



# CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTION BANK

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**1. Which of the following statements is/are correct with regard to “Yarn Bank Scheme?”****(i) It is launched by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise****(ii) It is a component of PowerTex India scheme.****(iii) It provide a corpus of 3 crores to the powerloom weavers.**

- a. All are correct
- b. None is correct
- c. Only (i) is correct
- d. Only (ii) is correct
- e. Only (iii) is correct.

**2. The Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Modi has approved the restructuring of existing National Health Agency as**

- a. National Health Authority.
- b. National Health Facility.
- c. National Health Organisation.
- d. National Health Mission.
- e. National Health Fund.

**3. The Government has launched the Green - Ag: Transforming Indian Agriculture project for global environmental benefits and the conservation of critical biodiversity and forest landscapes in association with**

- a. International Union for Conservation of Nature
- b. United Nations Environment Programme
- c. Earth System Governance Project
- d. Global Green Growth Institute
- e. Global Environment Facility

**4. Makaravilakku festival is organized in which of the following states of India?**

- a. Telangana
- b. Kerala
- c. Tamil Nadu
- d. Karnataka
- e. Andhra Pradesh

**5. What is the name of the web-based single-window system rolled out by Government of India for environmental clearances?**

- a. NIMESH
- b. ANIKET
- c. PARIVESH
- d. PRIKESH
- e. None

**6. The Panel headed by IIT-Hyderabad chairman has suggested All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), not to allow setting up of new Engineering colleges from 2020. Who headed the panel?**

- a. B V M Mohan Reddy
- b. B V R Mohan Reddy
- c. B V D Mohan Reddy

- d. B V C Mohan Reddy
- e. B V N Mohan Reddy

**7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for the Mandal Dam Project. On which of the following rivers is it situated?**

- a. Betwa
- b. Koel
- c. Luni
- d. Musi
- e. Koyna

**8. The Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI) has released the Ease of Doing Business Rankings for Indian states. Which Indian state has topped it?**

- a. Madhya Pradesh
- b. Punjab
- c. Maharashtra
- d. Gujarat
- e. Andhra Pradesh

**9. Complete the statement.**

**The Government of Maharashtra has decided to give two LED bulbs, a DC fan and a mobile charging socket as freebies to farmers enrolling under the Atal Solar Krishi Pump Yojana. Under the Scheme, farmers with less than five acres will have to pay \_\_\_\_\_ of the cost of a 3 HP solar pump while farmers with more than five acres will get a 5 HP solar pump for Rs 30000.**

- a. 2.5%
- b. 10%
- c. 5 %
- d. 6%
- e. 8%

**10. Under which of the following schemes has Odisha aimed to provide good menstrual hygiene care to women of the state by giving free sanitary napkins to 17 lakh girls studying in Classes 6 to 12 in Government and Government-Aided Schools?**

- a. Maitri
- b. Saheli
- c. Sakhi
- d. Khushi
- e. None

**11. Which of the following has become the first state in the country to create Happiness Department?**

- a. Madhya Pradesh
- b. Punjab
- c. Maharashtra
- d. Gujarat
- e. Andhra Pradesh

**12. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has formed an expert committee to look into the various challenges being faced by MSMEs and suggest ways and measures to rejuvenate them. The eight-member committee would be chaired by**

- a. Mahesh Waghani
- b. Urjit Patel
- c. UK Sinha
- d. Priyam Chopra
- e. None of the above

**13. The RBI has proposed a one-time loan restructuring scheme for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The scheme is applicable to the stressed accounts provided the total fund and non-fund based exposure to such a borrower does not surpass**

- a. Rs. 20 crore
- b. Rs. 15 crore
- c. Rs. 10 crore
- d. Rs. 50 crore
- e. Rs 25 crore

**14. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a survey will capture payment habits of individuals in cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru and Guwahati. What is the survey called?**

- a. SRHPi
- b. SRPHi
- c. SPHRi
- d. SPRHi
- e. None

**15. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up an expert committee to suggest how the Central Bank should handle its reserves and whether it can transfer its surplus to the Government. Who is the head of this committee?**

- a. Y. Venugopal Reddy
- b. Raghuram Rajan
- c. Shaktikanta Das
- d. Bimal Jalan
- e. D. Subbarao

**16. Anindita Neogy Anaam has been honoured with the prestigious National Nritya Shiromani award for her contribution towards preserving and promoting the dance form across the world. Which dance form does she belong to?**

- a. Bharatanatyam
- b. Kathak
- c. Odissi
- d. Kuchipudi
- e. Kathakali

**17. 106th session of the Indian Science Congress was held in**

- a. Jalandhar
- b. Chandigarh
- c. Jaipur

- d. Pune
- e. Shimla

**18. The United Nations has decided to observe Braille Day every year on**

- a. 5<sup>th</sup> January
- b. 4<sup>th</sup> January
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- d. 2<sup>nd</sup> January
- e. 1<sup>st</sup> January

**19. Which of the following probe space crafts has become the first spacecraft to land on the far side of the Moon?**

- a. Chan'i 4
- b. Chang'i 4
- c. Chan'e 4
- d. Chang'e 4
- e. None of the above

**20. Khelo India Youth Games 2019 are being in**

- a. Pune
- b. Mumbai
- c. New Delhi
- d. Bhuvneshwar
- e. None of the above

**21. Which of the following two articles are amended under the 124<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment?**

- a. Article 13 and 14
- b. Article 14 and 15
- c. Article 15 and 16
- d. Article 16 and 17
- e. None of the above

**22. Fill in the gaps with the correct option**

**The Union Environment Minister \_\_\_\_\_ launched the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP). It is a five-year action plan with a tentative target of \_\_\_\_\_ reduction in concentrations of PM10 and PM2.5 by \_\_\_\_\_, with 2017 as the base year.**

- a. Ramvilas Paswan, 20-30%, 2025
- b. Harsh Vardhan 25-30%, 2022
- c. Ramvilas Paswan, 25-30%, 2022
- d. Harsh Vardhan, 20-30%, 2024
- e. None of the above

**23. The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India has launched an online campaign to discover and celebrate the exceptional achievements of women, who have been driving positive agenda of social change via social media. What is the name of the campaign?**

- a. Wonder-women of Web
- b. Web-Wonder Women
- c. The Web- Wonders

- d. Wonders of the Web-Women
- e. None of the above

**24. Under the new guidelines prescribed for Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, there is a Provision of \_\_\_\_\_ interest rate per annum to be paid by the Insurance Company to farmers for any delay in settlement of claims beyond \_\_\_\_\_ days of prescribed cut off date for payment of claims.**

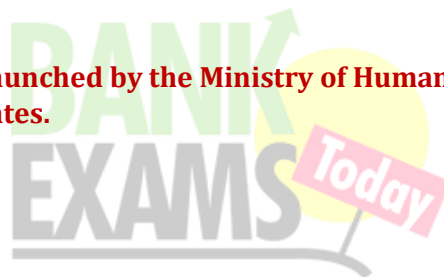
- a. 12% and 10
- b. 13% and 10
- c. 10% and 10
- d. 15% and 15
- e. None of the above

**25. The Union Minister of Human Resource Development Prakash Javadekar has announced an increase of around 5,000 seats across the country. The increase in the number of seats was part of the Government efforts to increase the access to quality education for students, especially from rural areas. In which of the following schools/centres will these seats be increased?**

- a. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas centres
- b. Deendayal Antondya Vidyalayas
- c. Atal Innovation Centres
- d. Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas
- e. None of the above

**26. Which of the following index is launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to assess the quality of school education in the states.**

- a. 50-Point Grading Index
- b. 70-Point Grading Index
- c. 60-Point Grading Index
- d. 100-Point Grading Index
- e. None of the above



**27. Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which of the following states?**

- a. Meghalaya
- b. Mizoram
- c. Tripura
- d. Manipur
- e. Nagaland

**28. Erna Solberg is the Prime Minister of**

- a. New Zealand
- b. Norway
- c. Australia
- d. Netherlands
- e. Indonesia

**29. Which of the following initiative was launched by The Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) of the United States Chamber of Commerce at the Raisina Dialogue 2019?**

- a. Future Value for Innovation
- b. Indo-US Value for Innovation

- c. Innovation for New India Taxation
- d. Fair Value for Innovation
- e. None of the above

**30. The recent edition of Raisina Dialogue was held in**

- a. Jaipur
- b. New Delhi
- c. Goa
- d. Mumbai
- e. Chandigarh

**31. Which of the following states has withdrawn the general consent accorded to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe the cases in the state?**

- a. Odisha
- b. Jharkhand
- c. Chattisgarh
- d. Madhya Pradesh
- e. Rajasthan

**32. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Gangajal Project which aims to improve water supply to the city of**

- a. Kolkata
- b. Patna
- c. Varanasi
- d. Kanpur
- e. Agra



**33. The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu inaugurated India's longest single-lane steel cable suspension bridge over \_\_\_\_\_ in Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.**

- a. Surma river
- b. Gumati river
- c. Iril river
- d. Siang river
- e. None of the above

**34. What is the name of the India's longest single-lane steel cable suspension bridge inaugurated in Arunachal Pradesh?**

- a. Buyarang bridge
- b. Biyorang bridge
- c. Byorong bridge.
- d. Boyrung bridge
- e. None of the above

**35. Which of the following states has launched the scheme Ama Ghare LED to provide LED bulbs at free of cost to about 95 lakh families in the state?**

- a. Odisha
- b. Jharkhand
- c. Chattisgarh

- d. Madhya Pradesh
- e. Rajasthan

**36. Which of the following statements is/are not true regarding Gold Monetisation scheme?**

- (i) The medium term tenure is for 6 to 9 years
- (ii) Medium and long-term deposit interest rates are decided by the RBI.
- (iii) The minimum deposit one can make in a gold monetisation scheme is 30 grams

- a. All are true
- b. None is true
- c. Only (i) and (ii) are not true
- d. Only (ii) and (iii) are not true
- e. Only (i) is not true.

**37. The exemption limit for Goods and Services Tax (GST) registration has been increased to Rs \_\_\_\_\_ lakh from the current Rs 20 lakh to ease the cost of compliance for small taxpayers or micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) (intra-state trade)**

- a. 25
- b. 40
- c. 30
- d. 50
- e. 45

**38. Kerala has been allowed to levy a \_\_\_\_\_ per cent calamity cess on the intra-state sale of goods and services for a period of up to two years to mobilise revenues to meet the cost of rehabilitating parts of states that were ravaged by floods.**

- a. 2.5%
- b. 1.5%
- c. 2%
- d. 1%
- e. None

**39. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Pasargad Bank to open branches in Mumbai for easing trade related transactions. Pasargad Bank is a major private bank of**

- a. Iran
- b. Indonesia
- c. Nepal
- d. Bhutan
- e. None of the above

**40. Who was conferred with Sushila Devi Literature Award at the Bhopal Literature and Art Festival (BLF) for the novel "Things to Leave Behind"?**

- a. Ravine Tondon
- b. Nandita Das
- c. Namita Gokhale
- d. Sudipta Banerjee
- e. None of the above



**41. What is the name of 8-year-old boy who won the under-8 category Junior world title at the Kids' Golf World Championship organised by US kids Golf in Malaysia to become the youngest Indian to win the title?**

- a. Kshitij Vyas
- b. Kunal Pandey
- c. Kaavish Mehra
- d. Kartik Singh
- e. None

**42. Samarkand is located in which of the following countries?**

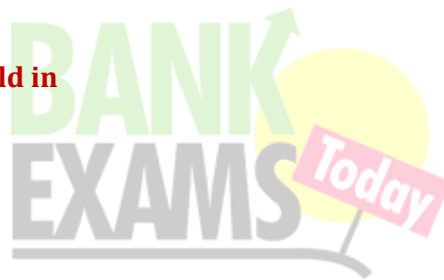
- a. Tajikistan
- b. Uzbekistan
- c. Kyrgyzstan
- d. Turkmenistan
- e. None

**42. The first India-Central Asia Dialogue is organized in**

- a. Samarkand, Uzbekistan
- b. Pavlodar, Kazakhstan
- c. Hisor, Tajikistan
- d. Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
- e. None

**43. Global Skill Summit 2019 was held in**

- a. Jaipur
- b. Mumbai
- c. Ranchi
- d. Bhubhneswar
- e. None



**44. Who among the following has been appointed as the President of the Global Solar Council?**

- a. Pranav R Mehta
- b. Prakash Kumar
- c. Pankaj Dhandiya
- d. Purab Pratap
- e. None

**45. Who has joined the International Monetary Fund as its Chief Economist and became first woman to occupy the post of Chief Economist of IMF?**

- a. Gita Samanthan
- b. Gita Gopinath
- c. Gita Vyas
- d. Gita Adhiraj
- e. None

**46. Nicolas Maduro is the president of**

- a. Netherlands
- b. Taiwan
- c. Norway

- d. Venezuela
- e. None

**47. Su Tseng-chang is the Prime Minister of**

- a. Netherlands
- b. Taiwan
- c. Norway
- d. Venezuela
- e. None

**48. World Hindi Day is observed on**

- a. January 07
- b. January 08
- c. January 02
- d. January 15
- e. January 10

**49. Pravasi Bhartiya Divas is observed on**

- a. December 07
- b. January 09
- c. March 02
- d. July 15
- e. August 10

**50. The Union Cabinet has approved India's Currency Swap Agreement with\_\_\_\_\_ . The \$75-billion bilateral currency swap arrangement is a milestone in mutual economic cooperation and special strategic and global partnership between two countries.**

- a. Japan
- b. Taiwan
- c. Venezuela
- d. Nepal
- e. None

**51. Indian Army and \_\_\_\_\_ signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Defence Salary Package.**

- a. Axis Bank
- b. Punjab National Bank
- c. State Bank of India
- d. Bank of India
- e. None

**52. IRCTC tied up with \_\_\_\_\_ to provide free travel insurance to the air travellers.**

- a. Max Life
- b. Aviva
- c. LIC India
- d. Bharti AXA
- e. Edelweiss Tokio

**53. We Are Displaced is authored by**

- a. Rajnath Singh
- b. Shashi Tharoor
- c. Malala yousafzai**
- d. Nadia Murad
- e. None

**54. The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released the Democracy Index which ranks 167 countries by 60 indicators across five broad categories. What is India's rank in the index?**

- a. 67
- b. 41
- c. 82
- d. 96
- e. 52

**55. According to the first advance estimates of National Income for 2018-19 released by The Central Statistics Office (CSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the Indian economy is expected to grow at \_\_\_\_\_ per cent in the financial year 2018-19.**

- a. 7.2%
- b. 6.5%
- c. 7%
- d. 8%
- e. None

**56. Market regulator SEBI has set up a Research advisory committee(RAC) that will help and analyse the new methods of policy making for the development of capital market. The committee formed will be headed by**

- a. Sudip Bhattacharya
- b. Sankar De
- c. Sansank Manohar
- d. Sudipto Banerjee
- e. None

**57. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted a high-level committee under \_\_\_\_\_ to suggest measures to strengthen the safety and security of digital payments in the country.**

- a. Nandan Nilekani
- b. Niketan Swami
- c. Nandish Sandhu
- d. Nabeen Dua
- e. None

**58. \_\_\_\_\_ is to head the seven-member committee to look into revenue shortfall being faced by the states after the GST roll-out, and suggest steps for augmenting collections.**

- a. Biplab Kumar Deb
- b. Nitinbhai Patel
- c. Vijay Rupani
- d. N. Biren Singh
- e. Sushil Modi

**59. The Government has set up a committee headed by former Union tourism secretary M.P. Bezbaruah to review the implementation of**

- a. Digital India Mission
- b. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- c. Secure online payment gateways
- d. New guidelines of GST
- e. clause 6 of the Assam Accord.

**60. Global Housing Technology Challenge is launched by which of the following ministries?**

- a. Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs
- b. Ministry of Home Affairs
- c. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
- d. Ministry Of Health and Family Welfare.
- e. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

**61. SAKSHAM stands for**

- a. Sanchit Kshamata Mahotsav
- b. Sakshar Kshrmik Mahostav
- c. Sanrakshit Krushak Mahotsav
- d. Sanrakshan Kshmata Mahotsav
- e. None of the above

**62. Sanrakshan Kshmata Mahotsav (SAKSHAM) Vans are associated with which of the following ministries?**

- a. Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs
- b. Ministry of Home Affairs
- c. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
- d. Ministry Of Health and Family Welfare.
- e. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

**63. Sanrakshan Kshmata Mahotsav (SAKSHAM) Vans was flagged off to promote and create awareness among people on the need of**

- a. soil conservation
- b. ganga rejuvenation
- c. oil and gas conservation
- d. safe drinking water
- e. None of the above

**64. The Union Finance Ministry has started the Know Your Budget series to educate the general public about the budgetary process. On which of the following platform will this series be organized?**

- a. YouTube
- b. Twitter
- c. Facebook
- d. Instagram
- e. None

**65. Commerce Ministry launched Government e Marketplace [GeM] initiative to enable women entrepreneurs and women self-help groups [WSHG] to sell handicrafts and handloom, accessories, etc. directly to various Government ministries, departments and institutions. What is it called?**

- a. Womaniya on GeM
- b. Stree on Gem
- c. Nari on Gem
- d. Women on Gem
- e. None

**66. KALIA stands for**

- a. Kisan Assistance for Livelihood and Income Amalgamation
- b. Krushk Assistance for Livelihood and Income Anticipation
- c. Kisan Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation
- d. Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation
- e. None

**67. KALIA Scheme is associated with which of the following Indian states?**

- a. Odisha
- b. Karnataka
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Jharkhand
- e. None

**68. The Sustainable Catchment Forest Management (SCATFORM) project which is undertaken with the assistance of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) is launched by which of the following states?**

- a. Arunachal Pradesh
- b. Andhra Pradesh
- c. Karnataka
- d. Manipur
- e. Tripura

**69. Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana is associated with which of the following states?**

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

**70. Which of the following countries has recently taken the chairmanship of G77 from Egypt?**

- a. China
- b. Indonesia
- c. Palestine
- d. Japan
- e. Turkey

**71. The Global Aviation Summit 2019 was organized in**

- a. Ambala
- b. Amritsar

- c. Pune
- d. Mumbai
- e. None

**72. Name the mountaineer who has set the world record of youngest to climb 7 highest volcanoes, 7 highest mountains in 7 continents in 7 years?**

- a. Satyarup Siddhanta
- b. Swaroop Siddhartha
- c. Sanyukt Sharma
- d. Satyaram Shubhash
- e. None

**73. Who has been recently conferred with the first ever Philip Kotler Presidential Award?**

- a. Pranab Mukherjee
- b. Lal Krishna Advani
- c. Venkaiah Naidu
- d. Ram Nath Kovind
- e. Narendra Modi

**74. Gandhi Peace Prize for 2018 is conferred to**

- a. Tadanobu Asano
- b. Hayao Miyazaki
- c. Yohei Sasakawa
- d. Takashi Miike
- e. Ken Watanabe

**75. A committee which submitted the report on revisiting the section 126 of the Representation of the People Act was headed by**

- a. Umesh Sinha
- b. Umang Sharma
- c. Umar Qamar
- d. Umesh Sidhhart
- e. None

**76. Who will head an 11-member working group constituted by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy board of India (IBBI) to study the concept of 'Group Insolvency' and suggest a suitable framework?**

- a. M.K. Naik
- b. U.K. Sinha
- c. R.L. Yadav
- d. P.D. Dasgupta
- e. None

**77. Shavkat Mirziyoyev is the President of**

- a. Kazakhstan
- b. Kyrgyzstan
- c. Turkmenistan
- d. Uzbekistan
- e. None

**78. With which of the following countries has India joined hands to get the supply of uranium?**

- a. Kazakhstan
- b. Kyrgyzstan
- c. Turkmenistan
- d. Uzbekistan
- e. None

**79. India-Myanmar bilateral army exercise, IMBEX 2018-19, has begun at**

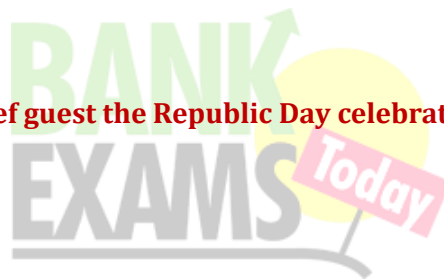
- a. Kholahati
- b. Jahanabad
- c. Akhnoor
- d. Anand Parbat
- e. Chandimandir

**80. According to the London-based Times Higher Education (THE) has released the Emerging Economies University Rankings 2019 in which Indian Institute of Science was ranked at which rank?**

- a. 15<sup>th</sup>
- b. 14<sup>th</sup>
- c. 42<sup>nd</sup>
- d. 33<sup>rd</sup>
- e. 16<sup>th</sup>

**81. Cyril Ramphosa who was the chief guest the Republic Day celebration(2019) of India is the President of which of the following nations?**

- a. Namibia
- b. South Africa
- c. Zimbabwe
- d. Botswana
- e. None of the above



**82. Oxford Dictionary's Word of The Year 2018 is**

- a. Nari Shakti
- b. Climate Change
- c. Bharat
- d. Ganga
- e. None

**83. Samantha Express which is to be launched by IRCTC will will cover prominent places associated with which of the following personalities?**

- (i) Mahatama Gandhi
- (ii) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- (iii) Gautam Buddha
- (iv) Subhash Chandra Bose

- a. All of the above
- b. Only (i) and (ii)
- c. Only (ii) and (iii)

- d. Only (iii) and (iv)
- e. Only (iv) and (i)

**84. Under which of the following sections of Chapter XVIII of Goods and Service Tax the Union Cabinet has approved the setting up of National Bench of Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal?**

- a. Section 103
- b. Section 105
- c. Section 107
- d. Section 109
- e. None of the above

**85. Which of the following statement is not true regarding Pravasi Teerth Darshan Yojana launched by PM Narendra Modi?**

- (i) The tour is partially sponsored by central government and state government
- (ii) It is be organized only once year
- (iii) People of age 35-50 can apply for this scheme
- (iv) Preference will be given to the people from Girimitiya countries
- (v) The term Girimitiya is coined by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

- a. All are true
- b. None is true
- c. Only (i) and (iii) are not true
- d. Only (ii) is true
- e. Only (iv) is true

**86. Who among the following delivered the first IBSA Gandhi-Mandela Memorial Freedom Lecture?**

- a. Cyril Ramaphosa
- b. Narendra Modi
- c. Ram Nath Kovind
- d. Nguyễn Xuân Phúc
- e. None of the above

**87. Which of the following is the World Capital of Architecture' for 2020 by UNESCO?**

- a. Stockholm
- b. Budapest
- c. Rio de Janeiro
- d. Athens
- e. Toledo

**88. What does the S stand for in UNESCO?**

- a. Sustainable
- b. Social
- c. Scientific
- d. Sustainability
- e. None

**89. Which of the following statements is/are true regarding Yuva Swabhiman Yojana?**

- a. It is launched by Government of Odisha



- b. It offers employment to unemployed rural youth
- c. No skill training will be provided
- d. All are true
- e. None is true

**90. Which of the following statements is/are true Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme?**

- a. It is launched by Kerala
- b. It is only for the permanent residents of Kerala
- c. It offers regular pension with one time payment of 3 lakh
- d. All are true
- e. Only (i) is true'

**91. Which of the following states celebrated the its first \_\_\_\_\_ Divas on on 24th January 2019?**

- a. Odisha
- b. Jharkhand
- c. Telangana
- d. Uttar Pradesh
- e. Bihar

**92. Who is the chief minister of Tripura?**

- a. Biplab Kumar Deb
- b. Sarbananda Sonowal
- c. Pawan Kumar Chamling
- d. Pema Khandu
- e. Conrad Sangma

**93. Ravneet Singh Gill has been appointed as the Managing Director of which of the following banks?**

- a. IDBI Bank
- b. Yes Bank
- c. HDFC Bank
- d. Bank of Baroda
- e. Bank of India

**94. DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2018 has been conferred to which of the following novels?**

- a. The Land of Green Plums
- b. In Search of Lost Time
- c. No Presents Please
- d. A Heart So White
- e. How Democracies Die

**95. Name the first woman Indian Police Service (IPS) and ITBP officer who successfully conquer the South Pole.**

- a. Apoorvi Doshi
- b. Aradhana Deswal
- c. Aprita Kochar
- d. Aparna Kumar
- e. None

**96. Who among the following Indian scientist won the The first Sheikh Saud International Prize for Materials Research?**

- a. Animesh Chakravorty
- b. Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao
- c. Garikapati Narahari Sastry
- d. Govindarajan Padmanaban
- e. Gautam Radhakrishna Desiraju

**97. A panel has been set up panel headed by Praveen Kutumbe to identify domestically systematically important insurers (SIIs) and an augmented regulatory framework is logically established in this regard. Which of the following formed this panel?**

- a. The Union Cabinet
- b. Securities and Exchange Board of India
- c. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- d. Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- e. None

**98. With which of the following countries did India sign a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation on the recruitment of domestic workers?**

- a. Egypt
- b. Turkey
- c. Kuwait
- d. Qatar
- e. Oman

**99. National Girl Child Day is observed on**

- a. January 24th
- b. June 8th
- c. August 25
- d. November 27
- e. None of the above

**100. The theme of National Girl Child Day-2019 is**

- a. Empowered Tomorrow with Empowered Girls
- b. Empowering Girls for Empowered Tomorrow
- c. Empower Girls for Empowered Tomorrow
- d. Empowered Girls Empowered Tomorrow
- e. Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow

**101. International Girl Child Day is observed on**

- a. January 28
- b. October 11
- c. March 6
- d. June 15
- e. None

**102. Which of the following has launched a new e-commerce platform 're-weave.in' under project ReWeave to aid handloom weavers?**

- a. Facebook
- b. PayTm
- c. Google India
- d. Microsoft India
- e. None

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**103. What is the name of the lightest satellite to be ever built and launched into orbit and it is also ISRO's first launch of a satellite built by a private firm?**

- a. Kalamsat-A2
- b. Kalamsat-V2
- c. Kalamsat-D2
- d. Kalamsat-K2
- e. Kalamsat-M2

**104 An eight-member search panel formed to select members of anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal is headed by**

- a. Anuradha Bhardwaj
- b. Alka Chandra Gupta
- c. Ranjana Prakash Desai
- d. Rajeshwari Prasad Deswal
- e. None

**105. Name India's fastest indigenous train which will ply between Delhi and Varanasii and an indigenously developed world-class train under Make in India.**

- a. Vande Bharat Express
- b. Vijaya Bharat Express
- c. Sujanya Bhrata Express
- d. Vikhyaat Bharat Express
- e. Saumil Bharat Express

**106. Which of the following river is regarded as the lifeline of Goa on which Atal Setu has been inaugurated recently?**

- a. Sabari
- b. Kabini
- c. Mandovi
- d. Bhavani
- e. Kinnerasani

**107. Which of the following is the official logo of Tripura Tea?**

- a. Ummaneshwar Temple
- b. Malancha Niwas
- c. Ujjayanta Palace
- d. Neermahal
- e. None of the above

**108. According to the awards given under the Swasth Bharat Yatra, which of the followings state was conferred with the Best State Overall?**

- a. Gujarat
- b. Tamil Nadu
- c. Goa
- d. Maharashtra
- e. Punjab

**109. Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Cricketer of the Year was conferred upon**

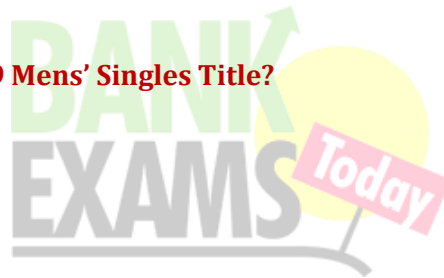
- a. Rahul Sharma
- b. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- c. Virat Kohli
- d. both a and b
- e. None of the above

**110. Who among the following did not win the 2019 Bharat Ratna award?**

- a. Pranab Mukherjee
- b. Nanaji Deshmukh
- c. Bhupen Hazarika
- d. Madan Mohan Malviya
- e. None of the above

**111. Who won Australian Open 2019 Mens' Singles Title?**

- a. Rafael Nadal
- b. Novak Djokovic
- c. Roger Federer
- d. Andy Murray
- e. Pete Sampras



**112. Which of the following reports recommends the government to opt for the unconditional cash transfer to farmers to alleviate agrarian distress rather than Universal Basic Income (UBI) scheme?**

- a. SBI Ecowrap
- b. SEBI Global Market Report
- c. RBI's Annual Report
- d. Year End Review of Ministry of Finance
- e. None

**113. Which country topped The Bloomberg Innovation Index 2019?**

- a. China
- b. South Korea
- c. Japan
- d. America
- e. None

**114. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is organising a fortnight of events named Shehri Samridhi Utsav all over the country with an aim to extend the outreach which of the following schemes?**

- a. Deendayal Upadhyay Shehri Vikas Yojana
- b. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission

- c. Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme
- d. Mahatama Gandhi Shehri Vikas Yojana
- e. None of the above

## ANSWERS

- 1. d. Only (ii) is correct:** The **Ministry of Textiles**, Government of India had launched the Yarn Bank Scheme as one of the components of **PowerTex India Scheme** with an aim to avoid fluctuation in yarn price. Under the Scheme, an interest-free corpus fund up to **Rs 2 crore** would be provided to the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)/Consortium formed by power loom weavers.
- 2. a. National Health Authority;** The Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Modi has approved the restructuring of existing National Health Agency as National Health Authority.
- 3. e. Global Environment Facility;** The Government has launched the Green - Ag: Transforming Indian Agriculture project for global environmental benefits and the conservation of critical biodiversity and forest landscapes in association with Global Environment Facility (GEF).
- 4. b. Kerala;** Makaravilakku is an annual festival held on Makar Sankranti in Kerala, India at the shrine of Sabarimala.
- 5. c. PARIVESH'** An ambitious web-based single-window system PARIVESH (Pro-Active and Responsive facilitation by Interactive, Virtuous and Environmental Single-window Hub) for environmental clearances will be rolled-out at state levels by January 15.
- 6. b. B V R Mohan Reddy'** The Panel headed by IIT-Hyderabad chairman B V R Mohan Reddy has suggested All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), not to allow setting up of new Engineering colleges from 2020.
- 7. b. Koel;** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for the Mandal Dam Project on the North Koel River. The Mandal Dam Project would be boon for the states of Jharkhand and Bihar.
- 8. e. Andhra Pradesh;** The Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI) has released the Ease of Doing Business Rankings for Indian states. Andhra Pradesh has topped the Ease of Doing Business rankings. Maharashtra and Delhi came in second and third place respectively.
- 9. c. 5 %;** The Government of Maharashtra has decided to give two LED bulbs, a DC fan and a mobile charging socket as freebies to farmers enrolling under the Atal Solar Krishi Pump Yojana. Under the Scheme, farmers with less than five acres will have to pay 5 per cent of the cost of a 3 HP solar pump while farmers with more than five acres will get a 5 HP solar pump for Rs 30000.
- 10. d. Khushi;** Khushi Scheme of Odisha aims to provide good menstrual hygiene care to women of the state. Under the Scheme, the Government will provide free sanitary napkins to 17 lakh girls studying in Classes 6 to 12 in Government and Government-Aided Schools.
- 11. a. Madhya Pradesh**
- 12. c. UK Sinha;** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has formed an expert committee to look into the various challenges being faced by MSMEs and suggest ways and measures to rejuvenate them. The eight-member committee would be Chaired by former Securities and Exchange Board of India Chairman UK Sinha.

- 13. e. Rs 25 crore;** The RBI has proposed a one-time loan restructuring scheme for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The scheme is applicable to the stressed accounts provided the total fund and non-fund based exposure to such a borrower does not surpass Rs 25 crore.
- 14. b. SRPHi;** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched Survey on Retail Payment Habits of Individuals (SRPHi). The Survey will capture payment habits of individuals in cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru and Guwahati.
- 15. d. Bimal Jalan;** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up an expert committee, headed by its Former Governor Bimal Jalan, to suggest how the Central Bank should handle its reserves and whether it can transfer its surplus to the Government.
- 16. b. Kathak;** Kathak exponent Anindita Neogy Anaam has been honoured with the prestigious National Nritya Shiromani award for her contribution towards preserving and promoting the dance form across the world.
- 17. a. Jalandhar;** Prime Minister, Narendra Modi delivered the inaugural address at the 106th session of the Indian Science Congress. The 106th Indian Science Congress is being held at Jalandhar. The theme of the 106th science congress is 'Future India: Science and Technology'.
- 18. b. 4<sup>th</sup> January;** The United Nations observed the first official World Braille Day on 4th January to create awareness about the importance of Braille.
- 19. d. Chang'e 4**
- 20. a. Pune;** Khelo India Youth Games 2019 are being held at Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Pune.
- 21. c. Article 15 and 16;** The Lok Sabha has passed the 124th Constitutional Amendment Bill to provide reservations to the 'Economically Weaker Sections' of society. The Bill amends Article 15 of the Constitution to provide reservations to economically weaker sections for admission to educational institutions including private educational institutions, whether aided or unaided by the State, other than the minority educational institutions. The Bill also amends Article 16 of the Constitution to provide reservations to people from economically weaker sections in government posts. The Bill caps the reservation to economically weaker sections at 10%.
- 22. d. Harsh Vardhan, 20-30%, 2024;** The Union Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan launched the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP). It is a five-year action plan with a tentative target of 20-30% reduction in concentrations of PM10 and PM2.5 by 2024, with 2017 as the base year.
- 22. b. Web-Wonder Women;** The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India has launched an online campaign Web-Wonder Women to discover and celebrate the exceptional achievements of women, who have been driving positive agenda of social change via social media
- 23. a. 12% and 10;** The operational guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) prescribed the timeline of two months of completion of Crop Cutting Experiments/harvesting period for settlement of claims by insurance companies. Provision of 12% interest rate per annum to be paid by the Insurance Company to farmers for any delay in settlement of claims beyond 10 days of prescribed cut off date for payment of claims. State Governments are required to pay 12% interest rate for delay in the release of the State share of Subsidy beyond three months of prescribed cut off date/submission of requisition by Insurance Companies.
- 24. d. Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas**
- 25. b. 70-Point Grading Index;** The Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched 70-Point Grading Index to assess the quality of school education in the states.

- 26. c. Tripura;** Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Gomati district of Tripura.
- 27. b. Norway;** Norway Prime Minister Erna Solberg arrived in New Delhi for a three-day state visit to India at the invitation of the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi.
- 28. d. Fair Value for Innovation;** The Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) of the United States Chamber of Commerce has launched a new innovation initiative Fair Value for Innovation at the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi. The initiative, titled "Fair Value for Innovation", will examine economic underpinnings that would enable breakthrough innovation, and explore how policymakers can harness innovation capital in India and around the globe through research, advocacy, partnerships, and programs.
- 29. b. New Delhi;** The Raisina Dialogue is a multilateral conference held annually in New Delhi.
- 30. c. Chattisgarh;** The Government of Chhattisgarh has withdrawn the general consent accorded to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe the cases in the state.
- 31. e. Agra;** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Gangajal Project which aims to improve water supply to the city of Agra.
- 32. d. Siang river;** The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu inaugurated India's longest single-lane steel cable suspension bridge over Siang River in Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- 33. c. Byorong bridge;** The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu inaugurated India's longest single-lane steel cable suspension bridge over Siang River in Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh. The bridge is 300-metre-long and is also known as Byorong bridge.
- 34. a. Odisha;** The government of Odisha has launched the scheme Ama Ghare LED to provide LED bulbs at free of cost to about 95 lakh families in the state.
- 35. c. Only (i) and (ii) are not true;** The gold deposits can be made under 3 term deposit plans: Short term: 1 to 3 years Medium term: 5 to 7 years Long term: 12 to 15 years Short-term deposit rates are decided by the banks concerned, while the medium and long-term deposit interest rates are decided by the Central Government.
- 36. b. 40;** The GST Council meeting on January 10 has taken some important decisions: The exemption limit for Goods and Services Tax (GST) registration has been increased to Rs 40 lakh from the current Rs 20 lakh to ease the cost of compliance for small taxpayers or micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). This exemption limit has been doubled to Rs 20 lakh for North-Eastern and hilly states. The increased exemption limit of Rs 40 lakh is applicable for those businesses who deal in goods and also do intra-state trade and not for those who do inter-state transactions.
- 37. d. 1%;** Kerala has been allowed to levy a 1 per cent calamity cess on the intra-state sale of goods and services for a period of up to two years to mobilise revenues to meet the cost of rehabilitating parts of states that were ravaged by floods.
- 38. a. Iran;** Bank Pasargad, also known as BPI, is a major Iranian private bank offering retail, commercial and investment banking services. The company was established in 2005 as a part of the government's privatization of the banking system.
- 39. c. Namita Gokhale;** Writer Namita Gokhale was awarded in the 'Best Book of Fiction Written by a Woman Author' category at the inaugural edition of Bhopal Literature and Art Festival (BLF). She has won the Sushila Devi Literature Award for her novel "Things to Leave Behind".

- 40. d. Kartik Singh;** Gurgaon's 8-year-old Kartik Singh won the under-8 category Junior world title at the Kids' Golf World Championship organised by US kids Golf in Malaysia to become the youngest Indian to win the title
- 41. b. Uzbekistan;** Samarkand is a city in Uzbekistan known for its mosques and mausoleums.
- 42. a. Samarkand, Uzbekistan;** The first India-Central Asia Dialogue is to be held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on January 12 and 13. The Dialogue will be co-chaired by External Affairs Minister (EAM) Sushma Swaraj and the Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan, Abdulaziz Kamilov.
- 43. c. Ranchi**
- 44. a. Pranav R Mehta;** Pranav R Mehta, President of the National Solar Energy Federation of India has become the President of the Global Solar Council.
- 45. b. Gita Gopinath;** Gita Gopinath has joined the International Monetary Fund as its Chief Economist. She is the first woman to occupy the post of Chief Economist of IMF.
- 46. d. Venezuela;** Nicolas Maduro was sworn in as Venezuela's President for the 2nd term for a new 6-year term.
- 47. b. Taiwan;** Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen appointed 71 years old Su Tseng-chang as the new Prime Minister of Taiwan.
- 48. e. January 10;** 10th January is celebrated as World Hindi Day to create awareness about the language of Hindi across the World and to present Hindi as an international language.
- 49. b. January 09**
- 50. a. Japan;** The Union Cabinet has approved India's Currency Swap Agreement with Japan. The \$75-billion bilateral currency swap arrangement is a milestone in mutual economic cooperation and special strategic and global partnership between two countries.
- 51. b. Punjab National Bank;** Indian Army and Punjab National Bank (PNB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Defence Salary Package.
- 52. d. Bharti AXA;** IRCTC tied up with Bharti AXA General insurance company to provide free travel insurance to the air travellers. This insurance is applicable to only those who book ticket in the official website of air ticketing irctc,IRCTC Air – air.irctc.co.in.
- 53. c. Malala yousafzai**
- 54. b. 41;** The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released the Democracy Index which ranks 167 countries by 60 indicators across five broad categories. The index classifies each country either as a full democracy, flawed democracy, hybrid regime or authoritarian. Only 4.5% of the world's people live in a full democracy. Australia and New Zealand are the only "full democracies" in the entire Asia-Pacific region. India was at the 41st place with a score of 7.23/10 and was placed in the flawed democracies category.
- 55. a. 7.2%;** The Central Statistics Office (CSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the first advance estimates of National Income for 2018-19. The Indian economy is expected to grow at 7.2 per cent in the financial year 2018-19 which is higher than the 6.7 per cent GDP growth in the previous financial year 2017-2018. The Real GVA (Gross Value Added) is expected to grow at 7 per cent in the current fiscal as against 6.5 per cent in 2017-18.



- 56. b. Sankar De;** Market regulator SEBI has set up a Research advisory committee(RAC) that will help and analyse the new methods of policy making for the development of capital market.The committee formed will be headed by Sankar De
- 57. a. Nandan Nilekani;** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted a high-level committee under Nandan Nilekani to suggest measures to strengthen the safety and security of digital payments in the country.
- 58. e. Sushil Modi;** Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi is to head the seven-member committee to look into revenue shortfall being faced by the states after the GST roll-out, and suggest steps for augmenting collections
- 59. e. clause 6 of the Assam Accord;** The Government has set up a committee headed by former Union tourism secretary M.P. Bezbaruah to review the implementation of clause 6 of the Assam Accord.
- 60. a. Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs;** .The Union Minister of Housing and Urban affairs Hardeep Singh Puri launched the **Global Housing Technology Challenge**. The challenge is undertaken under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U). GHTC aims to fast-track the construction of affordable housing and meet the target of constructing 1.2 crore houses by 2022.
- 61. d. Sanrakshan Kshмата Mahotsav;** Sanrakshan Kshмата Mahotsav (SAKSHAM) Vans was flagged off by Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan to promote and create awareness among people on the need of oil and gas conservation for the future and the methods to do it. Sanrakshan Kshмата Mahotsav (SAKSHAM) is an annual flagship event of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India.
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- 64. b. Twitter;** The Union Finance Ministry has started the Know Your Budget series on Twitter to educate the general public about the budgetary process. It is a fortnight series which explains the importance of Union Budget and its making.
- 65. a. Womaniya on GeM;** Commerce Ministry announced that the Government e Marketplace [GeM] launched “Womaniya on GeM” initiative to enable women entrepreneurs and women self-help groups [WSHG] to sell handicrafts and handloom, accessories, etc. directly to various Government ministries, departments and institutions.
- 66. d. Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation;** Odisha launched Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) with a primary objective to target small farmers, cultivators and landless agricultural labourers.
- 67. a. Odisha;** Odisha launched Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) with a primary objective to target small farmers, cultivators and landless agricultural labourers.

**68. e. Tripura;** Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb launched the Sustainable Catchment Forest Management (SCATFORM) project which is undertaken with the assistance of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency). The SCATFORM project aims to address issues such as forest cover loss and forest degradation have been mainly caused by shifting cultivation, which increases soil erosion risks on hill slopes especially in upper catchment areas.

**69. d. Madhya Pradesh;** "Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana" scheme was launched by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri. Kamal Nath. It is Rs 50,000 crore farm loan waiver scheme for farmers.

**70. c. Palestine;** Palestine has taken over the chairmanship of G77 from Egypt. Palestine will be formally elected chair at the annual G77 ministerial meeting, scheduled to take place in mid-September. The chairmanship of the G77 is based on the system of geographical rotation. 2019 was Asia's turn and the Asian group had unanimously endorsed Palestine.

**71. d. Mumbai;** The Global Aviation Summit 2019 was organized in Mumbai with the theme 'Flying for All'.

**72. a. Satyarup Siddhanta;** Satyarup Siddhanta, 35-year-old Kolkata mountaineer has set the world record of youngest to climb 7 highest volcanoes, 7 highest mountains in 7 continents in 7 years. He is also the first Indian to conquer the seven mountain peaks and seven volcanic summits.

**73. e. Narendra Modi;** Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded first ever Philip Kotler Presidential Award. Philip Kotler Presidential Award aims to spread examples of individuals and companies who create an innovative culture for the economic, social and technological advancements of an industry or a country.

**74. c. Yohei Sasakawa;** Yohei Sasakawa was named to receive Gandhi Peace Prize for 2018, who is the Goodwill Ambassador of the World Health Organization for Leprosy Elimination

**75. a. Umesh Sinha;** The Committee headed Deputy Election Commissioner Umesh Sinha has submitted the report on revisiting the section 126 of the Representation of the People Act. Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act Prohibits public meetings during period of forty-eight hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of the poll.

**76. b. U.K. Sinha;** Former Chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), U.K. Sinha will head an 11-member working group constituted by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy board of India (IBBI) to study the concept of 'Group Insolvency' and suggest a suitable framework.

**77. d. Uzbekistan**

**78. d. Uzbekistan;** Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019. An agreement for importing uranium from Uzbekistan was signed.

**79. e. Chandimandir;** India-Myanmar bilateral army exercise, IMBEX 2018-19, has begun at Chandimandir Military Station (Panchkula)

**80. b. 14<sup>th</sup>** The London-based Times Higher Education (THE) has released the Emerging Economies University Rankings 2019. The 2019 ranking comprises of 450 universities from 43 countries. The Indian Institute of Science has topped the rankings among Indian institutes with 14th rank; the second spot among Indian Institutes was occupied by the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay with 27th rank.

**81. b. South Africa;** Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa is a South African politician and the fifth and current President of South Africa.

- 82. a. Nari Shakti;** The word Nari Shakti is chosen as the word of the Year 2018 by the Oxford dictionaries. The announcement regarding this was made in the Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF).
- 83. c. Only (ii) and (iii);** Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will launch a new train Samantha Express which will cover prominent places associated with Gautam Buddha and chief architect of the Constitution Dr B R Ambedkar.
- 84. d. Section 109;** The Union Cabinet has approved the setting up of National Bench of Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal. Section 109 of Chapter XVIII Chapter of CGST Act empowers the Central Government to constitute an Appellate Tribunal known as the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal for hearing on the recommendation of Council
- 85. e. Only (iv) is true;** Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Pravasi Teerth Darshan Yojana. Darshan Yojana are: Under the scheme, a group of Indian diaspora will be taken on a **government-sponsored** tour of religious places in India twice a year. The first batch of 40 people participated in the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019 held in Varanasi. Those selected would be taken to religious places of all major religions in India. The government will bear all the expenses including the airfare from their country of residence. People of Indian-origin aged 45 to 65 can apply can avail the benefits under the scheme. The Scheme accords first preference to people from Girmitiya countries such as Mauritius, Fiji, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, and Jamaica. Girmitiya's are the descendants of indentured Indian labourers brought to Fiji, Mauritius, South Africa, East Africa, the Malay Peninsula, Caribbean and South America (Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana and Suriname) to work on sugarcane plantations for the prosperity of the European settlers. **The term Girmitiya was coined by the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi who referred to himself as first Girmitiya.**
- 86 a. Cyril Ramaphosa;** Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa delivered The First IBSA Gandhi-Mandela Memorial Freedom Lecture in New Delhi
- 87. c. Rio de Janeiro;** Rio de Janeiro has been recognised as 'World Capital of Architecture' for 2020 by The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).
- 88. c. Scientific;** UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
- 89. e. None is true;** Yuva Swabhiman Yojana is launched by Madhya Pradesh Government. Under this scheme, 100 days of employment will be provided to youths from economically weaker sections in urban areas. They will also be given skill training.
- 90. e. Only (i) is true';** The government of Kerala has launched 'Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme. Under the scheme, a regular pension would be provided to Non-Resident Keralites on a one-time payment of Rs 5 lakh.
- 91. d. Uttar Pradesh;** The government of Uttar Pradesh celebrated UP Divas for the first time on 24th January 2019.
- 92. a. Biplab Kumar Deb**
- 93. b. Yes Bank**
- 94. c. No Presents Please;** No Presents Please is English Novel translated from Kannada Work of Jayant Kaikini won the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2018. The novel was translated to English by Tejaswini Niranjana.
- 95. d. Aparna Kumar;** Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Aparna Kumar became the first woman Indian Police Service (IPS) and ITBP officer to successfully conquer the South Pole.

**96. b. Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao;** The first Sheikh Saud International Prize for Materials Research has been awarded to C N R Rao.

**97. d. Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI);** Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has set up a panel headed by Praveen Kutumbe to identify domestically systematically important insurers (SIIs) and an augmented regulatory framework is logically established in this regard.

**98. c. Kuwait;** The Union Cabinet of India has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Kuwait for cooperation on the recruitment of domestic workers.

**99. a. January 24th**

**100. e. Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow**

**101. b. October 11**

**102. d. Microsoft India; Microsoft India launched a new e-commerce platform 're-weave.in' under project ReWeave to aid handloom weavers.**

**103. b. Kalamsat-V2;** Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) has launched the Kalamsat-V2 from Sriharikota space centre. It is the lightest satellite to be ever built and launched into orbit and it is also Isro's first launch of a satellite built by a private firm. The satellite is being built by students belonging to Space Kidz India

**104. c. Ranjana Prakash Desai;** An eight-member search panel formed to select members of anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal held its first meeting. The committee, headed by former Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai

**105. a. Vande Bharat Express;** India's fastest indigenous train, Train 18 named as Vande Bharat Express will ply between Delhi and Varanasi. Train 18 is an indigenously developed world-class train under Make in India. The 16-coach train has been built completely in India by Indian engineers in a span of 18 months at the Integral Coach Factory, Chennai.

**106. c. Mandovi;** The Mandovi River. Out of the 11 rivers in the state, the Mandovi is said to be Goa's lifeline.

**107. d. Neermahal;**

The Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb unveiled the official logo of Tripura Tea. The Tripura Tea logo features Neermahal, the iconic landmark of Tripura.

**108. b. Tamil Nadu;** Best State Overall: Tamil Nadu; Best States with a population above 3 crore: Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra. Best States having a population less than 3 crore: Punjab, Goa and Delhi  
Special awards: Meghalaya, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand were given special awards for their participation despite their hilly and difficult terrain

**109. c. Virat Kohli;** The ICC awards recognise and honour the best international cricket players of the previous 12 months. Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Cricketer of the Year: Virat Kohli

**110. d. Madan Mohan Malviya;** The 2019 Bharat Ratna award has been bestowed upon former President Pranab Mukherjee, Nanaji Deshmukh and singer Bhupen Hazarika. Nanaji Deshmukh and singer Bhupen Hazarika were awarded Bharat Ratna posthumously.

**111. b. Novak Djokovic;** Australian Open, nicknamed as the happy slam, concluded at Melbourne in Australia. Women's Singles: Naomi Osaka of Japan. Men's Singles: Novak Djokovic of Serbia.

**112. a. SBI Ecowrap**

**113. b. South Korea;** The Bloomberg Innovation Index 2019 was recently released. It analyses each country in a range of areas including education, research and development, and manufacturing before coming up with a list of the 60 most innovative countries. The index is topped by South Korea for the sixth time in a row with a total score of 87.38. India stands at 54th spot in the Bloomberg Innovation Index with a score of 47.93 out of 100.

**114. b. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission;** The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is organising a fortnight of events named Shehri Samridhi Utsav all over the country with an aim to extend the outreach of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) to the poorest of poor and the most vulnerable.'

