

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTION BANK- AUGUST 2018

1. Union Government and European Union (EU) have collaborated for research programme to develop Next Generation Influenza Vaccine to protect citizens across the globe. What is the name of the programme?

- a. Horizon 20
- b. Horizon 2019
- c. Horizon 2020
- d. Horizon 19
- e. None of the above

2. An Indian development economist and environment expert was appointed as has been appointed assistant secretary general of United Nations and will head New York office of UN Environment Programme (UNEP). He was appointed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. Name the person.

- a. Satheesh K Verma
- b. Satya S. Tripathi
- c. Sudhir Vyas
- d. Shigtanshu Dua
- e. None of the above

3. Central Government along with which state government has signed \$250 million Development Policy Loan (DPL) agreement with World Bank for Electricity Distribution Sector Reforms in Rajasthan. The loan will be provided by World Bank's lending arm International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)?

- a. Madhya Pradesh
- b. Telangana
- c. Odisha
- d. Rajasthan
- e. Assam

4. The fourth edition of Asian electoral stakeholders forum (AESF-IV) was held in _____ to discuss the state of elections and democracy in the region. This was for first time AESF was held in South Asia.

- a. Maldives
- b. Nepal
- c. Bhutan
- d. India
- e. Sri Lanka

5. India's first first-ever environment friendly biofuel powered flight between Dehradun and Delhi was propelled by blend of oil from _____ and aviation turbine fuel. The 43-minute flight was operated by SpiceJet's Bombardier Q-400 aircraft, with 20 officials and five crew members on board.

- a. Gingelly Seed
- b. Niger Seeds
- c. Castor Bean Seeds
- d. Jatropha Seeds
- e. Other than the above

6. What is the name of India's only aircraft carrier which is for the first time will be fitted with marine hydraulic system to boost the air operations of the ship. It will be fitted with two marine hydraulic systems whose technical terms go by "GS-1MF" and "GS-3"?

- a. INS Vishal
- b. INS Vikramaditya
- c. INS Viraat
- d. INS Vikrant
- e. None of the above

7. The third edition of Indian Ocean Conference was held in Hanoi, capital city of _____ from 27-28 August 2018.

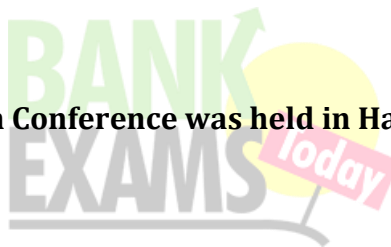
- a. Vietnam
- b. Indonesia
- c. Hong Cong
- d. Cambodia
- e. Lao

8. The G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Meeting was held in Salta which is in

- a. Indonesia
- b. Malaysia
- c. Philippines
- d. Argentina
- e. Thailand

9. Who among the following won Gold medal in men's shot put final at 2018 Jakarta-Palembang Asian held in Indonesia? He finished first in men's shot put final and set new record at 20.75 m in his fifth attempt. It was India's first Gold medal in Athletics event in this edition of Asian Games.

- a. Tanveer Singh Viridi
- b. Tejinder Pal Singh
- c. Tarandeep Malhi
- d. Sukhbir Singh Kalsi



e. None

10. Rohan Bopanna and _____ won gold medal in Men's Doubles tennis at 2018 Asian Games. In the final match, they defeated Kazakhstan's Aleksandar Bublik and Denis Yevseyv pair by 6-3, 6-4 score

- a. Yuki Bhambri
- b. Somdev Devvarman
- c. Divij Sharan
- d. Divij Sharan
- e. Vishnu Vardhan

11. What was the name India's first captive-born Humboldt Penguin that died barely a week after it was born at Veermata Jijabai Bhosale Udyan and Zoo (Byculla zoo)?

- a. Freedom Baby
- b. Liberty
- c. Sunshine
- d. Moonlight
- e. Pingu

12 NETA app was launched by Former President Pranab Mukherjee. The app allows voters to rate and review their political representatives. The app is brainchild of 27-year-old entrepreneur Pratham Mittal. What does NETA stand for?

- a. Next-Level Election Transformation
- b. National Election Transparency
- c. National Electoral Transformation
- d. New Electoral Transformation
- e. None

13. A committee was set up by Government in September 2017 to suggest a road map for adoption of 5G. It was high-level forum on 5G technology, comprising secretaries of ministries of communications, information technology, and science & technology, along with representatives of industry and academia. Name the head of the committee.

- a. Emeritus AJ Paulraj
- b. Eddie Redmayne
- c. Ol Parker
- d. John Oliver
- e. Hugh Laurie

14. The World Bank launched world's first public blockchain bond named _____ created, allocated, transferred and managed by using blockchain technology.

- a. chain-b
- b. block-c
- c. bond-i

- d. blue-r
- e. None

15. Roshibina Devi belongs to which of the following sports?

- a. Weight-lifting
- b. Wushu
- c. Wrestling
- d. Kick Boxing
- e. Boxing

16. Maharashtra Government has appointed which Bollywood actor as the brand ambassador of Mumbai city-based Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP).

- a. Kriti Sanon
- b. Radhika Apte
- c. Raveena Tandon
- d. Karishma Kapoor
- e. None

17. Who became first Indian woman to win shooting gold medal at Jakarta-Palembang 2018 Asian Games in 25m pistol event?

- a. Ridhhi Sharma
- b. Ruchika Bhalla
- c. Ritika Ghtake
- d. Rahi Sarnobat
- e. None



18. Match the following:

Name of the person	Governor of
(i) Satya Pal Malik	(A) Bihar
(ii) Lal ji Tandon	(B) Uttrakhand
(iii) Tathagata Roy	(C) Tripura
(iv) Baby Rani Maurya	(D) Jammu and Kashmir
(v) Kaptan Singh Solanki	(E) Meghalya

- a. . (i)- (C) (ii)- (A) (iii)- (E) (iv)- (B) (v)- (D)
- b. . (i)- (E) (ii)- (A) (iii)- (C) (iv)- (B) (v)- (D)
- c. . (i)- (A) (ii)- (C) (iii)- (D) (iv)- (B) (v)- (E)
- d. . (i)- (C) (ii)- (A) (iii)- (D) (iv)- (B) (v)- (E)
- e. . (i)- (D) (ii)- (A) (iii)- (E) (iv)- (B) (v)- (C)

19. The World Senior Citizens Day is celebrated every year on

- a. 31 January

- b. 5 September
- c. 23 July
- d. 21 August
- e. None is correct

20. Union Ministry of Women and Child Development has announced to observe which month as the National Nutrition Month to mark the country's fight against malnutrition?

- a. September 2018
- b. November 2018
- c. August 2018
- d. December 2018
- e. October 2018

21. Who among the following was conferred with 2018 Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award?

- a. Nandan Sharma
- b. Kripalu Das Solanki
- c. Satyajeet Jenna
- d. Gopalkrishna Gandhi
- e. None of the above

22. Who among the following has become first Indian women athlete to win gold medal at the Asian Games 2018 held in Jakarta, Indonesia?

- a. PV Sindhu
- b. Vinesh Phogat
- c. Kalpana Devi
- d. Aparna Sain
- e. None

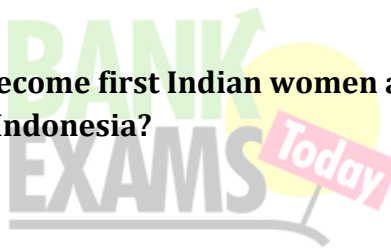
23. Rishabh Pant belongs to which of the following sports?

- a. Football
- b. Golf
- c. Wrestling
- d. Judo
- e. Cricket

24. 18th edition of the Asian Games was held in

- a. Maldives
- b. Sri Lanka
- c. Indonesia
- d. Malaysia
- e. India

25. 11th World Hindi Conference was held in



- a. Mauritius
- b. Indonesia
- c. Sri Lanka
- d. Canada
- e. None

26. The World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is observed every year on

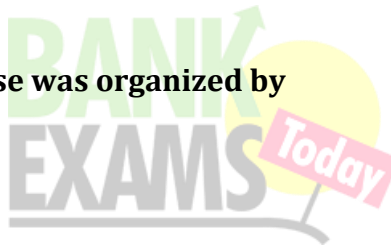
- a. 7 May
- b. 13 December
- c. 15 September
- d. 19 August
- e. 8 July

27. Joint platoon level military exercise Maitree is held between

- a. Thailand and Sri Lanka
- b. India and Thailand
- c. India and Sri Lanka
- d. India and Bhutan
- e. Bhutan Nepal and India

28. Pitch Black – 18 Military Exercise was organized by

- a. Australia
- b. USA
- c. Russia
- d. France
- e. Canada



29. Who among the following was awarded prestigious World Health Organization (WHO) World No Tobacco Day 2017 Award for his extraordinary contribution towards tobacco control?

- a. ND Tiwari
- b. PL Mishra
- c. RS Yadav
- d. MK Gandhi
- e. SK Arora

30. Which of the following is not one of mascots of 2018 Asian Games?

- a. Kaka
- b. Bhin Bhin
- c. Atung
- d. Ching
- e. All are the mascots

31. Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has proposed to set up five-member committee to suggest changes to JEE (Advanced) in the wake of an inadequate number of candidates qualifying entrance test this year. The committee will be headed by IIT-Madras director

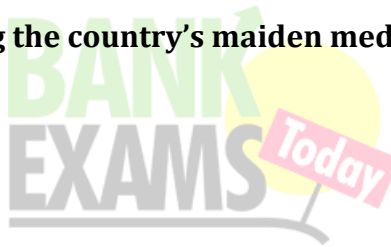
- a. Bhaskar Ramamurthy
- b. Bhavin Jain
- c. Bhuvneshwar Dua
- d. Biswajit Rap
- e. B. Ranakrishna Reddy

32. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has constituted three-member committee to look into draft food labelling and display regulations-Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations 2018. The committee will be headed by

- a. ND Awasthi
- b. B Sesikeran
- c. Brijesh Oswal
- d. Narendra Bhaskar
- e. None

33. Who created history by winning the country's maiden medal in track cycling at the world level?

- a. Ryan Alfred
- b. Rex D'souza
- c. Esow Alben
- d. Edger Abraham
- e. None



34. Supreme Court has accepted Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) proposal to use hologram-based coloured stickers on vehicles. Which of the following cities will be first city in India to have hologram-based coloured stickers on according to fuel they run on?

- a. Chennai
- b. Bhuvneshwar
- c. Chandigarh
- d. New Delhi
- e. Mumbai

35. Rating agency India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra) in its Mid-Year FY19 Outlook has revised down India's growth to _____ from its earlier projection of 7.4% for 2018-19 (FY19).

- a. 7.2%
- b. 7%
- c. 7.25%
- d. 6.75
- e. 6.9%

36. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched UPI 2.0, an upgraded and renewed version of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) by adding four new features to make it attractive by adding

- a. Overdraft Facility
- b. Checking Invoices
- c. Pre-authorisation of transactions
- d. All of the above
- e. None of the above

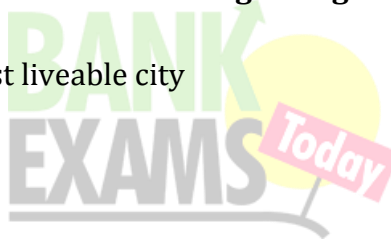
37. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched which initiative to enable collection and conversion of used cooking oil to biodiesel?

- a. RUKO
- b. RUCO
- c. RUNO
- d. RUSO
- e. None

38. Which of the following statement is incorrect regarding 2018 Global Liveability Index?

- (i) It is released by UNESCO.
- (ii) Vienna was ranked as world's most liveable city
- (iii) It covered 140 cities
- (iv) Mumbai ranked at 138 place.

- a. All are correct
- b. All are incorrect
- c. (i) and (iv) are incorrect.
- d. (i) and (iii) are incorrect
- e. Only (i) is correct



39. Which of the following statements are correct for UN award winning Kanyashree Prakalpa scheme?

- a. It belongs to West Bengal
- b. It targets girls between age 12-18
- c. It provides annual scholarship of Rs. 500 if girl is aged 13-18 years enrolled in classes VIII-XII in government recognized regular or equivalent open school
- d. All are correct
- e. None is correct

40. Pitch to MOVE competition is organized by

- a. University Grant Commission
- b. Ministry of Finance
- c. Competition Commission of India

- d. NITI Ayog
- e. None of the above

41. Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways had appointed which Bollywood actor as brand ambassador of its Road Safety campaigns?

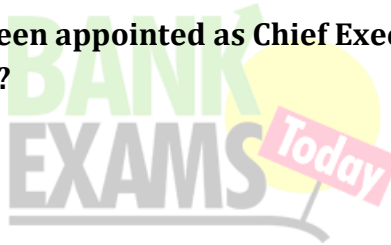
- a. Varun Dhawan
- b. Amitabh Bachhan
- c. Sharukh Khan
- d. R Madhwan
- e. Akshay Kumar

42. Which of the following statement(s) is incorrect according to Ease of Living Index 2018 of India?

- a. It released by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- b. Mumbai Topped the list
- c. Patna was ranked the lowest
- d. All are correct
- e. B and C are incorrect

43. Who among the following has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)?

- a. Arjun Kumar Bhutani
- b. Arvind Singh Bhutani
- c. Ashish Kumar Bhutani
- d. Anant Singh Bhutani
- e. None



44. Mark the incorrect statement(s) regarding Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana?

- a. It was launched in 2015.
- b. Farmers need to pay uniform premium of only 2% for all Kharif crops and 1% for all Rabi crops.
- c. In case of annual commercial and horticultural crops, farmers have to pay premium of only 5%.
- d. All are correct
- e. All are incorrect

45. Fateh Mobin (Bright Conqueror) next generation short-range ballistic missile capable of striking targets on land and sea belongs to which nation?

- a. Afghanistan
- b. Pakistan
- c. Iran
- d. India
- e. None

46. National Wildlife Genetic Resource Bank, India's first genetic resource bank, was inaugurated at Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology's (CCMB) Laboratory of Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCONES) facility in

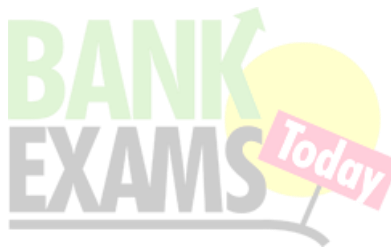
- a. Mumbai
- b. Bengaluru
- c. Bhopal
- d. Chennai
- e. Hyderabad

47. International Youth Day is observed every across the world on 12 August to draw attention to give set of cultural and legal issues surrounding youth. The theme for 2018 is

- a. Safe and Secure Youth
- b. Safe Spaces for Youth
- c. Youth for Safe Space
- d. Space and Youth
- e. None of the above

48. Who has been recently appointed as next United Nations High Commissioner for Human Right?

- a. Emilia Bachelet
- b. Johana Bachelet
- c. Michelle Bachelet
- d. Regina Bachelet
- e. Mary Margret Bachelet



49. Which bank has become first bank in the country to introduce Iris Scan Authentication feature for Aadhaar-based transactions through its micro ATM tablets?

- a. State Bank of India
- b. Bank of India
- c. HDFC Bank
- d. Axis Bank
- e. NOTA

50. What is the base year of Index of Industrial Production (IIP)?

- a. 2010-11
- b. 2011-12
- c. 2012-13
- d. 2009-10
- e. 2005-06

51. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved continuation and revision of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes Students for studying in India (PMS-OBC) till 2020. PMS-OBC is flagship scheme of

- a. Ministry of Minority Affairs
- b. Ministry of Law and Justice
- c. Ministry of Human Resource Development
- d. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- e. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

52. Who among the following has been reappointed of as chairperson of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)?

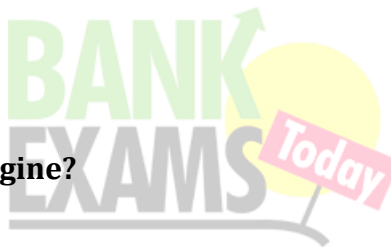
- a. Ram Sewak Sharma
- b. Ram Murty Yadav
- c. Ram Prakash Okhla
- d. Ram Sampath Gopal
- e. None

53. Who among the following is the chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW)?

- a. Roopa Dalal
- b. Ritu Ghosh
- c. Rekha Sharma
- d. Renu Mehta
- e. None

54. Who is the inventor of diesel engine?

- a. Karl Diesel
- b. Rudolf Diesel
- c. Eugene Diesel
- d. Wilhelm Diesel
- e. None



55. World Bio-fuel Day (The International Biodiesel Day) is observed every year on August

- a. 8
- b. 9
- c. 10
- d. 12
- e. 13

56. Khangchendzonga Biosphere which has recently been included in UNESCO designated World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR), making it 11th Biosphere Reserve from India to achieve this recognition is located in

- a. Sikkim
- b. Meghalaya
- c. Arunachal Pradesh
- d. Tripura

e. Mizoram

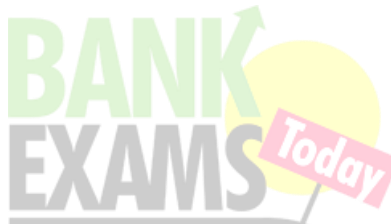
57. Match the following.

Bio-sphere Reserve	Located in
A. Nokrek Biosphere Reserve	(i) Odisha
B. Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve	(ii) Meghalya
C. Simlipal Biosphere Reserve	(iii) Madhya Pradesh

- a. B-(ii), A-(iii), C-(i)
- b. A-(i), B-(iii), C-(ii)
- c. B-(ii), C-(iii), A-(i)
- d. A-(ii), B-(iii), C-(i)
- e. None is correct

58. Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry has launched a mobile application for exporters and importers of the country. The app developed by Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), the largest exporters organisation of the country. What is the name of the app?

- a. Niryat Sehyog
- b. Nirtay Shakti
- c. Niryat Mitra
- d. Niryat Saathi
- e. None



59. India's largest bank State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its MOPAD for digital payments convenience of merchants and consumers. What does MOPAD stand for?

- a. Multi Option Payment Acceptance Device
- b. Multi Optional Payment Acceptance Device
- c. Multi Operational Payment Acceptance Device
- d. Multi Option Payment Accessibility Device
- e. Multi Option Payment Accessing Device

60. Union Government, NABARD and _____ have signed revised Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for funding of central share of 99 prioritized irrigation projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) through Long Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF).

- a. Planning Commission
- b. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- c. National Water Development Agency
- d. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- e. NITI Ayog

61. Union Government has constituted four-member Group of Ministers (GoM) headed _____ to decide on 16-member Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations. It was constituted to advise Prime Minister on whether to continue with or withdraw from RCEP negotiations.

- a. Nirmala Sitharaman
- b. Hardeep Puri
- c. Rajnath Singh
- d. Manish Goyal
- e. Suresh Prabhu

62. The world's first-ever thermal battery plant owned by Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited (BEST) was inaugurated in

- a. Karnataka
- b. Odisha
- c. Andhra Pradesh
- d. Telangana
- e. Madhya Pradesh

63. It is a portal developed by Ministry of Road Transport & Highway MoRTH and National Informatics Centre (NIC). It comprises entire revenue data of country, right down to 6.4 lakh villages. Name the portal?

- a. Bhoomi Rashi
- b. Bhoo-rashi
- c. Bhoomi Daan
- d. Bhoomi-Sehyog
- e. None

64. Which of the following is/are incorrect about IMPRINT Scheme?

- (i) It stands for Impacting Research Innovation and Technology
- (ii) It is launched by Ministry of Science and Technology
- (iii) It was launched in November 2015 with an aim to develop new engineering education policy and create road map to pursue engineering challenges.

- a. All are correct.
- b. All are incorrect
- c. Only (i) is incorrect
- d. Only (ii) is incorrect
- e. Only (iii) is incorrect.

65. Which of the following countries has been elected as President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) for period of two years?

- a. Iran
- b. India
- c. Sri Lanka
- d. Maldives
- e. None

66. Lok Sabha has passed National Sports University Bill, 2018 by voice vote to set up the country's first National Sports University in

- a. Imphal, Manipur
- b. Patiala, Punjab
- c. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- d. Pune, Maharashtra
- e. None

67. Who designed the National Flag of India?

- a. Prithish Natarajan
- b. Pinachi Ramesh
- c. Pichuli Venketesh
- d. Pinali Ramaiyya
- e. Pingali Venkayya



68. FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO), the women's wing of Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has launched a mobile application aimed at creating awareness on preventive healthcare for women across the country. Name the mobile app

- a. WOW-Men
- b. WE-WOW
- c. WOW
- d. WOW-Women
- e. None

69. Kadaknath chicken meat from Jhabua district of which state has received Geographical Indication (GI) tag from Chennai based Geographical Indication Registry and Intellectual Property India.

- a. Uttar Pradesh
- b. Madhya Pradesh
- c. Odisha
- d. Maharashtra
- e. None

70. Andhra Pradesh Government has approved Mukhyamantri Yuva Nestam, an unemployment allowance scheme to monetary compensation to unemployed youth in state. What is the amount to be paid to the unemployed youth under this scheme?

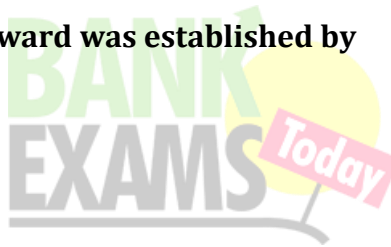
- a. Rs. 500
- b. Rs. 2000
- c. Rs. 1500
- d. Rs. 1000
- e. Rs. 2500

71. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) under Ministry of Commerce and Industry has unveiled tricolour logo for geographical indication (GI) certified products. The logo has tagline printed below it. What is the tagline?

- a. Incredible India's Invaluable Treasure
- b. Invaluable Treasures of Incredible India
- c. Treasures of Incredible India
- d. Incredible India- Incredible Treasures
- e. None

72. Outstanding Parliamentarian Award was established by

- a. Shivraj Patil
- b. Somnath Chatterjee
- c. Meira Kumar
- d. Balram Jakhar
- e. M. A. Ayyangar



73. Gaofen-11, an optical remote sensing satellite, as part of the country's high-resolution Earth observation project is launched by

- a. Japan
- b. South Korea
- c. India
- d. China
- e. Russia

74. _____ became first state in the country to implement National Policy on Biofuels unveiled by Union Government in May 2018.

- a. Punjab
- b. Rajasthan
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Odisha
- e. Maharashtra

75. Who became the first-ever Indian javelin-thrower to win an Asian Games gold medal?

- a. Shivpal Singh
- b. Neeraj Chopra
- c. Parsa Singh
- d. Arjun Meghwal
- e. None

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1. **c. Horizon 2020:** Union Government and European Union (EU) have collaborated for research programme named Horizon 2020 to develop Next Generation Influenza Vaccine to protect citizens across the globe. For this research programme, India's Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and EU have committed Euro 15 million (Rs. 240 crore).
2. **b. Satya S. Tripathi:** Development and environment expert Satya S. Tripathi has been appointed an assistant Secretary-General and will head the UN Environment Programme's New York office.
3. **d. Rajasthan:** Central Government along with Government of Rajasthan has signed \$250 million Development Policy Loan (DPL) agreement with World Bank for Electricity Distribution Sector Reforms in Rajasthan. The loan will be provided by World Bank's lending arm International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). It has maturity of 21 years and 3-year grace period.
4. **e. Sri Lanka:** The fourth edition of Asian electoral stakeholders forum (AESF-IV) was held Colombo, Sri Lanka to discuss the state of elections and democracy in the region. This was for first time AESF was held in South Asia. It was jointly organised by Election Commission of Sri Lanka and Asian network for free elections (ANFREL).
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7. **a. Vietnam:** The third edition of Indian Ocean Conference was held in Hanoi, capital city of Vietnam from 27-28 August 2018. It was inaugurated by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and her Vietnamese counterpart Pham Binh Min, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam.

8. **d. Argentina** : The G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Meeting was held in Salta, Argentina from 23 to 24 August, 2018.
9. **b. Tejinder Pal Singh**: Shot-putter Tejinder Pal Singh Toor (24) won Gold medal in men's shot put final at 2018 Jakarta-Palembang Asian Games held in Indonesia. He finished first in men's shot put final and set new record at 20.75 m in his fifth attempt. It was India's first Gold medal in Athletics event in this edition of Asian Games.
10. **c. Divij Sharan**: Indian tennis pair of Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan won gold medal in Men's Doubles tennis at 2018 Asian Games. In the final match, they defeated Kazakhstan's Aleksandar Bublik and Denis Yevseyv
11. **a. Freedom Baby**: India's first captive-born Humboldt Penguin named Freedom Baby died barely a week after it was born at Veermata Jijabai Bhosale Udyan and Zoo (Byculla zoo). It died due to new born anomalies like liver dysfunction and yolk sac retention
12. **c. National Electoral Transformation**: Former President Pranab Mukherjee launched National Electoral Transformation (NETA) mobile application that allows voters to rate and review their political representatives. The app is brainchild of 27-year-old entrepreneur Pratham Mittal. It is first of its kind platform in India that allows voters to rate and review the political representatives in their constituencies.
13. **Emeritus AJ Paulraj**: The 5G steering committee chaired by Stanford University's Professor Emeritus AJ Paulraj submitted its recommendations to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). It gave wide-ranging recommendations to drive India's 5G adoption entailing areas like spectrum policy, regulatory policy, standards and education.
14. **c. bond-i**: The World Bank launched world's first public blockchain bond named bond-i created, allocated, transferred and managed by using blockchain technology. Bond-i is an acronym standing for Blockchain Offered New Debt Instrument and also refers to tourist famous Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia.
15. **b. Wushu**
16. **c. Raveena Tandon**: The Maharashtra government has appointed actor Raveena Tandon as the brand ambassador of the city-based Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP).
17. **d. Rahi Sarnobat**: Rahi Sarnobat became the first Indian woman shooter to win gold at the Asian Games.
18. **e. . (i)- (D) (ii)- (A) (iii)- (E) (iv)- (B) (v)- (C)**

- Jammu and Kashmir : Satya Pal Malik
- Bihar: Lalji Tandon
- Meghalaya: Tathagata Roy
- Uttarakhand: Baby Rani Maurya
- Tripura: Kaptan Singh Solanki

19. **d. 21 August:** The United Nations' (UN) International Day of Older Persons is celebrated on October 1 each year as a special day for older persons worldwide.
20. **September 2018:** Union Ministry of Women and Child Development has announced to observe September 2018 as the National Nutrition Month to mark the country's fight against malnutrition. The month-long intensive campaign will be undertaken with an aim of reaching every household with message of nutrition — 'har ghar poshan tyohar' (every house a celebration of nutrition).
21. **d. Gopalkrishna Gandhi:** Former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi was conferred with 2018 Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award. He was presented award in New Delhi on occasion of 74th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
22. **b. Vinesh Phogat:** Wrestler Vinesh Phogat became first Indian women athlete to win gold medal at the Asian Games 2018 held in Jakarta, Indonesia. She achieved this feat, by defeating Yuki Irie of Japan by 6-2 score final of the women's wrestling in the 50kg category.
23. **e. Cricket:** Rishabh Rajendra Pant (born 4 October 1997) is an Indian cricketer who plays for the India national cricket team and Delhi.
24. **c. Indonesia:** The 2018 Asian Games, officially known as the 18th Asian Games and also known as Jakarta-Palembang 2018, was a pan-Asian multi-sport event being held from 18 August to 2 September 2018 in the Indonesian cities of Jakarta and Palembang
25. **Mauritius:** The 11th World Hindi Conference, an event aimed at expanding the reach of the Hindi language at a global level, was held in Mauritius.
26. **d. 19 August:** The World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is observed every year on 19 August to recognize work of humanitarian personnel and those who have lost their lives.
27. **b. India and Thailand:** Exercise Maitree is a joint military exercise between Indian Army and Royal Thai Army conducted from 06 to 19 August 2018 in Thailand.
28. **Australia:** Exercise Pitch Black is a biennial warfare exercise hosted by Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). It is normally held in Northern Australia, primarily at RAAF Bases Darwin and Tindal.

29. **e. SK Arora:** Delhi government's additional director of health, SK Arora was awarded prestigious World Health Organization (WHO) World No Tobacco Day 2017 Award for his extraordinary contribution towards tobacco control. He was presented the award by Henk Bekedam, WHO India country head in New Delhi.
30. **d. Ching:** The trio of animal mascots are said to reflect Indonesia's diversity, with the east of the country being represented by the bird of paradise "Bhin Bhin", the west by one-horned rhinoceros "Ika" and the central area by Bawean deer "Atung
31. **Bhaskar Ramamurthy:** Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has proposed to set up five-member committee to suggest changes to JEE (Advanced) in the wake of an inadequate number of candidates qualifying entrance test this year. The committee will be headed by IIT-Madras director Bhaskar Ramamurthy.
32. **b. B Sesikeran:** Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has constituted three-member committee to look into draft food labelling and display regulations-Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations 2018. The committee will be headed by **B Sesikeran**, former director of National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) and comprises of current NIN director Hemalatha and AIIMS' endocrinologist Nikhil Tandon.
33. **c. Esow Alben:** Teenager Esow Alben won the country's maiden medal in track cycling at the world level by claiming silver in the Men's Keirin event of the UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships in Aigle, Switzerland.
34. **d. New Delhi:** Delhi will be first city in India to have hologram-based coloured stickers on according to fuel they run on. This move aims to counter air pollution in national capital. Under this colour scheme proposed by MoRTH, light-blue colour will be used for vehicles running petrol and CNG-run vehicles while orange colour sticker will be used for diesel-driven vehicles. These hologram-based stickers will also contain registration date of the vehicle. MoRTH is also considering to introduce green number plates for electric and hybrid vehicles
35. **7.2%:** Indian economy is projected to grow at 7.2 per cent in 2018-19, India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) report titled 'Mid-year FY19 Outlook' The rating agency earlier forecasted India's economic growth at 7.4 per in current fiscal.
36. **d. All of the above:** The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on Thursday launched Unified Payments Interface (UPI) 2.0, which among others allows customers to link their overdraft account to UPI, creation of one-time mandates and pre-authorisation of transactions for payment at a later date, and checking the invoice sent by merchant prior to making payment.

37. **b. RUCO:** The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched RUCO (Repurpose Used Cooking Oil) initiative to enable collection and conversion of used cooking oil to biodiesel. Under this initiative, 64 companies at 101 locations have been identified to enable collection of used cooking oil.
38. **c. (i) and (iv) are incorrect.:** Global Liveability Index released by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). New Delhi had figured at 112th and Mumbai 117th position in list.
39. **b. It targets girls between age 12-18:** It targets girls between age of 12-19
40. **d. NITI Ayog:** NITI Aayog has launched mobility pitch competition Pitch to MOVE to provide budding entrepreneurs of India unique opportunity to pitch their business ideas to distinguished jury. Using this platform, startups working in various fields of mobility can pitch their ideas to industry leaders and venture capitalists for raising investments.
41. **e. Akshay Kumar:** Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Shri Nitin Gadkari announced the appointment of Shri Akshay Kumar as Road Safety Brand Ambassador for Road Safety Campaigns
42. **e. B and C are incorrect:** Pune (Maharashtra) ranked first among 116 cities (with population of 1 million plus) in Ease of Living Index released by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). Besides, two more Maharashtra cities — Navi Mumbai and Greater Mumbai — figure in the second and third spots. Rampur in Uttar Pradesh was ranked worst on the scale
43. **c. Ashish Kumar Bhutani:** Ashish Kumar Bhutani, a 1992 batch IAS officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre, has been appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) till May 9, 2020.
44. **e. All are incorrect:** It was launched in 2016. Under this scheme, farmers need to pay uniform premium of only 2% for all Kharif crops and 1.5% for all Rabi crops. In case of annual commercial and horticultural crops, farmers have to pay premium of only 5%.
45. **c. Iran:** Iran has unveiled Fateh Mobin (Bright Conqueror) next generation short-range ballistic missile capable of striking targets on land and sea. The missile has successfully passed its tests. It was unveiled as part of Iran's thrust to further boost its defence capabilities at time of rising tensions with United States.
46. **e. Hyderabad:** National Wildlife Genetic Resource Bank was inaugurated at Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology's (CCMB) Laboratory of Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCONES) facility in **Hyderabad, Telanagana**. It is **India's first genetic resource bank** where genetic material will be

stored for posterity which will further the cause of conservation of endangered and protected animals.

47. **b. Safe Spaces for Youth :** The theme for this year is 'Safe Spaces for Youth'. It aims to highlight need of safe spaces where youth can come together, engage in activities related to their diverse needs and interests, participate in decision making processes and freely express themselves.
48. **c. Michelle Bachelet:** Former Chilean President Bachelet put forward by UN chief as next High Commissioner for Human Rights. Michelle Bachelet of Chile, newly-nominated as the next UN High Commissioner for Human Rights by Secretary-General António Guterres
49. **d. Axis Bank:** Axis Bank became first bank in the country to introduce Iris Scan Authentication feature for Aadhaar-based transactions through its micro ATM tablets. These micro ATM tablets are Standardisation Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) certified and UIDAI compliant registered devices with completely integrated iris sensors.
50. **b. 2011-12:** Index of Industrial Production (IIP) - 2011-12 series. The all India index of Industrial Production (IIP) is a composite indicator that measures the short-term changes in the volume of production of a basket of industrial products during a given period with respect to that in a chosen base period
51. **e. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment:** PMS-OBC is flagship scheme of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, in operation since 1998-99. It fully centrally sponsored scheme that aims to provide financial assistance to OBC students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education
52. **Ram Sewak Sharma:** The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved reappointment of Ram Sewak Sharma as chairperson of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for further period beyond August 2018 upto September 2020, i.e. date on which he attains age of 65 years. He was in July 2015 named as TRAI chief for three-year period.
53. **c. Rekha Sharma:** Rekha Sharma (54) was appointed as chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW). Prior to this appointment, she was member of the Commission and was holding the additional charge of chairperson after Lalitha Kumaramangalam had demitted office in September 2017.
54. **b. Rudolf Diesel:** Rudolf Christian Karl Diesel was a German inventor and mechanical engineer, famous for the invention of the diesel engine.
55. **c. 10:** World Biofuel Day is observed every year on 10th August to create awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels.

56. **Sikkim:** The Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve (KBR) of Sikkim, the highest biosphere reserve in the country that includes the third highest mountain peak in the world, Kanchenjunga (8,586 m), has been included in the UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserve (WHBR). It is located in Sikkim.

57. **d. A-(ii), B-(iii), C-(i)**

- Nokrek Biosphere Reserve - Meghalaya
- Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve – Madhya Pradesh
- Simlipal Biosphere Reserve – Odisha

58. **c. Niryat Mitra:** Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry has launched Niryat Mitra mobile application for exporters and importers of the country. **The app developed by Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), the largest exporters organisation of the country.** It is available both on Android and on IOS platforms.

59. **Multi Option Payment Acceptance Device:** India's largest bank State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its Multi Option Payment Acceptance Device (MOPAD) for digital payments convenience of merchants and consumers. It aims at providing digital convenience to customers and ease of doing business for merchants at the same time

60. **c. National Water Development Agency:** A revised Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) has been signed yesterday amongst Govt. of India (through MoWR, RD & GR), NABARD and National Water Development Agency (NWDA) for funding of central share of 99 prioritized irrigation projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) through Long Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF).

61. **e. Suresh Prabhu:** Union Government has constituted four-member Group of Ministers (GoM) headed by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Suresh Prabhu to decide on 16-member Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations. It is constituted to advise Prime Minister on whether to continue with or withdraw from RCEP negotiations. Group of Ministers (GoM) The GoM also includes Interim Finance and Power Minister Piyush Goyal, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri.

62. **c. Andhra Pradesh:** The world's first-ever thermal battery plant owned by Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited (BEST) was inaugurated in Amravati, Andhra Pradesh. This plant aims to create new energy storage form that is expected to have commercial applications, while also maintain low carbon footprint and less dependent on external factors like weather.

63. **Bhoomi Rashi:** Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highway (MoRTH) launched two IT initiative Bidder Information Management System (BIMS) and Bhoomi Rashi and PFMS linkage aimed at expediting pre construction processes relating to bidding and land acquisition respectively. Bhoomi Rashi portal has been developed by MoRTH and National Informatics Centre (NIC). It comprises entire revenue data of country, right down to 6.4 lakh villages. It makes entire process flow from submission of draft notification by State Government to its approval by Minister of State (MoS) for RT&H and publication in e-Gazetteis online.
64. **d. Only (ii) is incorrect:** Union Ministry of Hume Resource Development launched IMPRINT Scheme in 2015 with an aim to develop new engineering education policy and create road map to pursue engineering challenges.
65. **b. India:** India was elected as President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) for period of two years. India got elected against Iran during voting which took place at 44th annual gathering of AIBD held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
66. **Imphal, Manipur:** Lok Sabha has passed National Sports University Bill, 2018 by voice vote to set up the country's first National Sports University in Imphal (west), Manipur that will provide sports education, research and coaching. The Bill replaces National Sports University Ordinance, 2018 promulgated by President in May 2018 to protect interests of students who already have been enrolled in National Sports University.
67. **e. Pingali Venkayya:** Pingali Venkayya (2 August 1876 - 4 July 1963) was an Indian freedom fighter and the designer of the flag on which the Indian national flag was based.
68. **c. WOW:** FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO), the women's wing of Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has launched WOW (Wellness of Women) mobile application aimed at creating awareness on preventive healthcare for women across the country.
- 69. b. Madhya Pradesh**
70. **d. Rs. 1000:** Andhra Pradesh Government has approved Mukhyamantri Yuva Nestam, an unemployment allowance scheme to provide Rs 1000 per month unemployed youth in state.
71. **b. Invaluable Treasures of Incredible India:** Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) under Ministry of Commerce and Industry has unveiled tricolour logo for geographical indication (GI) certified products. The logo has tagline "Invaluable Treasures of Incredible India" printed below it.
72. **Shivraj Patil:** Outstanding Parliamentarian Award was established in 1992 by Shivraj Patil who was then Speaker of Lok Sabha. Indian Parliamentary Group selects outstanding sitting Member of

Parliament after considering his/her overall contribution in Parliament. The award is aimed to motivate elected representatives to work better.

73. **d. China:** China successfully launched Gaofen-11, an optical remote sensing satellite, as part of the country's high-resolution Earth observation project. It was launched on board of Long March 4B rocket from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern Shanxi Province. It was overall 282nd flight mission by Long March carrier rocket.
74. **b. Rajasthan:** Rajasthan became first state in the country to implement National Policy on Biofuels unveiled by Union Government in May 2018. Its implementation was approved by high-power Biofuel Authority. It was also decided that dtate Government will release Biofuel Rules, 2018.
75. **b. Neeraj Chopra:** Neeraj Chopra has created history by becoming the first-ever Indian javelin-thrower to win an Asian Games gold medal. He shattered his own national record by clearing a distance of 88.06m at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games on August 27.

