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1. Which country is set to co-chair the Consultative Group (CG) of Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) 2020? - India

For the fiscal year 2020 (FY20), India was chosen as the Co-chair of the Consultative Group (CG) of Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) during the session of the GFDRR in Geneva, Switzerland. India expressed its interest to co-chair the meet, at the 5th session of GFDRR held in October 2018. India became a Member of the Consultative Group (CG) of GFDRR in 2015 and this will be India's 1st time in co-chairing the CG meeting of GFDRR which will, in turn, help India in working with the member countries and organisations in advancing the disaster risk reduction agenda during its tenure. [15 May, 2019]

2. Bharti Airtel and HDFC Life tied up to offer - Insurance for prepaid customers

Bharti Airtel and the Housing Development Finance Cooperation (HDFC) Life had tied up to offer life cover for customers at a prepaid recharge of Rs 249. This new Rs 249 prepaid recharge will include 2 GB data, unlimited calls across all the networks and 100 SMS per day with an insurance cover of worth of Rs 4 lakh from HDFC Life. [15 May, 2019]

3. What is the theme of 6th Session of the biennial Global Platform for (DDR) Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019)? - Theme - "Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies"

The 6th Session of the biennial Global Platform for (DDR) Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019) has started in Geneva, Switzerland from 13th May to 17 May 2019 and is co-chaired by Switzerland and UNISDR. The session is summoned under the theme, 'Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies'. The agenda of the session is to represent the next key opportunity for the international community to enhance the implementation of the Sendai Framework, related Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, and commitments of the Paris Climate Agreement. The session has been hosted by Switzerland's Government and has been summoned and organized by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR). [15 May, 2019]

4. International Day of Families is observed on - 15 May

The International Day of Families (IDF) is observed on the 15th of May every year. The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993. The day reflects the importance the international community attaches to families. It was first observed in 1996. The International Day provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families. [15 May, 2019]

5. RBI found bad loan divergence in - Union Bank

Union Bank of India, a Public sector lender, reported a Rs.3,370 crore loss in the January-March period of 2018-19 even as the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) annual inspection found the lender had under-provided, also known as divergence in banking parlance, in 2017-18. The divergence is also because of its exposure to troubled infrastructure conglomerate, [15 May, 2019]

6. As per the MoU signed by National Mission for Clean Ganga, HCL Foundation and INTACH , which tree is set to planted in the catchment area of river Ganga? - Rudraksh Trees

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), HCL Foundation and Indian National Trust for Art and Culture Heritage (INTACH) signed tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Plantation of Rudraksh Trees in Uttarakhand under the 'Namami Gange' Programme. The objective is to create a greener ecosystem in the Ganga Basin along the stretch of 97 towns and 4,465 villages. Under the project, the aim is to plant 10,000 Rudraksh trees in the catchment area of Ganga River in Uttarakhand. This project will also help to generate income for people residing in those areas. [15 May, 2019]

7. Name the multi-currency card that has been launched by ICICI Bank in Collaboration with online travel booking portal Goibibo. - Goibibo ICICI Bank Travel Card

On May 13, 2019, Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank along with online travel booking portal Goibibo launched co-branded multi-currency card- Goibibo ICICI Bank Travel Card. Customers can use one card for multiple currencies and enjoy discounts on flights and hotel bookings. It can be used by anyone who are travelling abroad irrespective whether they hold an account in ICICI bank or not. It is accepted across 200 countries and 4.6 merchants globally and can be dealt in 15 currencies. [14 May, 2019]

8. Which Telecommunications company has tied up with Housing Development Finance Cooperation (HDFC) Life to provide life cover for its prepaid customers ? - Bharti Airtel

Bharti Airtel and the Housing Development Finance Cooperation (HDFC) Life had tied up to offer life cover for customers at a prepaid recharge of Rs 249. This new Rs 249 prepaid recharge will include 2 GB data, unlimited calls across all the networks and 100 SMS per day with an insurance cover of the worth of Rs 4 lakh from HDFC Life. The recharge validity is for only 28 days. [14 May, 2019]

9. Name the tamil militant and political organization, which has been banned by the central government for an additional 5 years recently. - Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam(LTTE)

Under sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government has extended the ban on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for an additional 5 years with immediate effect. The notification stated that the LTTE's perpetual violent activities are extremely detrimental to the integrity of our nation. LTTE has continuously been adopting a vehement anti-nationalist stand and has been posing as a grave threat to Indian's safety and security. [14 May, 2019]

10. Name the 2-week long summer vacation residential programme launched for the first time by Indian Space Research Organisation(ISRO)? - 'Yuva Vaigyanic Karyakram' (Yuvika-2019)

ISRO launched a maiden 2-week long (13th May 2019 to 26th May 2019) summer vacation residential programme termed 'India Young Scientist Programme' (Yuvika-2019) or 'Yuva Vaigyanic Karyakram' in line with the central government's vision of 'Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan'. This two-week-long programme is regarded as "Catch them young". The selected students from 29 states and 7 Union Territories across India would be able to avail this novel programme. [14 May, 2019]

11. Where was the 2 day ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) held? - New Delhi

India hosted a 2-day (May 13-14, 2019) ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in New Delhi in which ministers from 16 developing nations and 6 least developed nations had participated to discuss major problems and challenges facing the multi-lateral trading system. [14 May, 2019]

12. Boeing delivered 22 AH 64E Apache Guardian attack helicopters to - The IAF

US aerospace major, Boeing, handed over 22 AH-64E Apache Guardian attack helicopters to the Indian Air Force (IAF) at the Boeing production facility in Mesa, Arizona in the U.S. The first batch of these helicopters are scheduled to be shipped to India by July 2019. The IAF had signed a multi-billion dollar contract with the US government and Boeing Ltd in September 2015 for 22 Apache helicopters. AH-64E Apache Guardian attack helicopters: [13 May, 2019]

13. Novak Djokovic wins Which title - Madrid Open 2019

Novak Djokovic, the World No. 1 tennis player, won the Madrid Open 2019 title. He defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas, the Greek tennis player, and secured 6-3, 6-4. He equaled Rafael Nadal's record of 33 ATP Masters 1000 titles. It is also Djokovic's 200th victory against a Top 10 opponent. The Most Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Masters 1000 Titles are: Mutua Madrid Open 2019: Date: 3 - 12 May, 2019 Edition: 18th Surface: Clay Location: [13 May, 2019]

14. United Nations to hold Ocean Conference 2020 in - Portugal

United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) decided to hold Ocean Conference 2020 in Lisbon, Portugal from June 2 to 6, 2020 with a theme of "Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions." It will be co-hosted by the Governments of Portugal and Kenya. [13 May, 2019]

15. Where was the 16th United Nations Day of Vesak held? - Vietnam

M Venkaiah Naidu held talks with the Vietnamese leaders and participated in the 16th United Nations Day of Vesak at Tam Chuc pagoda in Ha Nam, Vietnam's northern province. This event globally attracted around 10,000 Buddhist followers, 1,500 religious dignitaries, researchers and scientists. Vesak, considered sacred to Buddhists, is celebrated to commemorate the birth of Buddha, His gaining of enlightenment and his demise. M Venkaiah Naidu's participation at the event would strengthen the relation between the Indian and Buddhist communities globally. [13 May, 2019]

16. Who Becomes Highest Wicket-Taking Spinner In ODI - Sana Mir Becomes

Pakistan off-spinner Sana Mir become the most successful women's ODI spinner in history after she took her 147th wicket, highest ever by any spinner in One-day International (ODI) cricket. Currently, Mir is placed on the third position in the ICC's ODI bowling ranking, which is topped by Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami. [13 May, 2019]

17. Who has led the Indian delegation during an official visit to Vietnam to enhance bilateral ties? - M Venkaiah Naidu

In order to improve upon India's strategic collaborative relationship with Vietnam, M Venkaiah Naidu, India's Vice President went on a 4-day official visit to the Southeast Asian nation. He was invited by H.E. Ms. Dang Thi Ngoc Thinh, Vice President of Vietnam. [13 May, 2019]

18. US hikes tariff on USD 200 billion for which purpose ? - Chinese imports, China to retaliate

US President Donald Trump's tariff increase to 25% on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods took effect on 10th May, ratcheting up tensions between the United States and China as they pursue last-ditch talks to try to salvage a trade deal. With no action from the Trump administration to reverse the increase, US Customs and Border Protection imposed the new 25% duty on affected US-bound cargoes leaving China on 10th May. [12 May, 2019]

19. Who won the 2019 McCain Institute Award for Courage and Leadership? - Chhaya Sharma

On 10th May 2019, IPS officer Chhaya Sharma, who headed the investigation team of the infamous Nirbhaya gang-rape and murder case, has been conferred with the 2019 McCain Institute Award for Courage and Leadership. She has guided teams in the detection and investigation of sensitive criminal cases and protection of human rights. In 2017, Chhaya has performed a crucial role in drafting Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines to Combat Trafficking of Persons in India. The award is granted to those who manifest courage on behalf of human rights, humanitarian compassion, justice, freedom, and human dignity. [12 May, 2019]

20. Facebook Chooses London As Base For - WhatsApp Payments

Facebook chosen London as the centre for the global roll-out of WhatsApp pay, before the social media giant launches its digital payments service on the mobile messaging platform in India. WhatsApp would hire nearly 100 people in London to focus on the digital payments service and additional operations staff would be hired in Dublin. Facebook chose UK because it attracts a multicultural workforce from many of the countries where WhatsApp is widely used, such as India. [12 May, 2019]

21. What is the theme of the Indian Pavillion in the 58th Venice Biennale that has started in Italy? - Theme - "150 years of Mahatma Gandhi"

Venice Biennale was organized by the Venice Biennale foundation, chaired by Paolo Baratta and focuses on contemporary art, contemporary dance, architecture, cinema, and theatre. India's debut at the biennale happened in 2011 with 'Everyone Agrees: It's About To Explode', curated by Ranjit Hoskote. This was nearly 116 years after the event first started. The theme for Indian Pavillion is "150 years of Mahatma Gandhi" while India's exhibition title is "Our Time for Future Caring" curated by Roobina Karode. It has been laid down by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. [12 May, 2019]

22. Which department/association has issued new norms for the University Grants Commission-funded scheme for those who pursue research? - Higher Education Department

The Higher Education Department has strictly issued new norms for the University Grants Commission-funded scheme which are meant for the faculties of colleges and universities who pursue research. This order is issued after the detection of numerous violations by the beneficiaries of the scheme. The Government has observed that many teachers leave the programme midway or fail to submit their thesis. Some teachers fail to render the compulsory service after they return from the Faculty Improvement Programme (FIP) deputation. It has led to the huge loss of public money. [12 May, 2019]

23. India celebrates National Technology Day on which date - 11th May

National Technology Day is observed every year on the 11th of May in India. It is a reminder of the anniversary of Shakti. The aim of the celebration is to highlight the achievements of the scientists and engineers of India in the field of science and technology. It also helps to encourage students towards science and technology field. Shakti: [11 May, 2019]

24. Who was appointed as coach of Indian men's football team ? - Igor Stimac

On 9th May 2019, Croatia's World Cupper and former manager Igor Stimac has been appointed as Indian men's team coach after the All India Football Federation's (AIFF) technical committee recommended him for the post. He succeeds Stephen Constantine. All India Football Federation (AIFF) interviewed Stimac, Albert Roca, Hakan Ericson and Lee for the post, but Stimac emerged as the number one choice. In his 14 year career span, Stimac coached the Croatian national team between 2012 and 2013. [11 May, 2019]

25. Which country has released first of its kind "Global Health Security Strategy" in order to prevent, detect and respond to threats from infectious diseases? - United States

The US government has released first of its kind "Global Health Security Strategy". The objective is to prevent, detect and respond to threats from infectious diseases occurring naturally or accidentally and make efforts to help improve the world's ability to stop and contain deadly outbreaks before they spread to other countries. The "Global Health Security Strategy" focuses mainly on three interrelated goals: To strengthen partner country global health security capacities. To increase international support for global health security. Prepare and resilient against the global health threats. [11 May, 2019]

26. India Ratings Downgrades to which bank With Negative Outlook - Yes Bank

India Ratings also lowered the lender's long-term ratings on concerns of some of its loan exposure turning into bad loans. India Ratings has downgraded the bank's long-term rating to 'IND AA-' with negative outlook, while reaffirming short-term rating, Yes Bank said in a late-evening filing. Icra downgraded the long-term ratings of the lender. Accordingly, six instruments with a total borrowing of over Rs 33,000 crore were also downgraded [11 May, 2019]

27. What will be the theme of the Ocean Conference 2020? - Theme - "Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions"

United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has decided to hold Ocean Conference 2020 in Lisbon, Portugal from June 2 to 6, 2020 with a theme of "Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions." To support this conference, the resolution was adopted by the 80th plenary meeting of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) 73rd session. [11 May, 2019]

28. Aircraft, Antonov An-12 was in news recently, it is from which country? - Georgia

Antonov An-12 heavy cargo plane coming entered the Indian air space from an unauthorised air route & it was forced to land at Jaipur airport. It was left off after a thorough investigation. The aircraft neither responded on international distress frequency nor to visual signals during interception. However, when challenged, the aircraft responded and informed that it was a non scheduled An-12 aircraft that had got airborne from Tbilisi (Georgia) for Delhi via Karachi. The aircraft was shadowed and forced to land at Jaipur for necessary investigation. [11 May, 2019]

29. Hamad International Airport topped in the best airport in the world survey conducted by Air Help. It is located in which country? - Qatar

Hamad International Airport, Qatar (DOH) [10 May, 2019]

30. Where was the Regional Heads of Customs Administration of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) meeting held? - **Kochi**

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) had organised a meeting of the Regional Heads of Customs Administration of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) from 8th May to 10th May, 2019 in Kochi. India hosted this meeting as the Vice Head of the Asia Pacific region, duties it assumed on 1st July, 2018 for a 2-year period. In the meeting, was discussed India's progress in carrying forward the programmes, initiatives of WCO to improve and provide security in the cross-border trade, the capacity building and technical assistance needed to achieve this goal, work programs of the Vice-Chair and facilitation of bilateral meetings to be held between the Member States. [10 May, 2019]

31. WHO partnered with which to eliminate industrially produced trans fat (iTFA) from food supply worldwide by 2023 - **IFBA**

WHO (World Health organization) collaborated with the International Food and Beverage Alliance (IFBA) to eliminate industrially produced trans fat (iTFA) from food supply worldwide by 2023. Trans fat-intake leads to coronary heart disease, due to which globally 5,00,000 deaths occur every year. [10 May, 2019]

32. Which state police has deployed the first Anti-Naxal Women's Commando unit named 'Danteshwari Ladake' or 'Fighters of Goddess Danteshwari'? - **Chhattisgarh**

The Chhattisgarh police have deployed first ever Anti-Naxal women's commando unit named 'Danteshwari Ladake' or 'Fighters of Goddess Danteshwari'. These women commandos have inducted in the District Reserve Guard (DRG) which is Chhattisgarh's frontline anti-naxal force. This specially raised squad was part of the security forces "short action teams" that eliminated three Naxal commanders in the past one month, has now inducted in the state's Naxal-hit Dantewada district. The unit comprised of 30 women commandos led by Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Dineshwari Nand. Out of these 30 women commandos, 10 are surrendered women Naxals and 10 are assistant constables, part of anti-naxal movement Salwa Judum [10 May, 2019]

33. Whose, Bajaj Auto Executive Director elected as IMMA Vice-President - **Rakesh Sharma**

Rakesh Sharma, Bajaj Auto Executive Director and also a representative of SIAM (Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers) elected as VP (Vice President) of IMMA, International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (based in Geneva) during the annual general meeting of (IMMA) at Yogyakarta in Indonesia. [09 May, 2019]

34. Which Former SC Judge appointed as member of Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal - **KS Radhakrishnan**

Former Supreme Court judge, KS Radhakrishnan has been appointed as a member of Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal (CSAT) for a term of 4 year, from 1st of June, 2019 to 31st of May, 2023. He had earlier served as a Supreme Court judge from November 2009 to May 2014. He has also served as the Chief Justice of the High Courts of Gujarat and J&K. [09 May, 2019]

35. Esha and Akull won silver in which International Competition - **Shooting Competition**

India's Esha Singh and Akull Kumar won silver in junior mixed air pistol event in the International Shooting Competition at Hannover, Germany. They secured 5.4 points and defeated by the German pair of Jan Luca Karstedt and Vanessa Seeger. Esha shot 385 out of 400 in qualification, as compared to the 370 by Akull. It was the second mixed medal for Esha, after the one she won recently with Anmol Jain in Plzen, Czech Republic. [09 May, 2019]

36. Whose launches India's first UPI Bahi Khata (Digital Ledger) for merchants - **BharatPe**

India's first Fintech (Financial technology) start-up enabling payments via interoperable UPI (Unified Payments Interface) QR (Quick Response) codes, BharatPe notified its venture into merchant services by launching a new app named 'Bharatpe for Merchants' that allows merchants to keep a track of their cash/credit (Udhar) sales customer wise, to request the accounts receivable from customers through SMS (Short Message Service) payment links or through WhatsApp and to record accounts that are payable to suppliers. [09 May, 2019]

37. Which of Turkey visited India for enhancing investment and trade relations - Mr Sedat Onal, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

Regular exchange between India and Turkey, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, Mr Sedat Onal visited India from 7th May-9th May, 2019. Mr Sedat Onal had previously visited India as part of the delegation of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in May 2017. [09 May, 2019]

38. World Red Cross Day is observed on - 08th May

World Red Cross Day (also known as Red Crescent Day) is observed every year on May 8. The 2019 theme is, '#Love'. The day is also the birthday of Henry Dunant, who had generated the Red Cross Committee of the International (ICRI) in 1863 in Switzerland, Geneva. He was born in May 8, 1828 and was also the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. [08 May, 2019]

39. Which country was re elected as an observer to the 11th Arctic Council ministerial meeting - India

India was re-elected as an observer to intergovernmental forum Arctic Council at the 11th Arctic Council ministerial meeting held at Rovaniemi in Finland. India promised its commitment towards contributing more to the Arctic Council. The Council also appointed the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) as a new Observer. India's Observer status: India successfully got the Observer status in 2013 during the Kiruna Ministerial meeting held in Sweden. [08 May, 2019]

40. Which Day observed on 7th May 2019 - Basava Jayanti

Basava Jayanti 2019 was observed on May 7, 2019. Basava Jayanthi is the birthday of Basavanna, a Hindu Kannada poet of the 12th century. Traditionally observed by the Lingayats, Basavanna who was also a philosopher is believed to be the founding saint of the Lingayat section. Basava Jayanti 2019 will witness various celebratory events across states like Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. Basava Jayanti is a government holiday in Karnataka. [08 May, 2019]

41. Whose second most followed politician globally - PM Modi

Prime Minister Modi is the second most followed politician in the world on social media with a total audience of 110.9 million on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The world's most followed politician is the former US President Barack Obama with a total following of 182.7 million. [08 May, 2019]

42. Govt. introduced Which Scheme - FAME II

The government introduced the FAME II scheme to boost the adoption of electric and hybrid vehicles. The scheme estimates that India can country save 64% of anticipated road-based mobility related energy demand and 37% of carbon emissions in 2030 by pursuing a shared, electric, and connected mobility future. [07 May, 2019]

43. SC rejects review petition for VVPAT verification; PR Ramachandra Menon sworn-in as CJ of Chhattisgarh - 50%

The petition was filed after the conclusion of third phase of Lok Sabha Elections 2019 by leaders of 21 Opposition political parties led by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. The petitioners demanded verification of the VVPAT slips in at least 50 percent randomly chosen polling stations within each Assembly Constituency. [07 May, 2019]

44. SC inquiry panel dismisses charges against - CJI; Provisions of Prohibition of Sex Selection Act, 1994 constitutional

The apex court's in-house panel stated that there was no substance in the allegations of the complainant. [07 May, 2019]

45. Odisha sought Rs.7000 crore under PMAY Scheme for - Flood disaster relief

The Odisha State government demanded special allotment of Rs.7,000 crore under the Prime Minister Awas Yojna with 90:10 funding ratio. Provision of five lakh disaster-resilient affordable houses which would require Rs.7,000 crore was sought by the State. Centre will provide further assistance to cyclone-hit Odisha after the assessment by an inter-ministerial Central team. [07 May, 2019]

46. Whose Win Asian Individual Squash Championship Titles - Saurav Ghosal & Joshna Chinappa

Ace Indian squash players Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa won their respective Asian Individual Squash Championship titles in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Saurav Ghosal defeated Leo Au Chun Ming of Hong Kong. Joshna Chinappa, on the other hand retained her title as she beat top seed Annie Au of Hong Kong in the women's final event [07 May, 2019]

47. India in talks with Uk for which ? - INS Vishal

The United Kingdom is in talks with the Indian government on building a new state-of-the-art aircraft carrier along the lines of Britain's HMS Queen Elizabeth as part of the ongoing Make in India negotiations. The talks are underway for the Indian Navy to buy detailed plans for the 65,000-ton British warship to build a so-called copycat supercarrier to be named INS Vishal in 2022. [06 May, 2019]

48. IIT Kanpur collaborates with Services with India to scale-up Unnat Bharat Abhiyan scheme - CSC e-Governance Services

Ministry of Electronics & IT, (Information Technology) and CSC (Common Services Centre) e-Governance Services India Limited partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur to upscale 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan'. 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan project' led by Dr Reeta Singh, from IIT Kanpur. [06 May, 2019]

49. Who conferred 2019 Padma Bhushan Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty - PC Chandra Puraskaar

India's most reputed cardiac surgeon and humanitarian, Dr Devi Prasad Shetty were awarded 27th P.C. Chandra Puraskaar the annual national award from the P.C. Chandra Group at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre. General Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Belur math, SwamiSuviranandaji Maharaj graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and gave away the award. He is also known as 'The Man with Divine Hands'. About P.C. Chandra Puraskaar: [06 May, 2019]

50. Myntra appoints as first brand ambassadors to whose - Myntra appoints Virat Kohli, Anushka Sharma as first brand ambassadors

Flipkart-owned fashion e-commerce platform Myntra appointed Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma as its first ever official brand ambassadors. Myntra launched an integrated campaign called 'Go Myntra-lala' to promote the brand. Advertising agency McCann Worldgroup from Bengaluru has created the television campaign. Anushka Sharma is a Bollywood actress and Virat Kohli is a famous cricket player. [06 May, 2019]

51. Shahid Afridi co-authored his autobiography titled, - Game Changer with journalist Wajahat S Khan

Shahid Afridi, former captain of the 'Pakistan national cricket team' wrote his autobiography titled, 'Game Changer' will unveil answers to the much-contemplated questions about him. Afridi is popularly known as 'Boom Boom' and holds the world record for the fastest ODI (One Day International) century in 37 deliveries. [06 May, 2019]

52. Vodafone idea signed multi million dollar IT deal with Which tech giant - IBM

Vodafone Idea Ltd, India's largest telecom operator, on 3rd May announced a five-year multi-million-dollar IT outsourcing deal with tech giant IBM. This engagement will also contribute to Vodafone Idea's merger synergy objectives by reducing its IT-related costs. The company did not divulge the size of the deal but some reports pegged it at about \$700 million. [06 May, 2019]

53. Who received France's highest civilian award - Ex-ISRO chief AS Kiran Kumar

Former ISRO chairman AS Kiran Kumar was conferred with France's highest civilian award 'Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur' for his contribution to India-France space cooperation. About AS Kiran Kumar: He served as the ISRO chief from 2015 to 2018 and was awarded the Padma Shri in 2014. He has contributed to projects like India's first experimental remote sensing satellite, Bhaskara-1, launched in 1979 and even Chandrayaan-1 and Mangalyaan. [05 May, 2019]

54. Who sworn in as NATO commander - US Air Force General Tod Wolters

US Air Force General Tod D. Wolters has been sworn in as the top military officer of the 29-nation NATO military alliance. Wolters, who replaces U.S. Army General Curtis M. Scaparrotti for a term likely to run two to three years, will also be commander of U.S. forces in Europe. The NATO post of SACEUR (Supreme Allied Commander Europe) is always held by an American military officer. About NATO: NATO full form: North Atlantic [05 May, 2019]

55. Which company overtook Apple to become Worlds 2nd largest smartphone maker - Huawei

The Chinese electronics giant Huawei has surpassed Apple to become the No. 2 smartphone vendor worldwide, according to statistics from the International Data Corp. (IDC). South Korean consumer electronics giant Samsung continues to top the list with 20.9% market share. Huawei was the only smartphone maker in the top three that saw an increase in shipments in the first quarter of 2019. [05 May, 2019]

56. Who won the ACJ Award for Investigative Journalism - Nileena M S

The article titled 'Coalgate 2.0' authored by Nileena M S and published in The Caravan magazine in March 2018 has won the ACJ Award for Investigative Journalism, 2018. The award, which comprises a trophy, a citation, and Rs. 2,00,000 cash prize. It was presented to the winner by John Micklethwait, Editor-in-Chief of Bloomberg News, who was the chief guest at the journalism school's annual convocation ceremony. Jury's Verdict: [05 May, 2019]

57. Which country remains India's top oil supplier in FY19 - Iraq

India provisionally imported 207.3 million tonne of crude oil in 2018-19, down from 220.4 million tonne in the previous financial year. India is world's third largest importer of crude oil (7% of total crude oil imports) after China (world's largest importer with 20.2% of total crude oil imports) and USA (13.8%). [05 May, 2019]

58. Indian Postal Department released Postage Stamp to commemorate 750th Birth Anniversary of - Sri Vedanta Desika

To commemorate the 750th birth anniversary of Sri Vedanta Desikan, Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu unveiled a postage stamp in New Delhi on May 2, 2019. The stamp has been released by Indian postal department. The postage stamps inspire the younger generation to practice humanism, peace and compassion propagated by the great saint and spiritual icon. [04 May, 2019]

59. India to purchase 10 Kamov-31 choppers from which country ? - Russia for 3,600 crores

Defence Ministry Nirmala Sitharaman approved Indian Navy's proposal to acquire 10 Kamov-31 choppers from Russia at a cost of around Rs. 3,600 crore to strengthen its capability against aerial threats to its aircraft carriers and large warships. They cleared the Rs. 3,600 crore proposal for buying around 10 Kamov-31 Airborne Early Warning and Control choppers for the aircraft carrier operations and deployment on future warships. [04 May, 2019]

60. International Firefighters Day is observed on - 4th May

International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is observed on 4th May of every year. It was instituted after a proposal was emailed out across the world on January 4, 1999, due to the deaths of five firefighters in tragic circumstances in a bushfire in Australia. May 4 used to be a traditional Firefighters' Day in many European countries because it is the day of Saint Florian, patron saint of firefighters. [04 May, 2019]

61. ADB to finance to which projects in India - metro rail

Asian Development Bank (ADB), traditionally strong in funding social sector projects in education, water and irrigation in India, is moving into financing metro rail projects in the country in a big way. Transport and energy are two of our biggest areas for funding. The announcement was made by Hun Kim, Director General, South Asia Department, ADB at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the ADB. [04 May, 2019]

62. Chandrayaan 2 to be launched between - 9 and 16th July

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announced that Chandrayaan-2, India's second mission to the moon, will be launched between July 9 and 16 and that it is expected to land on September 6. In August 2018, the organisation had said it will launch Chandrayaan 2 in January 2019 and described it as most complex mission undertaken by ISRO. [04 May, 2019]

63. Which Team retains top spot in ICC Test rankings - India

India retained its top position in the ICC Test rankings while England remained the number one ODI side in the latest annual rankings released in Dubai. New Zealand secured second place in Test series. India bagged prize money of USD 1 million New Zealand bagged USD 500,000. South Africa finished third with 105 points Australia finished fourth with 104 points winning prize money of USD 200,000 and USD 100,000 respectively. [03 May, 2019]

64. World Press Freedom Day is celebrated on Which date ? - 03 May

World Press Freedom Day is celebrated on 3rd May every year. It was started by the UN General Assembly in 1993, on a recommendation from UNESCO. The day aims to celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom, assess its state around the world, defend the media from attacks on their independence and to pay tribute to journalists who have laid down their lives in the exercise of their profession. [03 May, 2019]

65. Which Parliament becomes the first national government to pass an Environment and Climate Emergency - UK Parliament

UK Parliament becomes the first national government to pass an exemplary measure, that is, a national declaration of an Environment and Climate Emergency. This move marks a serious emergency in dealing with climate change. [03 May, 2019]

66. Who wins gold at Ali Aliev tournament in Russia - Bajrang Punia

Wrestler Bajrang Punia defeated Viktor Rassadin in the finals of men's 65kg freestyle in Ali Aliev wrestling tournament in Russia's Kaspiisk to bag his second title in two weeks. Bajrang, who was 0-5 down at one stage, went on to win the bout 13-8. The 25-year-old had won gold medal at the Asian Championships in China's Xi'an on April 23. [03 May, 2019]

67. Who becomes 1st Indian to break into top 25 of World Rankings in Table Tennis - G Sathian

G Sathian becoming the first Indian to break into the top-25 of the latest world ranking list released by International Table Tennis Federation. Sathian rose four spots to be 24th in the ITTF rankings, following his impressive sixth place finish in the Asia Cup in Yokohama earlier this month to secure a place in the World Cup in Chengdu from October 25 to 27. [03 May, 2019]

68. Which indian Player attains world number one spot in women's 10 m air rifle event - Apurvi Chandel

Indian shooting ace Apurvi Chandel attained the world number one position in the women's 10 metres air rifle event. Anjum Moudgil attained number two after consistent performances in recent years. The rifle ace from Jaipur is among the five Indian shooters to have already secured 2020 Olympics quotas for the country. Moudgil attained the world number two rank in 10 metres Air Rifle after her mixed team gold at the ISSF World Cup in Beijing. [02 May, 2019]

69. Who Appointed as Vice Chief of Air Staff ? - Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria

Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria was commissioned in the fighter stream of Indian Air Force in 1980 and won the coveted 'Sword of Honour' for standing first in the overall order of merit. He has over 4250 hours of experience on twenty-six types of fighters and transport aircraft with the unique distinction of being an Experimental Test Pilot, a Cat 'A' Qualified Flying Instructor and a Pilot Attack Instructor. [02 May, 2019]

70. DCIL signed MoU with ...? - WAPCOS to jointly identify future projects

Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCIL) signed a MoU with WAPCOS Limited, a mini-ratna PSU under Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. The main objective is to jointly recognize suitable future projects and carry out geotechnical investigation and engineering consultancy in the fields like water resources, power and infrastructure, port and harbour dredging. [02 May, 2019]

71. UNSC listed Which Person as a designated terrorist - Masood Azhar

Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Masood Azhar was listed as a designated terrorist by the UN Security Council 1267 Committee on 1st May 2019. The reasons for listing did not mention the Pulwama attack of February 14, for which the Jaish-e-Mohammad had claimed responsibility. But the listing is a victory for India in a decade-old diplomatic battle waged primarily by it and supported by its friends at the UNSC, as it would mean a travel ban, arms embargo and asset freeze on Azhar. [02 May, 2019]

72. HRD releases Rs.58.92 crore to Which State ? - Tamil Nadu under RUSA

The Human Resource Development Ministry has released Rs.58.92 crore as part of the grant to improve higher education institutions in the Tamil Nadu State. The allocation is under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan, which predicts improvement of infrastructure, faculty development, research and innovation and upgrade of degree colleges to model institutions. 66% of the contribution comes from the Centre. [02 May, 2019]

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Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's (SIPRI) report said that India is the world's fourth biggest military spender in 2018. The United States topped the list and it is followed by China and Saudi Arabia. [01 May, 2019]

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Australia's Claire Polosak will become the first female umpire to officiate in a men's one-day international at the ICC World Cricket League Division 2. [01 May, 2019]

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