

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

MONTH OF JANUARY-2019

List of Important Days

- January 1 - 52nd World Day of Peace. (Theme - "Good Politics is at the Service of Peace")
- January 4 - World Braille Day.
- January 4 - Myanmar's 71st Independence Day.
- January 6 - World Day for War Orphans.
- January 10 - World Hindi Day.
- January 14 - Armed Forces celebrated the Veterans Day.
- January 21 - Squirrel Appreciation Day.
- January 21 - 47th Statehood Day of 3 states Manipur, Tripura and Meghalaya.
- January 24 - 10th National Girl Child Day. (Theme - "Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow").
- January 25 - 9th National Voters Day. (Theme - "No Voter to be left behind").
- January 26 - International Customs Day. (Theme - "SMART borders for seamless Trade, Travel and Transport.")
- January 26 - Australia Day.
- January 26 - 70th Republic Day.
- January 27 - International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. (Theme - "Holocaust Remembrance: Demand and Defend Your Human Rights")
- January 28 - Data Privacy Day/ Data Protection Day.
- January 30 - National Martyrs' Day. (Sarvodaya day / Shaheed Diwas)

Reserve Bank of India

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has allowed **Paytm Payments Bank** to restart opening **new accounts** after more than six months.
- The Reserve Bank of India released the **18th issue of the Financial Stability Report (FSR)**.
 - The FSR reflects the collective assessment of the Sub-Committee of the **Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)** on risks to financial stability, as also the resilience of the financial system.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has allowed a one-time restructuring of existing debt of up to **25 crore rupees** for the companies which have defaulted on payment but the loans given to them have continued to be classified as standard assets.
 - The decision will help the **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** which are facing cash crunch in the wake of demonetization and GST implementation.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched **Survey on Retail Payment Habits of Individuals (SRPHi)**.
- According to a recently released report by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the **Indian banking sector** witnessed an over **50% hike in cyber frauds** in the financial year 2017-18.
 - Banks collectively lost nearly ₹110 crore to cyber frauds, which amounted to less than 0.5% of the total money lost to frauds in 2017-18.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has agreed to provide **\$400 million** to the **Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL)** under the **SAARC swap facility**.

- To make card transactions more secure, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has permitted card networks to offer **Tokenisation services** to any token requestor (a third-party app provider).
 - Tokenisation involves the creation of a unique alternative code or 'token' that will mask sensitive card details.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has made changes with the **Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS)** to allow charitable institutions, central government entities and state government entities to deposit gold under GMS.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has raised a red-flag on the spike in **Non-Performing Assets (NPAs)** under the government's flagship scheme to support micro enterprises in the country -- the **Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana**.
 - As per the annual report of PMMY, 2017-18, total disbursements under the scheme stood at Rs 2.46 trillion in FY 18.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has initiated two surveys to examine the current situation including the job scenario in India's manufacturing, services and infrastructure sectors.
 - They are **Industrial Outlook Survey (IOS)** and **Services and Infrastructure Outlook Survey (SIOS)**.
- A Reserve Bank of India (RBI) panel has decided to remove **Bank of India** and **Bank of Maharashtra** from its **Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework**.
 - The move follows improvements in the asset quality and capital ratios of both banks.

State Bank of India

- India's largest lender **State Bank of India (SBI)** announced that **Hitachi Payment Services** has agreed to pick up 26% stake in its card acceptance and digital payment platform **SBI Payment Services**.
 - After this transaction completes, SBI's shareholding in its payments arm will reduce to 74%.

Other Banks

- **Bandhan Bank** is going to acquire mortgage lender **Gruh Finance** via a share swap, in a bid to cut the bank's promoter holding.
 - Shareholders of Gruh Finance, in which **HDFC** has **57.83%** stake, will receive three Bandhan Bank shares for every five shares held in the home financier. HDFC will also cut its stake further by 5.5%.
- State-run **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has announced that it will double the minimum quarterly average balance limit for savings accounts in its metro and urban branches from ₹1,000 to **₹2,000**.
 - The minimum balance for semi-urban branches will be increased from ₹500 to **₹1,000** while there is no change for such accounts in **rural** branches.
 - The changes will be effective **February 1**.
- Private sector lender **IDFC Bank** announced that its name has been changed to **IDFC First Bank** following the completion of its merger with non-banking financial company **Capital First**.
 - Capital First Founder and Chairman **V Vaidyanathan** has been appointed the Managing Director and CEO of the merged entity.
- In a bid to align with "the best corporate practices", the Finance Ministry has asked **Public Sector Banks (PSB)** to gradually reduce the government's equity to 52%.
 - This reduction of government stake will help banks to meet 25 % public float norms of market regulator SEBI.

Insurance

- India's largest life insurer **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** has completed acquisition of 51% stake in IDBI Bank, making it the lender's majority shareholder.

Supreme Court

- The Supreme Court has overturned the Centre's decision to send CBI Director **Alok Verma** on indefinite leave, giving him back the charge of the investigation agency.
- The Supreme Court gave its nod to ongoing projects under the government's ambitious **Chardham development plan**, which proposes to provide all-weather connectivity to the four holy towns of **Uttarakhand**.
 - The Chardham project intends to connect **four** towns of the hilly state -- Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath -- by all-weather roads.
- The Supreme Court refused to stay the implementation of **10% reservation** in jobs and education for economically weaker section of the general category.

High Courts and Sessions Courts

- Bank unions including **All India Bank Officers' Confederation** have filed a petition in the **Delhi High Court** challenging the proposed merger of **Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank** and **Dena Bank**.
- The **Madras High Court** issued a notice to the Centre on a plea against the 10% reservation for economically weaker sections in general category.

Election Commission

- To promote electoral awareness, the **Election Commission of India (ECI)** announced the setting up of **Voter Awareness Forums (VAF)** in ministries, government departments, non-government departments and other institutions.

Central Government

- The Cabinet approved the merger of **Vijaya Bank** and **Dena Bank** with **Bank of Baroda**.
 - The merger will become effective **April 1**, and employees of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank will be absorbed into Bank of Baroda.
- The Union Cabinet approved the restructuring of existing **National Health Agency** as "**National Health Authority**" for better implementation of **Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)**.
- The government is going to form an inter-ministerial panel to roll out **In Flight and Maritime Connectivity (IFMC) services** by March.
- The Union Cabinet has approved **Scheduled Tribe (ST) status** for **six** communities in **Assam**, including the Moran and Matak communities.
- The government has allowed **Iran's Bank Pasargad** to open a branch in **Mumbai** while India's state-owned **UCO Bank** will be opening a branch in Iran.
- The Cabinet approved the establishment of 3 new **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)**- two in **Jammu and Kashmir** (Vijayanagar, Awantipora) and one in **Gujarat** (Rajkot) under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana scheme.
- The **Indian government** is going to construct 44 "strategically important" roads along the India-China border spanning across 5 states (J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh).
 - The total cost of the project is estimated to be around ₹21,000 crore.
- The government has decided to issue new series of **Sovereign gold bonds** between January 14 and January 18 at Rs 3,214 per gram and those who subscribe to the bonds online will get a discount of ₹50 per gram.
- The Centre has amalgamated three **Regional Rural Banks (RRB)** -- **Punjab Gramin Bank, Malwa Gramin Bank**, and **Sutlej Gramin Bank** -- into a single RRB.
- The Cabinet approved the creation of **National Bench of the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT)**.

- The government announced that the new **10% quota for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in the general category** will be applicable to all central government posts from 1st February 2019.
- **Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister **Chandrababu Naidu** announced that his government will provide **100 units** free power to **Most Backward Classes (MCBs)**.

States

- **Karnataka Transport Department** has made **GPS systems** and **Emergency 'Panic' buttons** **mandatory** for passenger and commercial vehicles in the state from January 1.
- Days before Kumbh Mela, the **Union Home Ministry** has approved the **Uttar Pradesh** government's proposal to rename **Allahabad** as **Prayagraj**.
 - A No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the MHA will now ensure that names of other institutes in the district, including railway station, High Court and university, are also changed.
- The **Uttar Pradesh** cabinet cleared a policy for implementation of a 0.5% **cow welfare cess** or '**gau kalyan**' cess.
 - This would help the state earn additional ₹34 crore for constructing and maintaining cattle shelters to accommodate at least 1,000 stray cattle per district.
- As part of the **Mission Shakti scheme**, Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** announced interest-free loans for women Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
 - He also announced seed money worth ₹15,000 for new SHGs and ₹3,000 to purchase smartphones for digital empowerment.
- **Tamil Nadu** Chief Minister **E K Palaniswami** announced in the state Assembly the creation of the **33rd district** named **Kallakurichi**.
 - This new district will be carved out by bifurcating **Viluppuram**.
- **Sikkim** will be the 1st state to roll out **Universal Basic Income (UBI)** and has started the process to introduce the unconditional direct cash transfer scheme.
- After **Andhra Pradesh** and **West Bengal**, **Chhattisgarh** has become the third state to withdraw the **General Consent** given to CBI to probe cases in the state.
- Alleging that the Centre is using the picture of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the official communication of the flagship **Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna** to take credit for a jointly-funded project, **Bengal** chief minister **Mamata Banerjee** announced that her government has decided to opt out the programme and to stop paying the state's share.
 - States are supposed to bear 40% of the project cost, while the Centre will foot 60% of the bill.
- **Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu doubled the amount for pensioners in the state from ₹1,000 per month to ₹2,000.
- **Rajasthan** government is going to introduce **free education for girls** in all state-run institutions from next academic session.
- **Sikkim** chief minister **Pawan Kumar Chamling** launched the '**One Family, One Job**' scheme.
 - This scheme envisions jobs to a member of every family which does not have a government job in the state.
- **Puducherry** government has decided to ban the production, sale and use of **single-use plastic products** in the union territory from 1st March 2019.
- **Gujarat** has become the 1st state to implement the **10% reservation** for economically weaker sections of the general category.
 - **Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Assam, and Bihar** implements the **10% reservation** in government jobs and education for the economically weak section in the general category.
- The **Jammu and Kashmir State Administrative Council (SAC)** under the chairmanship of Governor Satya Pal Malik approved the formation of 2 women police battalions.

- **Telangana** government has been given the approval for its Rs. 13,384.80 crore **Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project**.
 - This project aims to divert Godavari river water to irrigate 2.72 lakh hectare in three districts.
- **Madhya Pradesh** Chief Minister Kamal Nath launched his government's **₹50,000 crore** farm debt-waiver scheme titled '**Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana**'.
- **Tripura** Chief Minister **Biplab Kumar Deb** launched a project for **Sustainable Catchment Forest Management (SCATFORM)** at State Forest Academy Ground in Hatipara in West Tripura.
 - The project is jointly funded by the **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)** and Government of India.
- To mark the 102nd birth anniversary of Former **Tamil Nadu** CM **DR M G Ramachandran**, the state government released 2 commemorative coins in the denominations of **Rs 100** and **Rs 5**.
- The **Uttar Pradesh** cabinet approved the proposal to rename **Mughalsarai tehsil** as **Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya tehsil** after the late RSS leader.
- India's first crematorium for cows, named '**gau mukti dham**', will soon be built in **Bhopal**, Madhya Pradesh.
- With a mission of providing an enabling and innovative ecosystem for startups registered in the State and to make it a 'Global Innovation hub for startups' by 2023, **Tamil Nadu** government released '**Startup & Innovation policy 2018-2023**'.
- The **Odisha** government hiked the social security allowance under **Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY)**.
 - As per the announcement which will come into effect from February 15, the old-age pension for senior citizens has been revised to **Rs 500** from Rs 300.
 - Similarly, for people who are 70 years old and above, the allowance has been increased to **Rs 700** from Rs 500.
- **Kerala** Finance Minister Thomas Isaac has said the state government announced a ₹1,000-crore comprehensive **health insurance scheme** in its budget on January 31.
- **Haryana** CM **Manohar Lal Khattar** has said his government will bring a law to make it mandatory for investors to employ maximum workforce from the state itself.
 - In September 2018, Gujarat government said it would make it mandatory for manufacturing and service sector entrepreneurs to hire 80% locals.
- The **Tripura** government has unveiled an **official logo** for the **state's tea** to popularize the beverage and to promote the potentiality of **tourism**.
 - The logo features Tripura's iconic landmark, the "**Neermahal**" which is the largest and one-of-its-kind water palace in India.
 - Tripura is the 2nd largest tea producing state in the northeast (1st state is Assam).
- Congress-led **Rajasthan** government announced that it has decided to reverse name of **Atal Seva Kendra**, help centres at village panchayat level, to **Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendra**, which was its original name.
- The **Goa** Cabinet has approved a proposal to impose a fine of **₹2,000** on people who drink alcohol or cook in public and a fine of ₹10,000 if a group of people is doing so.
- The **Maharashtra** government announced disbursement of ₹2,900 crore for relief measures in drought-affected areas of the state.
- **Gujarat** Chief Minister **Vijay Rupani** declared 500-metre radius of **Ambaji** and **Somnath temples** as 'vegetarian zone'.
- **Chhattisgarh** Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** announced that his government will waive off **irrigation tax** worth **₹207 crore**.

- To provide regular pension to Non Resident Keralites, the **Kerala** government will soon launch a '**Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme**'.
- The government of **Uttarakhand** has obtained the permission to develop the **Tulip garden** over 50 hectares of forest land in **Pithoragarh district** at a cost of Rs 50 crore.
 - It will be the 2nd Tulip garden in India after the one located in **Srinagar**, Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Uttar Pradesh** cabinet approved construction of a **4 lane Ganga Express way** connecting Prayagraj to Western UP which would cost about Rs 36,000 Crore.
- Based on the report of the **MS Swaminathan Commission**, the **Delhi** government is going to introduce **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** for farmers.
- **Rajasthan** Chief Minister **Ashok Gehlot** announced to **raise** the unemployment allowance for the youth of the state from March 1.
 - According to this new rule, Girls will get ₹3,500 and boys ₹3,000 as unemployment allowance for two years.

Place in the News

- The construction of world's largest cricket stadium in **Ahmedabad** (Gujarat) is underway.
 - The stadium is tipped to have a capacity of 1,10,000, overtaking the 1,00,024-capacity Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Personalities

- 23 years after leaving a refugee camp in Kenya, **Ilhan Omar** became the 1st woman to wear a hijab in the **US Congress**.
- A special anti-money laundering court has declared liquor baron **Vijay Mallya** a "fugitive economic offender".
 - With this, **Mallya** became the **1st person** to be declared so under a new law.
- **Russian** President **Vladimir Putin** invited Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** as a main guest to the **Eastern Economic Forum** in September.
- **Tulsi Gabbard**, the 1st-ever Hindu elected to the US Congress, has announced that she will run for President in 2020.
- The 1st-term Democratic Senator of California, 54-year-old Indian-origin **Kamala Harris** launched her 2020 campaign for the post of the US President.

Defence and National Security

- The **Home Ministry** has declared **Nagaland** "disturbed area" for six more months till June-end under **Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA)**.
- The **Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)**, under the ministry, has issued a notification clarifying the defence products' list requiring a compulsory licence under Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 (IDRA), and Arms Act, 1959 in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs and Department of Defence Production.
 - According to this notification, manufacturing of items of **Defence aerospace** and **Warships** will now be covered by **Industries (Development and Regulation) Act** and will not require any licence from the commerce and industry ministry.
- The Minister of State for Defence **Subhash Bhamre**, announced that **Women** constitute **13%** of the **IAF's** workforce, the highest among the three armed services.
 - Women comprise **3.80%** of the **Army's** workforce and **6%** of the **Navy's** personnel.
- The 2nd **India-Myanmar** bilateral Army exercise '**IMBEX 2018-19**' commenced at Chandimandir military station, **Haryana**.
 - **Aim** - To train the Myanmar delegation for participation in UN peacekeeping operations.

- Government has sanctioned 3 new **Naval Air Squadrons** to be set up in **Gujarat** and **Tamil Nadu**.
 - Besides this, the Central Government has also sanctioned manpower towards manning additional aircraft in existing Dornier Surveillance Squadrons in **Kerala** and **Andaman Islands**.
- Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has approved induction of **women** as jawans in the **Army's Corps of Military Police**.
- The indigenously designed and developed **Light Combat Helicopter (LCH)** of India has successfully carried out air-to-air missile firing.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Armoured Systems Complex (ASC)**, developed by **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** at Hazira near Surat in **Gujarat**.
 - This Armoured Systems Complex (ASC) is India's 1st private facility where the **K9 Vajra self-propelled Howitzer guns** will be manufactured.
- The **Indian Army** is going to purchase over **3000 Milan 2T anti-tank guided missiles (ATGM)** from **France** in a deal worth over ₹1,000 crore. Milan 2T has a range of over two kilometres.
- **Indian Navy** undertook a 2 day exercise titled **Sea Vigil**.
- The **Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)** has successfully test-fired **Barak 8 LRSAM (Long Range Surface-to-Air Missile)** from naval warship **INS Chennai** off the coast of Odisha.
 - The Barak 8 LRSAM missile defence system has been jointly developed by DRDO and **Israel Aerospace Industries**.
- The Indian Army is going to conduct a military exercise titled '**India-Africa Field Training**' with African nations at the Aundh Military station and College of Military Engineering in **Pune**.
- The **Defence Acquisitions Council (DAC)** chaired by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman approved indigenous construction of **6 submarines** worth 40 thousand crore rupees.

Committees/Commissions

- The Panel headed by **B V R Mohan Reddy** (IIT-Hyderabad chairman) has suggested **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)** not to allow setting up of **new Engineering colleges** from 2020.
 - The panel also suggested that no additional seats should be approved in traditional engineering areas such as mechanical, electrical, civil and electronics.
 - The panel also recommended introducing undergraduate engineering programmes exclusively for artificial intelligence, blockchain, robotics, quantum computing, data sciences, cybersecurity and 3D printing and design.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** set up an expert committee to suggest long-term solutions for the economic and financial sustainability of the **MSME sector**.
 - This comes after RBI allowed one-time restructuring of MSME loans of up to **₹25 crore**.
 - **Head of this Committee:** U K Sinha (Former Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India)
- As per the announcement made to set up a high-level committee to review the implementation of **clause 6 of the Assam Accord**, the government has set up a committee headed by **M.P. Bezbaruah** (former Union tourism secretary).
- A parliamentary panel headed by senior Congress leader **M Veerappa Moily** has asked the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to address the problem of perpetually dysfunctional ATMs so as to avoid any situation of forced cash crunch.
 - The **Standing Committee on Finance** has also asked banks to install adequate number of ATMs.
- A 5-judge Constitution bench of the Supreme Court was beginning hearing on the **Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid** land title dispute in **Ayodhya** case on January 10.

- The bench, headed by **Ranjan Gogoi** (Chief Justice of India), will comprise Justice SA Bobde, Justice NV Ramana, Justice Uday Lalit and Justice DY Chandrachud.
- Justice **UU Lalit**, one of the 5 judges of the Supreme Court that was to hear the Ayodhya case, opted out of the Constitution bench.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has formed a committee on "deepening of digital payments".
 - **Head of this Committee:** **Nandan Nilekani** (Co-founder, Infosys)
- The Supreme Court has suggested setting up of a 3-member panel to suggest reforms for conducting of competitive examinations **fairly by government bodies**.
 - This panel includes **Nandan Nilekani** (co-founder of Infosys), and **Vijay P Bhatkar** (renowned computer scientist).
- Market regulator **Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has constituted a "**Research Advisory**" committee which will assist in formulating policy to undertake research relevant for development and regulation of capital markets.
 - **Head of this Committee:** Sankar De.
- The GST Council is going to set up a 7-member committee to look **into revenue shortfall being faced by the states** after the GST roll-out, and suggest steps for augmenting collections.
 - **Head of this Committee:** Sushil Modi (Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister of Bihar)
- The **Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council** has formed a 7-member Group of Ministers (GoM) under the GST regime and suggests remedial measures.
 - **Head of this Panel:** Nitinbhai Patel (Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister)
- The government constituted an **8-membered GST ministerial panel** to suggest whether a **uniform tax rate** should be imposed on **lotteries** or the current differential tax rate system is continued.
 - **Head of this Panel:** Sudhir Mungantiwar (Maharashtra Finance Minister)
- Former captain **Sardar Singh** has been included in a 13-member **Hockey India selection committee**.
 - **Head of this Committee:** BP Govinda (member of the 1975 World Cup-winning team).

Schemes/Initiatives

- To address the farm distress in the state, the government of **West Bengal** has announced the **Krishak Bandhu scheme**.
 - The scheme providing financial assistance to farmers and landless labourers.
 - West Bengal government will give an annual financial assistance (cash dole) of **₹5,000 per acre** in two instalments – one during kharif and another during rabi – for a single crop.
 - The scheme also provides for a **life insurance cover of ₹2,00,000** in case of death, irrespective of the cause, of an earning family member (farmer) aged between 18 and 60 years.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has laid the foundation of several irrigation projects, including the revival of **Mandal Dam** project worth ₹2,391.36-crore, in **Jharkhand**.
- Road Transport Minister **Nitin Gadkari** laid the foundation stone for six road projects worth over **₹5,300 crore** in **Jodhpur**.
- To avoid fluctuation in yarn price, government has launched a **Yarn Bank Scheme** as one of the component of PowerTex India.
 - The Scheme provides interest free corpus fund up to Rs.2.00 crore to the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)/Consortium formed by power loom weavers to enable them to purchase yarn at wholesale rate and give the yarn at reasonable price to the small weavers to avoid middleman and local supplier's brokerage charge on sales of yarn.
- The total value of **BHIM-UPI** transactions crossed **1 Lakh Crore Rupees** mark in December 2018.
- The **Union Ministry of Labour and Employment** has notified the **Draft National Policy on Domestic Workers**.

- This policy aims to provide social security benefits to an estimated 39 lakh people employed as domestic workers by private households, of which 26 lakhs are female domestic workers.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Gangajal Project**, which will provide **Agra** with better and more assured water supply, at an estimated cost of Rs.2880 crores.
- **Arunachal Pradesh** Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated a single-lane **steel cable suspension bridge** in Upper Siang district, likely to benefit more than 20,000 people on both sides of Siang River.
 - The 300-metre-long **Byorong Bridge** will also "bolster defense preparedness" in the state.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was inaugurating the **15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas** on 21st January 2019 at Varanasi in **Uttar Pradesh**.
 - The President confers the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards to 30 recipients from all over the world.
 - **Theme** - "Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India".
 - **Chief guest at the convention:** Pravind Jugnauth (Prime Minister of Mauritius)
- To mark the 350th birth anniversary of **Guru Gobind Singh**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a **₹350** commemorative Coin and stamp.
 - Guru Gobind Singh was the 10th and last of the human Gurus of Sikhism.
- **Odisha** Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** launched the '**Ama Ghare LED**' (LED bulbs in our houses) scheme which will benefit about 95 lakh families in the State.
 - Each beneficiary family will get four LED bulbs free of cost under the scheme.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 13-km-long, two-lane **Kollam bypass** on National Highway 66 in **Kerala**.
 - With a project cost of ₹352 crore, the bypass will cut the travel time between **Alappuzha** and **Thiruvananthapuram** districts of the state.
- PM Modi inaugurates **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Institute of Medical Sciences & Research** in **Ahmedabad**.
- **Microsoft** Co-founder and the world's second richest person, **Bill Gates** praised **National Health Protection Scheme (Ayushman Bharat scheme)** on completing 100 days of its launch.
- Congress leader **Shashi Tharoor** introduced a Private member's bill that seeks to **regulate online gaming**.
- Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated the **Diffo Bridge** over Chipu River in Lower Dibang Valley District of **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated **India's first National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC)** in **Mumbai**.
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Subhas Chandra Bose Museum** at Red Fort to mark the leader's 122nd birth anniversary.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the **Pravasi Teerth Darshan Yojana** under which a group of Indian diaspora will be taken on a government-sponsored tour of religious places in India twice a year.
- The **4th edition of Bharat Parv**, showcasing the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat was held in Red Fort, Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)** in **Madurai**.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 4-lane, 5.1-kilometer long "**Atal Setu**", the 3rd Cable Bridge across river Mandovi in Panaji, **Goa**.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated an integrated **Bharat Petroleum (BPCL) refinery expansion complex** in **Kerala's** Kochi and dedicated the ₹16,504-crore investment to the nation.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated **National Salt Satyagraha Memorial** to the nation at Dandi village, situated in **South Gujarat** on Arabian sea coast.

Summit/Conference

- World's largest science meet '**Indian Science Congress (ISC)-2019**' was held at **Jalandhar, Punjab**.
 - **Theme** - 'Future India: Science and Technology'
- The **4th edition of the Raisina Dialogue** was held in **New Delhi**.
 - Norway Prime Minister Ms **Erna Solberg** will deliver inaugural address in presence of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj**.
 - **Theme** - "A World Reorder: New Geometries; Fluid Partnerships; Uncertain Outcomes".
- The **1st India-Central Asia Dialogue** was held in **Samarkand, Uzbekistan** during 12th & 13th January 2019.
 - The Dialogue will be co-chaired by External Affairs Minister (EAM) **Sushma Swaraj** and the Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan, **Abdulaziz Kamilov**.
 - During this dialogue, **India** and the **5 Central Asia nations** have backed an inclusive peace process in Afghanistan that is Afghan-owned and Afghan-led.
- Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated the **25th edition of Partnership Summit 2019** in **Mumbai**.
 - **Theme** - New India Rising to Global Occasions
- Civil Aviation Minister **Suresh Prabhu** inaugurated the **Global Aviation Summit 2019** in **Mumbai**.
 - **Theme** - 'Flying for all-especially the next 6 Billion'.
- Union Minister for Commerce and Industries, **Suresh Prabhu** inaugurated the **10th edition of the India Rubber Expo - 2019** in **Mumbai**.
- The **White House** announced that US President **Donald Trump** is going to hold a 2nd summit with North Korean leader **Kim Jong-un** in late February.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **9th edition of Vibrant Gujarat Summit**.
- The Ministry of Textiles will hold **National Conclave on Technical Textiles** in **Mumbai**.
 - The event will also be a curtain raiser for **TechnoTex 2019**.
 - The conclave will be presided by Union Textiles Minister **Smriti Zubin Irani**.
- The **3rd Stock Taking Conference on Tiger Conservation** was held at **New Delhi**.
 - In the conference, wide-ranging discussions shall be held on the status of the **Global Tiger Recovery Program (GTRP)** by all tiger range countries besides deliberations on combating wildlife trafficking.

Agreement/Deal/Signed

- **India** and **Pakistan** exchanged the list of nuclear installations and facilities covered under the **Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear installations** between them.
 - Under the 1988 agreement, the two countries inform each other of nuclear installations and facilities on the 1st of January every year.
- US president **Donald Trump** signed the '**Asia Reassurance Initiative Act**'.
 - This law aims at countering the encroaching influence and growing threat from China, and to reinvigorate U.S. leadership in Asia.
- **Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IMHCL)** and leading Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) like **BPCL, HPCL** and **IOCL** signed an MoU for sale of **FASTags** through their petrol pumps.

- FASTag is an electronic toll collection system operated by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI).
- **India and Norway** have agreed to collaborate closely on the ocean economy and achieve global **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** during Norway Prime Minister **Erna Solberg's** 3-day visit to India.
 - The two countries also signed a MoU for holding an **India-Norway Ocean Dialogue**.
- An agreement for **Renukaji Dam Multipurpose Project** was signed in **New Delhi** among the States of **Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan** and **Uttarakhand** in the presence of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Minister Nitin Gadkari.
- 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.
- **Gujarat** government has signed around 130 MoUs with investment commitments worth over 56,000 crore rupees in various sectors on the first day of the three-day **Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit**.
- **India and Uzbekistan** signed an agreement on importing **uranium** from the Central Asian nation following a bilateral meeting between Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Uzbek President **Shavkat Mirziyoyev** on the sidelines of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019.
 - The two countries also signed an agreement for a line of credit of \$200 million from India for financing housing and social infrastructure projects in Uzbekistan.
- The **European Space Agency** has signed a contract with rocket maker **ArianeGroup** with plans to mine the Moon to extract regolith before 2025.
 - Launch vehicle **Ariane 64** will be used to carry equipment needed for Moon landing.
- **India and South Africa** have signed a 3-Year Strategic Programme of Cooperation (2019-2021) aimed at further enhancing the strategic partnership between the two countries.
- State-run telecom firm **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** has signed a business partnership agreement with **French** company **Be-Bound**.
- The **Swedish aerospace and Defence Company (Saab)** and **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** have signed a MoU to explore **air traffic management (ATM)** solutions for airports operating under the regional connectivity scheme, **UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik)**.
- The **Human Resources Development Ministry** signed an agreement with **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** for India's Participation in Programme for International Student Assessment- PISA 2021.
- **India and China** have signed the protocol for exports of **Indian tobacco leaves** to **China**.
- **Syria** has signed a long-term economic cooperation deal with **Iran**.
 - Both sides also signed agreements to expand the ports in Latakia and Tartus.

Meet/Visit

- **Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg** was visit to **India**.
 - During her visit, Solberg delivered the inaugural address at the **Raisina Dialogue** and address **India-Norway Business Summit**.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan **Taro Kono** was visited to India.
 - He attends the **India Japan Friendship Forum**.
- **Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne** was visited to **India**.
 - She participated in the Raisina Dialogue.

- **North Korean leader Kim Jong-un** was visit to **China** at the invitation of Chinese President **Xi Jinping**.
- **Nepalese External Affairs Minister Pradeep Kumar Gyawali** met his Indian counterpart **Sushma Swaraj** in **New Delhi**.
- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** was visited to **Uzbekistan**.
 - During this visit, she was participating in the **1st India-Central Asia Dialogue** in Samarkand which she will co-chair with Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister Abdulaziz Kamilov.
- **Nepal's Army Chief Purna Chandra Thapa** was visited to India.
- **Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth** was visited to **India**.
 - He was participating in the **Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas**.
- **South African President Cyril Ramaphosa** was visited to **India**.
 - Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa was the Chief Guest at the 70th Indian Republic Day Parade.
- **Maldivian Defence Minister Mariya Ahmed Didi** was visit to **India**
 - Mariya will witness the 70th Republic Day Parade at Rajpath.
- A **Pakistani delegation** arrived in Jammu to visit the **Chenab river basin** in Jammu and Kashmir for inspection.

Bills

- The Indian Parliament passed the **Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018** that seeks to do away with the no-detention policy in schools.
- The Parliament has given its approval to the **National Council for Teacher Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018**.
 - This bill aims to protect the interest of the students who had completed courses from unrecognized institutes.
- The Lok Sabha passed 3 Bills.
 - **Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018**: To provide legal backing to voluntary seeding of biometric Aadhaar ID with mobile numbers and bank accounts after the Supreme Court barred mandatory use of the 12-digit unique identifier by private firms.
 - **Companies (Amendments) Bill, 2018**: To improve ease of doing business, declog the NCLT and prescribe strong action against non-compliant companies.
 - **New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Bill, 2018**: To set up a revamped International Arbitration Centre at New Delhi with an aim to make India the hub of arbitration.
- The Lok Sabha passed the **Personal Laws (Amendment Bill), 2018**, which seeks to remove leprosy as a ground for **divorce** via a voice vote.
- The Lok Sabha passed the **DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2019** by voice vote after a brief discussion.
 - The bill also seeks to establish a **National DNA Data Bank** and **Regional DNA Data Banks**.
- The **Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2019**, which makes minority immigrants from **Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan** who have entered India before December 31, 2014 eligible for Indian citizenship, has been passed in the Lok Sabha.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** has approved **The Constitution (One Hundred And Third Amendment) Act, 2019**, which introduces a **10% reservation** for economically weaker sections among **general category** for jobs and educational institutions.
 - This reservation will be over and above the existing **50% reservation**.
 - People with annual family income below **₹8 lakh** and those with agricultural land below five acres will likely benefit from this reservation.

- A private members bill, **Right to Disconnect Bill** was introduced in the Lok Sabha by MP Supriya Sule.
 - **Aim:** To give employees the right to not respond to communication from employers outside of office hours.
- **Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik** approved the **J&K Reservation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2014**.
 - This bill grants reservation **Pahari community**.
- The **Nagaland** Cabinet rejected the **Citizenship (Amendment) Bill** which was passed in the Lok Sabha earlier this month.

Fund

- The government is going to infuse **₹10,884 crore** in 4 state-run banks.
 - They are: **Bank of Maharashtra:** ₹4,498 crore, **UCO Bank:** ₹3,076 crore, **Bank of India:** ₹5,500 crore, and **Oriental Bank of Commerce:** ₹2,159 crore.
- The **Bank of China** has offered a loan of **\$300 million** to **Sri Lanka**, which could be raised to \$1 billion.
 - Sri Lanka faces record high repayments of \$5.9 billion this year.
- The Centre announced that it allocated an additional over **₹6,000 crore** for **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act**.
 - This takes the total allocation to ₹61,084 crore in 2018-19, making it the highest ever in a financial year.
- **Japan** is going to give a loan of **₹3,420 crore** to **India** for the construction of the **Chennai Peripheral Ring Road (Phase 1)** and for **Japan-India cooperative actions** towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in India.
- To "help Pakistan achieve financial stability and overcome economic challenges", the **State Bank of Pakistan** and the **Abu Dhabi Fund for Development** signed an agreement.
 - According to this agreement, **Pakistan** is going to get \$3 billion in bailout package from the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**.
- The Centre has approved additional Central assistance of **₹7,214.03 crore** from the **National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)** to 6 states and one union territory.

Economy

- To raise loans from Chinese capital markets, the government of **Pakistan** is going to launch **Panda Bonds**.
 - Panda Bonds will help Pakistan to diversify the investor base of capital market issuance and provide a source of raising Renminbi (official currency of the People's Republic of China).
- The **Last Budget session** of the Parliament before the General elections will be held from 31st January to 13th February 2019.
 - Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will present the **Interim Budget** for 2019-20 fiscal on 1st February 2019.
- Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** announced that the **GST Council** has raised the scope of composition scheme from ₹1 crore to **₹1.5 crore**.
- The government decided to recapitalize state-owned **Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank)** to the tune of **₹6,000 crore**.
 - It also approved an increase in the authorized capital of the bank from ₹10,000 crore to **₹20,000 crore**.
- The central banks of the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** and **Saudi Arabia** have launched a common digital currency titled "**Aber**".

- This new digital currency will be used in financial settlements between the two countries through Blockchains and Distributed Ledgers technologies.
- **Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar**, who also holds Finance portfolio, presented annual budget of **₹19,548.69 crore** for the year 2019-20 as against 17,123.28 crore rupees for the year 2018-19, representing an increase of 14.16 per cent over last year.

Companies/Industry

- The founder of FreeCharge, **Kunal Shah**, has recently launched his new venture titled **Cred**, a financial services platform targeting consumers with high creditworthiness.
 - Cred allows users to keep track of due dates of multiple credit cards and pay their credit card bills in one place.
- American automotive and energy company **Tesla**' CEO Elon Musk formally began the construction of the automaker's **Shanghai Giga factory**.
 - This is Tesla's 1st factory outside the United States.
- **Microsoft India** launched a new e-commerce platform for handloom weavers under its **Project ReWeave**, as part of its philanthropic initiative.
- Social media giant **Facebook** announced that they are creating an **independent Institute for Ethics in Artificial Intelligence** with an initial grant of \$7.5 million over a period of five years.

Exports/Imports

- **India** has cut **import taxes** on **crude** and refined palm oil from **Southeast Asian (ASEAN) countries** following a request from suppliers.
 - The duty on crude palm oil was lowered to 40% from 44% while that on refined palm oil was cut to 50% from 54%.
 - Malaysian shipments of refined palm oil will be taxed at 45% compared with 54% earlier.

Taxation/Trade

- A ministerial panel allowed flood-hit **Kerala** to **levy 1% calamity cess** under **GST** for a period of two years to fund rehabilitation work.
- The Union Cabinet has approved **₹4,241.97 crore** for next-generation "**Integrated E-filing and Centralized Processing Centre 2.0 Project of the Income Tax Department**".
 - Indian multinational corporation and a global leader in technology services & consulting, **Infosys** has been selected to implement the project.
- The government has cut down customs duty on import of parts and components for **electric vehicles** to **10-15%**, down from the previous 15-30%.
 - However, fully built electric vehicles will continue to attract 25% import duty.

Space

- As part of its outreach programme, the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** has launched a new initiative titled **Samwad with Students**.
- The **China National Space Administration's (CNSA)** robotic probe, **Chang'e 4** has become the 1st ever to land on face of the Moon not seen from the Earth.
- The Chairman of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), **K Sivan** has announced that the organization is going to launch **32 space missions** in 2019.
 - The planned missions include **Chandrayaan-2**, the ₹800-crore mission to land on Moon with lander and rover.
- **China National Space Administration** announced that the **cotton seeds** taken by its **Chang'e 4 mission** have sprouted, marking the 1st time that biological matter has grown on the Moon.

- **Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency** has launched Tokyo-based startup **Star-ALE**'s mini-satellite aimed to deliver the **world's first artificial meteor shower**.
 - The satellite carries 400 tiny balls, which will be enough for 20-30 events, that will glow as they rush down the atmosphere on being released.
- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** was launched a new satellite exclusively for the **Home Ministry** to help it further strengthen its frontiers with Pakistan and Bangladesh among others.
- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** successfully launched a small communication student-made satellite **Kalamsat-V2** and imaging satellite **Microsat-R** through its PSLV-C44 into the intended orbit.
 - The launch took place from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**)'s **Opportunity rover** has completed 15 years on **Mars** after it landed on January 24, 2004, and sent its first signal to Earth after a few hours.
- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** unveiled **Human Space Flight Centre** in Bangalore for its ₹10,000-crore manned space mission '**Gaganyaan**' scheduled for 2021.

Science and Technology

- **Pune** authorities will soon introduce a pilot robot named '**Rodeo**' which will function as a **quasi-traffic policeman** and caution commuters about traffic rules and offences.
- Minister of State in Department of Space **Dr. Jitendra Singh** inaugurated **UNNATI** programme of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in **Bangalore**.
 - **UNNATI** - Unispace Nanosatellite Assembly and Training.

Health/Diseases/Drugs

- To give Indian patients access to foreign medicines, the government removed the **price control on innovative medicines** developed by foreign companies for five years from the date of commencement of their commercial marketing.
- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has listed out the **Top 10 global health threats** for 2019, ranging from vaccine-preventable diseases to drug-resistant infections, from obesity and physical inactivity to cancer and environmental diseases like heart and lung problems.
- The **Swasth Bharat Yatra**, the world's biggest cyclothon to push people to eat right, culminated in **New Delhi**.
 - Message - 'Eat Safe, Eat Healthy and Eat Fortified'.

Energy/Gas/Oil

- The **National Wildlife Board** has given its approval for the **Trishna Gas project** of ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation) which falls in the Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary in the Gomati district of **Tripura**.
- India's Ambassador to the US **Harsh Vardhan Shringla** announced that **India** will purchase **\$5 billion** worth of oil and gas from the **United States** every year.
 - India will also buy \$18 billion worth of defence equipment.
- Union Cabinet has approved tripling the capacity of **Numaligarh Refinery** of **Assam**, from 3 MMTPA to 9 MMTPA at a cost of ₹22,594 crore.
 - This also includes setting up an oil pipeline from Paradip to Numaligarh and product pipeline from Numaligarh to Siliguri.

Environment

- The **Odisha** government has put **seven districts** on alert in view of cyclonic storm '**Pabuk**', formed over South China Sea.

- Aiming at reducing toxic particulate matter in 102 Indian cities by 2024, the **Environment Ministry** launched **National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)**.

Education

- For the 1st time in India, **IIT Hyderabad** is going to launch a full-fledged **BTech** program in **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** from the coming academic year 2019-20.
 - With this, the institute has become India's first educational institution to do so, and likely the 3rd globally besides **Carnegie Mellon University** and **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**.
- The word '**Nari Shakti**' (**women empowerment**) has been chosen as the Hindi Word of the Year 2018 by Oxford Dictionaries.

Transport/Cars/Scooters

- **Indian Railways** is planning to seal stations like airports and passengers would require to arrive 15-20 minutes before their train's scheduled departure to complete the security check process.
 - The hi-tech security plan has been implemented in **Prayagraj** (Uttar Pradesh) and **Hubli** (Karnataka) stations.
- The UK-based **Hybrid Air Vehicles (HAV)**, the maker of world's longest aircraft **Airlander 10**, has received the Civil Aviation Authority's approval to go into full production with the model.
- Mumbai's **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA)** announced that it will soon stop stamping of **boarding passes** by security personnel for **domestic passengers**.
- A special tourist train named '**Samantha Express**', covering prominent places associated with chief architect of the Indian Constitution **Dr BR Ambedkar** and **Gautam Buddha** will embark on its maiden journey on April 14 from **Nagpur**.
- **India's** fastest indigenous train (Train18) which will run from **Delhi to Varanasi** has been named as '**Vande Bharat Express**'.

Films and Film Festival

- '**Bohemian Rhapsody**', the biopic on rock band Queen was named the **Best Motion Picture Drama** at the 76th annual Golden Globe Awards.
 - **Christian Bale** won Best Performance by an **Actor** in a Motion Picture Musical or Comedy for 'Vice'.
 - Lady Gaga's song '**Shallow**' from 'A Star is Born' won Best Original Song.
 - '**Roma**' was named the Best Picture.
 - **Alfonso Cuarón** won the Best Director Award for 'Roma'.

Festival

- Union Minister **Prakash Javadekar** inaugurated the **27th edition New Delhi World Book Fair** at the Pragati Maidan on 5th January 2019.
 - **Theme** - "Readers with special needs".
 - The UAE's third largest emirate **Sharjah** is the guest of honor for the New Delhi World Book Fair.
- **Kumbh Mela**, which is touted as the largest congregation of humanity in the world and a collective act of faith, will be held in **Prayagraj** (formerly Allahabad) over a course of 48 days during January 15 to March 4.
- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Col **Rajyavardhan Rathore** launched the **National Youth Parliament Festival 2019** at a function in **New Delhi**.
 - **Theme** - Be the Voice of New India and Find solutions and contribute to policy.

- To celebrate and promote **women farmers** and entrepreneurs in the organic sector from the remotest parts of India, the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** is organizing the 3-day **6th 'Women of India Organic Festival'** at Leisure Valley, **Chandigarh**.

Media /I.T / Telecommunication

- The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved the merger of Telecom operator **Bharti Airtel** with loss-making telecom firm **Tata Teleservices**.

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- **Sudhir Bhargava** has been appointed as the new Chief Information Commissioner in the **Central Information Commission (CIC)**.
 - President Ram Nath Kovind administered the oath of office to Bhargava at a function in Rashtrapati Bhavan.
 - The government also appointed **Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha** (former IFS officer), **Vanaja N Sarna** (ex-IRS officer), **Neeraj Kumar Gupta** (former IAS) and **Suresh Chandra** (former Law Secretary) as Information Commissioners in the panel.
- **Justice TB Radhakrishnan** was sworn in as the 1st Chief Justice of **Telangana High Court**, which came into existence from on 1st January 2019 after the bifurcation of the High Court at Hyderabad.
 - **Justice Praveen Kumar** was sworn in as the Acting Chief Justice of **Andhra Pradesh High Court**, which also came into existence the same day.
- **Ambika Prasad Panda** was appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of **South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL)**.
- **Zambian President Edgar Lungu** appointed **William Sikazwe** as the **New Army Chief**.
- **Y. K. Sailas Thangal**, who is the ambassador of the India to the Republic of Cote d' Ivoire has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Liberia** with residence in Abidjan.
- The government gave **Life Insurance Corporation's (LIC)** senior-most Managing Director (MD) **Hemant Bhargava** additional charge as the insurer's **interim Chairman**.
 - He is going to replace VK Sharma who retired.
- **Amitabh Chaudhry** has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of **Axis bank** with effect from January 1, 2019.
 - The present MD & CEO, **Shikha Sharma** has retired on 31st December 2018.
- **Jair Bolsonaro** was sworn in as the 38th President of **Brazil** in a ceremony at Brazil's National Congress Building.
- General Manager of South Central Railway, **Vinod Kumar Yadav**, has been appointed as Chairman of **Railway Board** and ex-officio Principal Secretary to **Government of India (GoI)**.
 - His appointment came after Ashwani Lohani's superannuation.
- **Saurabh Kumar** has been appointed as the **Director General of Ordnance Factories (DGOF)** and Chairman of the **Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)** in Kolkata.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has nominated **Justice AK Sikri** as Executive Chairman of **National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)**.
 - He is going to replace Justice Madan B Lokur.
- India-born Harvard University professor **Gita Gopinath** has joined **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** as its 1st woman Chief Economist.
 - She has replaced **Maurice Obstfeld**, who retired on December 31.
- **Sheikh Hasina** sworn in as **Bangladesh's Prime Minister** for a 3rd consecutive term.

- **Justice Cholendra Shamsher J B Rana** took over as the new Chief Justice of **Nepal's Supreme Court**.
- Justice **Asif Saeed Khosa** appointed as the new Chief Justice of **Pakistan**.
 - He takes oath of his office on January 18 a day after incumbent CJP Justice Saqib Nisar retires on January 17.
- India's new ambassador to China **Vikram Misri** took charge of the post on January 9.
 - A 1989-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, Misri replaced Gautam Bambawale, who had retired in November.
- Former Hotstar CEO **Ajit Mohan** has officially joined **Facebook India** as Vice President and Managing Director with immediate effect.
- **PayU** India's CEO **Amrish Rau** joined as the head of financial technology partnerships and investments for **Naspers'** fintech business.
 - Naspers is South African parent of PayU.
- The Congress appointed transgender activist **Apsara Reddy** as a **National General Secretary** of its women's wing, the Mahila Congress.
- Indian Administrative Services Officer of 1985 batch, from Punjab Cadre, **Chhabilendra Roul** has assumed the charge of Secretary, Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India.
- **Pranav R Mehta** has been appointed as the President of the **Global Solar Council**.
- 1985 batch IPS officer of the Bihar cadre **Kumar Rajesh Chandra** has been appointed as the Director General of **Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)**.
- **Taiwan** President Tsai Ing-wen has appointed **Su Tseng-chang** as the new **Prime Minister** of the country.
- **Nicolás Maduro** sworn in as the **President of Venezuela** for a second term.
- Additional Director **M. Nageswara Rao** took charge of the office of the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** Director.
 - Rao has replaced Alok Verma who was transferred as Director General, fire services, a day after taking charge, due to corruption charges.
- 1973-batch IAS officer of Karnataka cadre, **Brahm Dutt** has been appointed as non-executive part-time Chairman of **Yes Bank**.
- Biocon Chairperson **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw** has been re-appointed as Lead Independent Director of software major **Infosys** from April 1 for 5 years.
- Private lender **ICICI Bank** appointed former State Bank of India (SBI) Managing Director (MD) **B Sriram** on its board as an Independent Director.
 - ICICI Bank also appointed management consultant **Rama Bijapurkar** as an independent director on its board.
- Senior Congress leader **C P Joshi** will be appointed as the **Speaker** of the **15th Rajasthan Assembly**.
- Advertising agency **Mullen Lintas** appointed **Vikas Mehta** as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
 - He is going to replace Virat Tandon, who was recently elevated to the position of Group CEO.
- Former CEO of Singapore Sports Hub & Managing Director of ESPN Star Sports, **Manu Sawhney** has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **International Cricket Council (ICC)**.

- **Mohammed Ali Qamar**, the man who won India's first Commonwealth Games gold medal in boxing, has been appointed as the **chief coach for India's Female Boxers**.
- **Sri Lankan** President Maithripala Sirisena has appointed a **Presidential Commission of Inquiry** to investigate into allegations of **corruption and malpractices** that had taken place from 15th January 2015 to 31st December 2018.
 - **Chairman of the Committee:** Upali Abeyratne (Retired Supreme Court Justice)
- **Justice Dinesh Maheshwari**, the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, and **Justice Sanjiv Khanna** of the Delhi High Court were elevated to the **Supreme Court** amid questions over the appointments by the legal fraternity.
 - Justice Khanna is likely to be the Chief Justice of India in 2024.
- US President **Donald Trump** has nominated 3 Indian-Americans to key positions in his administration.
 - **Dr Rita Baranwal** has been nominated for the post of **Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy)**.
 - **Bimal Patel** has been nominated as the **Assistant Secretary of the Treasury**.
 - **Aditya Bamzai** has been nominated to be a **Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board**.
- **Swedish** Prime Minister **Stefan Lofven** has been elected for a second term, ending a four-month political vacuum.
- Former Agriculture Minister and Telangana Rashtra Samithi senior leader **Pocharam Srinivas Reddy** has been unanimously elected as the **Speaker** of the newly constituted **Telangana** state Assembly.
- As per the recommendations of the Appointments Committee of the cabinet, President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed senior advocates **Sanjay Jain** and **K M Nataraj** as **Additional Solicitor General's of India**.
- After the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet curtailed his tenure as the CBI Special Director, **Rakesh Asthana** has been appointed as the Chief of **Bureau of Civil Aviation Security**.
- **Kerala's** oldest student, **Karthiyani Amma** (97), has been appointed as the **Commonwealth of Learning Goodwill Ambassador**.
- A week ahead of the February 1st Interim Budget Presentation, the Union Minister of Railways and Coal, **Piyush Goyal**, has been temporarily given the additional charge of the **Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs**, held by Arun Jaitley.
- **Deutsche Bank's** India Chief Executive Officer (CEO) **Ravneet Singh Gill** will replace Rana Kapoor as **YES Bank's Managing Director and CEO**.
- **Venezuela** opposition leader **Juan Guaidó** declared himself as the country's **interim President**.
- **Priyanka Gandhi Vadra** has joined active politics after being appointed as the **Congress General Secretary** for Uttar Pradesh East by party President and her brother Rahul Gandhi.
- India's biggest airline **IndiGo** has appointed **Ronojoy Dutta** as its new **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** for a period of 5 years.
 - He takes over from Co-founder and interim CEO Rahul Bhatia.
- Media and entertainment company **Reliance Entertainment** elevated its Chief Operating Officer, **Shibasish Sarkar** to the role of **Group CEO** for the content, digital and gaming segments.
- Automobile manufacturer **Renault** appointed tyre giant Michelin's CEO **Jean-Dominique Senard** as its new Chairman and **Thierry Bolloré** as CEO.
- The President of West African Nation **Burkina Faso Marc**, Christian Kaboré appointed **Christophe Joseph Marie Dabiré** as the new **Prime Minister**.

- **Suman Kumari** has become the 1st Hindu woman to have been appointed as a civil judge in **Pakistan** after passing an examination for induction of judicial officers.
- **Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar** assumed charge as Vice Chief of the Naval Staff.
- **Vice Admiral MS Pawar** assumed charge as Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff.
- **Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar P** took over as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command in Mumbai.
- **Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah** was crowned 16th King of Malaysia, nearly a month after Sultan Muhammad V's abdication.
- **Deepika Padukone** has taken over as **Chairperson of Mumbai Academy of Moving Image (MAMI)**, replacing filmmaker Kiran Rao, who served as chairperson for four years.
- **Yes Bank** has announced it has appointed director **Ajai Kumar** as interim MD and CEO of the lender.
- Pharma major **Dr Reddy's Laboratories** has appointed Axis Bank's former MD and CEO **Shikha Sanjaya Sharma** as the company's independent additional director for a period of five years.
- US chipmaker **Intel** has named **Robert Swan** as the 7th Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in its 50-year history.
- In **Bihar**, 1987 batch IPS officer **Gupteshwar Pandey** appointed as new Director General of Police (DGP).
 - He is going to replace K S Dwivedi, who retired.

Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- The 2nd senior-most Supreme Court judge **Justice Madan B Lokur** retired.
- **Malaysia's** 49-year-old **Sultan Muhammad V** stepped down as the 15th king, marking the 1st time a king has abdicated in the country since it gained independence from Britain in 1957.
- The President of World Bank, **Jim Yong Kim** announced that he will be leaving his post on 1st February 2019, more than three years ahead of the end of his term.
 - World Bank CEO **Kristalina Georgieva** will take over as interim President on February 1.
- **Ashok Chawla** resigned as the **Chairman of National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)**, India's biggest stock exchange.
- South African all rounder **Albie Morkel** retired from all forms of cricket.
- Indian football team's head coach **Stephen Constantine** resigned after India was knocked out of the **AFC Asian Cup** following a defeat by **Bahrain**.
- 36 year old **Czech** professional footballer **Petr Cech** has announced that he will retire at the end of the season.
- Former South Africa all-rounder **Johan Botha** has announced his immediate retirement from all forms of Cricket.

Arrests/Jailed

- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has booked former Air India Chairman and Managing Director **Arvind Jadhav** for allegedly violating procedures during promotions.
- Retired Justice **Srikrishna's enquiry panel** has found that ex-CEO of ICICI, Chanda Kochhar violated the Bank's code of conduct.
 - The bank said it'll treat Kochhar's exit as termination and will take back all bonuses paid to her from April 2009 until March 2018.

Deaths

- Veteran Bollywood Actor **Kader Khan** (81) has passed away.
- Early internet pioneer **Lawrence Roberts** (81) passed away.
- **Norman Gimbel** (91), the Oscar and Grammy-winning lyricist, has passed away.
- Former India batsman Sachin Tendulkar's childhood coach **Ramakant Achrekar** (86) passed away.
 - He was conferred with **Dronacharya Award** in 1990 and **Padma Shri** in 2010 for his services to cricket.
- Former Bombay high court Justice **Chandrashekhar Shankar Dharmadhikari** (91), who delivered a landmark verdict during the Emergency on human rights, passed away.
- Veteran Kannada actor **C H Loknath** (91) passed away.
- Ohio based **Lessie Brown** (114), who was believed to be the oldest person in the US, passed away.
- Veteran actor **Kishore Pradhan** (86), who is known for his work in both Hindi and Marathi cinema, passed away.
- Banker-turned-politician **Meera Sanyal** (57) passed away.
 - Sanyal had joined the Aam Aadmi Party after quitting her job as the CEO of Royal Bank of Scotland in India.
- **Sir Michael Atiyah** (89), a British mathematician who received the 1966 Fields Medal, also known as the 'Nobel for Mathematics,' passed away.
- Veteran Congress leader and former chairman of the Maharashtra Legislative Council **Shivajirao Deshmukh** (84) passed away.
- Former Ranji cricketer **Rajesh Ghodse** (43), who represented Goa in two first-class matches and eight List A matches, passed away.
- **John Bogle** (89), the Founder of Vanguard Group who popularized low-cost index funds passed away.
- Former Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) chief **Vishnu Hari Dalmia** (91) passed away.
- **Philippines'** richest man **Henry Sy** (94) passed away.
 - He founded **SM Investments**, which runs department stores, supermarkets, shopping malls and banks.
- **Masazo Nonaka** (113), who was recognized as the world's oldest man by Guinness World Records last year, has passed away.
- **Dr Shivakumara Swami** (111), the seer who headed the **Sree Siddaganga Mutt** in Karnataka's Tumakuru, passed away.
 - He was often known as "the walking god".
- **Tony Mendez** (78), a **CIA agent** who was portrayed by Ben Affleck in the 2012 Oscar-winning film 'Argo', has passed away.
- Famous Hindi writer and essayist, **Krishna Sobti** (94) passed away.
- Oscar-winning French music composer **Michel Legrand** (86) passed away.
- **Russell Baker** (93), the Pulitzer Prize winning writer who penned thousands of columns for The New York Times, and hosted the PBS television program "Masterpiece Theatre," passed away.
- Former Defence Minister **George Fernandes** (88) passed away.
- British chemist **Stewart Adams** (95) passed away.

Awards/Honours

- US-based Indian origin Kathak dancer **Anindita Neogy Anaam** is going to be honored with the **National Nritya Shiromani Award** for promoting the dance form across the world.
- 3 Indian-origin women scientists were among the 60 Superstars of **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)** list awarded by Australian government.
 - They are: **Onisha Patel, Devika Kamath, and Asha Rao.**
- India's left-handed opener **Smriti Mandhana** has won the **Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award** for the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year.
 - Mandhana was also adjudged as the ICC Women's ODI Player of the Year.
- ISRO chairman **K. Sivan** was presented the **National Systems Gold Medal** by the Systems Society of India (SSI) during the 42nd National Systems Conference held in **Thiruvananthapuram**.
- US based Kathak exponent **Anindita Neogy Anaam** has been honored with the prestigious **National Nritya Shiromani Award** for her contribution towards preserving and promoting the dance form across the world.
- **Andhra Pradesh** government bagged the **Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) Award** for speedy execution of **Polavaram** multipurpose project on the Godavari River.
 - The state's Water Resources Minister Devineni Umamaheswar Rao received the award in the category of "**Best Implementation of Water Resources Project**" for better planning, implementation and monitoring.
- The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** presented the **National Entrepreneurship Awards 2018** by honoring 30 outstanding young entrepreneurs and three entrepreneurship ecosystem builders for their exceptional contribution in entrepreneurship development at a ceremony held in **New Delhi**.
- Padma Shri Awardee **Arunima Sinha**, who became the world's first woman amputee to climb Mount Everest in 2013, has now conquered **Mount Vinson**, making her the world's first woman amputee to scale Antarctica's highest peak.
- **Jayanta Kumar Ghosh**, a professor at the civil engineering department of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in **Roorkee**, was conferred the **National Geospatial Award for Excellence-2017 (Lifetime Achievement Award)** at the Space Application Centre in Ahmedabad.
- For the 1st time in 30 years, the **2019 Academy Awards**, also known as the **Oscars**, will be held without a host.
 - The 91st Academy Awards will be held on February 24.
- Veteran journalist **Dinu Randive** has been conferred with the **lifetime achievement award by the Mantralaya and Vidhimandal Vartahar Sangh**, an association of journalists covering Maharashtra legislature and secretariat.
- Chief of Army Staff of Nepali Army, **Purna Chandra Thapa**, has been conferred the Honorary Rank of **General of Indian Army** by President Ram Nath Kovind.
- Industrialist and Godrej Group Chairman **Adi Godrej** was conferred the **ICSI's Lifetime Achievement Award** for 'Translating Excellence in Corporate Governance into Reality.'
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** received the **1st-ever Philip Kotler Presidential Award** in **New Delhi**.
 - PM Modi was selected for this award for his "outstanding leadership for the nation".
- Renowned writer **Namita Gokhale** was awarded **Sushila Devi Literature Award** for her work "Things to Leave Behind".
 - She was honored in the '**Best Book of Fiction Written by a Woman Author**' category at the inaugural edition of Bhopal Literature and Art Festival.

- **The Hindu Literary Prize 2018 Winners:**
 - English writer **Neelum Saran Gour**, author of *Requiem in Raga* Jankibagged The Hindu Prize 2018 for **Fiction**.
 - Activist **Manoranjan Byapari**, author of *Interrogating my Chandal Life: An Autobiography of a Dalit*, bagged The Hindu Prize 2018 for **non-fiction**.
 - The **Hindu Young World-Goodbooks Award** for Best Book **Fiction** to **Venita Coelho** for *Boy No: 32*.
 - A Brush with Indian Art of Mamta Nainy received The Hindu Young World-Goodbooks Award for Best Book **Non-Fiction**.
 - Vinayak Varma's *Angry Akku* received The Hindu Young World-Goodbooks Award for **Best Picture Book: Story**.
 - Rajiv Eipe's *Ammachi's Amazing Machines* received The Hindu Young World-Goodbooks Award for Best Picture Book: Illustration.
- The Chief Minister of **Haryana Manohar Lal Khattar** has announced the **Shaurya awards** for students.
- Ace Indian female wrestler **Vinesh Phogat** has become the 1st Indian athlete to receive a nomination in the prestigious **Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award**.
 - She has been nominated alongside US Tour Championship winner **Tiger Woods**, who won his first tournament in five years.
- 2002 batch UP Cadre IPS officer, **Aparna Kumar** became the 1st woman IPS officer to reach the **South Pole**.
- Eminent scientist and Bharat Ratna awardee **C N R Rao** has been chosen for the **1st Sheikh Saud International Prize for Materials Research**, given by the Centre for Advanced Materials of the UAE.
- **Himachal Pradesh BJP MP Anurag Thakur** has been bestowed with **Sansad Ratna ("Gem of Parliament") Award** for his distinguished performance as a parliamentarian under Jury Committee Special Award category.
 - **12** parliamentarians including Thakur were honored with the Sansad Ratna award, which was set up in 2010 on suggestion of ex-President APJ Abdul Kalam.
- **Virat Kohli** has become the 1st player to win all 3 major annual ICC awards in a single year for his performances in 2018.
 - **Cricketer of the Year:** Virat Kohli (India)
 - **Test Player of the Year:** Virat Kohli (India)
 - **ODI Player of the Year:** Virat Kohli (India)
 - **Twenty20 International Performance of the Year:** Aaron Finch (Australia)
 - **Emerging Player of the Year:** Rishabh Pant (India)
 - **Women's Cricketer of the Year:** Smriti Mandhana (India)
 - **Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year:** Smriti Mandhana (India)
 - **Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year:** Alyssa Healy (Australia)
 - **Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year:** Sophie Ecclestone
- Indian-American Entrepreneur **Gurinder Singh Khalsa** has been honored with **Rosa Park Trailblazer Award 2019** for his campaign to persuade US authorities to change policy towards Sikh headgear.
- US-based Indian poet **Ranjani Murali** received the '**Woman's Voice Award**' at the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF).
- India's highest peacetime gallantry medal, the **Ashoka Chakra**, will be awarded posthumously to **Lance Naik Nazir Ahmad Wani**, who laid down his life during an anti-terror operation at Batagund village in J&K's Shopian in November last year.

- President Ram Nath Kovind awarded India's highest civilian honor **Bharat Ratna Award for 2019** to ex-President **Pranab Mukherjee**, late social activist **Nanaji Deshmukh** and late music maestro **Bhupen Hazarika**.
- President Ramnath Kovind announced **Padma Awards 2019**, one of the highest civilian Awards of the country.
 - A total of 112 people (4 Padma Vibhushan, 14 Padma Bhushan and 94 Padma Shri Awards) from various disciplines are going to get these awards for the year 2019.
 - As many as 9 sports personalities have been conferred with **Padma Awards 2019**.
 - **Gautam Gambhir** (ex-cricketer) - Padma Shri
 - **Sunil Chhetri** (football team captain) - Padma Shri
 - **Sharath Kamal** (table tennis player) - Padma Shri
 - **Bajrang Punia** (wrestler) - Padma Shri
 - **Bachendri Pal** (mountaineer) - Padma Bhushan
- The government announced **Padma Bhushan** for former ISRO scientist **Nambi Narayanan**, who was cleared in the 1994 spying case by the Supreme Court last year.
- **Kannada** author **Jayant Kaikini** was named the winner of the **DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2018** for his translated work titled "**No Presents Please**".
 - No Presents Please, a collection of stories set in Mumbai, was originally written in the southern Indian language of Kannada and translated into English by the award-winning translator **Tejaswini Niranjana**.
- Commander **Vijay Varma**, a pilot in the Indian Navy, has been awarded the **Nao Sena Medal for gallantry**.
- The **Tableau of ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research)** in the Republic Day Parade has won the 1st prize for its **Kisan Gandhi theme**.
 - The tableau with the theme "Mishrit Kheti, Khushiyan Ki Kheti" portrayed Gandhi with goats and a cow and Kasturba engaged with charkha and caring animals.
 - **Tripura** bagged the 1st prize for the state tableau with the theme 'Empowering Rural Economy the Gandhian Way'.
 - Tableau from **Jammu and Kashmir** was adjudged the 2nd.
 - **Punjab** won the 3rd prize.

Sports/Game

- India's T20I captain **Harmanpreet Kaur** was named the **Captain of the ICC women's T20I team** of the year.
 - Meanwhile, **New Zealand's Suzie Bates** was named the **Captain of the ICC women's ODI team** of the year.
- For the 1st time in history, 20-time Grand Slam winner **Roger Federer** and 23-time Grand Slam winner **Serena Williams** played a professional match against each other in a mixed doubles match at Hopman Cup.
 - Federer along with his partner Belinda Bencic defeated Serena and her partner Frances Tiafoe.
- Switzerland's **Roger Federer** and **Belinda Bencic** defeated Germany's Alexander Zverev and Angelique Kerber to lift the **4th Hopman Cup title**.
 - With this, Federer became the 1st person in history to win the Hopman Cup on three occasions.
- **Bangalore Bulls** beat Gujarat Fortune Giants in the finals of the **6th edition of 2018-19 Vivo Pro Kabaddi League** held in **Mumbai** to lift their maiden trophy.
- **India** won the four-match Test series against **Australia** 2-1 as the Sydney Test ended in a draw after the fifth day's play was washed out due to rain.
 - India became the 1st Asian team to win a Test series on Australian soil.

- Vidarbha's 40-year-old batsman **Wasim Jaffer** appeared in his 146th Ranji match to become the most capped player in the history of the Ranji Trophy.
- **Maharashtra** is all set to host the 2nd edition of **Khelo India Youth Games** which was officially begin in **Pune**.
- India Captain **Virat Kohli** has maintained his No. 1 position in the latest **ICC batsmen rankings**.
 - **Cheteshwar Pujara** has gained a spot to be 3rd, following his man of the series performance in India's maiden Cricket Test series win in Australia.
- **Egypt** is going to host the **2019 Africa Cup of Nations** between 15th June and 13th July 2019.
- In **Khelo India Youth games 2019**, **Maharashtra** was leading Medal tally with 5 Gold 3 Silver & 1 Bronze.
- **Mary Kom**, who had become the 1st ever woman boxer to win 6 world championship titles in November last year, has been ranked **No. 1** by the **International Boxing Association (AIBA)** in the **light fly** (45-48kg) category.
 - **Ukraine's** 22-year-old boxer **Hanna Okhota** is ranked 2nd, with 1100 points.
- President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF), **Birendra Prasad Baishya**, has been named **Chef de Mission** for the **2020 Tokyo Olympics**.
- **Australia** defeated **India** by 34 runs in the first ODI to become the 1st country to win 1,000 international matches.
- India's first Formula One driver **Narain Karthikeyan** made a full-time switch to sports car racing, ending his around two-decade-old single-seater racing career.
 - Karthikeyan, who has secured a spot in Japan's **Super GT series**, will be competing with the likes of former Formula 1 world champion Jenson Button.
- Liverpool's **Mohamed Salah** was conferred with the **2018 Confederation of African Football Player of the Year Award**, for the second time, in Senegal.
 - He also won the **BBC African Footballer of the Year award** for the second time.
- Indian captain **Virat Kohli** and coach **Ravi Shastri** received the honorary membership of the **Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG)** ahead of the India-Australia ODI series.
- **Bengaluru Raptors** have won their 1st ever **Premier Badminton League** title by defeating Mumbai Rockets, with a 4-3 win.
- 10 year old **Abhinav Shaw** became the youngest gold medallist in shooting at the Khelo India Youth Games in Pune.
- **Wimbledon** is going to honor 2-time Wimbledon champion and former world number one **Andy Murray** with a statue at the **All England Club**.
- Chennai's **D Gukesh** (12 years 7 months & 17 days) became the **2nd youngest Grandmaster** in the world and the youngest Indian to achieve the feat.
 - **Ukraine's Sergey Karjakin** remains the youngest-ever Grand Master, achieving the feat in 2002 aged 12 years and seven months.
- **Kolkata** based Indian Mountaineer **Satyarup Siddhanta**, climbed Antarctica's highest point, **Mount Sidley**, to become the **youngest** man in the world to have climbed the 7 highest volcanic peaks.
 - He has set the world record of youngest to climb 7 highest volcanoes, 7 highest mountains in 7 continents in 7 years.
- **Kerala** defeated Gujarat by 113 runs to qualify for the **Ranji Trophy** semi-finals for the first time in their 61-year history.
 - Kerala fast bowler **Basil Thampi** emerged as the Man of the Match with eight wickets in the match.

- India's **Ankita Raina** has won the **International Tennis Federation's Women's tournament** in **Singapore**.
- India captain **Virat Kohli** (10,430 runs in 212 innings) has become the 10th highest ODI run-getter, achieving the feat during his 45-run knock against New Zealand in the first ODI.
 - With this, Kohli overtook ex-Windies captain **Brian Lara**, who scored 10,405 runs in 289 ODI innings.
- World number one **Novak Djokovic** defeated world number two Rafael Nadal in straight sets in the Men's singles final to win **Australian Open** for a record 7th time.
 - **Women's Singles:** Naomi Osaka (Japan)
 - **Men's Doubles:** Pierre-Hugues Herbert (France) / Nicolas Mahut (France)
 - **Women's Doubles:** Samantha Stosur (Australia) / Zhang Shuai (China)
 - **Mixed Doubles:** Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic) / Rajeev Ram (United States)
- Indian professional badminton singles player **Saina Nehwal** became the 1st Indian woman to win **Indonesia Masters** title after her opponent Carolina Marin pulled out due to injury during the first game in the final.
- India's **Kartik Sharma** won the **New South Wales men's Amateur Golf Championship** in **Australia**.
- **Nagaland** got its 1st **Astro Turf Football Pitch** at Indira Gandhi Stadium in **Kohima** on the occasion of 100th Birth Anniversary of the legendary footballer, Dr. T. Ao (Talimeren Ao).

Report

- The **Asia competitiveness institute** (ACI) has released the **Ease of Doing Business (EDB) Rankings** for Indian states.
 - **Andhra Pradesh** has topped the rankings.
 - **Maharashtra** and **Delhi** came in second and third place respectively.
- World's richest person Jeff Bezos-led **Amazon** surpassed software giant Microsoft to become the **world's most valuable** company.
- **Japan** has retained its top spot as the world's **most powerful passport** this year, with its citizens able to enter 190 countries without requiring a visa, according to the **Henley Passport Index**.
 - **India's** passport was ranked **79th**, having visa-free access to 61 destinations.
- **UK** based Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released the **Democracy Index 2019** which ranks 167 countries by 60 indicators across five broad categories.
 - **India** was at the 41st place with a score of 7.23/10 and was placed in the **flawed democracies** category.
 - 8 countries (Algeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Timor-Leste, Ethiopia, North Korea, Laos, Nepal and Sri Lanka) which have the word “democratic in full titles were not fully democratic.
 - Top 5: Norway, Iceland, Sweden, New Zealand, and Denmark.
- US-based **Boeing** has retained its position as the **world's largest plane maker** for the 7th year in a row, delivering a record 806 aircraft in 2018.
- **Bangalore** has emerged as the **world's most dynamic city** according to **JLL City Momentum Index 2019** which identifies World Dynamic Cities.
 - **Hyderabad** ranked 2nd, **Delhi** ranked 4th, **Pune** at 5th, **Chennai** at 7th and **Kolkata** at 15th position featuring in top 20 cities.
 - Top 5: Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Hanoi, Delhi, and Pune.
- According to the **Global Economy Watch report** by global consultancy firm PwC, **India** is likely to surpass the **United Kingdom** in the world's largest economy rankings in 2019.
- According to the recently released 2019 Edelman Trust Barometer report, **India** is among the most **trusted nations** globally when it comes to government, business, NGOs and media.

- **China** topped the Trust Index among both the informed public and the general population segments.
- **India** was at the 2nd place in the informed public category and 3rd place in the general population category.
- In terms of trust in companies headquartered in each market, the most trusted are those from **Switzerland, Germany and Canada**.
- **India** ranked **80th** in recently released **Global Talent Competitive Index (GTCI) 2019**.
 - Top 5: Switzerland, Singapore, United States, Norway, and Denmark.
- **Mumbai's Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)** has become India's only port to be among the top **30 global container ports** as per a Lloyds Report.
 - JNPT notched up five spots to be **28th** on the list.
- According to a recently released report by Crisil, **Bihar** has been ranked the Top state in terms of GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product) growth in financial year 2017-18.
 - The **second** spot has been secured by **Andhra Pradesh**, whose GSDP growth in FY18 jumped to 11.2 percent.
 - **Gujarat** listed third with growth of 11.1 percent.
- According to a recently released report by **World Steel Association** (worldsteel), **India** has replaced **Japan** as the world's **second**-largest steel producing country.
 - **China** retained its spot as the largest producer of crude steel accounting for more than 51% of production.
- **Dubai International Airport** has retained its position as the **world's busiest airport** for international travel for the 5th consecutive year in 2018.
 - India remained the biggest source of traffic, accounting for more than 1.2 crore passengers.
- **India** has been ranked **78th** in recently released '**Corruption Perceptions Index 2018**' by the Transparency International, moving up three places from 2017.
 - The **US** has been ranked 22, dropping out of top 20 on the index for the first time since 2011.
 - **Denmark** topped the index, which ranks 180 countries and territories.

General - National

- **Private Equity (PE)** and **Merger and Acquisition (M&A)** transactions in India crossed the \$100-billion mark in the year 2018, breaking all previous records.
- An ambitious web-based single-window system titled **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.
- **Hyderabad's Secunderabad Railway Station** became the 1st railway station of **South Central Railway (SCR)** to hoist a gigantic **Tricolour** on a **100 feet** tall pole in the circulating area of its main entrance.
- The 4th edition of the annual cleanliness survey **Swachh Survekshan 2019** was launched in **New Delhi**.
- Union Minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad** announced that the government will soon make it mandatory to link **Aadhaar** with **Driving Licence**.
- The **Ministry of Human Resource Development** has introduced a **70-point grading index** to assess the quality of school education offered by states.
- The government launched **Web- Wonder Women Campaign** to celebrate the exceptional achievements of women who have influenced and impacted society through social media.
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is organizing **Shehri Samridhi Utsav**, a fortnight of events all over India focusing on urban livelihoods.

- The event will begin on 1st February and continue till 15th.
- **Aadhaar cards** are now valid travel documents for Indians under 15 and over 65 travelling to **Nepal** and **Bhutan**.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Shipping and Water Resources **Nitin Gadkari** has revealed plans to take the backwaters of the **Godavari** up to the **Cauvery** River in Tamil Nadu through Krishna and Penna using steel pipes instead of developing canals en route as suggested by a non-resident engineer from Andhra Pradesh.
- For the first time, 4 veterans from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's **Indian National Army**, all aged between 95 and 100, take part in the **Republic Day parade**.
 - Lieutenant **Bhavana Kasturi** has become the 1st woman to lead an all-men Army contingent in Republic Day parade by leading the Indian Army Service Corps contingent.
- Three months after Prime Minister Narendra Modi recounted the benefits of “camel milk”, the **Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation Limited (GCMMF)** has launched **Amul Camel Milk** in selected markets of Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad and Kutch in Gujarat.
- On the 70th Republic Day, **India** gifted 30 ambulances and 6 buses to **Nepal**.

General - International

- To ensure the country's effective participation in the Group of 20 industrialized nations, **Russian** President **Vladimir Putin** has signed an executive order on setting up an **Interdepartmental Commission**.
- The **United States** and **Israel** officially quit the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** with the close of 2018.
- **Japan** has announced that it is going to withdraw from the **International Whaling Commission (IWC)**.
- **Pakistan** has announced that it is going to withdraw the facility of on-arrival **visas** for **Afghan Nationals**.
- The **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)** provincial government of **Pakistan** has declared the ancient Hindu religious site of **Panj Tirath** (Peshawar) as **National heritage**.
- The **Nepal Government** is set to introduce a law which makes it mandatory for the **children** to deposit **5 to 10** per of their income into the bank accounts of parents to ensure their well-being.
 - The government will present a bill on the amendment to the **Senior Citizens Act, 2063** (2006) with such a provision.
- The **United Nations** has called for an independent and impartial investigation into the recently held general elections in **Bangladesh** amid accusations of violence and voting irregularities.
- In **Saudi Arabia**, a new regulation is set to stop Saudi women from not knowing about their own divorce.
- **China** has passed a new law that seeks to "**Sinicize** (make Chinese in character or form)" **Islam** within the next five years, the latest move by Beijing to rewrite how the religion is practiced.
- **Guatemala** announced that it was pulling out of a **United Nations-sponsored anti-corruption commission** after more than a year of tension between the government and the group, which has investigated top government officials and people close to President **Jimmy Morales**.
- **US** lawmakers introduced a bill in the US Congress to terminate **Pakistan's** designation as a '**Major non-NATO ally**'.
- **Saudi Arabia** is going to set up a **\$10 billion** (over ₹70,000 crore) oil refinery in **Pakistan's** port of Gwadar.

- Saudi wants to make Pakistan's economic development stable through establishing the refinery and partnership with Pakistan in the China Pakistan Economic Corridor.
- The Parliament of **Macedonia** has passed the resolution to amend the constitution of the country to rename it as the **Republic of Northern Macedonia**.
- **UK Members of Parliament** rejected a deal reached by Prime Minister **Theresa May** with the **European Union** on the terms of **Britain's exit** from the bloc (Brexit).
 - **British** Prime Minister Theresa May unveiled her **Brexit 'Plan B'** after the original deal was rejected by the Parliament.
 - In **Britain**, lawmakers voted in favour of an amendment in **BREXIT plan** seeking alternative arrangements to replace the Irish border arrangement known as the Irish backstop.
 - Indian-origin activist **Gina Miller** has along with two other British lawmakers launched a new anti-Brexit campaign named '**Lead Not Leave**'.
- **France** activated a plan for a **no-deal Brexit** after the British Parliament rejected PM Theresa May's deal.
- The world's first television channel dedicated to **human rights** was launched in **London** with a promise to deliver hidden stories ignored by mainstream media into people's living rooms.
 - This channel was launched by the **International Observatory of Human Rights (IOHR)**.
- **Palestine** has taken over the chairmanship of **G77 (Group of 77)** from **Egypt**.
 - G77 is a coalition of 134 developing nations at the United Nations.
- The **United States** will begin the process of the withdrawal from the **Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty** on February 2.
 - The INF treaty required the elimination of both US' and Russia's land-based nuclear missiles from Europe.
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has recognized **Rio de Janeiro** as the '**World Capital of Architecture**' for 2020.
 - Having defeated Paris and Melbourne, Rio was selected to host the **27th edition of the World Congress of the International Union of Architects (UIA)** in July 2020.
- The world's longest 3D-printed concrete pedestrian bridge, which is 26.3 metre-long and 3.6-metre-wide, opened in **Shanghai**, China.
- **Saudi Arabia**, which does not currently possess nuclear weapons, has built its 1st-known ballistic missile factory.
- The African nation of **Angola** has decriminalized **homosexuality** after the parliament removed the "vices against nature" provision.
- People in the **southern Philippines** have voted to create a new Muslim autonomous region known as the **Bangsamoro Autonomous Region** which will replace the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.
- **Sugarcane juice** has won the **Pakistan** government's Twitter poll to become the '**National juice**' of the country.
- Ending the longest government shutdown in the nation's history, US President **Donald Trump** signed a bill to reopen the government for three weeks, until February 15.
- **Venezuelan** President **Nicolas Maduro** has announced that his country is breaking off diplomatic ties with the **United States** after his American counterpart Donald Trump recognized Opposition leader Juan Guaido as the South American country's interim President.
- The **United States** and **Taliban** agreed in principle to the framework of a peace deal that seeks to end the 17-year war in **Afghanistan**.

- To put pressure on President **Nicolas Maduro** to cede power to the opposition, the **United States** imposed sanctions on **Venezuela's** state-owned oil company, **PDVSA**.
- **Myanmar's** parliament has voted to create a committee to propose amendments to the country's **military-enacted constitution**, which grants the armed forces the power to block any change.
 - The proposal to form the committee was presented by a member of the ruling National League for Democracy party of leader **Aung San Suu Kyi**, which took power in 2016 after more than five decades of military or military-backed rule.

Books and Authors

Book's Name

- We are Displaced

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Malala Yousafzai

(Nobel Peace Prize winner and Pakistani activist)

- A Crusade against corruption Manohar Manoj
- Indian artistic gymnast **Dipa Karmakar's** biography titled "**The Small Wonder**", was launched by the legendary Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar in Mumbai.
 - The book comes with inputs from her coach Bishweshwar Nandi. This book has been co-authored by journalist **Digvijay Singh Deo**.
- On the occasion of his 78th birthday, veteran actor-producer **Sanjay Khan** announced his second book titled, '**Assalamalaikum Watan**'.
 - His first autobiography '**The Best Mistakes of My Life**' was released in 2018.

TO THE POINTS: JANUARY-2019

- Global Family Day is an international day of peace and sharing celebrated every **January 1** by the citizens of the world.
- Government extends CLSS for MIG scheme till 31st march, 2020. CLSS - **Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme**.
- ISRO has launched a new platform named Samwad with Students Programme as part of its enhanced outreach programme in **Bangalore**.
- **United States and Israel** have officially quit the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Day.
- China is building the first of four 'most advanced' naval frigates for **Pakistan** as part of a major bilateral arms deal.
- **Madhya Pradesh** Government announced that it is going to create an Adhyatmik Vibhag (spiritual department) by merging several existing department.
- State-owned Allahabad Bank has tied up with **SBI Life Insurance** to sell the policies of the insurer from over 3,200 branches.
- The MSME ministry has established an export promotion cell to create a sustainable ecosystem for micro, small and medium enterprises. The chairman of the cell is **Arun Kumar Panda**.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) appointed **Pramod Kumar Singh** as its secretary.
- Vinod K. Yadav took charge as Railway Board Chairman.
- Justice **AK Sikri** was nominated as the Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).
- Reserve Bank of India has granted permission to **Paytm Payments Bank** to add new customers, after it had initially barred the bank from opening bank accounts in June 2018.

- India pacer **Jasprit Bumrah** finished 2018 as the highest wicket-taker across all formats in 2018.
- Veteran **Actor** Kader Khan Passed Away.
- One of the early architects of the internet Larry Roberts was an **American** scientist who was the program manager for ARPAnet, Passed Away.
- 100% Houses in **25 States** Electrified under Saubhagya Yojana.
- **Veer Savarkar International Airport** in Port Blair has been declared as an authorized Immigration Check post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers.
- **Jair Bolsonaro** was sworn in as Brazil's President in a ceremony at Brazil's National Congress Building.
- The **West Bengal** government announced two welfare initiatives for farmers which are part of the 'Krishi Krishak Bondhu' scheme.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has put a ban on the purchase new vehicles and air conditioners (ACs) by the government departments.
- The number of complaints registered at banking ombudsman offices have seen a **25%** increase in the fiscal year 2018.
- **Saurabh Kumar** was appointed as the Director General of Ordnance Factories (DGO) and chairman of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) in Kolkata.
- Government appointed Hemant Bhargava as interim chairman of **LIC**.
- **Pankaj Sharma** has been appointed as Chief Operations Officer for RBL Bank.
- Justice Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan was sworn in as the first Chief justice of **Telangana** High Court.
- PM Modi inaugurates 106th Indian Science Congress in Jalandhar. Theme - **Future India: Science and Technology**.
- **Jayanta Kumar Ghosh** has conferred the National Geospatial Award for Excellence by the Indian Society for Remote Sensing.
- **France** football team has been awarded the Legion of Honor in the New Year's honors list.
- 10th R R Lakshya Cup 2018 shooting tournament held in **Navi Mumbai** on 31st December 2018.
- Veteran Kannada **actor** C H Loknath passed away.
- World Braille Day was observed every year on **January 4**.
- Parliament passed National Council for Teacher Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018. The Bill seeks to amend the **National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) Act, 1993**.
- Indian Oil Corporation will commission its first liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal at **Ennore** in Tamil Nadu.
- **Syndicate Bank** and SBI Life Insurance have signed a pact to offer a comprehensive financial planning solution to its customers.
- Private sector insurer Bharti AXA Life Insurance has started delivering policies and renewal premium receipt to customers via instant messaging platform **WhatsApp**.
- **HDFC Mutual Fund** has piped ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund to become the country's largest asset management company (AMC) after a gap of over two years.
- The International Advertising Association (IAA) will host the IAA World Congress at will be held at the Lulu International Convention Centre in **Kochi** from February 20 to 22, 2019.

- **Arunima Sinha**, the first female amputee to have conquered Mt Everest, created another record as she became world's first woman amputee to climb highest peak of Antarctica.
- **IIT Bombay** and public sector oil companies inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for setting up Centre of Excellence in Oil, Gas and Energy.
- The National Green Tribunal has imposed a fine of 100 crore rupees on **Meghalaya** government for its failure to curb illegal coal mining in the state.
- A 10-day long Indian Panorama Film Festival held in Siri Fort Auditorium, **New Delhi**.
- **Prakash Javadekar** inaugurated the 27th World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan in Delhi.
- Union Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** launched the 'Swachh Survekshan 2019', the fourth edition of the annual nationwide cleanliness survey of urban India in New Delhi.
- The Government of India launched a Global Environment Facility (GEF) assisted project namely **Green-Ag**, in partnership with FAO.
- U.S. President Donald J. Trump signed into law the ARIA act, which passed the U.S. Senate earlier in December. ARIA - **Asia Reassurance Initiative Act**.
- PM **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the six irrigation projects, including the Rs 2,391.36 crore Mandal dam that will provide irrigation to 19,604 hectare in Palamau and Garhwa districts in Jharkhand.
- Private lender **ICICI Bank** has joined hands with Small Business FinCredit (SBFC) to jointly offer loans worth Rs 1 crore to the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).
- **AGS Transact Technologies** has initiated cardless cash withdrawals, based on quick response (QR) code on its white-label ATMs (WLAs).
- **Andhra Pradesh** has topped the survey of Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Singapore's 2018 Ease of Doing Business (EDB) Index ABC Rankings for economies of 21 states of India.
- Justice Asif Saeed Khosa appointed as new Chief Justice of **Pakistan**.
- The 80th National Table Tennis Championship held in **Cuttack**, Odisha.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has asked food businesses to comply with new packaging regulations that bar use of recycled plastics and newspapers to wrap food articles by **July 1, 2019**.
- The Ministry of Culture announced that Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) declared **6 monuments** as 'protected and of national importance' under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, in 2018.
- Indian banking sector witnessed over **50 percent** hike in cyber frauds in the financial year 2017-18, as per Reserve Bank of India's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2017-18.
- The Union Government has allocated **Rs.10,900 crore** rupees for the development of 40 satellite launch vehicles in the next four years.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the restructuring of existing National Health Agency as **National Health Authority**.
- **M.P. Bezbaruah** will be the head of the High Level Committee (HLC) for implementation of Clause 6 of Assam Accord that has notified by union government recently.
- Prime Minister of Norway **Erna Solberg** was visited to India on a three-day state tour.
- The Union Cabinet approved **10%** reservation for 'economically backward' upper castes in government jobs.
- **Odisha** has announced interest free loans of up to Rs.3 lakh for women self help groups (WSHG) in the state.

- **United Bank of India** and Srei Equipment Finance has entered into an agreement for financing the MSME and agriculture sectors.
- The Centre has amalgamated **three** Regional Rural Banks (RRB) Punjab Gramin Bank, Malwa Gramin Bank and Sutlej Gramin Bank into a single RRB with effect from January 1.
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) slapped a penalty of Rs 5 lakh on United India Insurance Company for violating norms regarding the settlement of motor claims.
- 9 day long international kite festival was inaugurated at Sabarmati Riverfront in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.
- **Airports Authority of India** (AAI) signed MoU with Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER) for joint research programs in the field of Communication Navigation and Surveillance (CNS).
- Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Minister **Devineni Umamaheswar Rao** has received the 'Central Board of Irrigation and Power Award' for better planning and construction of Polavaram Irrigation Project in the state.
- **Kevin Sweeney**, the chief of staff of the US Department of Defence, resigned from his position.
- **Roger Federer and Belinda Bencic** won the Hopman Cup that concluded recently.
- The ministerial panel under Bihar Deputy Chief Minister **Sushil Modi** approved levy of 1% 'calamity cess' by Kerala for a period of two years to fund rehabilitation work in the state hit by floods.
- The Ministry of Human Resource Development has introduced a **70 point** grading index to assess the quality of school education offered by states.
- **Guatemala** was withdrawing from a United Nations backed anti corruption commission and giving its prosecutors a day to leave the country.
- The **Nepal** Rastra Bank asked the RBI to declare newly circulated Indian currency notes of denominations higher than Rs 100 legal tender in the country.
- Government allowed Iranian bank to open branch in **Mumbai**.
- **Kumar Rajesh Chandra** was appointed as the director general of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
- **Erna Solberg** delivered inaugural address of fourth edition of the Raisina Dialogue which was inaugurated in New Delhi.
- Malaysia's King **Muhammad V** resigned, the first time a monarch has stepped down from the throne before completing their five year tenure.
- A 15 year old student **Wahengbam Lamnganba**, from a remote village of the district has been selected by the Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW) for receiving National Bravery Award.
- **Alfonso Cuaron** was selected as the Best Director in the Motion Picture Category of 76th Golden Globe Awards 2019.
- **North Central Railway** zone has launched a mobile application 'Rail Kumbh Seva' to help people navigate through Prayagraj city during Kumbh Mela starting from January 15,2019.
- According to the first advance estimates of national income released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) Indian economy is expected to grow at **7.2%** in 2018-19.
- **Manohar Manoj** is the author of the book 'A Crusade Against Corruption' launched by Vice-Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Harivansh Narayan Singh, in New Delhi.
- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas observed on **9 January** to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community towards the development of India.

- **Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore** launched the sharing of All India Radio News with private FM broadcasters.
- **Indian Highways Management Company Ltd. (IHMCL)** signed MOUs with state-run Oil Marketing Companies (IOCL, BPC, and HPC) to ensure availability of FASTags at petroleum outlets across India.
- **Vikram Misri** takes charge as India's new envoy to China.
- **Pranav R Mehta** has taken over as the president of Global Solar Council (GSC).
- Reserve Bank of India has constituted a High Level Committee on Deepening of Digital Payments to encourage digitization of payments and enhance financial inclusion. The committee headed by UIDAI's former Chairman **Nandan Nilekani**.
- **The Rider**, film is chosen as best picture of 2018 by The National Society of Film Critics.
- A MoU was signed between the Indian Army and **PNB** on the Defence Salary Package.
- The first ever two day Global Aviation Summit 2019 was going to open on January 15, 2019 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Theme – **Flying for all**.
- The second edition of Khelo India Youth Games officially inaugurated in **Pune**.
- **Egypt** will host the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) has announced.
- World Hindi day was celebrated across the World on **January 10**.
- University Grants Commission to set up CARE to refine and strengthen research publication. The current chairman of UGC is **D.P Singh**.
- PM Narendra Modi launched road and underground sewerage system projects developed at an investment of Rs 1,100 crore in **Solapur**.
- Sri Lanka's Central Bank gets **\$400 million** dollar swap from RBI.
- The Reserve Bank of India has changed its **Gold Monetization Scheme** (GMS), 2015 to make charitable institutions, Central Government, State Government or any other entity owned by Central Government or State Government eligible to deposit under the scheme.
- Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a "Research Advisory" committee which will assist in formulating policy to undertake research relevant for development and regulation of capital markets. Head of the committee - **Dr. Sankar De**.
- The Polavaram multipurpose irrigation project entered the Guinness Book of World Records. The irrigation project is an under construction in **Andhra Pradesh**.
- The Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation has announced that passenger booking air ticket using its website irctc.co.in can avail free of cost travel insurance of **Rs 50 lakh**.
- **M C Mary Kom** has attained number one position in the International Boxing Association's (AIBA) latest world rankings.
- Nobel Peace Prize winner and Pakistani activist **Malala Yousafzai** pens a new book, titled 'We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World'.
- **Brisbane and Sydney** was chosen to host ATP Cup which is going to take place in January 2020.
- India's GDP is expected to grow at **7.3%** in the fiscal year 2018-19 by the World Bank.
- Country's longest single lane steel cable bridge named Byorung Bridge opened across **Siang River**.
- The first India-Central Asia Dialogue was held in **Samarkand, Uzbekistan**.
- Nicolas Maduro has been sworn in for a second term as President of **Venezuela**.

- **Birendra Prasad Baishya** has been named Chef de Mission for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- **Ajit Mohan** has been appointed as Managing Director and Vice President of Facebook India.
- **Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)** received 'Exhibitor of the Year Award' at 106th Indian Science Congress held at Punjab.
- The **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)** and the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for co-operation in building energy efficiency.
- The First 'National Consultation on Child Protection' for 2019 was held at India Habitat Centre, **New Delhi** under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- Henley Passport Index periodically measures the access each country's travel document affords, India jumped two positions from 81st in 2018 to 79 this year. **Japan** retained its top spot.
- National Youth Day was celebrated in all over the world on **12 January** on the birthday of Swami Vivekananda.
- **Six** states Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh signed an agreement for construction of Renukaji Dam Multi Purpose Project.
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 25th edition of Partnership Summit 2019 in **Mumbai**.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, has launched an online campaign, '#www : **Web Wonder Women**'.
- **Sikkim** becomes the first state in the country to introduce the scheme called the Universal Basic Income (UBI).
- **Yes Bank**, India's fourth largest private sector bank has appointed Brahm Dutt as nonexecutive part-time chairman to the board.
- The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development was organizing the sixth edition of Women of India Organic Festival in **Chandigarh**.
- To mark employment generation for 1.06 lakh youths in a year, Government of **Jharkhand** organized Global Skill Summit - 2019 in Ranchi.
- The Coimbatore city traffic police launched a mobile application '**Police-E-Eye**' for the public to report traffic violation.
- Indian Army organized the Army Technology Seminar-2019 in **New Delhi**. Theme of the seminar is "Disruptive Impact of Emerging Technologies on Land Warfare".
- 29th Indian Paint Conference - 2019 inaugurated in **Agra, Uttar Pradesh**.
- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Col **Rajyavardhan Rathore** launched the National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 at New Delhi.
- The United States Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) launched a new innovation initiative at the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi. The initiative, titled "**Fair Value for Innovation**".
- **Gujarat** becomes the 1st state to implement 10% quota to EWS.
- **Sikkim** CM launched the 'One Family One Job' scheme which entitles one government job for every family in the state.
- **Odisha** launched the 'Ama Ghare LED' (LED bulbs in our houses) scheme which will benefit about 95 lakh families in the State. Each beneficiary family will get four LED bulbs free of cost under the scheme.

- **Ashok Chawala** has recently resigned as the chairman of the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE).
- India's largest IT services company **Tata Consultancy Services** has appointed Daniel Hughes Callahan as an Additional and Independent Director.
- Industrialist and Godrej Group Chairman **Adi Godrej** was conferred the ICSIs Lifetime Achievement Award for 'Translating Excellence in Corporate Governance into Reality.'
- Writer **Namita Gokhale** has won the Sushila Devi Literature Award for her novel "Things to Leave Behind".
- 4th meeting of the Council for Trade Development and Promotion (CTDP) was held recently in **New Delhi**.
- Norway topped and India has ranked at **41st place** on the Economist Intelligence Unit's annual Global Democracy Index.
- **South African** all rounder Albie Morkel announced his retirement from all forms of cricket, putting an end to nearly 20-year of professional cricketing career.
- **Maharashtra** tops the medal tally at the Khelo India Youth Games in Pune.
- **Bengaluru Raptors** beat Mumbai Rockets 4-3 in the final of the Premier Badminton League (PBL) at the Kanteerava Indoor Stadium in Bengaluru to win their maiden title.
- Army Day was celebrated on **15 January** every year in India.
- The Union Government launched the 'GeM', an initiative to enable women entrepreneurs and Women Self-Help Groups (WSHGs) to sell handicrafts, handloom, accessories, and other products directly to Government departments and institutions. GeM - **Government e Marketplace**.
- The **Madras High Court** has set up an expert committee to find a solution to root out invasive species of plants from the Western Ghats.
- **Kerala** CM Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated a 1.8 lakh square feet facility housing incubation set ups across a string of segments in modern technology.
- Private sector **ICICI Bank** inducted former SBI Managing Director B Sriram on its board as independent director and management consultant Rama Bijapurkar was also appointed as director.
- The International Cricket Council appointed media professional **Manu Sawhney** as its new chief executive officer, replacing incumbent David Richardson, who will step down after the World Cup.
- Stephen Constantine resigned from his position as Head Coach of Indian **Football** team.
- **Mohammed Ali Qamar** has taken over as chief coach for the country's Women Boxing Team.
- **Narendra Modi** received the first ever Philip Kotler Presidential award, in New Delhi.
- Government has constituted a seven-member Group of Ministers (GoM) to boost the real estate sector under the GST regime. **Nitin Patel** has been chosen as the convener of the GoM.
- Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, is organized the 9th International Micro Irrigation Conference at Aurangabad in **Maharashtra**.
- The Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu on January 15, 2019 inaugurated the Global Aviation Summit 2019 in **Maharashtra**.
- Gurgaon's 8-year-old **Kartik Singh** has won the under 8 category at the Kids' Golf World Championship organized by US kids Golf in Malaysia.
- The 1st National Level Sports Meet for the students of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) was inaugurated by Shri Jaswantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs at G.M.C Balayogi Stadium, **Hyderabad**.

- Veteran filmmaker and chairman of **Kerala** State Film Development Corporation Lenin Rajendran passed away.
- The second World Orange Festival will be organized in **Nagpur**.
- The 10th edition of the India Rubber Expo 2019 inaugurated in Mumbai under the chairmanship of **Vikram Makar**.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath launched his government's **Rs.50,000 crore** farm debt waiver scheme named 'Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana' in Bhopal.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 9th edition of Vibrant Gujarat global investors' summit – 2019 at Mahatma Mandir Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Theme – **Shaping a new India**.
- The Cabinet also approved an increase in the authorized capital of Exim Bank from Rs.10,000 crore to **Rs.20,000 crore**.
- Recently, The Reserve Bank of India imposed a Rs. 1 crore penalty on **Bank of Maharashtra** for noncompliance of Know Your Customer guidelines and fraud classification norms.
- The government announced the names of the winners of the Gandhi Peace Prize for 2015-2018. 2017 – The award will be given to **Ekai Abhiyan Trust** for its contribution to education for rural and tribal children.
- **Vinesh Phogat** becomes first Indian athlete to be nominated in Laureus World Comeback of Year Award.
- Information and Broadcasting Secretary Amit Khare and TRAI Chairman RS Sharma inaugurated the 25 International conference and exhibition on terrestrial and satellite broadcasting, BES EXPO 2019 in **New Delhi**.
- Minister of State in Department of Space **Dr. Jitendra Singh** inaugurated UNNATI programme of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in Bangalore.
- India Ratings, a Fitch Group Company estimated India's GDP growth could touch 7.5 per cent in financial year 2019 – 20.
- The second edition of the India-Myanmar bilateral army exercise, **IMBEX 2018-19**, commenced at Chandimandir Military Station, headquarters of the Western Command.
- **Satyarup Siddhanta**, World's Youngest Mountaineer to Climb 7 Peaks, 7 Volcano Summits.
- Vision 2040 document released at the Global Aviation Summit (GAS) 2019, aims to have **1.12 billion** air passengers in 2040 from 187 million air passengers in 2018.
- According to the 6th City Momentum Index, released by property consultant JLL, **Bengaluru** has emerged as the world's most dynamic city with a robust technology and innovation ecosystem in place.
- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has approved induction of women as jawans in the Army's Corps of Military Police. The women will be inducted in graded manner to eventually comprise **20%** of total Corps of Military Police.
- PM **Narendra Modi** inaugurates the National Museum of Indian Cinema in Mumbai.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government approved 10% reservation in jobs and educational institutions for the economically weaker sections in general category. Gujarat and Jharkhand are the two other states to incorporate the additional quota.
- The Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved the proposal of renaming the Mughalsarai tehsil as **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay**.
- **Gujarat** government has signed around 130 MoUs with investment commitments worth over 56,000 crore rupees in various sectors.

- The **Jammu and Kashmir** government has decided to give away cattle received from the military farms to the families living below the poverty line.
- Japanese conglomerate SoftBank is reportedly set to invest \$400 million to acquire a **40% stake** in Pune-based baby products startup FirstCry at a valuation of around \$600-700 million.
- **China** claims world's 1st 5G remote surgery in test on animal.
- **Japan** launches satellite for world's 1st artificial meteor shower.
- Former captain Sardar Singh has been included in a 13-member **Hockey** India selection committee.
- **Tripura** launched the Project for Sustainable Catchment Forest Management, for which Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is providing Rs.1000 crores, at State Forest Academy Ground in Hatipara in West Tripura.
- As per Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, **India** will host the 14th session of the Conference of Parties to United Nations Convention to combat Desertification (UNCCD) in 2019 to address the issues of land degradation and desertification.
- **Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura** are celebrating their statehood day on January 21.
- **IIT-Hyderabad** (IIT-H) launched a full-fledged bachelor's programme in Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology from the new academic session, a first for the country and only the third globally.
- **Aparna Kumar** has successfully reached the South Pole after covering 111 kilometres of walking on the snow.
- The 2nd World Integrated Medicine Forum 2019 on the Regulation of Homeopathic Medical Products was held in **Goa**.
- 'Pravasi Bharatiya Divas' a day commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to Mumbai on 9 January 1915 has begun in **Varanasi**.
- Recently, Government signs agreements for Development Assistance Loans of Rs.3420 crore with **Japan**.
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has announced that the Brazilian city of **Rio de Janeiro** will be the World Capital of Architecture for 2020.
- The **Jammu and Kashmir's** administration has set up a panel for implementation of saturation of toilets, drinking water and electricity in government schools in the state.
- PwC's Global Economy Watch report projects real GDP growth of **7.6%** for India in 2019.
- Andry Rajoelina was sworn in as President of **Madagascar** at capital city of Antananarivo.
- The Khelo India Youth Games concluded in Pune with the hosts **Maharashtra** walking away with the overall trophy.
- India's **Ankita Raina** has won the International Tennis Federation's 25,000-dollar Women's tournament in Singapore.
- National Women's Party (NWP) a newly formed all-woman political party is launched recently, in **Mumbai**.
- **Rajasthan** has directed officials to issue one lakh electricity connections by June to farmers who have deposited the demand money.
- **Tamil Nadu** has launched nursery classes in government schools.
- The country's largest life insurer LIC has completed acquisition of 51% stake in the **IDBI bank**, making it the lender's majority shareholder.
- **ICICI Bank** has launched a new premium savings account for upwardly-mobile male customers, named 'The ONE'.

- Tata Teleservices has merged with **Airtel**.
- The annual meet of World Economic Forum (WEF) was held in **Davos**.
- **Virat Kohli** has become the first player to win all three major annual ICC awards in a single year for his performances in 2018.
- Former India **hockey** player Raghbir Singh Bhola, a two-time Olympic medallist, has passed away.
- The Indian Army is planning to purchase over 3,000 Milan 2T anti-tank guided missiles (ATGM) from **France** in a deal worth over ₹1,000 crore.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Subhash Chandra Bose museum at the iconic Red Fort in **New Delhi** to mark the leader's 122nd birth anniversary.
- The Israel and **US** countries have successfully tested ballistic missile interceptors deployed at Israeli airbases.
- The two-day Global Investors Summit was organized by Tamil Nadu government, held in **Chennai**.
- In a move that will benefit around 650 Divyang (differently-abled) people in the state, the Maharashtra cabinet gave its approval to provide **Rs. 25 crore** aid to them as part of a scheme.
- The Maharashtra government has partnered with private sector lender **YES Bank**, under its e-PDS State programme, to onboard fair price shops (FPS) as Business Correspondent Agents.
- **BK Divakara** demitted office as Executive Director (ED) of Central Bank of India after completion of his fixed tenure of five years.
- Agney Kumar joins as Executive Director in **Punjab National Bank**.
- **Karthyayani Amma** has been chosen as the Commonwealth Learning's Goodwill Ambassador.
- The world's longest 3D-printed concrete pedestrian bridge, which is 26.3 metre-long and 3.6-metre-wide, opened in **China's Shanghai**.
- India's 21-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman **Rishabh Pant** has been named the ICC Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year 2018.
- National Girl Child Day was observed on **January 24** with theme 'Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow'.
- **Uttar Pradesh** was celebrating 69th foundation day on January 24.
- Minister of State for Ayush Shripad Naik inaugurated the 2nd World Integrated Medicine Forum 2019 in **Panaji, Goa**.
- Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba commissioned the new Naval Air Base '**INS Kohassa**' at Diglipur in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Union Cabinet has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between India and **Kuwait** for cooperation on the recruitment of domestic workers.
- **Piyush Goyal** has been named the interim Finance Minister and interim Minister of Corporate Affairs during Arun Jaitley's indisposition.
- The **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)** has become India's only port to get listed among the top 30 global container ports.
- Famous personality Bhanu Prakash Singh passed away. He is related to **Politician**.
- The Northeast Railway sector has launched a dedicated woman squad '**JYOTI BAHINI**' to enhance security of women in railway station and trains. This has been launched in Kamkhya station of **Guwahati**.

- The Reserve Bank of India has initiated two quarterly surveys named as **Industrial Outlook Survey (IOS)** and **Services and Infrastructure Outlook Survey (SIOS)** to examine the Indian Manufacturing, services and infrastructure sector and business situation for the quarter January-March 2019.
- The 9th National Voters' Day celebrated across the country on January 25. Theme - **No Voter to be Left Behind.**
- The Goa Cabinet has approved a proposal to impose a fine of **₹2,000** on people who drink alcohol or cook in public and a fine of **₹10,000** if a group of people is doing so.
- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting will extend support for organizing second Jharkhand International Film Festival at **Ranchi in Jharkhand** to promote and showcase the Best of Indian cinema.
- **SBI Card** and Etihad Guest, the loyalty programme of Etihad Airways, have joined hands to launch a travel specific Visa credit card for members and Indian travellers.
- **Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah** was elected as Malaysia's new king by the members of the country's royal families.
- India's biggest airline **IndiGo** has named Ronojoy Dutta as its CEO for a period of five years.
- Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has successfully test-fired **Barak 8 LRSAM** (Long Range Surface-to-Air Missile) from naval warship INS Chennai off the coast of Odisha.
- ISRO launches student-made satellite **Kalamsat-V2** into space.
- Johan Botha has announced his immediate retirement from all forms of Cricket. He belongs to **South Africa.**
- Famous Hindi writer and essayist, **Krishna Sobti** passed away.
- International Customs Day observed annually on **January 26.**
- Lieutenant **Bhavana Kasturi** has become the first woman to lead an all-men Army contingent in Republic Day parade by leading the Indian Army Service Corps contingent.
- Information and Broadcasting Ministry to increase advertisement rates by **11%** to private TV channels.
- **Jammu and Kashmir** Governor gives nod to bill for reservation to Paharis.
- Private sector **Lakshmi Vilas Bank** has reappointed Parthasarathi Mukherjee as its managing director when the lender is struggling to raise ₹2000 crore from investors.
- The Government of India announced **four** Padma Vibhushan, 14 Padma Bhushan and 94 Padma Shri Awards for 112 personalities.
- State Bank of India had recently announced the launch of 'YONO 20 Under Twenty' awards to reward young achievers under the age of **20.**
- Wasim Jaffer becomes 1st player to score 1,000 runs in a Ranji season twice. He plays for **Vidarbha.**
- **The Southern Railway** has bagged the number one position for cleanliness in the country.
- Government of **Pakistan** has declared sugarcane juice as the nation juice of Pakistan.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated four-lane, 5.1 kilometre long "Atal Setu", the third Cable Bridge across river **Mandovi** in Panaji, Goa.
- Madhya Pradesh CM Kamal Nath announced the launch of the 'Yuva Swabhiman Yojana' for youths from the economically weaker sections in urban areas.

- The **Kerala** government will soon launch a 'Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme' to provide regular pension to Non Resident Keralites on a onetime payment of ₹5 lakh.
- Operation Olympics', an expert programme to train athletes in 11 disciplines has commenced in **Kerala**.
- The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, headed by NITI Aayog Member Bibek Debroy stated that India's economic growth is expected to remain in the range **7-7.5 per cent** in the next few years.
- IRDAI sets up a panel to identify systemically important insurers. The committee will be headed by **Pravin Kutumbe**.
- **Nari Shakti** (women empowerment) has been chosen as the Hindi word of the year 2018 by Oxford Dictionaries.
- Assam government has conferred the Republic Day Journalism Award 2019 to veteran journalist and former editor **Dhirendra Nath Chakraborty**.
- The **Tamil** translation of Andrei Makine's "La vie d'un homme inconnu" (The Life of an Unknown Man) was awarded the second Romain Rolland Prize for literary translation at the Jaipur Literature Festival.
- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar, has developed an app to help the Visually Impaired recognise currency notes. "**Roshni**" was the first Android app that worked successfully with new INR currency notes.
- According to the rankings of 'Data Privacy Benchmark Study' for 2019 put out by technology giant Cisco, India the **sixth** best prepared nation to deal with the new data privacy regulation.
- **Novak Djokovic** defeated Rafael Nadal to win his 7th Australian Open Men's Singles title at Melbourne.
- Ace shuttler **Saina Nehwal** won her first Indonesia Masters title after three-time world champion Carolina Marin limped out of the final due to a leg injury.
- Data privacy day was observed on January 29. The **Council of Europe** is celebrating this year the 13 edition of Data Protection Day.
- India's 1st Geographical Indication Store opened in **Goa** International Airport in Dabolim.
- India's first indigenously built engineless semi high speed train, Train 18, has been named Vande Bharat Express. The train is set to run between **Delhi and Varanasi** at a maximum speed of 160 kmph.
- **Andhra Pradesh** government will provide 100 units free power to the Most Backward Classes (MBCs).
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced "**Jiban Sampark**" project in partnership with UNICEF India to generate awareness about the development and welfare initiatives of state government among the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups of the state.
- Kia Motors, the South Korean global automotive major, the eighth largest automotive company in the world, is all set commence trial run of its \$1 billion greenfield plant in **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Poonam Khetrpal Singh** has been appointed as Regional Director of World Health Organization South-East Asia, for a second five-year term.
- According to World Steel Association (worldsteel) India has replaced Japan as world's **second** largest steel producing country.
- Former Defence Minister and Anti-Emergency Crusader **George Fernandes** passed away.

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MODEL QUESTIONS

1. On which date, the 2018 World Braille Day (WBD) was observed recently?
(1) January 3 (2) January 4 (3) January 2 (4) January 5 (5) None of these
2. The first-ever UN's International Day of Education is celebrated on which date?
(1) January 26 (2) January 25 (3) January 24 (4) January 23 (5) None of these
3. What is the theme of the National Voters Day (NVD-2019)?
(1) Proud to be a voter - Ready to vote
(2) Accessible elections
(3) No Voter to be Left Behind
(4) Proud to be a voter
(5) None of these
4. The 2019 International Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed on which of the following dates?
(1) January 30 (2) January 27 (3) January 31 (4) January 29 (5) None of these
5. ESAF Small Finance Bank (SFB) has recently got RBI nod to operate as a scheduled bank. The headquarters of ESAF is located at ____?
(1) Thiruvananthapuram (2) Chennai (3) Thrissur
(4) Kolkata (5) None of these
6. Recently, the Union cabinet has approved merger of the Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda (BoB). In terms of market value, what would be rank of the combined merger bank?
(1) 1st (2) 3rd (3) 4th (4) 2nd (5) None of these
7. The Central Government has given nod for Centre for Classical Language in which city of Kerala?
(1) Aluva (2) Tirur (3) Munnar (4) Guruvayur (5) None of these
8. The Union Cabinet has recently approved a reservation at what percentage for 'economically backward' upper castes in government jobs?
(1) 5% (2) 10% (3) 6% (4) 15% (5) None of these
9. The Union Government has launched the Web- Wonder Women campaign in collaboration with which human rights organization?
(1) Breakthrough India (2) OYSS Women (3) Nirbhaya Vahini
(4) CARE India (5) None of these
10. The Government of India (GoI) has drafted five-year action plan to address drug abuse in the country for which of the following periods?
(1) 2019 to 2024 (2) 2017 to 2022 (3) 2018 to 2023
(4) 2016 to 2021 (5) None of these
11. Which state's women has recently formed 620-km-long 'wall' to uphold gender equality?
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Karnataka (3) Kerala (4) Odisha (5) None of these
12. Which state has become the India's 1st state to implement 10% quota to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of general category?
(1) Punjab (2) Karnataka (3) Kerala (4) Gujarat (5) None of these

13. Which state government has launched 'One Family, One Job' scheme?
(1) Sikkim (2) Odisha (3) Jharkhand (4) Punjab (5) None of these
14. Which state government has decided to give 5% quota for Kapu community in 10% reservation for EWS?
(1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Jharkhand (3) Tamil Nadu
(4) Telangana (5) None of these
15. Which state government has launched Jiban Sampark project to reach vulnerable tribes?
(1) Odisha (2) Assam (3) Punjab (4) West Bengal (5) None of these
16. Which city is the venue of the 4th Edition Of Raisina Dialogue?
(1) Chandigarh (2) New Delhi (3) Hyderabad (4) Dehradun (5) None of these
17. Trishna gas project, which is in news recently, is located in which of the following states?
(1) Nagaland (2) Tripura (3) Manipur (4) Assam (5) None of these
18. Which of the following cities has been named as the World Capital of Architecture for 2020?
(1) Pune (2) Rio de Janeiro (3) Paris (4) Melbourne (5) None of these
19. Atal Setu, which is in news recently, is built across which river in Goa?
(1) Harmal (2) Mandovi (3) Terekhol (4) Galjibag (5) None of these
20. In which year, the 10th Sikh guru Govind Singh was born?
(1) 1660 (2) 1666 (3) 1659 (4) 1668 (5) None of these
21. Which of the following commands is the only Tri-service theater command of the Indian Armed Forces (IAF)?
(1) Andaman and Nicobar Command
(2) Southern Command
(3) Northern Command
(4) Eastern Command
(5) None of these
22. The Government of India (GoI) has approved setting up of three new Naval Air Squadrons in which of the following states?
(1) Assam and Sikkim (2) Gujarat and Tamil Nadu
(3) West Bengal and Odisha (4) Kerala and Karnataka (5) None of these
23. The new Naval Air Base 'INS Kohassa' has commissioned at which of the states /UTs?
(1) Gujarat (2) West Bengal (3) Lakshadweep
(4) Andaman and Nicobar Islands (5) None of these
24. Who led the all-women Assam Rifles contingent, which has created history by participating for the first time in a Republic Day parade?
(1) Shikha Surabhi (2) Khushboo Kanwar (3) Aparna Kumar
(4) Bhavna Syal (5) None of these
25. Which union ministry has launched 'RDP INDIA 2019 app' for Republic Day parade?
(1) Ministry of Home Affairs
(2) Ministry of Defence
(3) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
(4) Ministry of Women and Child Development
(5) None of these

26. Who is the head of the RBI panel on MSME revival?
 (1) U K Sinha (2) Ram Mohan Mishra (3) Bindu Ananth
 (4) Abhiman Das (5) None of these
27. Who is the head of task force to look into suicides of JNV students?
 (1) Jitendra Nagpal (2) Piyush Bindra (3) K S Jain
 (4) Preeti Juneza (5) None of these
28. Who is the head of the EC panel which submitted its report on digital media and campaigning during last 48 hours before polls?
 (1) Abhay Kapoor (2) U K Malhotra (3) Umesh Sinha
 (4) Sunil Arora (5) None of these
29. Who is the head of the Group of Ministers (GoM) for GST issues in real estate?
 (1) Kamleshwar Sharma (2) Prabhuram Chowdhary (3) Govind Singh
 (4) Nitin Patel (5) None of these
30. Who is the head of Lokpal search panel to select members of anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal?
 (1) Shabbirhusein S Khandwawala (2) Ranjit Kumar (3) Lalit K Panwar
 (4) Ranjana Prakash Desai (5) None of these
31. Which state government has launched the farm debt-waiver scheme 'Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana'?
 (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Odisha (3) Jharkhand
 (4) Punjab (5) None of these
32. The state-of-the-art National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC) has recently inaugurated in which of the following cities?
 (1) Mumbai (2) Shillong (3) Hyderabad (4) Varanasi (5) None of these
33. The Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose museum has recently inaugurated in which of the following cities?
 (1) Port Blair (2) New Delhi (3) Tiruchirappalli (4) Kollam (5) None of these
34. Which city is the venue of the 42nd Indian Social Science Congress (ISSC)?
 (1) Bhubaneswar (2) Hyderabad (3) Kolkata
 (4) New Delhi (5) None of these
35. What is the theme of the 106th edition of Indian Science Congress (ISC-2019)?
 (1) Reaching the Unreached through Science and Technology
 (2) Science and Technology for Human Development
 (3) Future India: Science & Technology
 (4) Innovations in Science & Technology
 (5) None of these
36. What is the theme of the first-ever Global Aviation Summit (GAS-2019)?
 (1) Flying for all (2) Flying for Peace (3) Flying for Harmony
 (4) Flying for Brotherhood (5) None of these
37. Which city is the venue of the 25th edition of Partnership Summit 2019?
 (1) New Delhi (2) Dehradun (3) Hyderabad (4) Mumbai (5) None of these

38. What is the theme of the 9th Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit 2019?
(1) Gujarat Going Global (2) Shaping a new India (3) Explore India
(4) Gujarat Connecting India to the World (5) None of these
39. Which city is the venue of the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (YPBD-2019)?
(1) Varanasi (2) Hyderabad (3) Jabalpur (4) Jaipur (5) None of these
40. Which city is the venue of the Arab Economic And Social Development Summit 2019?
(1) Muscat (2) Beirut (3) Riyadh (4) Baghdad (5) None of these
41. Which city is the venue of the India Steel 2019 Exhibition and Conference?
(1) Mumbai (2) New Delhi (3) Dehradun (4) Hyderabad (5) None of these
42. Which country has recently signed Asia Reassurance Initiative Act (ARIA) Into Law?
(1) Russia (2) United States (3) China
(4) France (5) None of these
43. Which Indian organization has recently signed MoU with SAMEER for research in Communication Navigation and Surveillance (CNS)?
(1) DRDO (2) ISRO (3) AAI (4) BARC (5) None of these
44. Which of the following states have signed agreement for Renukaji multipurpose dam project?
(1) Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh
(2) Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand
(3) Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh
(4) All of the above
(5) None of these
45. Which city is the venue of the 1st National EMRS National Sports Meet 2019?
(1) Hyderabad (2) New Delhi (3) Dehradun (4) Chennai (5) None of these
46. The Union Cabinet has approved amendment to which of the following acts to recognize trade unions?
(1) Trade Unions Act of 1935 (2) Trade Unions Act of 1947
(3) Trade Unions Act of 1966 (4) Trade Unions Act of 1926 (5) None of these
47. The Union Cabinet has approved the introduction of a Bill to modify the list of Scheduled Tribes (STs) of Arunachal Pradesh. Which of the following tribes will be included in the list?
(1) Mishmi-Kaman (2) Idu (3) Taraon
(4) All of the above (5) None of these
48. Under the Right to Education (RTE) amendment Bill 2018, which of the following measures is/are taken by the Parliament?
(1) To abolish no-detention policy till class 8
(2) Enable state governments to allow schools to fail students
(3) Provides regular examination in classes V and VIII
(4) All of the above
(5) None of these

49. The controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2019 seeks to provide Indian citizenship to non-Muslims from which of the following countries?
(1) Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan
(2) Myanmar, Bangladesh and Afghanistan
(3) Afghanistan, Pakistan and Myanmar
(4) Myanmar, Pakistan and Bangladesh
(5) None of these
50. Which European country has recently introduced GAFA Tax on Global Internet, Technology Firm?
(1) Sweden (2) France (3) Italy (4) Germany (5) None of these
51. ISRO has launched which initiative with students to engage them on space science activities?
(1) Space (2) Sansad (3) Samwad (4) Sangrah (5) None of these
52. Which IIT has launched an app 'Roshni' to help blind identify notes?
(1) IIT Kanupur (2) IIT Ropar (3) IIT Indore (4) IIT Bombay (5) None of these
53. The tropical cyclone 'Pabuk' has recently occurred in which of the following countries?
(1) Thailand (2) Indonesia (3) Japan (4) Mauritius (5) None of these
54. SANH, which is in news recently, is a research programme to tackle which pollution?
(1) To study nitrogen pollution (2) To study noise pollution
(3) To study radioactive pollution (4) To study light pollution (5) None of these
55. The Veer Savarkar International Airport has recently declared as an authorized Immigration Check post. It is located in which of the following UTs / states?
(1) Daman & Diu (2) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
(3) Maharashtra (4) West Bengal (5) None of these
56. Which of the following railway zones has launched mobile app to help people navigate through Prayagraj city during Kumbh Mela?
(1) North Eastern Railway (2) Northeast Frontier Railway
(3) North Western Railway (4) North Central Railway (5) None of these
57. Which of the following trains has been named as Vande Bharat Express?
(1) Deccan Odyssey (2) Golden Chariot (3) Lifeline Express
(4) Train 18 (5) None of these
58. Which city is the venue of the 2019 Indian Panorama Film Festival (IPFF)?
(1) Lucknow (2) Panaji (3) Pune (4) New Delhi (5) None of these
59. Which state government has declared Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival (PPHF) as the "State Festival"?
(1) Manipur (2) Arunachal Pradesh (3) Nagaland
(4) Meghalaya (5) None of these
60. Who is the newly appointed Chief Information Commissioner (CIC)?
(1) Sudhir Bhargava (2) Vanaja N. Sarna (3) Suresh Chandra
(4) Yashwardhan Sinha (5) None of these
61. Who has taken charge as the first Chief Justice of Telangana High Court?
(1) T B Radhakrishnan (2) Chagari Praveen Kumar
(3) Sarasa Venkatanarayana Bhatti (4) Akula Venkata Sesha Sai (5) None of these

62. Who has been sworn-in as new president of Brazil?
 (1) Michel Temer (2) Fernando Haddad (3) Jair Bolsonaro
 (4) Hamilton Mourao (5) None of these
63. Justice AK Sikri has become the new Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), which of the following is not a function of NALSA?
 (1) Speedy disposal of cases
 (2) Free legal services to the weaker sections
 (3) Organise Lok Adalats
 (4) Deals with grievances related to RTI requests
 (5) None of these
64. Who has been appointed as Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)?
 (1) Ajay Jain (2) Kuldeep Saxena (3) Hemant Bhargava
 (4) Saurabh Kumar (5) None of these
65. Who has been appointed acting Chairman of LIC?
 (1) Sunita Sharma (2) B Venugopal (3) Hemant Bhargava
 (4) Usha Sangwan (5) None of these
66. Who has been appointed the new Director-General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?
 (1) Kumar Rajesh Chandra (2) Alok Verma (3) Vivek Tyagi
 (4) P S Mukherjee (5) None of these
67. Who has become first Indian to head Global Solar Council (GSC)?
 (1) Kirti Ranjan (2) Pranav R Mehta (3) Mayur A Seth
 (4) Naveen Kumar (5) None of these
68. Who has been appointed new Prime Minister of Taiwan?
 (1) Chen Shui-bian (2) Tsai Ing-wen (3) Su Tseng-chang
 (4) William Lai (5) None of these
69. Which Indian journalist has been appointed president of the Alliance for Media Freedom (AFMF)?
 (1) Vineet Jain (2) N Ram (3) Shaili Chopra (4) Shoma Chaudhury (5) None of these
70. Who was the first Commander-in-Chief of Indian Army post Independence?
 (1) K M Cariappa (2) Sam Manekshaw (3) K S Thimayya
 (4) P P Kumaramangalam (5) None of these
71. Who has been appointed as Director General (Investigation) in the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?
 (1) Amit Kulshrestha (2) S N Pradhan (3) Prabhat Singh
 (4) Pradeep Das (5) None of these
72. Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Sweden?
 (1) Gustav Fridolin (2) Stefan Lofven (3) Ulf Kristersson
 (4) Jimmie Akesson (5) None of these
73. Who is the head of the IBBI working group to suggest a suitable framework for Group Insolvency?
 (1) Anshula Kant (2) Shardul Shroff (3) UK Sinha
 (4) Pradeep Kumar (5) None of these

74. Who has been sworn-in as the new President of Madagascar?
 (1) Freddy Tinasoa (2) Marc Ravalomanana (3) Andry Rajoelina
 (4) Jean Pierre Rakoto (5) None of these
75. Who has been named as the new King of Malaysia?
 (1) Ahmad Shah (2) Abdul Rahim (3) Sultan Abdullah
 (4) Sirajuddin (5) None of these
76. Which Indian personality has been appointed the WHO regional director for South-East Asia?
 (1) Indira Hinduja (2) Shashi Wadhwa (3) M. Subhadra Nair
 (4) Poonam Khetrapal Singh (5) None of these
77. Who has become the first monarch of Malaysia to resign before completing tenure?
 (1) Abdul Halim (2) Ismail Petra (3) Nasiruddin Shah
 (4) Muhammad V (5) None of these
78. Who has become the first Indian business tycoon to be named "Fugitive Economic Offender (FEO)"?
 (1) Mehul Choksi (2) Nirav Modi (3) Subrata Roy
 (4) Vijay Mallya (5) None of these
79. CH Lokanath, who passed away recently, was the veteran stage and cine artist of which language?
 (1) Tamil (2) Kannada (3) Telugu (4) Odia (5) None of these
80. Shivakumara Swami was the spiritual leader of which sect, who passed away recently?
 (1) Vaishnavism (2) Shaivism (3) Shaktism
 (4) Tantrism (5) None of these
81. Masazo Nonaka, who passed away recently, was the world's oldest man of which country?
 (1) Japan (2) South Korea (3) Germany (4) Spain (5) None of these
82. Which Indian player has been named as the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2018?
 (1) Jhulan Goswami (2) Harmanpreet Kaur (3) Mithali Raj
 (4) Smriti Mandhana (5) None of these
83. The 3rd edition of the National Entrepreneurship Awards (NEA) hosted by which Union ministry?
 (1) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
 (2) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
 (3) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
 (4) Ministry of Human Resource Development
 (5) None of these
84. Who has been conferred with ISRS National Geospatial Award for Excellence-2017 (LTA Award)?
 (1) Jayanta Kumar Ghosh (2) Manorhar Reddy (3) Hardeep Singh Puri
 (4) Pon Radhakrishnan (5) None of these
85. Who is the recipient of the Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Award for Investigative Reporting (Print category)?
 (1) Sandhya Ravishankar (2) Anand Kumar Patel (3) S Vijay Kumar
 (4) Sushant Kumar Singh (5) None of these

86. Who has been honored with Lifetime Achievement Award by the West Bengal Film Journalists Association (WBFJA)?
 (1) Mithun Chakrabarty (2) Buddhadeb Dasgupta (3) Moushumi Chatterjee
 (4) Subhashish Mukherjee (5) None of these
87. Who has won the newly-instituted Sushila Devi Literature Award?
 (1) Namita Gokhale (2) Keki N. Daruwalla (3) Pratibha Satpathy
 (4) Srinibash Udghata (5) None of these
88. Who has won the Franco-German Human Rights Award?
 (1) Maria da Penha (2) Yu Wensheng (3) Thun Saray
 (4) Wang Qiaoling (5) None of these
89. Who has become the first Indian athlete to be nominated in Laureus World Comeback of Year Award?
 (1) Vinesh Phogat (2) Hima Das (3) Mary Kom
 (4) Muhammed Anas Yahiya (5) None of these
90. Which state government has announced Shaurya Award for Students?
 (1) Sikkim (2) Haryana (3) Himachal Pradesh
 (4) Rajasthan (5) None of these
91. Which Indian-born personality is the recipient of the 2019 Japan Prize for his outstanding contribution to sustainable soil management?
 (1) Rattan Lal (2) Jayant Narlikar (3) Rohini Godbole
 (4) Raghunath Mashelkar (5) None of these
92. Which Indian-American philanthropist has been conferred with the 2019 Rosa Parks Trailblazer award?
 (1) Dalip Singh Saund (2) Balvir Singh (3) Manka Dhingra
 (4) Gurinder Singh Khalsa (5) None of these
93. Who has won the 'Prabha Khaitan Woman's Voice Award' at the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF-2019)?
 (1) Arundhati Subramaniam (2) Vikram Seth (3) Keki N. Daruwalla
 (4) Ranjani Murali (5) None of these
94. Who has been bestowed with the 2017 Saraswati Samman?
 (1) Ramakanta Rath (2) Padma Sachdev (3) Mahabaleshwar Sail
 (4) Sitanshu Yashashchandra (5) None of these
95. Who among the following has/have been awarded Bharat Ratna posthumously in 2019?
 (1) Bhupen Hazarika (2) Nanaji Deshmukh (3) Both (1) & (2)
 (4) Madan Mohan Malaviya (5) None of these
96. Which railway zone has bagged No.1 position for cleanliness in India?
 (1) Western Railway (2) Central Railway (3) Southern Railway
 (4) North Western Railway (5) None of these
97. Which Indian bowler has become the highest International Wicket-Taker in 2018?
 (1) Mohammed Shami (2) Kuldeep Yadav (3) Jasprit Bumrah
 (4) Ravichandran Ashwin (5) None of these

98. Who has become the first Indian to win in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship?
(1) Narain Karthikeyan (2) Ashwin Sundar (3) Jehan Daruvala
(4) Karun Chandhok (5) None of these
99. Which country has been named as the host of 2019 Africa Cup of Nations?
(1) Cameroon (2) Egypt (3) Morocco (4) Ivory Coast (5) None of these
100. Who has been named as India's Chef de Mission for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?
(1) Birendra Prasad Baishya (2) Brij Bhushan Saran Singh (3) Abhinav Bindra
(4) Sukhdev Sharma (5) None of these
101. Which of the following Indian players has recently received the honorary membership of the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG)?
(1) Cheteshwar Pujara (2) Shikhar Dhawan (3) Rohit Sharma
(4) Virat Kohli (5) None of these
102. Which of the following franchise teams has won the 5th season of Premier Badminton League (PBL) title?
(1) Hyderabad Hunters (2) Chennai Smashers (3) Bengaluru Raptors
(4) Mumbai Rockets (5) None of these
103. Shakil Ahmed, who is in news recently, is associated with which sports?
(1) Swimming (2) Indoor rowing (3) Judo (4) Chess (5) None of these
104. Who has become the youngest gold medallist in shooting at the Khelo India Youth Games 2019?
(1) Mehuli Ghosh (2) Devanshi Rana (3) Abhinav Shaw
(4) Pratap Singh Tomar (5) None of these
105. Who has been named as the chief coach for the Indian women boxers?
(1) Gurbax Singh Sandhu (2) Anoop Kumar (3) Chhote Lal Yadav
(4) Mohammed Ali Qamar (5) None of these
106. D Gukesh, who has been crowned India's youngest Grandmaster (GM), is from which state?
(1) Karnataka (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Andhra Pradesh
(4) Kerala (5) None of these
107. Who has become the first Indian and youngest man to climb the seven highest peaks and volcanic summits across all continents?
(1) Mamta Sodha (2) Jaahnavi Sriperambuduru (3) Malavath Purna
(4) Satyarup Siddhanta (5) None of these
108. Which Indian golfer has won the New South Wales men's Amateur Golf Championship in Australia?
(1) Anirban Lahiri (2) Kartik Sharma (3) Shiv Chawrasia
(4) Aman Raj (5) None of these
109. Which state has topped ACI's Ease Of Doing Business (EDB) Index 2018?
(1) Gujarat (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Maharashtra
(4) Delhi (5) None of these
110. What is the India's position at the 2019 Henley and Partners Passport Index?
(1) 81st (2) 62nd (3) 43rd (4) 79th (5) None of these

111. What is the India's rank at the Global Talent Competitive Index (GTCI) 2019?
 (1) 80th (2) 64th (3) 76th (4) 98th (5) None of these
112. Which country is the largest producer of crude steel in the world, according to latest report of World Steel Association (WSA)?
 (1) China (2) South Korea (3) Japan (4) India (5) None of these
113. Which country holds the first-ever Annual Disarmament and International Security Affairs Fellowship Programme?
 (1) Japan (2) India (3) Bhutan (4) South Korea (5) None of these
114. Which union ministry has decided to organize Shehri Samridhi Utsav?
 (1) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
 (2) Ministry of Women and Child Development
 (3) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
 (4) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 (5) None of these
115. The Ministry of Finance has started which series on Twitter to educate general public about the budgetary process?
 (1) Know Budgetary Process (2) Know Your Budget (3) Know Your Economy
 (4) Know Making of Budget (5) None of these
116. Which country is hosting the 2nd World Integrated Medicine Forum (WIMF-2019)?
 (1) China (2) Japan (3) India (4) Russia (5) None of these
117. In which year, India would participate in the International Student Assessment (PISA)?
 (1) 2023 (2) 2020 (3) 2021 (4) 2022 (5) None of these
118. Which country has launched 'Fair Value for Innovation' at Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi?
 (1) United States (2) Germany (3) France
 (4) Japan (5) None of these
119. The German parliament has classified which of the following North African states as safe countries of origin?
 (1) Algeria (2) Tunisia (3) Morocco (4) All of the above (5) None of these
120. Who is the author of the novel 'Zindaginama'?
 (1) Rahul Sankrityayan (2) Krishna Sobti (3) Mridula Garg
 (4) Chitra Mudgal (5) None of these

Ans: 1-2, 2-3, 3-3, 4-2, 5-3, 6-2, 7-2, 8-2, 9-1, 10-3, 11-3, 12-4, 13-1, 14-1, 15-1, 16-2, 17-2, 18-2, 19-2, 20-2, 21-1, 22-2, 23-4, 24-2, 25-2, 26-1, 27-1, 28-3, 29-4, 30-4, 31-1, 32-1, 33-2, 34-1, 35-3, 36-1, 37-4, 38-2, 39-1, 40-2, 41-1, 42-2, 43-3, 44-4, 45-1, 46-4, 47-4, 48-4, 49-1, 50-2, 51-3, 52-2, 53-1, 54-1, 55-2, 56-4, 57-4, 58-4, 59-2, 60-1, 61-1, 62-3, 63-4, 64-4, 65-3, 66-1, 67-2, 68-3, 69-2, 70-1, 71-3, 72-2, 73-3, 74-3, 75-3, 76-4, 77-4, 78-4, 79-2, 80-2, 81-1, 82-4, 83-3, 84-1, 85-3, 86-2, 87-1, 88-2, 89-1, 90-2, 91-1, 92-4, 93-4, 94-4, 95-3, 96-3, 97-3, 98-3, 99-2, 100-1, 101-4, 102-3, 103-2, 104-3, 105-4, 106-2, 107-4, 108-2, 109-2, 110-4, 111-1, 112-1, 113-2, 114-4, 115-2, 116-3, 117-3, 118-1, 119-4, 120-2.

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