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1. Which institution released the "2022 Global Trends Report"? - UNHCR

The UN refugee agency, UNHCR released the '2022 Global Trends Report'. As per the report, 100 million people have now been forced to flee their homes globally. UNHCR also highlighted worldwide food insecurity, the climate crisis, war in Ukraine and other emergencies from Africa to Afghanistan as leading causes. As per the report, the number displaced by war, violence, persecution and human rights abuses stood at 89.3 million, by the end of 2021. [18 Jun, 2022]

2. Which Union Ministry launched the new draft national policy for persons with disabilities (PwD)? - Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

The Ministry of Justice and Social Empowerment has invited the public to comment on the draft new National Policy on Persons with Disabilities (PwD). It provides interventions in the areas of disability prevention, education, health, social security, and accessibility. He also focuses on other causes of disability, such as malnutrition, medical neglect, and disability caused by disasters. The project calls for a comprehensive national prevention program. He said a third of childhood disabilities are preventable. [15 Jun, 2022]

3. Who is elected as new Prime Minister of Thailand - Chief Prayuth Chan-ocha

He is from Military background. He received 500 votes as compared to 244 votes to Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit of the Future Forward Party. [10 Jun, 2019]

4. Where "Himachal Lok Kala Ki Agyat Kritiyan" exhibition has been inaugurated - New Delhi [10 Jun, 2019]**5. Which player has recently bagged 12th French Open - Rafael Nadal** [10 Jun, 2019]**6. Who has initiated "Swachh survekshan league 2020" recently - Hardeep Singh Puri** [10 Jun, 2019]**7. Who passed away recently, was an Indian actor, film director, Kannada writer, Rods Scholar and worked in South Indian cinema and Bollywood - Girish Karnad**

He received Jnanpith award 2019, Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan [10 Jun, 2019]

8. Who has been appointed as Private Secretary to Home Minister - Saket Kumar

Saket Kumar is an IAS officer from 2009 batch of the Bihar cadre [10 Jun, 2019]

9. Which world leader became the first to visit Sri Lanka after the Eater serial bombings that left over 250 dead? - Narendra Modi [16 Jun, 2019]**10. Who has been appointed as the new leader of Rajya Sabha? - Thawarchand Gehlot** [16 Jun, 2019]**11. What is the name of IAF aircraft which was crashed in Arunachal Pradesh and all 13 people on board declared dead? - AN-32** [16 Jun, 2019]**12. Which cricketer announced his retirement from international cricket on June 10? - Yuvraj Singh** [16 Jun, 2019]**13. Which Indian cricketer became the 4th batsman in the world to hit 2000 ODI runs against Australia during India vs Australia world cup match on June 9? - Rohit Sharma** [16 Jun, 2019]**14. The Indian Medical Association declared All India Protest Day on June 14 after doctors of this state went on strike demanding adequate security - West Bengal** [16 Jun, 2019]**15. Which Indian Actress has been nominated for Danny Kaye - Priyanka Chopra** [17 Jun, 2019]**16. Who won Femina Miss India 2019 Pageant? - Suman Rao** [17 Jun, 2019]**17. Who has become the fastest batsman to score 11,000 runs in ODIs? - Virat Kohli** [17 Jun, 2019]**18. Over 100 children have died in which state due to Encephalitis? - Bihar** [18 Jun, 2019]**19. Who has been appointed as the BJP's working president? - J P Nadda** [18 Jun, 2019]**20. Mohamed Morsi, the first democratically-elected President of this nation collapsed and died during a court session on June 17 - Egypt** [18 Jun, 2019]**21. Who has been named as the Congress leader in Lok Sabha? - Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury** [18 Jun, 2019]**22. Who has been named as the new speaker of Lok Sabha? - Om Birla** [18 Jun, 2019]

- 23.** Which State topped the 2nd edition of the US Green Building Council's (USGBC) list? - **Maharashtra** [19 Jun, 2019]
- 24.** Which country will host the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in September 2019? - **India** [19 Jun, 2019]
- 25.** At which place PM Narendra Modi will perform Yoga on International Yoga Day 2019? - **Ranchi** [19 Jun, 2019]
- 26.** Which state government has fixed Rs 5000 as minimum aid to calamity-hit farmers? - **Madhya Pradesh** [20 Jun, 2019]
- 27.** Name of Indian-Origin man who was recently honoured with 'Star Of Jerusalem' medal by Palestine. - **Munir Ansari** [20 Jun, 2019]
- 28.** What is the subject of International Yoga Day 2019? - **Yoga with Gurus** [20 Jun, 2019]
- 29.** Which Indian cricketer got injured and has been ruled out of the ICC World Cup 2019 tournament? - **Shikhar Dhawan** [20 Jun, 2019]
- 30.** The DD India channel will now be broadcasted in which two countries and in return, their state channels will be shown on DD Free Dish in India? - **Bangladesh & South Korea** [21 Jun, 2019]
- 31.** Which State recently made it mandatory for trekkers to carry a GPS device along with them? - **Himachal Pradesh** [21 Jun, 2019]
- 32.** When was World Music Day 2019 observed? - **21 June** [21 Jun, 2019]
- 33.** Which company has to pay over 282 mn for violating anti-corruption regulations in 4 countries? - **Walmart** [21 Jun, 2019]
- 34.** Which nation has become the first to ratify the US-Mexico-Canada agreement? - **Mexico** [21 Jun, 2019]
- 35.** World Refugee Day is observed on - **20 June**
The theme StepWithRefugees "Take A Step on World Refugee Day" [20 Jun, 2019]
- 36.** PU Chitra and Sreeshankar strikes Gold & Johnson wins silver at which event - **Folksam Grand Prix 2019**
Asian champion PU Chitra of India won a gold medal in women's 1500m at Folksam Grand Prix 2019 The event held in Sollentuna, Sweden. She did her clocking 4 minutes 12.65 seconds (4:12.659). She defeated Mercy Cherono of Kenya who finished a former IAAF World Cross Country champion [22 Jun, 2019]
- 37.** India population to cross China's By which year - **2027**
India to surpass China as the world's most populous country in the world. India is also expected to add 273 million people by 2050. It remains the most populated until the end of the century. India has an estimated population of 1.37 billion and China 1.43 billion and by 2027. [22 Jun, 2019]
- 38.** Fresh bill to ban Triple Talaq to be introduced in Lok Sabha by which Govt. - **BJP led NDA Govt.** [22 Jun, 2019]
- 39.** Who won the women's javelin bronze in the 58th Ostrava Golden Spike athletics meet - **Annu Rani of India** [22 Jun, 2019]
- 40.** Which institute has made a history by topping the 2020 QS World University Rankings for the eighth consecutive year. - **MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)**
World University Ranking 2020: IIT Bombay tops among Indian institutions [22 Jun, 2019]
- 41.** Govt plans to raise income tax limit to _____, hike 80C deduction limit - **Rs 3 lakh**
Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman may increase the personal income tax exemption limit to Rs 3 lakh of the annual income from the existing Rs 2.5 lakh for salaried class in the upcoming Budget 2019-20. [22 Jun, 2019]
- 42.** IndusInd Bank to merge with whom on July 4 - **Bharat Financial Inclusion** [22 Jun, 2019]
- 43.** World Archery appoints whom to sort AAI trouble - **Abhinav Bindra** [22 Jun, 2019]

44. Which country has the highest data usage per smartphone in the World - India

According to the Ericsson Mobility Report, monthly data usage per smartphone in India rose to 9.8 gigabytes (GB) at the end of 2018, the highest in the world. It is expected that, Monthly data usage per smartphone would grow at 11 percent to reach 18 GB by 2024 from 9.8 GB in 2018. [23 Jun, 2019]

45. Indias first solar cruise vessel will debut in - Kerala [23 Jun, 2019]**46. PM Modi to attend G-20 summit in Japan from - June 27-29** [23 Jun, 2019]**47. Govt set to roll out IMEI database to help people track - stolen mobile phones**

The Telecom Ministry is set to roll out a Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR), a database of International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) to help people track their stolen mobile phones. People can inform the Department of Telecom (DoT) on losing their phones, which will, in turn, blacklist their IMEI numbers. DoT had declared its plan to implement this project in July 2017 and a pilot was conducted in Maharashtra. [23 Jun, 2019]

48. Who has been appointed as India's representative in the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) - Shefali Juneja

She is currently serving as the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA). She will replace Alok Shekhar (IAS officer) who is named for the post in October 2015. [24 Jun, 2019]

49. Who inaugurated the central ATFM complex - Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (I/c) for Civil Aviation

He inaugurated the Air Traffic Flow Management - Central Command Centre It is at Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. [24 Jun, 2019]

50. _____ gets APAC certificate for personnel certification bodies in Singapore - NABCB [24 Jun, 2019]**51. Who has been Justice appointed as Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court - V Ramasubramanian** [24 Jun, 2019]**52. Who has been appointed as the second Chief Justice of Telangana High Court in Hyderabad - Raghvendra Singh Chauhan**

He succeeded Chief Justice T.B. Radhakrishnan in April, 2019 He belongs to Rajasthan He took oath before Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan. [24 Jun, 2019]

53. Which of RBI's Deputy Governor resigned - Viral Acharya [25 Jun, 2019]**54. IOC inaugurated its \$145 million new headquarters in - Lausanne, Switzerland**

It is inaugurated exactly 125 years after the Olympic Games. The newly built headquarters designed by architecture firm 3XN of Denmark. It is built of 95% of the old materials The signature feature of the new building is a central staircase. [25 Jun, 2019]

55. Who won French Grand Prix - Lewis Hamilton

Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes won the French Grand Prix It is held in Circuit Paul Ricard, Le Castellet, France They secured 187 points. [25 Jun, 2019]

56. Indian women's hockey team won - FIH Series

Indian Women's Hockey team won the FIH (Fédération Internationale de Hockey) India defeated Japan 3-1 in the finals held at the Hiroshima Hockey Stadium, Japan. [25 Jun, 2019]

57. World Bank approves \$147 Million Loan to the Government of which state - Jharkhand

The World Bank approved a \$147 million loan agreement to provide basic urban services to the people of Jharkhand. Their aim is to improve the management capacity of the urban local bodies (ULBs) in the state. [25 Jun, 2019]

58. Qu Dongyu becomes first Chinese to head - UN's Food and Agriculture Organization. [26 Jun, 2019]**59. Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment flagged off - 17th Run Against Drug Abuse 'Listen First' was chosen as the theme to increase the support for the prevention of drug use.** [26 Jun, 2019]**60. Russia extends ban on European food imports until end of - 2020** [26 Jun, 2019]

61. "Jal Hi Jeevan Hai" Scheme launched by which state Govt. - Haryana

Under the scheme, the amount Rs. 2000/acre will be transferred into the accounts of farmers in two phases i.e. Rs. 200/- at the time of registration and the balance Rs. 1800/- after verification of sowing data within two months. [26 Jun, 2019]

62. Who is at the top of Niti Aayog's Health Index 2019 - Kerala

While Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are at the bottom of this Index. Punjab has slid to the position 5th rank from last year's second rank. [26 Jun, 2019]

63. International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed on - 26 June [26 Jun, 2019]**64. Winter Olympics 2026 will be hosted by - Italy** [26 Jun, 2019]**65. Three astronauts landed after spending more than six months aboard the International Space Station (ISS) - 24 June 2019**

Oleg Kononenko with the Russian space agency Roscosmos, Anne McClain of NASA and Canadian Space Agency astronaut David Saint-Jacques landed aboard Russia's Soyuz MS-11 spacecraft on June 24. [26 Jun, 2019]

66. Centre plans to add 500 GW of renewable energy to its electricity grid by - 2030

The Ministry of new and renewable energy has planned to install 175 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2022 without taking into account large hydro and 225 GW including large hydro. India is the world's third-largest emitter of greenhouse gases. [27 Jun, 2019]

67. NASA's Curiosity rover confirmed the presence of Which gas on Mars - Methane [26 Jun, 2019]**68. Which state hosts 32nd ISTA Congress - Telangana** [27 Jun, 2019]**69. Who will be the new director general of Indian Coast Guard - K Natarajan**

Krishnaswamy Natarajan appointed as the next director general of Indian Coast Guard. He replaces Rajendra Singh who is retiring after three and a half years of service. K. Natarajan joined the Coast Guard on January 18, 1984. [27 Jun, 2019]

70. Head of Amazon India, _____ appointed as the Chairman of - Amit Agarwal [27 Jun, 2019]**71. Who has been appointed as the new Chief of Research and Analysis Wing - Samant Goel** [27 Jun, 2019]**72. Who won the Mallorca Open Title 2019 - Sofia Kenin** [27 Jun, 2019]**73. Japan To Invest Rs 13,000 crores In - Northeast India**

The Government of Japan planned to invest an amount of 205.784 billion Yen equal to Rs 13000 crores to complete new projects in different states of India's North- Eastern region. This decision is disclosed after a meeting held with Minister Jitendra Singh with Japanese delegation led by Ambassador Kenji Hiramatsu. The important topics where Japan collaborates include Guwahati Water Supply Project and Guwahati Sewage Project in Assam, Northeast Road Network [15 Jun, 2019]

74. How much amount is invested in India as the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for the year 2018 ? - \$42 billion

According to United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's (UNCTAD) World Investment Report 2019, released on June 12, 2019, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India grew by 6% to \$42 billion in 2018. Globally, FDI slipped by 13% in 2018 to \$1.3 trillion from \$1.5 trillion in 2017, the third consecutive annual decline. It increased by 2% for developing countries. [15 Jun, 2019]

75. Which bank has signed \$245 million loan agreement with Ghana & Mozambique for agricultural and railway projects ? - Export Import Bank of India (Exim Bank)

The central bank of the country, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) notified that Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) will provide Line of Credit (LoC) worth \$245 million to Ghana and Mozambique for agricultural and railway projects. The agreement is effective from June 3, 2019. Under the LoC, the terminal utilisation period is 60 months after the scheduled completion date of the project. Exim Bank will grant the LoC worth \$150 million to Ghana and \$95 million to Mozambique. Ghana will utilize the amount to strengthen agriculture mechanisation services centres while Mozambique will finance it in the procurement of railway rolling stock including locomotives, coaches and wagons. [15 Jun, 2019]

76. Where was the 16th Edition of Asia Media Summit (AMS) 2019 held recently ? - Siem Reap province, Cambodia

The 16th Edition of Asia Media Summit (AMS) 2019 was held in Siem Reap province, Cambodia from June 12 to June 14, 2019. It was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Cambodia, Samdech Hun Sen. AMS was held under the topic "Media Digitalization Focusing on Developing Markets" and it gave a call to fight against fake news and cyber-crimes. It was organized by Cambodian Ministry of Information in collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD). [15 Jun, 2019]

77. What is the rank of India in the 'Global peace index 2019' released by Institute for Economics and Peace recently ? - 141

Australian think tank Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) released the report, 'Global peace index 2019' stated that India ranked 141 among 163 countries on the Global Peace Index. Iceland topped the in the list. Least peaceful: Afghanistan is the least peaceful country in the world now replacing Syria, which is the second least peaceful. South Sudan, Yemen, and Iraq comprise the remaining five least peaceful countries. South Asian countries status: Bhutan (15th), Sri Lanka (72), Nepal (76), Bangladesh (101) and Pakistan (153) on the index. [15 Jun, 2019]

78. What is the revised Employees State Insurance (ESI) contribution rate from 6.5%, under the Employees' State Insurance Act (ESI) 1948? - 4%

The Government reduced the Employees State Insurance (ESI) contribution rate to 4% from 6.5%. This will benefit 36 million workers and 1.28 million employers and will lead to an estimated annual saving of around Rs 5,000 crore for firms. The reduced rates will be effective from July 1, 2019. The Central government through the Ministry of Labour & Employment decides the rate of contribution under the ESI Act. In 2018-19, 12.85 lakh employers and 3.6 crore employees contributed Rs 22,279 crore towards the ESI scheme. Reduction in the share of contribution of employers will reduce the financial liability of the establishments leading to improved viability of these establishments and will enhance Ease of Doing Business. The Employees' State Insurance Act 1948 (the ESI Act), administered by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), provides for medical, cash, maternity, disability and dependent benefits to the Insured Persons under the Act. [15 Jun, 2019]

79. Which two countries has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the field of Bioceanic Railway Integration Corridor Project cooperation ? - India and Bolivia

The Union Cabinet gave its ex-post facto approval to the a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in March 2019, between India and Bolivia on Bioceanic Railway Integration Corridor Project cooperation. The agreement covers exchange of information, expert meetings, seminars, technical visits and implementation of jointly agreed cooperation projects between the two sides. [14 Jun, 2019]

80. Name the bill introduced to promote ease of doing business in India . - New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC) Bill, 2019

The Cabinet approved the "New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC) Bill, 2019" to promote ease of doing business in India. It is a positive step in establishing an independent and autonomous regime with a well-defined structure for institutionalized domestic and international arbitration. The aim is to make India as the hub of International Arbitration. It provides to set up an independent autonomous body for institutional arbitration and to acquire and transfer the undertakings of International Centre For Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR) to New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC) w.e.f a specified date March 2, 2019. It will replace the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Ordinance, 2019, promulgated by the President on March 2, 2019. [14 Jun, 2019]

81. India ranked 113 out of 176 countries in - End of Childhood Index

According to the 3rd End of Childhood Index Global Childhood Report 2019, India ranked 113 in 176 countries with 769 scores out of 1000. The Index released on May 28, 2019, by 'Save the Children', a United Kingdom (UK) based non-profit organization which works for child rights. The countries are decided on 8 parameters namely child mortality, malnutrition, lack of education, child labor, early marriage, adolescent birth, displacement by conflict and child homicide. [14 Jun, 2019]

82. The Union Cabinet approved an extension of President's rule in - Jammu and Kashmir

The Union Cabinet approved an extension of President's rule in Jammu and Kashmir for six more months beginning July 3. The central rule has been continuing in Jammu and Kashmir since June 20, 2018. After the approval of the Union Cabinet, the President Ram Nath Kovind will sign the proclamation for imposition of President's rule in the state. The President's rule which was imposed in J&K on 20 December, 2018 expires on July 2. [14 Jun, 2019]

83. Which country has recognized forests as living entities on the World Environment Day ? - El Salvador

The Legislative Assembly of El Salvador has recognized forests as living entities on the World Environment Day (5th June 2019). Its citizens will now be required to preserve forests and respect them as more than just property. Since the 1960s, El Salvador has lost about 85% of its native forests and the planet as a whole has lost about 80 percent of its native forests. A coalition in El Salvador named "Yes for the Rights of Nature" (Sí por los Derechos de la Naturaleza), has environmentalists and social leaders called for recognizing forests as living entities. [13 Jun, 2019]

84. Indian girl honoured in UAE - For Green efforts

Eight-year-old Indian expat student collected nearly 15,000 kg of paper waste. Dubai is part of Emirates Environmental Group's nationwide recycling campaign. Ms. Tony was honored with Eco Champions of Recycling award for her efforts in keeping the environment clean by collecting paper waste. Emirates Environmental Group (EEG) reduce the level of projected carbon emissions by at least 73,393 metric tonnes. [13 Jun, 2019]

85. Which country has decided to invest an amount of Rs 13,000 crore for infrastructure projects in North-East? - Japan

The Government of Japan has decided to invest an amount of 205.784 billion Yen, nearly Rs 13,000 crore in several ongoing as well as new infrastructure projects in the North-East Region. This was announced after a meeting of Development of North-East Region (DoNER) Minister Dr Jitendra Singh with the Japanese delegation led by Ambassador Mr Kenji Hiramatsu. The contributions of Japan in the development and transformation of the North-East in the last 3-4 years were appreciated by the Minister of DoNER. [13 Jun, 2019]

86. International Albinism Awareness Day 2019 is observed on - 13 June

International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD) is celebrated on June 13 every year. The day aims to celebrate the human rights of persons with albinism worldwide. 2019 Theme: The theme for 2019 for the day is Still Standing Strong. The theme aims to recognize, celebrate and stand in solidarity with albinism patients around the globe. It is a call for solidarity. Day institution: [13 Jun, 2019]

87. Name the new agency, which is set to be formed to develop weapon systems and to enhance the capability of armed forces for space wars. - Defence Space Research Agency (DSRA)

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved to set up the Defence Space Research Agency (DSRA), a new agency which will develop sophisticated weapon systems and technologies. It will enhance the capabilities of the armed forces to fight wars in space. The agency will consist of a team of scientists. They will work in close coordination with the tri-services integrated defence staff officers. It will provide research and development support to Defence Space Agency (DSA). [13 Jun, 2019]

88. I V Subba Rao continues as secretary to - Vice President

IV Subba Rao continues as secretary to Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu as per an order issued by the Ministry of Personnel. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the continuation of Rao. He is a retired IAS officer. He serves as secretary to the vice president on a contract basis. More about I V Subba Rao: He is a 1979 batch IAS officer. He belongs to Andhra Pradesh. Rao is retired from service in August 2015. [13 Jun, 2019]

89. RBI to infuse Rs.15,000 crore into financial system through - The purchase of government bonds

The Reserve Bank of India is to infuse Rs.15,000 crore into the financial system through bond purchases on June 13. Why the infusion: RBI made the decision after assessing of prevailing liquidity conditions and also of the durable liquidity needs that are going forward. RBI uses Open Market Operations (OMO) for injecting liquidity into the system through the purchase of government bonds (G-sec). [12 Jun, 2019]

90. Which country's railway agency has entered into tripartite agreement worth 7 lakh euros with Indian Railway Station Development Corporation (IRSDC) to boost capacity building for railway station development program in India ? - France

Indian Railway Station Development Corporation (IRSDC) entered into a Tripartite Agreement with French National Railways (SNCF) and French Development Agency (AFD). Under this agreement, a grant up to 7 lakh euros will be provided to boost capacity building for railway station development program in India. It was signed in the presence of Suresh Angadi, Minister of State of Railways, and Jean Baptiste Lemoyne, Minister of State for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, Alexandre Ziegler, Ambassador of France in India and other senior officers of French Embassy and Indian Railways. AFD, a French agency, will finance up to 7,00,000 EURO, through French National Railways (SNCF)-Hubs and Connexions as a Technical Partner to IRSDC. There will be no financial liability on IRSDC or on Indian Railways. [12 Jun, 2019]

91. Mela Kheer Bhawani festival was celebrated in - Jammu & Kashmir

Mela Kheer Bhawani festival was celebrated in Jammu & Kashmir on Zeasht Ashtami. In 2019, the day fell on June 10. The devotees prayed at the famous Ragnya Devi temple in Ganderbal district, J&K. Zyestha Ashtami is celebrated by Kashmiri Pandits across the country and outside as the day marks commencing of annual pilgrimage. Mela Kheer Bhawani: Kheer Bhawani is a temple that is dedicated to the Goddess Kheer Bhavani constructed over a sacred spring. [12 Jun, 2019]

92. By which year, the central government has decided to provide clean drinking tap water to all citizens ? - 2024

The minister of Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat announced that central Government committed to provide clean drinking water to all citizens by 2024, which is one of the polls promises given by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The ministry assured that there are over 14 crore households will be benefitted by the plan. Present Status: Now only 18 per cent of rural households have accessed drinking water. [12 Jun, 2019]

93. Imports from Pakistan to India has declined by - 92 percent in March

Imports from Pakistan to India has declined by 92% to \$2.84 million in March 2019. This is after the imposition of 200% customs duties on all products following Pulwama terror attack. According to the data of the commerce ministry, the imports from Pakistan stood at \$34.61 million in March 2018. [11 Jun, 2019]

94. Which ministry has empowered district magistrates in all States and Union Territories to set up Foreigners Tribunals (FTs) ? - Ministry of Home Affairs

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India empowered district magistrates in all States and Union Territories to set up Foreigners Tribunals (FTs). In this regard, it has amended the Foreigners Tribunals Order, 1964 by the Foreigners Tribunal Order, 2019. It is to decide whether a person staying illegally in India is a foreigner or not. The power to constitute Foreigners tribunal was only with the central government earlier. It allows all States and Union Territories to constitute their own FTs, earlier it was applicable only to Assam, to address the citizenship of a person. It allows the individuals to approach Tribunals if they didn't find their name in the final list. [11 Jun, 2019]

95. Which actor and director Girish Karnad passed away - Veteran playwright,

Veteran director, playwright and actor Girish Karnad passed away at the age of 81 on 10th June 2019. Karnad died due to a prolonged illness. His career: Karnad made his acting and screenwriting debut in a 1970 on a release called 'Samskara' which won the President's Golden Lotus Award. He served as the Director of the Film and Television Institute of India during 1974-1975. He was also the Chairman of the Sangeet Natak Akademi [11 Jun, 2019]

96. Name the monument which was declared as the “Monument of national importance” by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) recently . - **Chaukhandi Stupa**

On June 10, 2019 , Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has declared Chaukhandi Stupa as a “Monument of national importance”. Construction: It is said that Chaukhandi stupa was a terraced temple constructed between 4th to 6th century of the Gupta period. ii. Stupa’s Significance: It was built to mark the site where Lord Buddha and his first disciples met when traveling from Bodh Gaya to Sarnath. iii. Shape of Stupa: It was given by the Govardhan, the son of Raja Todarmal. iv. Excavations site: During excavations Some Buddha and other statues were founded at Chaukhandi Stupa. [11 Jun, 2019]

97. China claims 4 gold medals at 2019 - **ITTF World Tour Hong Kong Open**

China claimed four gold medals at 2019 ITTF World Tour Hong Kong Open, Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Hong Kong. The event was held from 6 June to 9 June. Women's singles: Wang Yidi the women's singles title by defeating second seed Mima Ito of Japan. She secured 4-0 scoreline (11-3, 11-7, 11-5, 11-6). This is her first international win. [11 Jun, 2019]

98. Where was the annual festival of Kheer Bhawani Mela on Zeasht Ashtami celebrated recently ? - **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)**

On June 10, 2019, Annual festival of Kheer Bhawani Mela on Zeasht Ashtami was celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). Hundreds of Kashmiri Pandit devotees assembled and prayed at the famous Ragnya Devi temple in Ganderbal district in J&K. It is one of the biggest religious functions of the Kashmiri Pandits. During Mela Kheer Bhawani, over 60,000 Kashmiri Pandits from various parts of India and abroad visited 5 famous temples of Tulmulla in Ganderbal district, Tikker in Kupwara, Laktipora Aishmuqam in Anantnag, Mata Tripursundri Devsar and Mata Kheerbhawani Manzgam in Kulgam district in Kashmir valley. [11 Jun, 2019]

99. Which organization has revealed that 1 in 5 children (23 million) were married off before the age of 15 ? - **United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)**

After the first-ever in-depth analysis of child grooms, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) study revealed that an estimated 115 million boys and men around the world were married as children. Of which 1 in 5 children (23 million) were married off before the age of 15. The data was collected from 82 countries on the basis of national estimates in the UNICEF global databases. The study revealed that child marriage among boyes was prevalent across countries like the sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, South Asia, and East Asia and the Pacific. [10 Jun, 2019]

100. Where was India’s first and world’s third Dinosaur Museum-cum-Park inaugurated ? - **Gujarat**

On June 8, 2019, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani inaugurated the new Dinosaur Museum-cum-Park at Raiyoli village in Balasinor town of Mahisagar district. This is the first such park in the country and also the world’s third park which exhibits remains of various dinosaurs and fossil records. 3D projection, 360 degrees virtual reality presentations, interactive kiosks, gaming consoles are the facilities equipped with the museum. The ten galleries of the museum exhibit the history of dinosaurs, which existed 65 million years ago, from origin to extinction. The Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd created the whole infrastructure of the museum. [10 Jun, 2019]

101. Prime Minister Narendra Modi to lead the event of #YogaDay2019 - **at Ranchi**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the International Day of Yoga 2019 celebrations to be held in Ranchi on June 21. Around 30,000 people are expected to participate in the main event. This function will attend to by several State Dignitaries, besides the Yoga Organisations and Yoga Gurus. Ministry of AYUSH planned every year observation of the International Day of Yoga across the country. [10 Jun, 2019]

102. SEBI signed MoU with MCA to facilitate - **the sharing of data and information for regulatory purposes**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA). Aim: The MoU will ensure that both the MCA and the SEBI have seamless linkage for regulatory purposes and in addition to regular exchange of data. It also aims to facilitate the continous sharing of data and information for carrying out scrutiny, inspection, investigation, and prosecution. Benefits: [10 Jun, 2019]

103. Name the award instituted by the Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Prakash Javadekar from 2019 to recognise the contributions made by media in spreading awareness about Yoga . - **Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS)**

To recognise the contributions made by media in spreading awareness about Yoga and for promotion and commemoration of International Yoga Day which is held every year on June 21, The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) headed by the Minister Prakash Javadekar instituted a new award called Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS) from year 2019. It will be awarded to Media Houses engaged in Print Media and Electronic Media including Television & Radio. [10 Jun, 2019]

104. Union Cabinet has approved the - **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Siddhi Scheme**

Union Cabinet has approved the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Siddhi Scheme. It will cost over Rs.87,000 crore a year to the exchequer. The government has announced its decision to extend the benefit of Rs.6,000 per year under the PM-KISAN scheme to all 14.5 crore farmers in the country, irrespective of the size of their landholding. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Siddhi: The scheme was launched on 24th February 2019 in the run-up to the 2019 Parliamentary elections in Gorakhpur, [10 Jun, 2019]

105. What is the minimum tradeable amount in the foreign exchange trading platform for retail participants ? - **\$1000**

The minimum tradeable amount is \$1000 and they are issued in the multiples of \$500 thereof. At present, the facility will be available only for dollars, but later more currencies will be introduced. Once the trade is done, the ticket generated will reflect the interbank rate, mark-up, and the net rate. Trades can be done for same-day delivery (cash), next-day delivery, or spot delivery (T+2), and interbank rates will reflect accordingly. RBI also decided to widen the gambit of Small Finance Banks (SFBs) to get more customers in order to extend the banking facilities for all. [09 Jun, 2019]

106. Wipro Founder Azim Premji to retire as Executive Chairman by - **End of July**

Azim Premji will retire as executive chairman of Wipro Limited upon the completion of his current term on July 30, 2019 but he would continue to serve on the board as non-executive director and founder chairman. His son, Rishad Premji, chief strategy officer and a board member, will take over as the executive chairman following his father's retirement. CEO Abidali Neemuchwala has been appointed as MD. About Wipro: Founder: M.H. Hasham Premji Founded: 29 December 1945 [09 Jun, 2019]

107. Which airlines has been named the world's most punctual airline by flight data analysis company Flightstats.com ? - **Srilankan Airlines**

Sri Lanka's state-run Srilankan Airlines has been named the world's most punctual airline by flight data analysis company Flightstats.com. An extraordinary 90.5 percent of SriLankan Airlines' flights were on time according to an analysis by Flightstats. This is the second consecutive time in less than 12 months that Sri Lankan has achieved this milestone. Earlier it was won the tag in September 2018 with the punctuality rating of 91.37 percent. LATAM Airlines was in second place with 38,202 flights. All Nippon Airways was in third place with 29,536 flights. 8th was Singapore Airlines with 7,987 flights. Emirates was in 10th place with 12,615 flights. [09 Jun, 2019]

108. the first solar kitchen only village in India - **Bancha,**

Bancha in Betul district is the first village in India to have zero wooden stoves and almost no use for LPG cylinders with all its 75 houses relying on solar-powered stoves to meet their cooking needs. The project of installing solar power plates, batteries and stoves in all the 74 houses was started in September 2017 and got completed by December 2018. [09 Jun, 2019]

109. Who was conferred with 'Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak ' during the 2 day Subordinate Officers Conclave 2019 - **Navik Vinod**

DG Rajendra Singh conferred 'Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak 'to Navik Vinod. The award was bestowed in recognition of his exceptional courage, expert use of lifesaving techniques and selfless attitude displayed in saving a precious life of a woman drowning into the rough sea due to monsoonal weather conditions in pitch dark hours near Gateway of India, Mumbai in 2018. On this occasion, A Coast Guard Benevolent Association App was launched. Through this app, the Coast Guard Personnel can log on the site and apply for the required financial assistance online. [09 Jun, 2019]

110. What is the GDP growth of India for the financial year 2019-20 as per the American multinational banking firm, Goldman Sachs - **7.2 per cent**

According to American multinational banking firm, Goldman Sachs , India's economic growth is estimated to rise to 7.2 per cent in 2019-20. It will be driven by lower oil prices, political stability and removal of infrastructure bottlenecks. The report came a day after the policy review by RBI, in which policy rates were cut by 0.25 per cent to increase growth. This is higher than the RBI's projection for a 7 per cent growth, on the "downside" because of non-bank lenders. Lending by non-banking entities grew at 26 per cent in third quarter of 2018 , which has slipped to 20 per cent in the succeeding quarter . [08 Jun, 2019]

111. India to buy 100 more SPICE bombs, signed Rs 300 crore deal with Israel - **Israel**

The Indian Air Force signed a deal with Israel to buy more than 100 SPICE 2000 bombs, worth around Rs 300 crore. SPICE bombs were used by the Indian Air Force (IAF) to attack the madrasa of Jaish-e-Mohammed in Balakot, Pakistan, on February 26, in response to the terrorist attack on a CRPF convoy in Pulwama which resulted in the martyrdom of 40 CRPF personnel. About SPICE bomb: Standoff range: 60 kilometres Manufacturer: [08 Jun, 2019]

112. Which bank has conducted the first e-auction of forest produce in Dhanora Mahasangh in Maharashtra under its Tech for Change initiative ? - **Yes Bank**

Yes Bank has conducted the first e-auction of forest produce in Dhanora Mahasangh in Maharashtra under its Tech for Change initiative where the bank work with the government and corporate to create technology-based solutions which have a social impact. It is a joint effort of Yes Bank with its fintech partner, Sparsh Technologies. The expected throughput is about Rs 40 crore per annum. Taluka Gramsabha Mahasangh Dhanora is a federation formed by 32 villages and 80 gram panchayats have come together as part of this initiative. [08 Jun, 2019]

113. Bank of Baroda declared - **Dighi Port chairman Vijay Kalantri as 'wilful defaulter'**

Bank of Baroda (BoB) has declared Dighi Port chairman and managing director Vijay Goverdhandas Kalantri and his son Vishal Kalantri as wilful defaulters for owing close to Rs 3,334 crore to a consortium of 16 banks in the country that include BoB, while Bank of India is the lead lender. [08 Jun, 2019]

114. Who launched Swachh Survekshan 2020 League in New Delhi recently ? - **Hardeep Singh Puri**

On June 6, 2019, Union housing and urban affairs minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched Swachh Survekshan 2020 League (SS League 2020) in New Delhi. It will be a cleanliness assessment of cities and towns in India on quarterly basis. It will be conducted under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban (SBM-U). It will be integrated with Swachh Survekshan 2020, the 5th edition of the annual cleanliness survey of urban India to be conducted between January - February 2020. It is aimed at "sustaining the on ground performance of cities along with continuous monitoring of service level performance on cleanliness". It will be conducted in three quarters (April- June, July - September and October- December 2019) and will give equal weightage to every quarter based on cities updating their progress on online MIS (Management Information System) and citizens. [08 Jun, 2019]

115. Viswanathan Anand lost to - Magnus Carlsen in Armageddon

Viswanathan Anand defeated against world champion Magnus Carlsen of Norway in the Armageddon game at the Altibox Norway Chess Tournament. Finally some finely disguised maneuvers in the Armageddon game where the Indian played another black. For the first time, Armageddon rule was invented for a super tournament Carlsen, Aronian, Mamedyarov, Liren, and Yangyi have 1.5 points apiece and enjoy a full point lead over the other five contestants [07 Jun, 2019]

116. Who inaugurated the exhibition titled "Unknown Masterpieces of Himachal Folk Art", at National Museum, New Delhi ? - Shri Prahalad Singh Patel

The Minister of State for Culture & Tourism, Shri Prahalad Singh Patel inaugurated exhibition "Unknown Masterpieces of Himachal Folk Art", at National Museum, New Delhi. The exhibition is organized by the National Museum, New Delhi and Home of Folk Art of Tribal, Gurugram. More than 240 artifacts will be displayed. Out of this 230 objects belong to the personal lifetime collection of Late K.C. Aryan. [07 Jun, 2019]

117. P Jayadevan appointed as - IOCL executive director for TN, Pondy

P Jayadevan appointed as executive director of IndianOil Corporation Ltd for Tamil Nadu and Puducherry with immediate effect. He succeeds R Sitharthan. He will function as the coordinator for the oil industry in the state and also in the union territory. He will head as the chairman's secretariat at the corporate office, New Delhi. He has over three decades of experience primarily in LPG, operations, engineering and sales. [07 Jun, 2019]

118. Who is the chairperson of the government's policy think tank, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog ? - Narendra Modi

On June 6, 2019, Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi approved the reconstitution of government's policy think tank, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog. It is scheduled to meet on June 15 for the first time after the Modi government won a second term. Now, the Chairperson of NITI Aayog will be the Prime Minister. Rajiv Kumar was retained as the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog whereas economist Bibek Debroy, a full-time member, was dropped from the team. V K Saraswat, Ramesh Chand, and Dr V K Paul will continue as the full-time members of NITI Aayog. [07 Jun, 2019]

119. Disability Summit, Argentina 2019 is being held - Buenos Aires, Argentina

The 2nd Global Disability Summit being held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. 'Disability Summit, Argentina 2019', the three-day summit will be held from 6 June to 8 June 2019. India will be represented by the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawar Chand Gehlot. [05 Jun, 2019]

120. Which country has signed an Tax Information Exchange Agreement (TIEA) with India on 18th March 2016? - Marshall Islands

The Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the Marshall Islands for the Exchange of Information with respect to taxes was signed on 18th March, 2016 at Majuro, the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The Indian-Marshall Tax Information Exchange Agreement (TIEA) was notified to the gazette of India. The agreement provides a framework for the exchange of Information in tax matters which helps in tax evasion and tax avoidance. It provides information like banking and ownership between two countries for tax purposes. [05 Jun, 2019]

121. Govt. set up a 10 member Cabinet Committee on - Employment and Skill Development

The government set up a 10-member Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development on 5 June. The committee is one of two Cabinet committees that are set up to rise the economic growth and tackle unemployment. [05 Jun, 2019]

122. Who will head the newly constituted Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs ? - Rajnath Singh

Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs will have Shri Rajnath Singh Minister of Defence; Shri Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance; Minister of Corporate Affairs; Shri Ramvilas Paswan, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare, Minister of Rural Development, and Minister of Panchayati Raj; Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Communications and Information Technology and Minister of Law and Justice; Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment; Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change; Minister of Information & Broadcasting; Shri Prahlad Joshi, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of Coal and Mines. It will be headed by Rajnath Singh. The Special Invitees are Arjun Ram Meghwal and V Muraleedharan. [05 Jun, 2019]

123. Maharana Pratap Jayanti observed on - 6 June

Maharana Pratap Jayanti is observed on June 6. It is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of the brave Rajput warrior Maharana Pratap. It was his 479th birth anniversary. Maharana Pratap: Maharana Pratap was the ruler of Mewar. He is the eldest son of Maharana Udai Singh and Maharani Jaiwanta Bai. Maharana Pratap is a symbol of Rajput valour, gallantry, and diligence. He fought against Mughal supremacy to free his homeland from their control. [05 Jun, 2019]

124. Who received the first permanent residency - Golden Card, in Abu Dhabi ? - M.A.Yusuffali

The first Golden card was given to UAE-based businessman, LuLu Group chairman M.A. Yusuffali. He has net worth of \$4.7 billion and ranked as richest person in UAE by Forbes. Brigadier Saeed Salem Al Shamsi, Executive Director of the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs in Abu Dhabi, awarded the first permit. UAE has also announced that about 6800 investors with 100 billion Dirhams worth of investment will be provided with Golden Card in first batch. [04 Jun, 2019]

125. Where was the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) organized the 14th Islamic Summit recently? - Mecca, Saudi Arabia

14th Islamic Summit organized by Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit was held in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. It was hosted by Saudi King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud. The official agenda of the summit was to address current issues in the Muslim world and recent developments in a number of OIC member states. It discussed the regional security issues surrounded by the tensions between Iran and the US and its Gulf allies. It also focused on the question of Palestine-Islamophobia on countering extremism and terrorism and adopted a comprehensive strategy to combat Islamophobia. [04 Jun, 2019]

126. AYUSH Ministry launches an app to help people locate - yoga centers, instructors

International yoga day celebrated on June 21, the ministry of AYUSH launched "yoga locator" an app to locate yoga events and centers providing training and instructor within the user's range. It is a map-based application which allows the instructor to register themselves and work accordingly with the usage. An international day for yoga was declared unanimously by the United Nations General Assembly. [04 Jun, 2019]

127. Which country topped the new SDG(Sustainable Development Goals) Gender Equality Index ? - Denmark

The index accounted for 14 out of 17 SDGs. The countries were ranked with a score out of 100. A score of 50 signified that a country is about halfway to meet a goal. [04 Jun, 2019]

128. Modi 2.0 scheme to create more - Greener Roads across India

Modi 2.0 a scheme which is carried out taking more innovative and constructive decisions and finally started to craft in cabinet meetings. The government is the most efficient and performance driven ministry is transport and road ministry. Union transport minister Nitin Gadkari roads greener across and the main aim is to impart a major 'green' boost to even bigger infrastructure building targets [04 Jun, 2019]

129. Telangana Government enhanced - Rythu Bandhu scheme

Telangana government released Rs 6,900 crore for the Rythu Bandhu scheme for Kharif season. The order is mainly passed to the agriculture department. The government enhanced the Rythu Bandhu scheme Rs 4,000 to Rs 5,000 per acre and decided to release funds in the view of ensuing Kharif season. [04 Jun, 2019]

130. Name the Indian Politician, who was awarded with "Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle). - Pratibha Patil

Former president of India, Pratibha Patil was honored with the highest civilian award of Mexico termed "Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle). The award was presented by Ambassador of Mexico to India, Melba Priá. She becomes the second Indian after the late President S. Radhakrishnan granted this honour. [03 Jun, 2019]

131. How much crore was indulged in bank frauds in the year 2018-19 with over 6,800 cases as per the Reserve Bank of India(RBI)'s report ? - Rs 71,500 crore

The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has reported that bank frauds have been reached to Rs 71,500 crore in 2018-19 with over 6,800 cases. In 2017-18, 5,916 cases were reported by banks which involved Rs 41,167.03 crore. [03 Jun, 2019]

132. Travelers from which country, ranked top in the Bleisure Travelers across 31 countries as per the study of Booking.com ? - Thailand

Bleisure is a new trend which means business and leisure trips. Thai travelers were ranked 1st with 80%. [03 Jun, 2019]

133. Where was the Elephanta festival, a two day festival of art and culture held? - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Elephanta festival, a two day festival of art and culture organized by Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) held on Elephanta-Gharapuri (island), Mumbai to promote tourism and culture in Maharashtra. The festival was inaugurated by tourism minister Jaykumar Rawal on Gateway of India. [03 Jun, 2019]

134. Where was the 2 day Yoga Mahotsava inaugurated ahead of International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2019? - New Delhi,

On June 1, 2019, As a Curtain Raiser for International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2019 which is celebrated on June 21, a two-day Yoga Mahotsava was inaugurated by Shri Rajeev Kumar, Vice-Chairman of Niti Ayog at New Delhi. The Yoga Mahotsav-2019 was organized by Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) under Ministry of AYUSH(Ayurvedic, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy). [03 Jun, 2019]

135. Ajay Singh was elected to the board of the International Air Transport Association (IATA). He is a chairman and MD of which domestic airline? - SpiceJet

India's favorite domestic airline Spicejet's chairman and MD Ajay Singh was elected to the board of the International Air Transport Association (IATA). [02 Jun, 2019]

136. Which state's Health Department was conferred with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Tobacco Control Award for 2019 during World No Tobacco Day(WNTD) ? - Rajasthan

The Medical and Health Department of Rajasthan was conferred with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Tobacco Control Award for 2019 in recognition of its achievements in the field of tobacco control. It was presented on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day(WNTD) celebrated on May 31, 2019 in an event held in New Delhi. [02 Jun, 2019]

137. Government has met the fiscal deficit target of _____ for the Financial Year 2018-19. - 4.3.4%

Government has met the fiscal deficit target of 3.4% for the Financial Year 2018-19. The fiscal deficit stood at 3.39% against the estimated rate of 3.4%. The data was released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA). It was met through a reduction in government spending, which also contributed to GDP growth slowing to 5.8% in the fourth quarter of FY19. [02 Jun, 2019]

138. To which Indian state, Asian Development Bank(ADB) has approved \$350 million loan to rehabilitate two state highways and other road improvement project? - **Chhattisgarh**

Asian Development Bank(ADB) approved \$350 million loan to rehabilitate and upgrade two state highways and 23 major district roads totaling about 850 kilometers in Chhattisgarh. It will improve the connectivity and access to basic services and livelihood opportunities in the state. [02 Jun, 2019]

139. What was the unemployment rate in India for the year 2017-2018 as per the survey conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)? - **1. 6.1%**

According to a survey conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) between July 2017 and June 2018 covering 4.3 lakh people revealed that the unemployment rate was about 6.1% in 2017-18, highest in 45 year since 1972-73 [02 Jun, 2019]

140. National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) data has showed that India has 20.6 health workers per 10,000 people. Which Indian city has highest concentration of health workers? - **Delhi**

A recent study based on National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) data has showed that India has 20.6 health workers per 10,000 people. This is less than World health Organization's (WHO) minimum overreach of 22.8 per 10,000 people. Delhi has the highest concentration of health workers followed by Kerala, Punjab, and Haryana. [01 Jun, 2019]

141. Cabinet approved new initiative to control Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) and _____ to support livestock rearing farmers. - **Brucellosis**

The Cabinet, first since the outcome of the 2019 Lok Sabha election, approved a new initiative to control Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis to support livestock rearing farmers. The FMD and Brucellosis is a common threat among livestock like cow-bulls, buffaloes, sheeps, goats, pigs etc. [01 Jun, 2019]

142. Under which scheme Union Cabinet has approved the extension from earlier two hectares of land to all eligible farmer families, irrespective of the size of their landholding? - **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi**

The newly formed Union Cabinet has given its consent for the extension of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana ((PM-KISAN) to all eligible farmer families, irrespective of the size of their landholding. Earlier, it was applicable to farmers having two hectares of land. The Cabinet also cleared pension schemes Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana for farmers. It will provide a minimum fixed pension of Rs 3,000 per month to farmers above the age of 60. [01 Jun, 2019]

143. On 31st May 2019, 'In the first meeting of Cabinet ,Prime Minister has approved major changes in the 'Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme (PMSS)' under the - **National Defence Fund**
In the first meeting of Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved major changes in the PM's Scholarship Scheme under the National Defence Fund. The Cabinet has increased the rates of scholarship from Rs 2,000 per month to Rs 2,500 per month for boys and Rs 2,250 per month to Rs 3,000 Rs per month for girls. This has been implemented for encouraging technical and post-graduate education for the widows and wards of the deceased and ex-service personnel of Armed Forces, Para Military Forces and Railway Protection Forces. [01 Jun, 2019]

144. All panchayats to have Broadband Connectivity by - **March 2020** [28 Jun, 2019]

145. broke Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara's record to become the fastest to score 20,000 international runs - **Virat Kohli**

Indian skipper took only 417 innings to achieve the record - 131 in Tests, 224 in ODIs and 62 in T20Is. [27 Jun, 2019]

146. The Lok Sabha has approved the resolution seeking an extension of President rule in which State for a further period of six months with effect from 3rd July 2019. - **Jammu and Kashmir** [29 Jun, 2019]

147. Saudi Arabia raises India's Hajj Quota from 1,70,000 to - **2,00,000**

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia increased India's Haj quota by 30,000 thus lifting the figure to 200,000 per year from 170,000) [29 Jun, 2019]

148. 'Go Tribal' campaign launched by Union Minister of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED in association with - **Amazon Global** [29 Jun, 2019]

149. Indian Olympics Association Narinder Batra is elected as member of - **International Olympic Committee** [29 Jun, 2019]

150. Which day is observed as "Day of the Tropics" - **29 June** [29 Jun, 2019]

151. 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at UK-India Awards in London for his contributions to UK-India relationship - **Mark Tully**

Former Bureau Chief of BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) in New Delhi, India had also been conferred with Knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II and Padma Bhushan in India. [30 Jun, 2019]

152. When National Statistics Day is observed every year? - **29 June**

The theme of National Statistics Day 2019 was Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This day is celebrated on the birth of Late Prof Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis and remembering his contribution for National Statistics System [30 Jun, 2019]

153. Name the Scheme launched by University Grant Commission to boost research culture in India - **STRIDE** [07 Jun, 2019]

154. Who has sworn in as 23rd Chief of Indian Coast Guard - **K.Natarajan** [07 Jun, 2019]

155. Who won the Australian Grand Prix - **Max Verstappen** [07 Jun, 2019]

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