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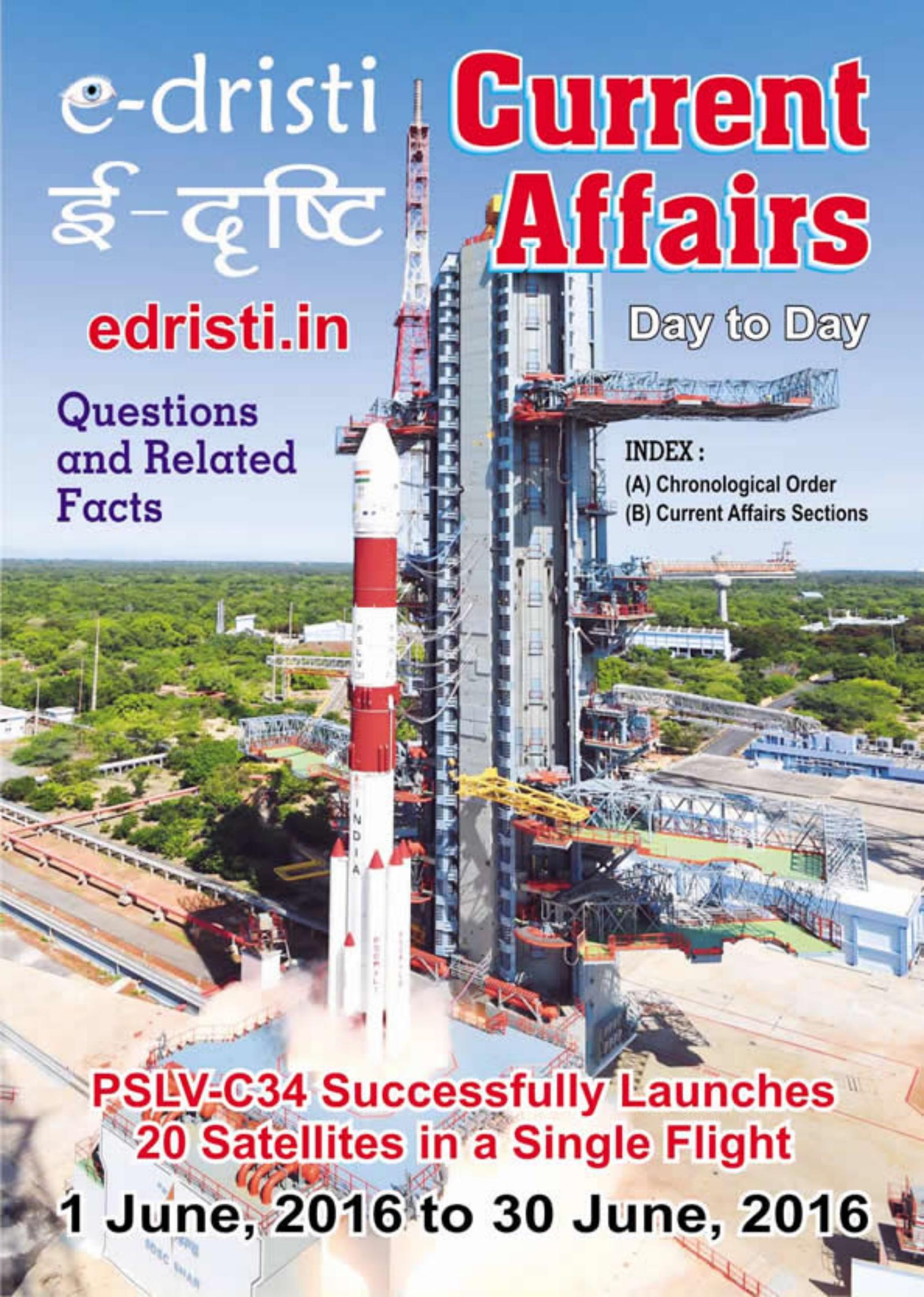
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Preface

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ISRO Launches 20 Satellites in a Single Flight

Question: With the help of which of the following Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle did the ISRO successfully launched 20 satellite in a single flight?

- (a) PSLV-35
- (b) PSLV-33
- (c) PSLV-34
- (d) PSLV-36

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On 22 June 2016 Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) made a record of launching 20 satellites in a single mission.
- The satellites were successfully launched by the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C34.
- With this ISRO has broken its own record of launching 10 Satellites in one go.
- Earlier on 28, April 2008, ISRO by sending 10 satellites into space had made a world record.
- The 727.5 kg Cartosat-2 Series Satellite along with 19 co-passenger satellites were launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota.
- This is the thirty fifth consecutively successful mission of PSLV and the fourteenth in its 'XL' configuration.
- The total weight of all the 20 satellites carried on-board PSLV-C34 was 1288 kg.
- After a flight of 16 minutes 30 seconds, the satellites achieved a polar Sun Synchronous Orbit of 508 km inclined at an angle of 97.5 degree to the equator (very close to the intended orbit).
- Then all the 20 satellites successfully separated from the PSLV fourth stage in a predetermined sequence.
- After separation, the two solar arrays of Cartosat-2 series satellite were deployed automatically.



- Then ISRO's Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) at Bangalore took over the control of the satellite.
- The imagery sent by the Cartosat-2 series satellite will be useful for cartographic applications, urban and rural applications, coastal land use and regulation, utility management like road network monitoring, water distribution, creation of land use maps, precision study, change detection to bring out geographical and manmade features and various other Land Information System (LIS) and Geographical Information System (GIS) applications.
- Of the 19 co-passenger satellites carried by PSLV-C34, two – SATHYABAMASAT weighing 1.5 kg and SWAYAM weighing 1 kg – are University/Academic institute satellites and were built with the involvement of students from Sathyabama University, Chennai and College Of Engineering, Pune, respectively.
- The remaining 17 co-passenger satellites were international customer satellites from Canada (2), Germany (1), Indonesia (1) and the United States (13).
- With this successful launch, the total number of satellites launched by India's workhorse launch vehicle PSLV has reached 113, of which 39 are Indian and the remaining 74 from abroad.

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Cabinet approves Special Package for Job Creation & Export Promotion in Textile & Apparel Sector

Question: When did the cabinet approved Special Package for Textile & Apparel Sector?

- (a) 22 June 2016
- (b) 20 June 2016
- (c) 18 June 2016
- (d) 24 June 2016

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 22 June 2016 the Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given approval for a special package for employment generation and promotion of exports in Textile and Apparel sector.
- It will create Jobs for 1 crore people, mostly women and there will be increase in Exports by US\$ 30 bn and bring investment worth Rs. 74,000 crores coming three years.
- The majority of new jobs are likely to go to women since the garment industry employs nearly 70% women workforce.
- Salient features of the package announced are:
 - **Employee Provident Fund Scheme Reforms-**
 - Govt. of India shall bear the entire 12% of the employers' contribution of the Employers Provident Fund Scheme for new employees of garment industry for first 3 years who are earning less than Rs. 15,000 per month.
 - At present, 8.33% of employer's contribution is already being provided by Government under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY).
 - Ministry of Textiles shall provide additional 3.67% of the employer's contribution amounting to Rs. 1,170 crores over next 3 years.
 - EPF shall be made optional for employees earning less than Rs. 15,000 per month
 - This shall leave more money in the hands of the workers and also promote employment in the formal sector.
 - **Increasing overtime caps-**
 - Overtime hours for workers not to exceed 8 hours per week in line with ILO norms.



- This shall lead to increased earnings for the workers.
- Introduction of fixed term employment:
- Looking to the seasonal nature of the industry, fixed term employment shall be introduced for the garment sector.
- A fixed term workman will be considered at par with permanent workman in terms of working hours, wages, allowances and other statutory dues.
- **Additional incentives under ATUFS-**
- The package breaks new ground in moving from input to outcome based incentives by increasing subsidy under Amended-TUFS from 15% to 25% for the garment sector as a boost to employment generation.
- A unique feature of the scheme will be to disburse the subsidy only after the expected jobs are created.
- **Enhanced duty drawback coverage-**
- In a first of its kind move, a new scheme will be introduced to refund the state levies which were not refunded so far.
- This move is expected to cost the exchequer Rs 5500 crores but will greatly boost the competitiveness of Indian exports in foreign markets.
- Drawback at All Industries Rate to be given for domestic duty paid inputs even when fabrics are imported under Advance Authorization Scheme
- **Enhancing scope of Section 80JJAA of Income Tax Act-**
- Looking at the seasonal nature of garment industry, the provision of 240 days under Section 80JJAA of Income Tax Act would be relaxed to 150 days for garment industry
- The textile industry is one of India's oldest industries.
- Presently, it contributes about 11 percent of the country's total exports.
- In 2014-15 about 41.4 billion US dollars worth of export revenue was earned from this sector.
- Indian textile industry contributes about 5% of GDP.

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Establishment of Fund of Funds for funding support to Start-ups

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of “Fund of Funds for Startups” (FFS) at which of the following bank?

- (a) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- (c) Reserve Bank of India
- (d) Mudra Bank

Ans.(a)

Related facts:

- On 22 June 2016 the Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of “Fund of Funds for Startups” (FFS) at Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- This will contribute to various Alternative Investment Funds (AIF), registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- The bank will provide funding support to Startups.
- This is in line with the Start up India Action Plan unveiled by Government in January 2016.
- The corpus of FFS is Rs.10,000 crore which shall be built up over the 14th and 15th Finance Commission cycles subject to progress of the scheme and availability of funds.
- An amount of Rs.500 crore has already been provided to the corpus of FFS in 2015-16 and Rs.600 crore earmarked in the 2016-17.
- The Fund is expected to generate employment for 18 lakh persons on full deployment.

Reference:

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Extension of timeline for issuance of Bonds by State Governments under the Scheme UDAY

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet extended the timeline for taking over what percentage of the Outstanding Debt of DISCOMs, as existing on 30th September, 2015, by States?

- (a) 60%
- (b) 50%
- (c) 100%
- (d) 75%

Ans.(b)

Related facts:

- On 22 June 2016 the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accorded an extension of timeline for taking over 50% of the Outstanding Debt of DISCOMs, as existing on 30th September, 2015, by States.
- With this the cabinet has also extended the limit of borrowings by State of Jammu and Kashmir under UDAY (Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana).
- The time limits have now been extended by one year from the earlier stipulated date of 31st March, 2016.
- Those States who were unable to join the scheme due to time constraints in completing the processes or inability to take major policy decisions such as joining UDAY due to on-going election processes, extension of the timeline will enable States to participate in this scheme.
- So far 20 States and Union Territories have given their consent to join of which, 12 States, namely, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Punjab, Bihar, Haryana, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Goa and Jammu & Kashmir have already signed MOUs with the Central Government.
- UDAY, the most comprehensive power sector reform ever, was conceived to permanently resolve all DISCOM problems – past, present and future by providing DISCOMs with a clear roadmap and opportunity to become profitable in the next 3 years.

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New Print Media Advertisement policy

Question: What is the work of Directorate of Advertising & Visual Publicity (DAVP) ?

- (a) Advertising on behalf of various Ministries and organisations of Government of India
- (b) Framing Advertisement Policy
- (c) To limit advertising
- (d) None of these

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 10 June 2016, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has framed a New Print Media Advertisement Policy for Directorate of Advertising & Visual Publicity (DAVP).
- The objective to promote transparency and accountability in issuing of advertisements in print media. DAVP is the nodal agency of the Government of India for advertising on behalf of various Ministries/Departments/PSUs/Autonomous organizations which are funded by the Government. For the first time the policy introduces a New Marking System for newspapers to incentivize Newspapers who have better professional standing and get their circulation verified by ABC/ RNI.
- The marking system is based on six objective criterions with different marks allotted to each criterion: The criterion includes Circulation certified by ABC/RNI (25 marks), EPF subscription for employees (20 marks), number of pages (20 marks), Subscription to wire services of UNI/PTI/Hindustan Samachar (15 marks), Own printing press (10 marks), Annual subscription payment to PCI (10 marks).
- The policy framework includes circulation verification Procedure for empanelment of Newspapers/Journals with DAVP.
- The procedure involves certification by RNI/ABC if circulation exceeds 45,000 copies per publishing day; for circulation upto 45,000 copies per publishing day certificate from Cost/Chartered Accountant/ Statutory Auditor Certificate/ ABC is mandated.
- The policy also stipulates the empanelment procedure for Multi-Editions of a newspaper.
- It states that, as per the PRB Act whenever copies of one edition of a newspaper are printed from more than one centre and if the content of newspaper is different they would be treated as different editions
- For payment and adjustment of bills, the policy framework mandates that DAVP will release payment of advertisement bills in the name of newspaper/company account directly through ECS or NEFT.
- The policy stipulates that the rate structure for payment against advertisements released by DAVP will be as per recommendations of the Rate Structure Committee.
- DAVP would pay a premium of 50% above DAVP rates for colour/black & white for front page
- The policy has classified Newspaper/Journals into three categories namely Small (<25,000 copies per publishing day), Medium (25,001-75,000 copies per publishing day) and Big (>75,000 copies per publishing day).

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=146099>

Ministry of Information and
Broadcasting
Government of India



TCI –IIM report

Question: Which of the following ministry has launched the TCI –IIM report?

- (a) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
- (b) Ministry of Defence
- (c) Ministry of Agriculture
- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs

Ans:(a)

Related facts:



- On 7 June 2016 the Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Nitin Gadkari launched the TCI –IIM Calcutta joint study report.
- The report is based on a study commissioned by the Transport Corporation of India (TCI), of 28 routes in the country over the period 2014-15.
- The report released is on the operational efficiency of freight transportation by road in India.
- The TCI-IIM study is a follow-up study of the earlier studies, also commissioned by TCI, in 2008-09 and 2011-12.
- The 2014-15 study compares route statistics from the earlier report periods 2008-09 and 2011-12 to assess changes over this period.
- The report suggest that besides improving the toll collection infrastructure, the number of stops for various other purpose, such as documentation check and tax collection at state borders/check posts and on-road police intervention, should be minimized and the process of document checking.
- Tax collection should also simplified to facilitate a smooth and seamless flow of goods across the country.
- The report also recommends that Government should ensure that trucker replace their old, fuel-inefficient vehicles with new-generation fuel-efficient vehicles like multi-axle tractor-trailer units.
- The study also stresses upon the need to encourage multi – modal transportation of goods in a big way as this is more efficient, economic and environment friendly.

Reference:

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INTERNATIONAL

Cost of Living Survey-2016

Question: On 22 June 2016 the human resources consulting firm, “Mercer” issued the “Cost of Living Survey-2016. According to this which is the most expensive city in India ?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Hyderabad

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 22 June 2016 the human resources consulting firm, “Mercer” issued the “Cost of Living Survey-2016.
- It is 22nd edition of Mercer’s Cost of Living Survey .
- The survey includes over 375 cities throughout the world; this year’s ranking includes 209 cities across five continents.
- New York City is used as the base city for all comparisons and currency movements are measured against the US dollar.
- The survey measures the comparative cost of more than 200 items in each location, including housing, transportation, food, clothing, household goods, and entertainment.
- According to Mercer’s 2016 Cost of Living Survey, Hong Kong tops the list of most expensive cities for expatriates, pushing Luanda, Angola to second position.
- Zurich and Singapore remain in third and fourth positions, respectively, whereas Tokyo is in fifth, up six places from last year.
- Kinshasa, ranked sixth, appears for the first time in the top 10.
- Other cities appearing in the top 10 of Mercer’s costliest cities for expatriates are Shanghai (7), Geneva (8), N’Djamena (9), and Beijing (10).
- The world’s least expensive cities for expatriates, according to Mercer’s survey, are Windhoek (209), Cape Town (208), and Bishkek (207).
- Mumbai (82) is India’s most expensive city, followed by New Delhi (130) and Chennai (158).
- Kolkata (194) and Bangalore (180) are the least expensive Indian cities.

Reference:

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Orlando Nigtclub massacre

Question: On 12 June 2016 a mass shooting terrorist attack occurred in Orlando, United States which resulted in 49 deaths, Orlando is located in which of the following state of United States?

- (a) Florida
- (b) Texas
- (c) North Carolina
- (d) Alaska

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On June 12, 2016, a mass shooting terrorist attack occurred at 2:00 am inside Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, United States.
- The shooting resulted in 50 deaths, including the gunman, who was killed by police after a three-hour standoff. Another 53 were injured.
- The assailant was identified as 29-year-old Omar Mateen.
- He was an American born to parents of Afghan background.
- The attack was the deadliest mass shooting by a single gunman and the deadliest incident of violence against LGBT people in U.S. history, and also the deadliest terrorist attack in the U.S. since the September 11 attacks.
- Although responsibility for the attack was taken by ISIS but American security agencies has not confirmed.
- Investigators said that the attack may have been ISIL-inspired without being ISIL-directed.
- It should be known that he called 911 during his nearly three-hour standoff with the police, holding several hostages and pledging allegiance to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS).
- Mateen was on the FBI's radar twice, once in 2013 for inflammatory comments he made to co-workers about terrorist ties, and another in 2014 regarding possible connections to the first known American suicide bomber in Syria, Moner Abu-Salha. However, both cases were closed.
- In the context of this event, Omar's father said that Omar hated gay people and used to be very angry after seeing them kissing in public places.
- Currently, Religious fanaticism or hatred based gender bias whichever may be the cause of the incident . It is almost certain that this incident will impact the ongoing debate on terrorism and also attitudes of American society towards minorities.

Reference:

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Time magazine's 2016 list of "Next Generation Leaders"

Question: Which of the following Indian software engineer has found a place in Time magazine's 2016 list of "Next Generation Leaders"?

- (a) Azim Premji
- (b) Umesh Sachdev
- (c) N.R Narayana Murthy
- (d) Narendra Bansal

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 3 June 2016 Time Magazine released the 'Next Generation Leaders' list for the year 2016.
- It comprises 10 individuals from various faculties that the magazine believes are doing distinguished things in their own areas.
- Thirty-year-old Umesh Sachdev, co-founder and chief executive officer (CEO) of Uniphore Software Systems Pvt Ltd, has been selected as one of the 10 'Next Generation Leaders' in 2016 by Time Magazine.
- Uniphore Software Systems Pvt Ltd ,Chennai-based startup produces software that allows people to interact with their phones and access services such as online banking by communicating in their native languages
- Others in the list include Irish actor Saoirse Ronan, Liberian water activist Saran Kaba Jones, American Olympic gymnast Simone Biles, British teenage playwright Polly Stenham, American environmental justice activist Destiny Watford, German refugee activist Firas Alshater, South Korean model Irene Kim, rock climber Ashima Shiraishi from the US, and Brazilian geologist Francesco Sauro.

Reference:

<http://time.com/collection/next-generation-leaders/>

<http://time.com/4352597/umesh-sachdev-next-generation-leaders/>



World's most powerful female politician

Question: Name the world's most powerful female politician, according to the recent release made by Forbes Magazine.

- (a) Hillary Clinton
- (b) Angela Merkel
- (c) Aung San Suu Kyi
- (d) Mitchell Badet

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 6 June 2016; Forbes Magazine released the list of World's 13th list of 100 Most Powerful Women.
- The women leaders were listed under seven categories namely, Billionaires, Business, Finance, Media, Politics, Philanthropists and NGOs.
- Magazine includes 26 women in the politics category.
- German Chancellor Angela Merkel has topped the list in Politics category. Making herself the world's most powerful female politician.
She is followed by U.S. presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen.
- It should be noted that Chancellor Angela Merkel has topped the World's Most Powerful Woman ten times, from 2006 to 2009 and again from 2011 to 2016.

Reference:

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World's 100 Highest-Paid Athletes list-2016

Question: Forbes on 8 June 2016 released the list of 2016 World's 100 Highest-Paid Athletes. The list has been topped by –

- (a) Floyd Mayweather
- (b) Cristiano Ronaldo
- (c) Lionel Messi
- (d) Maria sarapova

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 8 June 2016;The famous American magazine Forbes released the list of 2016-World's 100 Highest-Paid Athletes.
- The list has been topped by soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal with earnings of 88 million US dollars.
- Last year(2015) Floyd Mayweather has topped the list with 300 million US dollars of earnings, this year he is placed at 16th position with the earnings of 44 million US dollars.
- Other soccer superstar Lionel Messi ranks No. 2 with earnings of 81.4 million US dollars.
- The basketball player, LeBron James ranks third with total earnings of \$77.2 million and Roger Federer is the top-earning athlete in an individual sport with 67.8 million US dollars, ranks fourth followed by Basket ball player Kevin Durant with 56.2 million US dollars.
- Novak Djokovic lands in the top 10 for the first time at No. 6 with 55.8 million US dollars over the past 12 months.
- This year, the list does not include any Indian player, last year Indian cricket team captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni was included in the list.
- Serena Williams (No. 40) of America and Maria Sharapova (No. 88) of Russia are the only two women to make the cut in the list for the second straight year with 40th and 88th rank respectively in the list.
- This list has been published since 2007.

Reference:

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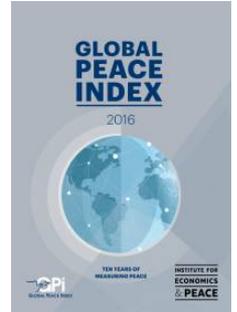


Global Peace Index-2016

Question: India ranked at which of the following position in Global Peace Index (GPI)-2016 released by London based Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)?

- (a) 142nd
- (b) 141st
- (c) 143rd
- (d) 145th

Ans.(b)



Related facts:

- On 8th June 2016 London based Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) released the Global Peace Index (GPI)-2016.
- This was the 10th edition of the index.
- The central theme of the 2016 Global Peace Index is “Ten Years of Measuring Peace”.
- The index has ranked total 163 countries according to their level of peace.
- The GPI covers more than 99.7 per cent of the global population.
- The index gauges on domestic and international conflicts, safety and security in the society.
- The index also looks into the degree of militarisation in 163 countries by taking into account 23 indicators.
- The tenth anniversary report presents the most comprehensive analysis on the trends in peace and violence over the last decade.
- The 2016 edition expands its coverage by including Palestine for the first time.
- Over the past year, 81 countries improved their ranking in peacefulness, while 79 countries deteriorated.
- The average deterioration was larger than the average improvement, contributing to the global drop in score.
- Europe is regarded as the most peaceful region in the world although its average score deteriorated in this year’s report in the wake of terrorism incidents in Paris and Brussels.
- The economic impact of violence on the global economy in 2015 was \$13.6 trillion in purchasing power parity (PPP) terms.

- Iceland with the minimum score of 1.192 has been ranked as the most peaceful country for the consecutive ninth time while Syria with the maximum score of 3.806 has been named as the least peaceful, followed by 162nd South Sudan (Score -3.593), 161st – Iraq (Score -3.570), 160th -Afghanistan (Score 3.538), 159th – Somalia (Score -3.414) 158th Yemen (score -3.399).
- It may be recalled that Iceland was not include in the first list of Global Peace Index (GPI)-2007.
- Denmark (score 1.246) and Austria (score 1.278) are ranked at number 2nd and 3rd position respectively.
- India is ranked as the 141st country in the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2016 and is ranked fifth out of the seven countries in the South Asian region.
- Last year (2015) India's rank was 143rd.
- In South Asia, Bhutan was ranked best (13th overall rank), while India was fifth followed by Pakistan at sixth (overall 153rd) and Afghanistan at sixth place (overall 160th).
- Among India's neighbours Bhutan is ranked 13th (score -1.445), Nepal 78th (score -2.026), Bangladesh 83rd (score -2.045), Sri Lanka 97th (score-2.133), Pakistan 153rd (score-3.145) and Afghanistan 160th (score-3.538).
- The ranking of some other major countries is as follows: South Africa 126th (score -2.316), Brazil 105th (score -2.176), the United States 103rd (Score -2.154), the United Kingdom 47th (score -1.830), Japan, the 9th (score -1.395) and China 120th (score -2.288).
- Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) is an independent international think tank dedicated to shifting the world's focus to peace as a positive, achievable and tangible measure of human well-being and progress.

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<http://www.visionofhumanity.org/#/page/our-gpi-findings>

Swiss basic income (UBI) proposal in referendum

Question: Who is the author of the book named “Voting for Freedom: The 2016 Swiss Referendum on Basic Income: A Milestone in the Advancement of Democracy”?

- (a) Daniel Hani and Philip Kovce
- (b) Samuel Huntington
- (c) Roger Eatwell
- (d) Matthew Smith

Ans.(a)

Related facts:

- On 5th June 2016 Switzerland became the first country in the world to hold a referendum on Unconditional Basic Income (UBI).
- The amount to be paid was not determined before the vote, but the political-group behind the initiative suggested paying 2500 US dollars a month to each adult and 640 US dollars for each child.
- Out of the total votes polled 76.9 percent were against the plan, while only 23.1 percent were in favour of it.
- The proposal for providing unconditional basic income was raised in the backdrop of decreasing job opportunities, increasing automation at workplace and growing uncertainties in the market caused by economic downturn.
- Supporters argued that providing such income would assist people in a world where good jobs with steady salaries are becoming harder to find.
- While the government opposed the proposal claiming it would lead to sky-high costs, people quitting their jobs in large number and burden on the economy.

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World's 100 Most Powerful Women

Question: How many Indians have been named in recently released World's 100 Most Powerful Women list?

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

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 6 June 2016 Forbes an American business magazine has released the list of World's 100 Most Powerful Women of 2016 .
- The 100 most powerful women on the list represent eight categories or power bases: billionaires, business, finance, media, politics, philanthropists and NGOs, and technology.
- The world's most powerful woman in the list is German Chancellor Angela Merkel who ranked first for the sixth consecutive year.
- The top three most powerful in the list are politicians: Germany's Angela Merkel, U.S. presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and Federal Reserve Chair, Janet Yellen.
- Melinda Ann Gates, the co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has been ranked fourth in the list.
- Mary Barra, CEO of General Motors has been ranked fifth in the list and tops the list in the automotive section.
- Four Indians have been named in the Forbes list of World's 100 Most Powerful Women of 2016.
- Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chair-Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI) stood at 25th position compared to last year's 30th position.
- Chanda Kochhar, MD and CEO of ICICI Bank, was placed at 40th position compared to last year's 35th position.
- Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Founder-chair of Biocon Limited, was placed at 77th position compared to last year's 93rd position.
- Shobhana Bhartia, Chairperson and Editorial Director of the Hindustan Times Media, is placed at 93rd position.
- Apart from them, one women of Indian-origin, PepsiCo Chief Indra Nooyi is placed at 14th position.
- In the list Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counselor, Myanmar has been ranked 25th. Nepal's first female president Vidya Devi Bhandari, Prime minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, are ranked 52nd and 36th respectively.

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The Good Country Index, 2015

Question: In recently released 2015 Good Country Index (GCI), India has been placed at which of the following position?

- (a) 80th
- (b) 75th
- (c) 70th
- (d) 65th

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- In June 2016 Good Country Index (GCI)-2015 was released.
- The report ranked a total of 163 countries taking 35 different UN and World Bank indices into account, including global contributions to science, culture, peace and security, climate change and health and equality.
- In the list of Good Country Index (GCI)-2015 which includes world's 163 countries, Sweden is at the first place.
- Followed by Denmark, the Netherlands, the UK, Germany, Finland, Canada, France, Austria and New Zealand.
- While the last ranked good country of the world is Libya.
- The last five ranked countries are Libya (163th), Guinea (162th), Mauritania (161th), the Central African Republic (160th) and Iraq (159th).
- India positioned at 70th position overall, three places below China(67th), with the best ranking (27th) in 'international peace and security' and the worst (124th) in 'prosperity and equality'.
- While the country stood at 37th position in health and wellbeing and 62nd in science and technology, it was ranked 119th in culture, 106th in climate and 100th in world order.
- Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh were the world's 85th, 117th and 121st good countries, respectively.
- Among the BRICS nations, Russia was two ranks lower than India with rank 72, while Brazil, South Africa and China ranked higher with 43, 52 and 67th rank, respectively.
- Among the developed nations Canada ranked 7th, France 8th ,Italy 18th,Japan 19th and United states 21st.
- Singapore, placed 24th, topped the good country list from Asia.
- In 2014, Ireland had topped the first Good Country Index, outranking 130 other countries.

Reference:

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Hiroshima Peace Memorial

Question: Who is the first American president to pay homage at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial?

- (a) Barak Obama
- (b) Bill Clinton
- (c) George W. Bush
- (d) Truman

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 27 May 2016 US President Barack Obama paid homage at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial during his historic visit to Japan.
- He became the first sitting US president to visit the site of the world's first atomic bomb attack.
- The official trip of US President Barack Obama comes more than 71 years after an American plane dropped nuclear bomb.
- It should be known that Barack Obama was on a visit to Japan from 26 May 2016 to 27 May 2016 to meet with the other leaders of the G-7 in Ise-Shima, Japan
- US dropped two atomic bombs on Japan during World War II.
- The first bombing dubbed 'Little Boy' was done at Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, claimed the lives of 140,000 people.
- Three days later (On 9 August 1945) US dropped a second bomb dubbed as 'Fat Man' on the city of Nagasaki in which 70,000 more people were killed.

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ECONOMICS

AIIB approved first loans for projects in four countries

Question: Recently AIIB has approved first loans for projects in four countries. Which of the following country is not included ?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Afghanistan

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- On 24 June 2016 the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's Board of Directors approved its first 4 loans totalling \$509 million to finance 4 projects.
- Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Tajikistan will get the first set of loans totalling \$ 509 million.
- Three of the 4 projects are co-financing operations with multilateral development bank (MDB) partners.
- The approved loans includes:
 - A \$165 million loan for a Power Distribution System Upgrade and Expansion Project in Bangladesh;
 - A \$216.5 million loan for a National Slum Upgrading Project in Indonesia, expected to be co-financed with the World Bank;
 - A \$100 million loan to finance the Shorkot-Khanewal Section of National Motorway M-4 in Pakistan, co-financed with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID); एंड
 - A \$ 27.5 million loan for the Dushanbe-Uzbekistan Border Road Improvement Project in Tajikistan, co-financed with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).
- The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is an international financial institution that aims to support the building of infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region.
- The bank started operation after the agreement entered into force on 25 December 2015 with the capital of \$100 billion.
- China is the largest shareholder with 26.6 per cent voting shares. India is the second largest shareholder with 7.5 per cent voting shares.
- Its headquarters is in Beijing, capital city of China.
- Jin Liqun is currently the President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

Reference:

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World Bank report ;India Development Update

Question: At what percent did World Bank retained the growth rate for India in 2016-17, in its report named “India Development Update- Financing Double Digit Growth”?

- (a) 7.6
- (b) 7.5
- (c) 7.2
- (d) 7.3

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 19 June 2016 World Bank published its “India Development Update- Financing Double Digit Growth report”.
- The World Bank’s “India Development Update” is a bi-annual report on the economy and its prospects.
- According to the reports India’s economy expanded at a faster pace even as several growth engines stalled: agriculture faced a second consecutive drought year, rural households were under stress, private investments flat-lined, and exports plummeted.
- Despite these drags, the working engines demand from urban households and public investments propelled the economy to a higher growth path.
- According to the reports the GDP growth accelerated to 7.6 percent y/y in Financial Year 2016.
- The GDP growth rate was an average of 6.5 percent during Financial Year 2013 to Financial Year 2015.
- Gross value-added (GVA) growth also accelerated, led by a pickup in industrial activities and a reliable contribution from services.
India is expected to remain on this growth path and sustain the 7.6 percent growth rate into Financial Year 2017.
- In the report growth rate of the Indian economy is estimated to be 7.7% and 7.8% in the financial year 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively.
- In contrast, private consumption accelerated to 7.4 percent y/y in Financial Year 2015-16 from 6.2 percent in Financial Year 2014-15
Growth in manufacturing and services is likely to be at 7.4% and 8.9% respectively which have created jobs in Urban areas.
- The rate of inflation was low mainly due to lower food prices.

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Government approved 100 percent FDI in several sectors

Question: On 20 June 2016 the high-level meeting chaired by the Prime Minister has increased the FDI in the defence sector (FDI) to what percentage?

- (a) 74%
- (b) 100%
- (c) 51%
- (d) 49%

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 20 June 2016 high-level meeting chaired by the Prime Minister has increased the percentage limit of Foreign Direct Investment(FDI) in several sectors.
- The government announced 100 per cent foreign direct investment in the defence sector .
- In defence sector present FDI limit permits 49% FDI participation in the equity of a company under automatic route. FDI above 49% is permitted through Government approval on case to case basis.
- The extant FDI policy on Airports permitted to 100% FDI under automatic route in Greenfield Projects and 74% FDI in Brownfield Projects under automatic route.
- FDI beyond 74% for Brownfield Projects is provided under government route.
- Among other decisions, 100 per cent FDI has been permitted in teleports, direct-to-home, cable networks and mobile TV under the automatic route.
- The government has decided to relax local sourcing norms up to three years and a relaxed sourcing regime for another five years for entities undertaking Single Brand Retail Trading of products having 'state-of-art' and 'cutting edge' technology.

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CCEA approved disinvestment of paid up equity of HUDCO

Question: Recently the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs(CCEA) has given its approval for disinvestment of how much percent of paid up equity of Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO)?

- (a) 10%
- (b) 15%
- (c) 12%
- (d) 5%

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 15 June 2016 the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval for disinvestment of 10% paid up equity of Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) .
- This approval was given out of Government of India's shareholding of 100% through Initial Public Offering (IPO) in the domestic market as per the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Rules and Regulation.
- The paid up equity capital of HUDCO is Rs.2001.90 crore and Government of India owns 100% Of the equity at present.
- Net worth of the Company is approximately Rs. 7,800 Cr.
- HUDCO was incorporated on 25th April 1970 as a wholly owned Government of India Enterprise under the administrative control of Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.
- Its objective is to provide long term finance for construction of houses for residential purposes.

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Axis Bank launched India's first certified green bond

Question: Which one of the following Indian leading capital markets bank opened trading at the London Stock Exchange (LSE) with a bond, which is certified by the Climate Bonds Standards Board?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Bank of Baroda
- (c) ICICI
- (d) Axis Bank

Ans.(d)

Related facts:

- Axis Bank on 6th June 2016 launched India's first internationally-listed certified green bond to finance climate change programmes around the world.
- The bond raised \$500 million at the London Stock Exchange.
- This is Asia's first internationally listed certified green bond which has been listed on London Stock Exchange. This bond is certified by the Climate Bonds Standards Board.
- The funds received from the bond will be invested in green energy, transportation and infrastructure projects, underpinning India's commitment to produce 175,000 MW of renewable power by 2022.
- A bond is a debt instrument which an entity uses to raise capital from investors. The bond issuer gets capital while the investors receive fixed income in the form of interest. When the bond matures, the money is repaid.
- A green bond is very similar. The only difference is that the issuer of a green bond declares that capital is being raised to fund 'green' projects like renewable energy, emission reductions and so on.

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Global Economic Prospects report, June 2016

Question: What per cent Global Growth is Forecasted in the latest Global Economic Prospects report released by the World Bank?

- (a) 2.4%
- (b) 2.5%
- (c) 2.7%
- (d) 3.4%

Ans.(a)

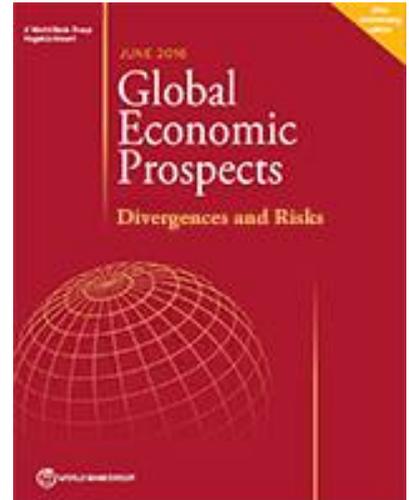
Related facts:

- On 7th June 2016 World Bank released Global Economic Prospects report-2016.
- In this report World Bank has forecasted 2.4% global growth in 2016.
- The report states that world economy would grow at 2.4% in 2016 and 2.8% in 2017. This is lower than the earlier forecast of 2.9% and 3.1% respectively done in January 2016.
- The cut in global forecast was due to mediocre growth experienced by advanced economies, while low commodity prices, weak global trade and stilted capital flows also impacted.
- According to the report, developing economies are forecasted to grow by 3.5 per cent in 2016, which is 0.6 % lower than its January's projection.
- Whereas, advanced economies are expected to grow at 1.7 % this year, which is 0.5% lower than its January forecast.
- According to the latest update of Global Economic Prospects report, commodity-exporting emerging markets and developing economies have struggled to adapt to lower prices for oil and other key commodities causing 40% downward revision.
- Growth in these economies is projected to advance at 0.4% pace this year, a downward revision of 1.2 % from the January outlook.
- Among major emerging market economies, China is forecast to grow at 6.7% in 2016 after 6.9% last year.
- India's robust economic expansion is expected to hold steady at 7.6%, while Brazil and Russia are projected to remain in deeper recessions than forecast in January.
- South Africa is forecasted to grow at a 0.6% rate in 2016, which is 0.8% more slowly than the January forecast.
- Global Economic Prospects (GEP) is World Bank's bi-annual Report which studies the trend in the economic growth and its impact on developing countries.
- The last GEP report was released on 6th January, 2016.

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Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement, 2016-17

Question: On 7 June 2016 Reserve Bank of India has issued Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement, 2016-17. In this the percentage of growth during 2016-17 is estimated to be-

- (a) 7.5%
- (b) 7.6%
- (c) 7.8%
- (d) 7.2%

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 7 June 2016 Reserve Bank of India Governor, Dr. Raghuram G. Rajan has issued Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement, 2016-17.
- RBI in its Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement, 2016-17 has kept policy rates, reserve cash reserve ratio of net demand and term liabilities unchanged.
- Repo rate under the (LAF: Liquidity Adjustment Facility) is kept unchanged at 6.5%.
- Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the LAF will remain unchanged at 6.0 per cent, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at 7.0 per cent.
- RBI kept the cash reserve ratio (CRR) of scheduled banks unchanged at 4.0 per cent of net demand and time liabilities (NDTL).
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) is also kept unchanged at 21.5%
- Earlier, RBI had cut the repo rate by 0.25 % to 6.5 % in April in its first bi-monthly monetary policy review of the current financial year.
- The gross value added (GVA) growth projection for 2016-17 has been retained at 7.6 per cent.

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Cabinet approves setting up of India Post Payments Bank

Question: With what percent Government of India's (GOI) equity recently the Union Cabinet has given its approval for setting up the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) as a Public Limited Company under the Department of Posts?

- (a) 80%
- (b) 75%
- (c) 51%
- (d) 100%

Ans: (d)

Related facts:

- On 1 June 2016 the Union Cabinet has given its approval for setting up the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) as a Public Limited Company under the Department of Posts, with 100% Government of India (GOI) equity.
- The total expenditure involved in this project is Rs 800 Crore.
- All citizens, especially 40% of the country's population that is outside the ambit of formal banking in the country will benefit from this project.
- The project will be rolled out in the entire country in a phased manner.
- The IPPB will obtain banking licence from RBI by March 2017 .
- By September 2017, its services will be available across the country through 650 payments bank branches.
- These branches, linked post offices and alternative channels riding on modern technology including mobiles, ATMs, PoS/ m-PoS devices etc and simple digital payments.
- Setting-up of the IPPB to further financial inclusion was one of the budgetary announcements during 2015-16.
- The Department of Posts had obtained the "in-principle approval" of the RBI in September 2015 to set up the India Post Payments Bank.

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SCIENTIFIC

Mars crater officially named as “Langtang”

Question: Recently the International Astronomical Union(IAU) has officially named a Mars crater “Langtang”. Langtang is a-

- (a) One of the villages worst hit by the 2015 earthquake in Nepal.
- (b) China’s endangered bird species
- (c) An ancient city of Bhutan
- (d) A rare species of tree in Arunachal Pradesh

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 14 June 2016 the International Astronomical Union(IAU) has named a 9.8km (six mile) wide crater on Mars as “Langtang”.
- “Langtang’ is one of the villages worst hit by the 2015 earthquake in Nepal.
- At least 215 people were killed in Langtang during earthquake.
- This crater is scientifically important.
- The crater has marks of “water flows” on the top and below them ridges (the remains of former glaciers).
- It may be recalled that Nepal was hit by earthquake on 25 April 2015, which resulted in extensive loss of life and property.

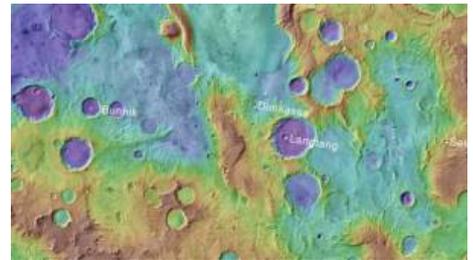
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Two commercial satellites are launched

Question: Name the company which has launched two commercial communications satellites, Eutelsat 117 West B and ABS-2A successfully in Geosynchronous Transfer Orbits (GTO).

- (a) Space X
- (b) NASA
- (c) ISRO
- (d) None of the above

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 15 June 2016 SpaceX, an American aerospace manufacturer and space transport services company has successfully delivered two commercial communications satellites, Eutelsat 117 West B and ABS-2A, to their targeted Geosynchronous Transfer Orbits (GTO).
- The satellite were launched using SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket from Space Launch Complex 40 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida.
- The two satellites, EUTELSAT 117 West B and ABS-2A, are operated respectively by Eutelsat and ABS – two companies that provide global communications services to a variety of users.
- The two satellites are delivered to Geostationary Transfer Orbits (GTO).
- While returning the reusable rocket was destroyed just before landing on floating barge in the Atlantic Ocean.
- Falcon 9 is a family of two-stage-to-orbit launch vehicle both stages are powered by rocket engines that burn liquid oxygen (LOX) and rocket-grade kerosene (RP-1) propellants.

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Indigenous Trainer Aircraft Makes Inaugural Flight

Question: The Indigenous Trainer Aircraft HTT 40 (Basic Trainer Aircraft – BTA) is designed and developed by-

- (a) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- (b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- (c) Indian Airforce
- (d) Brahmos Aerospace

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 17 June 2016 India's indigenous basic trainer aircraft, Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40) made its inaugural flight here in the presence of Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.
- The two-seater aircraft designed and developed by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- It may be recalled that HAL rolled out the first prototype on 2 February 2016.
- The new aircraft will replace the ageing fleet of HAL HPT-32 Deepak trainers that are in service with the IAF.
- HTT-40 aircraft weighs about 2,800 kg and will develop a maximum power output of 950 shaft horsepower (shp).

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Great Barrier Reef's only endemic mammal goes Extinct

Question: What is the reason behind extinction of Great Barrier Reef's only endemic (found nowhere else) mammal species?

- (a) Climate change
- (b) Hunting
- (c) Lack of food
- (d) None of the above

Ans:(a)



Related facts:

- According to the report published on 14 June 2016, Australian Great Barrier Reef rodent goes Extinct
- It was believed to be Great Barrier Reef's only endemic (found nowhere else) mammal species.
- It is the first recorded extinction of a mammal anywhere in the world thought to be primarily due to human-induced (anthropogenic) climate change.
- The last known sighting of this species was in 2009 by a professional fisherman.
- The news of extinction was revealed in the report of a survey led by Ian Gynther from Queensland's Department of Environment and Heritage Protection in partnership with the University of Queensland.
- It should be noted that the Australian rats are commonly called as Bramble Cay melomys.
- It was mainly found in a small coral cay called Bramble Cay located off the north coast of Queensland in the Torres Strait between Australia and Papua New Guinea.

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Scientists have found a solution to the climate change

Question: Name the project under which scientists from Iceland have discovered a new way to trap the greenhouse gas (GHG) carbon dioxide (CO₂) deep underground by changing it into rock?

- (a) Carbon Print (b) Carb-Fix
(c) Carbon Tally (d) Carbon Rock

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- According to the article published by journal "Science" on 10 June 2016, scientists from Iceland have discovered a new way to trap the greenhouse gas (GHG) carbon dioxide (CO₂) deep underground by changing it into rock.
- The new way was discovered by Scientists from Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and other institutions as part of a two year's pilot program called CarbFix project.
- In the CarbFix project, scientists pumped CO₂ and water, 540 metre underground into volcanic rock at the Hellisheidi geothermal power plant.
- In this method, CO₂ is dissolved with water (termed as carbonation) is pumped into volcanic rocks called basalts
- Later, the CO₂ solidifies turning into a solid mineral (calcite), which can then be stored. In the research it was found that 95% of the gas was captured and converted in two years.
- Britain recently cancelled a major project named "carbon capture & Stored (CCS)".

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Malware Infection Index 2016

Question: Malware is an abbreviated term formed from the combination of which of the following two words ?

- (a) Multiple and Software
- (b) Malicious and Software
- (c) Malafide and Software
- (d) None of these

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 7 June 2016 Microsoft Asia launched its Malware Infection Index 2016 (MII2016).
- The index identifies the key malware threats and ranks markets in 19 Asia Pacific countries.
- The Malware Infection Index 2016 revealed the locations with the highest malware encounter rates was Pakistan, followed by Indonesia, Bangladesh, Nepal and Vietnam respectively.
- Each country had an average of close to 40 percent or more computers encountering malware, compared to the worldwide average of only 20.8 percent, as of 4Q 2015, up from 17.6 percent in 1Q 2015.
- India stands at No. 8 in region.
- The top three most-encountered malware families in the Asia Pacific region were Gamarue, a worm which can give a malicious hacker control of your PC; and Trojans Skeeyah and Peals.
- These malware can steal personal information, download more malware or give hackers access to your PC.

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Food and Safety Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) ban the use of potentially cancer-causing chemical, potassium bromate

Question: Name the chemical used in breads which was recently banned by Food and Safety Standard Authority of India (FSSAI), after a study by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) named it as one of two chemicals that could cause cancer?

- (a) Potassium bromate
- (b) Potassium nitrate
- (c) Potassium sulphate
- (d) Potassium chlorate

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 23 May 2016 Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) in its report claimed the presence of cancer-causing chemicals, potassium bromate and potassium iodate in breads.
- In 1999, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classified potassium bromate as possibly carcinogenic (cancer causing) to humans.
- Potassium iodate was found to cause tumors of the kidney, thyroid and cancer of the abdominal lining in laboratory animals.
- Potassium bromate/iodate are banned in many countries because of its harmful effects on human beings but was not banned in India so far.
- Due to the harmful effects of potassium bromate and potassium iodate on Human health Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) recommended the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to ban its use.
- On 24 May 2016 Food and Safety Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) banned the use of potassium bromated and spoke about the evaluation of potassium iodate as possibly carcinogenic (cancer causing).
- The study, conducted by CSE's Pollution Monitoring Laboratory (PML), says Indian bread manufacturers use potassium bromate and potassium iodate for treating flour while making bread.
- Considering potassium bromate as a 'genotoxic carcinogen', the JECFA (WHO/FAO Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives) in 1992 said that "use of potassium bromate as a flour treatment agent was not appropriate".
- The European Union had already banned its use in 1990 and so did the UK. Subsequently, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China, Sri Lanka, Brazil, Nigeria, Peru and Columbia have also decided against its use.
- CODEX Alimentarius, an international body which sets safety standards for food commodities, formally withdrew specifications of potassium bromate in 2012 – which means the presence of bromate in food was considered unsafe and illegal for international trade.

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SPORTS

TENNIS

Gerry Weber Open-2016

Question: Who has won the title of men's singles in the recently held Gerry Weber Open-2016?

- (a) Florian Mayer
- (b) Alexander Zverev
- (c) Roger Federer
- (d) Tommy Robredo

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- From 13 to 19 June 2016; The Gerry Weber Open-2016 tennis tournament was played in Germany.
- It took place at the Gerry Weber Stadium in Halle.
- The matches of this game used to be played on outdoor grass courts.
- It was the 24th edition of the event and part of the ATP World Tour 500 series of the 2016 ATP World Tour.

- Result of the tournament is as follows:

Men's singles:

- Winner: Florian Mayer(Germany)
- Runner Up: Alexander Zverev(Germany)

Men's Doubles:

- Winner: Raven Klaasen(South Africa) and Rajeev Ram(United States)
- Runner Up: Lukasz Kubot(Poland) and Alexander Peya(Austria)

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French Open

Question: Who has won the men's singles title in the recently held French Open?

- (a) Novak Djokovic
- (b) Andy Murray
- (c) Marc Lopez
- (d) Mike Bryan

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- From 16 May to 5 June French Open the second Grand Slam event of the year took place at the Stade Roland Garros.
- The 2016 French Open often referred to as Roland Garros.
- It was the 115th edition of the French Open.
- The result of the competition is as follows:

Men's singles:

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

Women's Singles:

- Winner: Garbiñe Muguruza(Spain)
- Runner Up: Serena Williams(United States)

Men's Doubles:

- Winner: Feliciano Lopez and Marc Lopez(Both are of Spain)
- Runner Up: Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan(Both are of United States)

Women's Doubles:

- Winner : Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic(Both are of France)
- Runner Up: Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina(Both are of Russia)

Mixed Doubles:

- Winner : Martina Hingis(Switzerland) and Leander Paes(India)
- Runner Up: Sania Mirza(India) and Ivan Dodig(Croatia)

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CRICKET

India's tour of Zimbabwe

Question: Who has been selected as the “Player of the series” in recently held ODI series between India and Zimbabwe?

- (a) Brinder Saran
- (b) K.L Rahul
- (c) Mandeep Singh
- (d) Jaspreet Bumrah

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- From 11 to 22 June 2016; Indian cricket team was on Zimbabwe tour.
- During this the two countries has played three one-day international and three international Twenty20 match series.
- India won the three-match one-day international series by 3-0.
- Indian batsman who scored 196, the highest in one-day series K.L Rahul (Kannur Lokesh Rahul) has been declared as the “Player of the Series”.
- Indian bowler, Jaspreet Bumrah took maximum 9 wickets in the series.
- K L Rahul become the first Indian and 11th Batsman in the world to score a century in his debut ODI match.
- He in his first match of the series, scored an unbeaten 100 in 115 balls.
- India won the third ODI by 10 wickets and achieved this milestone for the sixth time.
- Indian captain MS Dhoni in the same match became the fourth wicketkeeper in the ODIs to claim 350 dismissals in the format.
- India won the three international Twenty20 match series by 2-1.
- Most wicket taker Indian bowler, Brinder Saran has been declared as ‘Player of the Series’ in the Twenty20 series.
- Indian player Mandeep Singh scored 87, the highest run by an individual in the Twenty20 series.
- Zimbabwe won the first match of the Twenty20 international series against India and this was their second won against India.
- Zimbabwe scored 170 runs in the same Twenty20 match against India is the highest score made by Zimbabwe against India.



- Earlier, their highest score against India was 145 runs.
- K.L Rahul become the first player to be dismissed on the first ball of any international Twenty20 innings.
- Donald Tiripano took his wicket on the first ball.
- With this Rahul become the second player to got out on first ball in T20I debut.
- Previously the record was registered in the name of Dhoni.
- Jaspreet Bumrah in the first match became the first Indian bowler to take 50 wickets in Twenty20 in a calendar year .
- Internationally the record of most wicket taken in a calendar year held by Dwayne Bravo (West Indies).
- Bravo, in 2015 took 69 wickets in 47 matches.
- Brinder Saran debuting in the second Twenty20 match took 4 wickets in 4 overs by giving 10 runs.
- This is India's best bowling performance in Twenty20 debut.
- Pragyan Ojha was the previous record holder who gave 21 runs against Bangladesh and took 4 wickets.
- India won the second Twenty20 match by 10 wickets.
- This was the first 10-wicket win in International Twenty20 matches for India.
- Third match of Twenty20 was 324th match for M.S Dhoni as the captain.
- Graeme Cremer was the captain and Makhaya Ntini was stand-in coach of Zimbabwe cricket team.

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IPL-9 Twenty20 cricket tournament

Question: Which of the following team won the ninth edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL)?

- (a) Sunrisers Hyderabad
- (b) Royal Challengers Bangalore
- (c) Kolkata Knight Riders
- (d) Chennai Super Kings

Ans:(a)

Related facts:



- On 29 May 2016 Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) won the ninth edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL).
- This season of the Indian Premier League, abbreviated as IPL 9 or VIVO IPL 2016, is the ninth season of the IPL.
- IPL is a professional Twenty20 cricket league, which was established by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- The tournament was played between 9 April 2016 and 29 May 2016.
- The final was played at the Chinnaswamy stadium in Bangalore; Sunrisers Hyderabad defeated Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) by eight runs.
- Ben Cutting of Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) won the title of Man of the Match for scoring 39 off 15 balls and two wickets by giving 35 runs in the final match.
- Virat Kohli of Royal Challengers Bangalore won the title of Most Valuable Player.
- IPL-9: Key Facts:
- Orange Cap (For scoring most runs) -Virat Kohli (973 runs), Royal Challengers Bangalore.
- Purple Cap (For highest wicket taker) -Bhuvneshwar Kumar (23 wickets), Sunrisers Hyderabad.
- Fair Play Award-Sunrisers Hyderabad.
- Highest individual score-(In one inning) –Ab de Villiers (129 Not Out), Royal Challengers Bangalore, against Gujarat Lions).
- The fastest half century-Kieron Pollard (Mumbai Indians), 51 runs off 17 balls and Chris Morris (Delhi Daredevils), 50 runs off 17 balls.

The fastest century-AB de Villiers (Royal Challengers Bangalore) 129 runs off 43 balls, against Gujarat Lions.

- Most sixes -38, Virat Kohli (Royal Challengers Bangalore)
- Most boundaries-88, David Warner (Sunrisers Hyderabad)
- Best emerging player- Mustafizur Rahman (Sunrisers Hyderabad)
- Four players to score century in IPL-9 are -AB de Villiers (Royal Challengers Bangalore), Virat Kohli (Royal Challengers Bangalore), Quinton de Kock (Delhi Daredevils), and Steve Smith (Pune Suprgiants Rising).
- In this season, the highest score in an innings was 248/3 by Royal Challengers Bangalore against Gujarat Lions.
- The best bowling performance in an innings was of Adam Zampa (Took 6 wickets by giving 19 runs in 4 overs) of Rising Pune Supergiants .
- Winner-Sunrisers Hyderabad(Rs 15 crore)
- Runner Up-Royal Challengers Bangalore (Rs 10 crore)

Reference:

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<http://www.iplt20.com/stats>

<http://www.iplt20.com/results>

<http://www.iplt20.com/news/2016/more-news/7950/preview-final-rcb-v-srh>

HOCKEY

Men's Hockey Champions Trophy-2016

Question: Which of the following team has won the 2016 Men's Hockey Champions Trophy?

- (a) India
- (b) England
- (c) Australia
- (d) Germany

Ans: (c)

Related facts:

- From 10 to 17 June 2016; Men's Hockey Champions Trophy-2016 was held in London, United Kingdom.
- It was a 36th edition of the Hockey Champions Trophy for men.
- Final standings of the Hero Hockey Champions Trophy 2016 is as follows, 1: Australia, 2: India, 3: Germany, 4: Great Britain, 5: Belgium, 6: Korea
- In the final match held on 17 June 2016 Australia defeated India by 3-1 to win Gold.
- In the final match played at London (United Kingdom), both teams in regulation period (60 Minutes) failed to score goals. However in the penalty shootout Australia managed to defeat India by scoring 3 goals to 1 goal.
- India settled for silver after losing to Australia in penalty shootout.
- Defending champions Germany defeated England 1-0 to win the bronze medal.
- Belgium defeated South Korea with the score of 4-3 to secure fifth position in the Championship.
- This was 14th Champions Trophy title for Australia.
- This was best ever Champions Trophy performance of India.
- India's previous best performance in the Champions Trophy was a bronze medal in 1982.
- Awards:
 - Top Goalscorer: Marco Miltkau (4 goals)(Germany)
 - Player of the Tournament: Tobias Hauke(Germany)
 - Goalkeeper of the Tournament: George Pinner(United Kingdom)
 - Young Player of the Tournament: Hamanpreet Singh(India)

Reference:

<http://www.fih.ch/events/champions-trophy/2016-mens-champions-trophy/>

<http://stats.fih.ch/#men>

<http://fi.ch/events/champions-trophy/2016-mens-champions-trophy/news/hero-hockey-champions-trophy-2016-australia-break-indian-hearts-in-final/>

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/mens-hockey-champions-trophy-2016-bronze-medal-match-great-britain-vs-germany-where-watch-1565934>



FOOTBALL

UEFA Champions League 2015–16

Question: Which of the following team has won the title of the recently held UEFA Champions League 2015–16?

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



Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 28 May 2016 The 2015–16 UEFA Champions League's final match was played at San Siro in Milan, Italy.
- Real Madrid won the Champions League with a 5-3 in a penalty shootout victory over Atletico Madrid in the final.
- This was the 61st season of Europe's premier club football tournament organised by UEFA,
- Maximum goal was scored by Real Madrid footballer, Cristiano Ronaldo (16 goals).

Reference:

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<http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/news/newsid=2368004.html>

BADMINTON

Australian Badminton Open-2016

Question: Who has won the women's singles title in Australian Open Super Series Badminton tournament-2016?

- (a) Saina Nehwal
- (b) Sun Yu
- (c) Li Xuerui
- (d) Wang Yihan

Ans.(a)

Related facts:

- The 2016 Australian Super Series is the fifth Super Series tournament of the 2016 BWF Super Series in badminton.
- The tournament was held in Sydney, Australia from 07th –12th June 2016.
- In the final match played at Sydney on 12th June 2016 Saina Nehwal defeated Chinese Sun Yu to claim her first title of year 2016.
- It is Saina's second Australian Open victory. She has clinched the title in 2014 as well.
- Result of the tournament is as follows:
- **Men's singles:**
Winner: Hans-Kristian Vittinghus (Denmark)
Runner Up: Hyeok Jin Jeon (South Korea)
- **Women's Singles:**
Winner: Saina Nehwal (India)
Runner Up: Sun Yu (China)
- **Men's Doubles:**
Winner: Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo (Both are from Indonesia)
Runner Up: Angga Pratama and Ricky Karanda Suwardi (Both are from Indonesia)
- **Women's doubles:**
Winner : Bao Yixin and Chen Qingchen (Both are from China)
Runner Up: Nitya Krishinda Maheshwari and Greysia Polii(Both are from Indonesia)
- **Mixed doubles:**
Winner: Lu Kai and Huang Yaqiong (Both are from China)
Runner Up: Zheng Siwei and Chen Qingchen (Both are from China)

Reference:

<http://www.australianbadmintonopen.com.au/>

<http://www.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/winners.aspx?id=0F2C2C7A-497D-4F59-A5A6-5EA0546C3DE4>

<http://www.livemint.com/Consumer/YhlttRxow4pVF2JRvU8dPP/Saina-Nehwal-clinches-second-Australian-Open-title.html>

<http://www.newsonair.com/news.asp?cat=sports&id=SN3050>



BCA Indonesia Open

Question: Who has won the singles men's title of BCA Indonesia Open-2016?

- (a) John O. Jorgensen
- (b) Lee Chong Wei
- (c) Tei Xu Ying
- (d) Wang Yihan

Ans:(b)



Related facts:

- The 2016 Indonesia Super Series Premier was the fifth Super Series tournament of the 2016 BWF Super Series.
- The tournament took place in Jakarta, Indonesia from 30 May–5 June 2016.

Men's singles:

- Winner: Lee Chong Wei (Malaysia)
- Runner Up: Jan O. Jorgensen(Denmark)

Women's Singles:

- Winner: Tai Tzu Ying(Chinese Taipei)
- Runner Up:Wang Yihan(China)

Men's Doubles:

- Winner : Lee Yong-dae and Yoo Yeon-seong (Both are of South Korea)
- Runner Up: Chai Biao and Hong Wei(Both are of China)

Women's Doubles:

- Winner: Misaki Matsutomo and Ayaka Takahashi(Both are of Japan)
- Runner Up: Tang Yuanting and Yu Yang(Both are of China)

Mixed Doubles:

- Winner: Xu Chen and Ma Jin(Both are of China)
- Runner Up: Ko Sung-hyun and Kim Ha-na(Both are of South Korea)

Reference:

- <http://bwfworldsuperseries.com/results/2569/bca-indonesia-open/podium>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016_Indonesia_Super_Series_Premier

Thomas & Uber Cup-2016

Question: Which of the following country has won the title of recently held women's badminton team championships Uber Cup -2016?

- (a) China
- (b) South Korea
- (c) Japan
- (d) India

Ans:(a)

Related facts:



- Denmark on 22 May 2016 won the 2016 Thomas Cup badminton tournament.
- In the final match played at Kunshan, China, the Danish team defeated Indonesia 3-2.
- Chinese women badminton team showing on 21 May 2016 won the Uber Cup title In the final played at the Kunshan Sports Centre Gymnasium in Beijing, the host country defeated South Korea 3-1.
- The 2016 Thomas & Uber Cup is the 29th tournament of the Thomas Cup and 26th tournament of the Uber Cup, the premier badminton team championships for men and women respectively.
- It is held at the Kunshan Sports Centre in Kunshan, Jiangsu Province, China.
- **Thomas cup:-**
Gold medal winner: Denmark
Silver medal winner: Indonesia
Bronze medal winner: Malaysia and South Korea
- **Uber Cup**
Gold medal winner: China
Silver medal winner: South Korea
Bronze medal winner: Japan and India

Reference:

<http://bwfbadminton.com/tag/total-bwf-thomas-uber-cup-finals-2016/>

<http://bwfbadminton.com/2016/05/21/title-no-14-for-china-total-bwf-thomas-uber-cup-finals-2016/>

BOXING

Women's World Boxing Championships

Question: The 2016 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships was held at-

- (a) China
- (b) France
- (c) India
- (d) Kazakhstan

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- From 19 and 27 May 2016; The 2016 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships was held at Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Kazakhstan with 4 Gold medals and 2 bronze medals achieved top position in the medal tally.
- India with one silver medal is at 10th position jointly with Netherlands, Russia and Thailand.
- The only silver medal for India in the women's Feather((57 kg. Weight category) won by Sonia Lather. Mesiano Elessia of Italy won the gold medal in the same category.
- **Top 5 countries in the medal table are:**

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Kazakhstan	4	–	2	6
2	China	2	2	2	6
3	United States	1	1	3	5
4	France	1	–	1	2
5	Great Britain	1	–	1	2

Reference:

<http://d152tffy3gbaeg.cloudfront.net/2016/02/Medal-Standings.pdf>

<http://www.aiba.org/aiba-womens-world-boxing-championships-astana-2016/>

<http://d152tffy3gbaeg.cloudfront.net/2016/02/C75-C75WW57.pdf>



GOLF

U.S. Open

Question: Who has won the title of recently held U.S. Open championship?

- (a) Tiger Woods
- (b) Adam Scott
- (c) Dustin Johnson
- (d) Tom Watson

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- From 16 to 19 June 2016 The 2016 United States Open Championship held in Pennsylvania (U.S)

It was the 116th U.S. Open and played at Oakmont Country Club in Plum, a suburb northeast of Pittsburgh.

- American golfer Dustin Johnson won the championship.

Reference:

http://www.usopen.com/en_US/news/articles/2016-06-19/johnson_gains_us_open_redemption.html



FORMULA ONE

European Grand Prix

Question: Who among the following has won the European Grand Prix-2016?

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

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 19 June 2016; The 2016 European Grand Prix was held at the Baku City Circuit in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- It was formally known as the Formula 1 Grand Prix of Europe.
- The race was the eighth round of the 2016 season.
- German driver, Nico Rosberg of Mercedes team has won the competition.

Reference:

<https://www.formula1.com/content/fom-website/en/results.html/2016/races/958/europe/race-result.html>



Monaco Grand Prix

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

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

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- This was the sixth formula One race of 2016 session, held on 29 May 2016 in Monte Carlo.
- British driver Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes team won the competition.

Reference:

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

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<http://www.bbc.com/sport/formula1/36408471>



ATHLETICS

14th Tenzing Hillary Everest Marathon

Question: Who has won the title of 14th edition of Tenzing Hillary Everest Marathon?

- (a) Jui Mukherjee
- (b) Bed Bahadur Sunuwa
- (c) Roshani Rai
- (d) Major D P Singh

Ans:(b)



Related facts:

- On 29th May 2016 The 14th Edition of Tenzing Hillary Everest Marathon (T.H.E.M.) was held in Nepal.
- It is dedicated to the 200 years Britain-Nepal Bicentenary anniversary.
- This marathon is mentioned in Guinness Book of World Records as the the world's Highest Marathon.
- Nepal Army's Bed Bahadur Sunuwar won in the full marathon open category by completing the distance of 42.195 km in four hours and 10 second.
- The race started from the Everest Base Camp near the Khumbu Glacier at an altitude of 5,364 metres this morning, and concluded at Namche Bazaar (3,446 metres).
- Sunuwar was followed by Bhim Bahadur Gurung (four hours, three minutes and 14 seconds) of Nepal Army, and Suman Kulung (four hours, 11 minutes and 52 seconds) finishing second and third respectively.
- Purnimaya Rai finished the distance in five hours and 24 seconds to be victorious in the Full Marathon Open Female category.
- Roshani Rai from India finished third in the female category. Her timing was four hours, two minutes and eight seconds.
- Robert Celinski from Poland (four hours, 24 minutes and eight seconds) notched the first place in the Full Marathon Open Foreigners category.

Reference:

<https://thehimalayantimes.com/sports/nepal-armys-bed-bahadur-sunuwar-wins-everest-marathon-2016/>

SPORTS MISCELLANEOUS

Rio 2016 unveiled official slogan for Olympic and Paralympic Games

Question: Recently the Rio 2016 organising committee revealed the official slogan, for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The slogan is-

- (a) One World, One Dream
- (b) Welcome Home
- (c) A New World
- (d) None of These

Ans: (c)

Related facts:

- On 14 June 2016 the Rio 2016 organising committee has revealed the official slogan for the Olympic and Paralympic Games “A New World”.
- The slogan was unveiled by Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at a special ceremony held at Olympic Park in Barra da Tijuca, Brazil.
- Rio 2016 slogan promotes the concept of “changing the world for better and promoting the concepts of change through sport”
- For Rio 2016, the core values of the slogan and the manifesto are unity, respect for diversity and the will for change.
- 2016 Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games will be the first Olympic and Paralympic Games to held in South America.
- The 2016 Summer Olympics officially known as the Games of the XXXI Olympiad, and commonly known as Rio 2016, is a major international multi-sport event in the tradition of the Olympic Games due to take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 5 to 21 August 2016.

Reference:

<https://www.rio2016.com/en/news/a-new-world-rio-2016-unveils-official-olympic-slogan>



PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic mascot is launched

Question: Name the official mascots announced by the PyeongChang Organizing Committee for the 2018 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (POCOG)?

- (a) Vinicius and Tom
- (b) Soohorang and Bandabi
- (c) Oba And Eba
- (d) None of the Above

Ans. (b)



Related facts:

- On 2nd June 2016 Organizing Committee for the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (POCOG) has announced the Official mascots.
- A white tiger named “Soohorang” and an Asiatic black bear called “Bandabi” have been named as the two mascots for the Pyeongchang 2018 winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Both animals appear in Korea’s foundation mythology and are closely associated with Korean culture and life.
- “Soohorang” is a white tiger. In mythology, the white tiger was viewed as a guardian that helped protect the country and its people. The mascot’s colour also evokes its connection to the snow and ice of winter sports.
- “Bandabi” is an Asiatic black bear. It is symbolic of strong will and courage.
- It should be noted that upcoming Winter Olympics and Paralympic Games will held on 9th to 25th February and 9th March 18, 2018 respectively in Peyongchang, South Korea.

Reference:

<https://www.olympic.org/news/meet-soohorang-the-new-mascot-for-pyeongchang-2018>

<https://www.paralympic.org/news/pyeongchang-2018-paralympic-mascot-launched>

SPORTS PERSONALITY

Anil Kumble

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

- (a) Anil Kumble
- (b) Sourav Ganguly
- (c) Ravi Shastri
- (d) None of the above

Ans.(a)

Related facts:

- On 23 June, 2016 Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the appointment of Anil Kumble as the Head Coach of the Indian Cricket Team.
- The decision of his selection was taken in the BCCI working committee meeting in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.
- He has been appointed for the period of one year.
- Selection of the bowling, batting and assistant coaches will be done soon.
- Forty-five year old Anil Kumble was among 57 candidates who applied for the position advertised by the BCCI earlier in June 2016.
- The Cricket Advisory Committee comprising Sachin Tendulkar, VVS Laxman and Sourav Ganguly then proposed the name of Kumble after interviewing a number of candidates.
- Kumble's international cricket career spans 18 years.
- He is the highest wicket-taker for India till date and third in the international list, behind Muttiah Muralitharan and Shane Warne.
- Kumble has played 132 tests, claiming 619 wickets including a best of 10 for 74 against Pakistan in Delhi in 1999. He accumulated 337 ODI wickets.
- In Twenty20 internationals, he captured 57 wickets in 54 matches. Overall, Kumble has 1136 wickets to his name in first class cricket.
- Kumble was awarded Padma Shri(2005), India's fourth highest civilian honour and also received Arjuna Award(1995).
- He was Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1996.
- He was appointed Chairman of the ICC Cricket Committee in 2012, a position he still holds. He was also included into the Great Hall of Fame in 2015.

Reference:

<http://www.bcci.tv/news/2016/news/13697/mr-anil-kumble-appointed-as-head-coach>



Anju Bobby George

Question: Recently Anju Bobby George resigned as the president of the Kerala State Sports Council (KSSC). She is related which of the following sports?

- (a) Shooting
- (b) Archery
- (c) Athletics
- (d) Cricketer

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On 22 June 2016 Anju Bobby George , Only winner at World Athletics Championships resigned as the president of the Kerala State Sports Council (KSSC).
- According to her, she has resigned due to alleged corruption controversy in the state Sports Council.

Reference:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/anju-bobby-george-quits-as-kssc-president/article8760634.ece>



Harmanpreet Kaur

Question: Harmanpreet Kaur was recently in news is related to which of the following sports?

- (a) Cricket
- (b) Hockey
- (c) Snooker
- (d) Kabaddi

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- Harmanpreet Kaur is set to become the first India Women cricketer to be signed by an overseas Twenty20 franchise.
- She will signed an agreement with Sydney Thunder, Women's Big Bash League champions, for the second edition of the Australian T20 league which is scheduled to be played in December 2016
- BCCI president Anurag Thakur had also confirmed this fact.

Reference:

<http://www.espnricinfo.com/women/content/story/1029023.html>



SHORT NOTES

PERSONALITIES

Kavalam Narayana Panicker

Question: Kovalam Narayan Panicker who recently passed away. He was the writer in which of the following language?

- (a) Konkani
- (b) Tamil
- (c) Malayalam
- (d) Telugu

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On 26 June 2016 the famous Malayalam poet, playwright Kavalam Narayana Panicker died at the age of 88.
- Besides being a poet and playwright he was also a theatre director and singer.
- He has written more than 25 Malayalam plays, his several plays were adapted from classical Sanskrit drama.
- He was awarded with Padma Bhushan in the year 2007. He won the Sangeet Natak Academy award in 1983 and Sangeet Natak Fellowship in 2002.
- He also bagged Kerala state film award for best lyrics in 1978 and 1982.

Reference:

<http://english.manoramaonline.com/news/just-in/kavalam-narayana-panicker-no-more-kerala.html>

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/kerala/Kavalam-Narayana-Panickar-no-more/2016/06/27/article3501552.ece>

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/kavalam-narayana-panicker-passes-away/article8776112.ece>



Yasmin Sooka

Question: Who has been appointed to chair a UN commission to monitor the human rights situation in South Sudan?

- (a) Yasmin Sooka
- (b) Kailash Satyarthi
- (c) Scott Long
- (d) Samar Badawi

Ans: (a)

Related facts:

- In June 2016, South African Indian-origin lawyer and long-time human rights activist Yasmin Sooka has been appointed to chair a UN commission to monitor the human rights situation in South Sudan.
- The three member commission also includes Mr. Kenneth R. Scott (USA) and Mr. Godfrey M. Musila (Kenya).
- The commission is constituted to investigate into alleged atrocities by both government and rebel forces before an independent South Sudan was carved out of the larger Sudan in 2011.
- Yasmin Sooka is currently the Executive Director of the Foundation for Human Rights in South Africa.
- The foundation is known for its Human rights and anti-racism works.
- Before this she was appointed by the United Nations to serve on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Sierra Leone and was also appointed to the three-member Panel of Experts advising the Secretary General on accountability for war crimes committed during the final stages of the war in Sri Lanka.

Reference:

<http://www.ohchr.org/SP/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=20097&LangID=E>

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article59293q>

<http://www.deccanchronicle.com/world/africa/240616/indian-origin-lawyer-to-chair-panel-on-human-rights-in-south-sudan.html>

http://www.npf.or.jp/english/peace_prize/nppc/the_committee_members/ms_yasmin_sooka.html



First female mayor of Rome

Question: Who among the following is the recently elected first female mayor of the Rome?

- (a) Salma bint
- (b) Virginia Raggi
- (c) Regina Ragi
- (d) Piero Fassino

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On 20 June 2016 Virginia Raggi became the first female mayor of the capital city of Italy, Rome.
- Virginia Ragi was elected as the candidate of “Five Star Movement party”.
- She is the youngest and first woman mayor in the 2800 years history of Rome.
- She won the election by getting 67.2% of the vote against a center-left democratic party’s candidate, Roberto Giachetti.

Reference:

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/06/rome-poised-elect-female-mayor-virginia-raggi-160619080951104.html>

<http://edition.cnn.com/2016/06/20/europe/italy-rome-mayor-virginia-raggi/>



Manimala Devi

Question: Recently Manimala Devi passed away. She was a-

- (a) Actress (b) Dancer
- (c) Painter (d) Politician

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 16 June 2016 veteran Odia actress, Manimala Devi passed away. She was 90. Manimala, who was among the first generation artistes in the state, had worked in over 40 films of which 14 bagged the national award.
- Her film career began in 1960 with the classic Odia film- ‘Sri Loknath’.
- Her national award winning films included- Laxmi in 1962, Surjya Mukhi and Jeevan Sathi in 1963, Abhinetri and Malajanha in 1965.
- Two of her films directed by eminent director Nirod Mohapatra, also bagged the Rashtrapati Award for second best national level film (1983).
- Some of his other popular films include ‘Klanta Aparanha’, ‘Nisidhha Swapna’, ‘Kichhi Smruti Kichhi Anubhuti’ and ‘Andha Diganta’.
- Besides, she has also worked in over 100 plays during a career spanning over half-a-century.
- Manimala was conferred with the prestigious ‘Jayadev Purashkar’- the highest cine award of Odisha State- in the year 2000.

Reference:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhubaneswar/Veteran-actor-Manimala-Devi-passes-away/articleshow/52785169.cms>

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/veteran-odia-actress-manimala-devi-dies-116061600994_1.html



Sunil Mittal

Question: Recently who has been elected as the head of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)?

- (a) Mukesh Ambani
- (b) Azim premji
- (c) Sunil Mittal
- (d) Shiv Nadar

Ans:(c)



Related facts:

- On 16 June 2016 Sunil Bharti Mittal, founder chairman of Bharti Enterprises, has been elected as the head of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), based in Paris, France.
- He is the third Indian business leader to hold this position in ICC's near 100-year history.
- He will take over from Terry McGraw, Chairman Emeritus of S&P Global, who will subsequently become ICC's Honorary Chairman.
- The ICC World Council elected the new leaders at a voting held on 16 June 2016 in Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- ICC was founded in 1919 and is the world's largest business organisation which represents private sector views to national governments and intergovernmental bodies around the world.
- It advocates for free trade and market economy, working through a network of national committees and direct members in over 130 countries.
- Sunil Bharti Mittal serves on many international bodies and think-tanks. He is currently the Chair of the World Economic Forums (WEF) Telecommunications Steering Committee; Member: International Business Council-WEF, GSMA Board, Telecom Board of International Telecommunication Union (ITU); and Commissioner of the Broadband Commission, International Advisory Panel of the Monetary Authority of Singapore and Prime Minister of Singapore's Research, Innovation and Enterprise Council.
- He is also a Trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and on the Board of Qatar Foundation Endowment.

Reference:

<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/sunil-bharti-mittal-elected-as-icc-chairman/article8735967.ece>

<http://www.livemint.com/Companies/uvaMcDXBLumgExVYAFivxL/Sunil-Bharti-Mittal-elected-as-International-Chamber-of-Comm.html>

Supriya Sahu

Question: Recently who has been appointed as the full-time director general of the state broadcaster Doordarshan?

- (a) Archana Ramasundaram
- (b) Supriya Sahu
- (c) Deepak Pathak
- (d) Aparna Vaishya

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 16 June 2016 the appointments committee of cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of the Indian administrative service (IAS) officer Supriya Sahu as the full-time director general of the state broadcaster Doordarshan.
- She is a 1991 batch IAS from the Tamil Nadu cadre.
- She would replace Aparna Vaish who was acting head of Doordharsan. She was appointed after the board decided to appoint the senior-most additional director general (ADG) at Doordarshan.
- Tripurari Sharan was the last full-time director general at Doordarshan who stepped down in July 2014.

Reference:

http://prasarbharati.gov.in/Information/Documents/138_2016%20dt%2016.06.2016%20-%20appointment%20of%20DG-DDn.pdf



Peter Thomson

Question: Recently United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) elected Peter Thomson as President of its upcoming 71st session. He is a-

- (a) Permanent Representative of South Africa
- (b) Permanent Representative of Fiji
- (c) Permanent Representative of Chile
- (d) Permanent Representative of Liberia

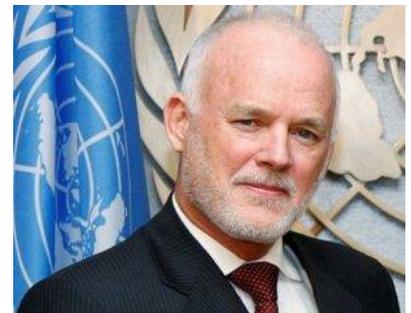
Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 13 June 2016 the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) elected Peter Thomson as President of its upcoming 71st session.
- He is permanent representative of Fiji.
- He will replace current General Assembly President Mogens Lykketoft.
- His tenure will start in September 2016 at the commencement of the 71st General Assembly session.

Reference:

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Satya Pal Jain

Question: Recently, Additional Solicitor General of India and former MP of Chandigarh, Satya Pal Jain was appointed as a part-time member of the which of the following commission?

- (a) Union Public Service Commission
- (b) 21st Law Commission
- (c) National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
- (d) National Commission for Minorities

Ans:(b)



Related facts:

- On 11 June 2016, Additional Solicitor General of India and former MP of Chandigarh, Satya Pal Jain was appointed as a part-time member of the 21st Law Commission of India.
- The appointment will be in addition to his charge as an Additional Solicitor General of India.
- It may be recalled that the President had constituted the 21st Law Commission of India on September 14, 2015.
- Earlier in September 2015, Union Government had constituted 21st Law Commission of India for period of 3 years with effect from 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2018.
- Former Supreme Court (SC) judge Justice Balbir Singh Chauhan is the Chairman of the 21st Law Commission of India.

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Justice Rakesh Ranjan Prasad

Question: Recently senior-most judge Justice Rakesh Ranjan Prasad, has been appointed as Acting Chief Justice of which of the following High Court?

- (a) High court of Jharkhand
- (b) High court of Manipur
- (c) High court of Delhi
- (d) High court of Punjab and Haryana?

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 13 June 2016 Justice Rakesh Ranjan Prasad, senior-most judge of the Manipur High Court, has been appointed as its Acting Chief Justice.
- He succeeded Justice Laxmi Kanta Mohapatra who retired on 9 June 2016.
- Earlier on 9 February 2016, Justice Prasad was transferred from Jharkhand High Court to Manipur High Court. He was transferred by President of India in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 222 of the Constitution of India.

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Rio Olympics-2016 flag bearer of India

Question: Who has been chosen as the flag bearer of the Indian contingent at the 2016 Rio Games' opening ceremony?

- (a) Jitu Rai
- (b) Dipa Karmakar
- (c) Gagan Narang
- (d) Abhinav Bindra

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- On 10 June 2016 Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has chosen Olympic champion shooter Abhinav Bindra as the flag bearer of the Indian contingent at the 2016 Rio Games' opening ceremony.
- He will lead the Indian contingent as the flag bearer at Rio Olympic Games opening ceremony on August 5, 2016.
- He is also goodwill ambassador for the Indian team in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.
- He is India's only individual gold medallist at the Olympics.
- He clinched a historic gold in 10-metre air rifle event at the Beijing Games in 2008.

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Ice hockey legend Gordie Howe passed away

Question: Recently Gordie Howe, legendary ice hockey player passed away. He is from which of the following country?

- (a) Britain
- (b) United States
- (c) Netherlands
- (d) Canada

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- The legendary Canadian ice hockey player Gordie Howe has died at the age of 88 in Ohio, United States.
- He was born in Floral, Saskatchewan, in March 1928.
- He made his debut in 1946, played 26 National Hockey League (NHL) and six World Hockey Association seasons and held many of the scoring records.
- He was also named an NHL All Star 23 times and was inducted into the hockey Hall of Fame in 1972.
- He was in the top 10 of scorers for 21 consecutive years and was named Most Valuable Player six times, before finally retiring in 1980.
- Howe become the first recipient of NHL Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008.

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Dr Shahid Rasool

Question: Recently who has appointed as Director, Commonwealth Educational Media Centre of Asia (CEMCA) by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL)?

- (a) Ashok Lavasa
- (b) Umang Bedi
- (c) Dr. Shahid Rasool
- (d) Deepak Kumar

Ans: (c)



Related facts:

- On 1 June 2016 the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) has appointed Dr Shahid Rasool as Director of Commonwealth Educational Media Centre of Asia (CEMCA).
- Earlier he served , University of Roorkee (now IIT Roorkee), and the University of Kashmir in various capacities including Head of the Department of Mass Communication.
- He was Director of Educational Multimedia Research Centre at the University of Kashmir(EMRC), for over 10 years, before joining CEMCA.
- He is a former US Fulbright Fellow in Communication Technology, M.A., Ph.D in Mass Communication and Journalism from University of Kashmir.
- He has done M.S. in Communication Technology from Syracuse University, USA.
- Commonwealth Educational Media Centre of Asia (CEMCA) was established by Commonwealth of Learning (COL)in 1994 in response to calls by Asian Commonwealth countries for a greater focus on distance education.
- Its Headquarter is in New Delhi.

Reference:

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Mudrarakshasa

Question: Recently, Mudrarakshasa passed away. He was a-

- (a) Writer
- (b) Politician
- (c) Actor
- (d) Painter

Ans: (a)

Related facts:



- On 13 June 2016 Renowned Hindi writer, Mudrarakshasa passed away following a prolonged illness in Lucknow. He was 82.
He was an activist, thinker and cultural personality. He was born in Behta near Lucknow on 21 June 1933.
- He graduated from Lucknow University and was then employed as Assistant Editor of Gyanodaya that was published from Calcutta from 1955 to 1958.
- He was the editor of Anuvrata, a Calcutta based magazine.
- He was awarded with Rashtriya Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his Theater-playwriting.
- He was also awarded with the Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, Sahitya Bhushan Samman ,Dalit Ratna Samman, Shudracharya Samman.
- He also worked as Editor, Scripts, at All India Radio from 1962 to 1976.
- His works of theatrical criticism include “Rang Bhumikayen” and a book on Nemichandra Jain.
- His several plays including Tilchatta, Ala Afasar, Kalateet, and Mansharam became very famous.
- In his satirical writings in shape of “Mathura Das Ki Diary” and “Rakshas Uvach”, he touched the raw nerves of Hindi literary arena which created a furor.

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Inder Malhotra

Question: Recently Inder Malhotra passed away. He was a-

- (a) Politician
- (b) Journalist
- (c) Historian
- (d) Musician

Ans:(b)

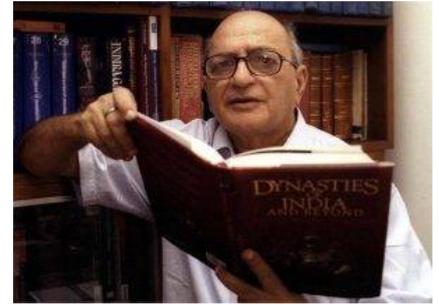
Related facts:

- On 11 June 2016 Veteran journalist Inder Malhotra passed away in a Delhi hospital. He was 86.
- He was one of the most respected journalists of the country, Malhotra had worked with The Statesman and The Times of India, New Delhi.
- He began his career with the United Press of India. He joined it soon after graduating from the Punjab University. He also wrote for The Guardian (1965-95). He is both a Nehru Fellow (1986-87) and a Woodrow Wilson Fellow (1992-93).
- He was awarded the Ramnath Goenka Lifetime Achievement award in 2013.
- His works include book like Indira Gandhi: A Personal & Political Biography (1989), Dynasties of India and beyond: Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh (2003).

Reference:

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Per Lodin

Question: Major General Per Lodin has been appointed as the head of United Nations Military Observers Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP). He is related to which of the following country?

- (a) Switzerland (b) Sweden
(c) Ireland (d) Britain

Ans.(b)

Related facts:

- On 8th June 2016 United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has appointed Major General Per Lodin of Sweden as the head of the United Nations Military Observers Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP).
- Major General Lodin succeeds Major General Delali Johnson Sakyi of Ghana, who will complete his two-year assignment on 2nd July 2016.
- United Nations Military Observers Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) was formed by the resolution 47 (1948) of the Security Council which decided to enlarge the membership of United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan (UNCIP) and to recommend various measures including the use of observers to stop the fighting.
- At the recommendation of UNCIP, the Secretary-General appointed the Military Adviser to support the Commission on military aspects and provided for a group of military observers to assist him.
- The first group of United Nations military observers arrived in the mission area on 24 January of 1949 to supervise the ceasefire between India and Pakistan in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
- On 30 March 1951, following the termination of UNCIP, the Security Council, by its resolution 91 (1951) decided that UNMOGIP should continue to supervise the ceasefire in Jammu and Kashmir.
- In July 1972, India and Pakistan signed an agreement defining a Line of Control in Kashmir.
- India took the position that the mandate of UNMOGIP had lapsed, since it was related specifically to the ceasefire line under the Karachi Agreement. Pakistan, however, did not accept this position.
- The Secretary-General's position has been that UNMOGIP could be terminated only by a decision of the Security Council.
- The military authorities of Pakistan have continued to lodge complaints with UNMOGIP about ceasefire violations. The military authorities of India have lodged no complaints since January 1972.
- The offices of UNMOGIP are situated in Srinagar and Islamabad. From May to October the headquarters remain in Srinagar, while from November to April, it is shifted to Islamabad.
- The UNMOGIP has strength of 44 military observers, 25 international civilian personnel and 47 local civilian staff.

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Ban Ki-moon

Question: Who has been awarded with the “Order of Friendship” by the Russian President Vladimir Putin?

- (a) Ban Ki-Moon (b) Narendra Modi
(c) Xi Jinping (d) Pranab Mukherjee

Ans.(a)

Related facts:

- On 8th June 2016 Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree awarding the Order of Friendship to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.
- The decoration was awarded to Ban Ki-moon for his role in strengthening peace, friendship, cooperation and mutual understanding among nations.
- The ‘Order of Friendship’ is a state award of Russia set up in 1994. This is to reward Russian citizens and foreign nationals for outstanding contribution in strengthening peace and cooperation with Russia, as well as for charity activities.

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T.S. John

Question: Recently T.S. John passed away. He was a-

- (a) Former Kerala Governor
(b) Former Kerala Assembly Speaker
(c) Former Kerala Chief Minister
(d) Former Karnataka Chief Minister

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 9 June 2016 Former Kerala Assembly Speaker and Minister T.S. John passed away at a private hospital at Cherthala , Kerala.He was 76.
- Born on 21 October 1939, TS John was a lawyer by profession.
- He was one of the founding members of the Kerala Congress. He represented the Kalliooppara Assembly constituency four times.
- John was Speaker of the fourth Kerala Assembly for a short period from February 17, 1976 to March 25, 1977.
- He had also served as the Minister for Food & Civil Supplies from October 19, 1978 to October 27, 1978 in the Antony Ministry.
- In the reconstituted Ministry that followed under the leadership of P K Vasudevan Nair, he continued to be the Minister for Food & Civil Supplies, from October 29, 1978 to October 7 1979.
- Kerala’s capital is Thiruvananthapuram.

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K.K. Katyal

Question: Recently K.K. Katyal passed away. He was a-

- (a) Senior Politician
- (b) Senior journalist
- (c) Historian
- (d) Architect

Ans:(b)

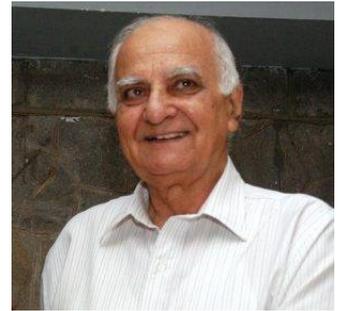
Related facts:

- On 8 June 2016 Senior journalist K.K Katyal passed away following a brief illness in Delhi. He was 89.
- He was a former Delhi Chief of Bureau of The Hindu, who led the newspaper's wide-ranging coverage from the National Capital during a particularly eventful phase of political change.
- He has earlier worked with The Statesman and Hindustan Times as well.
- He was also associated with the South Asia Free Media Association (SAFMA)'s India Chapter as President.
- He was awarded the G K Reddy Memorial prize in 1994 by the then Prime Minister P V Narsimha Rao for his insightful columns and analytical write-ups.

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Shigemi Hirata

Question: The oldest graduate in the world, Shigemi Hirata who received a Bachelor of Arts degree at the age of 96 years 200 days is related to which of the following country?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Taiwan
- (c) South Korea
- (d) Philippines

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- Shigemi Hirata of Japan became the oldest person to graduate. He received Bachelor of Arts degree at the age of 96 years 200 days.
- He graduated from the Kyoto University of Art and Design, in Kyoto, Kyoto, Japan, on 19 March 2016.
- His achievement was officially recognised by Guinness World Records on 3 June 2016.
- Hirata was born in Hiroshima on 1 September, 1919, and served in the navy during the Second World War.

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Dia Mirza

Question: Recently which of the following bollywood actress has been named as the ambassador for Swachh Bharat's youth based Swachh Saathi (student internship) programme?

- (a) Madhuri Dixit
- (b) Dia Mirza
- (c) Deepika Padukone
- (d) Kareena Kapoor

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 6 June 2016 Bollywood actress Dia Mirza has been named the ambassador for youth based Swachh Saathi (student internship) programme.
- Swachh Saathi programme is a youth-based programme of Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Under this Programme, more than 2000 interns would be enrolled to coordinate around 10000 schools across India.
- They will also ensure that all students in the schools take the pledge for Clean India.

Reference:

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Dr. R. Seetharaman

Question: Name the banker who has been honoured with the “Green Economy Visionary Award” at 2016 Union of Arab Banks (UAB) International Banking Summit?

- (a) Raghuram Rajan
- (b) DR. Raghavan Seetharaman
- (c) M. Subbarao
- (d) Uday Kotak

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- Dr. R Seetharaman, Group CEO of Doha Bank, has been honoured with the 2016 Green Economy Visionary Award.
- He has been awarded with this award for his contribution in environment-friendly activities and thereby promoting green economy for nearly two decades.
- The award was bestowed upon him by Mohammed Jarrah Al-Sabah, Chairman of Union of Arab Banks at the 2016 Union of Arab Banks (UAB) International Banking Summit held in Rome.

Reference:

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Ahmed Adeb Abdul Ghafoor

Question: Recently the former Vice President of which of the following country has been convicted of terrorism and was handed a 10-year jail sentence?

- (a) Uganda (b) Central African Republic
(c) Guatemala (d) Maldives

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- On 5 June 2016 the Maldives' former Vice President Ahmed Adeb Abdul Ghafoor has been convicted of terrorism by the Maldives Criminal Court and was handed a 10-year jail sentence.
- He has charge for possession of firearms convicted under the now defunct Anti-Terrorism Act of 1990.
- He became the 5th Vice President of Maldives on 22 July 2015 and On 5 November, Adeb was removed from office of Vice President by a no confidence vote from the People's Majlis.
- Prior to his appointment on 22 July 2015, he served as the Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture.
- Maldives is an island country located in the Indian Ocean.
- The Maldivian Rufiyaa is the currency of Maldives .

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Manohar Aich

Question: Legendary Indian body builder and India's first Mr Universe, Manohar Aich passed away. When did he became India's first Mr. Universe?

- (a) Year 1950 (b) Year 1952
(c) Year 1955 (d) Year 1960

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 5 June 2016 famous Indian body builder and India's first Mr Universe, Manohar Aich died at his north Kolkata residence. He was 104.
- He was suffering from age related health problems.
- He was famously called "Pocket Hercules" he has won this title at the age of 36 in the year 1950.
- He was the first Indian to win the Mr Universe title in 1952.
- He had joined the Royal Indian Air Force in 1942 under British colonial rulers.
- In the year 2015, the West Bengal government had awarded him 'Bangavibhusana Award'.

Reference:

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<http://contest.bodybuilding.com/bio/98522/>



V. Narayanasamy

Question: Recently the Senior Congress leader and former union minister V. Narayanasamy sworn in as the Chief Minister of which of the following state/Union Territory?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Lakshadweep
- (c) Andaman and Nicobar
- (d) Puducherry

Ans:(d)

Related facts:



- On 6 June 2016 Senior Congress leader and former union minister V. Narayanasamy sworn in as the Chief Minister of which of the Union Territory Puducherry.
- He was sworn in as the 10th chief minister.
- Lieutenant Governor Kiran Bedi administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Narayanasamy and the five Ministers – A. Namassivayam, Malladi Krishna Rao, M. Candassamy, M.O.H. F. Shahjahan and R. Kamalakannan.
- V. Narayanasamy served three tenure as Rajya Sabha MP and was member of Lok Sabha from Puducherry constituency from 2009 to 2014.
- He was minister of state in Prime Minister's office in Manmohan Singh's second government as well as minister of state.
- Parliamentary Affairs in the first UPA government.
- He was named Chief Minister of Puducherry in May 2016 after Indian National Congress and Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam alliance won Puducherry Legislative Assembly election.
- 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).
- The Congress which has 15 MLAs in the 30-member House has formed the Ministry with the support of the two DMK MLAs.

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/V._Narayanasamy

Sulabha Deshpande

Question: Recently Sulabha Deshpande passed away. She was a-

- (a) Famous writer
- (b) Famous actress and theater personality
- (c) Famous folk singer
- (d) Famous politician

Reference:

- On 4 June 2016, Eminent actor and theatre personality Sulabha Deshpande passed away in Mumbai. She was 79.
- Sulabha Deshpande was an acclaimed Indian film, theatre and television actress and theatre director.
- She started her career as a teacher at Chhabildas Boy's High School in Dadar, Mumbai.
- Apart from Marathi theatre as well as Hindi theatre in Mumbai, she acted in over 73 movies mainstream Bollywood.
- She acted in film like "Bhumika", "Arvind Desai Ki Ajeeb Dastaa" and "Gaman" as a character actor.
- In 1971 she co-founded, theatre group, Awishkar with her husband Arvind Deshpande.
- She also worked in Gauri Shinde directed film 'English Vinglish' in the year 2012.
- She was a recipient of the 1987 Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Hindi-Marathi theatre acting.



Reference:

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<http://indianexpress.com/article/entertainment/bollywood/veteran-actor-sulabha-deshpande-passes-away-2834931/>

Navin Agarwal

Question: Recently who has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer/Director General of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) by Appointments Committee of Cabinet?

- (a) Tapan Sharma
- (b) Navin Agarwal
- (c) Dinesh Pathak
- (d) Charan Agrawal

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 1 June 2016 the Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved Senior IPS officer Navin Agarwal as Chief Executive Officer/Director General of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).
- Agarwal is a 1986 batch IPS officer of Jammu and Kashmir cadre.
- He has been appointed to the post for five years
- National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) was set up as registered society under the Societies Registration Act of 1890 on November 24, 2005 with a mandate for Dope free sports in India.

Reference:

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Muhammad Ali

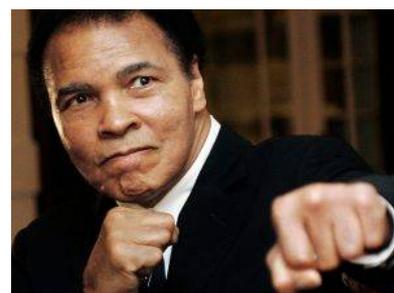
Question: Recently Muhammad Ali passed away. He was a-

- (a) Boxer
- (b) Cricketer
- (c) Footballer
- (d) Tennis player

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 3 June 2016 the famous American professional boxer, Muhammad Ali died in the Phoenix, Arizona, U.S. He was 74.
- Ali remains the only three-time lineal world heavyweight champion.
- He won the title in 1964, 1974, and 1978.
- Since 1984 he was suffering from Parkinson's disease.
- He was named as the Sportsman of the Century by Sports Illustrated and Sports Personality of the Century by the BBC.



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

Bhim Sain Bassi

Question: Recently who has been appointed as a member of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) by the President Pranab Mukherjee?

- (a) Deepak Chaudhary
- (b) Bhim Sain Gupta
- (c) Bhim Sain Bassi
- (d) Devdhar Trivedi

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

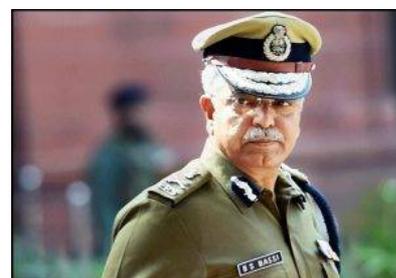
- On 31 May 2016 The President Pranab Mukherjee appointed Bhim Sain Bassi, IPS (Retd) as a member of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- He will hold the office till February 2021, from the day when he enters the office.
- Under the Constitution, a member of the UPSC can have a maximum tenure of six years or till he attains the age of 65 years.

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Salma Agha

Question: Name the Pakistan-born singer and actress who recently got an Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card that will offer her multiple entries, multi-purpose life-long visa to visit India?

- (a) Salma Khan
- (b) Salma Agha
- (c) Jiya Khan
- (d) Salman Qureshi

Ans.(b)

Related facts:

- On 30 May 2016 Pakistan-born Bollywood singer and actress Salma Agha got an Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card that will offer her multiple entries, multi-purpose life-long visa to visit India and exemption from reporting to police.
- In her application Agha is said to have referred to her Indian roots in her maternal grandfather Jugal Kishore Mehra.
- Mehra was a noted actor and his wife and Salma's grandmother, Anwari Begum, was a star singer in the 1930s and 1940s.
- It should be known that any person who is a child or a grand-child of citizen of another country, but was a citizen of India at the time of, or at any time after, the commencement of the Constitution (29 Jan 1950) or citizen of another country, but was eligible to become a citizen of India at the time of the commencement of the Constitution is eligible to get Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card.
- Her first film was the "Nikaah" for which she won the Filmfare Best Female Playback award in 1982 for her rendition 'Dil ke armaan aansuon me beh gaye' in 'Nikaah' from three nominations and was also nominated in the Best Actress category.
- It may be recalled that the Government of India in January 2016 granted citizenship of India to the Pakistan-born singer Adnan Sami.

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<http://www.mea.gov.in/overseas-citizenship-of-india-scheme.htm#>

<http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/pakistani-singer-salma-gha-to-get-overseas-citizen-of-india-card-1413679><http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/entertainment/hindi/bollywood/news/Salma-Agha-to-get-Overseas-Citizen-of-India-card/articleshow/52507089.cms>



PLACES

Nepal

Question: Recently Nepal has banned its citizens from working in which of the following group of countries?

- (a) Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Libya
- (b) Pakistan, Iran, Lebanon, Iraq
- (c) Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Qatar
- (d) Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya

Ans: (d)

Related facts:

- On 23 June 2016 Nepal government has announced a ban on its citizens on working in conflict-hit countries namely, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Syria.
- Families affected by terrorism has been announced to be provided with NPR 10 lakh.
- Presently about 20 thousands Nepalese are working in different locations in Afghanistan.
- About 1,213 Nepalese has taken work permits from the Nepal government for working in Afghanistan in the first 10 months of this financial year.

Reference:

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<http://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/ban-on-nepal-citizens-working-in-afghanistan-after-terror-strike/story-A98UrF35x4d6dcPM7jjTwK.html>



Mahasthangarh

Question: Recently Mahasthangarh has been selected to function as the SAARC cultural capital this year. It is located in which of the following country?

- (a) India
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Bangladesh

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- On 24 June 2016 , Mahasthangarh in Bogra, Bangladesh has been selected to function as the SAARC cultural capital this year.
- It is 3rd century archaeological site.
- The cultural capital will host festivals on literature, films, foods and dances from October 2016 to September 2017
- Bamiyan. A historic city of Afghanistan is the current SAARC cultural capital.

Reference:

<http://airworldservice.org/english/archives/28710>



Jaffna

Question: Name the newly renovated Stadium in Jaffna which was dedicated to the people of Sri Lanka jointly by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi and the President of Sri Lanka, Maithripala Sirisena?

- (a) Friendship Stadium
- (b) Jaffna Stadium
- (c) Duraiappah Stadium
- (d) Galle International Stadium

Ans: (c)

Related facts:

- On 18 June 2016 the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi and the President of Sri Lanka, Maithripala Sirisena, jointly dedicated the newly renovated Duraiappah Stadium in Jaffna to the people of Sri Lanka.
- President Sirisena was present at the stadium in Jaffna, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined the event through video-conferencing from New Delhi.
- The Duraiappah Stadium, named in honour of a former Mayor of Jaffna, the late Alfred Thambirajah Duraiappah.
- The stadium has been renovated by the Government of India at a cost of over Rs. 7 crore.
- The renovated stadium has a seating capacity of 1850.
- It will provide the necessary infrastructure to promote sports and recreational activities, and assist the overall development of the youth of the Northern Province in Sri Lanka.
- The stadium has been in disuse since 1997.
- Prime Minister Modi and President Sirisena will also witness the first major event at the renovated stadium, which is a celebration of the second International Day of Yoga on 21 June 2016.

Reference:

http://www.pmindia.gov.in/en/news_updates/pms-remarks-at-the-dedication-of-the-renovated-duraiappah-stadium-in-jaffna-to-the-people-of-sri-lanka-through-video-link/?comment=disable

http://www.pmindia.gov.in/en/news_updates/dedication-of-the-duraiappah-stadium-in-jaffna-renovated-by-india-to-the-people-of-sri-lanka/?comment=disable

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First country to ban deforestation

Question: Which of the following has become the first country in the world to ban deforestation?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Norway
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Myanmar

Ans:(b)



Related facts:

- In May 2016 Norway has become the first country in the world to ban deforestation.
- It was recommended officially by Norwegian Parliament's Standing Committee on Energy and Environment as part of the Action Plan on Nature Diversity.
- Norway's action plan also includes a request from parliament that the government exercise due care for the protection of biodiversity in its investments through Norway's Government Pension Fund Global.
- It may be recalled that it was a pledge Norway made at the U.N. Climate Summit in 2014, alongside Germany and the United Kingdom.

Reference:

<http://www.ecology.com/2016/06/10/norway-country-ban-deforestation/>

Guwahati declares Gangetic River Dolphin as its ‘city animal’

Question: Which of the following animal has been declared as “City animal of Guwahati” thereby making Guwahati the country’s first city to have its own animal?

- (a) Dolphin
- (b) Turtle
- (c) Rhinoceros
- (d) Tiger

Ans:(a)

Related facts:



- On 6 June 2016 Guwahati became first city in the country to have its own ‘city animal’ with Kamrup metropolitan district administration declaring Gangetic River Dolphin as its mascot.
- Gangetic River Dolphin is locally known as ‘Sihu’ .The endangered Gangetic river dolphin has been voted by residents as “City animal of Guwahati” thereby making Guwahati the country’s first city to have its own animal.
- River dolphin was chosen over two other endangered wildlife species — greater adjutant stork and black soft shell turtle.
- In the three-month long voting process Gangetic River dolphin received 24247 votes out of 60003 total votes.
- On the other hand, the Greater Adjutant Stork got 18454 votes while the Black Softshell Turtle got 17302 votes.
- Kamrup district administration in collaboration with a city-based NGO, Help Earth, conducted voting for selection of city’s animals from among the three species.
- Besides online and text message voting, booths were set up in 76 city schools and at the office of the district administration.
- Guwahati is one of the major cities of Eastern India, located on the bank of Brahmaputra river.
- In ancient times it was known as the “Pragjyotishpura”.

Reference:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/flora-fauna/Gangetic-river-dolphin-to-be-city-animal-of-Guwahati/articleshow/52623206.cms>

<http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-guwahati-becomes-first-city-in-india-to-have-city-animal-declares-river-dolphin-as-mascot-2220582>

Pulgaon

Question: Recently there has been a fire accident in the Central Ammunition Depot(CAD) at Pulgaon in which 18 persons died. It is located in which of the following district of Maharashtra?

- (a) Nagpur
- (b) Wardha
- (c) Jalgaon
- (d) Nasik

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 1 June 2016 at least 16 people died, including two Army officials, and several injured after a fire broke out at the Central Ammunition Depot in Pulgaon, Wardha district in Maharashtra.
- The depot is spread over an area of more than 7000 acres and is an important ammunition depot of the Indian Army.
- It stores a variety of ammunition in numerous sheds located in the depot.
- The central ammunition depot at Pulgaon is one India's biggest ammunition depot.

Reference:

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AWARDS & HONORS

17th International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA 2016)

Question: Which of the following film has been awarded as Best Film at 17th International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA 2016)?

- (a) Piku
- (b) Bajirao Mastani
- (c) Bajrangi Bhaijaan
- (d) Tanu Weds Manu Returns

Ans: (c)

Related facts:

- Between 23 to 26th of June The 2016 IIFA awards which are officially known as the 17th International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA 2016) held in Madrid Spain.
- IIFA Awards is also known as the Oscar of Bollywood.
- In this year's award ceremony, the film Bajirao Mastani received most awards i.e. in 13 categories .
- List of awardees are as follows:
- Best Film: Bajrangi Bhaijaan(Director- Kabir Khan)
- Best Director: Sanjay Leela Bhansali (Film-Bajirao Mastani)
- Best Actor (Male): Ranveer Singh (Film-Bajirao Mastani)
- Best Actor (Female): Deepika Padukone (Film-Piku)
- Best Actor in Supporting Role (Male): Anil Kapoor (Film-Dil Dhadakne Do)
- Best Actor in Supporting Role (Female): Priyanka Chopra (Film-Bajirao Mastani)
- Best Debut Actor (Male): Vicky Kaushal (Film-Masaan)
- Best Debut Actor (Female): Bhumi Pednekar (Film-Dum Laga Ke Haisha)
- Best Story: Juhi Chaturvedi (Film-Piku)
- Best Music Direction: Amaal Mallik, Meet Bros Anjjan, Ankit Tiwari(Film- Roy)
- Best Playback Singer (Male): Angarag Mahanta (Papon) for Moh Moh Ke Dhaage(Film-Dum Laga Ke Haisha)
- Best Playback Singer (Female): Monali Thakur for Moh Moh Ke Dhaage (Film-Dum Laga Ke Haisha)
- Best Screenplay: Kabir Khan, Parveen Shaikh, V. Vijayendra Prasad (Film-Bajrangi Bhaijaan)
- IIFA Special Award for "Woman of the Year"- Priyanka Chopra
- This year the Lifetime Achievement Award of IIFA (Indian Film Academy Awards 2016) was awarded to Sridevi Kapoor.

Reference:

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

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/17th_IIFA_Awards

<http://indianexpress.com/article/entertainment/bollywood/deepika-padukone-ranveer-singh-priyanka-chopra-bajirao-mastani-movie-leads-iifa-2016-nominations-2822290/>



Ghanshyam Das Birla Award

Question: Ghanshyam Das Birla award for the year 2015 was announced to be awarded to-

- (a) Sanjeev Galande
- (b) Sanjay Mittal
- (c) Rajesh Gopakumar
- (d) Subhasis Chaudhuri

Ans. (b)

Related facts:

- On 24 June 2016 K. K. Birla Foundation announced the 25th G. D. Birla Award for Scientific Research for 2015.
- It has been awarded to Prof. Sanjay Mittal from the Department of Aerospace Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.
- He was awarded for his significant contributions in the area of Bluff Body Flows — flows past blunt bodies associated with large unsteady separation and leading to large fluid forces.
- He played significant role in establishing the High Performance Computing (HPC) facility at IIT Kanpur and heads the National Wind Tunnel Facility.
- The award is given to an outstanding scientific research, mostly during the past 5 years, undertaken by an Indian scientist, who is below the age of 50, living and working in India.
- The award instituted in 1991 by the K. K. Birla Foundation in honour of the Indian philanthropist Ghanshyam Das Birla.
- In year 2014 the 24th G. D. Birla Award was given to Prof. Sanjeev Galande.

Reference:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/gd-birla-award-for-iitkanpur-professor/article8765412.ece>

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/mumbai-newspaper/iit-prof-gets-25th-gd-birla-award-for-scientific-research/story-0l34Xef9p0t30ePliCcNQN.html>



Mohun Bagan Ratna

Question: Who among the following has been announced to be honoured with Mohun Bagan Ratna Award?

- (a) Syed Nayeemuddin
- (b) Baichung Bhutia
- (c) Sunil Chhetri
- (d) Sandesh Jhingan

Ans: (a)

Realted facts:

- On 16 June 2016 Mohun Bagan (Athletic Club) has announced that it will honour football coach Syed Nayeemuddin with the Mohun Bagan Ratna.
- Syed Nayeemuddin is an Indian football coach and former player
As a player, he captained the Indian national team that won a bronze medal at the 1970 Asian Games.
- He won the South Asian Football Federation Cup by beating the Maldives 5–1 and reached the semi-finals of the Nehru Cup for the first time.
- He was appointed coach of India in 1997.
- He is the only sports person to win both the Arjuna and Dronacharya Awards for football.
- The Mohun Bagan Ratna is awarded annually to great football players.
- Nayeemuddin was chosen for the prestigious award for his overall contribution to the club and the country both as a player and as a coach.
- In 2015, Karuna Sankar Bhattacharya was honoured posthumously with the Mohun Bagan Ratna.

The award is presented to the winners on 29 July, which is celebrated as Mohun Bagan Day.

Reference:

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-sports/nayeemuddin-to-get-mohun-bagan-ratna/article8734361.ece>

<http://www.mohunbaganac.com/mmb-ratna-day>



Pen Pinter Prize-2016

Question: Who among the following has won the 2016 Pen Pinter Prize?

- (a) James Fenton
- (b) Raif Badawi
- (c) Margaret Atwood
- (d) None of these

Ans: (c)

Related facts:

- On 16 June 2016 Canadian poet, novelist and environmental activist Margaret Atwood was awarded the 2016 PEN Pinter Prize.
- She was chosen by judges Vicky Featherstone, Za Haider Rahman, Peter Stothard, Antonia Fraser and President of English PEN and Chair of Judges, Maureen Freely.
- Atwood is third novel writer to win Pen Pinter prize.
- She will receive her award at a public event at the British Library on 13 October 2016.
- At the same time Margaret Atwood will announce her co-winner, the 2016 International Writer of Courage, selected from a shortlist of international cases supported by English PEN.
- She has been shortlisted for the Booker Prize five times (1986, 1996, 2003, 2005 and 2007).
- She won the Booker Prize for his book "The Blind Assassin" in 2000.
- In 2001, she was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame.
- She has been a finalist for the Governor General's Award several times, winning twice.
- The PEN Pinter Prize is an annual literary award launched in 2009 by English PEN.
- It was launched in honour of the late Nobel Literature Prize-winning playwright Harold Pinter.
- The award is given to "a British writer or a writer resident in Britain of outstanding literary merit who, in the words of Pinter's Nobel speech ['Art, Truth and Politics'], casts an 'unflinching, unswerving' gaze upon the world and shows 'a fierce, intellectual determination ... to define the real truth of our lives and our societies'."
- This year, for the first time, the prize is open to writers from the Republic of Ireland and the Commonwealth, as well as from the UK.
- The 2015 PEN Pinter Prize was awarded to James Fenton, who shared the prize with Raif Badawi as the International Writer of Courage.

Reference:

<https://www.englishpen.org/events/atwood-pen-pinter-prize-2016/>

<http://margaretatwood.ca/awards-recognitions/>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-36536701>



International Dublin Literary Award-2016

Question: Name the Indian American author who has been recently awarded with the prestigious International Dublin Literary Award?

- (a) Amar Bose
- (b) M. Night Shyamalan
- (c) Jhumpa Lahiri
- (d) Akhil Sharma

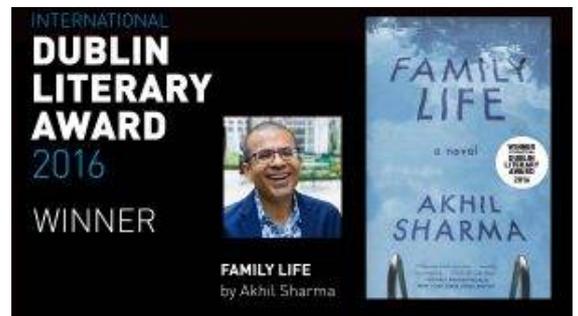
Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- On 9 June 2016 Indian American author Akhil Sharma won the prestigious 2016 International Dublin Literary Award for his semi-autobiographical novel "Family Life."
- The Award is organised and sponsored by Dublin City Council and at €100,000(Euro) is the world's largest prize for a single novel published in English.
- Uniquely, the Award receives its nominations from public libraries in cities around the globe and recognises both writers and translators.
- The winning novel was chosen from a total of 160 titles, nominated by libraries in 118 cities in 43 countries.
- Akhil Sharma is the third American author to win the prize in its 21 year history.
- Family Life tells the story of eight-year-old Ajay, whose family move from Delhi to America in 1978.
- It may be recalled that he was shortlisted for 2016 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature for Family Life.
- He won 2015 Folio Prize for Family Life

Reference:

<http://www.dublinliteraryaward.ie/news/winner-2016-press-release/>



13th National Awards for Excellence in Cost Management-2015

Question: Which of the following port has bagged National Award for Excellence in Cost Management for the year 2015?

- (a) Mumbai port
- (b) Tuticorin (V.O. Chidambaranar) Port
- (c) Kolkata port
- (d) Kandla port

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 28 May 2016 V.O. Chidambaranar Port has bagged National Award for Excellence in Cost Management for the year 2015.
- The award was given by The Institute of Cost Accountants of India under the category of Public Service Sector- Small.
- The port participated in the 13th National Awards for Excellence in Cost Management-2015, organised by The Institute of Cost Accountants of India.
- This is the third time this port is receiving the award , the earlier years being 2008 and 2012.
- Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO), the world's premier Fertilizer, Seeds and Bio-fertilizer producing Cooperative, has won the First Prize under the Category of Private-Manufacturing: Organization-Large.
- Second prize and third prize in this category was awarded to Shree Cement Ltd. Cadila Healthcare respectively.
- The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (erstwhile The Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India) was first established in 1944 as a registered company under the Companies Act with the objects of promoting, regulating and developing the profession of Cost Accountancy.
- On 28th May, 1959, the Institute was established by a special act of Parliament, namely, the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959 as a statutory professional body for the regulation of the profession of cost and management accountancy.

Reference:

http://icmai.in/icmai/mediacenter/13National_Award.php

<http://icmai.in/icmai/aboutus/history.php>

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145916>



CEAT Cricket Awards-2016

Question: Who has been conferred with the 2016 Lifetime Achievement award in CEAT Cricket awards?

- (a) Joe Root
- (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) Kane Williamson
- (d) Dilip Vengsarkar

Ans: (d)

Related facts:

- On 30 May 2016 CEAT Cricket Awards 2016 were conferred on the players in a function of 20th edition of CEAT awards at Mumbai.

List of the award winners:

- Lifetime Achievement Award – Dilip Vengsarkar
- International Cricketer of the Year – Joe Root
- International Batsman of the Year – Joe Root
- International Bowler of the Year – Ravichandran Ashwin
- Test Cricketer of the Year – Kane Williamson
- ODI Cricketer of the Year – Martin Guptill
- T20 Player of the Year – Virat Kohli
- Indian Cricketer of the Year – Rohit Sharma
- Domestic Cricketer of the Year – Shreyas Iyer
- Young Player of the Year – Rishabh Pant
- Special Award – Ajinkya Rahane

Reference:

<https://twitter.com/hashtag/CEATCricketAwards?src=hash>

<http://www.abplive.in/sports/ceat-cricket-awards-2016-virat-kohli-named-t20-player-of-the-year-353294>

<http://www.cricbuzz.com/cricket-news/80269/england-cricketer-joe-root-biggest-winner-at-ceat-cricket-awards-night>



Fukuoka Prize-2016

Question: Which of the following famous musician and singer has been announced to be awarded with the Japan's prestigious award named Fukuoka Prize ?

- (a) Guljar
- (b) A. R Rahman
- (c) Ustad Amjad Ali Khan
- (d) Zakir Hussain

Ans:(b)



Related facts:

- On 30 May 2016 Indian Music maestro and singer A. R Rahman has been announced as the recipient of Grand Fukuoka Prize 2016.
- He has been chosen for the honour alongside Philippines' historian Ameth R Ocampo (Academic Prize) and Yasmeen Lari from Pakistan (Arts and Culture Prize) by the secretariat of Fukuoka prize committee.
- Previous winners of Fukuoka Prize from India include sitar player Ravi Shankar, dancer Padma Subrahmanyam, historian Romila Thapar, sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan and historian Ramachandra Guha.

Reference:

<http://fukuoka-prize.org/en/laureate/prize/gra/arahman.php>

OPERATIONS & CAMPAIGN

Exercise Malabar – 2016

Question: Which among the following countries have participated in the recently held Exercise Malabar – 2016?

- (a) India, Sri Lanka, and Japan
- (b) India, United States and Japan
- (c) India, Israel and United States
- (d) India, United States and Mongolia

Ans.(b)

Related facts:

- On 10th June 2016 India, Japan and United States (US) Navies started 20th edition of Exercise MALABAR-16. It is a trilateral naval exercise near South China Sea.
- The 20th edition of the exercise, Ex-MALABAR-16 will be conducted from 10th to 17th June 2016 in two phases.
- The harbour phase at Sasebo from 10th to 13th June 2016 and the sea phase in the Pacific Ocean from 14th to 17th June 2016.
- Besides Indian Navy (IN) and the United States Navy (USN), the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) will also participate in the exercise.
- The primary objective of this exercise is to enhance interoperability among the three navies and develop common understanding of procedures for Maritime Security Operations.
- The Indian Navy ships participating in the exercise are from the Eastern Fleet and include INS Sahyadri and INS Satpura,
- indigenously built guided missile stealth frigates, INS Shakti, a modern fleet tanker and support ship and INS Kirch an indigenous guided missile corvette.
- The United States Navy will be represented by ships like CTF 70 of the USN 7th fleet, which is based at Yokosuka, Japan.
- In addition to this, one nuclear powered submarine, carrier wing aircraft and Long Range Maritime Patrol aircraft will also participate in the exercise.
- The Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) will be represented by JS Hyuga, a helicopter carrier with SH 60 K integral helicopters and Long Range Maritime Patrol aircraft, besides other advanced warships for specific parts of the exercise.
- Additionally, the Special Forces (SF) of the three navies will also interact during the exercise.
- Since 1992, Indian and US navies have regularly conducted the annual bilateral exercise. Since 2007, exercise Malabar has been held alternatively off India and in the Western Pacific.
- In 2015, it was conducted off Chennai coast in the Bay of Bengal and included participation of Japan making it trilateral naval exercise.

Reference:

<http://indiannavy.nic.in/content/exercise-malabar-2016>

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=146101>



Exercise Desert Eagle-II

Question: The Airforce of which of the following two countries have participated in the recently held Exercise Desert Eagle-II?

- (a) India and Oman
- (b) India and the United Arab Emirates
- (c) India and Indonesia
- (d) India and Mongolia

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 3 June 2016 Exercise Desert Eagle II between Indian Air Force (IAF) and United Arab Emirates Air Force (UAE AF) has been concluded.
- It was the second in the series of bilateral exercises between Indian Air Force (IAF) and United Arab Emirates Air Force (UAE) AF.
- This was a ten-day air combat exercise in which the IAF and the UAE Air Force undertook air exercises from Al-Dhafra Air Base, Abu Dhabi starting from 22 May 2016.
- Exercise Desert Eagle-II saw the IAF Su 30 MKI participating along with Mirage 2000-9 and F-16 block 60 of the UAE Air Force.
- The Indian Air Force had participated previously in Desert Eagle I in 2008.

Reference:

<http://www.uniindia.com/iaf-combat-exercise-with-uae-concludes/india/news/506963.html>

<http://defence.pk/threads/india-and-uae-holding-air-combat-exercise-desert-eagle-ii-at-al-dhafra-airbase.432423/>

<http://defencenews.in/article/India-and-UAE-Air-Forces-hold-10-day-long-joint-exercise-at-Al-Dhafra-Air-Base-5464>



Swachh Yug Mission

Question: Name the campaign which aimed at making Gram Panchayats along the Ganga Open Defecation Free?

- (a) Swachh Bharat Mission
- (b) Swachh Yug Mission
- (c) Namami Gange project
- (d) None of these

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- From 6 June 2016. Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation is intensifying its effort to make all villages along the banks of the Ganga Open Defecation Free (ODF).
- For this purpose the Ministry will give its support to the five States of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.
- The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation is working in partnership with Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
- The campaign, being a collaborative effort between the Swachh Bharat Mission, local youth leaders (Yuva) and the Namami Gange project (Ganga) – is being called ‘Swachh Yug’, which translates into ‘the age of Swachh’.
- The Ministry of Youth Affairs, under the coordination of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, is enlisting the support of youth agencies such as the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Nehru Yuva Kendras and National Service Scheme.
- The first Virtual Classroom was launched on June 7, 2016, with 12 districts of Bihar undertaking a 5 day training for 50 youth volunteers in each location, connected to the trainer virtually.
- There are 5,169 villages along the river Ganga that fall under 1,651 Gram Panchayats (GPs), 52 districts, and 5 States.
- To take this initiative forward, a nodal officer has been identified for each district to work on making their district Open Defecation Free (ODF) in mission mode as well as to focus on ‘Swachhta’ at the village through proper Solid and Liquid Waste Management and maintaining general cleanliness.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145999>

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/Swachh-Yug-campaign-to-make-villages-located-along-Ganga-ODF/articleshow/52624929.cms>



Swachh Parks campaign

Question: Which of the following campaign is related to sanitation and cleanliness in all the parks in urban areas?

- (a) Clean river campaign
- (b) Clean Environment Campaign
- (c) Rural Sanitation Campaign
- (d) Swachh parks campaign



Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- From June 1 - 15, 2016; Swachh Parks campaign will be taken up by Ministry of Urban Development.
- As a part of fortnightly thematic campaigns under Swachh Bharat Mission, the Ministry of Urban Development has asked States and Union Territories to focus on ensuring sanitation and cleanliness in all the parks in urban areas.
- Ministry also issued Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to all States/UTs for ensuring sanitation and hygiene.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145836>

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE

Uttar Pradesh sets up single-member judicial commission to probe Mathura violence

Question: Who will head the judicial commission set up by Uttar Pradesh Government to probe into the recent Mathura violence?

- (a) Justice Sanjay Mishra
- (b) Justice Deepak Mishra
- (c) Justice Mirza Imtiyaz Murtaza
- (d) Justice Ravindra Singh

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On 7 June 2016 Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav appointed a judicial commission to probe into the recent Mathura violence.
- The Judicial commission will be headed by retired Allahabad High Court judge Justice Mirza Imtiyaz Murtaza.
- It has been asked to submit its report in two months.
- The judicial commission, which will have its headquarters at Lucknow, has been asked to complete the probe on following six broad points and submit its findings to the state government.
 - I. The reasons and circumstances that led to the incident,
 - II. The commission will go through the information gathered by the intelligence unit.
 - III. The role played by the district administration and police officers.
 - IV. The role of the supervising police and administrative officers.
 - V. It will look into the plan and preparedness of district administration and its effectiveness.
 - VI. Suggesting ways to ensure such incidents are not repeated in future.

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- <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/mathura-violence-clashes-judicial-probe-uttar-pradesh-government-akhilesh-yadav-2839723/>
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Suggestions from Committee on Delhi Traffic Decongestion

Question: Recently a High Powered Committee on 'Decongestion of Traffic in Delhi' has given its suggestions. The committee was formed by-

- (a) Delhi state government
- (b) Municipal Corporation
- (c) Ministry of Urban Development
- (d) None of these

Ans:(c)

Related facts:



- On 5 June 2016 The Rajiv Gauba Committee on Decongestion of Traffic in Delhi submitted its report to the Union Ministry of Urban Development.
- The Committee set up by the Minister of Urban Development M.Venkaiah Naidu in October,2014
- The committee called for a paradigm shift in transport planning and policy interventions to check explosive growth in automobile population in the national capital.
- It recommended moving people more efficiently than cars through effective public transport system.
- The Committee concluded that the explosive growth in automobile population needs to be checked quickly by adopting a 'carrot and stick' policy of enabling increased use of public and non-motorised transport.
- It recommended for disincentivising use of private vehicles through deterrent parking pricing and Congestion Tax.
- It also recommended Rs.20,000 cr investment through BRTS(Bus Rapid Transit System), Buses, walking and cycling infrastructure.
- It also acknowledge that automobile centric planning with focus on road widening, construction of more and more flyovers, Foot Over Bridges, Under Passes etc., have only promoted increased use of private vehicles.
- Such vehicles are meeting only less than 20% of transport needs and should not be encouraged unless warranted by natural barriers like rivers.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145979>

PLANNING & PROJECT

Pilot Programme to run two wheelers on CNG launched

Question: In which of the following city, the first of its kind Pilot Programme in the country to run two wheelers on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) was launched?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Chandigarh

Ans: (a)

Related facts:

- On 23 June 2016 Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas (I/C) Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of State (I/C) for Environment, Forests & Climate Change Prakash Javadekar launched Pilot Programme in the country to run two wheelers on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in New Delhi.
- This programme is first of its kind in the country.
- The 'Hawa Badlo' movement is a people's initiative to fight air pollution which is supported by GAIL and city gas distribution companies.
- 'Hawa Badlo' also supports research initiatives in this regard, of which the CNG retrofitted two wheeler programme is a part.
- As per idle emission test, the hydrocarbon emissions from CNG retrofitted two wheelers are 75% lesser and CO(Carbon Monoxide)emissions are 20% lesser as compared to petrol driven similar models.

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“Urja” Mobile App launched

Question: Recently the Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy Piyush Goyal launched ‘URJA’ mobile app for which of the following area?

- (a) Urban
- (b) Rural
- (c) Industrial
- (d) Urban and Rural

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 16 June 2016 the Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy Piyush Goyal launched ‘URJA’- Urban Jyoti Abhiyaan Mobile app.
- The app is developed by Power Finance Corporation on behalf of Ministry of Power for Urban Power Distribution Sector.
- It will help in enhancing consumer connect with the Urban Power Distribution sector by providing information of IT enabled towns on important parameters which concern the consumers like outage information, timely release of connections, addressing complaints, power reliability etc.
- The Union Minister also launched the Pradhan Mantri UJALA (Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LED for all) Yojana in Goa .

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=146270>



Korea Plus

Question: Recently the Commerce & Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Joo Hyunghwan, the Minister of Trade, Industry & Energy, Government of the Republic of Korea, had launched “Korea Plus”. It is a special initiative to promote-

- (a) Cooperation in the field of Energy
- (b) Cooperation in the field of Space
- (c) Korean Investments in India
- (d) Cooperation in the field of Tourism

Ans: (c)

Related facts:

- On 18 June 2016 the Commerce & Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Joo Hyunghwan, the Minister of Trade, Industry & Energy, Government of the Republic of Korea, launched “Korea Plus”.
- It is a special initiative to promote and facilitate Korean Investments in India.
- An MOU for establishing Korea Plus was earlier signed between the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, Govt. of the Republic of Korea and Invest India, the National Investment Promotion & Facilitation Agency of India in January 2016.
- This MOU came as an outcome of the visit of the Indian Prime Minister to South Korea in May 2015.
- Korea Plus, operationalized on June 18, 2016 comprises of a representative from the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Energy, Government of the Republic of Korea and representative from Korea Trade Investment and Promotion Agency (KOTRA) and three representatives from Invest India.
- The mandate of Korea Plus covers the entire investment spectrum including supporting Korean enterprises entering the Indian market for the first time, looking into issues faced by Korean companies doing business in India and policy advocacy to the Indian Government on their behalf.
- Korea Plus will act as a mediator in arranging meetings, assisting in public relations and research/evaluation and provide information and counselling in regard to Korean companies’ investing in India.

Reference:

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Government Launches Scheme for setting up 1000 MW CTU-connected Wind Power Project

Question: Recently Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has launched Scheme for setting up Wind Power Project connected to transmission network of Central Transmission Utility (CTU) of how much Mega watt?

- (a) 2000 MW
- (b) 1000 MW
- (c) 1500 MW
- (d) 500 MW

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 15 June 2016 Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has launched Scheme for setting up of 1000 MW Wind Power Project connected to transmission network of Central Transmission Utility (CTU).
- The scheme was launched with the objective to facilitate supply of wind power to the non-windy states at a price discovered through transparent bidding process.
- Ministry has designated Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) as nodal agency for implementation of the scheme.
- The Government of India has set an ambitious target of achieving 175 GW power capacity from renewable energy resources by 2022 and out of this 60 GW has to come from wind power.
- The Scheme will be implemented for setting up 1000 MW capacity of CTU connected Wind Power Projects by Wind Project Developers on build, own and operate basis.
- The present wind power installed capacity in the country is nearly 26.7 GW sharing around 9% of total installed capacity.
- India is at 4th position in term of wind power installed capacity after China, USA and Germany.
- The Wind power potential in the country is assessed by the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) at 100 meter above ground level, which is estimated to be over 302 GW.

Reference:

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<http://mnre.gov.in/file-manager/UserFiles/Draft-Wind-1000MW-Guidelines.pdf>

Open government data portal launched

Question: Which of the following state become the first state in India to have an open government data portal.

- (a) Sikkim
- (b) Assam
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Goa

Ans:(a)

Related facts:



- On 11 June Sikkim became the first state in India to have an open government data portal.
- Open Government Data Portal of Sikkim—sikkim.data.gov.in – is a platform for supporting Open Data initiative of Government of Sikkim.
- The portal is intended to be used by Departments/Organizations of Government of Sikkim to publish datasets, documents, services, tools and applications collected by them for public use.
- It intends to increase transparency in the functioning of the state Government and also open avenues for many more innovative uses of Government Data to give different perspective.
- Open Government Data Portal of Sikkim is designed and developed by the Open Government Data Division of National Informatics Centre (NIC), Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), Government of India.
- The portal has been created under Software as A Service (SaaS) model of Open Government Data (OGD) Platform India of NIC.
- It may be recalled that ‘Sikkim Open data Acquisition and Accessibility Policy-2014’ was passed by the government in 2014.

Reference:

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Mobile App ‘RajVayu’ on Air Quality Index Launched

Question: Which of the following state had recently launched mobile application named ‘RajVayu’ on Air Quality Index?

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

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- Rajasthan Chief Minister, Vasundhara Raje on the eve of World Environment Day (5th June) has launched a mobile app ‘RajVayu’.
- This mobile application will be used for sharing information about Air Quality Index of Jaipur, Udaipur and Jodhpur.
- The app has been designed by Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB) jointly with Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM).
- Information provided on RajVayu app will be based on the data collected by sophisticated air quality monitoring equipment and weather sensors.
- It will share details about the air quality, such as levels of pollutants likes SO_x, NO_x, CO, Ozone particles and Particulate Matter (PM) with the city residents and tourists.
- It will also share temperature, wind speed, humidity, weather forecast and advisories.
- Another app ‘Drishti’ for monitoring of pollution levels in industrial regions was also launched by CM.
- This is based on the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting Research (SAFAR-India).

Reference:

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Solar Power Policy

Question: Recently which of the following state has announced its solar power policy?

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

Ans:(d)

Related facts:



- On 6 June 2016 The Delhi Government announced implementation of its solar policy.
- The solar policy, finalised at a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.
- The government came with the policy announcing incentives and tax breaks to promote solar power.
- Also making it mandatory for government and public institutions to install rooftop solar panels.
- The policy aims at making the national capital a solar city with installation of 1 GW solar power capacity by 2020.
- This target is proposed to double it to 2 GW during further next five years.
- The government mentioned that building by laws were amended for rooftop solar installations up to the height of two metres.
- Delhi become the first state to implement Solar energy policy.
- It may be recalled that for reducing pollution in Delhi, earlier the Delhi Government announced the scheme of odd-even from January 1, 2016 to 15 January 2016.

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New train launched on the World Environment Day

Question: Name the new train launched on the World Environment Day?

- (a) Tiger tourism express
- (b) Tiger reserve express
- (c) Tiger express
- (d) Bandhavgarh Express

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On 5 June 2016 Railway minister Suresh Prabhu has flagged off the inaugural run of the Tiger Express train through video conferencing from Delhi Safdarjung Station.
- The launch of this Tiger Express on World Environment Day is to highlight the significance of environment in our lives.
- The train with 5 days/6 nights itinerary will start from Delhi Sufdarjung railway station and travel via Katani, Jabalpur, Bandhavgad, Kanha.
- The Kanha National Park is known for the presence of tigers, Swamp Deer, and the Barasingha.
- It is also recognized as the source of inspiration for the famous writer Rudyard Kipling for his famous novel, "The Jungle Book".
- This tourist train will be operated by Indian Railway PSU namely Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).
- The launch of the 'Tiger Express' is in tune with the announcement in this regard in the Railway Budget 2016-17. The objective of the train is to create awareness about our national animal, the Tiger.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145983>



Jai Jawan Awas Yojna

Question: Recently the Jai Jawan Awas Yojna was launched by which of the following state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On 3 June 2016 foundation stone of Jai Jawan Awas Yojna (JJAY), an initiative to provide affordable housing to serving and retired JCOs and Other Ranks, was laid by Manohar Lal Khattar, Chief Minister of Haryana, at Bahadurgarh, Haryana.
- This housing project has been named in the memory of Late Major Rajiv Joon, recipient of Ashok Chakra and Shaurya Chakra.
- The project is being executed by Army Welfare Housing Organization(AWHO) and aims to provide low cost housing.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145937>



Asia's first 'Gyps Vulture Reintroduction Programme' launched

Question: Where did the Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre is located?

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

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On 3 June 2016 the Union Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar launched Asia's first Gyps Vulture Reintroduction Programme, along with Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, at Pinjore.
- They jointly released two Himalayan Griffons into the wild from the Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore.
- This Centre is first of its kind in Asia, which is a major contributor to the conservation of endangered species. It is located in Bir Shikargah Wildlife Sanctuary.

Reference:

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<http://haryanaforest.gov.in/JCBC.aspx>



National Disaster Management Plan

Question: When did Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP)?

- (a) 2 June
- (b) 1 June
- (c) 3 June
- (d) 31 June

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 1 June 2016 Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP).
- This is the first ever national plan prepared in the country.
- Following are the highlights of the NDMP:
 - I. The NDMP has been aligned broadly with the goals and priorities set out in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.
 - II. The Vision of the Plan is to “Make India disaster resilient, achieve substantial disaster risk reduction, and significantly decrease the losses of life, livelihoods, and assets – economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental – by maximizing the ability to cope with disasters at all levels of administration as well as among communities.
 - III. For each hazard, the approach used in this national plan incorporates the four priorities enunciated in the Sendai Framework into the planning framework for Disaster Risk Reduction under the following five Thematic Areas for Actions:
 - a. Understanding Risk, b. Inter-Agency Coordination, c. Investing in DRR – Structural Measures, d. Investing in DRR – Non-Structural Measures, e. Capacity Development
 - IV. The Response part of the Plan has identified eighteen broad activities which have been arranged into a matrix to be served as a ready reckoner. It includes-
 - a. Early Warning, Maps, Satellite inputs, Information Dissemination, b. Evacuation of People and Animals, c. Search and Rescue of People and Animals, d. Medical Care, .Drinking Water/ Dewatering Pumps/ Sanitation Facilities/ Public Health, f. Food & Essential Supplies, g. Communication, h. Housing and Temporary Shelters, i. Power, j. Fuel, k. Transportation, l. Relief Logistics and Supply Chain Management, m. Disposal of Animal Carcasses, n. Fodder for livestock in scarcity-hit areas, o. Rehabilitation and Ensuring Safety of Livestock and other Animals, Veterinary Care, p. Data Collection and Management, q. Relief Employment, r. Media Relations
 - V. The matrix has six thematic areas in which Central and State Governments have to take actions to strengthen disaster risk governance:
 - a. Mainstream and integrate DRR and Institutional Strengthening, b. Capacity Development, c. Promote Participatory Approaches, d. Work with Elected Representatives, e. Grievance Redress Mechanism, f. Promote Quality Standards, Certifications, and Awards for Disaster Risk Management
 - VI. The National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) provides a framework and direction to the government agencies for all phases of disaster management cycle.

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<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145845>

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<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145840>



DPR of Varanasi metro rail project approved

Question: Recently, Uttar Pradesh government approved the Detailed Project Report(DPR) of the Metro Rail Project for which of the following district?

- (a) Kanpur
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Agra
- (d) Merrut

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 31 May 2016 the Uttar Pradesh (UP) cabinet approved the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Varanasi Metro rail project.
- The DPR of Varanasi Metro was finalised in February 2016 by LMRC in coordination with Government of India's engineering consultancy company, specializing in the field of infrastructure, RITES Limited.
- According to the DPR, the 29.23 km Metro will have two corridors that include from BHEL to Banaras Hindu University(BHU) (19.35 km) and Benia Bagh to Sarnath (9.885 km).
- 17 stations between BHEL and BHU have been proposed while there would be nine stations between Beniyabagh and Sarnath.
- There will be 26 stations, 20 underground and six elevated in the two corridors.
- The estimated cost of the project would be Rs 13,133 crore.

Reference:

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Cabinet approved five rail projects

Question: How much amount was sanctioned by central government for the recently launched railway projects for the improvement of basic infrastructure of the railway?

- (a) Rs 10,736 crore
- (b) Rs 10,636 crore
- (c) Rs 9,032 crore
- (d) Rs 1,535 crore

Ans:(a)



Related facts:

- On 25 May 2016 The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has sanctioned Rs 10,736 crore for the improvement of infrastructure in various areas of the railway projects.
- Among the five project three are for doubling railway line and two are for laying 3rd line.
- The five projects are:
- Project for doubling of 180.77 km Roza -Sitapur Cantt.- Burhwal Broad Gauge single line. The completion period of the project will be five years.
- Doubling of 467 km Pune-Miraj-Londa railway line project .The completion period of the project will be five years.
- Project for doubling of 116.17 km Surendranagar-Rajkot project .The completion period of the project will be four years.
- Vizianagaram and Titlagarh third line project of 264.6 km.The completion period will be five years.
- Bina-Katni 3rd line project of the 278.7 km long railway line is expected to be completed in five years.
- Recently Railway has allowed the passenger to cancel confirmed train tickets booked at counters through phone call or SMS to 139 and claim refund for the same.
- Above feature is also available on the website of IRCTC.

Reference:

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

TREATY & AGREEMENTS

Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$500 million loan

Question: Recently the Asian Development Bank (ADB) had approved a \$500 million loan for India to build a bridge across which of the following river of India?

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

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 24 June 2016 the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$500 million loan to build a bridge across India's Ganges River.
- The 9.8 kilometre (km) road bridge in the north-eastern state of Bihar will be India's longest river bridge.
- It will provide vital transport links between the northern and southern parts of the state and with neighbouring Nepal.
- The new bridge will make it easier for people to move between jobs and markets, particularly for poorer communities in the north wishing to travel to the state capital, Patna, just south of the river.
- The new Ganga Bridge, to be located near Patna, will span both channels of the Ganges River and serve as an alternate route to the existing Ganga Bridge, which has begun to deteriorate.
- The bridge, using state-of-the-art engineering techniques, will be the first of its kind in India.
- Along with ADB's loan and \$900,000 in technical assistance to improve bridge operation and management, the state government of Bihar will provide support equivalent to \$215 million.
- The project will run for about 4 years with an expected completion date of the end of December 2020.
- ADB, based in Manila, is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.
- It was established in 1966, ADB in December 2016 will mark 50 years of development partnership in the region.
- It is owned by 67 members—48 from the region. In 2015, ADB assistance totalled \$27.2 billion, including co financing of \$10.7 billion

Reference:

<http://www.adb.org/news/500-million-ADB-loan-help-india-build-its-longest-river-bridge>



Agreement for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet has approved the signing of a Protocol amending the Agreement for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with which of the following country?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Belgium
- (c) Australia
- (d) United Kingdom

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 22 June 2016 the Union Cabinet has approved the signing of a Protocol amending the Agreement between India and Belgium for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.
- The amendment in the Protocol will broaden the scope of the existing framework of exchange of tax related information between the two countries.
- This will help curb tax evasion and tax avoidance.
- The Protocol will also revise the existing treaty provisions on mutual assistance in collection of taxes.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=146407>



Israel elected to head permanent U.N. committee

Question: How much does the Israel received votes out of 175 valid votes cast in the 193-nation assembly to head permanent U.N committee?

- (a) 95
- (b) 106
- (c) 108
- (d) 109

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- On 13 June 2016 Israel won an election to chair the United Nations' legal committee.
- This is first time that it will chair United Nations Legal Committee, which is also known as the Sixth Committee.
- Israel has joined United Nations in 1949.
- Israel was a candidate for the regional Western European and Others Group (WEOG) and received a comfortable majority of votes – 109 out of 175 valid votes cast in the 193-nation assembly.
- Sweden was runner-up with 10 votes.
- United Nations has six permanent committees.

Reference:

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<http://www.timesofisrael.com/in-first-israel-elected-to-head-a-permanent-un-committee/>



Agreement between India and Taiwan

Question: Recently Cabinet has approved signing of Agreement between India and Taiwan in which of the following area?

- (a) Tourism (b) Cultural Exchange
(c) Air Services (d) Rail services

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On 15 June 2016 the Union Cabinet has approved the signing of Air Services Agreement between India-Taipei Association in Taipei (India's representative office in Taiwan) and Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India (Taiwan's representative office in India).
Presently there is no formal Air Services Agreement between India and Taiwan.
- Till now the Air Services are governed by an MoU exchanged between Air India Charters Limited (AIRL) and Taipei Airlines Associations (TAA).
- The Air Services Agreement signifies an important landmark in the civil aviation relations between India and Taiwan.
- Additionally, it has the potential to spur greater trade, investment, tourism and cultural exchanges between the two parties.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=146220>



MoU between ISRO and Canadian Space Agency (CSA)

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet has been apprised of the MoU between Department of Space / Indian Space Research Organization (DOS/ISRO) and Canadian Space Agency (CSA) on-

- (a) Manufacturing of Equipment.
(b) Cooperation in Research
(c) Cooperation in the field of outer space
(d) Cooperation in the field of satellite launch

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On 15 June 2016 the MoU was signed in Ottawa, Canada on 15th April 2015. The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding between Department of Space / Indian Space Research Organization (DOS/ISRO) and Canadian Space Agency (CSA) on cooperation in the field of outer space.
- The MoU was signed in Ottawa, Canada on 15th April 2015.
- The MoU would lead to establishment of joint team, drawing members from ISRO and CSA.
- The team will further work out the plan of action including examination and defining cooperative projects and the time-frame.
This will also provide opportunities for diverse research in the field of peaceful uses of space technologies.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=146221>



Asian Development Bank approves \$100 million loan

Question: Recently the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$100 million loan to strengthen a key irrigation system and improve water management in the Vennar sub-basin of the Cauvery delta in which of the following state?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Puducherry

Ans.(a)



Related facts:

- On 8th June 2016 the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$100 million (around Rs. 660 crore) loan to strengthen a key irrigation system and improve water management in the Vennar sub-basin of the Cauvery delta in Tamil Nadu.
- The loan funds will be spent on both physical improvements and stronger water management to give significant boost to the lives of coastal communities who do not have sufficient irrigation water.
- The project will strengthen the embankments of six major irrigation water channels in the Vennar system to make them more resilient to floods and upgrade water regulators, sluices and pump stations.
- The work is expected to be completed by December 2020.
- The Cauvery delta, on the east coast of Tamil Nadu, is known as the “rice bowl” of the state, with over 70% of the delta population engaged in farming and fishing, but access to water is unreliable and flooding is common during the monsoon season.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) based in Manila, is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific region through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.
- Established in 1966, Asian Development Bank in December 2016 will complete 50 years of development partnership in the region. Currently it has 67 members out of which 48 are from the Asian region.

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<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/adb-approves-100-mn-loan-for-irrigation-system-in-tn/article8705490.ece>

Agreement between Government of India and Asian Development Bank

Question: Recently Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a loan agreement to improve irrigation and water management infrastructure in Odisha. The amount of the loan is-

- (a) \$200 million
- (b) \$250 million
- (c) \$120 million
- (d) \$150 million

Ans:(c)

Related facts:



- On 7 June 2016, Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$120 million loan agreement here today to improve irrigation and water management infrastructure in Odisha.
- The loan is the second tranche of a \$157.5 million financing facility under the Orissa Integrated Irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Investment Program.
- The financing will be used for modernizing seven irrigation subprojects resulting in improved irrigation in over 100,000 hectares, and strengthening of Water User Associations (WUAs) and the institutional capacity of Odisha's Department of Water Resources.
- The selected areas for the investment program are the Baitarani, Brahmani, Budhabalanga, and Subernarekha river basins and part of the Mahanadi delta.
- The second tranche loan from ADB's ordinary capital resources has a 20-year term.
- The State of Odisha, acting through its Department of Water Resources is responsible for implementing the tranche 2 activities and overall program, which are both due for completion by September 2018.
- ADB(Asian Development bank) is a regional development bank established on December 19, 1966 to facilitate economic development of Asian countries.
- The Headquarter of ADB is in Manila, Philippines.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=146024>

<http://www.adb.org/about/history>

Agreement between Government of India and the World Bank

Question: Recently when did the Government of India and the World Bank signed an agreement under the World Bank-Global Environment Facility (GEF) Program?

- (a) 3 June 2016
- (b) 31 May 2016
- (c) 30 May 2016
- (d) 2 June 2016

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 31 May 2016, The Government of India and the World Bank signed a US\$ 9.2 million grant agreement under the World Bank-Global Environment Facility (GEF) Program.
- Agreement has been signed for the Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Service Project to improve the efficiency and attractiveness of bus services in select Indian cities.
- The project will demonstrate low cost high impact initiatives in efficient bus operations by focusing on modernizing city bus services through modern depots for improving the maintenance of buses.
- The initiatives for modernizing city bus transport services under this project will help select cities reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) while offering practical transport solutions.
- Demonstration cities where the various initiatives for improving city bus services will be undertaken are Mira Bhayandar in Maharashtra, Chandigarh, Jaipur, and Bhopal.

Reference:

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2016/05/31/the-government-india-and-world-bank-sign-agreement-to-improve-efficiency-and-attractiveness-city-bus-services>



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Notification for constitution of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)

Question: Recently the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has issued notification for constitution of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT). Who has been appointed the Chairperson of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)?

- (a) Justice MM Kumar
- (b) Justice S.J. Mukhopadhaya
- (c) Justice Ashok Ganguly
- (d) Justice Deepak Mishra



Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Government of India

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 1 June 2016 the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has issued notification for constitution of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).
- With the constitution of the NCLT, the Company Law Board constituted under the Companies Act, 1956 stands dissolved.
- Hon'ble Justice S.J. Mukhopadhaya, Judge (Retd.), Supreme Court of India has joined as the Chairperson of the NCLAT and Hon'ble Justice M.M.Kumar, Judge (Retd.) has joined as the President of the NCLT.
- Initially, NCLT will have eleven Benches.
- This includes two at New Delhi and one each at Ahmedabad, Allahabad, Bengluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145890>

MoU between India and Qatar

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Qatar in which of the following field?

- (a) Skills development
- (b) Space
- (c) Terrorism
- (d) Tourism

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 1 June 2016 the Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Qatar.
- This was signed for cooperation in the field of Skill Development and Recognition of qualifications.
- The MoU will facilitate workforce mobility, skill development and placement of youth in overseas jobs in Qatar.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145878>



Agreement between India and USA

Question: Recently India and U.S A has signed an agreement for exchange of which of the following information?

- (a) Tax evasion
- (b) Terrorist screening
- (c) Nuclear safety
- (d) environmental protection

Ans:(b)

Related facts:



- On 2 June 2016, an arrangement between the authorized governmental agencies of the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America (USA) for exchange of terrorist screening information was signed.
- The arrangement was signed by the Union Home Secretary, Rajiv Mehrishi and Richard Verma, Ambassador of the United States of America to India.
- As per this arrangement, both sides shall provide each other access to terrorism screening information through the designated contact points, subject to domestic laws and regulations.
- The arrangement would enhance the counter terrorism cooperation between India and USA.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145903>

<https://twitter.com/USAmbIndia/status/738305844211654659>

<http://www.uniindia.com/-exchange-of-terrorist-screening-information-arrangement-signed-between-india-us/india/news/505077.html>

MOU between the Directorate General of Civil Aviation of India (DGCA) and the French Civil Aviation Authority

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval to the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Directorate General of Civil Aviation of India (DGCA) and the French Civil Aviation Authority in which of the following field?

- (a) Tourism (b) Civil Aviation
(c) Environmental protection (d) Information Technology

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- On 1 June 2016 the Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval to the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Directorate General of Civil Aviation of India (DGCA) and the French Civil Aviation Authority – Direction Generale de l'Aviation Civile (DGAC) of France.
- This has been signed to implement Technical Cooperation Programme for promotion and implementation of Standards and Recommended Practices of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
- The MoU has been signed on behalf of the two countries after its approval by the two Governments and would be for a term of four years.

For this purpose, the Parties undertake to cooperate through the following actions:

- (a) By exchanging information concerning the various techniques used to reach the objectives;
- (b) By sending French experts or instructors to India for training missions; and
- (c) By receiving experts, or instructors of India, in France for training missions.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145866>

<http://www.uniindia.com/cabinet-approves-mou-between-dgca-french-civil-aviation-authority/business-economy/news/504162.html>

<http://www.financialexpress.com/article/economy/india-france-ink-mou-for-tech-support-to-implement-icao-norms/271378/>



CONFERENCE

3rd National Standards Conclave

Question: The 3rd National Standards Conclave was held at-

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

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 23-24 June 2016; The 3rd National Standards Conclave was held in New Delhi.
- It was organized by Department of Commerce, Government of India in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) and other knowledge partners.
- The Conclave was inaugurated by Commerce and Industry Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman.
- The objective of the two day Conclave was to bring awareness and prepare Industries, Central Government Ministries, State Governments, regulatory/standards setting and conformity assessment bodies on the growing importance of “Standards” in the changing scenario of global trade.
- The Standards Conclave was held in the backdrop of diminishing importance of tariffs and rising influence of standards and regulation both in goods and services trade.
- It must be recognized that the days of differential standards – low for domestic market and high for exports – are over and if the Indian industry has to survive and thrive, it has to adopt global standards.
- The conclave shall fulfil the vision of Hon’ble Prime Minister for “Zero Defect, Zero Effect” and Make in India campaigns.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=146396>

http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/3rd-national-standards-conclave-116062200671_1.html

http://www.moneycontrol.com/news/current-affairs/national-standards-conclave-to-startjune-23_6910941.html



Rajswa Gyansangam- Annual Conference of Tax Administrators-2016

Question: The two day(16-17 June 2016) “Rajswa Gyansangam- Annual Conference of Tax Administrators-2016” was held in which of the following city?

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

Ans: (a)

Related facts:



- On 16th & 17th June, 2016. The two day “Rajswa Gyansangam- Annual Conference of Tax Administrators-2016” was organised.
- “Rajswa Gyansangam” was held in New Delhi and concluded on 17 June 2016.
- It was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 16th June, 2016.
- This is for the first time that the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) had this joint meeting named as “Rajswa Gyansangam”.
- Separate Technical sessions were held by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) & Central Board of Excise & Customs (CBEC).
- The Technical Sessions of CBDT over the two day period covered wide ranging subjects like Tax Payer Services, New Initiatives in E- Governance, Exchange of Information with foreign jurisdictions, Investigation into Undisclosed Foreign Assets, Income Declaration Scheme 2016, Litigation Management & Dispute Resolution, Scheme for Paperless Assessments, Promoting Accountability & Service Orientation etc.
- The purpose of the conference is to motivate the revenue officers towards achieving high standards in taxpayer friendly services in view of fast paced changes in the world economy and to address some of the challenges that these Departments face in this scenario.
- The two-day conference was participated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi , Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and senior officers of CBDT and CBEC .

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=146309>

Shangri-La Dialogue 2016-15th Asia Security Summit

Question: The Shangri-La Dialogue was organized by which of the following institution?

- (a) Ford Foundation
- (b) International Institute for Strategic Studies
- (c) Fulbright Foundation
- (d) Rockefeller Foundation

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 3-5 June 2016 the 15th Security Summit, also known as Shangri-La Dialogue was held in Singapore.
- The IISS Shangri-La Dialogue (originally known as the 'Asia Security Summit') was initiated in 2002 in response to the evident need for a forum where Asia-Pacific defence ministers could engage in dialogue aimed at building confidence and fostering practical cooperation.
- The summit held annually by an independent think tank, the London based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS).
- The event was attended by at least 28 Defence Ministers from Asia-Pacific countries.
- India is represented by Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.
- It was led by Pentagon chief Ashton Carter.
- The summit was started with the introductory speech of Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand.
- The 2016 discussions was dominated by the issues like territorial disputes in the South China Sea, military provocations of North Korea and Islamist extremism, migration, counterterrorism, military competition and cyber security.
- The Legislators, academic experts, journalists and business delegates from around the globe also attended the dialogue.

Reference:

<https://www.iiss.org/en/events/events/archive/2016-a3c2/june-4a2d/sld2016-70d7>

<https://www.iiss.org/en/events/shangri-s-la-s-dialogue/about-shangri-la>



First Global Telangana Convention held

Question: In which of the city of the United States the First Global Telangana Convention was held?

- (a) Dallas
- (b) Washington
- (c) New York
- (d) Hawaii

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 3-5 June 2016 The first Global Telangana Convention was held in Dallas, United States.
- It was organised for showcasing the rich culture of the land amidst thousands of people who descended at the SLPS Convention centre from different parts of the world including India.
- The Jai Kisan project launched at the convention to help the distressed farming community was the cynosure of all eyes and it reflected the Telugus concern for the farmers whose neglect was the focal point of the entire Telangana agitation.
- It may be recalled that on 2 June 2014 Telangana was formed as India's 29th state.

Reference:

<http://www.gtc2016.org/>

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/first-global-telangana-meet-begins-in-dallas/article8693897.ece>



ASSOCIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

India joined the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)

Question: Recently India joined the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) as a full member. India joined as the-

- (a) 34th Member
- (b) 35th Member
- (c) 40th Member
- (d) 42nd Member

Ans: (b)

Related facts:

- On 27 June 2016 India joined the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) as a full member at a ceremony in South Block, attended by Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar and diplomats from the Netherlands, France and Luxembourg missions.
- India become the 35th member of the Regime.
- The membership will strengthen the international efforts to prevent proliferation of delivery systems (ballistic missiles or unmanned aircraft) capable of delivering weapons of mass destruction.
- MTCR membership will now enable India to buy high-end missile technology and also enhance its joint ventures with Russia.
- The aim of the MTCR is to restrict the proliferation of missiles, complete rocket systems, unmanned air vehicles and related technology for those systems capable of carrying a 500 kilogramme payload for at least 300 kilometres, as well as systems intended for the delivery of weapons of mass destruction.
- The annual plenary meeting of the MTCR will be held in the Republic of Korea in October 2016.
- The MTCR was originally established in 1987 by Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.
- Presently, the number of MTCR partners has increased to a total of thirty-five countries, all of which have equal standing within the Regime.

Reference:

<http://www.mtcrl.info/english/160627-India.pdf>

http://www.newsonair.com/full_news.asp?top3=top



Cabinet approves India's Membership of the International Continental Scientific Drilling Program

Question: Recently the Union Cabinet has given its approval for Indian membership of the International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP), It is located in which of the following country?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Germany
- (c) Canada
- (d) California



Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 15 June 2016 the Union Cabinet has given its approval for Indian membership of the International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP) consortium by signing an MoU with the Helmholtz Centre Potsdam GFZ German Research Centre for geosciences.
- This is a government-funded, Public Law Foundation of the State of Brandenburg, Germany.
- As a member of ICDP, scientists/engineers from India would have right to submit proposals, to participate in all ICDP co-funded workshops and drilling projects.
- They will also have access to all data results from ICDP projects.
- This will shed new light on the genesis of seismicity and better understanding of earthquake processes.
- As a part of the membership agreement, India will get a seat on two ICDP panels – Executive Committee (EC) and Assembly of Governors (AOG).

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=146218>

LAW & JUSTICE

Public Grievance Redressal Act-2015 launched in Bihar

Question: Recently Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched Right to Public Grievance Redressal Act. The act seeks disposal of peoples' complaints or redressal of grievances from Government officials within how many days?

- (a) 50 working days
- (b) 60 working days
- (c) 45 working days
- (d) 30 working days

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 5 June 2016 Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched Right to Public Grievance Redressal Act.
- The act seeks disposal of peoples' complaints or redressal of grievances from Government officials within 60-days.
- The complaint can be filed free of charge.
- The Complaints can be filed online or by post.
- The Government has one Grievance Redressal Officer (GRO) in each department as well as first and second Appellate authorities.
- Officials not adhering to provisions of the law could be dismissed from service or face a penalty of from 500 rupees to 5000 rupees.
- In cases where the grievance cannot be redressed, then the complainant will get a letter citing reasons for not getting the grievance redressed. In that case, the complainant can file an appeal if he/she is not satisfied with the answer.

Reference:

<http://www.dnaindia.com/locality/pataliputra/public-grievance-redressal-act-passed-bihar-78-complaints-received-day-1-95106>

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/nitish-launches-public-grievance-redressal-act-in-bihar/1/684245.html>



Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2016

Question: On 30 May 2016 the Minister of Women & Child Development, Maneka Sanjay Gandhi released the draft “Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2016” in New Delhi. Consider the following statements related to this:

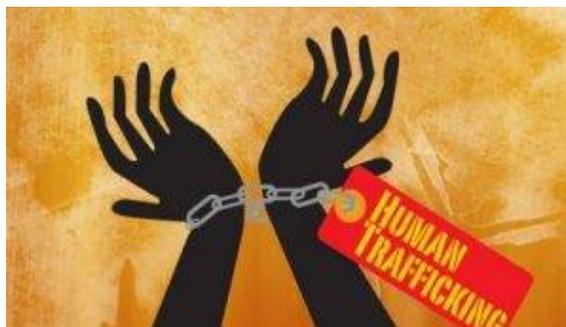
1. The draft was prepared by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
2. The Bill aims to create a strong legal, economic and social environment against trafficking of persons and related matters.
3. The proposed draft Bill aims to place dedicated institutional mechanisms at District, State and Central level.
4. It also envisages a designated Agency for the investigation of offences.

- (a) Both 1 and 2 are true.
(b) 2,3 and 4 are true
(c) 1,2 and 3 are true
(d) All four are true

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- On 30 May 2016 the Minister of Women & Child Development Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi released the draft “Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2016” in New Delhi.
- The draft bill has been formulated through discussions with various stakeholders of the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- The Bill aims to create a strong legal, economic and social environment against trafficking of persons and related matters.
- The draft Bill has taken into account the various aspects of trafficking and its punishments as defined in section 370- 373 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 .
- It also aims to include other offences/ provisions which are not dealt with in any other law for the purpose of trafficking, such as
 - (1) Penal provisions for the disclosure of identity of the victim of trafficking and witness
 - (2) Use of narcotic drug or psychotropic substance or alcohol for the purpose of



trafficking.

(3) Use of chemical substance or hormones for the purpose of exploitation.

- The draft Bill has also taken into its ambit the 'placement agencies' by making mandatory for them to also register for the purposes of this Act.
- The proposed draft Bill aims to place dedicated institutional mechanisms at District, State and Central level.
- It also envisages a designated Agency for the investigation of offences.
- It provides for Protection Homes and Special Homes for short term and long term rehabilitation support.
- For speedy trial with a view to increase prosecution and to reduce the trauma faced by the victims, the proposed draft Bill provides for establishing Special Courts in each district and experienced Special Prosecutors.
- Recovery of back wages and other monetary losses of the victim of trafficking is also proposed.
- The draft Bill provides for mandatory reporting within 24 hours by a Police Officer, Public servant, any officer or employee of Protection Home or Special Home having custody of the victim of trafficking to the District Anti-Trafficking Committee or in case of child victim to the Child Welfare Committee.
- For the effective implementation of the proposed Act and for the welfare and rehabilitation of the victims an Anti-Trafficking Fund will be created.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145789>

<http://wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/Draft%20Trafficking%20of%20persons%20Bill>

YEAR, DAY & WEEK

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

Question: The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is celebrated on-

- (a) 25 June
- (b) 26 June
- (c) 27 June
- (d) 28 June

Ans: (b)



Related facts:

- On 26 June 2016 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed across the world.
- 2016 Theme is “ Listen First”.
- ‘Listen First’ is an initiative to increase support for prevention of drug use that is based on science and is thus an effective investment in the well-being of children and youth, their families and their communities.
- By resolution 42/112 of 7 December 1987, the United Nations General Assembly decided to observe 26 June as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.
- The day is observed as an expression of its determination to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.

Reference:

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

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

International Day of the Seafarer

Question: The International Day of the Seafarer is celebrated on-

- (a) 23 June
- (b) 25 June
- (c) 14 February
- (d) 25 December

Ans: (b)

Related facts:

- On 25 June 2016 the International Day of the Seafarer -2016 was observed across the world.
- In 2010 the International Maritime Institute (IMO) decided to celebrate 25 June as the International Day of the Seafarer.
- The theme this year is: “At Sea For All”.
- The 25 June is celebrated as the International Day of the Seafarer as a way to recognize that almost everything that we use in our daily lives has been directly or indirectly affected by sea transport.

Reference:

<http://www.imo.org/en/About/Events/dayoftheseafarer/Pages/Day-of-the-Seafarer-2016.aspx>

<http://www.unric.org/en/latest-un-buzz/28585-day-of-the-seafarer>

<http://www.seafarersawarenessweek.org/seafarers-awareness-week-events/day-of-the-seafarer/>



World Hydrography Day

Question: World Hydrography Day is celebrated on-

- (a) 21 June
- (b) 22 June
- (c) 23 June
- (d) 25 June

Ans.(a)

Related facts:

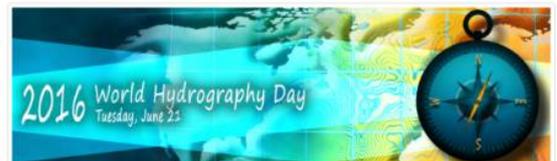
- On 21 June 2016 the World Hydrography Day-2016 was celebrated across the world.
- The theme for this year is “Hydrography – the key to well-managed seas and waterways”.
- The day is celebrated to increase public awareness of the vital role that hydrography plays in everyone’s life.
- The day has been celebrated every year since 2005.

Reference:

https://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/WHD/2016/2016BackgroundENG.pdf

https://www.iho.int/srv1/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=380&Itemid=296&language=en

<http://www.oceanwise.eu/world-hydrography-day-21-june-2016/>



International Day of Yoga

Question: International Day of Yoga was celebrated on 21 June 2016 across the world. What is the theme of this year's Yoga Day?

- (a) Yoga for harmony and peace
- (b) Yoga for Harmony
- (c) Connect the Youth
- (d) Yoga for Peace and Development

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On 21 June 2016 International Day of Yoga was celebrated across the world.
- India's Permanent Mission to the UN has organized celebrations at the United Nations on June 20 and 21.
- A special event titled "Conversation with Yoga Masters – Yoga for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" was organised.
- This year's celebration was marked under the theme "Connect the Youth".
- It may be recalled that on 11 December 2014 UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/69/131 designated 21 June International Day of Yoga.
- Spiritual leader and Isha Foundation founder Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev lead the yoga session held at United Nations Headquarters in New York.
- This yoga session was attended by 135 countries for the first time.
- On the occasion Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated second International Yoga Day in Chandigarh.
- Where he joined approximately 30,000 participants in a mass Yoga demonstration.
- The Prime Minister called for focus in the next one year, on how to mitigate diabetes through Yoga.
- He said that to honour those who are working to popularize Yoga, two awards will be instituted, one at the national level, and the other at the international level.
- On this day Baba Ramdev performed Yoga with One lakh people in Faridabad, Haryana and the performance has also been recorded in Guinness Book Of World Records.
- 408 people from Patanjali set a world record by doing shirsaasan (standing on one's head) at the same time for 5 seconds, previously the record was held by Citizen land where 265 people has performed shirsaasan(standing on one's head) at the same time.
- In the same program Rohtash Chaudhary set another world record by performing 51 push-ups in 1 minute with 80 pounds on his back.

Reference:

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

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

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2016/06/media-advisory-yoga-for-sdgs-un-international-day-of-yoga/>

http://www.pmindia.gov.in/en/news_updates/cabinet-approves-special-package-for-employment-generation-and-promotion-of-exports-in-textile-and-apparel-sector/?comment=disable

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/dehradun/On-Intl-Yoga-Day-Ramdev-sets-eyes-on-four-world-records/articleshow/52812509.cms>



World Refugee Day

Question: World Refugee Day is celebrated on-

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

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 20 June 2016 the “World Refugee Day” was observed across the world.
- To mark the occasion the UN Refugee Agency launch its #WithRefugees petition to send a message to governments that they must work together and do their fair share for refugees.
- The #WithRefugees petition will be delivered to UN headquarters in New York ahead of the UN High Level Meeting on Refugees and Migrants, scheduled for the 19th September, 2016.
- The day is observed annually to draw attention to the plight of refugees, celebrate their courage and resilience and renew commitment to solve refugee problems.
- World Refugee Day has been marked on 20 June, ever since the UN General Assembly, on 4 December 2000, adopted resolution 55/76 where it noted that 2001 marked the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees.
- The International Refugee Day coincide with Africa Refugee Day on 20 June.



Reference:

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

World Day to Combat Desertification

Question: World Day to Combat Desertification is celebrated on-

- (a) 17 June
(b) 15 June
(c) 14 June
(d) 5 June

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 17 June 2016 the World Day to Combat Desertification-2016 was observed across the world .
- The 2016 Theme of the Day is “Inclusive cooperation for achieving Land Degradation Neutrality”.
- The Slogan for this year is “ Protect Earth. Restore Land. Engage People”.
- The global observance event on 17 June 2016 will be held in Beijing, China, hosted by the State Forestry Administration of China (SFA).
- In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 17 the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought to promote public awareness on the issue, and the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa.

Reference:

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

<http://www.unccd.int/en/programmes/Event-and-campaigns/WDCD/Pages/default.aspx>



World Blood Donors Day

Question: When did the World Blood Donors Day is celebrated?

- (a) 13 June
- (b) 12 June
- (c) 15 June
- (d) 14 June

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- On 14 June 2016 World Blood Donors Day-2016 was observed all over the world.
- The theme of the 2016 World Blood Donor Day campaign is “Blood connects us all”.
- The objectives of the Day is to thank blood donors for their life-saving gift of blood and highlight the theme of blood connecting us all.
- The purpose of observing it is to create wider public awareness of the need for regular blood donation, and inspire those who have not yet donated blood to start donating.
- This occasion also helps to persuade countries to show appreciation to regular, voluntary, unpaid donors and commit to self-sufficiency in blood supply.
- World Blood Donor Day is celebrated every year on the day of birthday anniversary of Karl Landsteiner (a great scientist who won the Nobel Prize for his great discovery of the ABO blood group system) on 14 June in 1868.

Reference:

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World Day Against Child Labour

Question: World Day Against Child Labour is celebrated on-

- (a) 5th June (b) 11th June
- (c) 12th June (d) 8th June

Ans.(c)

Related facts:

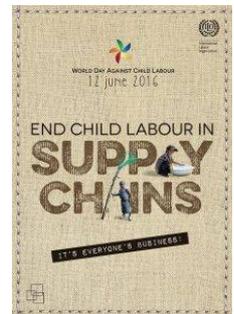
- World Day against Child Labour was observed across the world on 12 June 2016.
- The theme this year is ‘End child labour in supply chains – It’s everyone’s business.’
- The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 to attract attention on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it.
- Each year the day brings together governments, employers, civil society, as well as millions of people from around the world to highlight the plight of child labourers and what can be done to help them.
- Many events were organised across the country to mark the occasion and create awareness against child labour.

Reference:

<http://www.newsonair.com/news.asp?cat=national&id=NN2023>

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

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/puducherry/world-day-against-child-labour-observed/article8716987.ece>



World Oceans Day

Question: World Oceans Day is celebrated on-

- (a) 7 June
- (b) 8 June
- (c) 6 June
- (d) 10 June

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 8 June 2016; The World Oceans Day was celebrated across the world.
- This year, the theme is “Healthy oceans, healthy planet”.
- Many countries have celebrated World Oceans Day following the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, which was held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.
- In 2008, the United Nations General Assembly decided that, as of 2009, 8 June would be designated by the United Nations as “World Oceans Day”
- First “World Ocean Day was celebrated on 8 June 2009,

Reference:

- <http://www.un.org/en/events/oceansday/>
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World Environment Day

Question: World Environment Day was celebrated on 5 June 2016 across the world. This year’s World Environment Day celebrations was hosted by-

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Angola
- (c) South Sudan
- (d) Lithuania

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 5 June 2016 World Environment Day was celebrated across the world.
- The Theme of World Environment Day-2016 is “Zero tolerance for the illegal trade in wildlife”.
- This year’s World Environment Day celebrations was hosted by Angola.
- The World Environment Day, observed since 1973.

Reference:

- <http://www.un.org/en/events/environmentday/index.shtml>
- <http://www.wed2016.com/hostcountry>
- <http://www.ibtimes.co.in/world-environment-day-2016-best-quotes-slogans-picture-messages-check-shocking-images-mother-681357>



World Milk Day

Question: World Milk Day is celebrated on-

- (a) 2 June
- (b) 1 June
- (c) 5 June
- (d) 6 June

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 1 June 2016 World Milk Day was observed across the world.
- The Day provides an opportunity to focus attention on milk and to publicise activities connected with milk and the milk industry.
- The first World Milk Day was held in 2001.

Reference:

<http://www.fao.org/economic/est/est-commodities/dairy/school-milk/15th-world-milk-day/en/>



International Day of UN Peacekeepers

Question: International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is celebrated on-

- (a) 28 May
- (b) 29 May
- (c) 26 May
- (d) 30 May

Ans:(b)

Related facts:

- On 29 May 2016 International Day of UN Peacekeepers was celebrated across the world.
- The theme for the 2016 International Day of UN Peacekeepers is “Honouring our Heroes.”
- Since the first UN Peacekeeping mission was established in 1948, more than 2,980 military, police and civilian personnel have lost their lives in the service of peace as a result of acts of violence, accidents and disease.
- The General Assembly, in its resolution 57/129, designated 29 May as the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers. This day was first celebrated in 2003.

Reference:

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

<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/operations/pkday.shtml>



World No Tobacco Day

Question: World No Tobacco Day is celebrated on-

- (a) 29 May
- (b) 30 May
- (c) 31 May
- (d) 28 May

Ans: (c)



• **Related facts:**

- On 31 May 2016. The World No Tobacco Day -2016 was observed across the world.
- This year's World No Tobacco Day theme calls on countries worldwide to "Get ready for plain packaging of tobacco products".
- The aim of World No Tobacco Day is to raise awareness about the ill effects of tobacco processing, trade and usage among the masses and the policy makers.
- May 31 is World No Tobacco Day, an annual awareness day sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) since 1987.
- On this occasion National Tobacco Cessation Quitline was launched to support users quit services and the release of tobacco control awareness tools
- India is the second largest consumer of tobacco after China.
- According to statistics, about 35 percent of the country's population consumes tobacco in some or other form.
- Tobacco is the reason for 50 percent of cancer in men and 25 percent among women.
- 8-9 lakh deaths can be attributed to consumption of tobacco each year.
- Cancer kills more people worldwide than HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria combined.
- Looking at the loss in terms of GDP, it was 1.16 per cent of the country's GDP and 12 per cent more than the combined state and Central government expenditure on healthcare in 2011.

Reference:

- <http://www.who.int/tobacco/en/>
- <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2016/world-no-tobacco-day/en/>
- <http://www.hindustantimes.com/health-and-fitness/world-no-tobacco-day-these-22-ads-will-make-you-quit-smoking-now/story-VW6VpVCPndIbh1K43RdokK.html>
- <http://www.cancer.org/cancer/news/features/world-no-tobacco-day>

MISCELLANEOUS

Dark Sky Reserve

Question: Where did the China's first dark sky reserve has been opened for astronomical observation in conditions of limited light pollution?

- (a) Ngari
- (b) Lhasa
- (c) Aksai Chin
- (d) None of these

Ans:(a)

Related facts:

- On 23 June 2016 China has launched its first dark sky reserve in the Tibet autonomous region's Ngari Prefecture.
- China has opened its first dark sky reserve for astronomical observation in conditions of limited light pollution.
- The reserve covers an area of 2,500 km² .
- The reserve is jointly launched by the China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation and the regional government of Tibet.
- Ngari, due to its high altitude and large number of cloudless days throughout the year is among the best sites for astronomical observation on earth.

Reference:

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2016-06/21/content_25791823.htm

<http://sputniknews.com/asia/20160623/1041813025/light-pollution-reserve.html>

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/china-sets-up-first-dark-sky-reserve/article8766365.ece>



Minority Status to Jewish Community

Question: Which of the following Indian state had recently granted Minority Status to Jewish Community ?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Mizoram

Ans: (a)

Related facts:

- On 21 June 2016 Maharashtra government had granted Minority Status to Jewish Community .
- The decision was taken by State Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.
- The State/UT wise population of Jews/Judaism religious as per Census 2001 is 4650. There are 1466 Jews in Maharashtra alone.
- Earlier in October 2006, the State government declared Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains as religious minorities.
- Jews are part of Indian society from about 2300 years.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/mbErel.aspx?relid=144819>

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Indian Air Force inducts first batch of women pilots into its fighter squadron

Question: On 18 June 2016 the Indian Air Force inducted its first batch of women pilots into its fighter squadron. How many women pilots are present in this batch?

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

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- On 18 June 2016 the Indian Air Force inducted its first batch of women pilots into its fighter squadron.
- This batch consist of 3 Women pilots namely, Avani Chaturvedi(Madhya Pradesh), Bhawana Kanth(Bihar) and Mohana Singh(Rajasthan) .
- On successful completion of their training, the trio were formally commissioned by Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.
- Each has cleared the first stage of training and has about 150 hours of flying.
- The achievement of the three is a significant milestone for the Indian military, as this is the first time it has permitted women into combat roles.
- The three will begin advanced training on advanced jet trainer Hawks. It will take another 145 hours on the Hawks for almost a year before they would actually get into the cockpit of a supersonic fighter.

Reference:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/first-batch-of-three-female-fighter-pilots-commissioned/article8744547.ece?homepage=true>

<http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/indian-air-force-to-get-first-women-fighter-pilots-today-1420495>

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/first-batch-of-women-pilots-inducted-into-indian-air-force-fighter-squadron-2860208/>



India Becomes World's Third Largest Oil Consumer

Question : Which of the following country is World's Third Largest Oil Consumer?

- (a) China
- (b) Australia
- (c) United States of America
- (d) India

Ans:(d)

Related facts:

- According to recently released BP Statistical Review of World Energy on 8 June 2016, India has surpassed Japan to become the world's third-largest oil consumer.
- With demand of 4.1 million barrels a day (bpd), India is the third-largest consumer behind the United States (19.39 million bpd) and China (11.96 million bpd).
- India accounted for 4.5 per cent of world oil consumption in 2015.
- Oil remained the world's leading fuel, accounting for 32.9 per cent of global energy consumption and is gaining market share for the first time since 1999. Coal came in as the second-largest fuel by market share (29.2 per cent).
- Natural gas' market share of primary energy consumption stood at 23.8 per cent.

Reference:

<http://www.bp.com/en/global/corporate/press/press-releases/65th-edition-of-bp-statistical-review-of-world-energy.html>

<http://www.bp.com/content/dam/bp/pdf/energy-economics/statistical-review-2016/bp-statistical-review-of-world-energy-2016-full-report.pdf>



India Subscribes to The Hague Code of Conduct Against Ballistic Missile Proliferation

Question: When did the India joined The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC)?

- (a) 2 June 2016 (b) 3 June 2016
- (c) 1 June 2016 (d) 31 May 2016

Ans:(c)

Related facts:

- On June 1, India became the 138th Subscribing State to the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC).
- The HCoC is a voluntary mechanism that has built a broad international predisposition against ballistic missile proliferation and promotes transparency and confidence building.
- It aimed at preventing the spread of ballistic missiles that can deliver weapons of mass destruction.
- The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC), formerly known as "The International Code of Conduct" (ICOC), was adopted at an international conference held on 25-26 November 2002 in The Hague.



Reference:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/06/257907.htm>

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-joins-the-hague-code-of-conduct/article8682678.ece>

Increase in the retirement age of doctors of the Central Health Services

Question: Recently the Prime Minister approved the proposal of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for enhancing the age of superannuation of all doctors of the Central Health Service to-

- (a) 63 Years v (b) 64 Years (c) 66 Years (d) 65 Years

Ans: (d)

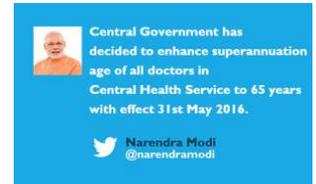
Related facts:

- On 31 May 2016 the Prime Minister approved the proposal of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for enhancing the age of superannuation of all doctors of the Central Health Service to 65 years.
- The change will be in effect from 31st May 2016.
- This will enable the Government to retain experienced doctors for a longer period, and to provide better services in its public health facilities, particularly to the poorest, who are entirely dependent on public facilities.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=145818>

<http://www.narendramodi.in/prime-minister-approves-retirement-age-of-doctors-of-central-health-services-to-65-years-483840>



The world's longest rail tunnel

Question: Recently the world's longest railway tunnel, Gotthard is built in which of the following country?

- (a) Switzerland (b) Spain
(c) Russia (d) France

Ans: (a)

Related facts:

- On 29 May 2016 the final phase of operational testing of world's longest and deepest railroad tunnel "Gotthard Base Tunnel" has concluded.
- The 57-kilometer (35-mile) two-single track Gotthard Base Tunnel is one of the main railroads of Alps.
- It will connect the northern and southern Europe.
- It is officially opened on June 1, 2016 but its full service is expected to start in December, 2016.
- Total cost of the project is 9.8 billion Swiss francs, or US\$10 billion.
- The idea to build this tunnel was born 69 years ago: Swiss engineer Eduard Gruner first came up with the concept in 1947.
- Gotthard Base Tunnel will overtake Japan's 53.9-kilometer Seikan Tunnel as the world's longest train tunnel.

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<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2016/05/28/swiss-worlds-longest-deepest-rail-tunnel/84618294/>

