

1. Question: Which country won tennis' prestigious Hopman Cup for 2018 on 6 January 2018 ?

Answer: Switzerland won the 30th edition of Hopman Cup by defeating Germany 2-1 in the final in Perth (Australia).

2. Question: Which state to host the 39th National Games in 2022 ?

Answer: Meghalaya

3. Question: RBI has initiated PCA against Allahabad Bank over its high bad loans. What does "PCA" stands for ?

Answer: Prompt Corrective Action

4. Question: Who has been appointed as the new Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) ?

Answer: Rajinder Khanna

5. Question: India's second largest rooftop solar plant was commissioned by GAIL on 1 January 2018 in which state ?

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

6. Question: Who has taken charge as the new CEO and MD of Infosys ?

Answer: Salil S Parekh, an aeronautical engineer from IIT Bombay.

7. Question: India and which country exchange 27th list of nuclear installations?

Answer: Pakistan

8. Question: After Sikkim, which North-East state has been officially declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) ?

Answer: Arunachal Pradesh

9. Question: Which team wins Ranji Trophy 2017-18 tournament ?

Answer: Vidarbha. It is Vidarbha's first Ranji Trophy title.

10. Question: The Anti-Leprosy Day is observed on which date in India ?

Answer: January 30

11. Question: Who has been elected as the new President of Finland ?

Answer: Sauli Niinisto

12. Question: Which is Oxford Dictionary's Hindi Word Of 2017 ?

Answer: Aadhar

13. Question: Which state government has launched 'Shakti' app for women's safety in the state ?

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

14. Question: Who won the Men's singles title of Australian Open 2018?

Answer: Roger Federer

15. Question: Who won the women's singles title of Australian Open 2018?

Answer: Caroline Wozniacki

16. Question: Sandeep Lamichhane has become the first Nepal cricketer to get IPL contract. He will play under which IPL team ?

Answer: Delhi Daredevils

17. Question: Dr. Gurcharan Singh Kalkat, who passed away on 27 January 2018, was a pioneer associated with which field?

Answer: Agriculture

18. Question: Which state won the award for "Best Tableau" at the 69th Republic Day Parade held on 26 January 2018?

Answer: Maharashtra

19. Question: Who becomes first Woman Indian Banks' Association (IBA) Chief?

Answer: Usha Ananthasubramanian

20. Question: The cultural extravaganza "2018 Bharat Parv" will organise from which Indian monument?

Answer: Red Fort

21. Question: Who among following was awarded Kirti Chakra 2018?

Answer: Major Vijayant Bisht

22. Question: Who among following was awarded Ashok Chakra 2018 ?
Answer: Commando Jyoti Prakash Nirala
23. Question: India Ranks ---- in Environmental Performance Index 2017 ?
Answer: 177
24. Question: India Ranks ---- on Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2018 ?
Answer: 81st
25. Question: Which country to host the 6th edition of ICC Women's World Twenty20 2018 ?
Answer: West Indies
26. Question: What is the India's GDP growth forecast for 2018, as per IMF's latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) update ?
Answer: India's GDP growth forecast has projected to 7.4% in 2018 and 7.8% in 2019.
27. Question: Who has been appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) ?
Answer: Om Prakash Rawat. He will succeed A.K. Joti on January 23, 2018.
28. Question: Who has been appointed as the new DG of National Security Guard (NSG) ?
Answer: Sudeep Lakhtakia. He will take over from S P Singh, the current chief of the elite counter terror force.
29. Question: Jo Jo White, the renowned basketball player has passed away. He hailed from which country ?
Answer: United States
30. Question: Who has become the new Governor of Madhya Pradesh?
Answer: Anandiben Patel. She succeeded Om Prakash Kohli, who was holding the additional charge of the office of MP Governor along with the office of Gujarat Governor.

31. Question: Which country's team has won the 5th edition of Blind Cricket World Cup 2018 ?

Answer: India, by defeating Pakistan in the final by two wickets at Sharjah in United Arab Emirates (UAE).

32. Question: Which state government has launched Nanaji Deshmukh Krishi Sanjivani Yojana to promote climate-resilient agriculture ?

Answer: Maharashtra

33. Question: Which state has become the India's first state to launch Public Cloud Policy to speed up e-governance?

Answer: Maharashtra

34. Question: Which state government has launched Mukhyamantri Kalakar Sahayata Yojana (MKSY) for artists?

Answer: Odisha

35. Question: Who headed the Committee which scrapped the Haj subsidy ?

Answer: Afzal Amanullah

36. Question: Government declare year 2018 as the 'National Year of Millets'. This decision has been taken following a request by which state?

Answer: Karnataka, which is the country's leader in the millet sector.

37. Question: N. Vembusamy Sankaran, the renowned journalist and theatre personality has passed away. He hailed from which state?

Answer: Tamil Nadu

38. Question: What is the new name of the iconic Teen Murti Chowk war memorial in Delhi?

Answer: Teen Murti Haifa Chowk. Haifa is the name of the Israeli port city that was freed from the hands of a joint Ottoman, German and Austro-Hungarian force by Indian soldiers.

39. Question: What is India's rank in the Global Manufacturing Index (GMI) that was released by World Economic Forum (WEF) on 14 January 2018?

Answer: 30th

40. Question: ISRO has successfully launched Cartosat 2 Series satellite into space from which launch vehicle?

Answer: PSLV C-40

41. Question: Who is the first woman lawyer to be directly appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court by the collegium of Supreme Court?

Answer: Indu Malhotra

42. Question: Which day is celebrated as National Youth Festival?

Answer: 12 January

43. Question: 18th All India Whips' Conference held in which city?

Answer: Udaipur (Rajasthan), inaugurated by Shri Ananth Kumar, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Chemical & Fertilizers.

44. Question: Army Technology Seminar 2018 was held in which city?

Answer: The second edition of Army Technology Seminar was organised at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi.

1. Who has been sworn-in as the new Chairman of the Federal Reserve?

Answer: Jerome H Powell

2. Question: The Ghodazari Wildlife Sanctuary (GWS) will come up in which state?

Answer: Maharashtra, Chandrapur district.

3. Question: Which state government has launched the 'Gobardhan Yojana' to support farmers ?

Answer: Haryana

4. Question: What is India's rank in the Global Democracy Index 2018 compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)?

Answer: India has slipped from 32nd place to 42nd place.

5. Question: Who has taken charge as the new Director General of the National Security Guard (NSG)?

Answer: Sandeep Lakhtakia

6. Question: Who is author of the book “Exam Warriors” ?

Answer: Narendra Modi

7. Question: Who has been honoured with the 2018 Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman award ?

Answer: Shesh Anand Madhukar

8. Question: Which country is the partner country at the 32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2018?

Answer: Kyrgyzstan

9. Question: What is the name given to the 4% cess announced in the Union Budget 2018-19 on 1 February 2018 that will replace the present 3% Education cess ?

Answer: Health and Education Cess

10. Question: Who has been appointed the new director general of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) ?

Answer: Neelam Kapoor

11. Question: Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley presented the Union Budget for 2018-19 on 1 February 2018. What is fiscal deficit target for 2018-19 ?

Answer: 3.3% of GDP against earlier (2017) target of 3% of GDP.

12. Question: Which state won Vijay Hazare Trophy for 2017-18 on 27 February 2018 ?

Answer: Karnataka won the Vijay Hazare Trophy for 2018 by defeating Saurashtra by 41 runs.

13. Question: Who has been appointed as the new editor-in-chief of the television channel Rajya Sabha TV ?

Answer: Rahul Mahajan. He is currently a consulting editor in Prasar Bharati.

14. Question: The 2018 Winter Olympics held at PyeongChang (South Korea) concluded on 25 February 2018. Which country topped the medals tally?

Answer: Norway with 14 gold medals, 14 silver medals and 11 bronze medals.

15. Question: What is the theme of the 2018 National Science Day (NSD) which was observed on 28th February ?

Answer: Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future.

16. Question: Avani Chaturvedi has become the first Indian woman to fly fighter aircraft solo. She hails from which state?

Answer: Madhya Pradesh. She became the first-ever Indian woman to fly a fighter aircraft solo as she flew a 30-minute solo sortie in a MiG-21 at the Jamnagar air base.

17. Question: Which committee has been constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to look into bank frauds?

Answer: Y H Malegam committee. A 5-member expert Committee.

18. Question: Which country has recently declared to impose a 'carbon tax' from 2019 to cut its greenhouse gas emissions?

Answer: Singapore

19. Question: Which commercial entity has proposed to build a super-fast hyperloop transportation system in India that would connect Pune with the new airport in Mumbai?

Answer: British tycoon Richard Branson-backed Virgin Hyperloop One.

20. Question: M.S. Anantharaman, who passed away, was noted personality of which musical instrument?

Answer: Violin

21. Question: Which station of Rajasthan has become India's only non-suburban railway station to be entirely run by women, as was disclosed on 19 February 2018 ?

Answer: Gandhinagar (Jaipur)

22. Question: Which city is hosting the World Congress on Information Technology ?

Answer: Hyderabad

23. Question: Who has been sworn-in as new President of South Africa ?
Answer: Cyril Ramaphosa, head of the ruling African National Congress (ANC).

24. Question: India Pharma & India Medical Device 2018 held in which city ?
Answer: Bengaluru

25. Question: Who has been named the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2017 ?
Answer: Sanjiv Bajaj, managing director of Bajaj Finserv.

26. Question: Who has been sworn-in as the new Prime Minister of Nepal ?
Answer: Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli, the chairperson of Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist) , as the 41st Prime Minister of Nepal.

27. Question: Who has been elected as the new President of Sahitya Akademi ?
Answer: Noted Kannada litterateur Chandrashekar Kambar.

28. Question: What is the theme of the 2018 World Radio Day (WRD) ?
Answer: Radio and Sports

29. Question: What is India's forest and tree cover in the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2017 ?
Answer: 24.39%

30. Question: Who was recently Conferred the Grand Collar Of The State Of Palestine?
Answer: Narendra Modi was conferred the 'Grand Collar of the State of Palestine' by President of Palestine Mahmoud Abbas, recognising his key contribution to promote relations between India and Palestine.

31. Question: Who becomes ICC's 1st Independent Female Director ?
Answer: Indra Nooyi, the India-born PepsiCo Chairman and CEO.

32. Question: Which state has topped the Health Index progressive report, which is recently released by NITI Aayog?
Answer: Kerala

33. Question: Which state has topped the overall medal tally at the first-ever Khelo India School Games 2018?

Answer: Haryana winning the 102 medals which include 38 gold and 26 silver.

1. Name the incumbent President of Egypt who has been re-elected for a second term on the post?

Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

2. Who has been elected as new president of Myanmar 2018?

Win Myint

3. Which country's chief justice was removed by the Judicial Council amid a raging dispute over his multiple birth certificates?

Nepal

4. With which country China agreed to A Roadmap for Addressing Trade Imbalance?

India

5. India's ranks ___ on WEF Energy Transition Index?

78th

6. Miles-18 first ever multination naval exercise is held in which sea area?

Andaman Sea

7. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has approved the membership of which country as 69th member?

India

8. India's first sign language dictionary contains how many words?

3000

9. In which state PM Modi and French President inaugurated 75 MW solar plant?

Uttar Pradesh

10. Which district has become the first in country to have 100 percent solar powered Primary Health Centers.

Surat

11. In which state India's first Insect Museum Opened?

Tamil Nadu

12. In which State, India's tallest flag was unfurled ?

Karnataka

13. The first G20 ministerial meeting 2018 of finance ministers and central bank governors has kicked off in which country?

Argentina

14. Which airport received the award for being the 'Most Improved Airport' in the Asia Pacific region?

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport

15. Who has been conferred with the 2018 G.K. Reddy Memorial National Award for excellence in journalism?

Karan Thapar

16. Which Indian film bags the Grand Prix de Montreal at the gala?

Halkaa

17. Who becomes the first Indian to win 2018 Pritzker Prize?

Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi

18. Which hockey team has won the 8th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2018?

Hockey Punjab

19. Which country's U-16 football team has lifted Jockey cup?

India

20. The new high jump record created by Tejaswin Shankar is -----.
2.28 m

21. Which island has created its virtual currency equaling USD?
Marshall Island

22. Who appointed as acting Chairperson of NGT?
Jawad Rahim

23. Who has been elected as the new president of Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru?
N Chandrasekaran

24. Which US State has announced to declare April as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month?
New Jersey

25. Which country withdraws from International Criminal Court?
Philippines

26. Which country has amended its constitution to remove the two term limit for the presidency?
China

27. The first phase of Indo-French joint naval exercise 'Varuna 2018' was conducted in which state?
Goa

28. India ranks _____ in 2018 global happiness index.
133

29. What is the rank of India in the Mastercard Index of Women Entrepreneurs (MIWE) 2018?
52

30. The Indian Navy has decommissioned 3 Karwar-class minesweepers namely ?
Konkan, Cuddalore, and Cannanore

31. Which frigate of the Indian Navy, was decommissioned in Mumbai, after over three decades of service?

INS Ganga

32. Based on the recent report of Global cyber security provider – Kaspersky Lab, what is the rank of India worldwide in the list of countries facing web-borne threats?

33rd

33. Which city in the world goes wireless ?

Varanasi

34. Andhra Pradesh stands at which position in Poverty Index?

51st

35. Which state CM has announced 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Kosh' scheme for Single Woman?

Madhya Pradesh

36. Where was World Ocean Summit 2018 held?

Mexico

37. Which state bags 'Water Digest Award' for best water conservation and irrigation facility?

Chattisgarh

38. The short film _____ has won an award at Best of India Short Film Festival in Los Angeles, US.

Shunyata

39. Queen Elizabeth has conferred which award to Srishti Bakshi?

Commonwealth Point of Light Award

40. Indian shooter Muskan got Gold medal in which event at the ISSF Junior World Cup?

25m Pistol Women Junior

41. Who won the 2018 Australian Grand Prix?

Sebastian Vettel

42. Winter Paralympics 2018 is taking place at _____.

Pyeongchang

43. Name the 1st Indian Woman to Win Gold medal In Asian Wrestling Championship?

Navjot Kaur

44. Which country has launched hypersonic "Kinzhal" missile?

Russia

45. Who has been named as the ambassador of 'Educate Girls'?

Katrina Kaif

1. Question: Who has become the first woman lawyer to be directly promoted as a judge of the Supreme Court (SC)?

Answer: **Indu Malhotra, is the seventh woman judge in the top court since Independence. Only six women judges have made it to the Supreme Court so far. Other women judges were elevated to the Supreme Court from high courts.**

2. Question: What is the theme of the 2018 World Malaria Day (WMD)?

Answer: **Ready to beat malaria**

3. Question: Prime Minister Narendra Modi re-launched Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) on 24 April 2018 at which place?

Answer: **Mandla, Madhya Pradesh**

4. Question: Union Government withdrew the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) totally from which Northeastern state, as was disclosed on 23 April 2018?

Answer: **Meghalaya. The Centre has also withdrawn the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) from eight out of 16 police stations in Arunachal Pradesh.**

5. Question: The coastal security exercise "Sagar Kavach" was held in which state?

Answer: **Kerala. Apart from the Indian Coast Guard, the Indian Navy, Coastal Police and Marine Enforcement wing and various other security stakeholders also participated in the exercise.**

6. Question: The space station lab of which country re-entered the earth's atmosphere and burnt over the middle of South Pacific recently?

Answer: **China**

7. Question: Which country has lost vote to join Britain in the spy poisoning probe?

Answer: **Russia's call for a joint investigation with Britain in the case of nerve-agent poisonings of a former Russian spy and his daughter in the United Kingdom.**

8. Question: Name the farthest star that was recently seen by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope?

Answer: **NASA has discovered the most distant star ever seen named 'Icarus'. This huge blue star is located over halfway across the universe. It took nine billion years for the Icarus' light to reach the Earth.**

9. Question: The bilateral military exercise "Harimau Shakti 2018" will be conducted between India and which country?

Answer: **Malaysia**

10. Question: Which among the following cities has become India's first city to run on 100% Renewable Energy during daytime ?

Answer: **Diu. It had been importing 73% of its power from Gujarat until last year (2017).**

11. Question: Which country suspend Membership In UNASUR Regional Bloc recently?

Answer: **Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay and Peru had decided to temporarily leave the Union.**

12. Question: Which country is hosting the meeting of the Council of foreign ministers of the SCO 2018 ?

Answer: **The meeting of the Council of foreign ministers of the member states of**

the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) will be held in Beijing, China on April 24, 2018.

13. Question: Who wins Chinese Grand Prix 2018?

Answer: **Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo.**

14. Question: The much-awaited river bridge "Ib Setu" has recently opened to public in which state?

Answer: **Odisha. It is built over the Ib river in Sambalpur district.**

15. Question: Which country has recently become the signatory member of International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

Answer: **The United Kingdom has formally joined the India-led International Solar Alliance (ISA).**

16. Question: Which state government has issued a protocol to confirm brain death cases?

Answer: **The state government of Kerala has issued guidelines to be followed to confirm brain death cases.**

17. Question: The government of which state will be starting free chemotherapy units for cancer patients?

Answer: **The Maharashtra state government is going to start free chemotherapy units for cancer patients in selected district hospitals.**

18. Question: Which city hosted the first International conference on Water, Environment and Climate Change?

Answer: **The first international conference on 'Water, Environment and Climate Change: Knowledge Sharing and Partnership' was inaugurated in Kathmandu, Nepal on April 10.**

19. Question: Which sportsperson has been named UN World Tourism organization's tourism ambassador?

Answer: **The UN Westworld Tourism Organization has appointed Argentina's football star Lionel Messi as its ambassador to promote responsible tourism.**

20. Question: Which bank replaces SBI to become India's second most valued bank in the country?

Answer: **Kotak Mahindra Bank**

21. Question: Who became the youngest Indian to win a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games?

Answer: **Anish Bhanwala. He shot down the CWG record in the 25m Rapid Fire final.**

22. Question: Which state government launched the Ganga Hariteema Yojana?

Answer: **Uttar Pradesh**

23. Question: Who has taken charge as the new secretary of the Press Council of India (PCI)?

Answer: **Anupama Bhatnagar, the senior Indian Information Service (IIS) officer. She succeeded Vibha Bhargava.**

24. Question: Which city hosted the Global Logistics Summit (GLS-2018)?

Answer: **GLS-2018 was held in New Delhi to improve logistics and connectivity which are vital for increasing intra-state and international trade flows.**

25. Question: Which state won the 2018 Santosh Trophy?

Answer: **The Kerala football team has won the 72nd edition of Santosh Trophy Football tournament 2018 by defeating West Bengal in the final by 4-2 at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata.**

26. Question: Which of the following cities has become the India's first city to switch from BS-IV grade fuels to BS-VI Norms?

Answer: **Delhi**

27. Question: What is the theme of the 2018 World Earth Day (22 April WED)?

Answer: **End Plastic Pollution**

28. Question: What is name of official Mascot of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019?

Answer: **Son of Dreams**

29. Question: Which African country on 18 April 2018 change the name of his country to "Kingdom of eSwatini" ?

Answer: **Swaziland**

30. Question: As per IMF's World Economic Outlook (WEO), India has displaced which country to emerge as the world's sixth largest economy?

Answer: **France. With Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of \$2.6 trillion, India is now the world's sixth largest economy.**

31. Question: IAU named one crater on Pluto's largest moon Charon after which mythological character from Mahabharata?

Answer: **Revati**

32. Question: Who is the India's flag-bearer at the closing ceremony of the 21st Commonwealth Games 2018?

Answer: **Boxer M C Mary Kom, who claimed a Gold on debut at the Commonwealth Games (CWG).**

33. Question: Which movie bagged the best film award at the 65th National Film Awards for 2017?

Answer: **"Village Rockstar" bagged the best film award, while "Newton" has been selected as the Best Hindi Film.**

34. Question: What is the India's rank in the latest 2018 Index of Economic Freedom?

Answer: **India with an economic freedom score of 54.5 points has been ranked 130th in the latest annual Index of Economic Freedom released by a top American think-tank the Heritage Foundation.**

35. Question: What is the theme of the 2018 World Health Day (WHD)?

Answer: **Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere. The World Health Day (WHD) is observed every year on 7 April.**

36. Question: Who bagged India's first medal at the 21st Commonwealth Games 2018?

Answer: **P Gururaja. He won the silver medal in the men's 56 kg final.**

37. Question: Who has been appointed the protem Chairman of the Lalit Kala Akademi?

Answer: **M.L. Srivastava, Joint Secretary (Akademies) of Ministry of Culture, has been appointed the protem Chairman of the Lalit Kala Akademi.**

38. Question: Which state recently announced setting up of child protection committees?

Answer: **West Bengal**

39. Question: Who won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service?

Answer: **The New York Times and The New Yorker, for exposing the powerful and wealthy sexual predators including one of the Hollywood's most influential producers Harvey Weinstein.**

40. Question: NASA launched which mission recently to discover new planets outside the solar system?

Answer: **Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS), the first-of-its-kind mission to discover planets outside the solar system, including some that could support life.**

1. Question: Who has been appointed the first-ever Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) ?

Answer: **Sudha Balakrishnan, the Vice-President of National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL).**

2. Question: Who has been appointed the President of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC)?

Answer: **Former Supreme Court judge Justice R K Agrawal.**

3. Question: Which cricketer was named as the International Cricketer of the Year at CEAT Cricket Ratings awards?

Answer: **India skipper Virat Kohli. Batsman Rohit Sharma collected the award on behalf of Kohli.**

4. Question: Who has won the Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix 2018?

Answer: **Daniel Ricciardo, an Australian racing driver.**

5. Question: Who has become the first Indian to be honoured with the Linnean Medal in Botany?

Answer: **Indian botanist Kamaljit S. Bawa, president of Bengaluru-based non-profit Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE).**

6. Question: Toyota Motor Corp. entered into a technology transfer agreement with which auto company for the development of an ultra high-efficiency powertrain for India ?

Answer: **Toyota Motor Corp., along with Denso Corp., will transfer technology to Suzuki Motor Corp.**

7. Question: Which team wins IPL 2018?

Answer: **Chennai Super Kings has defeated SunRisers Hyderabad to clinch their third Indian Premier League title. With this, Chennai Super Kings equaled Mumbai Indians' record for winning the most number of Indian Premier League titles (3).**

8. Question: Who was chosen for the 2017 Saraswati Samman?

Answer: **Sitanshu Yashaschandra, the Gujarati poet, for his collection of verses titled 'Vakhar'.**

9. Question: Which state has emerged as best in the country in prevention of parent-to-child transmission of HIV?

Answer: **West Bengal**

10. Question: Which scheme was approved in the health sector beyond 12th Five Year Plan for the period from 2017-18 to 2019-20?

Answer: **Cabinet approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) beyond the 12th Five Year Plan for a period of three year from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with the financial outlay of Rs 14832 crores.**

11. Question: Which country has elected its first Sikh Minister ?

Answer: **Malaysia. Gobind Singh Deo is the first member of the minority community in Malaysia's history to be appointed as a minister.**

12. Question: Who was honoured with the PC Chandra Puraskaar 2018?

Answer: **Asha Bhosle was honoured with the Lifetime 26th P C Chandra Puraskaar 2018 at the Science City auditorium in Mumbai.**

13. Question: Which country will host the multi-nation counter-terrorism exercise "Peace Mission 2018" ?

Answer: **Russia. It will be held at the Ural mountains of Russia in September 2018, under the framework of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).**

14. Question: Which city hosted the 6th US-India Aviation Summit 2018 ?

Answer: **Mumbai. The biennial Summit was organised by Ministry of Civil Aviation and US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA).**

15. Question: The world's second oldest rock dating back to 4.2 billion years has been discovered in which Indian state in May 2018 ?

Answer: **Odisha. The only instance of Zircon (oldest known rock sample) older than this discovery was the one found in Jack Hill, Western Australia, which was 4.4 billion years old.**

16. Question: Name the Intellectual Property mascot that was launched recently ?

Answer: **IP Nani**

17. Question: Who has won the prestigious 2018 Man Booker International Prize for fiction ?

Answer: **Polish author Olga Tokarczuk has won the prestigious 2018 Man Booker International Prize for fiction for her novel "Flights".**

18. Question: Which company acquired 72% stake in Bhushan Steel ?

Answer: **Tata Steel has acquired 72.65 per cent controlling stake in Bhushan Steel Ltd (BSL) for around Rs 36,400 crore as part of bankruptcy proceedings.**

19. Question: Which nation has launched the world's first floating nuclear power plant?

Answer: **Russia has launched Akademik Lomonosov, the world's first floating nuclear power plant at the St Petersburg shipyard.**

20. Question: Dilip Tirkey, who is the newly appointed chairman of Odisha

Tourism Development Corporation (OTDC), is the former player of which sports ?

Answer: **Hockey. He was the captain of Indian national hockey team.**

21. Question: Deadly virus Nipah spread from which animal ?
Answer: **Fruit bats of the Pteropodidae Family. Nipah virus (NiV) infection is a newly emerging zoonosis that causes severe disease in both animals and humans. First case of Nipah virus was witnessed in Malaysia in 1998.**

22. Question: Which state government has launched Rythu Bandhu scheme for farmers?
Answer: **The Telangana government has launched Rythu Bandhu (friend of farmers) scheme at Dharmaraju Palle-Indira Nagar village in Karimnagar district.**

23. Question: Chinese company Alibaba buys which Pakistani E-Commerce company?
Answer: **Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba had purchased leading Pakistani online retailer 'Daraz'.**

24. Question: Who was conferred with the "Excellent Woman of Excellence" award at the Women Economic Forum (WEF) 2018 ?
Answer: **Nisha Bhalla. Hailing from Mumbai, India, Nisha (popularly addressed as Eeshaa) is a holistic coach and consultant.**

25. Question: Who has been conferred with the 11th KISS Humanitarian Award 2018 ?
Answer: **Prof. Muhammad Yunus, for his unwavering commitment to eradicate global poverty and foster economic and social development. He is the founder of the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh and is widely known as the Father of Microfinance.**

26. Question: Who was appointed as the independent chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) ?
Answer: **Shashank Manohar, the former BCCI President, will serve a second two-year term as the independent chairman of the International Cricket Council.**

27. Question: Who has won the 2018 Formula 1 Spanish Grand Prix tournament ?
Answer: **Lewis Hamilton, a British racing driver.**

28. Question: Who has been appointed as the new chairman of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) ?

Answer: **Yudhvir Singh Malik. He succeeded Deepak Kumar, who was sent back to his cadre state Bihar before completion of his tenure.**

29. Question: Who was appointed as the Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi ?

Answer: **Uttam Pacharne. Pacharne is a widely respected person in the field of art and has held various important positions.**

30. Question: Who has been appointed the new Cabinet Secretary of India?

Answer: **Pradeep Kumar Sinha, a 1977-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, has been given one year extension to the post of Cabinet Secretary.**

31. Question: Which city to host the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBS-2019)?

Answer: **The 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBS-2019) will be held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh from January 21 to 23, 2019.**

32. Question: Which country has successfully launched a new communication satellite APSTAR-6C into orbit?

Answer: **China**

33. Question: The sports initiative 'Star Khel Mahakumbh' has launched from which state?

Answer: **'Star Khel Mahakumbh' was launched by BJP MP Anurag Thakur and cricketing great Sachin Tendulkar at Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh in the presence of 1,500 athletes.**

34. Question: What is the India's GDP growth rate for 2018-19, as per latest economic data by Asian Development Bank?

Answer: **7.3%**

35. Question: Which Indian-American personality has been appointed as the interim judge to a US civil court of New York City?

Answer: **Deepa Ambekar. She has become the 2nd Indian-American woman judge in the city after Chennai-born Raja Rajeswari.**

36. Question: Who tops Forbes Most Powerful People in the World?
Answer: **Xi Jinping. PM Modi has been ranked ninth in the list of Forbes Most Powerful People in the World.**

37. Question: Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of IRDAI?
Answer: **Subhash Chandra Khuntia, a retired 1981 Karnataka cadre IAS officer.**

38. Question: Government of India (GoI) has launched which nationwide Karyashala for farmer outreach as part of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan?
Answer: **Kisan Kalyan Karyashala. During workshops, farmers from each block will be interacting with agriculture officers and scientists to discuss ways to increase their income through adoption of new technology.**

39. Question: When is the World Press Freedom Day observed every year?
Answer: **The World Press Freedom Day was observed across the world on May 3, 2018 with an aim to celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom, defend the media from attacks and pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives while being on duty.**

40. Question: The joint military exercise "Harimau Shakti 2018" started between India and which country?
Answer: **The first-ever joint Army exercise Harimau Shakti 2018 started between the troops of the Indian and Malaysian armies at Wardieburn Camp in Kuala Lumpur.**

41. Question: Who has become the principal director general of the Press Information Bureau (PIB) ?
Answer: **Sitanshu Kar, a 1983-batch Indian Information Service (IIS) officer, has become the principal director general of the Press Information Bureau (PIB). He succeeded Frank Noronha.**

42. Question: Who has been re-appointed as the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) ?
Answer: **Mallikarjun Kharge**

1. Question: Who has won the 2018 Formula One French Grand Prix tournament 2018 ?
Answer: **Lewis Hamilton, a British racing driver who races in Formula One for Mercedes AMG Petronas.**

2. Question: Which movie won the Best Picture Award at the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards 2018 ?

Answer: **Tumhari Sulu, a movie about a housewife who lands a job as a radio jockey. Irfan Khan was adjudged the Best Actor for his role in the film 'Hindi Medium'.**

3. Question: Which organisation has constituted Expert Committee to frame rules for direct listing of Indian firms abroad ?

Answer: **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) constituted an Expert Committee to frame rules for direct listing of Indian firms abroad.**

4. Question: Which country will host World Cup 2026 ?

Answer: **United States, Mexico and Canada won the right to host the 2026 World Cup after easily beating Morocco in a vote by FIFA member nations in Moscow.**

5. Question: Which committee was constituted by the Union Government to lay down standards for metro rail systems in the country ?

Answer: **E Sreedharan committee. The committee will be headed by E Sreedharan, who is also known as the 'Metro Man'.**

6. Question: Government has launched the Mohanpura Irrigation Project in which state ?

Answer: **Rajgarh district in Madhya Pradesh. The Rs 3,866-crore project includes a dam and a canal system.**

7. Question: Ashish Jakhar has won gold in which sports at the 2018 Asian Junior Athletics Championships in Japan ?

Answer: **Hammer throw. He created a new National U-20 record to clinch the gold medal with a hammer throw of 76.86 in his second attempt while Damneet bagged the silver with a best throw of 74.08.**

8. Question: Which city creates world record over one lakh people performing yoga ?

Answer: **Rajasthan's education city Kota turned into Yoga city when over one lakh people performed yoga at one place at the same time and created a new Guinness World Record on International Yoga day, 21st June. Yog Guru Baba Ramdev and Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje led people to perform Yoga at city's RAC ground.**

9. Question: India recently agreed to hold the first edition of naval exercise “Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)” with which neighbouring country ?
Answer: **The naval forces of India and Bangladesh will conduct the joint patrol exercise “Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)” in the Bay of Bengal.**

10. Question: Supreme Court recently allowed Union government to implement the reservation in promotion policy for SC/ST employees under which article of the Constitution?
Answer: **Article 16**

11. Question: The tri-service joint military exercise Indra-2018 will take place between India and which country ?
Answer: **Russia. It will take place at Indian military base.**

12. Question: Which country recently denied undertaking joint project to develop naval base with India?
Answer: **The Assumption Island, a small island in the Outer Islands of Seychelles north of Madagascar.**

13. Question: Which company acquires US-Based WongDoody for \$75 Million?
Answer: **Infosys**

14. Question: Who is appointed new COO of ICICI Bank?
Answer: **ICICI Bank board has appointed ICICI Prudential Life Insurance CEO Sandeep Bakhshi as whole-time director and chief operating officer (COO).**

15. Question: How many countries will be participating in the 2018 Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Military Exercise ?
Answer: **26 countries, including India, would participate in the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Military Exercise from June 27 to August 2, in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.**

16. Question: Which city to host the 106th Indian Science Congress (ISC-2019)?
Answer: **The 106th Indian Science Congress (ISC-2019) will be held at Lovely Professional University (LPU) in Jalandhar, Punjab from 3rd to 7th January 2019. The theme of the 5-day science congress is 'Future India: Science & Technology'.**

17. Question: Who wins Pulitzer Prize 2018 in Music ?

Answer: **Kendrick Lamar for his album "Damn." Lamar is the first rapper in history to be given the award.**

18. Question: Which country will host European Union Film Festival (EUFF) 2018?

Answer: **Delhi, India**

19. Question: Who gets Santokbaa Humanitarian Award 2018?

Answer: **Child rights activist Kailash Satyarthi and former Chairman of ISRO A S Kiran Kumar. The award includes prize money of Rs.1 crore to each of the awardees.**

20. Question: Who has been posted as the first woman Director General of Police (DGP) of Puducherry?

Answer: **S Sundari Nanda, a 1988 AGMU cadre Indian Police Service officer in the rank of ADGP, has been posted as the first woman Director General of Police (DGP) of Union Territory of Puducherry. Kiran Bedi, the first woman IPS officer of the country, is the Lt Governor of the Union Territory.**

21. Question: Tata Motors signs MoU with which state to promote e-Mobility ?

Answer: **Tata Motors has signed an MoU with the State Government of Maharashtra for deployment of 1,000 electric vehicles (EV). The company also plans to set up EV Charging Stations in the State.**

22. Question: What is the theme of the 2018 World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) ?

Answer: **"Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life." The World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) is observed every year on June 14 across the globe.**

23. Question: Which nuclear-capable missile was successfully test-fired by India on June 3, 2018 ?

Answer: **India on June 3, 2018 successfully test-fired indigenously developed nuclear-capable ballistic missile Agni-5. This was the sixth trial of the state-of-the-art missile Agni-5.**

24. Question: Who wins French Open 2018 men's Single ?
Answer: **Rafael Nadal by defeating Dominic Thiem. This was his 11th French Open title in 14 years.**
25. Question: Which country is hosting the 2018 BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting ?
Answer: **Johannesburg, South Africa. The BRICS comprises Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.**
26. Question: Union government has recently given final clearance to Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP). The project will built across which river?
Answer: **Godavari River. Telangana has received the approval of the biggest lift irrigation project in the country.**
27. Question: India on 4th June 2018 received its cheapest LNG under a long-term deal from which country ?
Answer: **India got first of its cheapest liquefied natural gas (LNG) consignment from Russia at a delivered price of close to \$7 per million British thermal unit (mmBtu).**
28. Question: The World Bank has agreed to provide assistance in which scheme that is worth Rs 6000 crore?
Answer: **Atal Bhujal Yojana. The scheme aims to improve ground water management in priority areas in the country through community participation.**
29. Question: Who was appointed as the fourth deputy governor of RBI ?
Answer: **M K Jain. The government appointed IDBI Bank CEO Mahesh Kumar Jain as the fourth deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).**
30. Question: The Fuego volcano has recently erupted in which country?
Answer: **Guatemala. The Fuego volcano is an active stratovolcano in Guatemala that has recently erupted violently and buried several villages on its southern flank.**
31. Question: Which country recently discovers new planet K2-236b recently?
Answer: **India. The name of the planet is EPIC 211945201b or K2-236b.**

32. Question: Who is appointed acting chairman of UPSC on 10th June 2018 ?
Answer: **Arvind Saxena**

33. Question: Who wins French Open 2018 Women's Single ?
Answer: **World number one Simona Halep has won her first Grand Slam title with a victory over American Sloane Stephens in the French Open 2018 final.**

34. Question: SCO summit 2018 was held 9 - 10 June at which city ?
Answer: **Qingdao, China.**

35. Question: Which country wins Women's Cricket Asia Cup 2018 ?
Answer: **Bangladesh women's cricket team beat India by 3 wickets to win their maiden Asia Cup trophy in Kuala Lumpur.**

36. Question: Indian-American Dhivya Suryadevara becomes CFO of _____ ?
Answer: **Dhivya Suryadevara has been named the Chief Finance Officer of the US's largest automaker, General Motors.**

37. Question: Saweety Boora, who claimed gold at 2018 Umakhanov Memorial Tournament, is associated with which sports ?
Answer: **Boxing. Saweety Boora, is also a former world championships silver-medallist.**

38. Question: Which country will host the 11th World Hindi Conference ?
Answer: **The 11th World Hindi Conference will be held in Mauritius in August 2018 with an aim to increase the popularity of Hindi globally.**

39. Question: When is the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought observed every year ?
Answer: **June 17. The theme of 2018 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought was "Land has true value – invest in it".**

1. Question: Neeraj Chopra is associated with which sports ?
Answer: **Javelin throw. He struck Gold in the Sotteville Athletics meet in France on 17th July 2018.**

2. Question: Which state government has launched a 'happiness curriculum' for school students ?

Answer: **The Delhi government has launched 'Happiness Curriculum' for school students up to class 8. This would include meditation, value education and mental exercises.**

3. Question: Who received the Golden Ball award for best player at the 2018 FIFA World Cup ?

Answer: **Luka Modric. England's Harry Kane won the World Cup Golden Boot Award as top scorer with 6 goals.**

4. Question: Who wins German Grand Prix 2018 ?

Answer: **Honda's Marc Marquez of Spain.**

5. Question: Who is the only invitee from Asia in the Golden Globe Race 2018 ?

Answer: **Indian Naval officer Commander Abhilash Tomy has become the only Asian to be selected to participate.**

6. Question: Which country has topped the 2018 "Soft Power 30" index?

Answer: **United Kingdom. India does not feature in this list.**

7. Question: Which committee has been constituted by the Central Government to review Companies Act 2013 ?

Answer: **Injeti Srinivas Committee (Secretary of Ministry of Corporate Affairs). The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has constituted a 10 Member Committee.**

8. Question: Who has won Wimbledon 2018 Men's singles tournament ?

Answer: **Novak Djokovic won the men's singles Title for the fourth time.**

9. Question: Which journalist was elected as the new President of Delhi and Districts Cricket Association ?

Answer: **Senior journalist Rajat Sharma has beaten World Cup winning India cricketer Madan Lal by 517 votes to become the new president of Delhi and Districts Cricket Association.**

10. Question: Rajasthan government has signed a MoU with which technological giant to provide free digital training to students ?

Answer: Microsoft, to provide free digital training to 9,500 students of 50 government colleges in a year. It will also train 500 faculty members.

11. Question: Which state government will launch "One farmer one transformer" scheme to curb electricity losses ?

Answer: Maharashtra. Under this scheme, the state Government will provide electrical connection for high voltage distribution line to about two lakh farmers of the state.

12. Question: Which state recently granted Religious Minority Status to Jews ?

Answer: The Gujarat Government granted religious minority status to Jewish community living in the state.

13. Question: Who has won Wimbledon 2018 women singles tournament ?

Answer: Angelique Kerber, by defeating 7-time winner Serena Williams. With the win, Kerber has become the first German woman to win the title since Steffi Graf in 1996.

14. Question: Name the Indians who won the 2018 Ramon Magsaysay Award ?

Answer: Two Indians, namely, Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk won the 2018 Ramon Magsaysay Award, the Asian version of the Nobel Prize.

15. Question: Which state has topped the "Ease of doing business" rankings, as per State Business Reform Assessment 2018 ?

Answer: Andhra Pradesh, while Telangana is in 2nd and Haryana is in 3rd position.

16. Question: Who is the most followed female leader in the world, as per Twiplomacy 2018 ?

Answer: India's external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj is not only the most followed female world leader but also the most followed foreign minister in the world.

17. Question: Which planet will make its closest approach to Earth in 15 years on July 31, 2018 ?

Answer: The red planet, Mars will make the closest approach to Earth in the last fifteen years on July 31, 2018.

18. Question: What is the India's rank in the 2018 Global Innovation Index (GII) ?
Answer: **India has been ranked 57th most innovative nation among 130 countries in the 11th edition of Global Innovation Index (GII-2018), which is developed jointly by Cornell University, INSEAD and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).**

19. Question: What is the theme of the 2018 World Population Day (WPD) ?
Answer: **Family Planning Is A Human Right. The World Population Day (WPD) is observed every year on July 11.**

20. Question: The Lok Sabha passed the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2017. The Act deals with ?
Answer: **The Act has been amended to deal firmly with cheque bounce cases.**

21. Question: The United Nations recently constituted a High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation. Who will head the panel ?
Answer: **Jack Ma. The panel will be co-chaired by Melinda Gates,**

22. Question: As per World Bank's data on the gross domestic product (GDP) of countries for 2017, India holds which rank among the world's largest economies ?
Answer: **India has surpassed France to become the world's 6th largest economy, as per World Bank data on the gross domestic product (GDP) of countries for 2017.**

23. Question: Who clinched the gold medal in the vault event of FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin ?
Answer: **Deepa Karmakar**

24. Question: Who has been appointed as new Chairman of Payments Council of India (PCI) ?
Answer: **Vishwas Patel, who is Director at Infibeam Avenues, has been appointed as new Chairman of Payments Council of India (PCI). He succeeded Naveen Surya, who has been elevated to the post of Chairman Emeritus.**

25. Question: The Union government constituted which high-level committee to check mob lynching?
Answer: **Rajiv Gauba committee**

26. Question: Which country hosted the 42nd World Heritage Committee meeting ?

Answer: **Bahrain's capital Manama.**

27. Question: Who has been conferred with the National Kalidas Samman in visual arts by the Madhya Pradesh government ?

Answer: **Anjolie Ela Menon, a well known muralist. Beside her, Artist A. Ramachandran was also conferred with the Kalidas Award.**

28. Question: Which IIT launched world's first remotely operable Local Electrode Atom Probe (LEAP) microscope ?

Answer: **IIT-Madras launched the world's first remotely operable LEAP (Local Electrode Atom Probe (LEAP) microscope.**

29. Question: IPS officer Sundari Nanda has become the first woman DGP of which Union Territory ?

Answer: **Puducherry. A 1988 batch officer, Nanda succeeded S K Gautam, who has been transferred to Delhi.**

30. Question: Which country's team has won the 2018 Men's Hockey Champions Trophy ?

Answer: **Australian hockey team has won the 2018 Men's Hockey Champions Trophy by defeating India. It was Australia's record 15th Champions Trophy title. Hockey Champions Trophy for men will be replaced by the Hockey Pro League (HPL) in 2019.**

31. Question: Which country has passed a divisive Jewish nation-state law ?

Answer: **Israel has passed a law declaring that only Jews have the right of self-determination in the country.**

32. Question: Which veteran cricketer became the 5th Indian player to be named in the Hall of Fame ?

Answer: **Rahul Dravid. The other four Indians are former skippers Bishan Singh Bedi, Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev and Anil Kumble.**

33. Question: Who is author of book "Eleventh Hour" ?

Answer: **'Eleventh Hour' is authored by Crime writer Hussain Zaidi to pay tribute to the men in uniform.**

34. Question: Which country host World's Largest Multilateral Naval Exercise RIMPAC 2018 ?

Answer: **USA**

35. Question: Which country joined the UN Human Rights Council ?

Answer: **The UN members unanimously elected Iceland to take a seat on the world body's 47-member Human Rights Council.**

36. Question: President Ram Nath Kovind recently approved Anti-Witch Hunting Bill of which state ?

Answer: **Assam**

1. Question: Who is appointed Vodafone Idea's 1st CEO ?

Answer: **Balesh Sharma takes over as Vodafone Idea's first CEO. He was the Chief Operating Officer of Vodafone India and a member of its executive committee. He has previously served as the CEO of Vodafone Czech Republic and the CEO of Vodafone Malta.**

2. Question: Who was officially sworn-in as the new President of Zimbabwe ?

Answer: **Emmerson Mnangagwa was officially sworn-in as the new President of Zimbabwe. It was the country's first election since the ousting of strongman Robert Mugabe. The office of Prime Minister was abolished in 1987. Zimbabwe is a landlocked country and its capital is Harare.**

3. Question: Which place became the wettest place in India during 2018, leaving behind Meghalaya's Cherrapunjee, as was disclosed in the data released by the IMD on 29 August 2018?

Answer: **Maharashtra's Mahabaleshwar has become the wettest place in India this year, leaving behind Meghalaya's Cherrapunjee.**

4. Question: Who was appointed as Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?

Answer: **G Satheesh Reddy**

5. Question: Who becomes the youngest-ever Indian shooter to win a medal at the Asian Games ?

Answer: **15-year old Shardul Vihan, a Class IX student from Meerut, on 23**

August 2018 became India's youngest-ever medal at the Asian Games as he won a silver medal in the men's double trap shooting event at the ongoing 18th Asian Games.

6. Question: Imran Khan will be sworn-in as Prime Minister of Pakistan. He is a leader of which Political Party ?

Answer: **Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf. It has bagged 116 seats.**

7. Question: Which telecom company has launched a VOIP based phone service 'WINGS' ?

Answer: **BSNL. In WINGS, there is no SIM or cable wiring as is a VOIP service through an app.**

8. Question: NASA has launches Parker probe to touch which star ?

Answer: **Sun. The car-sized spacecraft will travel directly into the Sun's atmosphere, about four million miles from its surface and more than seven times closer than any spacecraft has come before.**

9. Question: The nominating committee of Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) has selected who as a new council member of Country Code Supporting Organisation (ccNSO) ?

Answer: **Ajay Data. ICANN was incorporated on September 30, 1998. It is headquartered in the Playa Vista neighbourhood of Los Angeles, US.**

10. Question: Which country has launched the high-resolution earth observation satellite- Gaofen-11 ?

Answer: **China. Its data will also be used for the Belt and Road Initiative.**

11. Question: Name the former Lok Sabha speaker and the 10-time MP of the Lok Sabha who passed away in August ?

Answer: **Former Lok Sabha speaker Somnath Chatterjee. He represented Burdwan, Jadavpur and Bolpur parliamentary constituencies of West Bengal from 1971 to 2009.**

12. Question: Which country's cabinet has approved a law that provides for death penalty for those involved in piracy at sea ?

Answer: **The Union Cabinet of India has approved a bill provisioning death penalty or life imprisonment to those involved in piracy at sea.**

13. Question: Who has been conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavna Award of 2018 ?

Answer: **Former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi was honoured with this year's Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavna Award for promoting communal harmony and peace.**

14. Question: What is the rank of Delhi in the EIU's Global Liveability Index 2018 which is topped by Vienna

Answer: **Delhi and Mumbai were the only two Indian cities that featured in the EIU's annual index. Delhi was ranked at 112th position and Mumbai fetched 117th spot. The rankings of both Delhi and Mumbai have slipped by two places this year.**

15. Question: After defeating which team, Iran won gold in the women's Kabaddi final at Asian Games 2018 ?

Answer: **India. The Indian women's kabaddi team suffered a shocking 27-24 loss at the hands of Iran.**

16. Question: Who has won the 2018 Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix tournament ?

Answer: **Lewis Hamilton. It is his sixth Hungarian Grand Prix title and also 67th career victory.**

17. Question: Rajyavardhan Rathore flags off an all-women expedition to which mountain ?

Answer: **Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore flagged off an all-women expedition to Mt. Manirang (6593Mt/21631 ft) in Himachal Pradesh.**

18. Question: Who has become the first Indian woman to win a gold medal in shooting at the Asian Games ?

Answer: **Shooter Rahi Sarnobat has become the first Indian woman to win a gold medal in shooting at the Asian Games.**

19. Question: Which Indian shooter has clinched India's 1st shooting gold at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games ?

Answer: **Shooter Saurabh Chaudhary (16) has clinched gold in the Men's 10m Air Pistol event.**

20. Question: Who has become first Indian woman wrestler to bag gold at the 18th Asian Games 2018 ?

Answer: **Vinesh Phogat has created history by becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to win a gold medal at the Asian Games. In the final match in freestyle 50 kg category, she defeated Japan's Yuki Irie.**

21. Question: FSSAI recently constituted which committee to look into draft food labelling ?

Answer: **B. Sesikeran. The expert panel will be headed by B Sesikeran, former director of National Institute of Nutrition (NIN).**

22. Question: Which Indian sportsperson has clinched India's first Gold in the 18th Jakarta Asian Games 2018 ?

Answer: **Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia bagged country's first gold medal of the 18th Asian Games. He defeated Japanese wrestler Takatani Daichi in the 65 kg final. However, India's first medal in these games came in the form of a bronze medal that was won in mixed team rifle event (shooting) by Apurvi Chandela and Ravi Kumar.**

23. Question: Who has been awarded with the prestigious WHO World No Tobacco Day 2018 Award ?

Answer: **Delhi government's additional director of health S.K. Arora has been awarded the prestigious WHO World No Tobacco Day 2018 Award for his extraordinary contribution towards tobacco control.**

24. Question: 11th World Hindi Conference was held in Port Louis, Mauritius with the theme ?

Answer: **Theme: "Vaishvik Hindi Aur Bhartiya Sanskriti". In the Conference, Mauritius Prime Minister announced Mauritius cyber tower to be named after Atal Bihari Vajpayee.**

25. Question: Which two Indian players won gold in the tennis men's doubles finals at Asian Games 2018 ?

Answer: **The Indian tennis duo of Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan clinched the gold medal for India in Asian Games 2018, after they beat Kazakhstan's Denis Yevseyev and Aleksandr Bublik.**

26. Question: Who has been elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha ?
Answer: **Harivansh Narayan Singh after defeating opposition nominee B K Hariprasad.**

27. Question: Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT), which was used to spot Radio Galaxy is operated by ?
Answer: **National Centre for Radio Astrophysics.**

28. Question: Which Indian city is renamed as Atal Nagar ?
Answer: **Naya Raipur. It is India's sixth planned city after Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Gandhinagar (Gujarat), Chandigarh (Punjab & Haryana), and Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra).**

29. Question: Rahi Sarnobat is associated with which sports ?
Answer: **Shooting. Rahi Sarnobat won the women's 25m Pistol event at Asian Games 2018 in Indonesia. With this, she becomes the first ever Indian female shooter to win gold in the history of Asian Games. Manu Bhaker who had won gold at Commonwealth Games 2018.**

30. Question: Who has been appointed the new Chairman of TRAI ?
Answer: **Dr. Ram Sewak Sharma has been re appointed the Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) till 30th September 2020. TRAI is a statutory body set up by the Government of India (GoI).**

31. Question: What is India's rank in Global Innovation Index, GII- 2018 ?
Answer: **57th. India's rank on the Global Innovation Index (GII) has improved from 60th last year to 57th this year.**

32. Question: Who will be India's flag-bearer in the opening ceremony of the 2018 Asian Games ?
Answer: **Javelin thrower star Neeraj Chopra from Haryana will be India's flag bearer in the opening ceremony of the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia.**

33. Question: When was World Hepatitis Day observed globally ?
Answer: **The World Hepatitis Day was observed globally on July 28, 2018 with the theme "Test. Treat. Hepatitis".**

34. Question: Who among following will be awarded with Kirti Chakra posthumously ?

Answer: **Sepoy Vrahma Pal Singh of Rajput Regiment, has been posthumously awarded the Kirti Chakra, the country's second-highest peacetime bravery medal. Rifleman Aurangzeb of Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry, is among the 18 Shaurya Chakra in this year's Independence Day gallantry list.**

35. Question: Which bank was hit by a cyber attack in which miscreants allegedly hacked the server and transferred over Rs 94 crore to overseas accounts ?

Answer: **Pune-based Cosmos Bank. NPCI says cyber fraud due to the malware attack on the bank's IT system.**

36. Question: According to national survey of India's coastline from 1990 to 2016, which state sees highest coastal erosion since 1990 ?

Answer: **West Bengal (up to 63 per cent of the 534 km long coastline was eroded) saw the biggest coastal erosion followed by Puducherry, Kerala & Tamil Nadu.**

37. Question: Which High Court India declares itself legal guardian of cows in state ?

Answer: **Invoking the parens patriae doctrine, the Uttarakhand high court has appointed itself as the legal guardian of cows in the state. This is the first time in India that a court has had invoked the 'parens patriae' doctrine for cow protection.**

38. Question: Who becomes the first Indian and Asian to be elected to the Chair of International Nitrogen Initiative (INI) ?

Answer: **Indian scientist and academician Nandula Raghuram was elected as the Chair of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI), a global policy making initiative.**

39. Question: Which State of India refused to participate in center's Ease of living index ranking ?

Answer: **West Bengal refused to participate in the Centre's rankings. Thus, Kolkata was excluded from the index. Pune followed by Navi Mumbai and Greater Mumbai were the best performing State.**

40. Question: Which tribal language becomes the first tribal language in India to get its own Wikipedia edition ?

Answer: **Santhali. Among the 22 scheduled languages in India, Dogri, Bodo and Manipuri have no version of Wikipedia in their own language.**

41. Question: The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India launches integration and availability of TRAI Mobile Apps on which platform ?

Answer: **TRAI has now integrated its Mobile Apps namely DND 2.0 and MyCall with UMANG Platform.**

42. Question: PM Modi announces which Healthcare Insurance 15th August 2018 ?

Answer: **Jan Arogya Abhiyan. The world's largest healthcare cover plan that covers 10 crore families provides 5 lakh cover to them each year.**

43. Question: The Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) sounds alarm with the discovery of deadly foreign maize pest in Karnataka. What is the name of the pest ?

Answer: **Fall Armyworm (Spodoptera frugiperda). It was discovered in Karnataka this July.**

44. Question: Which station was ranked as the cleanest in A1 Category as per Report on Station Cleanliness ?

Answer: **Jodhpur (1st place) and Jaipur (2nd place) of North Western Railway in Rajasthan.**

45. Question: What is the tagline for Geographical Indication (GI) certified products ?

Answer: **Union Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu launched the tricolour logo and a tagline “Invaluable Treasures of Incredible India”. The tagline was coined by Akansha Tripathi.**

46. Question: Who has been sworn-in as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court (MHC) ?

Answer: **Justice Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani. Justice Tahilramani is the third woman chief justice of the MHC. She succeeded Justice Indira Banerjee, who has been elevated to the Supreme Court.**

47. Question: Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Aviation Suresh Prabhu launched Niryat Mitra – mobile App. It is developed by ?

Answer: **The app is developed by the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).**

48. Question: Which committee has been formed to advise PM on science, tech-related policy issues ?

Answer: **PM-STIAC (Science, Technology, Innovation Advisory Committee), a 21-member committee. It will be chaired by K Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government.**

49. Question: Which nation's former President has been nominated to be the next UN human rights chief ?

Answer: **Chile. Former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet is the first woman in her country to occupy the top position and is known to be a strong advocate for women's rights.**

50. Question: The First South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Agri Cooperative Business Forum began in Kathmandu. What is the theme of this three-day Forum ?

Answer: **The theme of is 'Organizing and Strengthening Family Farmers' Cooperatives to attain the Sustainable-Development-Goals-1 and 2 in South Asia'.**

51. Question: Delhi High Court decriminalizes begging in the national capital. Earlier, it was made a criminal offence under which Act ?

Answer: **It was made a criminal offence after the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959, was extended to Delhi by a Central government amendment in 1960.**

52. Question: The United Nations has charged which nation of “genocidal intent”, the strongest condemnation from the international community so far ?

Answer: **Myanmar. The UN report has charged Myanmar’s top military brass of the “gravest crimes”.**

53. Question: Indian Army and Indian Navy launched operations in the flood hit Kerala. Name the operations.

Answer: **Operation Madad by Southern Naval Command and Operation Sahyog by Indian Army.**

54. Question: Who has become the first woman chief justice of Jammu & Kashmir High Court ?

Answer: **Justice Gita Mittal was sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of**

Jammu and Kashmir High Court. Justice Mittal earlier served as a Delhi High Court judge for 14 years.

1. Question: Who heads the Lokpal Search Committee to recommend the chairperson and members of the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal ?
Answer: **8-member Lokpal Search Committee under the Chairmanship of former Supreme Court Judge, Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai.**

2. Question: Which of the following is the first country to successfully land robotic rovers on an asteroid Ryugu ?
Answer: **Japanese space agency JAXA. The rovers are collectively known as MINERVA-III (Micro Nano Experimental Robot Vehicle for Asteroid, the second generation).**

3. Question: Which airport was recognised with the UN Champions of the Earth Award 2018 ?
Answer: **World's first fully solar-powered airport Cochin International Airport**

4. Question: Who is the newly-appointed Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) ?
Answer: **Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas, the newly appointed Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) took charge from incumbent Sekhar Basu in Vienna, Austria.**

5. Question: Which state signed pact with Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) for ethanol plant ?
Answer: **Haryana. The initiative at village Bohali with a proposed capacity of 100 kilolitres of ethanol per day will manage crop residue and prevent straw burning.**

6. Question: Who becomes first Indian to win medal in IAAF Continental Cup?
Answer: **Triple jumper Arpinder Singh created history by becoming the first Indian to win a medal in the IAAF Continental Cup as he clinched a bronze. Arpinder had won a gold in the Asian Games in Jakarta.**

7. Question: What is the theme of the 2018 International Literacy Day (ILD) ?
Answer: **Literacy and skills development. The International Literacy Day (ILD) is celebrated every year on 8 September to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies.**

8. Question: Which cricket team has won the 57th edition of Duleep Trophy 2018 ?
Answer: **India Blue by defeating India Red in the final by an innings and 187 runs to**

win. The Duleep Trophy is a domestic first-class cricket competition played in India. It was named after Kumar Shri Duleepsinhji of Nawanagar, who played for England.

9. Question: Who won Women's singles final in the US Open Tennis 2018 ?

Answer: **Naomi Osaka has become the first Japanese player to win a Grand Slam singles title. She lifted the women's singles title of US Open 2018 by defeating Serena Williams.**

10. Question: Government appointed a committee under whom to select the next Chief Economic Adviser in the Finance Ministry ?

Answer: **Former RBI Governor Bimal Jalan.**

11. Question: Which Indian pharmaceutical company acquired Sandoz's generic business in the US for \$900 million ?

Answer: **Aurobindo Pharmaceuticals. This deal is the largest such deal in pharma sector in the country.**

12. Question: Which Indian sportsperson was the India's flag-bearer at the closing ceremony in the 18th Asian Games?

Answer: **Rani Rampal. Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra was India's flag-bearer at the opening ceremony.**

13. Question: Which state's assembly has passed the Panchayati Raj amendment bill, relaxing the "two-child" rule for panchayat elections?

Answer: **Rajasthan. It also passed an amendment aimed at allowing people suffering from leprosy to contest panchayat elections.**

14. Question: Which state topped the "Ease of Living Index" rankings launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs?

Answer: **Andhra Pradesh. It was followed by Odisha and Madhya Pradesh.**

15. Question: Which defence agreement was signed by India and the United States recently ?

Answer: **COMCASA. The Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA) is one of the four foundational agreements that a country needs to sign to become a major defence partner of the United States.**

16. Question: Which two Hindi film stars have been signed on to promote and endorse the Skill India Mission ?

Answer: **Varun Dhawan and Anushka Sharma. The duo, through their film 'Sui Dhaga-Made in India', are saluting India's entrepreneurs and skilled workforce, especially**

homegrown artisans, craftspeople and weavers who are making the country proud the world over.

17. Question: Hindi Diwas is celebrated on which day ?

Answer: **14 September. On this day, in 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of India under Article 343.**

18. Question: Who was appointed as the DGP of Jammu & Kashmir ?

Answer: **Dilbagh Singh. He replaces Shesh Paul Vaid, who was removed from the post and was appointed as the Transport Commissioner in the State's General Administrative Department (GAD).**

19. Question: The first lion safari of Rajasthan has come up at which of the following parks ?

Answer: **Nahargarh Biological Park.**

20. Question: Which state government has rolled out "Swayangsiddha" to combat human trafficking ?

Answer: **The West Bengal government has rolled out a scheme "Swayangsiddha" in different districts of the state to combat human trafficking. Swayangsiddha, which means self-reliance, will be executed by the West Bengal Police. As per the NCRB data West Bengal has highest recorded case of trafficking among the States.**

21. Question: Which country has joined France in number one position on the recently released FIFA ranking ?

Answer: **Belgium. This is the first time in the 25-year history of FIFA rankings, that the first spot is shared.**

22. Question: Which country has rolled out world's first hydrogen-powered train ?

Answer: **Germany has recently rolled out the world's first hydrogen-powered trains that only emit steam and water. These bright blue Coradia iLint trains are built by French TGV-maker Alstom.**

23. Question: Who won the Pakistan Presidential Election 2018 ?

Answer: **Arif Alvi, a candidate of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). Alvi will replace incumbent President Mamnoon Hussain as the 13th President of Pakistan.**

24. Question: Union Government on 17 September 2018 proposed to merge which three PSU Banks ?

Answer: **Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank. The new amalgamated bank will**

be the third largest bank in India. Dena Bank has been placed under the prompt corrective action framework by the Reserve Bank of India with restrictions on lending.

25. Question: Kalpana Lajmi was associated with which field ?

Answer: **Film. Kalpana Lajmi, a director, producer and screenwriter, was known for working on real subjects. She was known for her women-oriented films like "Rudaali", "Daman", "Darmiyaan". Lajmi's last movie as a director was "Chingari" in 2006, based on a novel "The Prostitute and the Postman" by Bhupen Hazarika, who was her partner.**

26. Question: Which cyclonic storm that made landfall in Odisha on 21 September 2018 and brought heavy rains in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh ?

Answer: **Cyclone Daye. It originally formed as a depression over the Bay of Bengal. It intensified further and was classified as a cyclonic storm. Malkangiri district of Odisha was the worst affected.**

27. Question: The tsunami mock drill exercise 'IOWave18' began in which region ?

Answer: **Indian Ocean. The exercise is being organized by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO.**

28. Question: What is the India's ranks in the latest UN's Human Development Index (HDI) report 2018 ?

Answer: **India has been ranked 130 among 189 countries in the latest Human Development Index (HDI) report 2018, which is released by the United Nations Development Programme. As per report, between 1990 and 2017, India's HDI value saw a 50% increase.**

29. Question: Who becomes most successful fast bowler in Test cricket ?

Answer: **England's James Anderson. He bowled Mohammed Shami to claim his 564th wicket, surpassing the record of Australia's Glenn McGrath. James Anderson is now at fourth place in this all-time great list with 564 wickets in 143 Test matches.**

30. Question: The High Court of which state declared fatwas as unconstitutional ?

Answer: **The Uttarakhand High Court. The ruling came, as the court declared illegal a fatwa banishing the family of a rape victim from their village.**

31. Question: The proposed Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) corridor will link Kunming City to which part of India ?

Answer: **Kolkata. Chinese Consul-General in Kolkata, Ma Zhanwu on September 12, 2018 announced that China is looking forward to plan bullet trains from Kolkata to Kunming City of China.**

32. Question: Which country was the top source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India in 2017-18 ?

Answer: **Mauritius was the top source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India in 2017-18 followed by Singapore. The total FDI in the financial year stood at USD 37.36 billion.**

1. Question: In its fourth Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2018-19, the RBI fixed the Repo Rate at what percent?

Answer: **The Reserve Bank of India, in an unexpected move, decided to hold the repo rate at 6.5**

2. Question: Which among the following countries has been elected to the UNRC with the highest votes?

Answer: **India was elected to the 'United Nations' Human Rights Council' for a period of three years beginning January 1, 2019. India secured 188 votes in the Asia-Pacific category.**

3. Question: Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi became the first person to be stripped off which honour ?

Answer: **Canadian citizenship**

4. Question: Who was the co-founder of Microsoft along with Bill Gates who passed away recently?

Answer: **Paul Gardner Allen, he was 65.**

5. Question: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Assembly of the International Solar Alliance in which city?

Answer: **New Delhi, at Vigyan Bhawan in the presence of the United Nations' Secretary General Antonio Guterres**

6. Question: Chanda Kochhar has quit her position as the CEO and MD of which bank with immediate effect ?

Answer: **ICICI Bank. Sandeep Bakhshi, who was appointed as the bank's COO, has been named to succeed Kochhar as the bank's new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.**

7. Question: Who was appointed as the Solicitor General of India?
Answer: **Senior Advocate Tushar Mehta. His appointment was approved by the Appointment Committee of Cabinet.**
8. Question: India won how many gold medals in the 2018 Asian Para Games in Indonesia?
Answer: **With 15 medals, India was placed ninth in the overall tally.**
9. Question: Which country has topped the rankings in World Bank's first Human Capital Index?
Answer: **Singapore. The World Bank launched its first Human Capital Index (HCI) in Bali, Indonesia.**
10. Question: Jeremy Lalrinnunga won the first gold for India at Youth Olympics in Argentina. He won the medal in which of the following sports ?
Answer: **Jeremy Lalrinnunga won India's first gold medal at Youth Olympics. The 15-year-old weightlifter shattered the national record in the men's 62kg category. Manu Bhaker also won the gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol event.**
11. Question: Which state has launched 'Nirman Kusuma' scheme to provide financial assistance to the children of the construction workers?
Answer: **Odisha, to provide financial assistance to the children of the construction workers for their technical education in the state.**
12. Question: India launched the first joint programme for Afghanistan to train its diplomats in partnership with which country?
Answer: **India and China, under the aegis of the Trilateral Cooperation between India, China and Afghanistan.**
13. Question: Who was honoured with Ramineni Foundation's outstanding person award?
Answer: **Badminton coach Pullela Gopichand**
14. Question: Who has been newly appointed as India's Ambassador to UN Conference on Disarmament?
Answer: **Pankaj Sharma has been appointed as the ambassador and India's permanent representative to the United Nations Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. He will replace Amandeep Gill.**

