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Preface

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While presenting Day-to-day current affairs, we are very cautious on choosing the right topics to make sure only those get the place which are useful for competitive exams perspective, not to increase unnecessary burden on the readers by putting useless materials. Secondly, we have also provided the reference links to ensure its credibility which is our foremost priority. You can always refer the links to validate its authenticity.

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NATIONAL

Visit of President to China

Question: Recently, President of India, Pranab Mukherjee was on a State visit to the People's Republic of China from May 24 to 27, 2016. Before this which of the following president of India had a state visit to China?

- (a) Pratibha Patil
- (b) K.R Narayanan
- (c) Shankar Dayal Sharma
- (d) Neelam Sanjeev Reddy

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- From May 24 to 27, 2016; President of India, Pranab Mukherjee was on a State visit to the People's Republic of China.
- Before this the former president Pratibha Patil in 2010 had a state visit to China.
- On 1 April, 1950, India became the first non-socialist bloc country to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China.
- Earlier President of China Xi Jinping visited to India in September 2014 during which we established a Closer Developmental Partnership as an important component of our bilateral relationship.
- Pranab Mukherjee began his visit by arriving in the highly industrialised Chinese city of Guangzhou; the city which has strong business links with India has an economy of over \$1 trillion.
- Guangdong province accounts for 20 per cent of bilateral trade and 40 per cent of Indian nationals in China.
- He will be the first Indian leader to visit Guangzhou.
- Besides interacting with the Indian community, which has over 3,000 businessmen, He also addressed India-China Business Forum to highlight the investment opportunities in India.
- He visited the Hualin Temple, which marks the arrival of Indian monk Bodhidharma to China in 6 century AD and stands testimony to the close cultural and historical linkages that bind our two countries together.
- He delivered a keynote address at the historic and prestigious Peking University and attended a Round Table between Vice Chancellors and Heads of institutions of higher learning of the two countries.
- There he gifted to the Peking University 350 books on Indian culture and literature including books in Sanskrit.
- Moreover, ten MoUs providing for enhanced faculty and student exchanges as well as collaboration in research and innovation were concluded between the higher education institutions of the two countries and exchanged in the presence of him.

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Visit of Prime Minister to Iran

Question: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on an official visit to Iran on May 22-23, 2016. The president of Iran is-

- (a) Ashraf Ghani
- (b) Hosni Mubarak
- (c) Dr. Hassan Rouhani
- (d) Dr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad



Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On May 22-23, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was on an official visit to Iran at the invitation of the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran Dr. Hassan Rouhani.
- It may be noted that Modi's visit to Iran is the first official visit by an Indian Prime Minister in 15 years.
- Earlier Ex- Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, paid an official visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran from April, 10-13, 2001.
- India-Iran relations span centuries marked by meaningful interactions.
- Independent India and Iran established diplomatic links on 15 March 1950.
- India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was first to visit Iran in September 1959.
- On 23 May 2016 Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi met the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran Dr. Hassan Rouhani.
- Indian Prime Minister and Iranian President lead the delegation level talks in Tehran.
- The two nations also released a Joint Statement titled Civilisational Connect, Contemporary Context.
- The MoUs and agreements were inked after delegation level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani.

- 12 memorandum of understandings (MoUs) and agreements in various areas including building and operating the Chabahar port by India.

The agreements/MOUs are:

1. India-Iran Cultural Exchange Programme.
2. MoU between the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) of Iran on Policy Dialogue between Governments and Interaction between Think Tanks.
3. MoU between Foreign Service Institute, MEA and the School of International Relations, Iran's MoFA.
4. Implementation Protocol between Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of S&T and Iran's Ministry of Science, Research and Technology on Cooperation in the Fields of Science and Technology.
5. MoU between Indian Council for Cultural Relations and Islamic Culture and Relations Organizations of the Iran.
6. Bilateral contract on Chabahar Port for port development and operations between IPGPL [India Ports Global Private Limited] and Arya Banader of Iran.
7. MoU between EXIM Bank and Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization [PMO] on current specific terms for the Chabahar Port project.
8. Confirmation Statement between EXIM Bank and Central Bank of Iran.
9. MoU between ECGC [Export Credit Guarantee Corporation] Limited of India and the Export Guarantee Fund of Iran (EGFI).
10. MoU between National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) and the Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization (IMIDRO).
11. MoU between IRCON and Construction, Development of Transport and Infrastructure Company (CDTIC) of Iran.
12. MoU for cooperation between the National Archives of India and the National Library and Archives Organisation of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

- During his visit PM visited Bhai Ganga Singh Gurudwara in Tehran.
- He also addressed the Conference on “India and Iran, Two Great Civilizations: Retrospect and Prospects”.
- He also met the Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei to whom he gifted the reproduction of the seventh-century manuscript of the Holy Quran attributed to Hazrat Ali, the fourth caliph.
- It was written in Kufic script, this manuscript is a prized possession of the Ministry of Culture’s Rampur Raza Library.

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Government announced second list of smart cities; Lucknow tops the list

Question: Which of the following cities are included in the second list of smart cities released by the government of India ?

(1) Raipur (2) Panaji (3) Kohima (4) Dehradun

Options:

(a) 1 and 4 (b) 1,2 and 4 (c) 1 and 2 (d) 1,2,3 and 4

Ans:(c)

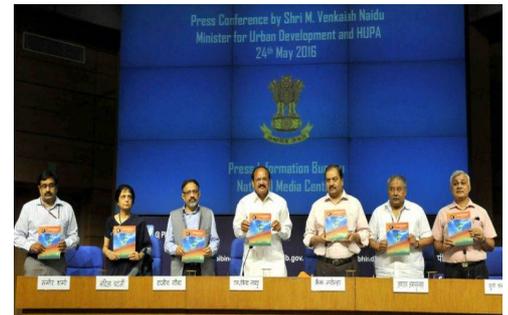
Related facts:

- On 24 May 2016 Union Minister of Urban Development and Housing, Venkaiah Naidu has announced list of cities included in Smart City Mission.
- For this a Fast Track competition was conducted.
- There were 23 cities in the competition, of these 23 cities, only 13 could qualify for the smart city project. Lucknow(Uttar Pradesh) topped the list of winners of the Fast Track competition followed by Warangal(Telangana) and Dharamshala(Himachal Pradesh)
- Other cities, which won this round, were Chandigarh, Raipur (Chhattisgarh), New Town Kolkata, Bhagalpur (Bihar), Panaji (Goa), Port Blair (Andaman and Nicobar Islands), Imphal (Manipur), Ranchi (Jharkhand), Agartala (Tripura) and Faridabad (Haryana). These cities can submit their revised smart city plans for evaluation in the second round of regular competition underway by the end of June, 2016. It may be recalled that Under the Smart City Mission, 100 cities across the country will be developed as smart cities by 2019-20 with the Union government providing financial support to the extent of Rs 48,000 crore over five years.
- On 28 January 2016 union government has announced the 1st batch of 20 smart cities from 11 States and Union Territory of Delhi under this mission.
- The central government will invest in the development of infrastructure of these cities for providing modern facilities to residents of these cities.

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President of Sri Lanka visited to India

Question: Recently Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka was on working visit to India on-

- (a) 13-15 May 2016
- (b) 13-14 May 2016
- (c) 14-15 May 2016
- (d) 12-16 May 2016



Ans: (b)

Related facts:

- 13 and 14 May 2016. Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, made a working visit to India. It may be recalled that during 15-18 February 2015 Sri Lankan President was on a state visit to India.
- During his visit he addressed valedictory session at the “Vaicharick Mahakumbh” which held as part of the Simhastha Mahakumbh in Ujjain on the 14th of May.
- He also visited Sanchi where he toured the World famous Sanchi Stupa.
- He also attended a function organised by the Mahabodhi Society of Sri Lanka during which he unveiled a statute of Angarika Dharmapala.
- The relationship between India and Sri Lanka is more than 2,500 years old.
- Both countries have a legacy of intellectual, cultural, religious and linguistic interaction.
- In recent years, the relationship has been marked by close contacts at all levels.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Sri Lanka on 13-14 March, 2015.

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Legislative Assembly Election Result, 2016

Question: Match the name of political party which has gained maximum vote with the corresponding states.

State	Party
A Kerala	1. All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
B West Bengal	2. Communist Party of India (Marxist)
C Puducherry	3. Trinamool Congress
D Tamil Nadu	4. Indian National Congress

Options:

	A	B	C	D
(a)	1	2	3	4
(b)	2	4	3	1
(c)	2	3	4	1
(d)	1	4	3	2

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On 19 May 2016 Election Commission of India has announced the results of 2016 Legislative Assembly Election in the five states.
- Assam: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its alliance partners have won an absolute majority by winning 86 seats in Assam state assembly election.
- BJP has won 60 seats, with its coalition partners the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) and the Bodoland Peoples Front winning 14 and 12 respectively.
- Ruling Indian National Congress has bagged 26 seats, All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) 13 and one seat has gone to an independent.
- According to poll results Congress got 31%, BJP got 29.5%, All India United Democratic Front, 13%, Asom Gana Parishad (AGP), 8.1% and Bodoland Peoples Front, 3.9% of the total votes.
- West Bengal: In Legislative Assembly Election of West Bengal, ruling All India Trinamool Congress (AITMC) crossed the two-third mark by winning 211 seats.
- Alliance of Congress- CPI (M) bagged 76 seats while BJP has bagged three seats, Independents and others have won four seats.



- Trinamool Congress got 44.9%, CPI (M), 197.7%, Congress-12.3%, BJP-10.2% and AIDF-2.8% of the total votes.
- Tamil Nadu: In Tamil Nadu, All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) chief and Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa emerged triumphant and swept the polls by winning 134 seats.
- Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) won 89 seats, Indian National Congress 8 seats and Indian Union Muslim League has won 1 seat.
- In Tamil Nadu ADMK got 40.8%, DMK-31.6%, PMK -5.3%, BJP-2.8% and Congress got 6.4% of the total votes.
- Puducherry: In Puducherry Congress has won the maximum 15 seats in the Assembly election.
- All India N.R. Congress (AINRC) managed to win only eight seats followed by AIADMK(4) and DMK(2) and CPM backed independent(1).
- In terms of vote share Congress got 30.6%, AIDMK-28.1%, ADMK-16.8%, DMK-8.9%, BJP-2.4% of the total votes.
- In Puducherry Congress -DMK alliance is all set to form a government by winning 17 seats together. Kerala: In Kerala, Left Democratic Front (LDF) won 91 seats out 140 assembly seats. On the other hand, Congress Party led United Democratic Front (UDF) won only in 47 seats.
- Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) has managed to open an account in Kerala by winning one seat.
- The position of party on the basis of vote share is as follows- CPM -26.5%, Congress-23.7%, BJP-10.5%, CPI -8.1% and Indian Union Muslim League-7.4%.
- Besides the result of these five states election Commission of India also announced the results of 2016 by-election held for four states, namely Gujarat, Jharkhand, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.
- Gujarat: BJP won the Talala assembly constituency in Gir Somnath district.
- Jharkhand: The elections were held for two seats, Godda and Panki. The Godda seat was won by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), while the Panki seat went to Indian National Congress (INC).
- Telangana: Telangana Rashtra Samithi won the Palair assembly constituency.
- Uttar Pradesh: The elections were held for two seats, Bilari and Jangipur. Both the seats were won by ruling Samajwadi Party.
- **Reference:**
<http://eciresults.nic.in/PartyWiseResult.htm>

Women and Child Development Minister Releases Draft National Policy for Women, 2016 for consultation

Question: Recently Union Women and Child Development(WCD) Minister Maneka Sanjay Gandhi released the draft National Policy for Women, 2016 for consultations. This will replace the-

- (a) National Policy for Women,2003
- (b) National Policy for Women,2001
- (c) National Policy for Women,2005
- (d) National Policy for Women,1991

Ans: (b)

Related facts:

- On 17 May 2016 Union Women and Child Development(WCD) Minister Maneka Sanjay Gandhi released the draft National Policy for Women, 2016 for consultations.
- This will replace the National Policy for Women,2001.
- The policy envisions a society in which, women attain their full potential and are able to participate as equal partners in all spheres of life.
- It also emphasises the role of an effective framework to enable the process of developing policies, programmes and practices which will ensure equal rights and opportunities for women.
- The broad objective of the policy is to create a conducive socio-cultural, economic and political environment to enable women enjoy de jure and de facto fundamental rights and realize their full potential.
- The salient features of the policy are: –
 - I.Health including food security and nutrition: Focus on recognizing women's reproductive rights, shift of family planning focus also to males, addressing health issues in a life cycle continuum such as psychological and general well-being, health care challenges related to nutrition/ hygiene of adolescents are included.
 - II.Education: Improve access to pre-primary education, enrolment and retention of



adolescent girls.

III.Economy: Steps for skill development and training for women will be taken.

IV.Governance and Decision Making: Increasing women's participation in the political arena, administration, civil services and corporate boardrooms.

V.Violence Against Women: Address all forms of violence against women through a life cycle approach, Legislations affecting /relating to women will be reviewed/hamonized to enhance effectiveness, Improve Child Sex Ratio (CSR), strict implementation of advisories, guidelines, Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) and protocols, prevention of trafficking at source.

VI.Environment and Climate Change: Addressing gender concerns during distress migration and displacement in times of natural calamities due to climate change and environmental degradation.

- The policy also describes emerging issues such as making cyber spaces safe place for women, redistribution of gender roles, for reducing unpaid care work, review of personal and customary laws.
- Review of criminalization of marital rape within the framework women's human rights in order to protect the rights of women.
- Facilitating women in workplace through gender friendly work place, flexi timings, increased maternity leave, provision of child care / creches at workplace, life cycle health care facilities.

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National Intellectual Property Rights Policy

Question: On May 12, 2016 the Union Cabinet approved the National Intellectual Property Rights Policy which would strive for-

- (a) Creative India; Innovative India
- (b) Developed India; Advanced India
- (c) Innovative India; Advanced India
- (d) Best India; Creative India



Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 12 May 2016 the Union Cabinet approved the National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy.
- It will lay the future roadmap for intellectual property in India.
- The Policy recognises the abundance of creative and innovative energies that flow in India, and the need to tap into and channelize these energies towards a better and brighter future for all.
- It reiterates India's commitment to the Doha Development Agenda and the TRIPS agreement.
- The broad contours of the National IPR Policy are as follows:
- **Vision Statement:**
- An India where creativity and innovation are stimulated by Intellectual Property for the benefit of all;
- An India where intellectual property promotes advancement in science and technology, arts and culture, traditional knowledge and biodiversity resources;
- An India where knowledge is the main driver of development, and knowledge owned is transformed into knowledge shared.
- **Mission Statement:**

- Stimulate a dynamic, vibrant and balanced intellectual property rights system in India to foster creativity and innovation and thereby, promote entrepreneurship and enhance socio-economic and cultural development, and
- Focus on enhancing access to healthcare, food security and environmental protection, among other sectors of vital social, economic and technological importance.
- The Policy lays down the following seven objectives:
 - 1.Create public awareness about economic, social and cultural benefits of IPRs among all sections of society
 - 2.Stimulate generation of IPRs
 - 3.Legal and Legislative framework to have strong and effective IPR laws, which balance interests of rights owners with larger public interest
 - 4.Administration and management to modernize and strengthen service-oriented IPR administration
 - 5.Commercialization of IPRs to get value for them
 - 6.Strengthen enforcement and adjudicatory mechanisms for combating IPR infringements
 - 7.Strengthen and expand human resources, institutions and capacities for teaching, training, research and skill building in IPRs.
- These objectives are sought to be achieved through detailed action which would be taken by different Ministries/ Departments shall be monitored by DIPP which shall be the nodal department to coordinate, guide and oversee implementation and future development of IPRs in India.
- The National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy will endeavour for a “Creative India; Innovative India.
- **Reference:**
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Gujarat Government Accords Minority Status to Jain Community

Question: Recently the Gujarat government issued a government resolution (GR) giving minority status to which of following community?

- (a) Jain
- (b) Buddhists
- (c) Parsis
- (d) None of these

Ans:(a)

Related facts:



- On 7 May 2016 the Gujarat government issued a government resolution (GR) giving minority status to the Jain community.
- The decision to accord the minority status to the Jain community was taken by Chief Minister Anandiben Patel.
- Transport Minister and BJP state unit chief Vijay Rupani made the announcement in Ahmedabad.
- This will be benefiting the poor among Jain community as they will be eligible for many scholarships and welfare schemes.
- It may be recalled that central Government had conferred the minority status on the Jain community in January 2014. Janis were the 6th community to have minority status after Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis.

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One Employee-One EPF Account

Question: When was the One Employee-One EPF Account drive launched by EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation)?

- (a) 2 October 2015
- (b) 1 December 2015
- (c) 30 April 2016
- (d) 1 May 2016



Ans (d)

Related facts:

- On 1 May 2016 Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has launched a special drive 'One Employee-One EPF' to encourage EPF members to consolidate their multiple accounts.
- The drive has been launched by Union Labour and Employment Minister Bandaru Dattatreya in New Delhi.
- The initiative of launching the Mission consolidation "One Member One EPF Account" is a step towards encouraging EPF members to access enhanced IT enabled services through Universal Account Number (UAN) accounts that are linked with Aadhaar.
- By the end of April 2016, UAN has been issued to some 67716584 members.
- With consolidation, a member can have complete control of his EPF account apart from accessing variety of IT enabled services such as email/sms alerts, access to e-pass book etc.
- EPFO has been advising members to link all their PF account numbers with the UAN and to also seed KYC data against their UAN number.
- Aadhaar has been uploaded against 1.30 crore UAN, out of which 1.03 crore Aadhaar have been digitally authenticated by the establishments.

- With the enactment of Aadhaar Act, 2016 (26th March 2016), EPFO is now seeking to make Aadhaar, the primary identifier.
- In order to boost the process of seeding the Universal Account Number (UAN) with KYC, an “Incentive Scheme” has been launched for the employers.
- Under this scheme a claim refund of upto 10% of administrative charges payable to EPFO can be claimed upon completing specified tasks (furnishing member information and digitally authenticated KYC details).
- The Scheme shall be in operation for one year, beginning 1 st January 2016 to 31st December, 2016
- During this drive following actions will be taken by EPFO:
- Run a Publicity campaign at regular intervals in Print, electronic and digital media
- A software has been launched for centralized processing that will transfer and consolidate accounts with ease.

Reference:

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First state in the country to become Open Defecation Free in urban areas

Question: Which of the following state is set to become the first State in the country to make all of its urban areas 'Open Defecation Free' by 2 October 2016?

(a) Maharashtra (b) Gujarat (c) Karnataka (d) Andhra Pradesh

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- According to the releases made by Ministry of Urban Development on 30 April 2016, Andhra Pradesh is set to become the first State in the country to make all of its urban areas 'Open Defecation Free' by 2 October 2016.
- This landmark will be achieved by Andhra Pradesh marking the two years of the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- During the review, it emerged that Andhra Pradesh which has been in the forefront of construction of toilets in urban areas can make all 100 municipalities Open Defecation Free by October 2 this year as per the action plans in progress.
- There is 13 districts and 110 municipalities in Andhra Pradesh.
- As against the Mission target of construction of 1,94,336 individual household toilets in urban areas of Andhra Pradesh, work has started in respect of 1,53,779 and construction of 1,04,732 toilets has already been completed.
- In addition to the central assistance of Rs. 4,000 per toilet, Andhra Pradesh Government is extending assistance of an additional Rs.11,000 per toilet giving a big boost for the programme.
- In respect of Solid Waste Management, out of the total wards of 3,458 in 110 municipalities, 100% door-to-door collection and transportation of such waste is being done in 3,072 wards i.e 89% of total urban wards in the state.
- The State Governments has also awarded works for construction of 10 Waste to Energy Plants for generating 63 MW of power from the 6,440 tonnes of municipal waste being generated per day in the state.



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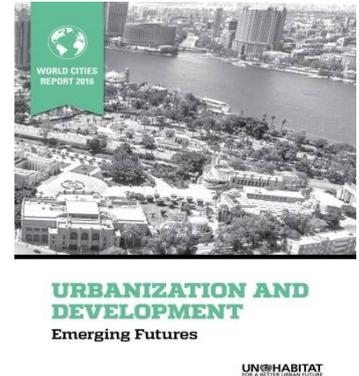
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INTERNATIONAL

World Cities Report 2016, Urbanization and Development: Emerging Futures

Question: The World Cities Report 2016, Urbanization and Development: Emerging Futures was launched by-

- (a) UN-Habitat Programme
- (b) United Nations Development Programme
- (c) World Bank
- (d) United Nations Population Fund



Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 18 May 2016 United Nations-Habitat programme launched the World Cities Report 2016, Urbanization and Development: Emerging Futures.
- According to this report there are top 600 cities, with 1/5th of the world's population producing 60 per cent of global GDP.
- The report says that unplanned and unmanaged urbanization leads toward increased inequality and this in turn fuels growth of slums, causing disastrous impacts on climate change.
- In 1995, there were 22 large cities and 14 megacities globally; by 2015, both categories of cities had doubled.
- 22 (79 per cent) of the megacities located in Latin America, Asia and Africa.
- The fastest growing urban centres are the medium and small cities with less than one million inhabitants, which account for 59 per cent of the world's urban population.

- Between 1950 and 2005, the level of urbanisation increased from 29 per cent to 49 per cent, while global carbon emissions from fossil-fuel burning increased by almost 500 per cent.
- Cities account for between 60 and 80 per cent of energy consumption, and generate as much as 70 per cent of the human-induced greenhouse gas emissions primarily through the consumption of fossil fuels for energy supply and transportation.
- The war in Syria has given rise to the largest humanitarian crisis since World War II.
- In 2015, more than 1.5 million forced migrants and refugees arrived in Europe compared to 280,000 in 2014.
- The United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, “Habitat III” will take place in Quito, Ecuador, in October 2016.
- The report calls for a comprehensive approach to the New Urban Agenda which will be vital to success in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals as set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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<http://unhabitat.org/un-habitat-launches-the-world-cities-report-2016/>

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Renewable energy country attractiveness index-2016

Question: What is the rank of India in recently releases Renewable energy country attractiveness index 2016?

- a. Third
- b. Second
- c. Fourth
- d. Fifth

Ans: (a)

Related facts:

- On 10 May 2016 Global organization Ernst & Young(EY) has released the Renewable energy country attractiveness index 2016.
- The report included 40 countries on the attractiveness of their renewable energy investment and deployment opportunities based on a number of indicators.
- The emerging markets now represent half of the countries in the 40-strong index, including four African markets featuring in the top 30.
- India is ranked at 3rd position while the index was topped by the United States (US) followed by China at 2nd position.
- Countries like Chile are at 4th position, Brazil at 6th position and Mexico at 7th position climbed higher in the index top 10.
- While Germany and France fell in the ranking to 5th and 8th position respectively.
- India's position is thanks to the strong focus of the government on renewable energy as well as timely implementation of renewable energy projects.
- The report also suggests that with the growing number of jurisdictions contracting utility-scale renewable energy through competitive auction processes, renewable energy is increasingly proving its mettle against conventional energy generation.
- Argentina is the highest-scoring new entrant in the index. The transformation of the country's economy brought it into the index in 18th position.
- Brazil's renewable sector is showing surprising resilience amid an economic downturn and its underdeveloped solar market remains a potentially lucrative lure.
- Mexico's recent power auctions have opened the door to multi-billion dollar opportunities under a new liberalised energy market.
- The report also highlights Chile as one of the first markets to enable economically viable renewable projects to compete directly with all other energy sources.
- The index ranks 40 markets on the attractiveness of their renewable energy investment and deployment opportunities, based on a number of macro, energy market and technology-specific indicators.
- The methodology has been refreshed in the May edition to reflect greater focus on energy imperative, policy stability and routes to market.



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United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund Launched

Question: For which of the following virus United Nations has launched the Multi-Partner trust fund?

- (a) Zika virus
- (b) Retro virus
- (c) Japanese encephalitis
- (d) None of the above



Ans: (a)

Related facts:

- On 6 May 2016 United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced the establishment of the UN Zika Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) to finance critical unfunded priorities in the response to the Zika outbreak.
- The Trust Fund aims at providing a rapid, flexible and accountable platform to support a coordinated response from the United Nations system and partners.
- MPTF will directly support the Zika Strategic Response Framework.
- Zika Strategic Response Framework is developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) in consultation with UN agencies, partners and international epidemiological experts.
- This fund will act as a central point for the Donors.
- An Advisory Committee will direct funds to the highest-priority activities in the affected countries.
- Since 1 January 2015, 61 countries and territories have reported local transmission of Zika virus.
- Zika virus disease is caused by a virus transmitted primarily by Aedes mosquitoes.
- The recent rise in the spread of Zika virus in some countries has been accompanied by an unprecedented rise in the number of children being born with unusually small heads — identified as microcephaly.

- Several countries have also reported an increase in Guillain-Barre syndrome — a neurological disorder that can lead to paralysis and death.
- There is now scientific consensus that Zika virus is linked to severe foetal malformations and serious disorders of the central nervous system and is a cause of microcephaly and Guillain-Barre syndrome.
- On 1 February 2016, the WHO announced that the cluster of cases of microcephaly and other neurological disorders, in particular Guillain-Barre syndrome, constituted a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.
- The Zika Strategic Response Framework aims to investigate and respond to the cluster of microcephaly and other neurological complications linked to Zika virus, increase preventive measures, communicate risks and provide care and support to those affected.
- It is notable that Microcephaly is a medical condition in which the brain does not develop properly resulting in a smaller than normal head.

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Panama Papers leaks

Question: The recently leaked Panama Papers are associated with which of the following firm?

- (a) Mossack Fonseca
- (b) I.C.I.J
- (c) H.S.B.C
- (d) All of the above



Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- The Panama Papers are 1.15 crore leaked documents that detail financial and attorney–client information for more than 214,488 offshore entities created by Panamanian law firm and corporate service provider Mossack Fonseca.
- In this connection, first reported was published on April 3, 2016 and the second on May 9, 2016 published by the I.C.I.J.
- Documents were leaked to German newspaper *Suddeutsche Zeitung* (SZ) and was shared with International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (I.C.I.J).
- 370 Journalists from 107 media organizations in 80 countries analyzed documents detailing the operations of the law firm.
- Under these inputs more than 140 politicians, many entrepreneurs, sportsmen, artists, etc., came under suspicion of having black money.
- It should be known that the head quarter of Mossack Fonseca is in Panama and its business is spread across 35 countries of the World.
- The files show how Mossack Fonseca helped their clients to launder money, dodge sanctions and avoid tax by opening shell companies in offshore financial centres or tax havens.
- Offshore companies are the companies which is incorporated or registered in an offshore financial centre or “tax haven. Whereas Shell companies are companies which are nominal they do not have any business in reality.
- As these companies are opened in tax havens hence used for hiding the true owners of money, the origin of the money and avoiding paying tax on the money.
- A random check of the database for India displays about 22 offshore entities, 1,046 officers or individual links, 42 intermediaries and as many as 828 addresses within the country.
- The addresses range from posh locations in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai to points in rural regions such as Haryana’s Sirsa, Bihar’s Muzaffarpur and Madhya Pradesh’s Mandsaur.
- Apart from the Special Investigation Team (SIT) on black money, India had created a Multi-Agency Group (MAG) comprising officers from various central investigative agencies to check the validity of these accounts.

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ECONOMICS

National Capital Goods Policy

Question: When did the Union Cabinet has given its approval for National Capital Goods Policy?

- (a) 22 May 2016
- (b) 20 May 2016
- (c) 25 May 2016
- (d) 28 May 2016

Ans: (c)

Related facts:



- On 25 May 2016 Union Cabinet has given its approval for National Capital Goods Policy.
- This is first ever policy for Capital Goods sector.
- The objective of policy is increasing production of capital goods from Rs.2,30,000 crore in 2014-15 to Rs.7,50,000 crore in 2025.
- It will also help in raising direct and indirect employment from the current 8.4 million to 30 million.
- The policy envisages increasing exports from the current 27 percent to 40 percent of production.
- It will increase the share of domestic production in India's demand from 60 percent to 80 percent thus making India a net exporter of capital goods.
- The policy also aims to facilitate improvement in technology depth across sub-sectors, increase skill availability, ensure mandatory standards and promote growth and capacity building of MSMEs.
- The Policy will help in realising the vision of 'Building India as the World class hub for Capital Goods'.
- It will also play a pivotal role in overall manufacturing as the pillar of strength to the vision of 'Make in India'.
- The objectives of the policy will be met by the Department of Heavy Industry in a time bound manner through obtaining approval for schemes as per the roadmap of policy interventions.
- The idea of a 'National Capital Goods Policy' was first presented by the Deptt. of Heavy Industry to the Prime Minister in the 'Make in India' workshop held in December, 2014.

Reference:

http://pmindia.gov.in/en/news_updates/national-capital-goods-policy/

Income Declaration Scheme

Question: On which of the following day does the Income Declaration Scheme-2016 will be started?

- (a) 31 May 2016
- (b) 1 June 2016
- (c) 10 June 2016
- (d) 2 July 2016

Ans: (b)

Related facts:



- On 14 May 2016 Ministry of Finance has launched Income Declaration Scheme, 2016 to provide an opportunity to all persons who have not declared income correctly in earlier years to come forward and declare such undisclosed income(s).
- The scheme shall remain in force for a period of 4 months from 1st June, 2016 to 30th September, 2016 for filing of declarations.
- The payments towards taxes, surcharge & penalty must be made latest by 30th November, 2016.
- Under the Scheme, such income as declared by the eligible persons, would be taxed at the rate of 30% plus a 'Krishi Kalyan Cess' of 25% on the taxes payable and a penalty at the rate of 25% of the taxes payable.
- Thereby totalling to 45% of the income declared under the scheme.
- The scheme shall apply to undisclosed income whether in the form of investment in assets or otherwise, pertaining to Financial Year 2015-16 or earlier.
- Foreign assets or income to which the Black Money Act 2015 applies are not eligible for declaration under this scheme.
- Assets specified in the declaration shall be exempt from Wealth tax.
- No Scrutiny and enquiry under the Income-tax Act or the Wealth tax Act shall be undertaken in respect of such declarations.
- Immunity from prosecution under the Income-tax Act and Wealth Tax Act is also provided along with immunity from the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988 subject to transfer of asset to actual owner within the period specified in the Rules.
- Non-payment of total taxes, surcharge & penalty in time or declaration by misrepresentation or suppression of facts shall render the declaration void.
- Non declaration of undisclosed income under the Scheme will render such undisclosed income liable to tax in the previous year in which it is detected by the Income tax Department. Other penal consequences will also follow accordingly.

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Forbes' list of most powerful 40 in world of finance

Question: Name the only Indian in Forbes list of 40 Most Powerful People in the Financial World ?

- (a) Uday Kotak
- (b) Anand Mahindra
- (c) Mukesh Ambani
- (d) Adi Godrej

Ans: (a)

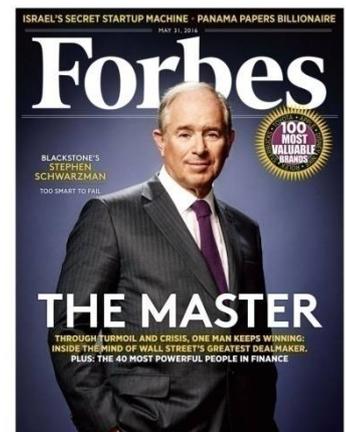
Related facts:

- On 11 May 2016 Forbes magazine released the list of Money Masters: the Most Powerful People in the Financial World.
- The list comprises of 40 most powerful peoples in the financial world.
- The only Indian whose name is mention in the list is Uday Kotak, the CEO of the Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- He is ranked 33rd in the list with a net worth of 7.1 billion dollars and oversees assets worth 34.6 billion dollars.
- The Most Powerful People In The Financial World is topped by Blackstone Group's CEO Stephen Schwarzman, who has a net worth of \$10.2 billion and oversees assets worth \$344 billion.
- David Tepper, an American hedge fund manager and the founder of Appaloosa Management with a net worth \$11.4 billion and overseen assets \$18 billion, is ranked second.
- The list also includes JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon on the third spot, Berkshire Hathaway head Warren Buffet on fourth.
- Joseph Safra of Safra group, David Booth of Dimensional Fund Advisors and James Coulter of TPG Capital are ranked 38th, 39th and 40th respectively.

Reference:

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/nathanvardi/2016/05/11/money-masters-the-most-powerful-people-in-the-financial-world/#3251eac1266e>

<http://www.dnaindia.com/money/report-uday-kotak-only-indian-on-forbes-most-powerful-people-in-financial-world-list-2211652>



India ranks ninth in crony-capitalism index

Question: Which of the following options represents the first three ranked countries in crony-capitalism index?

- (a) Thailand, Brazil, United Kingdom
- (b) Russia, Malaysia, Philippines
- (c) Ukraine, Mexico, Indonesia
- (d) China, Japan, South Korea

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 8 May 2016 Crony-Capitalism index was released by "The Economist".
- Total 22 countries are ranked in the index.
- The countries are ranked on the basis percentage achieved from the ratio of billionaire wealth to GDP in their own countries; higher ratio of billionaire wealth to GDP indicates higher possibility of suffering from crony capitalism.
- Russia topped the list and followed by Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore.
- India is ranked at ninth position in crony-capitalism index, accounting for 3.4 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP).
- The last three places are occupied by Germany (22nd), Poland (21st) and South Korea (20th) respectively.
- India's neighbouring country China ranked 11th in the Index.
- "The Economist" newspaper designed this new measurement of crony capitalism.
- It was based on the work by Ruchir Sharma of Morgan Stanley Investment Management, Aditi Gandhi and Michael Walton of Centre for Policy Research of New Delhi, and others.
- The Economist composed the index by consulting Forbes's list of the world's billionaires.
- The worth of billionaires in crony industries Worldwide is soared by 385 per cent between 2004 and 2014 to 2 US dollars trillion.
- Crony wealth in 2016 has fallen by 116 billion US dollars since 2014 among the 22 economies in the index.
- The first crony capitalism Index was released in 2014.

Reference:

<http://www.economist.com/news/international/21698239-across-world-politically-connected-tycoons-are-feeling-squeeze-party-winds>



ICICI Bank launches business credit card

Question: Which of the following Bank has launched business credit card in association with Jet Airways for small and mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) and their employees?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) IDBI Bank
- (d) SBI Bank



Ans: (a)

Related facts:

- On 12 May 2016; ICICI Bank launched the country's first contactless business credit card in association with Jet Airways for small and mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) and their employees.
- This co-branded credit card named as 'Jet Airways ICICI Bank Business Advantage Card' will help customers to save on their business expenses.
- It will also provide customers opportunities to earn JP Miles on both spends as well as repayments of credit card on a list of business expense categories, including travel, dining, office stationery, online advertising and vendor payments.
- This card is powered by the 'VISA pay Wave' contactless technology that enables the cardholder to make payments by simply tapping the card at contactless enabled terminals in more than 48 countries, including India.
- Additionally, the card offers a complimentary access to a unique expense management tool, 'Visa IntelliLink for Small Businesses' (VISB) giving entrepreneurs a new level of insight and control over their spends.

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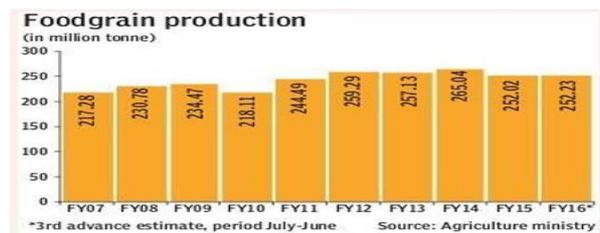
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3rd Advance Production Estimates of Major Crops during 2015-16

Question: What is the estimated production of Food grains according to the 3rd Advance Estimates of production of major crops for 2015-16 which have been released by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare?

- (a) 252.23 million tonnes
- (b) 225.48 million tonnes
- (c) 266.40 million tonnes
- (d) 255.32 million tonnes



Ans: (a)

Related facts:

- On 9 May 2016 Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare has release the 3rd Advance Estimates of production of major crops for 2015-16.
- Total food grains production during 2015-16, estimated at 252.23 million tonnes, has been higher by 0.21 million tonnes over the production of 252.02 million tonnes during 2014-15.
- Total production of rice during 2015-16 is estimated at 103.36 million tonnes, which is lower by 2.12 million tonnes than its production of 105.48 million tonnes during 2014-15.
- Production of wheat estimated at 94.04 million tonnes is higher by 7.51 million tonnes than the production of 86.53 million tonnes of wheat during 2014-15.
- Total production of coarse cereals is estimated at 37.78 million tonnes which is lower by 5.08 million tonnes as compared to their production of 42.86 million tonnes during 2014-15.
- Total pulses production of 17.06 million tonnes during 2015-16 is marginally lower than the previous year's production of 17.15 million tonnes.
- Production of Cotton estimated at 30.52 million bales (of 170 kg each) is also lower by 4.28 million bales than its production of 34.805 million bales during 2014-15.

- Production of sugarcane estimated at 346.72 million tonnes, is lower by 15.61 million tonnes than its production during 2014-15.

The estimated production of major crops during 2015-16 is as under:

- Food grains – 252.23 million tonnes
- Rice – 103.36 million tonnes
- Wheat – 94.04 million tonnes
- Coarse Cereals – 37.78 million tonnes
- Maize – 21.02 million tonnes
- Pulses – 17.06 million tonnes
- Tur – 2.60 million tonnes
- Gram – 7.48 million tonnes
- Oilseeds – 25.9 million tonnes
- Soyabean – 8.92 million tonnes
- Groundnut – 6.89 million tonnes
- Rapeseed & Mustard – 6.85 million tonnes]
- Cotton – 30.52 million bales (of 170 kg each)
- Sugarcane – 346.72 million tonnes
- With a decline of 1.6 million tonnes over the previous year's production's total oilseeds production in the country during 2015-16 is estimated at 25.9 million tonnes.
- Production of jute is estimated at 9.92 million bales (of 180 kg each) which is lower by 0.70 million bales than its production of 10.62 million bales during 2014-15.

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DEFENSE/SCIENCE SHORT NOTES

Indian Coast Guard Ship 'ARUSH' Commissioned

Question: Recently when did the Indian Coast Guard ship 'Arush' was commissioned?

- (a) 25 May 2016
- (b) 26 May 2016
- (c) 28 May 2016
- (d) 20 May 2016

Ans: (b)

Related facts:

- On 26 May 2016 the Indian Coast Guard ship 'Arush', the seventeenth in the series of twenty Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) was commissioned at Kochi by the Coast Guard Commander (Western Seaboard) Additional Director General SPS Basra.
- The Indian Coast Guard ship 'Arush', the seventeenth in the series of twenty fast patrol vessels (FPVs), designed and built by Cochin Shipyard Limited.
- The ship has been named ICGS 'Arush', literally meaning 'first ray of sun'.
- It will be based at Porbandar under the administrative and operational control of the Commander, Coast Guard Region (North West).
- The ship is commanded by Commandant Pramod Pokhriyal and has complement of four officers and 33 enrolled personnel.



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BrahMos supersonic cruise missile successfully test fired

Question: Recently which of the following Indian force has successfully tested fired BrahMos supersonic cruise missile?

- (a) Indian Air force
- (b) Indian Navy
- (c) Indian Coast Guard
- (d) Indian Army

Ans.(a)

Related facts:

- On 27 May 2016 Indian Air force has successfully tested fired BrahMos supersonic cruise missile at the Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan. The missile has the flight range of up to 290 km.
- It has a velocity of 2.5 to 3.0 Mach. It is one of the world's fastest cruise missiles.
- It should be known that BrahMos is a joint venture between the Russian Federation's NPO Mashinostroeyenia and India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) who have together formed BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited.
- The name BrahMos is formed from the names of two rivers, the Brahmaputra of India and the Moskva of Russia.
- The missile has identical configuration for being launched from land, sea and subsea platforms and uses a Transport Launch Canister (TLC) for transportation, storage and launch. The navy and army versions of the missile were inducted in 2005 and 2007 respectively.
- It may be recalled that India on 14 February 2015 successfully test-fired a BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from Indian Navy's latest destroyer INS Kolkata.



Reference:

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India's first Reusable Launch Vehicle-Technology Demonstrator (RLV-TD), Successfully Flight Tested

Question: From where did the ISRO successfully flight tested India's first Reusable Launch Vehicle-Technology Demonstrator (RLV-TD)?

- (a) Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
- (b) Integrated test centre, Chandipur
- (c) Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Island, Balasore
- (d) ISRO Satellite Centre, Bangluru

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 23 May 2016 Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully flight tested India's first Reusable Launch Vehicle-Technology Demonstrator (RLV-TD) from the First Launch Pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- The double delta-winged flight vehicle RLV Technology Demonstrator (RLV-TD) was hoisted into the atmosphere on the special rocket booster for a peak altitude of over 65 km and released for its re-entry into the atmosphere before its splashdown in the Bay of Bengal.
- From a 65 km altitude, RLV-TD began its descent followed by atmospheric re-entry at around Mach 5 (five times the speed of sound).
- RLV-TD successfully glided down to the defined landing spot over Bay of Bengal, at a distance of about 450km from Sriharikota.
- The 6.5 metre-long scale model of the re-usable launch vehicle weighs about 1.75 tonnes and was made at a cost of Rs. 95 crore.
- It was built at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre in Thiruvananthapuram by a team of 600 scientists over five years.
- The RLV-TD is described as "a very preliminary step" in the development of a reusable rocket, whose final version is expected to take 10-15 years.
- Re-usable technology aims to help reduce the cost of launching objects into space by 10 times.
- In this flight, critical technologies such as autonomous navigation, guidance & control, reusable thermal protection system and re-entry mission management have been successfully validated.

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'HoloFlex' world's first holographic flexible smartphone

Question: Which of the following institute have developed 'HoloFlex' world's first holographic flexible smartphone?

- (a) Queen's University
- (b) Harvard University
- (c) Stanford University
- (d) Cambridge University

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 5 May 2016 researchers at the Human Media Lab at Queen's University of Canada have developed 'HoloFlex' the world's first holographic flexible smartphone.
- The phone is capable of rendering 3D images with motion parallax and stereoscopy to multiple simultaneous users without head tracking or glasses.
- It features a 1920x1080 full high-definition Flexible Organic Light Emitting Diode (FOLED) touchscreen display.
- Images are rendered into 12-pixel wide circular blocks rendering the full view of the 3D object from a particular viewpoint.
- HoloFlex is equipped with a bend sensor.
- The resulting 160 x 104 resolution image allows users to inspect a 3D object from any angle simply by rotating the phone.
- HoloFlex is powered by a 1.5 GHz Qualcomm Snapdragon 810 processor and 2 GB of memory.
- It runs on Android 5.1 and includes an Adreno 430 GPU supporting OpenGL 3.1.
- Researchers unveiled HoloFlex in San Jose, California at the top conference in Human-Computer Interaction, ACM CHI 2016, on 9 May 2016.
- The Human Media Lab (HML) at Queen's University is one of Canada's premier Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) laboratories.
- This research was support by Immersion Canada Inc. and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

Reference:

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<http://spectrum.ieee.org/tech-talk/consumer-electronics/gadgets/holoflex-a-flexible-smartphone-with-a-holographic-display>

Prithvi-II missile test fired

Question: On 18 May 2016 India successfully test-fired it's indigenously developed nuclear capable Prithvi-II missile from a test range at Chandipur in Odisha. It is a-

- (a) Surface-to-Air missile
- (b) Air-to-Surface missile
- (c) Surface-to-Surface missile
- (d) Air to Air missile

Ans: (c)

Related facts:



- On 18 May 2016 India successfully test-fired it's indigenously developed nuclear capable Prithvi-II missile as part of a user trial by the army from a test range at Chandipur in Odisha.
- The trial of the surface-to-surface missile was carried out from a mobile launcher from launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR).
- The entire launch activities were carried out by the specially formed strategic force command (SFC) and monitored by the scientists of Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) as part of training exercise.
- It has a strike range of 350 km and is capable of carrying 500 kg to 1,000 kg of warheads.
- Prithvi-II was inducted into Indian armed forces in 2003, the nine-meter-tall; single-stage liquid-fueled missile is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines.
 - The last user trial of Prithvi-II was successfully conducted on February 16, 2016 from the same test range in Odisha.

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Supersonic interceptor missile successfully test-fired

Question: Recently India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed supersonic interceptor missile at-

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

Ans: (d)

Related facts:

- On 15 May 2016 India successfully test fired an indigenously developed Advanced Air Defense interceptor missile from the complex of Abdul Kalam Island (formerly known as Wheeler Island) in Balasore district off Odisha coast.
- It is capable of destroying any incoming hostile ballistic missile.
- The interceptor was engaged against a target which was a naval version of Prithvi missile launched from a ship anchored inside Bay of Bengal, taking up the trajectory of a hostile ballistic missile.
- It destroyed the incoming hostile missile in mid-air, in an endo-atmospheric altitude.
- The interceptor is known as the Advanced Air Defence (AAD) missile.
- It is developed by Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO).
- The interceptor is a 7.5-meter long single stage solid rocket propelled guided missile equipped with a navigation system, a hi-tech computer and an electro-mechanical activator.



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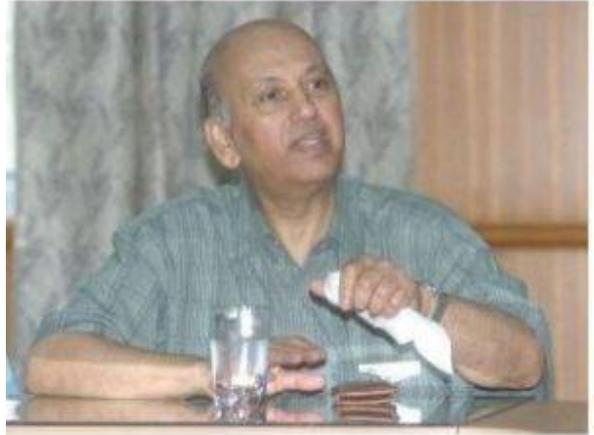
U.R Rao

Question: Recently who has become the first Indian to be selected for ‘International Astronautical Federation (IAF) Hall of Fame’ award for 2016?

- (a) U. R Rao
- (b) C.N.R Rao
- (c) Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan
- (d) Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar

Ans:(a)

Related facts:



- On 14 May 2016 Former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman, Scientist and Professor Udupi Ramachandra Rao, popularly known as U. R. Rao has been selected for the ‘International Astronautical Federation (IAF) Hall of Fame’ award for 2016.
- With this he became the first Indian to be inducted with the ‘International Astronautical Federation (IAF) Hall of Fame’.
- He has been selected for his outstanding contribution to the development of astronautics within the framework of the IAF activities.
- The IAF Hall of Fame consists of a permanent gallery of these personalities, including a citation, biographical information, and a picture, in a special part of the IAF web presence.
- He will be awarded at “67th International Astronautical Congress” in Guadalajara, Mexico on 30 September, 2016.
- From 1984 to 1994 he had worked as Chairman of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).
- He was awarded with Padma Bhushan in 1976.
- Earlier he was inducted into the Satellite Hall of Fame at Washington on 19 March 2013
- The International Astronautical Federation is an international space advocacy organisation based in Paris.

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Kepler Mission Announces Largest Collection of Planets Ever Discovered

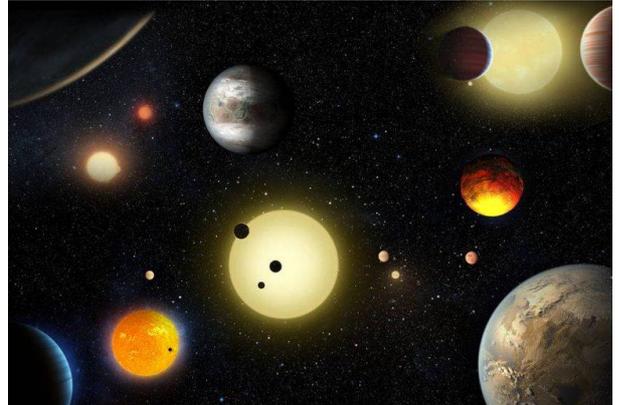
Question: Under which of the following mission of NASA the largest collection of exoplanets (Trove) ever were discovered ?

- (a) Lunar Orbiter-1
- (b) Kepler
- (c) Pioneer-1
- (d) Hubble Space Telescope

Ans: (b)

Related facts:

- On 10 May 2016 NASA's Kepler mission has announced the largest collection of exoplanets ever discovered.
- NASA's Kepler mission has verified 1,284 new planets – the single largest finding of planets to date this is more than doubles the number of confirmed planets from Kepler.
- The mission was launched in March 2009; Kepler is the first NASA mission to find potentially habitable Earth-size planets.
- This discovery has given hope that they may eventually discover another Earth-like planet that could harbour life.
- Of the 1,284 discovered, nearly 550 could be rocky planets like Earth, based on their size.



Reference:

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US firm Space-X launched the Japanese communication satellite

Question: Recently US firm Space-X has launched the Japanese communication satellite from-

- (a) Cape Canaveral Air Force Station
- (b) Kennedy Space Centre
- (c) Vandenberg Air Force Base
- (d) None of the above

Ans: (a)



Related facts:

- On 6 May 2016 the communication satellite of Japan, JCSAT-14 was launched aboard Space-X's Falcon 9 launch vehicle.
- It was launched from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in the U.S. state of Florida at 1:21 a.m. EDT (0521 GMT).
- The satellite was placed into its intended preliminary geostationary transfer orbit (GTO) by Space-X Falcon 9 rocket after 32 minutes of flight.
- 4696.2 kg JCSAT-14 carries twenty-six C-band and 18 Ku-band transponders, providing a total bandwidth of 2,853 megahertz.
- Satellite's Lifetime is of 15 years.
- JCSAT-14 will replace the JCSAT-2A spacecraft.
- It will provide coverage to Asia, Russia, Oceania and the Pacific Islands.
- The satellite will extend JCSAT-2A's geographical footprint and address fast-growing mobility markets across the Asia-Pacific region.
- It is notable that the Japanese company 'SKY Perfect JSAT' is a leading satellite operator in the Asia-Pacific region.

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<http://sputniknews.com/science/20160506/1039164790/falcon-second-stage-delivers-satellite.html>

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ICGS Shaurya

Question: Name the Offshore Patrol Vessel launched by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), on 5 May 2016?

- (a) ICGS Shaurya
- (b) ICGS Sankalp
- (c) ICGS Shastra
- (d) ICGS Satrudhan

Ans. (a)

Related facts:

- On 5 May 2016 Goa-based defence shipyard, Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) launched Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Shaurya at Vasco.
- This is the fifth ship of a series of six off-shore patrol vessels (OPVs) that the Indian Coast Guard had tasked the Vasco defence public sector undertaking to build.
- This 105-metre new generation OPV was launched by the Governor of Goa, Mridula Sinha.
- This new generation OPV is powered by twin diesel engines and is fitted with state-of-the-art navigation and communication equipment.
- The vessel consists of four boats for boarding party operations. One 30 mm gun and two 12.7 mm guns associated with fire control system form the main weaponry package.
- The vessel is capable of cruising at a speed of 23 knots.
- The indigenously designed ship is capable of search and rescue operations, pollution control and external fire fighting.
- It will be deployed for ocean surveillance and for monitoring sea lanes of communication.



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- <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-miscellaneous/tp-others/offshore-patrol-vessel-shourya-launched/article8563807.ece>

Maiden Sea trial of the first Scorpene submarine

Question: Name the the first Scorpene submarine whose maiden Sea trial was done recently by the Indian navy ?

- (a) Khanderi
- (b) Kalvari
- (c) Padmavat
- (d) Godavari

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- On 1 May 2016 'Kalvari', the first of the Scorpene class submarines, built at the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd Mumbai (MDL), is set for sea by Indian Navy.
- 'Kalvari' (Tiger Shark) is the first of the six French Scorpene class submarines being built under the Project 75 at the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd for the Indian navy.
- A number of preliminary tests on the propulsion system, auxiliary equipment and systems, navigation aids, communication equipment and steering gear, various standard operating procedures were validated for this new class of submarines.
- The state-of-art features of the Scorpene include superior stealth and the ability to launch a crippling attack on the enemy using precision guided weapons.
- With the help of this, attack can be launched with torpedoes, as well as tube launched anti-ship missiles, whilst underwater or on surface. The Stealth features give it invulnerability, unmatched by many submarines.

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SPORTS

TENNIS

Rome Masters Tournament -2016

Question: Who has won the title of men's singles in recently held Rome Masters Tournament -2016?

- (a) Novak Djokovic
- (b) Andy Murray
- (c) Vasek Pospisil
- (d) Jack Sock

Ans :(b)



Related facts:

- Rome Masters Tournament -2016 was held at the Foro Italico in Rome, Italy.
- It took place from 2–15 May 2016.
- The result of the tournament is as follows:
- **Men's Singles:**
Winner : Andy Murray(United Kingdom)
Runner Up: Novak Djokovic(Serbia)
- **Women's Singles:**
Winner: Serena Williams(United States of America)
Runner Up: Madison Keys(United States of America)
- **Men's Doubles:**
Winner: Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan(Both are of United States of America)
Runner Up: Vasek Pospisil(Canada) and Jack Sock(United States of America)
- **Women's Doubles :**
Winner : Martina Hingis(Switzerland)and Sania Mirza(India)
Runner Up: Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina(Both are of Russia)

Reference:

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<http://www.internazionalibnlditalia.com/en/mens-singles-draw/>

<http://www.internazionalibnlditalia.com/en/womens-singles-draw/>

Mutua Madrid Open-2016

Question: Who has won the Men's singles title of the Mutua Madrid Open-2016?

- (a) Novak Djokovic
- (b) Andy Murray
- (c) Florin Mergea
- (d) Rohan Bopanna

Ans:(a)



Related facts:

- The 2016 Mutua Madrid Open was a professional tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts at the Park Manzanares in Madrid, Spain from 30 April–8 May 2016.

- Result of the tournament is as follows:

Men's Singles:

- Winner: Novak Djokovic(Serbia)
- Runner Up: Andy Murray(United Kingdom)

Women's Singles:

- Winner: Simona Halep(Romania)
- Runner Up: Dominika Cibulkova(Slovakia)

Men's Doubles:

- Winner : Jean-Julien Rojer(Netherlands) and Horia Tecau(Romania)
- Runner Up: Rohan Bopanna(India) and Florin Mergea(Romania)

Women's Doubles:

- Winners: Caroline Garcia(France) and Kristina Mladenovic(France)
- Runners Up: Martina Hingis(Switzerland) and Sania Mirza(India)

Reference:

<http://www.madrid-open.com/en/mmo16-en/results/>

TEB BNP Paribas Istanbul Open

Question: Who has won the men's singles title of TEB BNP Paribas Istanbul Open-2016?

- (a) Grigor Dimitrov
- (b) Diego Schwartzman
- (c) Flavio Cipolla
- (d) Dudi Sela

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- The 2016 Istanbul Open (also known as the TEB BNP Paribas Istanbul Open for sponsorship purposes) was a men's tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts
- It took place at the Koza World of Sports Arena in Istanbul, Turkey, from 25 April – 1 May 2016.
- Result of the tournament is as follows:
- **Men's Singles:**
 - Winner: Diego Schwartzman (Argentina)
 - Runner Up: Grigor Dimitrov (Bulgaria)
- **Men's Doubles:**
 - Winner: Flavio Cipolla (Italy) and Dudi Sela (Israel)
 - Runner up: Andres Molteni and Diego Schwartzman (Both are of Argentina)

Reference:

<http://www.atpworldtour.com/en/tournaments/istanbul/7163/overview>

<http://www.atpworldtour.com/en/news/diego-schwartzman-first-time-winner-spotlight-istanbul-2016>

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Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell-2016

Question: Who has won the men's singles title of the recently held Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell-2016?

- (a) Roger Federer
- (b) Novak Djokovic
- (c) Rafael Nadal
- (d) Kei Nishikori

Ans (c)



Related facts:

- The 2016 Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell was a men's tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts.
- It took place at the Real Club de Tennis Barcelona in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain, from April 18 through April 24, 2016.
- Result of the tournament is as follows:
- **Men's singles:**
 - Winner: Rafael Nadal (Spain)
 - Runner Up: Kei Nishikori (Japan)
- **Men's Doubles:**
 - Winner: Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan (Both are of United States)
 - Runner Up: Pablo Cuevas (Uruguay) and Marcel Granollers (Spain)

Reference:

<http://www.atpworldtour.com/en/scores/archive/barcelona/425/2016/results>

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<http://www.atpworldtour.com/en/news/nadal-beats-nishikori-for-barcelona-2016-title>

Grand Prix Hassan II

Question: Name the place where Grand Prix Hassan II-2016 was held?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Morocco
- (c) United States
- (d) Australia

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- The 2016 Grand Prix Hassan II was a professional tennis tournament played on clay courts. It was the 32nd edition of the tournament and part of the 2016 ATP World Tour.
- It took place in Marrakesh, Morocco between 4 and 10 April 2016.
- Result of the Tournament is as follows:
- **Men's Singles:**
 - Winner : Federico Delbonis (Argentina)
 - Runner Up: Borna Coric (Croatia)
- **Men's Doubles:**
 - Winner : Guillermo Duran and Maximo Gonzalez (Both are of Argentina)
 - Runner Up: Marin Draganja (Croatia) and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi (Pakistan)

Reference:

<http://www.atpworldtour.com/en/scores/archive/marrakech/360/2016/results>

<http://www.atpworldtour.com/en/scores/archive/marrakech/360/2016/results?matchType=doubles>

<http://www.tennis.com/pro-game/2016/04/delbonis-beats-coric-to-win-grand-prix-hassan-ii-title/58095/#.Vyr4S4R97IV>

U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships

Question: Who has won the singles title of U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships-2016?

- (a) Jack Sock
- (b) Novak Djokovic
- (c) Juan Monaco
- (d) David Ferrer

Ans (c)



Related facts:

- The 2016 U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships (also known as the Fayez Sarofim & Co. U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships for sponsorship purposes) was a tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts.
- It took place at River Oaks Country Club in Houston, Texas, United States, from April 4 through April 10, 2016.
- Result of the championship is as follows:
 - **Singles:**
 - Winner: Juan Monaco (Argentina)
 - Runner Up: Jack Sock (United States)
 - **Doubles:**
 - Winner : Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan (Both are of United States)
 - Runner Up: Victor Estrella Burgos (Dominican Republic) and Santiago Gonzalez (Mexico)

Reference:

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<http://www.mensclaycourt.com/news/monaco-claims-2nd-us-clay-title-287>

HOCKEY

6th Senior Men National Championship 2016 (A Division)

Question: Which of the following team won the recently held 6th Senior Men National Championship 2016 (A Division)?

- (a) Hockey Punjab
- (b) Hockey Delhi
- (c) Railway Sports Promotion Board
- (d) Hockey Odisha

Ans (c)



Related facts:

- The 6th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2016 (A Division) was held on 19 Apr – 1 May 2016 at Saifai, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh.
- Railway Sports Promotion Board has won the title of 6th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2016 (A Division) against Hockey Punjab in the penalty shootout by 4-3.
- Hockey Odisha defeated Association of Indian Universities (AIU) by 4-0 to secure third place (bronze medal).
- In the year 2015 the title of 5th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2015 (A Division) was won by Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) against Uttar Pradesh.

Reference:

<http://hockeyindia.org/news/results-from-final-of-hockey-india-6th-senior-men-national-championship-2016-a-division.html>

<http://hockeyindia.org/images/stories/2015/06/Stats-Sr.-MenA.pdf>

Senior Women National Championship 2016 (A Division)

Question: Who has won the title of Senior Women National Championship 2016 (A Division)?

- (a) Railway Sports Promotion Board
- (b) Hockey Punjab
- (c) Hockey Delhi
- (d) Hockey Odisha



Ans (a)

Related facts:

- The 6th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2016 (A Division) was held on 25 Apr – 1 May 2016 at Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- On 1 May in the final match Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) defeated Hockey Punjab and won the title by 3-1.
- Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy defeated Hockey Odisha by 2-1 to secure third place (bronze medal) in the championship.
- It may be recalled that the 5th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2015 (A Division) was won by the team of Railway.

Reference:

<http://hockeyindia.org/news/results-from-finals-of-hockey-india-6th-senior-women-national-championship-2016-a-division.html>

<http://hockeyindia.org/images/stories/2015/06/Senior-Women-A-.pdf>

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).

Reference:

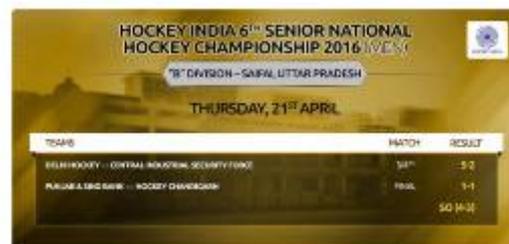
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Senior Men National Championship 2016 (B Division)

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



TEAMS	MATCH	RESULT
DELHI HOCKEY - CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY FORCE	5TH	5-2
PUNJAB & SIND BANK - HOCKEY CHANDIGARH	FINAL	3-1
		50 (1-0)

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.

Reference:

<http://hockeyindia.org/images/stories/2015/06/Stats-Sr.-Men-B.pdf>

<http://hockeyindia.org/news/results-from-semi-finals-of-hockey-india-6th-senior-men-national-championship-2016-b-division.html>

<https://twitter.com/TheHockeyIndia/status/723153084101193730>

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/chandigarh/sports/nationals-chandigarh-lose-three-in-a-row/225910.html>

FOOTBALL

Federation Cup Football tournament

Question: Which of the following team has won the recently held Federation Cup Football tournament?

- (a) Bangalore Football Club
- (b) Mohun Bagan Club
- (c) Aizawl FC
- (d) None of these



Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 21 May 2016. Mohun Bagan defeated Aizawl and won the Federation Cup Football tournament by the margin of 5-0.
- The 2015–16 Indian Federation Cup, also known as 2015–16 Hero Federation Cup due to sponsorship reasons.
- This was the 37th edition of the Federation Cup, the major national football cup competition in India.
- The tournament was held from 30 April 2016 to 21 May 2016.
- The final was played between Mohun Bagan and Aizawl on 21 May 2016. This was 14th title for the Mohun Bagan Club.

Reference:

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La Liga Cup, 2015–16

Question: Which of the following team has won the recently held 2015-16, La Liga Cup?

- (a) Real Madrid
- (b) Atletico Madrid
- (c) Barcelona
- (d) Valencia

Ans:(c)



Related facts:

- On 14 May 2016 Barcelona FC retained the Spanish league title La Liga with 3-0 score against Granada in the final match.
- It was Barcelona FC's second straight win and overall 24th title.
- La Liga is the top professional association football division of the Spanish football league system contested by 20 teams.
- The Barcelona football club finished the tournament with highest 91 points in tally followed by Real Madrid (90) and Atletico Madrid (88).
- Luis Suarez of Barcelona finished as top goal scorer (40).

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BADMINTON

Badminton Asia Championships 2016

Question: Who has won the men's singles title in Badminton Asia Championships 2016?

- (a) Chen Long
- (b) Lin Dan
- (c) Lee Chong Wei
- (d) Houwei Tian

Ans (c)



Related facts:

- The 2016 Badminton Asia Championships was the 36th edition of the Badminton Asia Championships. It was held in Wuhan, China, from April 26 to May 1.
- The result of the tournament is follows:
- **Men's singles:**
 - Winner: Lee Chong Wei(Malaysia)
 - Runner up: Chen Long (China)
- **Women's Singles:**
 - Winner: Wang Yihan (China)
 - Runner Up: Li Xuerui (China)
- **Men's Doubles:**
 - Winner: Lee Yong Dae and Yoo Yeon Seong (Bot are of South Korea)
 - Runner up: Li Junhui and Liu Yuchen (Both are of China)
- **Women's Doubles:**
 - Winner : Misaki Matsutomo and Ayaka Takahashi (Both are of Japan)
 - Runner Up: Naoko Fukuman and Kurumi Yonao (Both are of Japan)
- **Mixed Doubles:**
 - Winner: Zhang Nan and Zhao Yunlei (Both are of China)
 - Runner Up: Tontowi Ahmad and Liliyana Natsir (Both are of Indonesia)

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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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BILLIARDS, SNOOKER & SQUASH

Asian Squash Team Championships

Question: Which of the following country has won the men's title in the recently held Asian Squash Team Championships 2016?

- (a) India
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) China
- (d) Sri Lanka



Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- The 18th Asian Squash Team Championships 2016 was held on 11-15 May 2016 in Chinese Taipei.
- Pakistan men's team has won the gold medal of the competition by defeating Hong Kong with the score of 2-0.
- This was the fourth consecutive title won by men's team of the Pakistan.
- In the women's category Malaysian team won the gold medal by defeating India with the score of 2-0.

Reference:

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World Snooker Championship-2016

Question: Who has won the title of World Snooker Championship-2016?

- (a) Steve Davis
- (b) Mark Selby
- (c) Sean Murphy
- (d) Matthew Stevens

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- The 2016 World Snooker Championship (also referred to as the 2016 Betfred World Snooker Championship for the purposes of sponsorship) was a professional snooker tournament that took place from 16 April to 2 May 2016 at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England.
- Mark Selby became the sixth player to lift snooker's most famous trophy more than once at the Crucible by beating Ding Junhui 18-14 in the final of the Betfred World Championship.
- Ding Junhui became the first Asian man to reach the final.
- This was Selby's second World Snooker title after he had won it in 2014 and become 13th player to achieve this landmark.

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GOLF

The Players Championship

Question: Who has won the title of recently held The Players Championship?

- (a) Kevin Chappell
- (b) Ken Duke
- (c) Matt Kuchar
- (d) Jason Day

Ans: (d)



Related facts:

- The 2016 Players Championship was the 43rd Players Championship, held on 12–15 May 2016 at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.
- Jason Day of Australia has won the title of the Championship.
- It is notable that it was the 7th title won by Jason in the last 10 months.

Reference:

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FORMULA ONE

Spanish Grand Prix

Question: Who has won the recently held Spanish Grand Prix, fifth race of Formula One season-2016?

- (a) Lewis Hamilton
- (b) Nico Rosberg
- (c) Max Verstappen
- (d) Sebastian Vettel

Ans: (c)



Related facts:

- The fifth race of Formula One season-2016 was held in Spain on 15 may 2016.
- Red Bull's team driver Max Verstappen of Netherlands has won the title by defeating Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen by 0.616 seconds.
- With this he became the youngest Formula One race winner.
- Earlier this record was held by Sebastian Vettel.

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Russian Grand Prix

Question: Who has won the recently held Russian Grand Prix-2016?

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

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- The Russian Grand Prix-2016 was held on 1 May 2016 is an annual auto race held in Sochi, Russia, as part of the Formula One World Championship.
- German Formula 1 Mercedes Driver Nico Rosberg has won 2016 Russian Grand Prix.
- It is his fourth win in a row this season.
- With this win he places him in the exclusive company of Alberto Ascari, Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel for seven consecutive win.
- He won the first 'Grand Slam' of his career (pole position, fastest lap and race victory with every lap led).

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SPORTS MISCELLANEOUS

Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 1

Question: How many medals has been won by Indian team in the recently held Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 1?

- (a) 4
- (b) 3
- (c) 6
- (d) 2

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- The stage-1 of Hyundai Archery World Cup was held on 29 April-1 May, 2016 in Shanghai, China.
- The Indian Archery team was able to bag 3 medals including 1 silver and 2 bronze at the Archery World Cup in China.
- The women's recurve team comprised Deepika Kumari, Bombayla Devi Laishram and Laxmirani Majhiwas able to win a silver medal.
- The Indian men's recurve team consisted of Jayanta Talukdar, Mangal Singh and Atanu Das was able to win a bronze medal.
- The mixed pair team comprising Deepika Kumari and Atanu Das were able to win a bronze medal.
- On 27 April 2016 Deepika Kumari matched the Korea's Ki Bo Bae's 686-point performance from 2015 in the qualifying rounds of this recurve competition.

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Asia Kabaddi Cup-2016

Question: In the recently held Asia Kabaddi Cup 2016 in Pakistan the winner is-

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) India
- (c) Iran
- (d) Nepal

Ans (a)



Related facts:

- The third edition of Asia Kabaddi Cup-2016 was held on 2-6 May 2016 in Wah Cantonment, Pakistan.
- Total 6 National teams from Afghanistan, India, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka participated in the five-day tournament.
- On 6 May 2016 Pakistan successfully defended their Asian Kabaddi Cup title by defeating India by 50-31 in the final match of the tournament at the Pakistan Ordinance Factory Sports Complex in Wah.

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SPORTS PERSONALITY

Sachin Tendulkar

Question: Recently which of the following former cricketer has accepted Indian Olympic Association (IOA)'s invitation to become the country's goodwill ambassador for the Rio Olympics?

- (a) Virender Sehwag
- (b) V.V.S Laxman
- (c) Sachin Tendulkar
- (d) Sourav Ganguly

Ans (c)



Related facts:

- On 3 May 2016 Sachin Tendulkar has accepted Indian Olympic Association (IOA)'s invitation to become the country's goodwill ambassador for the Rio Olympics-2016.
- Sachin Tendulkar has become India's third goodwill ambassador for the 2016 Rio Olympics.
- Earlier Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has appointed Olympic shooting champion Abhinav Bindra and Bollywood superstar Salman Khan as the country's goodwill ambassador for the Rio Olympics-2016.

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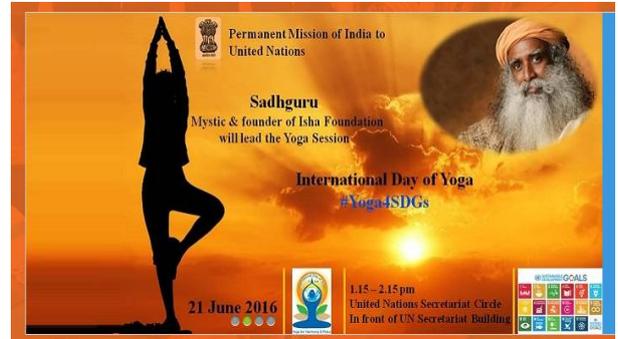
PERSONALITIES

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev

Question: Who will lead a yoga session at the UN on the occasion of the second International Yoga Day celebrated on 21 June 2016?

- (a) Arun Jaitley
- (b) Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev
- (c) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
- (d) Sushma Swaraj

Ans: (b)



Related facts:

- According to the release of Permanent mission of India to UN New York, Spiritual leader and Isha Foundation founder Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev will lead a yoga session at the UN on the occasion of the second International Yoga Day.
- The second International Yoga Day will be celebrated on 21 June 2016.
- It may be recalled that the first International Yoga Day was commemorated at the UN with External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj leading the celebrations along with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and US Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard.
- This year's focus will be on the theme of "Yoga for the Sustainable Development Goals".

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Mamata Banerjee

Question: On 27 May 2016 Trinamool Congress chairperson Mamata Banerjee was sworn in as Chief Minister of West Bengal for the consecutive second time. Name the governor who administered the oath of office and secrecy to her?

- (a) Jyoti Prasad Rajkhowa
- (b) Ram Nath Kovind
- (c) Keshari Nath Tripathi
- (d) Balramji Dass Tandon

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On 27 May 2016 All India Trinamool Congress chairperson Mamata Banerjee was sworn in as Chief Minister of West Bengal for the consecutive second time.
- Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi administered her oath of office and secrecy at a function at Red Road in central Kolkata..
- She is the state's eighth chief minister and the first woman to occupy the post for the second time; she took her oath in Bengali.
- 41-member council of ministers took the oath of office along with Mamata Banerjee.
- In the 1984 general election, Banerjee became one of India's youngest parliamentarians ever, beating veteran Communist politician Somnath Chatterjee, from the Jadavpur parliamentary Constituency in West Bengal.
- She won the Kolkata South seat in the 1991, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2004 and 2009 general elections.
- In the Narasimha Rao government formed in 1991, Mamata Banerjee was made the Union Minister of State for Development, Youth, and Women and Child Development.
- In 1999 she became Railway minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government. She is also the first woman Railway Minister of India. She founded the party All India Trinamool Congress (AITMC or TMC) in 1997 and became its chairperson.
- It may be recalled that in Legislative Assembly Election of West Bengal 2016 All India Trinamool Congress (AITMC) crossed the two-third mark by winning 211 seats out of 294 seats.
- Among the foreign delegates apart from Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, Bangladesh Industry Minister Amir Hossain Amu was also present.



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S K Sharma

Question: Recently who has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL)?

- (a) K.C. Purohit
- (b) S.K Sharma
- (c) K. N Vyas
- (d) R.A Rajeev

Ans: (b)



Related facts:

- On 23 May 2016 eminent scientist S K Sharma was appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL).
- S. K Sharma will succeed K.C. Purohit.
- He has been appointed to the new post for a period of five years.
- He is presently working as Distinguished Scientist and Director (Operations) in NPCIL.
- Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) is a government-owned corporation wholly owned by the Central Government.
- NPCIL is administered by the Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India (DAE).
- The corporation is responsible for the generation of nuclear power for electricity.
- It was created on 17 September 1987 under the Companies Act 1956.

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Arjun Vajpai

Question: Recently Indian mountaineer, Arjun Vajpai successfully climbed the fifth highest mountain in the world. What is the name of the Mountain?

- (a) Mount Everest
- (b) Mount Makalu
- (c) Mount Kilimanjaro
- (d) Mount Manaslu

Ans: (b)

Related facts:

- On 23 May 2016 Arjun Vajpai has succeeded in scaling the fifth highest mountain in the world, Mt. Makalu.
- 22 years old Arjun becomes the youngest ever person to scale this peaks.
- Earlier, he has climbed Mt Everest (8,848m), Mt Lhotse (8,516m), Mt Manaslu (8,163m) and now Mt Makalu (8,481m).
- Arjun had climbed Mount Everest at an age of 16 years in 2010, becoming the third youngest Indian to scale the highest peak in the world.
- It is notable that Arjun becomes the youngest ever person to scale four 8000 meter peaks.



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Jayalalithaa

Question: On 23 May 2016 Jayalalithaa was sworn in as Tamil Nadu Chief Minister. This was her which tenure as chief minister?

- (a) Seventh
- (b) Sixth
- (c) Fourth
- (d) Third

Ans: (b)



Related facts:

- On 23 May 2016 Jayalalithaa was sworn in as Tamil Nadu 19th Chief Minister by Governor K. Rosaiah at the Madras University's Centenary Hall.
- This is Jayalalithaa's second consecutive term as Chief Minister of the state and sixth overall.
- It may be recalled that her party All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) won the state elections getting 134 out of the 232 seats in the Tamil Nadu.
- She started her political career in 1982 by joining All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), which was founded by M. G Ramachandran.
- Firstly in 1984 she was elected to the Rajya Sabha.
- She was elected to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly in 1989 and became the first woman to be elected Leader of the Opposition.
- In 1991 ADMK alliance with the Congress won 225 out of the 234 seats contested.
- Following the victory she became the first female, and the youngest, chief minister, of Tamil Nadu.
- Previously, she served as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu from 24.06.1991 to 12.05.1996 (1st time), in 14.05.2001 to 21.09.2001 (2nd time), from 02.03.2002 to 12.05.2006 (3rd time), from 16.05.2011 to 27.09.2014 (4th time) and 23.05.2015 to 19.05.2016 (5th time).

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Pinarayi Vijayan

Question: Pinarayi Vijayan recently sworn in as the Chief Minister of which of the following state?

- (a) Puducherry
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Assam
- (d) Karnataka

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 25 May 2016 Pinarayi Vijayan a member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) was sworn in as the 12th Chief Minister of Kerala.
- Governor P. Sathasivam administered the oath of office and secrecy to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and 18 members(Including two female members) of his Cabinet at the Central Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram .
- Pinarayi Vijayan was the longest serving secretary of the Kerala State Committee of the CPI(M) from 1998 to 2015.
- He also served in the government of Kerala as Minister of Electric Power and Co-operatives from 1996 to 1998.
- He was elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1970, 1977, 1991, 1996.
- It may be recalled that according to the result of 2016 Legislative Assembly Election announced on 19 May 2016 Communist Party of India (Marxist) led Left Democratic Front (LDF) won 91 seats out 140 assembly seats compared to Congress Party led United Democratic Front (UDF) 47 seats.
- Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) and Independent candidatedes just managed to win on seat each in Kerala.

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Sarbananda Sonowal

Question: Recently who has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of Assam?

- (a) Praful Mahanta
- (b) Sarbananda Sonowal
- (c) Himanta Biswa Sarma
- (d) Tarun Gogoi

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 24 May 2016 Assam Governor P. B Acharya administered the oath to Sarbananda Sonowal as the 14th Chief Minister of Assam during a swearing-in ceremony at Veterinary College play ground, Khanapara in Guwahati.
- Sarbananda Sonowal was elected to the Assam Legislative Assembly from Majuli.
- It may be recalled that in recently held 2016 Legislative Assembly Election Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its alliance partners have won an absolute majority by winning 86 seats out of 126 in Assam state assembly election.
- In this alliance BJP has won 60 seats, with its coalition partners the Asom Gana Parishad(AGP) and the Bodoland Peoples Front winning 14 and 12 respectively.
- Sarbananda Sonowal is a first BJP CM of Assam.
- He was a member of the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) political party but later joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2011.
- In 2001, he was elected as the MLA from Assam's Moran constituency. In 2004, he became a Lok Sabha member representing Dibrugarh constituency.
- In 16th Lok Sabha election held in 2014 he was elected as BJP candidate from Lakhimpur Constituency.
- He was formerly the Union Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs and Minister of State for Entrepreneurship and Skill Development in the Narendra Modi Government.
- His tenure as Union Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs and Minister of State for Entrepreneurship and Skill Development was from May 26, 2014 to May 23, 2016.
- He also served as the President of Assam's oldest student body, the All Assam Students Union, from 1992 to 1999.
- He also regarded as a Jatiya Nayak of Assam.

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Diwaliben Bhil

Question: Recently renowned folk singer Diwaliben Punjabhai Bhil passed away.

She was from which state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Madhya Pradesh



Ans: (b)

Related facts:

- On 19 May 2016 Renowned Gujarati folk singer and Padma Shri awardee Diwaliben Bhil passed away. She was 75.
- She had sung numerous folk songs and bhajans in Gujarati and also lent her voice to several film songs.
- She received the Padma Shri award in 1990.

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Kiran Bedi

Question: Recently the President of India has appointed former IPS officer, Kiran Bedi as the Lt. Governor of which of the Union territory?

- (a) Daman and Diu
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Puducherry
- (d) Dadra and Nagar Haveli

Ans.(c)

Related facts:



- On 22 May 2016 the President of India has appointed former IPS officer Kiran Bedi as the Lt. Governor of Puducherry.
- The appointment will be in effect from the date she assumes charges of her office.
- She became the first woman to join the Indian Police Service (IPS) in 1972
- In 1994 she won “Ramon Magsaysay Award” also called as Asia’s Nobel Prize.
- In 2004, she was conferred with United Nations Medal for outstanding service.
- In 2015 she joined the BJP just before the Assembly elections in Delhi and was the party’s chief ministerial candidate.

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Anurag Singh Thakur

Question: Who has been unanimously elected as the BCCI president at the board's special general meeting(SGM) in Mumbai?

- (a) Ajay Shirke
- (b) Anurag Singh Thakur
- (c) C. K Khanna
- (d) Ajay Mathur

Ans.(b)

Related facts:



- Anurag Thakur has been unanimously elected as the BCCI president at the board's special general meeting in Mumbai on 22 May 2016.
- Thakur succeeded Shashank Manohar, who had stepped down as president a week ago so that he would be eligible to be elected the ICC's first independent chairman.
- Thakur, former BCCI secretary, was the only nominee for the post and he will serve as president until September 2017.
- With this he is the second youngest president of the BCCI.
- Earlier Fateh Singh Gaekwad was the youngest president of the BCCI, who took over at the age of 33 in 1963.
- Ajay Shirke, the Maharashtra Cricket Association president has been selected as the BCCI secretary, the post was vacant following the resignation of Anurag Thakur.

Reference:

<http://www.bcci.tv/news/2016/news/13529/profile-mr-anurag-singh-thakur-president-bcci>

<http://www.espnricinfo.com/india/content/story/1018033.html>

Tsai Ing-Wen

Question: Recently Tsai Ing-Wen has been elected as the 1st Female President of which of the following country?

- (a) Taiwan
- (b) Philippines
- (c) Cambodia
- (d) Vietnam

Ans (a)



Related facts:

- On 20 May 2016, Taiwan leader Tsai Ing-Wen was sworn in as the country's first woman president.
- She is the candidate of Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) of Taiwan.
- In the January 2016 general elections , DPP led by Tsai emerged victorious with 56.2 percent of the total vote share.
- She defeated Eric Chu of the ruling Kuomintang (KMT) Party that secured 31 percent vote share.
- She was a Professor before entering into politics.

Reference:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-35333647>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_China_general_election,_2016

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tsai_Ing-wen

Ratan P.Watal

Question: Recently whose appointment has been approved by appointments committee of the cabinet as Principal Adviser (Social Sector), NITI Aayog ?

- (a) Dr. Raghuram Rajan
- (b) Ratan P. Watal
- (c) Chanda Kochhar
- (d) Ratnesh Chandra

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 20 May 2016 the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Ratan P.Watal as Principal Adviser (Social Sector), NITI Aayog.
- He is a 1978 batch retired IAS officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre.
- He has been appointed to the post for three years .

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145491>

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/ex-finance-secretary-watal-appointed-as-principal-adviser-in-niti-aayog/articleshow/52357336.cms>

Rakesh Jain

Question: Name the Indian American scientist who was announced to be awarded with the prestigious 'National Medal of Science' award from U.S. President?

- (a) Pro. Rakesh Jain
- (b) Pro. Abhinav Vashisht
- (c) Prof. Umesh Ahluwalia
- (d) Prof. Umesh Rai

Ans (a)



Related facts:

- On 19 May 2016 65-year-old Indian American scientist has been awarded with the prestigious 'National Medal of Science' award from U.S. President Barack Obama.
- Rakesh K Jain, a professor of tumour biology at Massachusetts General Hospital in the Harvard Medical School.
- He received the award from Obama along with 16 other recipients of the 'National Medals.
- Out of 16 recipients of the 9 persons were awarded with 'National Medals of Science and 8 persons with the 'National Medals of Technology and Innovation'award.
- Awarded annually, the Medal of Science recognises individuals who have made outstanding contributions to science, engineering and mathematics.
- The National Medal of Technology and Innovation recognises those who have made lasting contributions to America's competitiveness and quality of life and helped strengthen nation's technological workforce.

Reference:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/12/22/president-obama-honor-nations-leading-scientists-and-innovators>

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/obama-to-present-national-medal-of-science-to-indian-american/article8610635.ece>

Fatma Samba Diouf Samoura

Question: Recently who has been appointed as Fifa's first female secretary general?

- (a) Sarah Palin
- (b) Margaret Thatcher
- (c) Fatma Samba Diouf Samoura
- (d) Angela Merkel

Ans :(c)

Related facts:

SECRETARY GENERAL
Fatma Samba Diouf Samoura Appointed
FIFA Secretary General
(FIFA.com) 13 May 2016



- On 13 May 2016 Fatma Samba Diouf Samoura of Republic of Senegal has been appointed as the FIFA Secretary General (SG).
- She becomes the first female secretary general of FIFA.
- The announcement was made by FIFA President Gianni Infantino at the 66th FIFA Congress held on 12-13 May 2016 in Mexico City.
- Samoura will replace the former secretary general of FIFA Jerome Valcke, who was banned from all football-related activity for 12 years for misconduct.

Reference:

<http://www.fifa.com/about-fifa/news/y=2016/m=5/news=fifa-congress-drives-football-forward-first-female-secretary-general-a-2790957.html>

<http://www.fifa.com/about-fifa/news/y=2016/m=5/news=fatma-samba-diouf-samoura-appointed-fifa-secretary-general-2790885.html>

<http://www.espnfc.com/blog/fifa/243/post/2872047/fifa-appoint-fatma-samba-diouf-samoura-as-new-secretary-general>

Justice Ravindra Singh

Question: Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the Uttar Pradesh State Law Commission?

- (a) Justice Vineet Saran
- (b) Justice Deepak Mishra
- (c) Justice Manoj Mishra
- (d) Justice Ravindra Singh

Ans :(d)

Related facts:



- On 13 May 2016 Former Justice of Allahabad High Court Justice (retd) Ravindra Singh has been appointed as the new chairman of the Uttar Pradesh State Law Commission.
- Governor Ram Naik has given his approval for the appointment of Justice Singh as the state law commission chairman.
- During 2009-10, he made the record of giving decision on about 30 thousands cases within 1 year.

Reference:

<http://www.uniindia.com/justice-retd-ravindra-singh-appointed-up-law-commission-chairman/states/news/481527.html>

Justice Mukul Mudgal

Question: Recently who has been appointed as Deputy Chairman of FIFA Governance Committee?

- (a) Justice R. M Lodha
- (b) Justice Mukul Mudgal
- (c) Justice Deepak Verma
- (d) Justice H.L Dattu

Ans:(b)



Related facts:

- On 13 May 2016 Former Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice (Retd.)Mukul Mudgal has been appointed as Deputy Chairman of FIFA Governance Committee.
- Portuguese Luis Miguel Maduro, Advocate General of European Court of Justice (ECJ), was appointed as the Chairman of the Governance Committee.
- Justice Mudgal was also appointed as the head of the FIFA's first Independent Review Committee along with Luis Miguel Maduro, which will assess all major decisions.

Reference:

<http://www.fifa.com/about-fifa/news/y=2016/m=5/news=fifa-congress-drives-football-forward-first-female-secretary-general-a-2790957.html>

<http://www.thehindu.com/sport/football/mukul-mudgal-in-fifa-governance-committee/article8603791.ece>

<http://www.deccanchronicle.com/sports/cricket/150516/justice-mukul-mudgal-in-fifa-governance-committee.html>

Shashank Manohar

Question: Recently who has been elected as independent ICC Chairman?

- (a) N.Srinivasan
- (b) Shashank Manohar
- (c) Anil Kumble
- (d) Ricky Ponting

Ans: (b)

Related facts:



- On 12 May 2016 former President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Shashank Manohar was elected unopposed as independent ICC Chairman.
- He will remain in this position for 2 years.
- In order to be elected for this post Shashank Manohar has resigned from the post of President, BCCI on 10 May 2016.
- It may be recalled that Shashank Manohar served his first stint as the BCCI President from 2008-2011 and re-elected again as its President in October 2015 when the position became vacant after the demise of Jagmohan Dalmiya.

Reference:

<http://www.icc-cricket.com/news/2016/media-releases/94820/shashank-manohar-elected-unopposed-as-independent-icc-chairman>

<http://www.bcci.tv/news/2016/press-releases/13453/shashank-manohar-resigns-as-bcci-president>

<http://www.bcci.tv/news/2016/press-releases/13464/shashank-manohar-elected-unopposed-as-independent-icc-chairman>

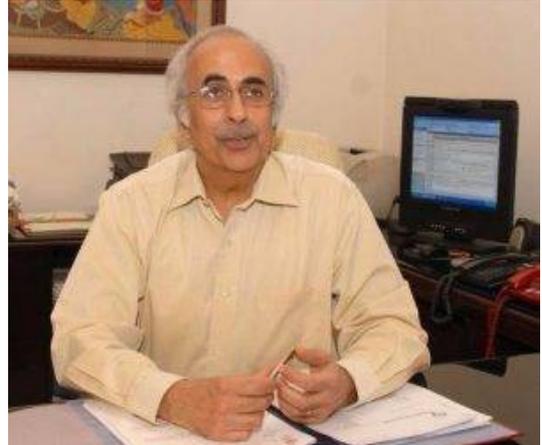
Ashok Chawla

Question: Recently who has been appointed as the chairman of the National Stock Exchange (NSE)?

- (a) Deepak Kumar
- (b) Ashok Chawla
- (c) Chanda Kochhar
- (d) Shikha Sharma

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 13 May 2016 Ashok Chawla, the former chief of fair trade regulator Competition Commission of India (CCI), has been appointed as the chairman of the National Stock Exchange (NSE).
- His appointment has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- The appointment is effective from 3 May 2016 and is valid till 27 March 2019.
- In February, 2016 Ashok Chawla was appointed as chairman of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).

Reference:

https://www.nseindia.com/content/press/PR_cc_13052016.pdf

<http://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/sebi-approves-ashok-chawla-as-nse-chairman/article8594721.ece>

http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2016-03-07/news/71276288_1_ashok-chawla-yes-bank-board-ias-officer

Sadiq Khan

Question: Recently Sadiq Khan has become the first Muslim mayor of which of the following place?

- (a) New York
- (b) London
- (c) Washington
- (d) Louisiana

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- On 7 May 2016 Sadiq Khan, Britain's main opposition Labour Party leader has been elected as the first Muslim mayor of London.
- This is the first stance that any Muslim became the mayor of European Union's any capital.
- He defeated his close opponent Zac Goldsmith, a Conservative candidate.

Reference:

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/07/world/europe/britain-election-results.html?_r=1

<http://edition.cnn.com/2016/05/06/europe/uk-london-mayoral-race-sadiq-khan/>

<http://www.newstatesman.com/politics/elections/2016/05/what-does-sadiq-khans-victory-mean-remain-campaign>

Mickey Arthur

Question: Recently who has been appointed as the Head Coach of Pakistan National Cricket Team?

- (a) Mickey Arthur
- (b) Stuart Law
- (c) Peter Moores
- (d) Waqar Younis

Ans. (a)



Related facts:

- On 6 May 2016 Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) announced Mickey Arthur, former coach of South Africa and Australia as Head Coach Pakistan National Cricket Team.
- He will succeed Waqar Younis, who had resigned after team's poor performance in the World CupT20.
- The 47-year-old Arthur had previously coached South Africa from 2005 to 2010 and Australian team from 2011-2013. He played 110 first-class matches for South Africa.

Reference:

<http://www.pcb.com.pk/press-release-detail/pcb-announces-mickey-arthur-as-head-coach-pakistan-national-cricket-team.html>

<http://www.icc-cricket.com/news/2016/media-releases/94799/pcb-announces-mickey-arthur-as-head-coach-pakistan-national-cricket-team>

Kumar Rajesh Chandra

Question: Recently who has been appointed as chief of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) by the appointments Committee of the Cabinet?

- (a) Dinesh Pathak
- (b) S. K Bhagat
- (c) Santosh Banerjee
- (d) Kumar Rajesh Chandra

Ans. (d)



Related facts:

- On 5 May 2016 the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has appointed Senior IPS officer Kumar Rajesh Chandra as chief of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).
- He is a 1985 batch IPS officer of Bihar cadre.
- He has been appointed in place of IPS officer G S Malhi, who had completed his tenure as BCAS chief in November 2012.
- Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) is the aviation security wing of the government.
- After the hijacking of an Indian Airlines flight on 10 September 1976, the Pande Committee recommended establishing an aviation security department.
- Following the recommendations BCAS, which acts as regulatory authority for civil aviation security, was initially set up as a cell in the Directorate General of Civil Aviation in January 1978.
- Later it was reorganised into an independent department on April 1, 1987 under the Ministry of Civil Aviation after the Kanishka tragedy in June 1985.
- The main responsibility of BCAS is to lay down standards and measures in respect of security of civil flights at international and domestic airports in India.

Reference:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/Kumar-Rajesh-Chandra-appointed-aviation-security-wing-chief/articleshow/52133789.cms>

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/kumar-rajesh-chandra-appointed-aviation-security-wing-chief-116050501469_1.html

<http://www.bcasindia.nic.in/aboutus/aboutus.html#history>

Manohar Kumar

Question: Recently Manohar Kumar has taken over as Director (Engineering) on the Board of National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC). NPCC is a PSU under which of the following ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (b) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- (c) Ministry Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
- (d) Ministry Of Railway

Ans (c)



Related facts:

- On 6 May 2016 Manohar Kumar has taken over as Director (Engineering) on the Board of National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC).
- NPCC is a PSU under Ministry Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. NPCC was established in 1957 .

Reference:

<https://bureaucracytoday.com/psumarket.aspx?id=108989>

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=144944>

Dr.Radha Binod Barman

Question: Name the eminent statistician who has taken over as the part-time Chairperson in the National Statistical Commission?

- (a) Prof. Rahul Mukherjee
- (b) Dr. Rajiv Mehta
- (c) Dr. Radha Binod Barman
- (d) Dr. Manoj Panda

Ans (c)



Related facts:

- On 4 May 2016 Dr. Radha Binod Barman, an eminent statistician, has taken over as the part-time Chairperson in the National Statistical Commission.
- S. Mahendra Dev, Prof. Rahul Mukherjee, Dr. Rajiv Mehta and Dr. Manoj Panda are the other part-time Members in the Commission.
- The Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog Amitabh Kant is the ex-officio Member in the Commission.
- The Government of India ordered setting up National Statistical Commission on 1 June 2005 on the recommendation of Rangarajan Commission.
- The National Statistical Commission (NSC) of India is an autonomous body which formed in July 2006.
- The Chairperson of the Commission will have the status of a Minister of State in the Government and the Members will have the status of a Secretary to the Government.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=144842>

<http://uniindia.com/dr-radha-binod-barman-appointed-chairperson-of-national-statistical-commission/india/news/470181.html>

Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba

Question: Recently who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff by the Union Government?

- (a) R. K Dhowan
- (b) Suneel Lanba
- (c) Dinesh Kumar
- (d) Sanjeev Pathak

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 5 May 2016 the Government has appointed Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba, presently Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) Western Naval Command as the next Chief of the Naval Staff.
- He will hold the office with effect from the afternoon of May 31, 2016.
- The present Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral RK Dhowan will superannuate from service on May 31, 2016.
- Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba was commissioned on January 01, 1978 into the Executive Branch of Indian Navy.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=144887>

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Vice-Admiral-Sunil-Lanba-to-be-next-Navy-chief/articleshow/52123203.cms>

<http://www.thestatesman.com/news/latest-headlines/sunil-lanba-to-be-new-indian-navy-chief/140526.html>

Kishore Biyani

Question: Recently who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Bharti Retail Limited?

- (a) Rakesh Biyani
- (b) Kishore Biyani
- (c) Deepak Biyani
- (d) Rohit Biyani

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 3 May 2016 Future Group's Chief Executive Kishore Biyani has been appointed managing director of Bharti Retail as part of the reconstitution of the board.
- Rakesh Biyani, who is also a director at Future Group, has also been appointed as Joint Managing Director of Bharti Retail,
- These appointments were made as part of the reconstitution of the board following their merger pact announced in May 2015.

Reference:

http://www.futuregroup.in/pdf/FG_Reconstitutes_the_FRL_and_BRL_Board.pdf

<http://www.businesstoday.in/current/corporate/kishore-biyani-appointed-as-md-of-bharti-retail/story/232110.html>

<http://money.bhaskar.com/news/MON-INDU-RE T-kishore-biyani-appointed-as-md-of-bharti-retail-5314963-NOR.html>

Salman Khan

Question: Name the Bollywood actor who was recently named goodwill ambassador of the Indian contingent for the upcoming Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro?

- (a) Anupam Kher
- (b) Salmal Khan
- (c) Akshay Kumar
- (d) Kangana Ranaut

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 23 April 2016 Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has named Bollywood actor Salman Khan as goodwill ambassador of the Indian contingent for the upcoming Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.
- This is the first time that a Bollywood actor was made as the goodwill ambassador for this game.
- It may be recalled that from 5 to 21 August 2016 the 31st Olympic Games will be held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

Reference:

http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2016-04-23/news/72560868_1_rio-olympics-goodwill-ambassador-olympic-games

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/hema-backs-salman-as-goodwill-ambassador-of-india-s-olympic-116042500764_1.html

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/salman-khan-named-goodwill-ambassador-of-indias-olympic-contingent/article8513759.ece>

Balraj Madhok

Question: Recently Balraj Madhok has passed away. He was a-

- (a) The former president of the RSS
- (b) The Bharatiya Janata Party's former chairman
- (c) The former president of the Bharatiya Jan Sangh
- (d) Former Lok Sabha Speaker

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- On 2 may 2016 Former president of Bharatiya Jan Sangh (BJS) and veteran RSS leader Balraj Madhok died in New Delhi. He was 96 years old.
- The two-time Parliamentarian, Madhok represented the NCT of Delhi and South Delhi in the 2nd and 4th Lok Sabha in 1961 and 1967 respectively.
- In 1951, he was the convener of the first convention of Bharatiya Jana Sangh and was appointed the national Secretary.
- In 1966, he was elected as National President of Bharatiya Jana Sangh.

Reference:

- <http://www.narendramodi.in/pm-condoles-the-passing-away-of-shri-balraj-madhok-450896>
- <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/former-jan-sangh-president-balraj-madhok-passes-away/article8547021.ece>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balraj_Madhok

Radha Kumar

Question: Name the Indian academician who has been appointed to United Nations' University Council?

- (a) Aruna Rai
- (b) Dr.Radha Kumar
- (c) Prof. Yashpal
- (d) Prof. Ved Prakash agrwal

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 28 April 2016 Indian academician Dr. Radha Kumar has been appointed to the United Nations' University Council.
- She is among 12 people who are appointed by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to the council.
- Radha Kumar is the Director General of New Delhi-based think tank Delhi Policy Group.
- She is a specialist in ethnic conflicts, peacemaking and peace-building.
- These 12 appointees will take office with effect from 3 May 2016 and will serve for terms of either three or six years.
- The main function of the UN University Council is to formulate the principles and policies of the University and govern its operations.
- Appointed members of the Council serve in their individual capacity and not as representatives of their country's government.
- The United Nations University (UNU) was established in 1973.

Reference:

<http://unu.edu/news/announcements/unu-welcomes-12-new-council-members.html>

<http://unu.edu/about/unu-council/dr-radha-kumar>

http://www.delhipolicygroup.com/the_team.php

PLACES

Bengaluru

Question: Recently Tim Cook, Chief Executive Officer of famous American company, Apple was on a visit to India, he announced to establish a Design and Development Accelerator in which of the following city?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Noida



Ans.(b)

Related facts:

- On 18 May 2016 Tim Cook, Chief Executive Officer of famous American company, Apple was on a visit to India during his visit he announced to establish a Design and Development Accelerator in Bengaluru.
- This initiative was announced to support engineering talent and accelerate growth in India's iOS developer community.
- On 19 May 2016 Apple announced the opening of a new office in Hyderabad that will focus on development of Maps for Apple products.
- This centre will focus on development of Maps for Apple product like Phone, iPad, Mac and Apple Watch.

Reference:

<http://www.apple.com/pr/library/2016/05/18Apple-Announces-New-iOS-App-Design-and-Development-Accelerator-in-Bengaluru.html>

<http://www.apple.com/pr/library/2016/05/19Apple-Opens-Development-Office-in-Hyderabad.html>

AWARDS & HONORS

Dag Hammarskjold Medal

Question: Consider the following statements regarding the recently awarded Dag Hammarskjold Medal to 129 military, police and civilian personnel including five Indians posthumously for their courage and sacrifice.

- (1) The medal is awarded by the United Nations.
- (2) The medal is named after the second U.N. Secretary-General.
- (3) The medal is awarded every year on the International Day of U.N. Peacekeepers.
- (4) This year the medal was awarded on May 19.

Codes:

- (a) 1 and 2 are true
- (b) 1,3 and 4 are true
- (c) 1 and 3 are true
- (d) 1,2,3 and 4 are true

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- On 19 May 2016 United Nations announced to award Dag Hammarskjold Medal to 129 military, police and civilian personnel including five Indians posthumously on the International Day of U.N. Peacekeepers.
- The International Day of U.N. Peacekeepers, observed annually on May 29, was commemorated this year on May 19.
- The four Indian peacekeepers and a civilian among the five Indian are Head Constable Shubhkaran Yadav, Rifleman Manish Malik, Havildar Amal Deka, Naik Rakesh Kumar and Gagan Punjabi.
- Shubhkaran Yadav serving in the U.N. Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) died in April 2015.
- Manish Malik also serving in the same mission (MONUSCO), died in August 2015.



- Amal Deka, serving in the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) died in June 2015.
- Rakesh Kumar, serving in the U.N. Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) died in January 2015.
- Gagan Punjabi was serving in MONUSCO in a civilian capacity under the U.N. Volunteers programme and died in an incident in January 2015.
- India is among the largest contributors to U.N. peacekeeping operations, with its military and police personnel having been deployed in U.N. missions including in Cote d'Ivoire, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Lebanon and South Sudan.
- So far, India has contributed nearly 1, 80,000 troops who have served in over 44 of the 69 peacekeeping operations, including the 103-strong Indian female police unit in the U.N. mission in Liberia.
- The first deployment of the Indian armed forces was during the Korean War in the early half of the 1950s.
- The Dag Hammarskjold Medal was established in December 2000.
- The medal is named after the second U.N. Secretary-General, who had died in a mysterious 1961 plane crash.
- It is awarded posthumously to members of peacekeeping operations who lost their lives during service with a peacekeeping operation under the operational control and authority of the U.N.

Reference:

<http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/sqsm17768.doc.htm>

http://www.un.org/en/events/peacekeepersday/2005/DHmedal_SGbuletin_ENG.pdf

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/posthumous-un-honour-for-four-indian-peacekeepers-civilian/article8603640.ece>

Yug Kavi Siddhicharan Award

Question: Recently chief minister of which of the following Indian State was conferred the 'Yug Kavi Siddhicharan Award' by Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Tripura

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 22 May 2016 Sikkim chief minister Pawan Chamling was conferred the 'Yug Kavi Siddhicharan Award' by Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli.
- He has been awarded for his commendable contributions in promoting Nepali literature in India.
- The award carries a certificate of appreciation and a sum of NRs 100,000.

Reference:

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india/nepal-confers-literary-award-on-sikkim-cm-pawan-chamling/story-9Ojd7LEzKoV7zx0yT4LHYI.html>

<http://www.weallnepali.com/sahitya-sumana/siddhicharan-shrestha>



Man Booker International Prize 2016

Question: Han Kang, the winner of the 2016 Man Booker International Prize is essentially a writer of which of the following language?

- (a) Japanese
- (b) French
- (c) Thai
- (d) Korean

Ans:(d)

Related facts:



- On 16 May 2016 South Korean author Han Kang, won the 2016 Man Booker International Prize for her novel 'The Vegetarian'.
- The novel was translated in English by Deborah Smith and is published by Portobello Books.
- The cash prize of £25,000 was given to both author and translator, along with a newly designed trophy.
- They have also received a further £1,000 each for being shortlisted.
- With this Han becomes the first South Korean to win this prestigious literary prize.
- The prize ceremony was held at the Victoria & Albert Museum in London.
- Han is a South Korean author who currently teaches creative writing at the Seoul Institute of the Arts. The Vegetarian is her first novel to be translated into English.
- She has been already awarded with the Yi Sang Literary Prize, the Today's Young Artist Award, and the Korean Literature Novel Award.
- The Man Booker International Prize is an international literary award hosted in Britain it is sponsored by the Man Group, from 2005 until 2015 the award was given every two years to a living author of any nationality for a body of work published in English or generally available in English translation.

Reference:

<http://themanbookerprize.com/international/news/vegetarian-wins-man-booker-international-prize-2016>

<http://themanbookerprize.com/international>

Lonely Planet Travel Magazine Awards 2016

Question: Which of the following state of India has been awarded for best cultural tourist destination by the Lonely Planet Travel Magazine Awards 2016?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Punjab

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 9 May 2016 Lonely Planet Travel Magazine Awards 2016 were presented for the best national and international tourist destinations in various categories in ceremony held at the St. Regis Hotel, Palladium, Mumbai.
- **The following destinations are rewarded in various categories:**
- Best destinations for Culture (International): Jordan
- Best destinations for Culture (Indian): Uttar Pradesh
- Best destinations for Adventure (International): New Zealand
- Best destinations for Adventure (India): Himachal Pradesh
- Best destinations for Value (International): Turkey
- Best destinations for Value (Indian): Goa
- Best destinations for Romance (International): Switzerland
- Best destinations for Romance (Indian): Jammu & Kashmir
- Best destinations for Shopping (International): Dubai
- Best destinations for Shopping (Indian): Delhi
- Best destinations for Wildlife (International): South Africa
- Best destinations for Wildlife (Indian): Madhya Pradesh
- Best destinations for Food & drinks (International): Singapore
- Best destinations for Food & drinks (Indian): Mumbai
- Best destinations for Relaxation (International): the Maldives
- Best destinations for Relaxation (Indian): Rajasthan
- Best destinations for Family (International): the United Kingdom
- Best destinations for Family (Indian): Kerala
- Best destinations for Best Emerging Destination (International): Peru
- Best destinations for Best Emerging Destination (Indian): Nagaland
- India's favourite destination: United States of America

Reference:

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<https://tactstorage.blob.core.windows.net/docnews/task-doc-9e21d43a-f431-4c3d-a169-ac116c48030b.pdf>

<http://www.indiapages.in/mumbai-declared-best-destination-food-drink-lonely-planet-travel-magazine-awards-2016-2498.html>

http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/kerala-voted-country-s-best-family-destination-116051101169_1.html

Dinanath Mangeshkar Awards

Question: Name the actor who has been recently awarded with the Dinanath Mangeshkar Awards-2016 special award for his acting?

- (a) Ranbir Kapoor
- (b) Ranveer Singh
- (c) Ranvir Shorey
- (d) Randeep Hooda

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 24 April 2016 the 74th Dinanath Mangeshkar award were given at the awards ceremony held in Mumbai.
- Veteran actor Jeetendra, filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali and Bollywood star Ranveer Singh were honoured with '74th Master Dinanath Mangeshkar Awards.
- Jeetendra, 74, got the lifetime achievement award.
- While Bhansali and Ranveer got special award for direction and acting for their magnum opus "Bajirao Mastani".
- The award was given by legendary singer Asha Bhosle.
- The award was instituted in 1999 in the memory of Dinanath Mangeshkar, father of Lata Mangeshkar.
- The award carries monetary award of 101001 rupees, a citation and a memento.

Reference:

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http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/jeetendra-bhansali-conferred-dinanath-mangeshkar-awards-116042400737_1.html

<http://hindi.eenaduindia.com/Entertainment/Bollywood/2016/04/25102941/Jeetendra-to-be-honoured-with-Mangeshkar-award.vpf>

OPERATION & CAMPAIGN

Joint issue between Department of Posts, Government of India and United Nations Postal Administration

Question: Recently, for which of the following campaign the Union Cabinet was apprised of the joint issue between Department of Posts, Government of India and United Nations Postal Administration?

- (a) United Nations Women HeForShe campaign
- (b) Unite to End Violence against Women campaign
- (c) Polio campaign
- (d) Better World Campaign

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 18 May 2016 The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was apprised of the joint issue of UN Women HeForShe postage stamp.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Department of Posts and United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in February, 2016 for this purpose.
- In this Joint issue, the stamps were printed in the form of sheetlet of 20 se-tenants and Miniature Sheet of two stamps on the occasion of International Women's Day.
- UN Women HeForShe campaign is a solidarity movement for gender equality that brings together one half of humanity in support of the other half of humanity for the benefit of all in social terms.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145421>

<http://www.indianphilately.net/indiaunjointissue.html>



UNICEF and EU launch “Emergency Lessons” campaign

Question: Name the campaign launched by United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the European Union (EU) on Education in crisis zone.

- (a) Operation All Education
- (b) Operation Black Board
- (c) Operation Literacy
- (d) Emergency Lessons

Ans:(d)

Related facts:



- On 16 May 2016 United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the European Union (EU) today announced the launch of a new social media-driven public awareness campaign named “Emergency Lessons”.
- The campaign aimed at reaching 20 million Europeans and highlighting the importance of education for children affected by emergencies.
- The campaign specifically targets people 25 years old and younger in Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Slovenia, Slovakia and the United Kingdom to inspire them to raise their voices on behalf of millions of children and adolescents whose education has been interrupted by emergencies.
- This is a social media-driven public awareness campaign.
- The campaign draws on the real-life experiences of children living through emergencies in countries such as Guinea, Iraq, Nepal and Ukraine. Their personal stories on the extraordinary lengths they go to obtain an education demonstrate why children can and must continue to learn.
- Throughout the next seven months, their stories will be shared on social media through #Emergency Lessons.

Reference:

http://www.unicef.org/media/media_91107.html

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<https://medium.com/photography-and-social-change/education-in-emergencies-6c1bdbc64fe9#.x5fyr33wb>

Exercise Red Flag

Question: The advanced aerial combat training exercise named 'Red Flag' was hosted by United states of America with its allied countries at which of the following place?

- (a) Alaska
- (b) Hawaii
- (c) California
- (d) New England

Ans: (a)

Related facts:



- On 14 May 2016; America concluded the advanced aerial combat training exercise named 'Red Flag' held in the Alaska region.
- The four-week long (from April 28 to May 13, 2016) aerial combat exercises was held at the Nellis Air Force Base, Alaska.
- The main phase of the exercise had commenced on 28 Apr 2016 with a mix of combat and support elements participating from IAF, USAF and USN.
- A team of over 170 personnel and 10 aircraft: four Su-30MKIs, four Jaguars and two IL-78 aerial refuelling tankers have participated from Indian Air Force (IAF).
- The objective of this inter-continental deployment was to showcase the IAF's capability in undertaking integrated air operations.
- It also aimed at learning operational lessons from the exercise engagements, which will help us add more teeth to our overall war waging capabilities.
- The exercise is played under the multiple simulated scenarios designed to provide realistic settings.
- The participating forces were divided into two teams one was a Red Force, defending their airspace and assets, and other was a Blue Force acting as the offensive side.
- Indian Air Force was included in Blue Force.
- The Indian team in the Red Flag exercise was led by Group Captain H. Assudani.

Reference:

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<http://www.eielson.af.mil/Info/REDFLAG-Alaska.aspx>

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-and-us-fly-red-flag-high/article8601788.ece>

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/nation/iaf-to-take-part-in-red-flag-exercise-in-us-with-nato-members/217177.html>

27th India – Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)

Question: The 27th series of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) is being conducted from 28 Apr to 19-May 16. This bilateral naval exercise is being conducted between India and which of the following country?

- (a) Thailand
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Bangladesh

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- The 27th series of India – Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) is being conducted from 28 Apr to 19 May 16.
- The Indonesian Navy and the Indian Navy have been participating in coordinated patrol (CORPAT) twice a year since 2002 to keep this vital part of the Indian Ocean Region safe and secure for commercial shipping and international trade.
- Its aim is to secure the trade sea route, the coordinated patrol also serves to enhance mutual understanding and inter-operability between the two navies
- Opening Ceremony of the CORPAT was held at Port Blair from 28 – 30 Apr 16.
- Closing Ceremony will be held at Belawan, Indonesia from 16 – 19 May 16.
- The Indonesian Navy is being represented by the ship KRI Imam Bonjol and Maritime Patrol Aircraft CN 235.
- While INS Karmuk and one Naval Dornier aircraft are representing the Indian Navy.

Reference:

<http://www.indiannavy.nic.in/content/27th-india-indonesia-coordinated-patrol-corpat>

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=142472>

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE

Committee for Evolution of a National Education Policy submits report

Question: Who was the chairman of the committee for the evolution of a National Education Policy, which has submitted the report containing its recommendations to the Ministry of HRD?

- (a) Sudhir Mankad
- (b) T.S.R. Subramanian
- (c) Sevaram Sharma
- (d) J.S. Rajput

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 27 May 2016 the Committee for the evolution of a National Education Policy has submitted the report containing its recommendations to the Ministry of HRD.
- It should be known that on 25 February 2016 the Government of India had constituted a Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy, which comprised T.S.R. Subramanian, former Cabinet Secretary as the Chairman.
- The other members of the Committee were Shailaja Chandra, former Chief Secretary, NCT of Delhi, Sevaram Sharma, former Home Secretary, NCT of Delhi, Sudhir Mankad, former Chief Secretary, Gujarat & Prof. J.S. Rajput, former Director, and NCERT.
- The Committee has examined the large body of outcome documents, recommendations and suggestions received from the various consultations.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145719>



सत्यमेव जयते
Government of India
**Ministry of Human Resource
Development**

D B Shekatkar committee

Question: Recently appointed 11-member committee led by D B Shekatkar is related to-

- (a) Defence Expenditure
- (b) Fertilizer Expenditure
- (c) Increase tourism in the northeast
- (d) Empower women

Ans:(a)



Related facts:

- On 20 May 2016 Union Government has constituted 11 members committee to recommend measures to enhance the combat capabilities of the armed forces.
- The committee will be headed by Lt Gen D B Shekatkar (retd).
- It will recommend measures to enhance the combat capabilities of the over 12-lakh strong armed forces.
- Committee will also take an initiative to “re-balance” the overall defence expenditure in view of the escalating salary and pension bills.
- Three months has been given to the committee to outline an action plan.

Reference:

<http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/why-defence-ministry-is-considering-a-cut-in-standing-military-1408389>

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Centre-sets-up-panel-to-relook-defence-spend/articleshow/52369322.cms>

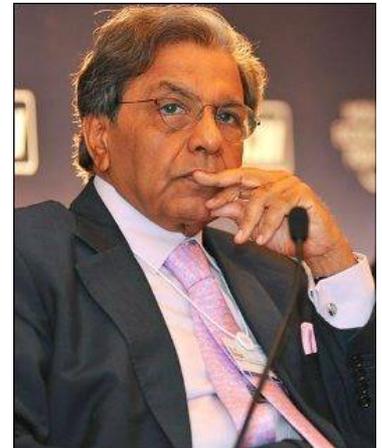
Government constitutes a five Member Committee for Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM)

Question: Who is the chairman of five Member Committee constituted to comprehensively review and give recommendations on the FRBM roadmap for the future?

- (a) Sumita Bose
- (b) Arjit Patel
- (c) N. K Singh
- (d) Dr.Arvind Subramanian

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- On 17 May 2016 Government constituted a five Member Committee to comprehensively review and give recommendations on the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) roadmap for the future.
- N.K. Singh, Former Revenue Secretary & Expenditure Secretary & Former Member of Parliament(Rajya Sabha) has been appointed as the Chairman of the committee.
- Other member of the committee are Sumit Bose, Former Finance & Revenue Secretary, Dr. Arvind Subramanian, Chief Economic Adviser (CEA), Urijit Patel, Deputy Governor, RBI Rathin Roy, Director, NIPFP.
- The Committee shall submit its Report to Government by the 31st October, 2016.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145416>

Ministry Of Road Transport & Highways Sets Up Committee To Frame Policy For Taxi Operators

Question: Recently the Ministry of Road Transport has constituted a committee to prepare a policy framework for taxi and other transport operators. It will be headed by-

- (a) Secretary, Ministry of Railways
- (b) Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
- (c) Delhi Transport Commissioner
- (d) Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Ans: (b)



Related facts:

- On 10 May 2016 the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has constituted a committee to prepare a policy framework for taxi and other transport operators.
- The committee has been set up following Supreme Court's order dated 15th December 2015 and directions of EPCA dated 29th April 2016 banning diesel taxis in the NCR.
- The Ministry has decided to set up the three member committee to look into these issues and come up with appropriate policy recommendations to address the same in a time bound manner.
- The committee will be headed by Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and have Joint Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and Delhi Transport Commissioner as its members.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145144>

<http://auto.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/policy/govt-sets-up-committee-to-frame-policy-for-taxi-operators/52204253>

Shyam Benegal Committee report

Question: Recently Shyam Benegal Committee submitted its report on Cinematograph Act/ Rules to Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Arun Jaitley. The committee was set up on-

- (a) 1 February 2016
- (b) 1 January 2016
- (c) 25 January 2016
- (d) 15 February 2016

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 29 April 2016 Shyam Benegal Committee submitted its report on Cinematograph Act/ Rules to Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Arun Jaitley.
- It may be recalled that the committee was set up on 1 January 2016.
- It was set up to lay down norms for film certification that take note of best practices in various parts of the world and give sufficient and adequate space for artistic and creative expression, lay down procedures and guidelines for the benefit of the CBFC Board to follow and examine staffing patterns with a view to recommending a framework that would provide efficient and transparent user friendly services.
- Following are the major highlights of the report –
- CBFC should only be a film certification body whose scope should be restricted to categorizing the suitability of the film to audience groups on the basis of age and maturity except in the following instances to refuse certification–
- When a film contains anything that contravenes the provisions of Section 5B (1) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952.
- When content in a film crosses the ceiling laid down in the highest category of certification.
- The applicant must specify the category of certification being sought and the target audience.

- The objective of these guidelines would be to ensure that –
 1. Children and adults are protected from potentially harmful or unsuitable content
 2. Audiences, particularly parents are empowered to make informed viewing decisions
 3. Artistic expression and creative freedom are not unduly curbed in the process of classification of films
 4. The process of certification by CBFC is responsive, at all times, to social change
 5. The certification by CBFC keeps within the rights and obligations as laid down in the Indian Constitution.
- The Highlights of the recommendations of the committee broadly cover the areas related to Film Certification Process and its simplification, Restructuring staffing pattern of Central & Regional censor advisory panels and Recertification of films for purposes of telecast on television and measures to preserve the identity of Indian Cinema.
- The committee has also made certain recommendations regarding the functioning of the board and has stated that the Board.
- This includes, Chairman should only play the role of a guiding mechanism for the CBFC, and not be involved in the day-to-day affairs of certification of films and
- The size of the Board should be compact with one member representing each Regional Office. Therefore, the total composition of the Board should not be more than nine members and one Chairman.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=142288>

<http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-archaic-cinematograph-act-of-1952-likely-to-be-amended-after-shyam-benegal-headed-committee-s-recommendations-2208104>

Supreme Court sets up three members panel to oversee Medical Council of India (MCI) functioning

Question: Name the head of a three member committee set-up by Supreme Court to oversee Medical Council of India functioning including statutory functions and vet all its policy decisions?

- (a) Justice M.B Shah
- (b) Justice B. S Chauhan
- (c) Justice R. M Lodha
- (d) Justice H.L Dattu

Ans (c)



Related facts:

- On 2 May 2016 the Supreme Court used its rare and extraordinary powers under the Constitution to set up a three-member committee, headed by former Chief Justice of India R.M. Lodha.
- It was set-up to oversee the functioning of the Medical Council of India (MCI) for at least a year.
- The three member committee comprising former chief justice of India R. M. Lodha, former Comptroller and Auditor General Vinod Rai and Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences director Shiv Sarin.
- A Constitution Bench, led by Justice Anil R. Dave, in a 165-page judgment mentioned that the apex court was constrained to exercise its extraordinary powers under Article 142 of the Constitution.

Reference:

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/SC-sets-up-three-members-panel-to-oversee-MCI-functioning/articleshow/52082935.cms>

<http://barandbench.com/sc-constitutes-committee-comping-rm-lodha-j-oversee-functioning-mci/>

PLANNING & PROJECT

Bharatavani Portal

Question: Which of the following ministry has launched the Bharatavani Portal?

- (a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- (d) None of the above

Ans:(c)

Related facts:



- On 25 May 2016 the Union HRD Minister, Smriti Zubin Irani launched the multilingual knowledge portal www.bharatvani.in at Lucknow .
- Bharatavani is the Largest Online Repository of Dictionaries in India.
- The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru is implementing this ambitious project of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD).
- Bharatavani is the first knowledge portal of its kind in India which focuses on becoming a single point source for multiple language learning, content and technology.
- Alongwith the Bharatavani portal, MHRD has also launched the Bharatavani Multi-lingual App called Bharatavani.
- This App will enable users to search for one language text in another language.
- Currently the App has 35 multilingual Dictionaries and MHRD aims to extend it to 250 dictionaries in a years time.
- The Bharatavani Portal would publish the content in the following main sections:
 - 1.Paa Thyapustaka Kosha : Textbooks by various authorities
 - 2.Jnana Kosha : Encyclopedic Knowledge base in all languages
 - 3.Shabda Kosha: Dictionaries, Glossaries, Terminologies,
 - 4.Bhasha Kosha: Language learning books
 - 5.Suchanaa Praudyogikii Kosha : It tools (right now linked to TDIL)
 - 6.Bahumaadhyama Kosha: Multimedia content
- Significantly, more than 130 Dictionaries, Glossaries and Terminology books have been posted on the web portal.
- The portal has been launched in 22 scheduled languages, which eventually will be extended to 100 more languages.
- Many institutions both at National and State level have declared their support to this initiative and have already signed MOUs with Bharatavani.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145676>

New website of Ministry of AYUSH and web portal for International Day of Yoga (IDY) launched

Question: When did the government launched the new website of the Ministry of AYUSH and web portal for International Day of Yoga (IDY)?

- (a) 26 May 2016
- (b) 25 May 2016
- (c) 28 May 2016
- (d) 20 May 2016

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 25 May 2016 Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik launched the new website of the Ministry of AYUSH and web portal for International Day of Yoga (IDY) in New Delhi.
- The website <http://ayush.gov.in> has been developed as part of digital India programme, using content management framework (CMF) approach.
- The portal will also have linkages of all the important web pages of the Government of India such as Swachh Bharat, Make in India etc.
- The website is compliant to Government of India guidelines for Websites (GIGW) and it is developed on open source platform by NIC.
- This website is mobile friendly and CMF approach would adapt to all screen sizes across all platforms viz. Android, IOS and Windows.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145656>

<http://ayush.gov.in/>

Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the “NIRBHAYA” buses

Question: Name the state in which the Bus Service “Mahila Gaurav Express”, equipped with sophisticated techniques and security equipment was flagged off by Union Road Transport and Highways Minister, Nitin Gadkari?

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

Ans:(a)

Related facts:



- On 25 May 2016, in an attempt to provide safe and secure transport to women, the Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping, Nitin Gadkari dedicated 20 buses “Mahila Gaurav Express” of the Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation equipped with sophisticated techniques and security equipment to the public.
- Under this 10 luxury buses, 10 general buses are included.
- These buses will be operated under Nirbhaya scheme.
- Rajasthan become the first state in the country to launch such initiative.
- In order to provide safe and secure transport to women these buses are equipped with IT enabled safety measures.
- The buses have been provided with Vehicle Tracking System (VTS), CCTV cameras and Panic Buttons on every seat to provide immediate help to women passengers in distress.
- The CCTV cameras, the Vehicle Tracking System and especially the Panic Buttons will enable the police to know the exact location of the bus and provide prompt assistance.
- Above measures will keep anti-social elements under check.
- The Minister of Road Transport & Highways said that ministry will issue a notification after 2nd June 2016, making it mandatory for public vehicles with seating capacity of 23 or more to have CCTV camera, Vehicle Location Tracking Device and Panic Buttons.
- Those with seating capacity of less than 23 will be required to have Vehicle Tracking Device and emergency buttons.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145670>

Smart Village Program

Question: Recently which of the following state has launched “Smart Village Program”?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Rajasthan

Ans: (b)

Related facts:



- On 22 May 2016 Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel launched Smart Village program on second anniversary of her government.
- On this occasion she had felicitated those villages that have achieved 100% in-house toilet facility at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar.
- Under this program 300 villages across the state will be transformed as ‘Smart Village’ in the first phase.
- The state government will provide special grant to shortlisted villages to implement the development plans proposed by the respective Gram Panchayats.
- Assistance of Rs.5000 will also be given for retaining services of consultants or experts to prepare and implement development plans.
- Villages will be identified by Taluka and district level committees.
- The villages finally will be shortlisted by the state-level committee.
- Cleanliness, toilets, drop-out rate in primary schools, Anganwadi facilities, malnutrition ratio, vaccination of children, ATVT services are some parameters on which village will be adjudged as ‘Smart Village’,
- Chief Minister Anandiben Patel mentioned that the aim of this program is to make village self-reliant, clean and hygienic.

Reference:

<http://anandibenpatel.com/en/guj-cm-launches-smart-village-program-felicitates-villages-100-house-toilets-mahatma-mandir-gandhinagar/>

World's largest rooftop solar power plant inaugurated

Question: World's largest rooftop solar power plant inaugurated in which of the following state?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

Ans:(b)



Related facts:

- On 17 May 2016 Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal has inaugurated the world's largest single rooftop solar power plant at Dera Baba Jaimal Singh campus in Beas near Amritsar in Punjab.
- It is a Rs139 crore project has the capacity of 11.5 MW and is spread over 82 acres.
- This project has been installed by the Radha Soami Satsang Beas Educational and Environmental Society (RSSBEES) with technical collaboration of Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA).
- Earlier the Mandalay Bay Resort Convention Centre, Las Vegas in the United States was the biggest solar photovoltaic power station in the world having 6.4 megawatts (MW) capacity.

Reference:

http://www.huffingtonpost.in/2016/05/18/largest-solar-power-plant_n_10016914.html

http://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/world-s-largest-rooftop-solar-power-plant-inaugurated-in-punjab-116051701113_1.html

Trial Run of Delhi Metro's 'Driverless' Train

Question: The trial run of Delhi Metro's 'driverless' trains was begun on which of the following day?

- (a) 17 May 2016
- (b) 18 May 2016
- (c) 16 May 2016
- (d) 12 May 2016

Ans:(a)



Related facts:

- The trial run of Delhi Metro's 'driverless' trains began on 17 May 2016.
- The trial run of India's first ever Metro train, equipped to run on the 'Unattended Train Operation' mode, was ceremonially flagged off today by the Union Minister for Urban Development, M. Venkaiah Naidu and Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal.
- The inaugural train moved out from the Mukundpur depot and travelled up to the Majlis Park Metro station of the Majlis Park – Shiv Vihar Metro corridor of Phase 3 (Pink Line).
- Initially, train operators will run the trains, but gradually, driverless operations (on the Unattended Train Operation (UTO) mode) will be possible.

Reference:

http://www.delhimetrorail.com/press_reldetails.aspx?id=BjYMmnrAAwwlld

Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourer Scheme – 2016

Question: Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourer Scheme – 2016 a Central Sector Scheme. The Scheme proposes to increase the budget provision from Rs 5 crores per annum to how much?

- (a) Rs 50 crores
- (b) Rs 47 crores
- (c) Rs 40 crores
- (d) Rs 30 crores

Ans: (b)



Related facts:

- On 17 May 2016 Bandaru Dattatreya ,the Minister of State (IC) labour and Employment has announced to make Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourer Scheme – 2016 a Central Sector Scheme.
- The Scheme proposes to increase the budget provision from Rs 5 crores to about Rs 47 crores per annum.
- The Government is revising the rehabilitation of bonded labour scheme and increasing the quantum of financial assistance from Rs 20 thousand to one lakh rupees.
- Under this scheme the most deprived and marginalised like the disabled, female and children rescued from trafficking, sexual exploitation and transgender will get Rs 3 lacks, the next in order is the special category comprising of females and the minors who will now get Rs 2 lacks.
- A normal adult male bonded labour will get Rs. 1 lack.
- The money will remain in an annuity account, controlled by the District Magistrate and a monthly earning will flow to the beneficiary account for his/her comfortable living.
- One of the special features of the new scheme is that it aims to address new forms of bondage such as organised begging rings, forced prostitution and child labour for which females, disabled and transgenders are mercilessly used by the powerful elements.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145414>

Revision of Scheme of National Welfare Fund of Sportspersons

Question: Recently Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has revised the Scheme of National Welfare Fund of Sportspersons. It was set up in-

- (a) Year 1984
- (b) Year 1982
- (c) Year 1983
- (d) Year 2001

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 19 May 2016 Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has revised the Scheme of National Welfare Fund of Sportspersons.
- The scheme was last reviewed and revised in July 2009.
- Under the revised Scheme, amount of annual income for being eligible for getting financial assistance from the Fund has been raised. The amount has been raised from the existing Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 4 lakh.
- Under the revised scheme, sportspersons and family members of the sportspersons living in indigent circumstances will be eligible for following amounts of financial assistance:
 - (i) Financial assistance may be granted to an outstanding sportsperson now living in indigent circumstances, subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 lakh.
 - (ii) Financial assistance subject to a maximum of Rs. 10 lakh may be granted to an outstanding sportsperson for injuries sustained during training for and participation in sports competitions.
 - (iii) Financial assistance not exceeding Rs. 5.00 lakh may be provided to the families of deceased outstanding sportspersons living in indigent circumstances.
 - (iv) Financial assistance not exceeding Rs. 10 lakh may be provided for medical treatment of an outstanding sportsperson or of any of his/her family members living in indigent circumstances.
 - (v) Financial assistance not exceeding Rs. 2 lakh may be provided to coaches and support personnel such as sports doctors, sports psychologists, sports mentors, physiotherapists.
- The above assistance will be provided to the sports person attached with national coaching camps for senior category players and national teams (senior category).
- It will also be provided to the umpires, referees and match officials, who have been associated with recognized national championships (senior category) and international tournaments (senior category) in the sports disciplines included in Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.
- It will be given to those who are living in indigent circumstances or to family members of such deceased support personnel living in indigent circumstances.
- The National Welfare Fund for sports persons was set up in March, 1982.
- The Fund was set up with a view to assisting outstanding sportspersons of yesteryears, who had brought glory to the country in sports, now living in indigent circumstances.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145458>

Odisha launched “Green Passage” Scheme

Question: On 17 May 2016 the Odisha government launched Green Passage scheme for-

- (a) Higher education of Orphan students
- (b) Protection of women and children
- (c) Development of green highways
- (d) Environment and Forest Protection

Ans (a)



Related facts:

- On 17 May 2016 the Odisha government decided to launch Green Passage scheme.
- This was launched to ensure that orphan students get free of cost higher education in the state.
- As per the scheme, orphan students pursuing higher education from Plus-II level to post-graduation level, will no longer have to bear the education expenses.
- As many as 16,382 orphan students lodged in 272 institutions across the state, will be exempted of admission fee, tuition fees and laboratory fees for higher studies.
- The state government will bear all cost of the orphan students.
- State government has directed all government, private, government aided colleges and universities to ensure that the orphan students are not charged in any form.

Reference:

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/odisha-to-launch-green-passage-scheme-for-orphan-students/1/670228.html>

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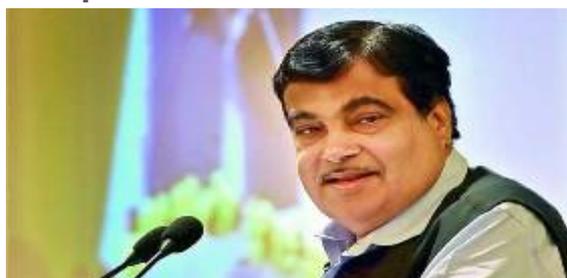
INFRACON, ePACE and up-Scaled INAM PRO Launched

Question: The Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Nitin Gadkari has launched ePACE, INFRACON and an updated version of INAMPRO on-

- (a) 16 May 2016
- (b) 15 May 2016
- (c) 14 May 2016
- (d) 13 May 2016

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 16 May 2016 Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Nitin Gadkari has launched ePACE, INFRACON and an updated version of INAMPRO.
- The above three innovative IT initiatives of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, developed in house by NHIDCL (National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.).
- ePACE (Projects Appraisal & Continuing Enhancements) is an online integrated Management Information System that brings projects from all wings of the Ministry under a common platform, ensuring their effective and real time tracking.
- INFRACON is the National Portal for Infrastructure Consultancy Firms and Key Personnel.
- This portal acts as a kind of bridge between consultancy firms working in the road engineering and construction sector and domain experts and key personnel who are deployed both for project preparation and supervision.
- 474 consultancy firms and 2387 key personnel under various categories are already registered with the portal.
- INAM PRO has been developed as a web-based application (www.inampro.nic.in) for Infrastructure and Material Providers.
- It is a kind of a web based market place that brings together the material providers and the prospective buyers on a common platform.
- The platform was launched in March 2015 to facilitate contractors and cement buyers engaged in executing central/state funded roads.
- Given the success of INAM-PRO, other materials like steel and steel slag have also been brought on this platform so as to make this as a comprehensive e-market place for infrastructure providers.
- The Minister also released the IT Task Force Report on the occasion. The report has suggested many innovative ways in which IT can be used to make the working of the transport sector more efficient and transparent.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145384>

Uttar Pradesh Government Approved “Bicycle Highway Project”

Question: Recently the Uttar Pradesh government cleared the proposal for constructing a “bicycle highway” connecting which of the following two cities?

- (a) Agra-Itawah
- (b) Agra-Mathura
- (c) Agra-Mainpuri
- (d) Agra-Kanpur

Ans:(a)



Related facts:

- On 11 May 2016 the Uttar Pradesh government cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav has cleared the proposal for constructing a “bicycle highway” connecting Taj Mahal in Agra to Lion safari in Etawah.
- The ‘bicycle highway’ which will not run along the Agra-Etawah main road but will cover various historical and tourism centres.
- The length of Highway is 197.580 km.
- Starting from eastern gate of the Taj Mahal, the highway will cover areas such as Raja Bhoj ki Haveli ,Bateshwarnath Temple, Mela Kothi Jarar , Naugava ka Quila and other rural areas to reach the lion safari in Etawah.
- The plan aims at encouraging eco-tourism in the vicinity of the Taj Mahal.

Reference:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/good-governance/uttar-pradesh/UP-Govt-approves-Bicycle-Highway-from-Taj-Mahal-to-lion-safari/articleshow/52233024.cms>

<http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/lucknow/akhilesh-gets-his-dream-projects-agra-etawah-bicycle-highway-cricket-stadium-in-saifai-2796008/>

<http://www.india.com/news/india/uttar-pradesh-government-approves-bicycle-highway-between-taj-and-lion-safari-1179029/>

Asia's first Rice Technology Park

Question: The Asia's first Rice Technology Park will be established in which of the following Indian state?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Ans:(a)

Related facts:



- On 6 May 2016 the Karnataka government has decided to go ahead with the establishment of Asia's first Rice Technology Park at Gangavati in Koppal district.
- The government has also decided to establish a Maize Technology Park at Ranebennur in Haveri district in Karnataka.
- These parks will be established under public private partnership (PPP).
- The establishment of the Rice Technology Park will convert Gangavati into a major agri business centre in the State.
- It would also help rice growers in the region to end their dependence on mills in neighbouring States for processing paddy.
- These parks would pave the way for opening new avenues for rice and maize growers to add value to their produce and get better returns and also enhance quality of the produce.
- The establishment of the Rice Technology Park will help paddy cultivators in the Tungabhadra Command Area in Ballari, Raichur and Koppal districts.
- It will be also useful in the command areas of the Upper Krishna Project in Shahpur and Surpur taluks in Yadgir district and Vijayapura and Bagalkot districts.
- As a value addition, the technology park would have facilities for rice flour, rice rava, rice bran oil, noodles, rice-based alcohol, animal and poultry feed and paddy husk used for power generation and brick-making.
- Maize Technology Park, estimated to cost Rs. 111 crore, will have a storage capacity of 32,000 tonnes
- It is notable that maize is the major crop of the Karnataka.

Reference:

- <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/gangavati-to-get-asias-first-rice-technology-park/article8563709.ece>
- <http://www.koppal.nic.in/>

Rural Sanitation Initiatives for Ganga Rejuvenation launched

Question: Recently where did the Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Uma Bharti has launched rural sanitation initiatives for conservation of river Ganga?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Bihar

Ans: (a)



Related facts:

- On 9 May 2016, rural sanitation initiatives launched under Namami Gange Programme of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, for conservation of river Ganga in Sahibganj, Jharkhand.
- Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Sushri Uma Bharti launched nine such projects under this Programme.
- The main aim of the projects is to improve the health and quality of life of around 45,000 households located in 78 villages of the Ganga River basin in Jharkhand through improved sanitation practices.
- The programme also aims at improving the quality of waste water and storm water runoff flowing from the villages into the river Ganga.
- The entire project will be carried out under the overall guidance of the Ministry with the support from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), community organizations and NGOs.
- UNDP will provide technical and implementation support.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145099>

http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/uma-bharti-launches-rural-sanitation-initiatives-for-ganga-rejuvenation-in-jharkhand-116050900894_1.html

Web-Based Application on Integrated Waste Management System

Question: Recently which of the following ministry has launched a web-based application on Integrated Waste Management System (IWMS) for better management of waste?

- (a) Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
- (b) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (c) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- (d) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Ans: (b)



Related facts:

- On 9 may 2016 Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has launched a web-based application on Integrated Waste Management System (IWMS) –www.iwms.nic.in for better management of waste.
- It will enhance the transparency in the working of the Ministry and other Centre/State level regulatory bodies.
- It will also reduce the time taken for processing applications, seeking various types of permissions under the recently notified waste management regulations.
- In addition to being a single window access, this application is expected to expedite the way the permission is granted and way the analysis could be done not only for authorization and consents, but also for import/export permission under the rules.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145110>

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/Web-based-Integrated-Waste-Management-System-Launched/2016/05/09/article3424085.ece>

<http://www.iwms.nic.in/>

E-enabled application, Project Management & Information System (PMIS) launched

Question: Recently Minister of Railways has launched one E-enabled application, namely, Project Management & Information System (PMIS) for-

- (a) Monitoring National Highway projects
- (b) Monitoring all the Railway projects
- (c) Monitoring all Port projects
- (d) Monitoring all Defense production projects

Ans (b)

Reference:



- On 3 My 2016 Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Minister of Railways during a function held at Rail Bhawan launched one E-enabled project, namely, Project Management & Information System (PMIS).
- This has been launched for proper Monitoring of all the Railway projects throughout the country.
- This Application will be able to have a watch over the lifecycle of any project of the Railways.
- New PMIS system will contain all the information about the ongoing projects which will help in reducing the completion time of the project.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=144761>

Portal for Contract Labour Payment Management System

Question: Name the public sector undertaking (PSU) of which Piyush Goyal, Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy has launched a portal 'Contract Labour Payment Management System'?

- (a) Coal India Limited
- (b) Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.
- (c) Northern Coal Fields Ltd
- (d) Western Coal Fields Limited

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 4 May 2016 Piyush Goyal, Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy will launch 'Contract Labour Payment Management System'- a portal of Coal India Limited.
- The 'Contract Labour Payment Management System' web portal is created for monitoring compliance of labour payment and other benefits to the contract workers under the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act. 1970.
- The portal provides access to all contract workers, through a Workers Identification Number (WIN), to view their personal details and payment status.
- Contract workers can also register their grievance through this portal.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=144704>

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=144817>

<http://www.uniindia.com/piyush-goyal-to-launch-portal-for-contract-labour-payment-management-system/business-economy/news/468501.html>

TREATY & AGREEMENTS

Cabinet approved takeover and Financial restructuring of Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet has given its approval for financial restructuring of Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited (HSCL). With this cabinet also approved its takeover, by which of the following Company?

- (a) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
- (b) National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited
- (c) National Mineral Development Corporation Limited
- (d) Hindustan Copper Limited

Ans:(b)



Related facts:

- On 25 May 2016 the Union Cabinet has given its approval for financial restructuring of Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited (HSCL).
- It has also approved its takeover by National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC).
- National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC) a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Urban Development. It was established in the year 1960.
- Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited (HSCL) was established in 1964 as a construction organization under the Ministry of Steel, Govt of India.
- HSCL will become subsidiary of NBCC with NBCC holding 51% equity holding.
- The shareholding of Government of India in HSCL will be reduced to 49%. The equity and paid up capital of HSCL will become Rs.70 crore.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145629>

MoU between India and Maldives

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet granted ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding signed between India and Maldives for strengthening cooperation in which of the following field?

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

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 25 May 2016 the Union Cabinet granted ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and the Ministry of Tourism, Government of Maldives for strengthening cooperation in the field of tourism.
- The main objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding, are:
 - (a) To expand bilateral cooperation in the tourism sector
 - (b) To exchange information and data related to tourism.
 - (c) To encourage cooperation between tourism stakeholders, including hotels and tour operators.
 - (d) To establish exchange programme for cooperation in Human Resources Development.
 - (e) To invest in the Tourism and Hospitality sectors.
 - (f) To exchange visits of Tour Operators/Media/Opinion Makers for promotion of two-way tourism.
 - (g) To exchange experiences in the areas of promotion, marketing, destination development and management.
 - (h) To participate in travel fairs/exhibitions in each other's country.
 - (i) To promote safe honourable and sustainable tourism.

Reference:

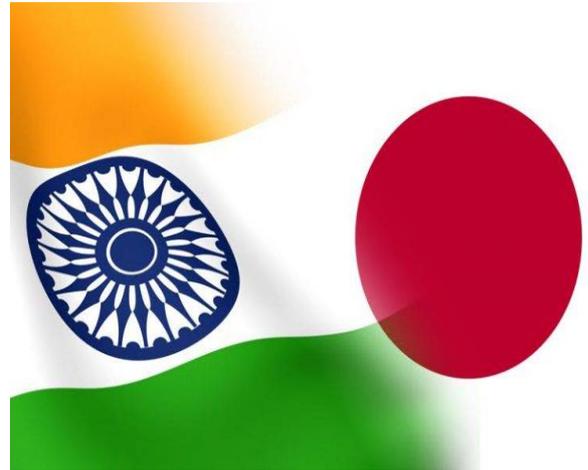
http://www.pmindia.gov.in/en/news_updates/pms-address-at-the-public-meeting-in-shillong/?comment=disable

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Japan

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet granted ex-post facto approval to the MoU between India and Japan for-

- (a) Education
- (b) Advanced agricultural technology
- (c) Promoting sustainable, stable and low-carbon thermal power development
- (d) River Sanitation

Ans: (c)



Related facts:

- On 25 May 2016 the Union Cabinet has granted ex-post facto approval to the MoU between India and Japan for promoting sustainable, stable and low-carbon thermal power development in India.
- The signing of the MoU will help India to address issues and barriers in promoting sustainable, stable and low-carbon thermal power development.
- This will help in identification through the preceding Pre-Primary Study and the on-going cooperation towards Energy Efficient Renovation & Modernization.
- This will also help in new power development and by means of diagnostic activities to support Renovation and Modernization (R&M) materialization and implementation.
- This will enhance knowledge and technology exchange activities to support Clean Coal Technology (CCT) for thermal power plants such as Ultra Super Critical (USC) and other environmental technologies.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145646>

MoU between Indian Space Research Organisation and the United Arab Emirates Space Agency

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and which of the following space agency for cooperation in the exploration and user of outer space for peaceful purposes?

- (a) European Space Agency
- (b) US Space Agency
- (c) Japanese Space Agency
- (d) United Arab Emirates Space Agency

Ans: (d)



Related facts:

- On 25 May 2016 the Union Cabinet was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the United Arab Emirates Space Agency (UAESA).
- Cooperation in the exploration and user of outer space for peaceful purposes is the main objective of MoU.
- This MoU was signed in New Delhi on February 11, 2016.
- The MoU would result in setting up a Joint Working Group with members from ISRO and UAESA.
- It will further work out the plan of action including the time-frame and the means of implementing this MoU.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145640>

India signed loan agreement with world bank

Question: Recently India has signed loan agreement with world bank for IBRD loan of US\$ 100 million for which of the following project?

(a) Rajasthan Urban Water Supply

Modernization project

(b) Karnataka Urban Water Supply

Modernization project

(c) Madhya Pradesh Urban Water Supply

Modernization project

(d) Uttar Pradesh Urban Water Supply Modernization project

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 24 May 2016 the Loan and Project Agreements for World Bank (IBRD) assistance were signed between Government of India/Government of Karnataka and the World Bank .
- Amount of this loan is US\$ 100 million and it will be utilised for the Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization project.
- The project would have four broad components:
 - I.Capital Investment Program;
 - II.Institution Building;
 - III.Technical Assistance for Sector Development; and
 - IV.Project Management.
- The objective of the project is to provide city-wide access to a continuous piped water supply in the eligible cities in the State of Karnataka.
- The project will be implemented over a period of six years.
- Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development & Finance Corporation (KUIDFC) is the implementing agency for the project.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145598>



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Agreement between India and Oman

Question: Recently the Defence Minister, Manohar Parrikar was on an official visit to which of the following country from 20 to 22 May 2016?

- (a) Oman
- (b) Qatar
- (c) Saudi Arabia
- (d) Iraq

Ans:(a)

Related facts:



- From 20 to 22 May 2016 the Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar was on an official visit to the Sultanate of Oman.
- During this Defence Minister visited the Military Technology College and the Sultan's Armed Forces Museum in Muscat.
- Parrikar also attended a reception at Sultan Qaboos Port to mark the goodwill visit to Oman, of INS Delhi, INS Deepak and INS Tarkash.
- Four Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)/agreements were signed during the visit.
- MOU on Defence Cooperation between the Ministry of Defence of Sultanate of Oman and Ministry of Defence of Republic of India;
- MOU between the Royal Oman Police (Coast Guard) and the Indian Coast Guard in the field of Marine Crime Prevention at Sea;
- MOU between the Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of the Republic of India on Maritime Issues; and Protocol between the Government of the Sultanate of Oman represented by Royal Air Force of Oman and the Government of India represented by the Indian Air Force on Flight Safety information Exchange.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145533>

Agreement between India and Slovenia

Question: Recently India and Slovenia have signed a Protocol for which of the following purpose?

- (a) For amending the India-Slovenia Double Taxation Avoidance Convention.
- (b) For cooperation in agriculture.
- (c) For cooperation in the field of climate change
- (d) For cooperation in the field of information and technology

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 17 May 2016 India and Slovenia have signed a Protocol amending the existing Convention and Protocol between the two countries for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.
- The Protocol was signed by Sarvajit Chakravarti, Ambassador of India to Slovenia on behalf of India and Dusan Mramor, the Slovenian Minister of Finance on behalf of Slovenia.
- The Protocol will broaden the scope of the existing framework of exchange of tax related information which will help curb tax evasion and tax avoidance between the two countries and will also enable mutual assistance in collection of taxes.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145468>



MoU signed between the UPSIDC and the Kingdom Company

Question: Recently an MoU has been signed between the UPSIDC and the Kingdom Company to set up theme park in which of the following city?

- (a) Allahabad
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Agra

Ans.(d)

Related facts:



- On 16 May 2016 an MoU has been signed between the Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation(UPSIDC) and the Bollywood film actor and Producer Sanjay Khan’s “Kingdom Company” to set up theme park in Agra.
- The Agra Theme Park was set to be a game changer in the tourism sector and would provide a big impetus to tourism in the state.
- This would also enliven the rich cultural and historical heritage of India which will help students, tourists and research scholars.
- The Rs 10,000 crore project would have themes of seven cities, which would be available for seen through a mono rail.
- This would include ancient, medieval, modern history and glimpses of the cultural heritage which will include Mohan Jodaro, Patliputra, Ramayan and Mahabharat era.
- This will carve a special place for the state globally.
- The project will be developed over ten years in four phases.
- The development of the theme park will be done in an area of 1 thousand acres.
- The project would be developed in a eco-friendly manner.
- 12,000 people will get direct and indirect jobs because of the theme park.

Reference:

http://information.up.nic.in/View_engnews.aspx?id=981

Agreement between India and WHO for Global promotion of Traditional Systems of Medicine

Question: Recently Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India and the World Health Organization (WHO) have signed an historic Project Collaboration Agreement (PCA) for cooperation in which of the following field?

- (a) Modern System of Medicine
- (b) Promotion of Yoga
- (c) Traditional Systems of Medicine
- (d) Research

Ans: (c)



Related facts:

- On 13th May, 2016 Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India and the World Health Organization (WHO) have signed an historic Project Collaboration Agreement (PCA) for cooperation on promoting the quality, safety and effectiveness of service provision in traditional and complementary medicine.
- The PCA was signed by Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, Ajit M Sharan and Assistant Director General, Health Systems and Innovations, WHO, Dr. Marie Kieny, in Geneva.
- Its aim is to support WHO in the development and implementation of the 'WHO Traditional and Complementary Medicine Strategy: 2014-2023'.
- It will contribute to the global promotion of traditional Indian Systems of Medicine.
- The PCA is titled as 'Co-operation on promoting the quality, safety and effectiveness of service provision in traditional and complementary medicine between WHO and AYUSH, India, 2016-2020'.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145352>

Inter-Governmental Agreement between India and Mauritius

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of an Inter-Governmental Agreement between India and Mauritius on Cooperation in which of the following field?

- (a) Cooperatives and related fields
- (b) Information and technology
- (c) Agriculture
- (d) Medical

Ans: (a)



Related facts:

- On 12 May 2016 the Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of an Inter-Governmental Agreement between India and Mauritius on cooperation in cooperatives and related fields.
- The Agreement between the two countries will be for duration of five years after which it will be automatically extended for another five years.
- The Agreement provides for promoting cooperation through short and medium term programmes within the framework of the joint activities mentioned in the Agreement.
- A work plan will be drawn up by mutual Agreement between the two parties to give effect to the objectives of this Agreement.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145320>

Government inks MoU with NDTV Ethnic Retail Ltd

Question: Recently a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between The Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India and NDTV Ethnic Retail Ltd. for popularizing-

- (a) Khadi products
- (b) Handloom products
- (c) Products of cottage industry
- (d) Dairy products

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 10 May 2016 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between The Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India and NDTV Ethnic Retail Ltd.
- The MoU was signed for popularizing India Handloom textiles as a fashionable product for youth.
- The three-year MoU was signed at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The joint endeavour will endorse and launch a project, Indian roots Fashion Accelerator (IFA).
- Indian roots Fashion Accelerator (IFA) is project by NDTV to support fresh talent and to support new and innovative ventures in fashion industry.
- Government will support the project with incubation and production support.
- It may be recalled that the India Handloom Brand was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 7th August, 2015, the first National Handloom Day.
- Its aim is to endorse the quality of handloom products in terms of raw material, processing, embellishment, weaving, design and other parameters, besides social and environment compliance.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/mbErel.aspx?relid=145288>

<http://netindian.in/news/2016/05/12/00037948/govt-signs-mou-ndtv-ethnic-retail-popularize-handloom-products>

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx>

Agreement between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet was apprised of a General Framework Agreement (GFA) between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) on-

- (a) Terrorism
- (b) Defence
- (c) Renewable energy
- (d) Nuclear energy

Ans:(c)

Related facts:



- On 12 May 2016 the Union Cabinet was apprised of a General Framework Agreement (GFA) on Renewable Energy Cooperation between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- The GFA was signed, in New Delhi on 11 February 2016 during the state visit of Crown Prince, Sheikh Mohamed bin zayed al Nahyan of UAE.
- The GFA aims at cooperation between India and UAE in the field of new and renewable energy technologies.
- With this Union government has also given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA), Abu Dhabi for mutual co-operation and technical assistance between the two regulators.
- The MoU will promote further development of economic links and cooperation between the two signatories and will help create conditions for development of securities markets in the two countries.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>

http://pmindia.gov.in/en/news_updates/pm-reviews-drought-and-water-scarcity-situation-at-high-level-meeting-with-rajasthan-cm/?comment=disable

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx>

First Indian bank to sign an MoU with BRICS bank

Question: Which of the following become first Indian bank to signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the BRICS bank (New Development Bank (NDB))?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Punjab National Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- On 5 May 2016 ICICI Bank, India's largest private bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a strategic partnership with the New Development Bank (NDB).
- With this ICICI Bank is the first Indian bank to sign an MoU with NDB.
- Chanda Kochhar, MD & CEO, ICICI Bank and K V Kamath, President, NDB, signed the MOU on behalf of their organizations.
- This partnership will help NDB in exploring bond issuance opportunities in the Indian and international bond markets, particularly INR-denominated bonds.
- Both the banks will collaborate in the area of funding development projects in India.
- ICICI Bank and NDB will also leverage a mutually beneficial partnership in areas such as treasury risk management, account and cash management services and human resource development.

Reference:

<http://www.ndb.int/icici-bank-signs-mou-with-new-development-bank.php#parentHorizontalTab2>

<http://www.icicibank.com/managed-assets/docs/about-us/2016/new-development-bank-for-business-partnership.pdf>

Memorandum of Cooperation to be signed between Ministry of Women & Child Development and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet has approved the signing of Memorandum of Co-operation (MoC) between Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) for the cooperation in which of the following matters?

- (a) Information and Communication Technology enabled Real Time Monitoring (ICT-RTM) of ICDS.
- (b) Financial cooperation
- (c) Human Resource Cooperation
- (d) Cooperation for the successful implementation of the schemes

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 4 May 2016 the Union Cabinet has approved the signing of Memorandum of Co-operation (MoC) between Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) for the cooperation in Information and Communication Technology enabled Real Time Monitoring (ICT-RTM) of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and other related technical matters.
- The Memorandum of Cooperation would help in:
- Implementation of ICT-RTM of ICDS which will enable the authorities for timely intervention for ensuring proper service delivery.
- Putting up in place a shared national communication campaign, communications strategy and guidelines, customizing communications, products and material to local contexts along with developing plans for large scale dissemination.



- Technical support through high quality technical teams of nutrition experts.
- The phase-I of ICDS Systems Strengthening and Nutrition Improvement Project (ISSNIP) will roll out ICT-RTM through one Lakh Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) in 162 high burden districts of eight participating States.
- Children of 0-6 year's age, pregnant women and Lactating Mothers being the ultimate beneficiaries.
- The MoC would cover 162 high malnutrition burden districts of eight States namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
- There is no financial implication on the part of Ministry of Women & Child Development on entering into MoC with BMGF.
- MWCD is implementing International Development Association (IDA) assisted ISSNIP in 162 high burden districts of eight States in the country.
- Phase-I of the ISSNIP which was scheduled to be concluded on 31.12.2015, has since been restructured with modification in activities and extension of time-frame by two years, i.e. up to 30.12.2017.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=144853>

http://pmindia.gov.in/en/news_updates/memorandum-of-cooperation-to-be-signed-between-ministry-of-women-child-development-and-bill-melinda-gates-foundation/?comment=disable

Memorandum of Understanding between India and Qatar

Question: Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the agreement between India and Qatar in which of the sector?

- (a) Space
- (b) Medical
- (c) Information Communication Technology
- (d) Agriculture

Ans(c)

Related facts:



- On May 2016 the Union Cabinet was apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for promoting bilateral cooperation in the field of Information Communication Technology (ICT).
- The MOU was signed in March, 2015 and was ratified by both India and Qatar on 1st January, 2016 and 12th January, 2016 respectively.
- The MoU will result in active cooperation and exchanges between the private entities, capacity building institutions, Governments and other public organisations of the two countries in the field of ICT.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=144861>

<http://uniindia.com/cabinet-apprised-of-mou-between-india-qatar-for-bilateral-cooperation-in-ict-il/india/news/470384.html>

Memorandum of Understanding between Reserve Bank of India and Central Bank of United Arab Emirates

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Central Bank of United Arab Emirates (UAE) for which of the following purpose?

- (a) Tax Evasion
- (b) Currency Swap
- (c) Banking Reform
- (d) Training



Central Bank of The U.A.E.

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 4 May 2016 the Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Central Bank of United Arab Emirates (UAE) on co-operation concerning currency swap agreement.
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in February, 2016.
- The MoU will further strengthen the close economic relationship and cooperation between India and United Arab Emirates.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=144857>

Reliance Defence inks pact with Ukrainian state firms

Question: Name the Indian company which has recently signed pact with Ukrainian state firms for developing a range of military products?

- (a) Reliance Defence Ltd.
- (b) Bharti Airtel
- (c) Tata group
- (d) Wipro Ltd.

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 28 April 2016 Reliance Defence Ltd. has signed an agreement with three Ukrainian state-owned firms — Ukroboronprom, Spetstechno Exports and Antonov — to collaborate on a range of military products including transport aircraft, armoured vehicles, maritime gas turbines and unmanned aerial vehicles.
- This followed the Reliance Group chairman Anil Ambani's meeting with the President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko in Ukraine.
- Under the agreement with Antonov, credited as the manufacturer of largest transport aircraft in the world, Reliance and Antonov will jointly bid for the Medium Military Transport Aircraft program of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- Cooperation will also cover upgrades for the BMP 2 and Armored Vehicles, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Marine Gas Turbines for the Indian Navy Frigate program.
- The value of programs will exceed Rs 50,000 crore.
- It is understood that HAL is looking at a market size of up to 300 aircraft in the medium range.
- This will be potentially the largest collaborative effort involving the Public Sector, Private Sector and Global OEM as part of the Make in India and Skill India initiatives of the Government.
- Antonov is credited as the manufacturer of largest transport aircraft in the World.
- The Indian Air Force currently operates more than 100 AN-32 aircraft, which forms the backbone of its transport fleet
- Reliance Defence Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Infrastructure Ltd.
- The company has industrial licenses for the full spectrum of military platforms and is the fastest emerging private sector enterprise in the development, manufacture and supply of Defence aerospace, land and naval platforms and equipment.

Reference:

<http://www.rinfra.com/pdf/pressreleases/RDefenceUkrainePressRelease29042016.pdf>
<http://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/reliance-defence-inks-pact-with-3-ukrainian-state-firms/article8537838.ece>



Indian Navy Collaborates with Jamia Millia Islamia for recognition of in-service training of Naval Personnel

Question: Recently Indian Navy has collaborated with Jamia Millia Islamia for-

- (a) After service training of Naval Personnel
- (b) In-service training of Naval Personnel
- (c) Military training
- (d) The education of children of military personnel.

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 13 April 2016 Indian Navy Collaborated with Jamia Millia Islamia for recognition of in-service training of Naval Personnel.
- Jamia Millia Islamia (Jamia), a Central University by an Act of Parliament has recognized in-service training of naval personnel for award of Graduation Degree.
- The Indian Navy conducts training programmes for its sailors at training centres across the country.
- The admission to Jamia courses would be through the Centre for Distance and Open Learning that will lead to award of degrees on fulfillment of statutory requirements.
- The eligible naval sailors would now be able to enroll in the programmes from July 16 for academic year 2016-17.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138873>

<http://aajtak.intoday.in/education/story/navy-personnel-to-pursue-higher-studies-in-jamia-1-864020.html>



NABARD partners with Germany

Question: Recently National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has collaborated with the German government for a special programme on-

- (a) Food Processing
- (b) Soil Protection and Rehabilitation for Food Security
- (c) Soil Conservation
- (d) The advancement of agricultural technology

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- On 29 April 2016 National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has collaborated with the German government for a special programme on 'Soil Protection and Rehabilitation for Food Security'.
- As part of the collaboration, NABARD is anchoring two major programmes-
- Soil conservation and rehabilitation of degraded land for food security in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and innovation of watershed development for rehabilitation of degraded soils and
- Climate change adaptation in five states (Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan).
- The programme is part of the German government's recently introduced special initiative 'One World, No Hunger' on addressing the food security needs of countries.
- India is the only country in Asia chosen for this initiative.

Reference:

http://www.ptinews.com/news/7388884_Nabard-partners-Germany-for-food-security-initiative-

CONFERENCE

Simhastha Declaration

Question: Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the unveiling of the “Simhastha Declaration” on which of the following day?

- (a) 10 May 2016
- (b) 14 May 2016
- (c) 12 May 2016
- (d) 16 May 2016

Ans: (b)

Related facts:



- On 14 May 2016 Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and President Maithripala Sirisena of Sri Lanka, addressed the International Convention on the Universal Message of the Simhastha, at Ninaura near Ujjain.
- 51 points have been included in this declaration for betterment of mankind and these elixir points will start new discourse for India and the world.
- The declaration is unveiled under the heading “Universal Message of the Simhastha-2016”.
- Following are highlights of the Declaration:
- Religion is a force that binds. Leaders and representatives of all religions, creeds, sects and faith systems should, therefore denounce all acts of violence committed in the name of religion.
- The entire human race is but one. Therefore all forms of mutual cooperation and inter-dependence need to be encouraged.
- Excessive consumerism has to be curbed to protect the ecology.
- PM Narendra Modi in his address appealed saints to conduct Vichar Kumbh every year with devotees and discuss social issues like the need to educate the girl child or plant trees.
- Prime Minister in his speech at several instances mentioned the values which define the Indian culture and humanism.

Reference:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/pm-to-be-at-launch-of-simhastha-declaration/article8542428.ece>

http://pmindia.gov.in/en/news_updates/pm-addresses-international-convention-on-universal-message-of-simhastha/?comment=disable

<http://simhasthconvention.org/Simhasth-Declaration.pdf>

Ministerial Meeting of SAARC Countries on protection of Children

Question: How many countries have participated in the “South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children” (SAIEVAC)?

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

Ans: (a)



Related facts:

- The eight nations comprising the South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children (SAIEVAC) have assembled in New Delhi from 9th-11th May, 2016 for their 4th Ministerial Meeting.
- The objective of this meeting is to set strategies and agree on commitments to ensure the protection and security of the children of the region.
- The landmark meeting is being hosted by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India.
- South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children (SAIEVAC) is the Apex Body of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).
- It has been created to bring governments of the region into active engagement for child protection against violence.
- It is notable that the present Secretary General of SAARC, Arjun Bahadur Thapa has addressed the Ministerial Meeting.
- India will exhibit some of its main initiatives for the security of the children like Trackchild and Khoya Paya, Childline-1098, POCSO Act among others.

Reference:

<http://www.saievac.org/news-updates/4th-saievac-ministerial-meeting-to-be-held-in-new-delhi/>

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145056>

http://www.ptinews.com/news/7427217_India-SAsian-nations-discuss-ways-to-end-child-abuse.html

Second 'UP NRI Diwas'

Question: On 6 May 2016 Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav has given his nod for the second edition of the 'UP NRI Day' to be held from January 4 to 6, 2017 in which of the following city?

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

Ans. (b)

Related facts:

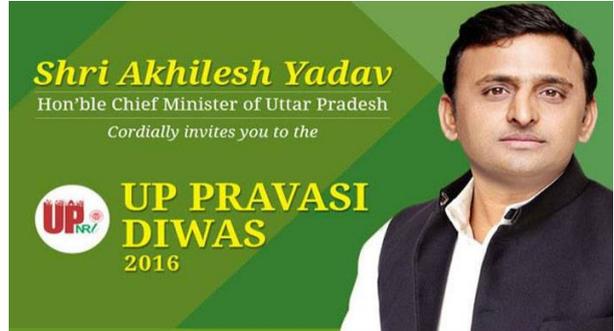
- On 6 May 2016 Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav has given his nod for the second edition of the 'UP NRI Day'.
- It will held from January 4 to 6, 2017 in Lucknow.
- In continuation of its efforts to attract more offshore Indians to invest in Uttar Pradesh and recognize and honour the Diaspora from Uttar Pradesh who have done well abroad in various walks of life and also those who have contributed to the development of the State government has decided to celebrate this day.
- It may be recalled that the first edition of Uttar Pradesh NRI day was held in Agra on 4-6 January 2016.

Reference:

http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/second-up-nri-diwas-to-be-held-in-lucknow-in-january-116050700125_1.html

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/second-up-nri-diwas-to-be-held-in-lucknow-in-january/articleshow/52163119.cms>

http://information.up.nic.in/View_Hindinews.aspx?id=2791



Commanders' Conference of Western Air Command

Question: Recently a two day Commanders' Conference of Western Air Command was held at-

- (a) Nehru Park (Delhi)
- (b) Subroto Park (Delhi)
- (c) Netaji Subhash Park (Delhi)
- (d) Delhi ridge

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- A two day Commanders' Conference of Western Air Command was held on 02 & 03 May 16 at Subroto Park.
- Station Commanders and Air Officers Commanding of all Air Force Stations under HQ WAC attended the conference.
- The Chief Guest, Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha was presented a ceremonial guard of honour.
- The aim of the conference was to build up mission capability of all platforms and weapon systems for development and upkeep of infrastructure and fine tuning the human resource so as to be able to absorb induction of new technologies for a smooth transition of the IAF into a futuristic force.
- Conference made a special mention on the need to maintain very high levels of vigil to ensure security of our air bases post the Pathankot incident.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=144750>

ASSOCIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

Creation of Mobility Directorate in Railway Board's Office

Question: Recently the Ministry of Railways has decided to constitute a new Directorate named as Mobility Directorate in Railway Board's Office. This will be headed by-

- (a) Railway Minister
- (b) Secretary, Ministry of Railways
- (c) Chairman, Railway Board
- (d) Member (Personnel), Railway Board

Ans: (c)

Related facts:

- On 12 May 2016 Ministry of Railways has decided to constitute a new Directorate named as Mobility Directorate in Railway Board's Office, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
- This new Directorate will work directly under the supervision of Chairman, Railway Board.
- The Directorate would be headed by HAG level officer of Traffic Department viz. Adviser/Mobility
- Broad items of work to be handled by Mobility Directorate would be as under:
 - Identification & prioritization of train corridors for raising speed;
 - Identification of path for timetabled freight trains;
 - Timetabling issues pertaining to speed of coaching;
 - De-bottleneck of the particular stretch of the network;
 - Monitoring progress of capacity augmentation works required to increase speeds;
 - Asset failures affecting mobility and corrective action;
 - Rightpowering;
 - Condition of rolling stock and speed potential;
 - Permissible speed on track structure;
 - Permanent and Temporary speed restrictions;
 - Other low cost initiatives like IBH and IBS if required;
 - Replacement of Locomotives hauled trains by DEMU/MEMU; and
 - Any other items/subjects assigned by Board.
- Ministry of Railway also constituted a new Directorate named as Non-Fare Revenue Directorate (NFR) in Railway Board's Office, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145291>

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145290>

<http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/secretary>

The Geospatial Information Regulation Bill, 2016

Question: Under the proposed Geospatial Information Regulation Bill, 2016 the wrongful depiction of the map of India will lead to an imprisonment of seven years and a fine of up to-

- (a) 100 Crore
- (b) 50 Crore
- (c) 25 Crore
- (d) 10 Crore

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs on May 4, 2016 released a draft of “The Geospatial Information Regulation Bill, 2016.
- According to the draft, it will be mandatory to take permission from a government authority before acquiring, disseminating, publishing or distributing any geospatial information of India.
- As per the provisions in the Bill, a wrongful depiction of the map of India will lead to an imprisonment of seven years and a fine of up to Rs 100 crore.
- Whoever depicts, disseminates, publishes or distributes any wrong or false topographic information of India including international boundaries in contravention of section 6, shall be punished with a fine ranging from Rupees ten lacks to Rupees one hundred crore and/or imprisonment for a period up to seven years.
- Pakistan has complained to the United Nations against India’s draft Geospatial Information Regulation Bill-2016.

Reference:

http://mha.nic.in/sites/upload_files/mha/files/GeospatialBill_05052016_eve.p



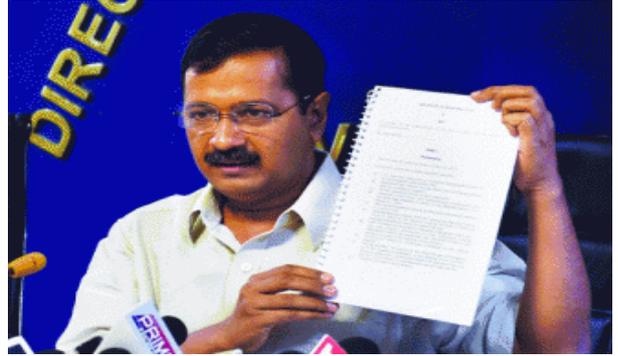
The State of Delhi Bill 2016

Question: When does the Delhi government released a draft bill for the grant of Statehood named “The State of Delhi Bill 2016”?

- (a) 18 May 2016
- (b) 17 May 2016
- (c) 16 May 2016
- (d) 15 May 2016

Ans.(a)

Related facts:



- On 18 May 2016 Chief Minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal presented the State of Delhi Bill, 2016.
- Government has invited suggestions on the Bill from the public till June 30, 2016.
- **Major highlights of The State of Delhi Bill 2016 draft:**
- Delhi Police will be made accountable to the elected Government of Delhi.
- Delhi Development Authority and Municipal Corporations of Delhi will be accountable to the State administration.
- Special provisions are made for areas demarcated under the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC).
- The New Delhi area which is under the control of the NDMC will be under the Union Government for matters of law, order and land while the remaining areas will be under the Delhi State.

Reference:

<http://delhi.gov.in/wps/wcm/connect/632231804cce0b198a75faabb17f67bc/The+State+of+Delhi+Bill+2016.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&lmod=-1027690955&CACHEID=632231804cce0b198a75faa>

Atma Ram Nadkarni

Question: Recently who has been appointed as the Additional Solicitor General in the Supreme Court of India?

- (a) Atma Ram Nadkarni
- (b) Ashok Rastogi
- (c) Ashok Mehta
- (d) Kaushik Chanda

Ans:(a)

Related facts:



- On 9 May 2016 senior advocate of Bombay High Court Atma Ram Nadkarni has been appointed as Additional Solicitor General (ASG).
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Nadkarni as Additional Solicitor General in Supreme Court for a period of three years.
- An Additional Solicitor General acts as law officer to advice the Central government on various legal matters.
- Solicitor General and Additional Solicitor Generals assist the government's top legal adviser Attorney General.

Reference:

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/bombay-hc-senior-advocate-atma-ram-nadkarni-appointed-addl-sg-116050901105_1.html

<http://www.navhindtimes.in/atmaram-nadkarni-appointed-addl-solicitor-general/>

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code – 2016

Question: When the Lok Sabha passed the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Bill 2016?

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

Ans.(b)

Related facts:



- The Lok Sabha passed the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Bill 2016 on May 2016.
- The law will ensure time-bound settlement of insolvency, enable faster turnaround of businesses and create a data base of serial defaulters.
- These procedures must be completed within 180 days.
- If insolvency cannot be resolved, the assets of the borrowers may be sold to repay creditors.
- The resolution processes will be conducted by licensed Insolvency Professionals (IPs).
- This IPs will be members of Insolvency Professional Agencies (IPAs).
- Information utilities (IUs) will be established to collect, collate and disseminate financial information to facilitate insolvency resolution.
- The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) will adjudicate insolvency resolution for companies and The Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT) will adjudicate insolvency resolution for individuals.
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India will be set up to regulate functioning of IPs, IPAs and IUs.
- This will help in improving India's ranking in the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business' index.
- It is notable that normally it takes 4 years of time for the settlement of insolvency resolution.
- The Bankruptcy Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on December 21, 2015 and was later referred to a Joint Committee of Parliament. Based on the committee's suggestions, a modified Code was drafted on April 28, 2016.

Reference:

http://164.100.47.4/BillsTexts/LSBillTexts/PassedLoksabha/349_2015_LS_Eng.pdf

<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/policy/lok-sabha-passes-insolvency-and-bankruptcy-codebill/article8561440.ece>

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:

http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/sikh-gurdwara-amendment-bill-secures-parliamentary-approval-116042500776_1.html

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



YEAR, DAY & WEEK

Port Day

Question: Recently, when did the Port Day was celebrated?

- (a) On 27 May
- (b) On 26 May
- (c) On 28 May
- (d) On 25 May

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 26 May 2016; 'Port Day' was celebrated at the Cochin Port.
- On this occasion a business meeting for the exporters and importers and agencies, among other programmes was held.
- It should be known that Cochin Port was established on 26 May 1928.
- On the occasion awards were given to companies for the highest performance in export, import and ship handling and cargo handling categories.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145730>

International Day for Biological Diversity

Question: When did the International Day for Biological Diversity is celebrated?

- (a) 22 May
- (b) 23 May
- (c) 20 May
- (d) 21 May

Ans.(a)

Related facts:

- On 22 May 2016 the “International Day for Biological Diversity” was celebrated across the world.
- The theme for the year 2016 is “Mainstreaming Biodiversity; Sustaining People and their Livelihoods”.
- The United Nations General Assembly, by its resolution 55/201 of 20 December 2000, proclaimed 22 May as The International Day for Biological Diversity.

Reference:

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



Anti Terrorism Day

Question: Anti Terrorism Day is celebrated on-

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

Ans. (b)

Related facts:

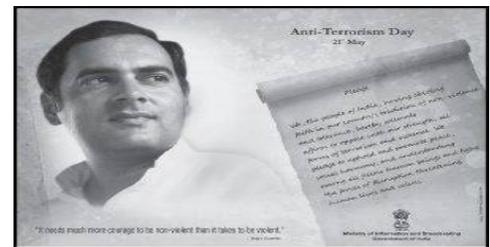
- On 21 May 2016, Anti-Terrorism Day was observed Across India.
- The Day is observed to generate awareness in the country among all sections of people, about the danger of terrorism and violence and its effect on the people, society and the country as a whole.
- May 21 is observed across the country as Anti-Terrorism Day in the memory of Rajiv Gandhi who was assassinated by terrorists on this day in 1991.

Reference:

http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/establishment/eg/2016/Anti_terrorism_Day.pdf

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/antiterrorism-day-observed/article8632592.ece>

<http://www.indianmirror.com/homepage-articles/Anti-Terrorism-Day.html>



World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

Question: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is celebrated on-

- (a) 15 May
- (b) 17 May
- (c) 18 May
- (d) 16 May

Ans: (b)

Related facts:

- On 17 May 2016 World Telecommunication and Information Society Day was celebrated across the world.
- The theme for this year is “ICT entrepreneurship for social impact.”
- The purpose of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is to raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.

Reference:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/telecommunicationday/index.shtml>



International Day of Families

Question: The International Day of Families is celebrated on-

- (a) 12 May
- (b) 16 May
- (c) 15 May
- (d) 18 May

Ans: (c)

Related facts:

- On 15 May 2016 International Day of Families was observed across the world.
- The theme for the year is “Families, healthy lives and sustainable future”.
- The International Day of Families provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families.
- The International Day of Families is observed on the 15th of May every year. The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993 with resolution A/RES/47/237.



Reference:

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

National Technology Day

Question: Every year 'National Technology Day' is observed across India on which of the following day?

- (a) 8 May
- (b) 11 May
- (c) 5 June
- (d) 10 May

Ans:(b)



Related facts:

- National Technology Day was observed across India on May 11, 2016.
- The National Technology Day is being celebrated every year on May 11 by the Ministry of Science & Technology to commemorate achievements of Innovation and Technology in the country.
- This year's theme for celebrations of the Technology Day is 'Technology enablers of Start-up India'.
- National Technology Day is a very special day for Indian Technology since 1999. It is so significant because India achieved a huge technological advancement on the day.
- The first, indigenous aircraft "Hansa-3" was test flown at Bangalore on this day.
- Not only this, India also performed successful test firing of the Trishul missile on the same day.
- India also carried out three successful nuclear tests at Pokhran, in Rajasthan on this day in May 1998.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145135>

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145275>

http://www.sac.gov.in/SACSITE/vsse-wom_files/Page394.htm

World Asthma Day

Question: World Asthma Day-2016 was celebrated on-

- (a) 2 May
- (b) 3 May
- (c) 4 May
- (d) 5 May

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- World Asthma Day 2016 was observed globally on 3 May 2016.
- The day is annually organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) to improve asthma awareness and care around the world.
- World Asthma Day takes place on the first Tuesday of May. The inaugural World Asthma Day was held in 1998.
- The theme of 2016-World Asthma Day was ‘**You can control your Asthma**’.

Reference:

<http://ginasthma.org/wad/>

World Press Freedom Day

Question: The World Press Freedom Day is celebrated on-

- (a) 2 May
- (b) 3 May
- (c) 1 May
- (d) 4 May

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- The World Press Freedom Day was on 3 May 2016 observed across the world.
- The theme of the day was “**Access to Information and Fundamental Freedoms – This Is Your Right!**”
- World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993, following the recommendation of UNESCO’s General Conference.
- Since then, 3 May, the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek is celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day.
- This day is seen as an opportunity to: celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom; assess the state of press freedom throughout the world; defend the media from attacks on their independence; and pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Reference:

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

<http://en.unesco.org/world-press-freedom-day-2016>

International Labour Day

Question: International Labour Day is celebrated on-

- (a) 1 May
- (b) 29 April
- (c) 2 May
- (d) 5 May

Ans (a)



Related facts:

- International Labour Day was celebrated on 1 May 2016.
- The theme of the Day of 2016 is “**Celebrating the international labour movement**”.
- The date was chosen for International Workers’ Day by the Second International, a pan-national organization of socialist and communist political parties, to commemorate the Haymarket affair, which occurred in Chicago on 4 May 1886.
- The first demand for an eight hour working day and better working conditions was done on this day.
- The first May Day celebration in India was organised in Madras (now Chennai) by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan on May 1, 1923.
- At the time this day was celebrated as ‘Madras Day’.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will now be known as 'Diyangjan' Sashaktikaran Vibhag in Hindi

Question: According to the 2011 census, what percentage of the total population in India is differently abled?

- (a) 2.21%
- (b) 3.21%
- (c) 4.21%
- (d) 5.21%

Ans:(a)

Related facts:



- On 24 May 2016 the union government has announced that the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will now be known as 'Diyangjan' Sashaktikaran Vibhag in Hindi, dropping the word 'viklangjan' from its previous nomenclature.
- It may be recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his radio address 'Mann Ki Baat' on December 27, 2015, had said physically challenged people have a "divine ability" and the term "diyang" should be used in place of "viklang" for them.
- The development came nearly five months after Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said during his radio address 'Mann Ki Baat'.
- The Centre had proposed the change in name of the department by amending the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961.
- According to an order issued by Cabinet Secretariat, now the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Viklangjan Sashaktikaran Vibhag) will be Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Diyangjan Sashaktikaran Vibhag).
- President Pranab Mukherjee has given approval to the new nomenclature.
- As per the 2011 census, the differently abled constitute 2.21% of the total population of the country.

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Union Cabinet Gives Approval to 6 New IITs

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet granted ex-post facto approval to the Amendment to The Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 for incorporation of how many new IITs?

- (a) Four
- (b) Five
- (c) Six
- (d) Seven

Ans:(c)



Related facts:

- On 25 May 2016 the Union Cabinet granted ex-post facto approval to the Amendment to The Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 for incorporation of six new IITs.
- These new IITs will come up at Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Palakkad (Kerala), Dharwar (Karnataka), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Goa, Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir) .
- The amendment will also help convert Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad into an IIT by bringing it into the ambit of the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961.
- The Cabinet also gave ex post facto approval to set up National Institute of Technology(NIT), Andhra Pradesh which has been registered as a Society under the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001.

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Hotel Price Index (HPI)

Question: Which of the following city has been declared as the best 5 star hotels destination according to the latest Hotels.com Hotel Price Index (HPI) report?

- (a) Pune
- (b) Rajkot
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Jaipur

Ans: (a)



Related facts:

- On 22 May 2016 the cultural capital of Maharashtra, Pune, has emerged as the best 5 star hotels destination according to the latest Hotels.com Hotel Price Index (HPI) report.
- In Pune Indian travellers paid the least in 2015, with an average price of Rs 7,602 a night.
- Pune was followed by Jaipur in Rajasthan at the second place with an average tariff of Rs 7,844 a night.
- Ho Chi Minh City, the largest city in Vietnam, was ranked ninth in the list, where Indians paid Rs 9,700 for a night.
- Eight cities from India featured as prominent destinations that offer best value 5 star accommodations, including metro cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata.
- The HPI report also revealed the top 10 cities where Indian travellers paid the most while booking a 5 star hotel accommodation in the year 2015.
- Leading the list of cities with highest priced 5 star accommodations was Florence in Italy, which was priced at Rs 33,734 per night, followed by Tokyo in Japan at Rs 32,102.

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State Bank of India launched mobile-based payments solution

Question: Name the mobile-based payment solution launched by State Bank of India (SBI), country's largest commercial bank?

- (a) M-Visa
- (b) B-Visa
- (c) F-Visa
- (d) P-Visa

Ans:(a)



Related facts:

- On 5 May 2016 State Bank of India (SBI), country's largest commercial bank announced the launch of mobile-based payment solution.
- The mobile-based payment solution is named as "mVisa"
- The service will enable customers to make payments from their Smartphone, by simply scanning the unique merchant QR (Quick Response) code, at merchant outlets.
- In first phase, State Bank of India's mVisa service has been introduced in Bangalore city. This facility will be gradually expanded to other cities.

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NITI Aayog to replace 5-year plans with 15-year vision document

Question: Union Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has decided replace five-year plans with the long term plan of how many years?

- (a) 15 Year
- (b) 10 Year
- (c) 20 Year
- (d) 25 Year

Ans:(a)



Related facts:

- On 13 May 2016 National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog has decided to prepare a 15 year vision along with a seven-year National Development Agenda which will lay down the schemes, programmes and strategies to achieve the long-term vision.
- The National Development Agenda will be reviewed after a gap of every three years to ensure that it was aligned with financial needs and requirements.
- The first 15-year vision document will start from 2017-18.
- The long-term vision document will formulate various ways through which India can achieve its broader social objectives to meet the UNDP's 2030 sustainable goals.
- It may be noted that the 15-year vision document will also include internal security and defence that have not been a part of five-year plans.
- It may be recalled that the Five-Year Plans first started in 1951 under the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.
- In July 1951, the Planning Commission presented a draft outline of a plan of development for the period of five years, starting from April 1951.

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First Maritime Security Dialogue between India and U.S

Question: The First Maritime Security Dialogue between India and U.S was held on which of the following Day?

- (a) 16 May 2016
- (b) 17 May 2016
- (c) 12 April 2016
- (d) 12 May 2016



Ans(a)

Related facts:

- On 16 May 2016 the First Maritime Security Dialogue between India and United States of America was held.
- The Dialogue was held at Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The issues discussed were Asia-Pacific maritime challenges, naval cooperation, and multilateral engagement.
- Maritime security dialogue is one of the many initiatives which was mentioned in the agreement signed in April 2016 during the visit of the US Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter with Indian counterpart Manohar Parrikar.

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Country's second Central Agricultural University

Question: Recently, which of the following Agriculture University has been given the status of Central University?

- (a) Acharya Narendra Dev University, Faizabad
- (b) Rani Lakshmi Bai Agricultural University, Jhansi
- (c) Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur
- (d) Dr. Rajendra Agriculture University, Pusa, Samastipur



Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- On 11 May 2016 Indian Parliament cleared Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agriculture University Bill-2015.
- First, Rajya Sabha and then Lok Sabha, passed the Bill, unanimously.
- With the clearing of this bill Rajendra Agriculture University, PUSA, Samastipur has been elevated to the status of Central University.
- Now this university will be known as Dr.Rajendra Prasad, Central Agricultural University.
- This is the first Central Agriculture University of the Bihar and the second Central Agriculture University of the country.
- It may be recalled that the country's first Central Agricultural University is located in Imphal, Manipur.
- As it is mentioned in the release that it is the second Central Agriculture University of the country.

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Appointment of Judges in the Supreme Court

Question: President Pranab Mukherjee in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of article 124 of the Constitution of India has appointed how many Judges in the Supreme Court of India?

- (a) 2
- (b) 4
- (c) 6
- (d) 5

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 12 May 2016 President Pranab Mukherjee in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of article 124 of the Constitution of India has appointed four Judges in the Supreme Court of India.
- The list include the names of Justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar, Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court; Dr. Justice Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud, Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court; Justice Ashok Bhushan, Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court and senior advocate of supreme court L. Nageswar Rao.
- The appointments will take the judicial strength in the Supreme Court to 29 from the present 25.
- It should be known that the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court is 31, including the Chief Justice of India.

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'Bison' the national mammal of the United States

Question: Recently 'Bison' has been announced as the national mammal of the United States. Bison is a-

- (a) Wild elephant
- (b) Wild cow
- (c) Wild buffalo
- (d) Wild sheep

Ans:(c)



Related facts:

- On 9 May 2016 President Obama signed the National Bison Legacy Act into law, officially making the American bison the national mammal of the United States.
- In prehistoric times, millions of bison are found in North America from the forests of Alaska and the grasslands of Mexico to Nevada's Great Basin and the eastern Appalachian Mountains.
- Unfortunately by the late 1800s, there were only a few hundred bison left in the United States.
- This is noticeable that during the 20th century with the concerted efforts of conservationists their numbers grew.
- The Bison was already the official mammal of three states: Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming.
- The Bison appears on the state flags of Wyoming and Kansas.
- 'Bison' has been used as their mascot by many sports teams.

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Commemorative Coin on Maharana Pratap released

Question: What is the denomination of the Commemorative coin and Circulation coin launched on the occasion of 475th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Maharana Pratap?

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

Ans: (a)



Related facts:

- On 9 May 2016 as a part of 475th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Maharana Pratap Commemorative coin of Rs. 100/- and a Circulation coin of Rs. 10/ were released by Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, Mahesh Sharma in New Delhi.
- Ministry of Culture has been celebrating the 475th Birth Anniversary of Maharana Pratap during 2015-16 in association with the State Government of Rajasthan.
- The Government of India and the State Government of Rajasthan have decided to create a multi-purpose indoor stadium at Khel Gaon, Udaipur in the memory of Maharana Pratap.

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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.

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