and United Arab Emirates

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) on cooperation in preventing and combating of-

- (a) Terrorism
- (b) Human Trafficking
- (c) Climate change
- (d) Tax evasion

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 13 April 2016 the Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) on cooperation in preventing and combating of Human Trafficking.

The following are the salient features of the MoU:

1. To strengthen cooperation to prevent all forms of human trafficking, especially that of women and children and ensure speedy investigation and prosecution of traffickers and organized crime syndicates in either country.
2. Taking preventive measures that would eliminate human trafficking in women and children and in protecting the rights of victims of trafficking.
3. Anti-trafficking Cells and Task Forces will work on both sides to prevent human trafficking.
4. Police and other concerned authorities will work in close cooperation and exchange information which can be used to interdict human traffickers.
5. The repatriation of victims would be done as expeditiously as possible and the home country will undertake the safe and effective re-integration of the victims.
6. A Joint Task Force with representatives from both sides would be constituted to monitor the working of the MoU.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138836>

Indo German Agreement

Question: For rejuvenation of which of the following river an agreement has been signed between India and Germany?

- (a) Ganga
- (b) Yamuna
- (c) Sabarmati
- (d) Kaveri

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On April 2016 an Implementation Agreement for Ganga Rejuvenation under the Namami Gange Programme was signed in New Delhi.
- The agreement was signed between the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and German International Cooperation (GIZ) of Germany.
- The objective of the agreement is to enable responsible stakeholders at National and State level to apply integrated river basin management approach for the rejuvenation of the river Ganga.
- This will be based on Indo-German Knowledge exchange and practical experience on strategic river basin management issues, effective data management system and public engagement.
- The project will closely cooperate with other National and international initiatives including Indo-German bilateral projects like Support to National Urban Sanitation Policy (SNUSP) and 'Sustainable Environment-friendly Industrial Production' (SEIP).
- The project duration is three years i.e. from 2016 to 2018 and the German contribution in the project will be to the tune of Rs. 22.5 crore.
- Initial actions will focus on the State of Uttarakhand, with scope of expansion to other upstream Ganga States.
- It may be recalled that 'Namami Gange' Programme, is a flagship programme of Government of India with a renewed impetus to decrease river pollution and conserve the revered river 'Ganga'.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138830>

MoU between India and Bangladesh on cooperation in the field of Fisheries

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet was apprised about the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Bangladesh in 2011 on bilateral cooperation in the field of Fisheries and aquaculture and allied activities. The MoU will remain in force for a period of how many years?

- (a) 10 Years
- (b) 7 Years
- (c) 6 Years
- (d) 5 Years

Ans (d)

Related facts:



- On 13 April 2016 the Union Cabinet was apprised about the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Bangladesh in September, 2011 on bilateral cooperation in the field of Fisheries and aquaculture and allied activities.
- The MoU has strengthened the friendly relations between India and Bangladesh and promote development of cooperation in fisheries and aquaculture and allied sectors through mutually agreed activities and procedures.
- The MoU will remain in force for a period of five years unless either of the Parties give prior written notice of at least six months in advance to the other Party of its intention to terminate the MoU.
- This MoU could be extended for further period as may be mutually agreed upon.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138832>

Memorandum of Understanding between India and Sweden

Question: Recently Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval to Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Sweden in which of the following fields?

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) Railway
- (c) Information and Technology
- (d) Space

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 6 April 2016 The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval to Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Sweden on Technical Cooperation in the Railway Sector.
- This MoU was signed on 15th February, 2016.
- The MoU will enable technical cooperation in the following areas:-
 1. Benchmark railways policy development, regulations, organization and specific characteristics for each country.
 2. Exchange of knowledge, technical expertise, innovation, technology, sustainable solutions and research.
 3. Other cooperation projects agreed between the participants, such as, freight operations in cold regions, tilting coaches/trains, capacity allocation (time tabling) and optimisation of maintenance and improved freight/combination traffic.
 4. Training and continuing education program in reliability and maintenance of rail transport system for railway engineers and managers.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138635>

Loan agreement signed between India and European Investment Bank

Question: Recently a Loan agreement of 450 million Euros (Rs.3,502 cr) has been signed between India and European Investment Bank (EIB) for which of the following metro project?

- (a) Jaipur Metro project
- (b) Lucknow Metro project
- (c) Nagpur Metro project
- (d) Chennai Metro Project

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 30 march 2016 Government of India has signed a Loan agreement of 450 million Euros (Rs.3,502 cr) with European Investment Bank (EIB) for Phase-1A project of Lucknow Metro.
- The agreement in this regard was signed in Brussels on March 30, 2016 in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to the Belgium capital.
- The loan agreement was signed by the Indian Ambassador to Belgium Manjiv Singh Puri and Vice-President of European Investment Bank Jonathan Taylor.
- The loan amount will be released in two tranches of 200 million Euros and 250 million Euros.
- It may be recalled that the 22.878 km long Lucknow Metro Phase-1A project was approved by the Government of India in December, 2015 at a cost of Rs.6,928 cr on 50 : 50 equity funding by the central and state governments.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138498>



First German assistance to Metro project in the country

Question: Name the country's first metro project which is funded under the Indo-German partnership?

- (a) Jaipur Metro Project
- (b) Kanpur Metro Project
- (c) Nagpur Metro Project
- (d) Lucknow Metro Project

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- On 1 April 2016 Indian Government has signed an agreement with German Government's Development Bank KfW which will provide a loan assistance of EUR 500 million (about Rs.3,750 cr) for the modern and sustainable metro system for Nagpur city being executed by Nagpur Metro Rail Corporation Limited (NMRCL).
- Costing Rs.8,680 cr (EUR 1,240 million), Nagpur Metro is the first metro to be financed under the Indo German partnership for clean, socially inclusive and climate friendly mobility for people in cities.
- The loan period is 20 years with a moratorium of five years and disbursal will be based on the progress of the project over three years.
- Sanctioned by the Government of India in August 2014, Nagpur Metro Project envisages two corridors i.e 19.70 km North-South section from Automotive Square to Khapri and 18.60 km long line between Prajapati Nagar and Lokmanya Nagar.
- Physical works commenced in May, 2015 and the whole Metro would be operational by March, 2019.

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<http://viratpost.com/business/germany-will-get-a-loan-of-500-million-euros-from-the-nagpur-metro/65136.html>

India Signs Agreement with the World Bank

Question: For which of the following states recently India has Signed a Loan Agreement with the World Bank for USD 250 Million for "First Programmatic Electricity distribution Reform Development Policy Loan" ?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 31 March 2016 India has signed a Loan Agreement with the World Bank for USD 250 Million for "First Programmatic Electricity distribution Reform Development Policy Loan" for Rajasthan.
- The project size is USD 250 million, and the total amount will be financed by the Bank.
- The objective of the proposed programmatic operation is to support the Government of Rajasthan (GoR)'s program for the turnaround of the distribution sector in Rajasthan under the 24x7 Power for All program.

Reference:

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<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2016/03/31/government-of-india-world-bank-sign-usd250-million-agreement-support-electricity-distribution-sector-reforms-rajasthan>

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Japan's Official Development Loan Assistance to India for an amount of Rs. 14,251 crore

Question: The Govt. of Japan has committed Official Development Assistance loan to India of an amount of-

- (a) Rs 14,100 Crore
- (b) Rs 14,500 Crore
- (c) Rs 14,251 Crore
- (d) Rs 15,551 Crore

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- On 31 March 2016 the Notes were exchanged between S. Selvakumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India and Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India for Official Development Assistance loan of an amount of JPY 242.2 billion (approx. Rs.14,251 Crores).
- The Govt. of Japan has committed Official Development Assistance loan of an amount of JPY 242.2 billion (approx. Rs.14,251 Crores at Exchange Rate: Rs.1 = JPY 1.70).
- The ODA loan assistance has been committed to Transmission System Strengthening Project in Madhya Pradesh (JPY 15.45 Billion); Odisha Integrated Sanitation Improvement Project (II) (JPY 25.7 Billion); Dedicated Freight Corridor Project (Phase 1) (III) (JPY 103.6 Billion); North East Road Network Connectivity Improvement Project (Phase 1) (I) (JPY 67.1 Billion); and Jharkhand Horticulture Intensification by Micro Drip Irrigation Project (JPY 4.65 Billion).
- The Govt. of Japan has committed a total of JPY 390 Billion in the current financial year which is the highest amount committed in a year.

Reference:

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<https://www.thedollarbusiness.com/magazine/rs-14251-crore-to-india-under-japans-official-loan-development-assistance>

Solar energy program for developing countries

Question: How many dollars worth of solar energy program was launched during Ministerial Side Event on International Solar Alliance (ISA) at Headquarters of the United Nations in New York?

- (a) 1 Trillion Dollars
- (b) 10 Trillion Dollars
- (c) 15 Trillion Dollars
- (d) 20 Trilion Dollars

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 22 April 2016 Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal & New and Renewable Energy and Segolene Royal, French Minister of Environment, Energy and the Sea, in charge of International Relations on Climate and President of COP21 co-chaired a Ministerial Side Event on International Solar Alliance (ISA) at Headquarters of the United Nations in New York.
- It was attended by Ministers and Representatives from over 25 countries including Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia, Namibia, Uganda, Nigeria, Peru, Djibouti, Surinam, Zambia, Bolivia, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Mali, India, USA and France participated in the ISA side event.
- 1 Trillion dollars worth of solar energy program was launched during the program.
- The program was launched to harmonize and aggregate the demand for Solar finance, so as to lower the cost of finance and facilitate the flow of more than US \$ 1 Trillion investment in solar assets in ISA member countries
- This will empower solar-rich countries, lying fully or partially between the tropic of Cancer and the tropic of Capricorn, which share common challenges and opportunities.
- On the same occasion other program named “Scaling solar applications for agricultural use” was launched to serve the interests of the farming communities in the prospective ISA member countries and ensure that there is sufficient flow of affordable finance for solar projects.



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<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=141095>

Joint Conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices

Question: Where did the Joint Conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices was held?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Ahmedabad

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 24 April the Joint Conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices took place in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The conference was inaugurated by Prime Minister in the presence of Chief Justice of India, T.S.Thakur and Law Minister D.V.Sadananda Gowda.
- This Joint Conference is an occasion for the executive and the judiciary to reaffirm their resolve to support a speedy, efficient and quality justice delivery in the country, and to discuss steps required to surmount the various challenges facing the justice system.
- Such as inordinate delays in disposal of cases in courts, facilitating access to speedy resolution of commercial disputes by economic operators, making the justice system user friendly and affordable to all, and improving the quality of legal aid services in the country.
- Last year the conference was held on April 5, 2015.
- The Joint Conference was attended by Chief Minister of States and Chief Justices of High Courts.
- Referring to the data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) at the end of 2014 the law Minister said, there were about 2.82 lakh under-trial prisoners in the jails, which constituted two-third of the total inmates.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=141108>

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3rd Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation

Question: The three-day (12—14 April, 2016) 3rd Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation was organised in which of the following city?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Bengluru
- (d) Vishakhapatnam

Ans(a)

Related facts:



- The three-day(12—14 April,2016) 3rd Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation was organised in New Delhi
- This conference was co-organized by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Global Tiger Forum, Global Tiger Initiative Council, Wildlife Institute of India, WWF and Wildlife Conservation Trust.
- The meeting was attended by the representatives of four Tiger Range countries (TRCs) - Bhutan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Russia, besides senior officers of the Ministry, including Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Joint Secretary, East, Ministry of External Affairs.
- The Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan, having ranges of Snow Leopard have also participated in the conference.
- The conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on April 12, 2016.
- More than 700 tiger experts, scientists, managers, donors and other stakeholders have participated to discuss issues related to tiger conservation.
- At the Global Tiger Summit at St. Petersburg held in 2010, range countries committed to double the tiger number by 2022.
- The countries also adopted the Global/National Tiger Recovery Programme.
- This was the third conference with the earlier ones being held at Hua Hin, Thailand (2010) and Thimpu, Bhutan (2012), besides the Tiger Summit at St Petersburg in 2010.
- On the last day of the conference seven-point “New Delhi Resolution on Tiger Conservation” was passed.

Reference:

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<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=136665>

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Maritime India Summit-2016

Question: The first ever Maritime India Summit was organised in which of the following cities?

- (a) Visakhapatnam
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Goa
- (d) Kochi

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- A two-day (April 14 and 15, 2016) first ever Maritime India Summit 2016 was organised in Mumbai.
- The summit was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in Mumbai on the 14th of April 2016.
- The objective of the three day Summit from 14th to 16th April 2016 is to attract potential investors to the vast opportunities that the various components of the Maritime Sector have on offer.
- The event was participated by delegates, CEOs and speakers from 41 countries in addition to India.
- Republic of Korea is the Partner Country for the Summit.
- A large delegation led by Republic of Korea, Minister of Oceans and Fisheries Mr. Kim Young-Suk and comprising of two Deputy Ministers, senior Government officials and representatives of 52 maritime sector companies has participated in the Summit.
- Ministers from Mauritius, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Madagascar, Sudan and Maldives have also participated in the Summit.

Reference:

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International Convention on World Homoeopathy Day

Question: The International Convention on World Homoeopathy Day was organised in which of the following cities?

- (a) Jaipur
- (b) Indore
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Bengaluru

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- The International Convention on World Homoeopathy Day was organised on 9-10 April, 2016 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH inaugurated the International Convention on World Homoeopathy Day.
- The theme of the convention is 'Integrating Homoeopathy in Healthcare'.
- The International Convention on World Homoeopathy Day was organised by Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), an autonomous research organization of Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India and an international organisation Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis (LMHI).
- Scientists and homoeopathy doctors from 23 countries including Brazil, Russia, South Africa, Italy, Netherlands, U.K., Austria, Armenia, Canada, Israel, Australia, Bangladesh, Japan, France, UAE, Cuba, Nepal, Turkey, Argentina, Slovenia, Pakistan, Ghana and Kenya had participated in this convention.
- The event was organized to commemorate the 261st birth anniversary of the founder of Homoeopathy Dr. Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, a German physician, who was a great scholar, linguist and acclaimed scientist.

Referenece:

<http://ccrhindia.org/icwhd/index.asp>

<http://www.lmhiindia.in/event-details.html?eid=13>

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138728>

First World Bamboo Summit-2016

Question: Where did the three days first World Bamboo Summit was organised?

- (a) Indore
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Ahmedabad

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- The three days (8-10 April, 2016) first Worlds Bamboo Summit was organised in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- The theme of the three day summit was “Bamboo for Sustainable Development-Global Cooperation”.
- It was organized by the Madhya Pradesh Bamboo Mission (MPSBM) and Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE).
- On April 8, 2016 the Speaker Sumitra Mahajan inaugurated the global Bamboo Summit.
- On the occasion, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Radha Mohan Singh, Transport and Highways Minister, Nitin Gadkari and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan were present.
- It should be known that 13 per cent of India's forest area has bamboo forest.
- More than 137 species of bamboo is grown in the countries which are used for 1500 diversified utilities.
- There has been a trade of 20 billion US dollar in World Bamboo Market by the end of 2015.
- Whereas during this span there has been a transaction of 26000 crore rupees in domestic bamboo enterprises.
- Keeping in view the possibility of, economic utilization of bamboo, government of India has initiated National Bamboo Mission (NBM) – A centrally sponsored scheme under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in 2006 for overall development of bamboo sector.
- Since the initiation of mission bamboo has been planted on 349864 hectare land. 1436 nurseries have been established to supply the quality saplings of bamboo.
- This summit was participated by farmers, artisans, designers, engineers, investors from all over the world.

Reference:

<http://globalbamboosummit.org/>

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138704>



National Tribal Carnival

Question: The First National Tribal Carnival will held at-

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Guwahati
- (c) Raipur
- (d) Jaipur

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- The First National Tribal Carnival will be held in Delhi from April 29 to May 02, 2016.
- The carnival will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.
- The purpose of this carnival is to showcase and promote various facets of tribal culture on a large scale in order to preserve and promote various facets of the tribal life relating to culture, tradition, customs and their skills and to expose it to the general population with a view to utilizing the potential for overall holistic development of the Scheduled Tribes.
- Activities liked displaying documented traditional socio-culture aspects, collection of art/artifacts, cultural performances, demonstration of skills like sports, paintings, traditional healing practices etc. will be part of the Four day event.
- The thematic panel discussion on issues like tribal health, education, skill development and culture with experts in the relevant filed will be a part of the carnival.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138681>

International Conference on the Zero

Question: The two days International Conference on Zero was held in which of the following city?

- (a) New York
- (b) Paris
- (c) Rome
- (d) New Delhi

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- The two (4-5 April 2016) days International Conference on Zero was held in Paris.
- The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, through the Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO, and together with the Pierre and Marie Curie University, Paris, hosted the **International Conference on the Zero** at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.
- The International Conference in Paris was opened on 4th April at the Pierre and Marie Curie University, Paris, with a session by Professor Manjul Bhargava, Fields Medalist and Professor of Mathematics at Princeton University on “Gems of Ramanujan and their lasting Impact on Mathematics”.
- There was also a Panel Discussion on the “Arabic Traditions in Mathematics”. Special Session by Professor Manjul Bhargava on “Mathematics in Indian Music” will be a high point of the Conference.
- The High Level segment of the International Conference on the Zero, was addressed by Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Human Resource Development, Government of India and Irina Bokova, Director General UNESCO on 5th April 2016.
- During this visit, the Minister of Human Resource Development also held a meeting with the Director General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova, to discuss the full range of India's cooperation with the organization.

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FICCI Frames 2016

Question: The three day global conclave covering the entire gamut of Media & Entertainment named “FICCI Frames-2016” was held at which of the following place?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Jaipur

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- The three day (30 March-1 April 2016) global convention covering the entire gamut of Media & Entertainment named “FICCI Frames-2016” was held at Mumbai.
- The theme of “FICCI Frames-2016” was ‘Change or Perish: The year of Digital’.
- FICCI-FRAMES have emerged as the foremost business conclave in the entertainment sector attracting almost every vital stakeholder in the industry. It has emerged as the biggest event of its kind in Asia.
- On 1 April 2016 I&B Secretary, Sunil Arora said the Government has approved Rs 598 crore for the National Film Heritage Mission to preserve and promote India’s rich film and cultural heritage.
- He also said a National Museum of Indian Cinema is coming up in Films Division Complex in Mumbai with several interactive exhibits.
- He also mentioned that an award has been instituted as part of the National Film Awards, to honour the states that are most film friendly.
- In 2016, Gujarat has been adjudged the most film friendly state, followed by UP and Kerala.

Reference:

<http://www.ficci-frames.com/frames/about-frames.html>
<http://www.ficci-frames.com/frames/brochure16.pdf>
<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/printrelease.aspx?relid=138478>



Associations & Organisations

Mahindra & Mahindra becomes first Indian company to join EP100 campaign

Question: Which of the following company has becomes first Indian company to join EP100 campaign?

- (a) Bajaj
- (b) Mahindra
- (c) Tata
- (d) Maruti

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- On 21 April 2016 Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. becomes the first Indian company to join EP100 campaign led by The Climate Group.
- The Climate Group has announced a new energy campaign - EP100 - that will work with the world's most influential businesses in setting commitments to double their energy productivity and maximize the economic output from each unit of energy used.
- By signing up to EP100, the Indian-based company has committed to doubling their energy productivity by 2030, a core requirement for any business signing on to the campaign.
- The concept of energy productivity aligns energy efficiency more directly with business growth and development objectives
- By signing up for EP100, company has made a significant commitment to doubling our energy productivity by 2030 on a baseline of 2005, and hope to make a strong contribution towards achieving the climate goals agreed upon at COP21.

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<http://automotiveindianews.com/mahindra-joins-ep100-campaign-led-climate-group/>
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IGNCA Board Reconstituted

Question: Recently government has reconstituted the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) board. It was established in which of the following year?

- (a) Year 1982
- (b) Year 1989
- (c) Year 1988
- (d) Year 1987

Ans (d)

Related facts:

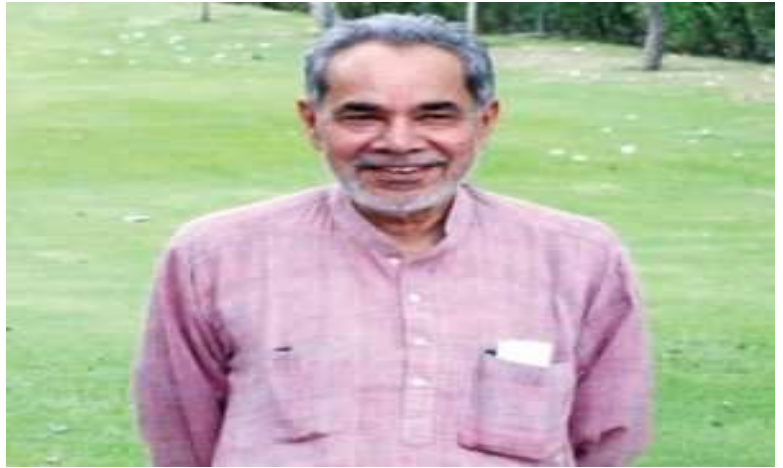
- On 14 April 2016 government reconstituted the management of Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).
- IGNCA was established in 1987 when Rajiv Gandhi was the prime minister as a centre for research, academic pursuit and dissemination in the field of the arts.
- Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts has 3 regional center in India, which are located in Bangalore, Varanasi and Guwahati.
- Senior journalist Ram Bahadur Rai has been appointed as the president of the trust.

Reference:

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South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network

Question South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN), a Regional network is comprised of how many countries in South Asia?

- (a) 8
- (b) 7
- (c) 6
- (d) 5

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 13 April 2016 the Union Cabinet chaired has given its approval for India adopting the Statute of the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) and India and becoming its formal member.
- This will help in strengthen ties with the member countries in controlling the trans-boundary wildlife crime through communication, coordination, collaboration, capacity building and cooperation in the region.
- SAWEN is a Regional network is comprised of eight countries in South Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- It aims at working as a strong regional inter-governmental body for combating wildlife crime by attempting common goals and approaches for combating illegal trade in the region.
- Adoption of SAWEN statute envisions India being part of the regional inter-governmental body in combating wildlife crime in the region and beyond.

Following objectives have been set to attain the goal:

- To take initiatives for bringing harmonization and standardization in laws and policies of member countries concerning conservation of fauna and flora;
- To document the trend of poaching and illegal trade, and related threats to the natural biodiversity within and across countries in the region;
- To strengthen institutional responses to combat wildlife crime by promoting research and information sharing, training and capacity building, technical support, sharing experiences and outreach; and
- To encourage member countries to prepare and implement their National Action Plans in curbing wildlife crime and to collaborate towards effective implementation.

Reference:

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Sikh Gurdwara (Amendment) Bill, 2016

Question: Main goal of Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 2016 is:-

- (a) To remove sole right of Sahjdhari Sikhs to vote in the elections to members of the Board and the Committees
- (b) To ban elections of Gurudwara committees
- (c) To centralize the election procedure Gurudwara committees
- (d) To abolish Gurudwara boards and committees

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 25 April 2016, the Parliament has passed the Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 2016 to remove right given to Sahjdhari Sikhs to vote in the elections to members of the Board and the Committees.
- The amendment bill first was passed in the Rajya Sabha in March 2016 and later in the Lok Sabha in April 2016.
- By this Bill section 49, and section 92 of 'Gurdwara Act, 1925' has been amended. According to which those will not be entitled to vote in Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) and various gurdwara management committee elections who-
 - trim or shave their beard or hair and live like Sahjdhari Sikhs,
 - smoke,
 - consume alcohol.

Reference:

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<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/nod-to-bill-barring-sahajdhari-sikhs-from-gurdwara-polls-2770418/>

Amendments in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015

Question: Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) will ensure expeditious utilization of accumulated unspent amounts available for which of the following purpose?

- (a) To mitigate impact of diversion of forest land
- (b) For creation of productive assets and generation of huge employment opportunities in the rural areas
- (c) For generation of huge employment opportunities in backward tribal areas
- (d) All of The Above

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- On 20 April 2016 The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi today gave its approval to move official amendments in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015.
- The legislation will ensure expeditious utilization of accumulated unspent amounts available with the ad hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).
- Presently the accumulated unspent amounts available with CAMPA is of the order of Rs.40,000 crore, and fresh accrual of compensatory levies and interest on accumulated unspent balance, which will be of the order of approx. Rs. 6,000 crore per annum, in an efficient and transparent manner.
- Utilization of these amounts will facilitate timely execution of appropriate measures to mitigate impact of diversion of forest land, utilisation of these amounts will result in creation of productive assets and generation of huge employment opportunities in the rural areas, especially the backward tribal areas.



The following amendments are proposed in Bill:

- Amendment of clause 2 (e) of the Bill to make the list of environmental services inclusive and to delete some of environmental services for which credible model to assess their monetary value does not exist.
- Amendment of clauses 2 (I) and 30 (1) of the Bill to provide for prior consultation with States Governments for making rule under the new legislation.
- Amendment of clause 6 (d) of the Bill to provide for use of monies realised from the user agencies in lieu for forest land diverted in protected areas for voluntary relocation from protected areas.
- Amendment of clause 8 (4) (ii) of the Bill 'to include Secretaries of Ministries dealing with Space and Earth Sciences as members of governing body of the National Authority.
- Amendment of clause 8 (4) (x) of the Bill to increase the number of expert members in governing body of National Authority from two to five.
- Amendment of clause 9 (2) (ix) of the Bill to increase the number of expert members in executive committee of National Authority from two to three.
- Amendments of clause 11 (2) and 11 (3) of the Bill to include an expert on tribal matters or representative of tribal community as a member in both steering committee and executive committee of a State Authority.
- It may be recalled that on 13th May, 2015 Lok Sabha referred the Bill to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests. On 26th February, 2016 the Committee submitted its report to the Parliament. The government has amended the bill on the basis of this report.

Reference:

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Rajasthan Urban Land (Certification of Titles) Bill, 2016 passed

Question: Which of the following state has recently passed Urban Land (Certification of Titles) Bill, 2016?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Delhi

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 5 April 2016 Rajasthan Assembly has passed the Rajasthan Urban Land (Certification of Titles) Bill, 2016.
- With this, Rajasthan also became the first state to bring and pass Rajasthan Urban Land (Certification of Titles) Bill, 2016.
- State residents living in urban areas, which are governed by the municipalities or state development authorities, can seek a certificate of ownership of their lands by paying a nominal fee to the state government.
- The state government will set up an authority which will be headed by an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Officer.
- The authority will seek all the documents from the landowners, and will verify it against records held by the state.
- The authority will first issue a provisional certificate for two years for which the state will not stand guarantee. If there are no objections or dispute arises, the authority will issue a certificate and a map to the owner of other land or property with state guarantee.
- Currently, it is kept voluntary for the owners to apply for this certificate.
- The state government has kept the application fee of 0.5% of the land rate determined by a district level committee to encourage more people to join this new scheme.
- Through the Bill the state government has given itself the power to enter into any property or premise for the purpose of survey by giving its owner a prior notice.
- Experts believe that this Bill will give a clear title to the owner and will reduce litigations in the courts. This is seen as one of the key steps towards land reforms and Rajasthan has become the first state to introduce in the country.
- Since the Vasundhara Raje took charge two years ago, the state has undertaken a series of labour and industry reforms. It has also opened many sectors for public-private partnership, earning mixed response from residents, activists and industrialists.

Reference:

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Year, Day & Week

World Intellectual Property Day

Question: World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated on-

- (a) 25 April
- (b) 26 April
- (c) 22 April
- (d) 24 April

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- World Intellectual Property Day was celebrated across the world on 26 April 2016.
- This year the theme for World Intellectual Property Day is “Digital Creativity: Culture Reimagined”.
- Every April 26 is celebrated as World Intellectual Property Day to learn about the role that intellectual property rights (patents, trademarks, industrial designs, copyright) play in encouraging innovation and creativity.
- In 2000, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) designated 26 April as an annual World Intellectual Property (IP) Day to mark the date on which the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization entered into force in 1970.



Reference:

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World Malaria Day

Question: World Malaria Day is celebrated on-

- (a) 24 April
- (b) 25 April
- (c) 23 April
- (d) 26 April

Ans(b)

Related facts:

- On 25 April 2016 World Malaria Day was observed across the world.
- The theme for 2016 is “End Malaria For Good”.
- According to WHO, In 2015, there were **214 million cases**, and **438 000 deaths** from Malaria.
- Between 2000 and 2015 about 57 countries reduced malaria incidence by more than 75%, and a further 18 reduced malaria incidence by 50-75%.
- Nearly 35% of malaria deaths occur in just two countries: Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Reference:

<http://www.worldmaliaday.org/>

<http://www.worldmaliaday.org/about/key-facts>

<http://www.worldmaliaday.org/about/world-malaria-day>

<http://www.who.int/campaigns/malaria-day/2016/en/>



National Panchayati Raj Day

Question: When did the National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated?

- (a) 23 April
- (b) 24 April
- (c) 20 April
- (d) 22 April

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 24 April 2016 National Panchayati Raj Day was celebrated across the country.
- The 24 April marks the passing of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 that came into force with effect from 24 April 1993.
- This amendment had led a defining moment in the history of India which helped in decentralization of political power to the grassroots level. In turn it had lead to institutionalization of Panchayati Raj (PR) through the village, Intermediate and District level Panchayats.
- This year Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, addressed all Panchayats across the country, from Jamshedpur, on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day.

Reference:

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<http://www.narendramodi.in/text-of-pms-remarks-on-national-panchayati-raj-day-2987>

World Book and Copyright Day

Question: When did the World Book and Copyright Day is celebrated?

- (a) 22 April
- (b) 24 April
- (c) 20 April
- (d) 23 April

Ans (d)

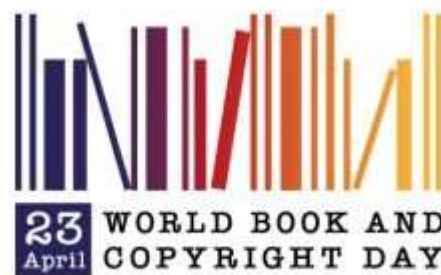
Related facts:

- The World Book and Copyright Day was celebrated on 23 April 2016 across the world.
- The purpose of celebrating this day is to recognize the power of books in making life better.
- This year the city of Wroclaw (Poland) was chosen as the World Book Capital 2016.
- In 1995, UNESCO in its General Conference in Paris first proclaimed 23 April as World Book and Copyright Day.

Reference:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/bookday/>

<http://www.un.org/en/events/bookday/background.shtml>



World Heritage Day

Question: When did the World Heritage Day is celebrated?

- (a) 16 April
- (b) 18 April
- (c) 20 April
- (d) 22 April

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- World Heritage Day was observed across the world on 18 April 2016.
- The day is observed with an aim to create awareness among the people to conserve and protect the valuable assets and cultural heritage across the world.
- The first world Heritage Day was celebrated on 18 April 1982 by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) in Tunisia and was approved in 1983 by UNESCO.
- Total 32 sites from India are included in the list of World Heritage sites, of which 25 are cultural sites and 7 are natural heritage sites.

Reference:

<http://www.gdrc.org/heritage/world-heritage-day.html>

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1478>



World Earth Day

Question: When did the World Earth Day is celebrated?

- (a) 18 April
- (b) 21 April
- (c) 20 April
- (d) 22 April

Ans (d)



Related facts:

- The World Earth Day was on 22 April 2016 observed across the world.
- The theme for this year World Earth Day is '**Trees for the Earth**'.
- 'World Earth Day' is also celebrated as 'International Mother Earth Day'.
- Earth Day was first celebrated in the United States in 1970 and was organised by the Earth Day Network.
- On this day, representatives of more than 170 countries are gathering at UN Headquarters in New York to sign the Paris Agreement on Climate Change of 2015.
- This landmark pact, in conjunction with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, holds the power to transform our world.

Reference:

<http://www.earthday.org/>

<http://www.un.org/en/events/motherearthday/>

4th India Water Week

Question: The fourth edition of India Water Week was observed from 04 to 08 April, 2016. Name the partner country of this year's 'India Water Week'?

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) Nepal
- (c) France
- (d) Israel

Ans (d)

Related facts:



- The fourth edition of India Water Week will be observed by Ministry for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation from 04 to 08 April, 2016 at ITPO Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- The theme for this year's India Water week is **"Water for all: Striving together"**.
- Israel was associated as the partner country for this mega event.
- Inaugural session of India Water Week was followed by plenary session and Water Resources Ministers conclave on first day.
- About 1500 delegates from India and 20 other countries have attended the conclave.
- Apart from this, an Exhibition 'Water Expo-2016' showcasing the technologies and solutions in water resources sector was also organised at Hall No. 9, Pragati Maidan for the benefit of delegates.
- Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India has been organising India Water Week since 2012 as an international event to focus on water related issues.
- Three editions of India Water Week have been organised so far in 2012, 2013 and 2015.

Reference:

<http://www.indiawaterweek.in/>

<http://wrmin.nic.in/forms/List.aspx?lid=642&ld=4>

World Autism Awareness Day

Question: World Autism Awareness Day is celebrated on-

- (a) 5 April
- (b) 2 April
- (c) 7 April
- (d) 6 April

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- The World Autism Awareness Day was celebrated on April 2, 2016.
- The theme of 2016 is "Autism and the 2030 Agenda: Inclusion and Neurodiversity".
- Every year, autism organizations around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events.
- The United Nations General Assembly on 18 December 2007 unanimously declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day (A/RES/62/139) to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of those with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society.

Reference:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/autismday/>

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism/world-autism-awareness-day>

World Health Day

Question: When did the World Health Day is celebrated?

- (a) 6 April
- (b) 8 April
- (c) 7 April
- (d) 3 April

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- World Health Day (WHD) 2016 was observed globally on 7 April 2015.
- The theme for the year is **Beat Diabetes**.
- On April 6, 2016 the World Health Organization released a first global report on diabetes.
- According to the report the world has seen a nearly four-fold increase in diabetes cases over the last quarter-century, driven by excessive weight, obesity, aging and population growth.
- WHO said that 422 million people were affected in 2014 and 8.5% of the world population had diabetes two years ago, up from 4.7%, or 108 million, in 1980.
- In 2012, diabetes was the direct cause of 1.5 million deaths.
- More than 80 percent of diabetes deaths occurred in low and middle-income countries.

Reference:

<http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2016/en/>

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/204871/1/9789241565257_eng.pdf?ua=1

Miscellaneous

Simhastha Kumbh

Question: On the bank of of which of the followiing river does the Simhastha (Kumbh) mela is being organised in Ujjain from 22 April-21 May 2016?

- (a) Narmada
- (b) Shipra
- (c) Godavari
- (d) Varuna

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- The month-long Simhastha (Kumbh) mela one of the largest congregations of Hindus, began in Ujjain on 22 April 2016 on the banks of Kshipra River.
- Kumbh mela held after a gap of 12 years at four places in India namely Haridwar(Uttarkhand), Allahabad(Prayad-Uttar Pradesh), Nasik(Trimbakeshwar-Maharashtra) and Ujjian(Madhya Pradesh).
- According to Hindu mythology, during this epic battle to capture the Urn (Kumbh) containing the nectar drops of the precious liquid fell on these four places.
- The Ujjain Kumbh is celebrated when Jupiter ascends into sun sign Leo's quarter or the Simha constellation of zodiac, which is why it is called 'Simhastha'.

Reference:

<http://www.simhasthujain.in/>

<http://www.mptourism.com/pdf-html/simhastha/index-su.html>

<http://www.simhasthujain.in/about-simhasth/snan-dates/?lang=hi>

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/simhastha-kumbh-mela-begins-in-ujjain-today-2765143/>

Sahapedia portal

Question: Name the India's first online interactive portal based on the cultural heritage of India and South Asia?

- (a) Culturepedia
- (b) Sahapedia
- (c) Wikipedia
- (d) Historypedia

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 23 April 2016 the India's first online interactive portal based on the cultural heritage of India and South Asia, 'Sahapedia' was launched.
- Sahapedia is a collection of resources on the diverse heritage of India. It is non-profit society, led by former TCS chairman S. Ramadorai, who is the head of the National Skill Development Agency.
- The online portal aims at educating the people of India about its various traditions, visual arts, performing arts, literature and languages.
- The portal is accessible to all and is a strong initiative towards the digitisation and research on the traditional art forms of India and their importance in the modern era.

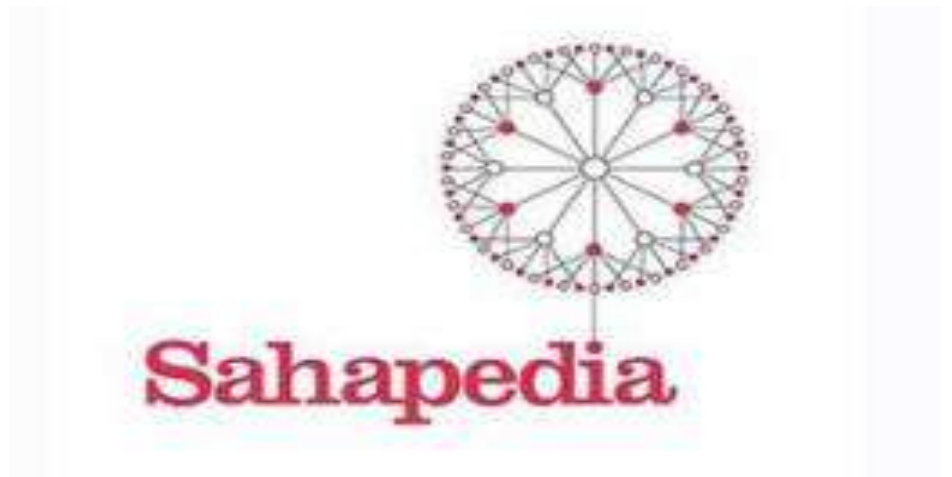
Reference:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/sahapedia-to-be-launched/article8492214.ece>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/indiahome/indianews/article-3560197/Open-public-India-s-cultural-history-gets->

[Wikipedia-own.html](#)

<http://www.sahapedia.org/>



New Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies

Question: Recently the National Mission for Clean Ganga under the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation in collaboration with which of the following institute announced the formal launch of Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (CGRBMS) ?

- (a) IIT Kanpur
- (b) IIT Roorkee
- (c) IIT Delhi
- (d) MNIT Allahabad

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 17 April 2016 the National Mission for Clean Ganga under the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IITK) announced the formal launch of Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (CGRBMS) in New Delhi.
- The Centre will act as a think-tank to the government as well as knowledge hub to coordinate all activities within the Ganga river basin.
- The activities will include science, technology, research, innovation, social, economics, finance and investment related aspects.
- The Ministry signed a 10 year Memorandum of Agreement with IITK for provision of continual scientific support in the implementation and dynamic evolution of the Ganga River Basin Management Plan.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138934>

Commemorative Coin and Circulation Coin on Tatya Tope on his Martyr Day

Question: Recently Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (I/C) and Civil Aviation released a Commemorative Coin of and a Circulation Coin of how much amount respectively on Tatya Tope on the occasion of his Martyr Day?

- (a) Rs 100 and Rs 10
- (b) Rs 200 and Rs 10
- (c) Rs 50 and Rs 5
- (d) Rs 100 and Rs 20

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 18 April 2016 Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (I/C) and Civil Aviation released a Commemorative Coin of Rs. 200/- and a Circulation Coin of Rs. 10/- on Tatya Tope on the occasion of his Martyr Day .
- One of the most outstanding leaders of India's First War of Independence, Tatya Tope was a patriot of the highest order.
- He was captured by the British Forces on 07 April, 1859 and after a hurried trial for waging war against the East India Company, he was hanged to death on 18 April 1859 at Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh.
- Ministry of Culture has been celebrating the 200th Birth Anniversary of Tatya Tope during 2015-16 in association with State Government of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh respectively.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138945>

First India Train Fitted with CCTV Surveillance Cameras

Question: Name the First India Train Fitted with CCTV Surveillance Cameras?

- (a) Gatimaan Express
- (b) Shan-E-Punjab Express
- (c) Mahamana express
- (d) Jodhpur-Howrah SF Express

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 8 April 2016 Minister for Railways Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu inaugurated the fitment of CCTV in Train No.s 12497/12498 Shan-e-Punjab Express today (08.04.2016) through video-conferencing from Rail Bhawan premises, New Delhi.
- Shan-E-Punjab Express Becomes the First India Train Fitted with CCTV Surveillance Cameras.
- Four to Six Cameras Per Coaches Installed with Digital Video Recorder.
- The other features include DVR (Digital video recorder) for recording and with HDD & SD Card, Software, Display Monitor for observations, interconnecting cables, 12 V power supply and accessories.
- The System shall facilitate facial recognition for unambiguous identification of the target parson by giving resolution images, enable facial recognition in low light condition especially in aisle area during night time.
- The installation of surveillance systems was done through Ms/ A-Paul Instrument Company at an approximate cost of Rs. 36.71 lacs.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=138711>



ISBN Portal

Question: Recently which of the following portal has been launched by the Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Smriti Zubin Irani?

- (a) ISBN Portal
- (b) SIKSHA Portal
- (c) Online Book Portal
- (d) University Portal

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 7 April 2016 The Union Minister of Human Resource Development Smriti Zubin Irani has launched a portal for registration and allotment of International Standard Book Number (ISBN) at a function held in New Delhi.
- This portal has been created to facilitate publishers as well as the authors to register for ISBN online.
- Raja Rammohun Roy National Agency for ISBN, (Book Promotion and Copyright Division), under Department of Higher Education had organized the event for launch of ISBN portal.
- ISBN is a unique number used to identify monographic publications.
- Displayed in barcode format, ISBN is a 13 character identification allotted by International ISBN Agency based in UK through the National ISBN Agency.
- Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Agency for ISBN is responsible for ISBN registration in the country and is affiliated to UK based International Agency. The ISBN Nos. are allotted free of cost.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138686>

<http://isbn.gov.in/index.aspx?langid=1>