
CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTION BANK- APRIL 2019

1. According to the report from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), a think-tank, the world's military expenditure has risen by _____ in 2018

- a) 2.3%
- b) 2.5%
- c) 2.6%
- d) 2.4%
- e) None of the above

2. According to the report from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), which is India's rank in world's top 5 military expenditure companies?

- a) 3rd
- b) 4th
- c) 5th
- d) 2nd
- e) 1st

3. According to the report from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), India's military expenditure had hiked by _____ in 2018

- a) 3.1%
- b) 2.6%
- c) 11.5%
- d) 9.8%
- e) None of the above

4. Which of the following Payment Bank has recently launched option of recurring payments for its merchants?

- a) Airtel Payment Bank
- b) India Post Payment Bank
- c) Fino Payment Banks
- d) Paytm Payment Bank
- e) None of the above

5. Which of the following is the first company in the domestic non-life insurance industry to sell 2-wheeler policies via social media messaging platform, WhatsApp?

- a) Kotak Mahindra
- b) ICICI Lombard
- c) Shriram General Insurance
- d) Bharti AXA
- e) The Oriental Insurance Company

6. PhonePe is owned by

- a) Amazone
- b) Flipkart
- c) Google
- d) Ali baba
- e) None of the above

7. G Sathyan belongs to which of the following sports?

- a) Snooker
- b) Weight Lifting
- c) Table Tennis
- d) Golf
- e) Shooting

8. Who became the first Indian wrestler to fight at New York's iconic Madison Square Garden?

- a) Bajrang Punia
- b) Sushil Kumar
- c) Yogeshwar Dutt
- d) Pawan Kumar

9. Gaganjeet Bhullar belongs to which of the following sports?

- a) Golf
- b) Weight Lifting
- c) Wrestling
- d) Snooker
- e) None of the above

10. Politics of Jugaad: The Coalition Handbook" is authored by

- a) Subah Naved
- b) Saba Naqvi
- c) Sara Khan
- d) Shamli Khurram
- e) None of the above

11. Where is the headquarter of Canara Bank located?

- a) Bengaluru
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Kolkata
- d) Mumbai
- e) Pune

12. Who is the head of the committee formed by Ministry of Environment (MOEFCC) forms panel for efficient implementation of National Clean Air Programme?

- a) MK Tiwari
- b) RK Puri
- c) CK Mishra
- d) PK Awasthi
- e) None of the above

13. 2022 FIFA World Cup will be hosted in

- a) Qatar
- b) Morocco
- c) Jordan
- d) Tunisia
- e) Lebanon

14. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) set up a 13-member committee in order to review regulatory framework on micro insurance, and suggest the steps to be taken to raise demand for such products in India. Who is the head of this committee?

- a) Satish Dhawan
- b) Suresh Mathur
- c) Sanjay Nayak
- d) Sudeep Banerjee
- e) None of the above

15. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the ombudsman scheme coverage to non-deposit taking (NBFCs) Non-banking Financial Companies having an asset size of Rs. minimum

- a) 100 crore
- b) 50 crore
- c) 25 crore
- d) 10 crore
- e) None of the above

16. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to issue new Rs 20 denomination banknotes having a base colour of greenish -yellow. What is the size of these notes?

- a) 65 X 125 mm
- b) 62 X 128 mm
- c) 63 X 129 mm
- d) 61 X 124 mm
- e) None of the above

17. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to issue new Rs 20 denomination banknotes having a base colour of greenish -yellow. What is the motif on the back side of the note?

- a) Ellora caves
- b) Mysore Palace
- c) Sanchi Stupa

- d) Khajuraho Temple
- e) None of the above

18. Who among the following became the first woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI?

- a) Margot Russel
- b) Claire Polosak
- c) Beck Stuart
- d) Nina Santos
- e) None of the above

19. Dr Ibrahima Kassory Fofana who recently visited India is the Prime Minister of

- a) Ghana
- b) Mali
- c) Guinea
- d) Niger
- e) Gambia

20. _____ has joined hands with Google to enable the customers of Reliance Mutual Fund to carry out voice-based financial transactions.

- a) Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management
- b) Axis Asset Management Company Ltd
- c) Baroda Asset Management India Limited.
- d) DHFL Pramerica Asset Managers Private Limited.
- e) None of the above.

21. The Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal, to determine the sufficient cause to ban Jamaat-e-Islami, and Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) faction. It will be headed by

- a) Justice Suraj Mitra
- b) Justice Arunya Kamra
- c) Justice Satish Khanna
- d) Justice Chander Shekhar
- e) None of the above

22. Japan's government has unveiled an New Imperial Era named

- a) Reiwa
- b) Haiti
- c) Heisei
- d) Rewia
- e) None of the above

23. What is the name of India's longest suspension bridge constructed by Indian army?

- a) Sahayak
- b) Sakha
- c) Bogibeel

- d) Maitri
- e) None of the above

24. Which of the following has become the first lender to levy charges on peer-to-peer (P2P) UPI transactions available across all platforms, namely, Paytm, Google Pay, PhonePe, Trucaller Pay among others?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- d) Axis Bank
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25. Which of the following has been recently given approval to start offering a stock broking service such as the ability to trade in equities and cash segments, derivatives, and exchange-traded funds (ETFs)?

- a) Paytm Money
- b) Airtel Payment Bank
- c) Fino Payment Bank
- d) Mobikwik
- e) None of the above

26. Saurav Ghosal belongs to which of the following sports?

- a) Squash
- b) Tennis
- c) Squash
- d) Snooker
- e) Golf
- f) None of the above

27. According to annual 2019 Global Report on Food Crises, how many people across 53 countries faced severe hunger in 2018?

- a) 113 million
- b) 120 million
- c) 122 million
- d) 109 million
- e) 79 million

28. The Reserve Bank of India has set the limits for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) to _____ crore for the first half of the financial year 2019-20 (April 2019 to September 2019).

- a) Rs. 25,000 crore
- b) Rs. 75000 crore
- c) Rs. 50,000 crore
- d) Rs. 45,000 crore
- e) None of the above

29. The Ways and Mean Advances is to be vacated after

- a) 60 days
- b) 120 days
- c) 365 days
- d) 100 days
- e) 90 Days

30. Who among the following is the recently appointed Managing Director of LIC?

- a) Vipin Anad
- b) Vipin Munjal
- c) Vimlesh Kashyap
- d) Vrun Seth
- e) None of the above

31. _____ and _____ are the first Indian exchanges to sign MoU with Moscow Exchange?

- a) BSE and India INX
- b) NSC and India INX
- c) OTC Exchange of India and BSE
- d) BSE and NSE
- e) None of the above'

32. _____ has received the In-Flight Connectivity license from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for enabling in-flight and maritime connectivity (IFMC) within Indian airspace.

- a) Reliance
- b) BSNL
- c) Airtel
- d) Idea
- e) None of the above

33. A micro-insurance policy is a general or life insurance policy with a sum assured of

- a) Rs 25,000 or less
- b) Rs 50,000 or less
- c) Rs 30,000 or less
- d) Rs 20,000 or less
- e) Rs 10,000 or less

34. Which of the following villages has been tagged as India's first carbon-positive settlement?

- a) Phayeng Village
- b) Zuluk Village
- c) Tawang
- d) Moirang

e) Mawlynnog

35. In ESPN India awards for 2018, who was conferred upon with the Female Sportsperson of the year award?

- a) Mithali Raj
- b) Rahi Sarnobat
- c) M C Mary Kom
- d) PV Sindhu
- e) None of the above

36. World Intellectual Property Day is observed on

- a) April 26
- b) April 25
- c) April 24
- d) April 23
- e) April 22

37. Who has been elected as the president of World Bank?

- a) Davis Malapass
- b) Wilbur Ross
- c) Davis Malapass
- d) Larry Kudlow
- e) Michael Davis
- f) None of the above



38. Who among the following has recently been appointed as the chairman of NASSCOM?

- a) Keshav Murugesh
- b) Kanishak Awasthi
- c) Kunal Chawla
- d) Ketan Munjal
- e) None of the above

39. Which of the following bank got merge with Indiabulls Housing Finance?

- a) Lakshmi Vilas Bank
- b) Dena Bank
- c) Lakshmi Vilas Bank
- d) Vijaya Bank
- e) UCO Bank
- f) None of the above

40. For the first time SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has approved an "airport" specific fund" under which of the following categories?

- a) Category II Alternate Investment Fund

- b) Category I Alternate Investment Fund
- c) Category III Alternate Investment Fund
- d) Category IV Alternate Investment Fund
- e) None of the above

41. For the first time SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has approved an “airport’ specific fund” called Taking Off To the Future Airport Fund” which can raise a capital amounting to

- a) Rs. 20,000 crore
- b) Rs. 30,000 crore
- c) Rs. 40,000 crore
- d) Rs. 10,000 crore
- e) Rs. 50,000 crore

42. According to the World Bank, India’s GDP growth in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 is expected to be

- a) 7.5%
- b) 7.2%
- c) 7.3%
- d) 7.4%
- e) None of the above

43. Which station has become the first ever railway station in the Indian Railways to get an ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation) certification from the National Green Tribunal (NGT)?

- a) Kollam Railway Station
- b) Guwahati Railway Station
- c) Sealdah Railway Station
- d) Chennai Central Railway Station
- e) None of the above Railway Station

44. In NIRF, R stands for

- a) Ranking
- b) Regional
- c) Reconstruction
- d) Revitalization

45. In ARIIA, the last A stands for

- a) Atal
- b) Achievers
- c) Akaar
- d) Achievements
- e) None of the above

46. The Committee on Currency Movement” (CCM) formed by RBI was chaired by

- a) DK Mohanty
- b) RD Awasthi
- c) PK Tiwari
- d) RS Swaminathan
- e) None of the above

47. The Reserve Bank of India Monday came out with guidelines for banks to set up new currency chests, which include a minimum area of _____ in plain regions.

- a) 2000 sq. ft
- b) 3500 sq ft
- c) 1500 sq. ft
- d) 1000 sq ft.
- e) None of the above

48. According to the new guidelines for currency chests, the he new chests located in hilly areas should have a processing capacity of

- a) 2.1 lakh pieces of banknotes per day
- b) 2.5 lakh pieces of banknotes per day
- c) 3.1 lakh pieces of banknotes per day
- d) 3.5 lakh pieces of banknotes per day
- e) None of the above

49. Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has signed an agreement with which of the following bank to spread more awareness about the benefits of listing startups as well as to strengthen BSE startup platform?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) Yes Bank
- e) None of the above

50. Who among the following has been honoured with the New Zealand Prime Minister's Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship for 2019 in recognition of her "inspiring achievements"?

- a) Deepa Malik
- b) Deepa Karmakar
- c) Hina Sidhu
- d) Saikhom Mirabai Chanu
- e) Mary Kom

51. According to 'Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014-2019' repor, which of the following is ranked the most polluted city in India?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Lucknow
- c) Patiala
- d) Kanpur

e) None of the above

52. As per the first edition of Forbes World's Best Bank survey, which bank has been recognized as number 1 bank by customers in India.

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) Axis Bank
- d) State Bank of India
- e) None of the above

53. To empower the 'Agri', 'MSME segment' and small businesses, _____ signed the first co-origination loan agreement with State Bank of India (SBI).

- a) PAISALO Digital Limited
- b) Indiabulls Home Loans
- c) IndiaLends
- d) Loan Loji
- e) None of the above

54. Which of the following schemes have won the distinguished World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) awards of the United Nations (UN).

- a) Krishak Bandhu Schem, Nijo Griha Nijo Bhumi
- b) Gatidhara Scheme, Sabujshree
- c) Utkarsh Bangla Scheme, Sabooj Sath
- d) Sufal Bangla, Lokprasar Prakalpa
- e) None of the above

55. Who has been honoured with the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018?

- a) K Siva Reddy
- b) N. Gopi
- c) Kalipatnam Ramarao
- d) K. Satchidanandan
- e) None of the above

56. ReWeave was launched by

- a) Tata Trust
- b) Reliance
- c) Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises
- d) Microsoft
- e) None of the above

57. India's First Foreign Interactive Bird Park is launched in

- a) Microsoft
- b) Pune
- c) Jaipur
- d) New Delhi

- e) None of the above

58. Which of the following is India's first indigenously designed and developed long-range cruise missile?

- a) Nirvair
- b) Nirbhay
- c) Nishan
- d) Nishat
- e) None of the above

59. Harsheel Dani belongs to which of the following sports?

- a) Tennis
- b) Golf
- c) Snooker
- d) Wrestling
- e) Badminton

60. Rongali Bihu is celebrated in

- a) Assam
- b) Odisha
- c) West Bengal
- d) Rajasthan
- e) None of the above

61. Which bank has launched NRI-Insta Online a paperless account opening facility for NRIs?

- a) Bank of India
- b) Bank of Baroda
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) IDBI Bank
- e) None of the above

62. Which of the following is India's first public sector bank to meet RBI's EMV (Europay, MasterCard and Visa) mandate/

- a) Canara Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) Yes Bank
- e) HDFC Bank

63. Which of the following logo has been printed on the reverse side of the new Rs. 50 denomination notes?

- a) Skill India
- b) Made in India
- c) Swachh Bharat
- d) Standup India

e) None of the above

64. Name the quasi-cryptocurrency launched by The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- a) LearningCoin
- b) QuasiCoin
- c) CryptoCoin
- d) FirstCoin
- e) None of the above

65. Which of the following bank has been given to acquire Gruh Finance

- a) Bandhan Bank
- b) Luxmi Vilas Bank
- c) Jana Small Finance Bank
- d) IDBI Bank
- e) None of the above

66. G20 Summit in November 2020 will be organised in

- a) Riyadh
- b) Medina
- c) Al Khobar
- d) Riyadh
- e) Saihat
- f) None of the above



67. Which country topped the World Press Freedom Index 2019?

- a) Finland
- b) Sweden
- c) Denmark
- d) Norway
- e) None of the above

68. What is India's rank in World Press Freedom Index 2019?

- a) 140th
- b) 138th
- c) 154th
- d) 129
- e) 130th

69. World Heritage Day is observed on

- a) 16th April
- b) 14th April
- c) 12th April
- d) 18th April
- e) 10th April

70. What was the theme of World Heritage Day 2019?

- a) Rural Landscapes
- b) Rural Heritage
- c) Rural Tourism
- d) Rural Landscape and Tourism
- e) None of the above

71. Airtel Payments Bank joined hands with _____ General Insurance for a two-wheeler insurance product.

- a) Bajaj Allianz
- b) IFFCO Tokio
- c) Bharti AXA
- d) Star Health
- e) None of the above

72. Who has been appointed as chief executive officer of Deutsche Bank as India's head?

- a) Kaushik Shaparia
- b) Kumar Sambhav
- c) Satish Chandra
- d) Ravneet Singh Gill
- e) None of the above

73. Which country topped the Startup Ecosystem Ranking for 2019 by StartupBlink?

- a) United States
- b) United Kingdom
- c) Canada
- d) Denmark
- e) Sweden

74. What is India's rank in Startup Ecosystem Ranking for 2019 by StartupBlink?

- a) 14th
- b) 10th
- c) 28th
- d) 16th
- e) 17th
- f) 9th

75. What does A stand for in FAME II scheme?

- a) Adoption
- b) Adaption
- c) Accreditation
- d) Acceptance
- e) None of the above

76. Under the FAME II scheme, the Central Government has made compulsory for Electric Vehicle (EV) manufactures in India to locally source at least _____ components for the provision of receiving subsidies.

- a) 60%
- b) 70%
- c) 40%
- d) 50%
- e) 55%

77. What is the theme of Earth Day 2019?

- a) End Plastic Pollution
- b) Climate Literacy and Environment
- c) Protecting Our Species
- d) Trees for the Earth
- e) None of the above

78. The central government has increased the authorized capital of state-owned Allahabad Bank from Rs. 3,000 crore to

- a) Rs. 4,000 crore
- b) Rs. 6,000 crore'
- c) Rs. 8,000 crore
- d) Rs. 10,000 crore
- e) Rs. 12,000 crore

79. Which country released a special stamp on the theme of Ramayana at the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Israel
- d) Bhutan
- e) Bangladesh

80. The RBI has granted approval to _____ for holding up to 9.9% stake in Bandhan Bank following the Gruh Finance deal.

- a) Canara Bank
- b) Indiabulls
- c) HDFC Ltd
- d) Aditya Birla Ltd
- e) None of the above

Recently, SEBI in his guidelines titled "Guidelines for Determination of Allotment and Trading Lot Size for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs)" has reduced the minimum subscription requirement as well as defined trading lots for REITs and InvITs.

81. According to this, for determining the allotment in an initial offer and follow on public offers, REITs have to offer their units in lots worth at least

- a) Rs. 50,000
- b) Rs. 25,000
- c) Rs. 1 lakh
- d) Rs. 25 lakh
- e) None of the above

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- b) Rs. 25,000
- c) Rs. 1 lakh
- d) Rs. 25 lakh
- e) None of the above

83. National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved merger of private sector lender _____ with Bharat Financial Inclusion (BFIL), a microfinance company.

- a) IndusInd Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) Bandhan Bank
- d) Yes Bank
- e) None of the above

84. _____ has become the first major airline in the gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board.

- a) Air Canada
- b) Saudi Airways
- c) Air India
- d) Etihad Airways
- e) None of the above

85. What does A stand for in SAECKs kits?

- a) Assault
- b) Adoption
- c) Acceptance
- d) Assurance
- e) None of the above

86. Which ministry has launched SAECKs kits?

- a) Ministry of Family and Health Welfare
- b) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- c) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- d) Ministry of Home Affairs
- e) None of the above

87. Who has been awarded the second edition of Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019 for his 2010 novel "Solo" ?

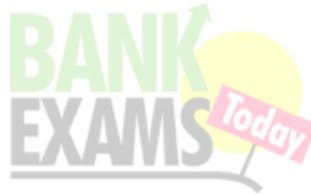
- a) Rana Dasgupta
- b) Ranjit Dua
- c) Rupinder Singh
- d) Rupam Mehta
- e) None of the above

88. Who became the first overseas player from India to represent Hampshire and he will replace Aiden Kyle Markram, who will join South Africa's World Cup Team?

- a) M.S. Dhoni
- b) Rohit Sharma
- c) Kapil Dev
- d) Ajinkya Rahane
- e) Sachin Tendulkar

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ANSWERS

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2. 4th The five biggest spenders in 2018 were the United States, China, Saudi Arabia, India and France, which together accounted for 60 per cent of global military spending
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4. Paytm Payment Bank; Paytm has launched recurring payment (auto pay) service for merchants that are working on a digital subscription model. The move will allow the subscription-based businesses to collect payments from their subscribers effortlessly.
5. Bharti AXA; Bharti AXA General Insurance, the first company in the domestic non-life insurance industry has collaborated with web aggregator, Wishfin Insurance to sell 2-wheeler policies via social media messaging platform, WhatsApp.

6. Flipkart; PhonePe is a financial technology company headquartered in Bangalore, India. Flipkart is its parent organisation.
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8. Bajrang Punia; 25 years old Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia became the first Indian wrestler to fight at New York's iconic Madison Square Garden.
9. Golf; Indian Professional Golfer, Gaganjeet Bhullar has been awarded outstanding achievement as a player award at the 4th Edition of the annual India Golf Industry Association (GIA) award for the year 2019 at the Delhi Golf Club.
10. Saba Naqvi
11. Bengaluru
12. CK Mishra; The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MOEFCC) notified that a committee will be formed to implement the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) which was launched to handle the major issue of air-pollution in India. Overall guidance would be provided by the committee to implement and review the progress of NCAP for each financial year. The committee would be headed by its Secretary, C K Mishra,
13. Qatar; The 2022 FIFA World Cup is scheduled to take place in Qatar
14. Suresh Mathur; The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) set up a 13-member committee in order to review regulatory framework on micro insurance, and suggest the steps to be taken to raise demand for such products in India by recommending product designs with customer-friendly underwriting, example, easy premium payment methods and simple claims settlement procedures. The committee is headed by Suresh Mathur, IRDAI's Executive Director.
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28. Rs. 75000 crore; The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in consultation with the government of India has set the limits for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the first half of the financial year 2019-20 (April 2019 to September 2019) at Rs 75000 crore.
29. 90 Days; The WMA needs to be vacated after 90 days. The interest rate for WMA is currently charged at the repo rate. The limits for WMA are decided by the RBI and in consultation with the Government of India.
30. Vipin Anand; Vipin Anand has assumed the charge of Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).
31. BSE and India INX; BSE (earlier called Bombay Stock Exchange) and INX (India International Exchange) are the first Indian exchanges to sign MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with MOEX (Moscow Exchange) in order to allow capital formation platform and connect investor community and companies in both India and Russia.
32. BSNL; State-owned telecom service provider Bharatiya Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has received licence from the Department of Telecommunications to provide Internet and mobile services on flights
33. Rs 50,000 or less; Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has created a special category of insurance policies called micro-insurance policies to promote insurance coverage among economically vulnerable sections of society. The IRDA Micro-insurance Regulations, 2005 defines and enables micro-insurance. A micro-insurance policy is a general or life insurance policy with a sum assured of Rs 50,000 or less
34. Phayeng Village; Phayeng, a scheduled caste village of the Chakpa community in Imphal West district of Manipur has been tagged as India's first carbon-positive settlement.
35. PV Sindhu; The Indian subsidiary of ESPN (Entertainment and Sports Programming Network), India (espn.in) declared the ESPN India awards for 2018 in which PV Sindhu was conferred with the sportsperson of the year award in female category and Neeraj Chopra was conferred with the sportsperson of the year award in Male category.
36. April 26; April 26 is observed as a World Intellectual Property Day across the globe
37. Davis Malpass; Davis Malpass senior Treasury official and staunch supporter of President Donald Trump, was unanimously chosen as the next president of the World bank. He will succeed Jim Yong-Kim.
38. Keshav Murugesh

39. Lakshmi Vilas Bank; The board of Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB), has approved the merger of private sector lender with Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd, mortgage financier in an all-stock deal.
40. Category II Alternate Investment Fund; Under “Category II Alternate Investment Fund” (AIF), for the first time SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has approved an “airport’ specific fund“. The name of the fund is “Taking Off To the Future Airport Fund“. It can raise a capital amounting to Rs. 10,000 crore
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42. 7.5%; The World Bank notified that India’s consistent hold in investment sector, mainly private-improved export performance and resilient consumption, has led its GDP growth forecast to mount to 7.5 per cent for fiscal year 2019-20.
43. Guwahati Railway Station; Guwahati Railway Station has become the first ever railway station in the Indian Railways to get an ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation) certification from the National Green Tribunal (NGT). It has been given this certificate for providing passenger amenities in a clean and green environment.
44. Ranking; National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)
45. Achievements; Atal Ranking of Institutions for Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2019
46. DK Mohanty; The Reserve Bank of India gave some guidelines for banks to set up new currency chests, including a minimum area of 1,500 square feet for strong room and should have a processing capacity of 6.6 lakh pieces of banknotes per day.
47. 1500 sq. ft; "Area of the strong room/ vault of at least 1,500 sq ft. For those situated in hilly/ inaccessible places, the strong room/ vault area of at least 600 sq ft," the RBI said while specifying minimum standards for setting up new currency chests.
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49. HDFC Bank; Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), Asia’s oldest exchange has signed an agreement with HDFC Bank to spread more awareness about the benefits of listing startups as well as to strengthen BSE startup platform.
50. Deepa Malik; Rio Paralympics silver medalist Deepa Malik has been honoured with the New Zealand Prime Minister’s Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship for 2019 in recognition of her “inspiring achievements”.
51. Kanpur; According to ‘Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014-2019’ report, released by Climate Trends Kanpur (in Uttar Pradesh) is the most polluted city in the world and is positioned 1 on the list.
52. HDFC Bank; As per the first edition of Forbes World’s Best Bank survey, HDFC Bank has been recognized as number 1 bank by customers in India.
53. PAISALO Digital Limited
54. Utkarsh Bangla Scheme, Sabooj Sath
55. K Siva Reddy; Telugu poet K Siva Reddy has been honoured with the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018 with a cash prize of 15 lakh rupees for his collection of poetry titled ‘Pakkaki Ottigilite’.

56. Microsoft; Microsoft's Project 'ReWeave' helps to preserve traditional weaving forms by upskilling workers, designing and marketing products, and creating sustainable livelihood options.
57. Mumbai; India's first exotic Bird Park 'EsselWorld Bird Park' was launched by EsselWorld Leisure Pvt. Ltd., the family entertainment arm of the \$6-billion Essel Group in Mumbai.
58. Nirbhay; 'Nirbhay', long range sub sonic cruise missile indigenously designed and developed by Bengaluru – based Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), a lab under Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) was test fired from launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha. This all-weather missile can be launched from multiple platforms. It is India's first indigenously designed and developed long-range cruise missile
59. Badminton; India's Harsheel Dani clinched the 20th Victor Dutch International Badminton title at Wateringen
60. Assam; Assam's Rongali Bihu, also known as 'Bohaag Bihu' marks the beginning of the new Assamese calendar year started.
61. IDBI Bank; IDBI Bank has launched 'NRI-Insta Online' account opening process for NRIs residing in Financial Action Task Force (FATF) member countries to open an account in the Bank without visiting the branch or submitting paper documents such as physical documents as well as KYC proofs. This online facility is available in IDBI Bank's website.
62. Canara Bank; India's public sector bank, Canara Bank has successfully rolled out new functionality that supports EMV (Europay, MasterCard and Visa) card acquiring across its ATM (Automated Teller Machine) network and Aadhaar Authentication, thus becoming the 1st in the market to leverage ACI's UP Retail Payments solution and the 1st public sector bank to shift to EMV chip and PIN for card based transactions across the country's vast ATM network.
63. Swachh Bharat; The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued Rs. 50 denomination banknotes in Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series that bore Shri Shaktikanta Das' (Governor of RBI) signature. On the frontal side, the numeral '50' is written in the Devanagari script along with Mahatma Gandhi's portrait in the centre. On the reverse side, the note has a 'Swachh Bharat' logo printed on it with its slogan.
64. LearningCoin
65. Bandhan Bank; Kolkata-based Bandhan Bank has received the approval of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for the acquisition of Gruh Finance which is the affordable housing finance arm of HDFC Ltd in a share-swap deal.
66. Riyadh; Saudi Arabia will host G20 summit in November 2020 in Riyadh. This will be the first G20 meeting in the Arab world and the 15th meeting of the G20 (Group of Twenty).
67. Norway; Recently, Reporters Without Borders released World Press Freedom Index 2019 in which Norway topped the index in third consecutive year
68. 140th Reporters Without Borders released World Press Freedom Index 2019 in which Norway topped the index in third consecutive year and India drops down by two positions (138th rank in 2018) to be ranked 140th out of 180 countries in 2019.
69. 18th April; World Heritage Day, which is also known as International Day for Monuments and Sites is an annual event celebrated on 18th April
70. Rural Landscapes; This year, the theme of the World Heritage Day is "Rural Landscapes".
71. Bharti AXA; Airtel Payments Bank joined hands with Bharti AXA General Insurance for a two-wheeler insurance product offering which is available on MyAirtel App and at over 40,000 Airtel Payments Bank points across India.

72. Kaushik Shaparia; Kaushik Shaparia has been appointed as chief executive officer of Deutsche Bank as India's head with effect from May 2019. He will succeed Ravneet Gill.
73. United States; The United States, United Kingdom, and Canada are the top three countries ranked the first, second and third respectively in terms of global rankings.
74. 17th; India ranked at 17th position among 100 countries in 2018, from the 37th spot in 2017 in the Startup Ecosystem Ranking for 2019 as per the data released by StartupBlink.
75. Adoption
76. 50%; Under the FAME II scheme, the Central Government has made compulsory for Electric Vehicle (EV) manufactures in India to locally source at least 50% components for the provision of receiving subsidies. This step has been taken to encourage local manufacturing and relying less on imports.
77. Protecting Our Species; April 22 is observed as Earth Day 2019 with a theme 'Protecting Our Species'
78. Rs. 8,000 crore; The central government has increased the authorized capital of state-owned Allahabad Bank from Rs. 3,000 crore to Rs. 8,000 crore after consultation with the Reserve Bank of India.
79. Indonesia
80. HDFC Ltd; The RBI (Reserve Bank of India) has granted approval to HDFC Ltd for holding up to 9.9% stake in Bandhan Bank following the Gruh Finance deal.
81. Rs. 50,000; SEBI in his guidelines titled "Guidelines for Determination of Allotment and Trading Lot Size for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs)" has reduced the minimum subscription requirement as well as defined trading lots for REITs and InvITs. For determining the allotment in an initial offer and follow on public offers, REITs have to offer their units in lots worth at least Rs 50,000 and in case of InvITs, the minimum value of a single lot should be Rs 1 lakh. The allotment to any investor shall be made in the multiples of a lot.
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83. IndusInd Bank; National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved merger of private sector lender IndusInd Bank with Bharat Financial Inclusion (BFIL), a microfinance company. Now, BFIL become the subsidiary of IndusInd Bank. Last year, IndusInd Bank had received 'No Objection' from Reserve Bank of India, National Stock Exchange and Bombay Stock Exchange.
84. Etihad Airways; Recently, Etihad Airways, UAE based flag carrier, has become the first major airline in the gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board. The objective is to raise awareness about pollution on Earth Day.
85. Assault; The Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits
86. Ministry of Home Affairs; The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has distributed around 3,120 special kits among states and union territories. The kits are termed 'SAECKs' (The Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits) and are also called 'rape investigation kits' that help to collect blood and semen samples for carrying out immediate effective medico-legal investigations on sexual assault cases.

87. Rana Dasgupta; British Indian novelist Rana Dasgupta has been awarded the second edition of Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019 for his 2010 novel "Solo", deals with a tale of estrangement and the ultimate failure of material existence.
88. Ajinkya Rahane; Indian cricketer, Ajinkya Madhukar Rahane became the first overseas player from India to represent Hampshire and he will replace Aiden Kyle Markram, who will join South Africa's World Cup Team.
89. April 22; April 22 is observed as Earth Day

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