1. Railway Protection Force (RPF) has nemad as ________________.
a) Indian Railway Protection Force Service  
b) National Railway Protection Force  
c) Indian Railway Force  
d) National Railway Protection Force Service  

Answer a) Indian Railway Protection Force Service. The Railways Ministry has renamed Railway Protection Force (RPF) as Indian Railway Protection Force Service. The ministry has also accorded Group A status to RPF.

2. Which State has become the first state to pass anti-CAA resolution?
 a) Tamil Nadu  
b) Kerala  
c) Maharastra  
d) Madhya Pradesh  

Answer b) Kerala. The Kerala Government on December 31, 2019, passed a resolution to rollback the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) that was passed during this winter session of Parliament.

3. Government of India launched “Central Equipment Identify Register” portal to______________.
 a) Trace black money  
b) Identify the govt documents  
c) Trace stolen mobiles  
d) Link Adhaar and PAN  

Answer c) Trace stolen mobiles. The Government of India on December 30, 2019, launched “Central Equipment Identify Register” portal to block and trace mobile phones. The web portal will operate under Department of Telecom.

4. ISRO to set up second launch port in ______________.
 a) Wayanad  
b) Chikhmagalur  
c) Thoothukodi  
d) Kudur  

Answer c) Thoothukodi. Indian Space Research Organisation will establish a second launch port in Thoothukodi district in Tamilnadu exclusively to launch small satellite launch vehicles.

5. Who has been appointed as Chairman, Railway Board on reappointment for period of one year?
 a) Ravindranath M  
b) Amar Nath  
c) Vinod Kumar Yadav  
d) Abishek Yadav  

Answer c) Vinod Kumar Yadav. Vinod Kumar Yadav has assumed the charge of Chairman, Railway Board after being reappointed.

6. Who has been appointed as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration of Indian Air Force?
 a) MSG Menon  
b) Ashwin Nair  

c) AL Sandeep Kishan
d) Vishnu V Nair
Answer a) MSG Menon. Air Marshal MSG Menon VSM takes over as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration of Indian Air Force with effect from 01 Jan 2020. Air Marshal MSG Menon VSM was commissioned in Administrative branch of IAF in Dec 1982.

7. Who has been appointed as Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance of Indian Air Force?
   a) Arvind Mittal
   b) Vibhas Pande
   c) Rohit Menon
   d) Vamsi Pandya
Answer b) Vibhas Pande. Air Marshal Vibhas Pande VSM has taken over as Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance of Indian Air Force with effect from 01 Jan 2020. Air Officer was commissioned as Aeronautical Engineer (Mechanical) in IAF on 29 Aug 1984.

8. Which appliance has been awarded the Appliance of the Year Award in the Ceiling Fan Category?
   a) Crompton
   b) Philips
   c) Kaitan
   d) Usha
Answer d) Usha. Usha International, India’s leading consumer durables company, has been awarded the Appliance of the Year Award in the Ceiling Fan Category for its Energia range of ceiling fans at the National Energy Conservation Awards 2019 held in New Delhi recently.

9. Damini is associated with___________.
   a) Children Helpline
   b) Animals helpline
   c) Girls Scholarship
   d) Women helpline
Answer d) Women helpline. The Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (UPSRTC) has launched a dedicated women helpline, ‘Damini’, which is a calling and a WhatsApp service for the safety of women.

10. AAI to set up India’s first three water aerodromes in ________________.
    a) Vishakapatnam
    b) Chennai
    c) Kolkata
    d) Andaman & Nicobar
Answer d) Andaman & Nicobar. Airports Authority of India (AAI) is in the process of seeking environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for three, first-of-its-kind in the country, water aerodromes in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

11. ITBP Director General S S Deswal has been given the “additional” charge to director general of_______________.
    a) CRFF
    b) RPF
    c) CRPF
    d) None of these
Answer c) CRPF. ITBP Director General S S Deswal has been given the “additional” charge to head country’s largest paramilitary force CRPF as its serving DG, R R Bhatnagar, retired.

12. Amit Talgeri is appointed as Chief Risk Officer of _______________.
   a) PNB
   b) HDFC
   c) Axis Bank
   d) SBI
Answer c) Axis Bank. Axis Bank appointed Amit Talgeri as the Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of the bank for three years, from January 1, 2020.

13. RBI launches _____________ app for visually challenged to identify currency notes.
   a) SCANEE
   b) MANI
   c) IMPAIR
   d) RBI-12
Answer b) MANI. With an eye to aid the differently-abled, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched a mobile app to identify currency notes. The visually challenged can identify the denomination of a note by using the application, which can also work offline once it is installed, the central bank said.

14. Who has been appointed Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Walmart India?
   a) Rahul Shastri
   b) Sameer Aggarwal
   c) Ruban Stalin
   d) Kathir Kumar L
Answer b) Sameer Aggarwal. “Sameer Aggarwal has been appointed Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Walmart India effective 1st January 2020. He will continue reporting to Krish Iyer, President & CEO Walmart India, and oversee operations, merchandising, people.

15. Who has been appointed as managing director of BBC Global News for India and South Asia?
   a) Rahul Sood
   b) krish Iyer
   c) Sibin Boban
   d) Samuel John
Answer a) Rahul Sood. BBC Global News, the BBC’s international commercial news, sport and features arm – has appointed Rahul Sood to the newly created role of managing director for India and South Asia. Joining in January 2020, Sood will have responsibility for leading the growth of commercial activities of BBC Global News across the business.

16. Who has been appointed as new chairman and managing director of Hindustan Copper Limited?
   a) Hamin Ansari
   b) Sachin Sahar
   c) Arun Kumar Shukla
   d) Rajasekar Reddy
Answer c) Arun Kumar Shukla. Arun Kumar Shukla has taken over as the new chairman and managing director of Hindustan Copper Limited on January 1, 2020. He had earlier joined the company as Director (Operations) on October 1, 2018.
17. Which state Government has announced plans to deliver sand at door steps?
   a) Tamil Nadu  
   b) Andhra Pradesh  
   c) Karnataka  
   d) Kerala
   Answer: b) Andhra Pradesh. The Andhra Pradesh Government announced that it will deliver sand at customers' door steps. As a pilot project, the government is to begin the initiative on experimental basis.

18. PPRTMS - in this "T" represents____________.
   a) Tracking  
   b) Trade  
   c) Technique  
   d) Team
   Answer: a) Tracking. The Election Commission of India launched an online system that will allow political parties to track their applications. The system is called Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System (PPRTMS).

19. PM Modi to inaugurate 107th Indian Science Congress in ____________.
   a) Kolkata  
   b) Chennai  
   c) Varanasi  
   d) Bengaluru
   Answer: d) Bengaluru. The theme of the congress this year is “Science and Technology: Rural Development”.

20. 5th IHAI National Ice Hockey Championship-2020 begins in ____________.
   a) Gulmarg  
   b) Pahalgam  
   c) Ladakh  
   d) Leh
   Answer: d) Leh. The 5th Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) National Ice Hockey Championship-2020 has begun in Leh. In the inaugural match in Under-20 Boys category between Chandigarh and Haryana, the contest ended in a draw with 4 goals each.

21. Hargila is a__________.
   a) Animal  
   b) Bird  
   c) Virus  
   d) Bacteria
   Answer: b) Bird. The Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden and Aaranyak has jointly attained a landmark achievement by successfully hatching a pair of Greater Adjutant chicks in an artificial platform within the zoo enclosure, in the first ever experiment of its kind.

22. D P Tripathi passed away at 67, is associated with____________.
   a) Politician  
   b) Actor  
   c) Journalist  
   d) Social Activitist
   Answer: a) Politician. Senior Nationalist Congress Party leader and former MP, D P Tripathi
passed away in Delhi after a prolonged illness. He was 67. Born in Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh Tripathi was active in students’ movement during his college days.

23. According to UNICEF, Which country has record highest number of babies born globally on New Year’s Day?
   a) China  
   b) Russia  
   c) India  
   d) Bangladesh  
   Answer: c) India. Nearly 4,00,000 babies were born around the world on New Year’s Day with India recording the highest number of these births worldwide at 67,385, the UN children’s agency said.

24. Swarna Jayanti award is associated with___________.  
   a) Journalist  
   b) Actor  
   c) Scientist  
   d) Sports Person  
   Answer: c) Scientist. The Union Ministry of Science and Technology have awarded Swarna Jayanti Fellowships to 14 scientists to pursue basic research in frontier areas of science and technology.

25. Who has been appointed as Prime Minister of Guinea-Bissau?  
   a) Domingos sev  
   b) Simoes Pereira  
   c) Umaro Cissoko Embalo  
   d) Homingos umiara Cahre  
   Answer: c) Umaro Cissoko Embalo. Former Guinea-Bissau Prime Minister Umaro Cissoko Embalo has been elected president after winning a run-off vote against another ex-prime minister. The 47-year-old beat rival Domingos Simoes Pereira by about 54% to 46%, the electoral commission announced.

26. Who has been appointed as the chairman of National Medical Commission (NMC)?  
   a) Suresh Chandra Sharma  
   b) Chandra Sekar Rao  
   c) Venkatesh Reddy  
   d) Hari KrishnaKumar M  
   Answer: a) Suresh Chandra Sharma. The head of Delhi AIIMS’ ENT head-neck surgery department, Professor Suresh Chandra Sharma, was appointed as the chairman of National Medical Commission (NMC), according to a Personnel Ministry order.

27. Which country has become the first country to ban sun cream that is harmful to corals and sea life?  
   a) Tuvalu  
   b) Palau  
   c) Guam  
   d) Nauru  
   Answer: b) Palau. The Pacific nation of Palau has become the first country to ban sun cream that is harmful to corals and sea life. Sun cream that includes common ingredients, including oxybenzone, is not allowed to be worn or sold in the country.
28. Which country will host 36th International Geological Congress in March?
   a) Italy  
   b) India  
   c) Spain  
   d) Mexico  
   Answer: b) India. India will host the 36th International Geological Congress, aimed at the development of Earth Sciences, in the National Capital Region (NCR) from March 2-8, the organisers said on January 2.

29. World Book Fair, 2020 is held at___________.
   a) Geneva  
   b) Sweden  
   c) Brazil  
   d) New Delhi  
   Answer: d) New Delhi. The New Delhi World Book Fair organized by the National Book Trust is being held for 42 years now. The trust is an apex body of Government of India functioning under Ministry of Human Resource Development.

30. World Health Organization designated the year 2020 as the “______________”. 
   a) Year of Nurse and Midwife  
   b) World Nursing Year  
   c) Year of Women  
   d) Year of Nature and Green  
   Answer: a) Year of Nurse and Midwife. In honor of 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the World Health Organization designated the year 2020 as the “Year of Nurse and Midwife”. This year, WHO is to focus on nursing and midwifery in order to achieve Universal Health Coverage.

31. KVIC opened first silk processing plant in_________.
   a) Uttar Pradesh  
   b) Gujarat  
   c) Karnataka  
   d) Andhra Pradesh  

32. Mirabai ranked eighth in latest Olympic qualification rankings, is associated with___________.
   a) Weightlifting  
   b) Boxing  
   c) Swimming  
   d) Shooting  
   Answer: a) Weightlifting. Former world champion Mirabai Chanu maintained her eighth spot released by the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF). The Olympic qualification competes in the 49kg category gathered 2966.6406 ranking points.

33. Who has been appointed as new chancellor of Queen’s University Belfast in Ireland?
   a) Hillary Clinton  
   b) Joe Biden
c) Chelsea Clinton  
d) Hardik Bara  
Answer a) Hillary Clinton. Former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton appointed as the new chancellor of Queen’s University in Belfast, Ireland. Clinton who is a regular visitor to Northern Ireland back to the first visit of President Bill Clinton in 1995, becomes the university’s first female chancellor. She will serve as chancellor for a five-year term.

34. **DAY-NULM - in this "U" represents___________.**  
a) Unity  
b) Unique  
c) Urban  
d) Under  
Answer c) Urban. Under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) scheme, self-help groups consisting of 44 lakh women working across the country, a move aimed at making women financially independent.

35. **Union Government signed MoU with __________ company under DAY-NULM Scheme.**  
a) Amazon  
b) Shopclues  
c) Myntra  
d) Flipkart  
Answer d) Flipkart. The Union Government of India signed MoU with Flipkart company for selling the products made by women self-help groups under the scheme Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

36. **Which state has bagged Krishi Karman Award ?**  
a) Tamil Nadu  
b) Telanagan  
c) Assam  
d) Odisha  
Answer d) Odisha. For the fifth time in a row Odisha has bagged Krishi Karman Award from the Centre for its overall food grain production in 2016-17.

37. **Ritualistic festival ‘Lai Haraoba’ begins in ___________.**  
a) Meghalaya  
b) Manipur  
c) Assam  
d) Tripura  
Answer d) Tripura. In Tripura, Lai Haraoba, a ritualistic festival observed by Manipuri meitei communities since ancient times, began in Agartala last evening. The five day long festival is jointly organised by Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Government of Tripura, Puthiba Lai Haraoba Committee and Puthiba Welfare & Cultural Society, Agartala.

38. **Bank of Baroda headquarter is situated in___________.**  
a) Vadadora, Gujarat  
b) Dalhousie, Himachal Pradesh  
c) Chennai, Tamil Nadu  
d) Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
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Answer a) Vadadora, Gujarat. Bank of Baroda (BoB) entered into a co-lending agreement with JM Financial Home Loans Ltd (JMFHL) to offer loans to homebuyers.

39. **David Stern is passed away at 77, is associated with___________.**
   a) Politics
   b) Sports
   c) Education
   d) All the above
   Answer b) Sports. David Stern, 77, who oversaw NBA’s growth into a global sports powerhouse while serving as commissioner from 1984 to 2014, died after suffering a brain haemorrhage last month.

40. **World Braille Day is observed on _____________.**
   a) January 04
   b) January 05
   c) January 08
   d) January 09
   Answer a) January 04. The world Braille Day is being celebrated today. The day is marked remembering the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the inventor of Braille – for people with visual disabilities. Louis Braille was born on 4th January 1809 in the town of Coupvray in northern France.

41. **NEST - in this "E" represents___________.**
   a) Efficient
   b) Eligible
   c) Emerging
   d) Export
   Answer c) Emerging. The Ministry of External Affairs is to set up a new division called NEST-New and Emerging Strategic Technologies. The division will work to increase investment coordination among the states of the country and also with the foreign countries.

42. **Krishnapatnam Port is located at_____________.**
   a) Karnataka
   b) Andhra Pradesh
   c) Tamil Nadu
   d) Kerala
   Answer b) Andhra Pradesh. India’s largest private sector port operator agreed to buy a 75% stake in Krishnapatnam Port Co. Ltd (KPCL) at an enterprise value of 13,500 crores, APSEZ. Krishnapatnam Port The Krishnapatnam Port is located in southern Andhra Pradesh and is a multi-cargo facility.

43. **Who has been appointed as Iranian Major-General in the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and commander of its Quds Force?**
   a) Esmail Qaani
   b) Hamim Daquil
   c) Muhammed Ismail
   d) Safan Khan
   Answer a) Esmail Qaani. Iran’s supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei named as the Deputy Head of the Revolutionary Guards foreign operations arm Esmail Qaani to replace Qasem Soleimani as its commander. Soleimani killed in a pre-dawn US strike in Baghdad.
44. Who has been appointed as Inspector General, Border Security Force?
   a) Ajay Kumar
   b) Abi Karthikeyan
   c) Soma Sundaram M
   d) Abhinav Kumar
   Answer d) Abhinav Kumar. The appointments committee of the Cabinet approved the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for extending the deputation tenure of IPS Abhinav Kumar, Inspector General.

45. India extends USD 75 mn line of credit for solar parks in__________.
   a) Haiti
   b) Jamaica
   c) Mexico
   d) Cuba
   Answer d) Cuba. India has extended a line of credit of USD 75 million (over Rs 500 crore) to Cuba for financing solar parks. An agreement signed between Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) and Banco Exterior De Cuba in July last year came into effect from December 12, the RBI said in a statement.

46. Union Government sanctions 2,636 EV charging stations in ________cities.
   a) 47
   b) 55
   c) 62
   d) 71
   Answer c) 62. The union government approved setting up 2,636 electric vehicle charging stations across 62 cities in 24 states and union territories of India under the second phase of the FAME India scheme. The move meant to encourage manufacturers to launch new electric vehicle models.

47. Which Bank has Bank Received Award for Remarkable Contribution towards Rural India?
   a) Axis bank
   b) Yes Bank
   c) HDFC Bank
   d) PNB
   Answer c) HDFC Bank. HDFC Bank, India’s leading private sector banking and financial services company has been adjudged as the winner in the ‘Innovation and Inclusiveness in Priority Sector Lending’ category at the ’11th Inclusive Finance India Awards’ in the ’16th Inclusive Finance Summit’ organized in New Delhi.

48. SEBI - in this "E" represents_______________.
   a) Export
   b) Exchange
   c) Emergency
   d) Export
   Answer b) Exchange. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) tightened the noose around the corporates, saying if companies are not cooperating with CRA.

49. CRA - in this "C" represents_______________.
   a) Credit
b) Cargo  
c) Carnival  
d) Crop  
Answer a) Credit. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) tightened the noose around the corporates, saying if companies are not cooperating with credit rating agencies (CRAs).

50. ______________ partners with WEWA to help women entrepreneurs set up businesses.  
a) Indian Bank  
b) SBI  
c) Indian Overseas Bank  
d) Axis Bank  
Answer a) Indian Bank. Indian Bank has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Women Entrepreneurs Welfare Association (WEWA), Tamil Nadu, to offer training and credit linkage to women members/entrepreneurs of the association for establishing business.

51. ISRO sets up academic centre in _____________.  
a) Andhra Pradesh  
b) Karnataka  
c) Tamil Nadu  
d) Telangana  
Answer b) Karnataka. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) set up a regional academic center for space at the National Institute of Technology (NITK) at Surathkal in Karnataka’s southwest Dakshina Kannada district.

52. “Cyber Safe Initiative” launched by ____________ Government.  
a) Madhya Pradesh  
b) Maharashtra  
c) Andhra Pradesh  
d) Himachal Pradesh  
Answer b) Maharashtra. Cyber Safe Initiative was launched by Maharashtra Government. The initiative was launched commemorating the birth anniversary of Indian Social Reformer Savitribai Phule. Savitribai Phule was the first female teacher of India.

53. APEDA - in this "A" represents_______________.  
a) Agriculture  
b) Authority  
c) Agenda  
d) Addition  
Answer a) Agriculture. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) announced that eight states namely Maharashtra, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Nagaland, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Punjab and Karnataka finalised their action plan to boost agricultural exports.

54. Project NETRA is associated with_______________.  
a) ISRO  
b) CB-CID  
c) ARMY
55. Which word has been voted word of the decade by US language experts?
   a) He
   b) She
   c) Them
   d) They
   Answer d) They. Neutral pronoun ‘they’ has been voted word of the decade by US language experts, beating out other contenders.

56. Indian Overseas Bank headquarter is situated in_______________.
   a) Kolkata
   b) Mumbai
   c) Chennai
   d) New Delhi
   Answer c) Chennai. Public sector Indian Overseas Bank has received capital infusion of Rs 4,360 crore from the government of India, the bank said.

57. Manav Thakkar becomes world no.1 in latest International Federation rankings, is associated with___________.
   a) Tennis
   b) Badminton
   c) Table Tennis
   d) Chess
   Answer c) Table Tennis. Young Indian paddler Manav Thakkar became world no.1 in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings in the Under-21 men’s singles category. With this, Thakkar became the fourth Indian to achieve the feat after Harmeet Desai, G Sathiyan and Soumyajit Ghosh.

58. Saurabh Chaudhary is associated with___________.
   a) Swimming
   b) Shooting
   c) Boxing
   d) Wrestling
   Answer b) Shooting. Ace shooter Saurabh Chaudhary has won the men’s 10 metres air pistol gold at the 63rd National Shooting Championship in Bhopal today. The 17-year-old from Uttar Pradesh shot a classy 246.4 to finish on top.

59. Who has bagged best men’s player award in Globe Soccer Awards ?
   a) Lionel Messi
   b) Cristiano Ronaldo
   c) Virgil van Dijk
   d) Hamiyo Steve
   Answer b) Cristiano Ronaldo. Star footballer Cristiano Ronaldo ended the year by winning the best men’s player at the Dubai Globe Soccer Awards here.

60. MECOS-3, 2020: Global Marine Ecosystem Meet in_______________.
   a) Vishakapatnam
b) Kochi

c) Kandla

d) Krishnapatnam

Answer b) Kochi. The Marine Ecosystems-Challenges and Opportunities (MECOS), the third international symposium is to be held in Kochi.

61. **95th Hastings International Chess title won by_____________.**
a) P Magesh Chandran  
b) Abimanyu Dev  
c) Chandrika Devi  
d) Keerthy Pandian


62. **Which among the following films won best picture in Golden Globes 2020?**  
a) 1917  
b) Hollywood  
c) Sherlock and Avengers  
d) Both a and b

Answer d) Both a and b. “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood,” Quentin Tarantino’s take on the Manson murders, walked away with three awards on Sunday night, the most of any project. The film won best comedy or musical, along with best supporting actor for Brad Pitt and best screenplay for Tarantino.

63. **ISRO’s astronaut training hub is located in___________.**
a) Challakere  
b) Ballari  
c) Tiptur  
d) Hosadurga

Answer a) Challakere. India’s world-class facility for training astronauts will come up not in the space headquarters in Bengaluru, nor in any glitzy metropolis.

64. **TN Chaturvedi passes away at 90, is associated with_____________.**
a) Former Governor  
b) Former Army General  
c) Scientist  
d) None of these

Answer a) Former Governor. Former Karnataka Governor Triloki Nath Chaturvedi died at the age of 90. According to ourbitcoinnews.com, he was admitted to Kailash Hospital in Sector-27 of Noida, due to sudden chest pain. He died at the hospital where he was being treated.

65. **AI powered National Stock Exchange Knowledge Hub inaugurated in ______________.**
a) Kolkata  
b) Bengaluru  
c) Chennai  
d) New Delhi

Answer d) New Delhi. The National Stock Exchange (NSE) knowledge Hub was
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inaugurated. The hub will assist insurance, banking and financial services. The hub has adopted the latest technology of Artificial Intelligence.

66. India’s UJALA Programme completes 5 successful years, is associated with___________.
   a) Water for all
   b) LPG connection for all
   c) Street Light for all
   d) None of these
   Answer c) Street Light for all. Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) and LED Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) marked their fifth anniversary.

67. Indian Army will sign MoU with__________ to procure AK-203 assault rifles.
   a) China
   b) Japan
   c) Russia
   d) USA
   Answer c) Russia. The Indian Army will sign MoU with Russia to procure AK-203 assault rifles. According to the deal, around 1 lakh rifles are to be received directly from Russia and the rest will be manufactured in India.

68. UCO Bank headquarter is situated in___________.
   a) Chennai
   b) Kolkata
   c) New Delhi
   d) Mumbai
   Answer b) Kolkata. State-owned lender UCO Bank has said it has recovered ₹800-900 crore from four large stressed accounts in the December quarter under the bankruptcy law and is extending credit linkage to 10,000 Self Help Groups.

69. NSE taps Sebi for ___________________(IPO) even as banks plan to offload shares.
   a) Initial Public Office
   b) Initial Public Offering
   c) Initial Private Offering
   d) Initial Private Office
   Answer b) Initial Public Offering. The National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE) has formally approached the stock market regulator for an initial public offering (IPO) of its shares, even as two state-run lenders have started selling some of their NSE shares ahead of the IPO.

70. “Naseem Al-Bahr” - a bilateral Naval Exercise between India and______________.
   a) Oman
   b) Iran
   c) Iraq
   d) Saudi Arabia
   Answer a) Oman. Two Oman ships arrived in Goa to participate in “Naseem-Al-Bahr”, the Indo-Oman bilateral naval exercise. RNOV are Royal Navy of Oman Vessels. RNOV al Rasikh and RNOV Khassab arrived at Goa.
71. Yoga Science Meet, Farmers Science Congress held at Indian Science Congress in ____________.
a) Chennai  
b) Bengaluru  
c) Kolkata  
d) Mumbai  
Answer b) Bengaluru. The Indian Science Congress was inaugurated by PM Modi on January 3, 2020. On the sidelines of the event, the Farmers Science Congress was conducted for the first time. The event also witnessed the Yoga Science Meet.

72. Zo Kutpui Festival organised in ____________.
a) Punjab  
b) Haryana  
c) Madhya Pradesh  
d) Mizoram  
Answer d) Mizoram. The Mizoram State Government is organising Zo Kutpui festival across 10 states in the country and also in countries such as Myanmar, US and Bangladesh.

73. The year 2020 is observed as Year of ____________ by CISF.
a) Safety  
b) Security  
c) Mobility  
d) Integrity  
Answer c) Mobility. The CISF observes 2020 as the “Year of Mobility” for the welfare of the troops. It will focus on construction of residential units and implementation of welfare measures.

74. Global Drosophila Conference held at ____________.
a) Indore  
b) Pune  
c) Chandigarh  
d) Goa  
Answer b) Pune. On January 6, 2020, the fifth Asia Pacific Drosophila Research Conference was held at Pune. It was organized by the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research.

75. According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) report, Which Indian city is highest in sugar intake?
a) Ahmedabad  
b) Chennai  
c) Mumbai  
d) Delhi  
Answer b) Chennai. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) released its report on sugar intake of India. The intake was measured in grams per day. According to the study, sugar intake was the highest in Mumbai. Mumbai reported 26.3 g/day followed by Ahmedabad at 25.9 g/day.

76. Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has set new standards for ACs. Default Temperature is ____________.
a) 24 degree celsius  
b) 25 degree celsius  

C) 26 degree celsius
D) 27 degree celsius
Answer: A) 24 degree celsius.

77. Lieutenant general Prem Nath Hoon, who passed away recently, was the former commander of ________.
   A) Eastern Army
   B) Western Army
   C) Northern Army
   D) All the above
   Answer: B) Western Army.

78. Zoran Milanovic has won the Presidential Election in __________.
   A) Italy
   B) Croatia
   C) Sweden
   D) Germany
   Answer: B) Croatia. He defeated center-right incumbent Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic.

79. Who is the current Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh?
   A) Jai Ram Thakur
   B) Prakash Kejriwal
   C) Suresh Prabhu
   D) Jai Krishnan
   Answer: A) Jai Ram Thakur.

80. IPS officer ___________ has been appointed as an advisor to the Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.
    A) Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar
    B) Kumar Singh
    C) Vasudevan
    D) Murali Pakshirajan
    Answer: A) Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar.

81. Ravindra Nath Mahto has been elected as the Assembly Speaker of ____________.
    A) Bihar
    B) Jharkhand
    C) Himachal Pradesh
    D) Gujarat
    Answer: B) Jharkhand.

82. RBI grants in-principle approval to Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank for transition into a ____________.
    A) Small Finance Bank
    B) Payments Bank
    C) Postal Bank
    D) NOTA
    Answer: A) Small Finance Bank.
83. A deal has been signed between Amazon India and __________ to strengthen Amazon’s India presence in the wake of an upcoming Reliance Retail competition.
   a) Flipkart
   b) Myntra
   c) Future Retail Ltd
   d) Snapdeal
   Answer: c) Future Retail Ltd.

84. GOCO - in this "C" represents ______________.
   a) Commission
   b) Central
   c) Contractor
   d) Command
   Answer: c) Contractor. The Indian Army began its work based on the Government Owned Contractor Operated (GOCO) model. The model will identify the potential industry partners for its base workshops and ordnance depots intended to improve operational efficiency.

85. Two Indian origin women appointed as the judges to criminal and civil courts in ______________.
   a) New York
   b) Germany
   c) Italy
   d) Spain
   Answer: a) New York. Two Indian origin women, Judge Archana Rao and Judge Deepa Ambedkar have been appointed as judges to criminal and civil courts. The judges were appointed by New York mayor Bill de Blasio.

86. The 31st International Kite Festival launched in ______________.
   a) Ahmedabad
   b) Pune
   c) Allahabad
   d) Indore
   Answer: a) Ahmedabad. The 31st International Kite Festival was launched at the Sabarmati riverfront in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. It was inaugurated by Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.

87. India continues to be top sourcing market for ______________ tourism.
   a) Indonesia
   b) Sri Lanka
   c) Bangladesh
   d) Nepal
   Answer: b) Sri Lanka. India continued to be the top sourcing market for Sri Lankan tourism with Indian tourists constituting maximum 19 percent of total tourist arrivals to the island nation in 2019.

88. Which state has registered the highest Inpatient Department, IPD care in the country?
   a) Jammu and Kashmir
   b) Tamil Nadu
   c) Kerala
   d) Andhra Pradesh
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Answer a) Jammu and Kashmir. As per the report, the 96% IPD care in rural areas of J&K is provided by Public Health Facilities. This facility is highest against the country’s average of 85%.

89. ‘Karmayoddha Granth’- book on the life of _________________.
   a) Manmohan Singh
   b) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
   c) Ram Nath Kovind
   d) Narendra Modi
   Answer d) Narendra Modi. A ‘Karmayoddha’ is a man with a beating heart for people, a statesman, a hard taskmaster, an able administrator and an ideal leader who leads by example. All these qualities have been personified by Narendra Modi.

90. NSO projects India’s GDP growth rate for 2019-20 at ________%.
   a) 2
   b) 3
   c) 4
   d) 5
   Answer d) 5. National Statistical Office (NSO) projects India’s GDP growth rate for 2019-20 at 5%. The decline has been mainly on account of deceleration in manufacturing sector growth, which is expected to come down to 2 per cent in 2019-20 from 6.2 per cent in the year-ago fiscal.

91. _______________ and ______________ have conferred with the CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award 2019.
   a) Krishnamachari Srikkanth, Anjum Chopra
   b) Rahul Dravid, Anjum Chopra
   c) Virender Shewag, PT Usha
   d) Krishnamachari Srikkanth, Anju George
   Answer a) Krishnamachari Srikkanth, Anjum Chopra. Srikkanth and Anjum will be conferred with the Lifetime Achievement award by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for their contributions to Indian cricket.

92. Indian High Commission organizes “Art Exhibition” in _________________.
   a) Indonesia
   b) New Delhi
   c) Bangladesh
   d) China
   Answer c) Bangladesh. The Indian High Commission has organized the “Art Exhibition” in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The “Art Exhibition” has been organized to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

93. Which team won the 5th Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) National Ice Hockey Championship -2020 in both Boys and Girls categories?
   a) Railway Team
   b) Home Team
   c) CPRF Team
   d) Whole Zone Team
   Answer b) Home Team. In Leh-Ladakh, the home teams won the 5th Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) National Ice Hockey Championship -2020 in both Boys and Girls categories.
94. Harshvardhan Sadgir won the 2020 Maharashtra Kesari title, is associated with _____________.
a) Wrestling  
b) Boxing  
c) Swimming  
d) Shooting  
Answer a) Wrestling. Indian wrestler Harshvardhan Sadgir won the Maharashtra Kesari title in the 63rd wrestling event at Balewadi near Pune on 7 January 2020.

95. Worlds highest railway bridge to be built by _____________.
a) USA  
b) India  
c) China  
d) Russia  
Answer b) India. The government has set a fresh deadline for the completion of the world’s highest railway bridge that connects Kashmir to the rest of India by December 2021.

96. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is observed on_______________.
a) January 06  
b) January 07  
c) January 08  
d) January 09  
Answer d) January 09. The 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is observed on 9 January 2020. The day is celebrated to recognize the overseas Indians who have contributed to the development of India.

97. According to World Bank’s Global Economic Prospect, World Economic Growth projected at ______%.
a) 1.5  
b) 2.2  
c) 2.5  
d) 2.8  
Answer c) 2.5. The World Bank released its Global Economic Prospect. According to its forecast, the world is expected to grow economically at the rate of 2.5%.

98. Operation Sankalp is associated with_______________.
a) Army  
b) Navy  
c) Air Force  
d) Railway  
Answer b) Navy. The Indian Navy said that they have commenced security operations called ‘Operation Sankalp’ in order to ensure safe passage of Indian Flag Vessels through the Strait of Hormuz.

99. Who has been appointed as MD of India, South Asia operations for IBM?
a) Abhay Krishna  
b) Vishnuvi Menon  
c) Chinmayi Pratap  
d) Sandip Patel
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Answer d) Sandip Patel. He will succeed Karan Bajwa who will pursue opportunities outside IBM, the company said in a statement.

100. Which cricketer has topped in ICC ranking?
   a) Virat Kohli  
   b) Ajinkaye Rahane  
   c) Steve Smith  
   d) Ross Taylor  
Answer a) Virat Kohli. India skipper Virat Kohli retained his top spot among batsmen while Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane slipped in the latest ICC Test rankings issued.

101. Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award is associated with__________.
   a) Science  
   b) Agriculture  
   c) Sports  
   d) Chemistry  
Answer b) Agriculture. Famous Agricultural Scientist Prof. M S Swaminathan and Dr. Gutta Muniratnam were chosen as the first recipients of Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence and Muppavarapu National Award for Social Service respectively.

102. Pulses Conclave 2020 to be held in ______________.
   a) Andhra Pradesh  
   b) Tamil Nadu  
   c) Maharashtra  
   d) Karnataka  
Answer c) Maharashtra. The Pulses Conclave 2020 (TPC 2020) has been scheduled to be held from 12-14 February 2020 in Lonavala, Maharashtra.

103. Which state government has unveiled a wage subsidy scheme for ventures?
   a) Uttar Pradesh  
   b) Assam  
   c) Himachal Pradesh  
   d) Kerala  
Answer d) Kerala. Kerala State Government launched a wage subsidy scheme for the first five years for new ventures getting registered from 1 April 2020.

104. Which state Government has signed MoU with KFW to implement ZBNF?
   a) Meghalaya  
   b) Assam  
   c) Arunachal Pradesh  
   d) Andhra Pradesh  
Answer d) Andhra Pradesh. The Andhra Pradesh Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the representatives of a German firm, KFW, in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh to implement Zero Budget Natural Farming in the state.

105. World Hindi Day is observed on ____________.
   a) January 08  
   b) January 09  
   c) January 10  
   d) January 11  

206. **Amma Vodi scheme launched in _____________.**
   a) Tamil Nadu
   b) Kerala
   c) Andhra Pradesh
   d) Karnataka
   Answer c) Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy launched Amma Vodi Scheme in Chittoor. It is one of the nine flagship programmes of the Andhra Government. The programmes are called Navratanalu. The scheme is first of its kind in the country.

207. **India and _________ signed MoU on Zero Budget Natural Farming.**
   a) Canada
   b) Germany
   c) Sweden
   d) Italy
   Answer b) Germany. The Andhra Pradesh Government signed Memorandum of Understanding with a German firm to implement Zero Budget Natural Farming in the state.

208. ‘residential builder finance with buyer guarantee’ scheme has launched by____________.
   a) SBI
   b) Canara Bank
   c) PNB
   d) ICICI
   Answer a) SBI. Country’s largest public sector bank, State Bank of India has announced a ‘residential builder finance with buyer guarantee’ (RBBG) scheme. It aims at giving a push to residential sales and improve homebuyers’ confidence.

209. **Exercise Milan is associated with___________.**
   a) Navy
   b) Army
   c) Railway
   d) CPRF
   Answer a) Navy. Of the 41 navies invited for the Milan 2020 multilateral naval exercise being hosted by India, confirmations have been received from over 30 navies, the Navy said.

210. **South Asian Trade and Travel Exchange Expo 2020 held in _____________.**
   a) Mumbai
   b) New Delhi
   c) Kolkata
   d) Pune
   Answer b) New Delhi. The 27th edition of South Asian Trade and Travel Exchange Expo (SATTE) 2020 was held in New Delhi. The SATTE expo was supported by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and sponsored by Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Department.

211. **Who has bagged a coveted UK children’s book award?**
   a) Anuj Pavan

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Answer d) January 10. World Hindi Day is observed on 10 January 2020. It is observed every year. The day ensures to promote the Hindi language around the world.

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b) Jasbinder Bilan
c) Pratap Bothan
d) Bharath Singh
Answer b) Jasbinder Bilan. The story set in the Himalayan territory of her Indian roots and inspired by the special childhood bond with her grandmother. Bilan will receive 5,000 pounds as the winner of the award.

112. Gopinath Gajapati Narayan Deo is passed away at 76, who is associated with___________.
a) Former parliamentarian
b) Former General
c) Former Commander
d) Former Minister
Answer a) Former parliamentarian. Narayan Deo was born on 6 March 1943. He had represented the Berhampur parliamentary constituency for two terms as a Congress member.

113. Which state government has to set up a zoo named after Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan?
a) Assam
b) Himachal Pradesh
c) Uttar Pradesh
d) Meghalaya
Answer c) Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh State government is to set up a zoological garden in Gorakhpur, UP. The zoo is to be named after the socialist and freedom fighter Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan.

114. National Youth Festival 2020 to be held in _____________.
a) Indore
b) Jaipur
c) Lucknow
d) Udaipur
Answer c) Lucknow. The 23rd National Youth Festival (NYF) 2020 has been scheduled to be held from 12-16 January at Indira Pratishthan, Lucknow.

115. According to Eurasia Group, India secured_____th rank in geopolitical risk of 2020.
a) 4
b) 5
c) 6
d) 7
Answer b) 5. Eurasia Group reported that India is one of the world’s top geopolitical risks for 2020. The political risk consultancy India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi was listed as the fifth biggest geopolitical risk of 2020.

116. Wings India 2020 to be held in _____________.
a) Indira Gandhi Intl Airport
b) Begumpet Airport
c) Jawaharlal Nehru Airport
d) None of these
Answer b) Begumpet Airport. The event is expected to boost aviation. The event is organized
by Ministry of Civil Aviation (MOCA) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) to provide a congenial forum to the rapidly changing dynamics of the sector Wings India 2020.

117. GAIC launched imported water-soluble fertilizers in ____________.
   a) Assam
   b) Manipur
   c) Himachal Pradesh
   d) Gujarat
   Answer d) Gujarat. Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation (GAIC) launched imported water-soluble fertilizers in Ahmedabad. The move aims to encourage the use of high-grade agri-inputs in the state.

118. Power Ministry released the 2019 State Energy Efficiency Index, which among the following states were best performers?
   a) Karnataka and HP
   b) Haryana
   c) Puducherry
   d) All the above
   Answer d) All the above. Karnataka, HP, Haryana and Puducherry were the best performers according to the report. Manipur, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir were the least performers.

119. Sachin Bansal acquires DHFL General Insurance for Rs 100 crore, who is the CEO of ________________.
   a) Flipkart
   b) Snapdeal
   c) Myntra
   d) Club Factory
   Answer a) Flipkart. Flipkart co-founder and former CEO Sachin Bansal has reportedly acquired DHFL General Insurance from Wadhawan Group Capital (WGC) for around Rs 100 crore.

120. Who has been appointed as board of director for International Business School, Washington (IBSW)?
   a) Sankalp Yadav
   b) Sandip Soparrkar
   c) Aravindh Manimaran
   d) Bhuvana Vijaya Kumar
   Answer b) Sandip Soparrkar. The new year begins with a bang for renowned dancer choreographer Dr. Sandip Soparrkar as he has a new feather in his cap. The International Business School of Washington (IBSW) has appointed Dr. Soparrkar as a new Panel Member in board of Directors.

121. IRDA is expand as ________________.
   a) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
   b) Insurance Regulation and Development Authority
   c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Author
   d) Insurance Regulatory and Development Affirm
   Answer a) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority. Insurance Regulatory and
Development Authority (IRDA) said in a statement that it framed charges against Cholamandalam MS General Insurance in a case related to declaration of funds paid in advance to Ashok Leyland, Cholamandalam MS Risk Services and DHFL.

122. National Youth Day is observed on ____________.
   a) January 10
   b) January 11
   c) January 12
   d) January 13
Answer c) January 12. National Youth Day or Yuva Diwas is observed on 12 January across India. The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. It aims to create awareness and to provide knowledge to the youth about the rights in India.

123. Theme for National Youth Day 2020 is______________.
   a) Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building
   b) Strenghthening Youth Power for Nation Building
   c) Spreading Youth Power for Nation Building
   d) None of these
Answer a) Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building.

124. Hormuz Peace Initiative is held in____________.
   a) Dhaka
   b) Somei
   c) Singapore
   d) Tehran
Answer d) Tehran. India recently attended the Hormuz Peace Initiative that was held in Tehran. The initiative aimed at stabilizing one of world’s busiest shipping lanes, the Strait of Hormuz amidst US-Iran tensions.

125. Corona Virus is associated with____________.
   a) Humans
   b) Animals
   c) Computer
   d) All living organism
Answer a) Humans. China reported the first death in the country due to pneumonia caused by a new virus that is of outbreak in the city of Wuhan.

126. Purvodaya is associated with___________.
   a) Ship
   b) Steel
   c) School
   d) College
Answer b) Steel. The Ministry of Steel announced that it will launch “Purvodaya”, a world class steel hub. The hub aims at an accelerated development programme of eastern states.

127. “Cyber AASHVAST” Cyber Crime Prevention Unit launched in____________.
   a) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
   b) Kochi, Kerala
   c) Gudoor, Andhra Pradesh
d) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
Answer c) Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Home Minister Amit Shah launched the country’s first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit called the “Cyber AASHVAST” in Gandhinagar.

128. **Yashaswini Scheme is for___________.**
a) Female entrepreneurs  
b) Female Journalists  
c) Female Photographers  
d) Female News Readers
Answer a) Female entrepreneurs. Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Irani today launched Yashaswini Scheme for Women entrepreneurship.

129. **Who is the new President of Taiwan?**
a) Tsai Ing-wen  
b) Han Kuo-yu  
c) Haming - cen  
d) Isai wenyu
Answer a) Tsai Ing-wen. Taiwan’s President Tsai Ing-wen has secured a second term after sweeping to victory in an election dominated by the island’s relationship with China.

130. **REIT - in this "R" represents___________.**  
a) Reserve  
b) Report  
c) Reassign  
d) Real  
Answer d) Real. Emerging investment instruments REITs and InvITs seem to be finally catching investors’ fancy, with mutual funds investing a whopping Rs 12,000 crore in such units in 2019.

131. **Smriti Irani launched Yashaswini Scheme for Women entrepreneurship in __________.**  
a) Pune  
b) Chennai  
c) Bangalore  
d) Goa
Answer d) Goa. Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Irani today launched Yashaswini Scheme for Women entrepreneurship in Goa. The event was held at Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium at Taleigao near Panaji.

132. **Who has honoured with 2020 the Global Child Prodigy Award?**  
a) Smriti Yash  
b) Ishwar Sharma  
c) Abimanyu Deva  
d) Latha Ramani K
Answer b) Ishwar Sharma. He received his Certificate of Achievement at a special event attended by Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi and Dr. Kiran Bedi, Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, in New Delhi in January 2020.

133. **Who has received the Polly Umrigar Award for male category for the year 2018-19?**
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a) Virat Kholi
b) Smiriti Mandana
c) Sonam Ahuja
d) Jasprit Bumrah
Answer d) Jasprit Bumrah. He is awarded for being the best international cricketer at the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Annual Awards. It has been scheduled to be held in Mumbai.

134. World Future Energy Summit began in __________.
a) Saudi Arabia
b) Abu Dhabi
c) Singapore
d) Malaysia
Answer b) Abu Dhabi. The World Future Energy Summit began at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC), Abu Dhabi on 13 January 2020. The theme of the summit is Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment.

135. Lohri day is celebrated on __________.
a) January 12
b) January 13
c) January 14
d) January 15
Answer b) January 13. Lohri day is celebrated on 13 January every year in India. Lohri is termed as the festival of farmers in Northern India. It is observed a night before Makar Sankranti.

136. STEM - in this "T" represents__________.
a) Trade
b) Tea
c) Technology
d) Train
Answer c) Technology. One of the job sites, indeed released a report that jobs related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics have increased by 44% between November 2016 and November 2019.

137. Raisina Dialogue to be held at__________.
a) Mumbai
b) Chennai
c) New Delhi
d) Pune
Answer c) New Delhi. The Raisina Dialogue is to be held between January 14, 2020 and January 16, 2020. It is a multilateral conference that is held in New Delhi annually since 2016.

138. Which country has Finished 2019 as Number One in the World in the Sport of Shooting?
a) India
b) USA
c) China
d) Japan
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Answer a) India. On the back of its sparkling show through 2019, India finished the year as the top shooting nation in the world, leapfrogging Olympic heavyweights China and the USA.

139. IUPAC - in this "P" represents______________.
   a) Public
   b) Private
   c) Pure
   d) Professionals
   Answer c) Pure. International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)

140. Who has elected as IUPAC bureau member?
   a) Siva Rama krishnan
   b) Hamim Abdul Rahman
   c) Abhay Krishna L
   d) Bipul Behari Saha
   Answer d) Bipul Behari Saha. Bipul Behari Saha, a noted chemist has been elected as a bureau member of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) for the period 2020-23.

141. The three-day International Apparel Sourcing Show 2020 is held at______________.
   a) Pune
   b) Chennai
   c) Indore
   d) Bengaluru
   Answer d) Bengaluru. The three-day International Apparel Sourcing Show will be held between February 20 and 22 at Hotel Sheraton Grand at Whitefield in Bengaluru.

142. Workshop-cum-exhibition on “Bamboo- A wonder grass” concludes in ____________.
   a) Himachal Pradesh
   b) Jammu
   c) Arunachal Pradesh
   d) Assam
   Answer b) Jammu. The deliberations of the two-day workshop-cum-exhibition on Bamboo with the aim of creating opportunities for the sustainable development in Jammu and Kashmir concluded today at Jammu.

143. Who won ATP Cup 2020?
   a) Rafael Nadal
   b) Novak Djokovic
   c) Pablo Carreno Busta
   d) Feliciano Lopez
   Answer b) Novak Djokovic. Rafael Nadal’s Spain lost to Novak Djokovic’s Serbia in the final of the ATP Cup at Ken Rosewall Arena in Sydney. Serbia came from behind to defeat Spain with Novak Djokovic starring in both his singles and doubles matches.

144. Wade Ormsby is associated with___________.
   a) Golf
b) Swimming
c) Shooting
d) Wrestling

Answer a) Golf. Australian Wade Ormsby completed a wire-to-wire victory at the Hong Kong Open as a final-round 66 lifted the Australian to the title for the second time in three years.

145. Armed Forces Veterans Day is observed on _____________.
a) January 12
b) January 13
c) January 14
d) January 15

Answer c) January 14. Every year, Armed Forces Veterans Day is celebrated on January 14. The day is being celebrated since 2017.

146. 6th Island Development Agency meeting is held in _________________.
a) Mumbai
b) Chennai
c) Pune
d) New Delhi

Answer d) New Delhi. Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the sixth Island Development Agency meeting in New Delhi. The meeting focused on “Green Development in the Islands to reach new heights”.

147. Statue of Unity included in 8 Wonders of _______________.
a) Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)
b) BRICS
c) NATO
d) Association of southeastern

Answer a) Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). The Statue of Unity that was inaugurated by PM Modi in October 2018 has been included in 8 wonders of SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization). The statue was a monumental tribute to Sardar Vallabhai Patel.

148. Who has been appointed as RBI’s fourth Deputy Governor?
a) Sivan Das
b) Hari Krishna Kanth
c) Rama Shrathan
d) Michael Debabrata Patra

Answer d) Michael Debabrata Patra. He will take over the position lying vacant after Viral Acharya’s exit last year. Patra will serve a term of three years.

a) 2.4
b) 3.3
c) 5.1
d) 6.8

Answer b) 3.3. The World Bank has forecast Sri Lanka’s economic growth at 3.3 per cent for 2020 saying the growth is likely to remain below four per cent in next three years.
150. Who has inaugurated classical Telugu centre in Andhra’s Nellore?
   a) Chandrababu Naidu  
   b) Venkaiah Naidu  
   c) Jegan Mohan Reddy  
   d) Narendra Modi  
   Answer b) Venkaiah Naidu. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu is scheduled to inaugurate a new Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Telugu in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh on January 21.

151. Inflation jumps to 5-year high of _______%, could hold RBI back from cutting rates again.
   a) 2.56  
   b) 4.92  
   c) 7.35  
   d) 8.12  
   Answer c) 7.35. India’s retail inflation soared to 7.35 per cent in December on account of a sharp increase in vegetable prices, increasing the likelihood of the Reserve Bank of India holding on to key policy rates in the monetary policy review due next month.

152. Ariane Launch Complex is associated with___________.
   a) Russia  
   b) France  
   c) America  
   d) China  
   Answer b) France. The Indian Space Research Organization will launch GSAT-30 satellite on the launch vehicle Ariane-5. It is to be launched in Ariane Launch Complex at Kourou. Kourou is a French territory that if located along the north eastern coast of South America.

153. Army Day is observed on ____________.
   a) January 12 
   b) January 13 
   c) January 14 
   d) January 15 
   Answer d) January 15. Army Day is observed on 15 January every year. India celebrates 72nd Army Day on 15 January 2020. The special event was organized on this day in the national capital, Delhi.

154. Who is the chief Minister of Maharastra?
   a) Edapadi Palanisamy  
   b) Soment Huren  
   c) Thackeray  
   d) Sivasami M  
   Answer c) Thackeray. Maharashtra Chief minister Uddhav Thackeray is expected to launch the first girder for the Mumbai Trans-Harbour Link (MTHL) in January 2020. The estimated cost of the project is Rs.18,000 crore.

155. IMD Foundation Day is observed on___________.
   a) January 13  
   b) January 14  
   c) January 15  

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d) January 16
Answer c) January 15. The IMD celebrates its 145th Foundation Day. It was begun in 1875. The day will be celebrated by Ministry of Earth Science under which IMD (Indian Meteorological Department) functions.

156. Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award is associated with_____________.
a) Scientist  
b) Agricultural scientist  
c) Journalist  
d) Writer
Answer b) Agricultural Scientist. The Agricultural Scientist Prof M S Swaminathan was awarded the “Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu” National award. The award was also presented to Mr Muniratnam.

157. Manmohan Mohapatra is passed away at 69, is associated with_____________.
a) Filmmaker  
b) Lyricist  
c) Musician  
d) Journalist
Answer a) Filmmaker. Odia Filmmaker Manmohan Mohapatra passed away on 13 January in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. He died due to the prolonged illness. He was 69-years-old.

158. Which country has operationalized the world’s largest radio telescope?
a) China  
b) USA  
c) India  
d) Italy
Answer a) China. China operationalized the world’s largest radio telescope in southwest China’s Guiyang city, the capital of Guizhou province.

159. Who has been selected to be the first woman parade adjutant for the Republic Day parade?
a) Hasina Verna  
b) Yashika Kumari  
c) Aishwarya Dutta  
d) Tania Shergill
Answer d) Tania Shergill. Captain Tania Shergill has been selected to be the first woman parade adjutant for the Republic Day parade. The parade adjutant is responsible for the parade. In the 2019 Republic Day parade.

160. Who has named ICC’s ‘2019 ODI Cricketer of the Year’?
a) Jasprit Bumrah  
b) David Warner  
c) Steve Smith  
d) Rohit Sharma
Answer d) Rohit Sharma. India’s swashbuckling opener Rohit Sharma has been named the ICC’s ‘2019 ODI Cricketer of the Year’ for his incredible run of form through the year.

161. Who has bagged ICC's 2019 ‘Spirit of Cricket’ award?
a) Aaron Finch
b) Pat Cummins

c) Virat Kohli

d) Tim Paine

Answer c) Virat Kohli. Indian captain Virat Kohli won the ‘Spirit of Cricket’ award for stopping fans from booing Australia’s Steve Smith during their World Cup match at the Oval.

162. Who has been appointed as Director General of CRPF?

a) Anand Prakash Maheshwari
b) Arvind Samy

c) M Muniratnam

d) Ajay Singh Kumar

Answer a) Anand Prakash Maheshwari. CRPF spokesperson said the new DG stated it was homecoming for him as he has served in the force for nine years, including as the Inspector General (operations), and also as its IG in Kashmir.

163. Who has been appointed as head of marketing operations for India of Amway?

a) Sundip Shah
b) Ajay Khanna

c) Bala Bhakshinathan

d) Advik Yash

Answer b) Ajay Khanna. Khanna is a marketing veteran with over 24 years of experience in the FMCG and telecom industry and has taken over the reins from Sundip Shah.

164. Who has been reappointed Surveyor General of India for one year?

a) Girish Kumar
b) Samthan Sanjith

c) Sekar Balaiah

d) Anwar Lal

Answer a) Girish Kumar. Lt General Girish Kumar was reappointed as the Surveyor General of India for one year, a Personnel Ministry order said.

165. Exercise Sahyog Kaijin is a joint coast exercise between India and _______.

a) China
b) America

c) Russia

d) Japan

Answer d) Japan. Indo-Japan joint-exercise Sahyog-Kaijin began on 16 January 2020. This is the 19th edition of the exercise that is being conducted between the two Coast Guards.

166. Exercise Sahyog Kaijin is is held at _________.

a) Chennai
b) Tokyo

c) Osako

d) Vishkapatnan

Answer a) Chennai. Indo-Japan joint-exercise Sahyog-Kaijin began on 16 January 2020 at the Chennai port. This is the 19th edition of the exercise that is being conducted between the two Coast Guards.

167. The training of the Indian astronauts for India’s first human space mission will take place in __________.
a) America  
 b) Russia  
 c) India  
 d) Tokyo  
Answer b) Russia. The training of the Indian astronauts for India’s first human space mission will take place in Russia.

168. __________ to be the _______ internal member of the monetary policy committee.  
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 a) Anuj Singh, First  
 b) Krish Malik, Third  
 c) Bharat Raja, Second  
 d) Janak Raj, Third  
Answer d) Janak Raj, Third. Janak Raj to be the third internal member of the monetary policy committee. Janak Raj is expected to be appointed as the third internal member of the central bank in the monetary policy committee (MPC). He is currently serving as Reserve Bank of India’s principal adviser in the monetary policy department.

169. __________ signs MoU with IUCN to red List Orchids.  
a) Arunachal Pradesh  
b) New Delhi  
c) Punjab  
d) Himachal Pradesh  
Answer a) Arunachal Pradesh. Arunachal Pradesh has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the IUCN in Arunachal Pradesh.

170. Recently, Henley Passport Index was launched. The index was launched based on the data collected from ______.  
a) International Land Transport Association (ILTA)  
b) International Water Transport Association (IWTA)  
c) International Air Transport Association (IATA)  
Answer c) International Air Transport Association (IATA). The index was launched based on the data collected from International Air Transport Association (IATA).

171. According to the index, _______ has the world’s strongest passport.  
a) China  
b) Iran  
c) Singapore  
d) Japan  
Answer d) Japan. Japan has the world’s strongest passport.

172. 13. India secured ______th rank in Henley passport Index.  
a) 65  
b) 84  
c) 75  
d) 90  
Answer b) 84. India ranked closer to the bottom at rank 84.

173. What is the full form of PCRA?  
a) Public Care Registration Agency  
b) Pet Caring Research Agency
c) Petrol Conservation Research Agency  
d) Petrol Consumption Reserve Agency  
Answer c) Petrol Conservation Research Agency is the full form of PCRA.

174. GoI launches Saksham, a mega campaign on _________________.
   a) Fuel conservation  
b) Food conservation  
c) Soil conservation  
d) Nature conservation  
Answer a) Fuel Conservation. The Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) operating under Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas will launch fuel conservation campaign. will create awareness among public about fuel conservation. PCRA has been conducting Saksham campaigns in different parts of the country.

175. According to the index, _______ has the world’s strongest passport.
   a) China  
b) Iran  
c) Singapore  
d) Japan  
Answer d) Japan. Henley Passport Index 2020 was launched recently by Henley & Partners. India ranked 84th in the index. Japan has the world’s strongest passport.

176. Anshu Malik won silver in 2020 Rome Ranking Series, is associated with___________.
   a) Boxing  
b) Wrestling  
c) Swimming  
d) Shooting  
Answer b) Wrestling. Indian teenage wrestler Anshu Malik won in the women’s 57kg freestyle event of the season’s first major competition, the Ranking Series in Rome. She lost to Nigeria’s Odunayo Adekuoroye for the score 10-0.

177. A multi-venue mega-science exhibition ‘Vigyan Samagam’ is held at_____________.
   a) Mumbai  
b) Chennai  
c) Pune  
d) New Delhi  
Answer d) New Delhi. A multi-venue mega-science exhibition ‘Vigyan Samagam’ has been scheduled to be held in New Delhi from 21 January to 20 March 2020 at the National Science Centre (NSC), New Delhi.

178. World Bank sign $88 mn loan agreement with __________ to implement Inland Water Transport Project.
   a) Meghalaya  
b) Manipur  
c) Assam  
d) Himachal Pradesh  
Answer c) Assam. The loan is to help modernize Assam’s passenger ferry sector that runs on its rivers including the Brahmaputra and implement Inland Water Transport Project.
179. Rajnath Singh flagged off 51st K9 VAJRA-T Gun from Larsen and Turbo
Armoured System Complex in ____________.
   a) Arunachal Pradesh
   b) Tamil Nadu
   c) Gujarat
   d) Jammu and Kashmir

180. Vasdev Mohi has conferred with 29th Saraswati Samman, is associated with ____________.
   a) Writer
   b) Actor
   c) Journalist
   d) Vocalist
Answer a) Writer. Vasdev Mohi: Vasdev Mohi was born in 1944 in Mirpur Khas. Mohi’s repertoire includes 25 books of poetry, critical pieces, translated works, and short stories.

181. Exercise Winged Raider is associated with ____________.
   a) Army
   b) Navy
   c) Air Force
   d) Railway
Answer a) Army. Exercise Winged Raider- Before the exercise, a series of preparations including the movement of special forces and rallying up of transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force was held from 6 January.

182. First session of India-Norway DIT was held in ____________.
   a) Oslo
   b) Bergen
   c) Mumbai
   d) New Delhi
Answer d) New Delhi. The first Session of India-Norway Dialogue on Trade & Investment (DTI) was held in New Delhi on 15-16 January 2020.

183. National Information Centre sets up Centre of Block Chain Technology in ____________.
   a) Indore
   b) Coimbatore
   c) Kurnool
   d) Bengaluru
Answer d) Bengaluru. The centre aims to provide Block Chain as service to all the stakeholders who are interested in shared experiences, learning and resources.

184. Industrial Meet of ‘Wings India’-Asia’s largest Civil Aviation Event held at ____________.
   a) Sulur
   b) Bengaluru
   c) Vishakapatnam
   d) Krishanapratnam
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Answer b) Bengaluru. The Industrial meet of the Asia’s largest Civil Aviation was held in Bengaluru. The Civil Aviation event is to be held at Begumpet airport, Hyderabad in March 2020. The theme of the event will be Theme: Flying for All.

185. Who has become the fastest Indian spinner to take 100 wickets in ODIs?
   a) Jasprit Bumrah
   b) Bhuvaneshwar
   c) Kuldeep Yadav
   d) Praveen Kumar
Answer c) Kuldeep Yadav. Kuldeep Yadav became the fastest Indian spinner to claim 100 wickets in ODI during the second match against Australia in Rajkot.

186. Who has been appointed as Director of National Book Trust?
   a) Rita Chowdary
   b) Adithya Varma
   c) Yuvraj Malik
   d) Seethal Gowda
Answer c) Yuvraj Malik. Lt Col Yuvraj Malik appointed as the Director of the National Book Trust on deputation from the Indian Army. He will replace Sahitya Akademi-awardee writer Rita Chowdhury.

187. Which state has dominate Wrestling by winning six gold medals in Khelo India Youth Games?
   a) Haryana
   b) Punjab
   c) Uttar Pradesh
   d) Kolkata
Answer a) Haryana. Haryana continues its dominance in wrestling at the 3rd Khelo India Youth Games in Guwahati. Haryana won six of the 11 gold. Maharashtra got three gold medals in wrestling and reached 150 marks on the medals tally with 42 golds overall.

188. Who is the Chemicals and Fertilizers minister?
   a) DV Sadananda Gowda
   b) Arjun Munda
   c) Maha Ratna dev
   d) Raj Nath Singh
Answer a) DV Sadananda Gowda. Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda launched the APNA UREA – Sona Ugle brand of Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited (HURL) at a function in New Delhi.

189. Vinesh Phogat won gold medal in Rome Ranking Series, is associated with___________.
   a) Wrestling
   b) Boxing
   c) Weightlifting
   d) Swimming
190. Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020, is associated with___________.
   a) School Students
   b) College students
   c) Women Enterpreneurs
   d) None of these
   Answer a) School Students. The event will be held at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. The two thousand students, parents, and teachers will be participating from all over the country.

191. NITI Aayog and Union Territory of ___________ signed MoU for Development of Infrastructure Projects.
   a) Leh
   b) Ladakh
   c) Pondicherry
   d) Goa
   Answer b) Ladakh. The MoU NITI Aayog will be supporting the UT’s administration through its crucial initiative Development Support Services to States for Infrastructure Projects (D3S-i). The MoU executed in the presence of NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant and Joint Secretary MC Jauhari.

192. Who has been appointed as chairman of NMML executive council?
   a) Nripendra Misra
   b) Amrendra Kumar
   c) Harmeet Kaur
   d) Siddique Hasan
   Answer a) Nripendra Misra. Former principal secretary to the Prime Minister, Nripendra Misra, has been appointed chairperson of the executive council of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML).

193. Electric vehicles are future of India Elecrama conference at ___________.
   a) Geneva
   b) Sweden
   c) Noida
   d) Spain
   Answer c) Noida. Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar explained that the electric vehicles are the future of the country as they are eco-friendly and helpful in the reduction of carbon footprint.

194. Which state has ranked top for water efficiency?
   a) Karnataka
   b) Kerala
   c) Andhra Pradesh
   d) Gujarat
   Answer d) Gujarat. Gujarat ranked the best for parameters on efficiency targets in the review of state and Central government water departments by the ministry of Jal Shakti.

   a) 5
   b) 6
   c) 7
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d) 8
Answer b) 6. The World Gold Council (WGC) recently released its report, “World Gold Outlook 2020”. The report says that gold has performed the best since 2010 in 2019. In 2019, the gold trade in USD has increased by 18.4% as compared to 2010.

196. Gol launches “Seismic Hazard Microzonation” to minimize ___________ disasters.
a) Earthquake
b) Tsunami
c) Cyclone
d) All the above
Answer a) Earthquake. The Ministry of Earth Science has launched Seismic Hazard Microzonation project in major cities of India. The project aims to reduce hazards of seismic activities by putting in adequate measures.

197. Who has conferred with Australia’s highest civilian honour?
a) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
b) Harinder Sidhu
c) Maha Ratna
d) Aizaz Khan
Answer a) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw. Australia has conferred its highest civilian honour, the Order of Australia honour, on Biocon founder Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw for her contribution towards advancing the country’s relationship with India.

198. 9th International Children’s Film Festival begins in _____________.
a) Pune
b) Kolkata
c) Chennai
d) New Delhi
Answer b) Kolkata. The 9th International Children’s Film Festival begins in Kolkata with the screening of Aizaz Khan directed Hamid. About 250 films from 45 countries will be screened in the week-long festival.

199. Sunanda Patnaik is passed away at 85, is associated with___________.
a) Actor
b) Politician
c) Lyricist
d) Singer
Answer d) Singer. Eminent Indian classical singer and daughter of noted Odia poet Baikunthanath Patnaik, Sunanda Patnaik passed away in Kolkata. She was 85 and had been hospitalised for age related complications.

200. According to the seventh edition of the City Momentum Index, Which two among following cities are dynamic cities in the world?
a) Hyderabad and Chennai
b) Chennai and new Delhi
c) Hyderabad and Bengaluru
d) Bengaluru and Chennai
Answer c) Hyderabad and Bengaluru. Technology hub Hyderabad has edged out 129 other cities in the world to emerge as the world’s most dynamic city, according to the seventh edition of the City Momentum Index by global real estate services firm JLL.
201. India to set up Maritime Research Coordination Centre in _____________.
   a) Sri Lanka
   b) Bangladesh
   c) Nepal
   d) Myanmar
Answer a) Sri Lanka. Indian National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval met Sri Lankan
President Gotbaya Rajapaksa. He discussed setting up of maritime research coordination
centre in the country.

202. Shamsher Singh Surjewala is passed away at 87, is associated with______________.
   a) Politician
   b) Actor
   c) Singer
   d) Scientist
Answer a) Politician. Veteran Congress leader Shamsher Singh Surjewala has passed away
today following prolonged illness. He was 87. Surjewala, father of party leader Randeep
Surjewala, breathed his last at the AIIMS hospital in Delhi.

203. Which film won top prize at Screen Actors Guild Awards?
   a) The Irishman
   b) Bombshell
   c) Jojo Rabbit
   d) Parasite
Answer d) Parasite. The Korean-language film “Parasite” won the top prize, for best
ensemble cast in a motion picture, at the Screen Actors Guild Awards.

204. Who won Indonesia Masters 2020 title?
   a) Ratchanok Intanon
   b) Chen Yufei
   c) Caroline Marin
   d) Akane Yamaguchi
Answer a) Ratchanok Intanon. Thailand’s Ratchanok Intanon lifted the Indonesia Badminton
Masters 2020 women’s singles title after defeating Carolina Marin in the summit clash.

205. Who has elected as president of Archery Association of India?
   a) Vijay Kumar Malhotra
   b) BVP Rao
   c) Arjun Munda
   d) Saurab Singh
Answer c) Arjun Munda. Union minister Arjun Munda was on Saturday elected as president
of the suspended Archery Association of India (AAI) in its much-delayed elections, which
were held here smoothly in the presence of three observers.

206. Saleha Sultan is passed away at 80, is associated with______________.
   a) Titular Queen of Bhopal
   b) Titular Queen of Jaipur
   c) Vocalist
   d) None of these
Answer a) Titular Queen of Bhopal. Princess Saleha Sultan, the titular queen of Bhopal and
wife of the late Nawab Bashir Yar Jung of the Paigah family, passed away in Hyderabad on Sunday. She was 80.

207. Which state committee has suggested the government to set up three capitals?
   a) Tamil Nadu
   b) Haryana
   c) Andhra Pradesh
   d) Punjab
   Answer c) Andhra Pradesh. Speaking to reporters, the head of the committee G Nageswara Rao said that the committee has suggested the government to set up three capitals in Amaravati, Kurnool and Visakhapatnam for different functions, as mentioned by Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy earlier this week.

208. Which Government released Guarantee card on free bus services, water & electricity?
   a) Goa
   b) Puducherry
   c) New Delhi
   d) Tamil Nadu
   Answer c) New Delhi. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday released a “guarantee card” listing 10 promises, including free bus rides for students and deployment of “mohalla marshals” for women’s safety, that his AAP will fulfil if it is re-elected in Delhi.

209. Divyansh Singh Pawar, Apurvi Chandela Clinch Gold in Meyton Cup, are associated with___________.
   a) Shooting
   b) Swimming
   c) Boxing
   d) Wrestling
   Answer a) Shooting. Indian shooters Divyansh Singh Pawar and Apurvi Chandela have clinched a gold medal each in Meyton Cup in Innsbruck, Austria.

210. Fit India Cyclothon event was held in ____________.
   a) Vishakapatnam
   b) Kandla
   c) Goa
   d) Chennai
   Answer c) Goa. Fit India Cyclothon event was held on 18 January 2020 in Goa. It was flagged off by Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju at the Campal Parade Ground and culminated at Bal Bhavan.

211. Cardless Cash Withdrawal Facility has launched by______________.
   a) HDFC
   b) ICICI
   c) PNB
   d) Axis Bank
   Answer b) ICICI. ICICI Bank announced the launch of a ‘Cardless Cash Withdrawal’ facility from its ATMs on 21 January 2020.
212. The 12th National Tribal Youth Exchange Programme began in ___________.
   a) Raipur  
   b) Puducherry  
   c) Indore  
   d) Nagpur  
   Answer b) Puducherry. The 12th National Tribal Youth Exchange Programme began in Puducherry on 19 January 2020. The programme was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor Dr. Kiran Bedi. The week-long programme is being jointly organized by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Puducherry Government.

213. India secured __________th rank in the CDP India annual report.
   a) 3  
   b) 4  
   c) 5  
   d) 6  
   Answer c) 5. India ranked 5th in the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) India annual report. The non-profit organization surveyed among the countries for corporate commitments to science-based targets (SBT).

214. Chapchar Kut festival is celebrated by_____________.
   a) Mizoram  
   b) Meghalaya  
   c) Arunchal Pradesh  
   d) Manipur  
   Answer a) Mizoram. Mizoram is to celebrate festival Chapchar Kut on 6 March 2020. It is the biggest and most important festival of the Mizo.

215. According to Global Social Mobility Index, India secured __________th rank in social mobility.
   a) 24  
   b) 37  
   c) 49  
   d) 76  
   Answer d) 76. Social Mobility is the upward or downward movement of an individual in personal circumstances in relation to their parents. The countries’ social mobility was measured based on following 5 key dimensions as follows Health, Education-Quality, Access and Equity Technology Work-Wages, conditions and opportunities, Protections and Institutions-Inclusive institutions and social protection.

216. PESO - in this "P" represents______________.
   a) Public  
   b) Provident  
   c) Pipeline  
   d) Petroleum  
   Answer d) Petroleum. Department of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) announced that it has launched paperless licensing process for petroleum service stations. The paperless licensing has been launched under Petroleum Rules, 2002. The implementing agency of the order would be Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization (PESO).
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217. “TIGERSHARKS” is associated with___________.
   a) Army  
   b) Air Force  
   c) Navy  
   d) None of these  
   Answer b) Air Force. “TIGERSHARKS”, First Squadron of Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft inducted by IAF.

218. “TIGERSHARKS”, First Squadron of Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft inducted by IAF in ____________.
   a) Karnataka  
   b) Andhra Pradesh  
   c) Tamil Nadu  
   d) Kerala  
   Answer c) Tamil Nadu. 222 Squadron of Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jets was inducted by the Indian Air Force in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.

219. Which state government has topped in SKOCH State of Governance 2019?
   a) Punjab  
   b) Gujarat  
   c) Haryana  
   d) Assam  
   Answer b) Gujarat. Gujarat has occupied the top slot in SKOCH State of Governance 2019. The credit goes to its Chief Minister Vijay Rupani who has introduced a number of innovative and progressive policies to make the public delivery system accountable, transparent and effective.

220. According to UN report, Global unemployment projected to rise by around ______ million in 2020.
   a) 2.5  
   b) 3  
   c) 3.5  
   d) 4  
   Answer a) 2.5. Global unemployment is projected to increase by around 2.5 million in 2020 and almost half a billion people are working fewer paid hours than they would like or lack adequate access to paid work, according to UN’s International Labour Organization report.

221. ___________ partners with Apollo Hospitals to launch health EMI cards.
   a) ICICI prudential  
   b) Bajaj Finserv  
   c) HDFC Life Insurance  
   d) None of these  
   Answer b) Bajaj Finserv. Bajaj Finserv has launched digitized health EMI cards covering an entire family with a credit limit ranging between Rs 40,000 and Rs 4 lakh. The 0% EMI cards, which will be accepted across all centres of Apollo Hospitals in the country, has a personal accident insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh.

222. UNCTAD - in this "T" represents______________.
   a) Trade  
   b) Tax  
   Answer b) Tax
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c) Transport
d) Tiger
Answer a) Trade. United Nation Conference on Trade and Development released its report on Global Investment Trend Monitor Report for the year 2019. The Global FDI of the year 2019 was 1.39 trillion USD. This has declined by 1% as compared to 2018.

223. PRAGATI is expand as________________.
a) Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation
b) Pro-Active Governance and Tax Implementation
c) Pre-Active Governance and Timely Implementation
d) Pre-Active Governance and Tax Implementation
Answer a) Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the 32nd interaction through PRAGATI- the ICT-based, multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation in New Delhi today. In the previous thirty-one interactions of PRAGATI, projects worth over twelve lakh crores have been reviewed by the Prime Minister.

224. National Conclave on Emerging Opportunities in Natural Gas sector held in____________.
a) New Delhi
b) Mumbai
c) Pune
d) Chennai
Answer a) New Delhi. The national conclave on Emerging Opportunities in the natural gas sector was held on 23 January in New Delhi.

225. Which state government has passed bills for three capital system in the State?
a) Telangan
b) Andhra Pradesh
c) Tamil Nadu
d) Haryana
Answer b) Andhra Pradesh. The Andhra Pradesh State Legislative assembly passed the Capital Region Development Authority Repeal Bill 2020 and the Andhra Pradesh Decentralisation and Inclusive Development of all Regions Bill 2020 on 20 January.

226. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India (SBI)?
a) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
b) Chandra Vasan M
c) Jeya Vasith Reddy A
d) Abi Manyu Deva
Answer a) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty. The government appointed Challa Sreenivasulu Setty as the Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India (SBI) on 20 January 2020. He is appointed for a period of three years.

227. Who won the 2019 Global Citizen Prize: Cisco Youth Leadership Award?
a) Revathi Ram
b) Archana Chandok
c) Priya Prakash
d) Mariam Vamsi
228. ISRO to send half humanoid as a trial to space ahead of Gaganyaan mission is named as___________.
a) Ganga Mitra  
b) Sameau Mitra  
c) Humanoid Mitra 41  
d) Vyommitra
Answer d) Vyommitra. The Indian Space Agency Indian Space Research Organisation’s (ISRO) unveiled Vyommitra, a prototype of half humanoid. ISRO has decided to send Vyommitra as a trial which has aimed at sending astronauts to space in an orbital spacecraft.

229. Vyommitra will be sent ahead of the first unmanned mission under _____________.
a) Gaganyaan  
b) Archenak  
c) Brahmos  
d) None of these
Answer a) Gaganyaan. Vyommitra will be sent ahead of the first unmanned mission under Gaganyaan.

230. Mundanthurai tiger reserve is situated in___________.
a) Kerala  
b) Tamil Nadu  
c) Telangana  
d) Punjab
Answer b) Tamil Nadu. The annual wildlife census has begun in the Kalakkadu – Mundanthurai tiger sanctuary in Tamil Nadu on 22 January 2020. It will be held until 27 January. The census results will be included in the annual State of Wild Life Population report of the Union Ministry of Forest and Environment.

231. Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti is celebrated on _____________.
a) January 21  
b) January 23  
c) January 24  
d) January 26
Answer b) January 23. Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti is celebrated on 23 January 2020. The day marks the 124th birth anniversary of Bose. Subhash Chandra Bose’s birth anniversary commemorates his contribution to India’s struggle for independence.

232. Which country has topped first in the world for breastfeeding?
a) India  
b) Bangladesh  
c) Sri Lanka  
d) Nepal
Answer c) Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka ranks first among 97 countries globally on breastfeeding rate
according to a new survey conducted by the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi) achieving first “Green” nation status in supporting breastfeeding women.

233. Who is the chief minister of Goa?
   a) Hemant Soren
   b) Pramod Sawant
   c) N.K. Singh
   d) Pakurah Hawant
   Answer b) Pramod Sawant. The 15th Finance Commission headed by Chairman, Shri N.K. Singh along with its Members and senior officials held meeting with the Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Pramod Sawant.

234. Which state topped the 2020 Khelo India Youth Games champions?
   a) Kerala
   b) Madhya Pradesh
   c) Punjab
   d) Maharastra
   Answer d) Maharastra. Maharashtra topped the Khelo India Youth Games champions 2020. The total medal tally of 256 medals, including 78 gold.

235. First Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Centre was established in __________.__
   a) USA
   b) Africa
   c) Australia
   d) North Korea
   Answer b) Africa. The first convention centre was established in Africa by India to honour the memory of Mahatma Gandhi. The Centre was jointly inaugurated by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and President of Niger Mahamadou Issoufou.

236. National Girl Child Day is celebrated on ____________.
   a) January 22
   b) January 23
   c) January 24
   d) January 25
   Answer c) January 24. National Girl Child Day is celebrated on 24 January. The day aims to create awareness about the rights of the girl child in India. It aims to improve the condition of girls in society.

237. First e-waste clinic to be opened in ____________.
   a) Jharkhand
   b) Bihar
   c) Odisha
   d) Himachal Pradesh
   Answer b) Bihar. India’s first e-waste clinic is to be inaugurated in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 24 January. It was jointly set up by the Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

238. International Day of Education is observed on ______________.
   a) January 21
b) January 22  
c) January 23  
d) January 24  
Answer d) January 24. The day aims to remind that without inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong opportunities for all. The day reminds the countries that it will not succeed in achieving gender equality and breaking the cycle of poverty without education.

239. Theme of International Day of Education is_________.  
a) Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace  
b) Learning for people, planet, truth, and peace  
c) Learning for people, planet and prosperity  
d) Learning for people, universe, prosperity, and peace  
Answer a) Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace. Theme – The theme for 2020 International Day is ‘Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace’.

240. India ranked ______th in the 2019 Corruption Perceptions Index.  
a) 60  
b) 70  
c) 80  
d) 100  
Answer c) 80. The index was released by Transparency International. The report considered revealed that a majority of countries showed little to no improvement in tackling corruption against the previous report.

241. Which department has host 1st Sukumar Sen Memorial Lecture?  
a) Election Commission  
b) Police department  
c) Railway  
d) None of these  
Answer a) Election Commission. Election Commission will host the first Sukumar Sen Memorial Lecture. Former President Pranab Mukherjee will deliver the first of the Lectures.

242. Who has become first Punjab PCA chairperson?  
a) Sanjay Kumar  
b) Ajay Singh Raj  
c) Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi  
d) Harman Preet Kaur  
Answer c) Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi. The Punjab government appointed retired bureaucrat Nirmaljeet singh kalsi as the first chairperson of state police complaints authority.

243. ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization) is to send a half-humanoid robot called the__________.  
a) Mitra 23k  
b) Humanoid 2.0  
c) Vyaam M  
d) Vyom Mitra  
Answer d) Vyom Mitra. ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization) is to send a half-humanoid robot called the “Vyom Mitra” as an experimental mission to Gaganyaan. Vyom Mitra means a friend in Sky.
244. National Voters Day is observed on ____________.
   a) January 25
   b) January 26
   c) January 27
   d) January 28
   Answer a) January 25. National Voters Day is celebrated on 25 January every year to mark the foundation day of Election Commission of India (ECI). ECI was established on 25 January 1950.

245. The theme of National Voters Day – 2020 is ____________.
   a) Electoral Literacy for a Stronger law
   b) Electoral Literacy for a Stronger Country
   c) Electoral Literacy for a Stronger Democracy
   d) Electoral Literacy for a Stronger Republic
   Answer c) Electoral Literacy for a Stronger Democracy.

246. Ashuganj-Akhaura road is between India and ____________.
   a) Sri Lanka
   b) Bangladesh
   c) Nepal
   d) Mynamar
   Answer b) Bangladesh. The agreement aim is to upgrade the 50.58 kilometre long road between Ashuganj river port and the Akhaura land port in Bangladesh into a 4-lane highway.

247. The 13th annual edition of the Zee Jaipur Literature Festival began in ____________.
   a) Madhya Pradesh
   b) Maharastra
   c) Himachal Pradesh
   d) Rajasthan
   Answer d) Rajasthan. The 13th annual edition of the Zee Jaipur Literature Festival is being held in at Diggi Palace, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

248. Vinay Sinha is passed away, is associated with ____________.
   a) Cinema
   b) Politics
   c) Sports
   d) Science

249. Which country president arrived at New Delhi as chief guest on Republic Day?
   a) Spain
   b) Italy
   c) Thailand
   d) Brazil
   Answer d) Brazil. Brazilian President Jair Messias Bolsonaro arrived at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. He was received by President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 January 2020.
250. STEM - in this "T" represents___________.
   a) Trade
   b) Tax
   c) Transport
   d) Technology
   Answer d) Technology. science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields for the development of scientific careers.

251. International Summit on Women in STEM was held in___________.
   a) Chennai
   b) Pune
   c) Jaipur
   d) New Delhi
   Answer d) New Delhi. An International Summit on Women in STEM – Visualizing the Future: New Skylines on 23-24 January 2020 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Organized by: The 2-day international summit was organized by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology.

252. National Tourism Day is celebrated on___________.
   a) January 22
   b) January 23
   c) January 24
   d) January 25
   Answer d) January 25. The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of tourism for the country’s economy. India offers tourism in the fields of natural, cultural, heritage, sports, rural, medical, educational, business, cruise, and eco-tourism form.

253. Which state has celebrated its 50th Statehood Day on January 25?
   a) Assam
   b) Arunachal Pradesh
   c) Odisha
   d) Himachal Pradesh
   Answer d) Himachal Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh is celebrating its 50th Statehood Day with fanfare and enthusiasm throughout the state today. It was on this day in 1971 when Himachal Pradesh was carved out as the 18th State of the country.

254. Who has become the first female president of Greece?
   a) Sanna Marin
   b) Katerina Sakellaropoulou
   c) Christina James
   d) Salomi Johnsy
   Answer b) Katerina Sakellaropoulou. Greece’s parliament elected Katerina Sakellaropoulou as the first woman president on January 22, 2020. The 63-year-old was elected to the top post in a historic vote, which saw 261 of the total 294 MPs vote in favour of her.

255. According to ManpowerGroup report, India faces a talent shortage of_______ percent.
   a) 42
   b) 54
   d) 63
d) 79
Answer c) 63. India faces a talent shortage of 63 percent, higher than the global average, according to a new research report.

256. Who has been conferred ‘Harit Ratna Award 2019’ by the All India Agricultural Students Association?
a) Praveen Bhatt
b) Udhaya Bharathi Krishna
c) N Kumar
d) Raja Khalinder
Answer c) N Kumar. N Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, has been conferred ‘Harit Ratna Award 2019’ by the All India Agricultural Students Association for dissemination of ₹30-crore entrepreneurship project in agri-business and for motivating students to the agriculture sector in the State.

257. Ghaznavi missile is associated with___________.
a) Russia
b) China
c) Pakistan
d) India
Answer c) Pakistan. Pakistan conducted successful training launch of surface-to-surface Short Range Ballistic Missile (SRBM) Ghaznavi, capable of delivering multiple types of warheads upto a range of 290 kilometers, the ISPR said.

258. Study on Parkinson’s disease gets $2.3 m, is a collaborative research between India and ____________.
a) China
b) USA
c) Germany
d) Japan
Answer c) Germany. The study is an Indo-German collaborative research proposal, titled Genetic Architecture of Parkinson’s Disease, led by the Comprehensive Care Centre for Movement Disorders at the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram, and the Centre for Genetic Epidemiology, University of Tuebingen, Germany.

259. The Ganga-Volga Dialogue between India and _____________.
a) Bangladesh
b) Russia
c) China
d) Japan
Answer b) Russia. The Ganga-Volga Dialogue was held between India and Russia in New Delhi. The dialogue focused in providing interface between the civilizations of the countries.

260. International Customs Day is observed on _____________.
a) January 25
b) January 26
c) January 27
d) January 28
Answer b) January 26. International Customs Day (ICD) is observed on 26 January every
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year. The day recognizes the role of custom officials and agencies in maintaining border security. The day marks the anniversary of the formation of the Customs Co-operation Council (CCC).

261 PETA - in this "E" represents___________.
   a) Efficient  
   b) Ethical  
   c) Empowerment  
   d) Elaborate
Answer b) Ethical. The first steps have been taken towards ending the use of horses in India and other countries in the creation of antitoxins used to treat diphtheria, said the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

262. 2-day ‘Innovation Festival’ begins at Science Centre in ____________.
   a) Itanagar  
   b) Dispur  
   c) Kohima  
   d) Pune
Answer a) Itanagar. In Arunachal Pradesh, the two-day ‘Innovation Festival’ kicked off at the Science Centre. The festival is being organized by the Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Science & Technology in collaboration with the National Innovation Foundation.

263. After Maharastra, which state govt has made the reading of Preamble of Constitution mandatory in schools?
   a) Andhra Pradesh  
   b) Assam  
   c) Madhya Pradesh  
   d) Punjab
Answer c) Madhya Pradesh. After Maharastra, Madhya Pradesh, state government has made the reading of Preamble of the Constitution mandatory in schools on every Saturday. The Department of School Education stated that orders in this regard have been issued to District Education Officers.

264. Who is the Chief Minister of Meghalaya?
   a) Hemant Soren  
   b) Anandh Soman  
   c) K Sangma  
   d) Manohar Parikar
Answer c) K Sangma. Meghalaya capital Shillong witnessed the First-ever carnival of peace and harmony as part of the week long Meghalaya Day Celebrations. Led by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, the carnival procession passed through the busy streets of Shillong city showcasing different ethnic communities of the State and neighbouring regions.

265. World’s largest meditation centre coming up in ______________.
   a) Coimbatore  
   b) Mysore  
   c) Chennai  
   d) Hyderabad
Answer d) Hyderabad. The world’s largest meditation centre and the global headquarters of the Heartfulness Institute will be inaugurated on January 28. To mark the 75th anniversary of
the organisation, Kanha Shanti Vanam will be dedicated to the first guide of Heartfulness, fondly called Lalaji by the present global guide Daaji.

266. The Republic day is celebrated with the salute of ___________ guns in New Delhi before the President of India.
   a) 18
   b) 19
   c) 20
   d) 21
   Answer d) 21. It marks the day when India declared itself a Sovereign, Democratic and Republic state. Republic Day is a national holiday in India. The Republic day is celebrated with the salute of 21 guns in New Delhi before the President of India.

267. Who has been appointed as first post-Brexit UK ambassador?
   a) Joao Vale de Almeida
   b) Smoa Capela
   c) Kalim Halidulla
   d) Jim Vangh Kann
   Answer a) Joao Vale de Almeida. Portuguese diplomat Joao Vale de Almeida was appointed as the head of future EU diplomatic mission to the UK after Brexit on 24 January. The UK’s exit was scheduled for 31 January 2020.

268. Oxford Dictionaries Hindi Word of the Year for 2018 is ______________.
   a) Purashkar
   b) Nari Shakti
   c) Dhanyavadh
   d) None of these
   Answer b) Nari Shakti. The 384 words in the 10th edition of the Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary come with an Indian English label, including 22 new additions in print and 26 in the online edition. These include headwords and also some individual meanings or idioms. However, the Oxford Dictionaries Hindi Word of the Year for 2018 – Nari Shakti.

269. India’s first Super Fab Lab inaugurated in ____________.
   a) Rajastan
   b) Gujarat
   c) Assam
   d) Kerala
   Answer d) Kerala. The Super Fab Lab is being installed in collaboration with KSUM (Kerala Startup Mission). The laboratory will break down barriers between physical world and digital world.

270. Kobe Bryant, daughter Gianna among 9 killed in helicopter crash in California, is associated with__________.
   a) Basket ball
   b) Football
   c) Cricket
   d) None of these
   Answer a) Basket Ball. In the US, Kobe Bryant, 41-year-old National Basketball Association (NBA) legend and his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna died in a helicopter crash in the city of Calabasas, California.
271. Which state government Cabinet has passed resolution setting in motion process for abolishing state Legislative Council?
   a) Tamil Nadu
   b) Andhra Pradesh
   c) Maharastra
   d) Odisha
   Answer b) Andhra Pradesh. The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet passed a resolution setting in motion the process for abolishing the state Legislative Council. A similar resolution will now be adopted in the Legislative Assembly and sent to the Centre for necessary follow-up action.

272. Sebi plans to rationalise margin system in derivatives segment to bring down ____________.
   a) Deflation
   b) Trading cost
   c) Exchange value
   d) All the above
   Answer b) Trading cost. Markets regulator Sebi is planning to rationalise margin system in the equity and commodity derivatives segments as part of its effort to boost liquidity and bring down trading cost, industry officials said.

273. According to Report, Fiscal deficit may widen to ____% for current financial year .
   a) 3.8
   b) 4.2
   c) 5.6
   d) 8.1
   Answer a) 3.8. The country’s fiscal deficit for 2019-20 is expected to widen to 3.8 per cent and the upcoming Budget may set a target of 3.5 per cent for 2020-21, a report said.

274. Who has been appointed as Non-Executive Chairman of Vakrangee Limited?
   a) Rajesh Khanna
   b) Ramesh Joshi
   c) Pragalad Rajan
   d) Rajasekar Reddy
   Answer b) Ramesh Joshi. Vakrangee Limited has appointed Mr. Ramesh Joshi (EX-RBI & EX-SEBI ED), a veteran with over 40 years of experience, as the Non-Executive Chairman of the company as well as has Re-designated Mr. Dinesh Nandwana, Executive Chairman as the Managing Director and Group CEO in place of Mr. Anil Khanna.

275. Shiv Bhojan scheme has launched by ____________.
   a) Kerala
   b) Uttar Pradesh
   c) Jharkhand
   d) Maharastra
   Answer d) Maharastra. Shiv Sena-led Maharashtra government, launched its much-awaited ‘Shiv Bhojan’ scheme, which is aimed at providing a meal to the poor for just Rs 10, on the occasion of the 71st Republic Day.

276. India’s Federation Cup games moved from virus-hit China to ____________.
   a) Uzbekkistan
b) Thailand  

c) Kazakhstan  

d) Myanmar

Answer c) Kazakhstan. The Indian Federation Cup team today heaved a sigh of relief after the International Tennis Federation (ITF) shifted the Federation Cup matches from the Coronavirus-hit China to Kazakhstan.

277. **International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust is observed on __________.**  
a) January 24  
b) January 26  
c) January 27  
d) January 29

Answer c) January 27. United Nations (UN) remembers the Holocaust that affected many people of Jewish origin during World War II. This day is called the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. It also commemorates when the Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration and death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland on January 27, 1945.

278. **Theme for International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust is __________.**  
a) 75 years after Auschwitz Holocaust education and Remembrance for global justice  
b) Abrahamy Holocaust education and Remembrance for global freedom  
c) 100 years after remembrance for global freedom  
d) Holocaust education and Remembrance for global justice

Answer a) 75 years after Auschwitz Holocaust education and Remembrance for global justice.

279. **Vinay Sinha is Passed Away, is associated with__________.**  
a) Politics  
b) Cinema  
c) sports  
d) Science

Answer b) Cinema. Producer of films such as Andaz Apna Apna, Rafoo Chakkar and Chor Police, Vinay Sinha passed away on January 24th. He was also the Vice President of the Indian Motion Picture Producers’ Association (IMPPA). Although the cause of death remains unknown, Trade analyst Atul Mohan tweeted the news of his sad demise.

280. **Global Potato Conclave to be held in _________.**  
a) Odisha  
b) Madhya Pradesh  
c) Jharkhand  
d) Gujarat

Answer d) Gujarat. The Global Potato Conclave is to be held between January 28 and January 31, 2020. PM Modi is to attend the conclave. PM Modi is to address the conclave. The conclave will include researchers from more than 30 countries and is to be conducted under 10 themes.

281. **India’s first underwater Metro is begin in___________.**  
a) Chennai
b) Hyderabad  
c) Kolkata  
d) Delhi  
Answer c) Kolkata. The first underwater Metro is being constructed in Hooghly river. The project is awaiting clearance of 2.8 million USD from the Indian Railways.

282. Which metro is the oldest metro in India?  
a) Hoogly Metro  
b) Smog Metro  
c) Delhi Metro  
d) Chennai Metro  
Answer a) Hoogly Metro. The Hoogly Metro is one of the oldest Metro in the country. It was started in 1984.

283. Indian Railways to run 100% on electricity by the year _________.  
a) 2023  
b) 2024  
c) 2025  
d) 2026  
Answer b) 2024. Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced that Indian Railways will run 100% on electricity by 2024. In such case, Indian Railways will be the first Railways to run 100% on electricity. Also, the Indian Railways has planned to make the network zero-emission network by 2030.

284. Who has been appointed as India’s Ambassador to USA?  
a) Harsh Vardhan Shringla  
b) Taranjit Singh Sandhu  
c) Banita Sandhu  
d) Manish Goyal  
Answer b) Taranjit Singh Sandhu. Taranjit Singh Sandhu Sandhu, a 1988-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, is currently posted as High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka. He replaces Harsh Vardhan Shringla as India’s envoy in Washington. Shringla named as India’s next foreign secretary.

285. Who is the new Prime minister of Qatar?  
a) Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani  
b) Abdullah bin Hamad  
c) Khalid bin Mohammad Al Attiyah  
d) Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani  
Answer a) Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani. The Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdelaziz Al Thani named as the new Prime Minister. Prime Minister has submitted his resignation. The state-run Qatar News Agency reported that no reason for the change had specified.

286. Which state tableau won first prize at 71st Republic Day parade?  
a) Odisha  
b) Uttar Pradesh  
c) Assam  
d) Tamil Nadu  
Answer c) Assam. Assam’s tableau, which portrayed the unique craftsmanship and culture of
the state chosen as the best tableau, followed by Odisha and Uttar Pradesh tied for the second position. The Assam tableau showcased various dance forms of the country, especially the Bhortal dance of Assam.

287. Who has been appointed as IBA Chief Executive?
   a) Ravi Teja
   b) Sunil Mehta
   c) VG Kannan
   d) Ravinder Yashodan
   Answer b) Sunil Mehta. Mehta recently retired as the Managing Director and CEO of Punjab National Bank. He has succeeded VG Kannan, who demitted once as chief executive of IBA on December 31, 2019.

288. Supreme Court allows centre to introduce __________ to suitable habitat in India.
   a) Australian Gangaroo
   b) African Elephant
   c) Australian Bear
   d) African cheetah
   Answer d) African cheetah. The court decision followed a petition filed by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) seeking permission for the introduction of the African cheetah from Namibia as rare Indian cheetah is almost extinct in the country.

289. Who is the new Speaker of Nepal Assembly?
   a) Om Birla
   b) Shakthi Das
   c) Vikram Oli
   d) Agni Prasad
   Answer d) Agni Prasad. Nepal’s newly elected Speaker of House of Representatives, the Lower House of the Parliament, Agni Prasad Sapkota has assumed the office. President Bidya Devi Bhandari administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Saptoka at the President’s House in Kathmandu today.

290. Bodo tribe is associated with_________.
   a) Odisha
   b) Assam
   c) Meghalaya
   d) Manipur
   Answer b) Assam. The center government signed a peace agreement on January 2, 2020, with the National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB), one of the dangerous militant groups in Assam. The All Bodo Students Union (ABSU), agitating for a long time demanding Bodo state, also signed the deal.

291. West Bengal has become ____th state to pass resolution demanding scrapping of CAA.
   a) 3
   b) 4
   c) 5
   d) 6
   Answer b) 4. West Bengal became the fourth state to pass anti-CAA resolution on January 27, 2020. The West Bengal state government had introduced the resolution in the state
assembly demanding that the controversial CAA law be repealed and NPR, NRC be withdrawn.

292. Which state has become the first state to pass resolution demanding scrapping of CAA?
   a) Kerala
   b) Rajasthan
   c) Punjab
   d) Tamil Nadu
   Answer a) Kerala. Including West Bengal, four states have passed resolutions demanding the rollback of the citizenship amendment act. The other three states include Kerala, Punjab and Rajasthan. Kerala was the first state to pass a resolution demanding the withdrawal of the CAA law.

293. China secured _______ rank in Arms Producer Trailing Behind US.
   a) 2nd
   b) 3rd
   c) 4th
   d) 5th
   Answer a) 2nd. China has leapfrogged Russia to become the world’s second-largest arms producer, according to revised research for the year 2017 published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

294. Who has been appointed as new Foreign Secretary?
   a) Damodharan Reddy
   b) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
   c) Raj Sambath Kumar A
   d) Prabhu Soloman
   Answer b) Harsh Vardhan Shringla. Harsh Vardhan Shringla today took charge as new foreign secretary succeeding Vijay Gokhale. Mr Shringla is a 1984-batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service.

295. Ramsar site is associated with___________.
   a) Dryland
   b) Heritage site
   c) Agriculture Sector
   d) Wetland
   Answer d) Wetland. Wetlands declared as Ramsar sites are protected under strict guidelines. The Convention signed in 1971 in the Iranian city of Ramsar is one of the oldest inter-governmental accords for preserving the ecological character of wetlands.

296. In India, how many Ramsar site homeland has recognized under the international treaty?
   a) 21
   b) 24
   c) 31
   d) 37
   Answer d) 37. India added ten more wetlands to sites protected by the Ramsar Convention, Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar. A total of 37 sites in the homeland recognized under the international treaty.
297. 2020 Olympics will be held at___________.
   a) Beijing
   b) Paris
   c) Tokyo
   d) London
   Answer c) Tokyo. Olympics, the 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo. While this is the third time the Japanese capital has been awarded the games.

298. Neeraj Chopra qualifies for Tokyo Olympics, is associated with___________.
   a) Shot put
   b) Javelin Throw
   c) Swimming
   d) Wrestling
   Answer b) Javelin Throw. Star Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra qualified for the Tokyo Olympics with a throw of 87.86 meters at the Athletics Central North East meeting in South Africa.

299. Operation Vanilla is associated with___________.
   a) Navy
   b) Army
   c) Air force
   d) None of these
   Answer a) Navy. Operation Vanilla launched to provide assistance to the affected population of Madagascar post devastation caused by Cyclone Diane. The port call, the ship in coordination with Embassy of India and Government of Madagascar is planned to undertake relief operations to assist the flood-affected populace.

300. Who has been appointed as new general manager of Western Railway?
   a) Alok Kansal
   b) Anil Kumar Gupta
   c) Sanjeev Mittal
   d) Kunal M
   Answer a) Alok Kansal. Kansal was working as the principal executive director, civil engineering (Planning) at Railway Board. Central Railway (CR) General Manager Sanjeev Mittal was holding the additional charge as WR GM. The post held by Anil Kumar Gupta, who retired in November 2019.

301. Tech Mahindra set up Google Cloud Centre of Excellence in ____________.
   a) Bengaluru
   b) Hyderabad
   c) Chennai
   d) Pune
   Answer b) Hyderabad. To drive the digital transformation of enterprises globally. It will provide enterprises with access to the technology and services and deliver solutions to help them move critical workloads to Google Cloud, develop their Artificial Intelligence (AI) and data analytics solutions, and improve workplace productivity.

302. Pavan Sukhdev won 2020 Tyler Prize, who is associated with___________.
   a) Social Activist
   b) Environmentalist
c) Environmental economist

d) Physician

Answer c) environmental economist. He won the Nobel Prize for the environment for his groundbreaking green economy work. He acknowledged for his work on bringing the economic consequences of environmental degradation and loss to the attention of corporate and political decision-makers.

303. Indian Railways commissions first waste to energy plant at__________________.

a) Raipur
b) Udaipur
c) Ahmedabad
d) Bhubaneswar

Answer d) Bhubaneswar. Indian Railways commissioned the country’s first governmental waste to energy plant at Bhubaneswar. The national transporter has put in place the governmental Waste to Energy plant in Mancheswar Carriage Repair Workshop, which falls under East Coast Railway.

304. Which state has launched Virtual Police Station?

a) Assam
b) Jharkhand
c) Uttar Pradesh
d) Odisha

Answer d) Odisha. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched a Virtual police station along with two other transformational projects of the Odisha Police. To reduce human interface with government offices.

305. ____________ is Oxford Hindi Word Of The Year 2019.

a) Samvidhaan
b) Yojana
c) Bhojan
d) Nakshathra

Answer a) Samvidhaan. Samvidhaan means a body of fundamental principles or established precedents according to which a state or other organization is acknowledged to be governed.

306. Britain unveils 50-pence coin, which bears the inscription “______________”.

a) Peace, prosperity and friendship with all nations
b) Peace, courage and friendship
c) Peace, prosperity and Humanity
d) Peace, courage and Humanity with all nations

Answer a) Peace, prosperity and friendship with all nations. Britain unveiled a new 50-pence coin minted to mark the country’s departure from the European Union, which bears the inscription “Peace, prosperity and friendship with all nations” and the Brexit date of “31 January 2020.

307. IGBC - in this "G" represents______________.

a) Garment
b) Green
c) Garage
d) Generalization

Answer b) Green. Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).
308. Which smart city has become first smart city to ink with IGBC?
   a) Surat  
b) Pune  
c) Coimbatore  
d) Mangalore  
Answer d) Mangalore. The Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) and Mangaluru Smart City Ltd (MSCL) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for sustainable development in Mangaluru.

309. North East Dr T Ao Football Trophy 2020 won by___________.
   a) Sikkim  
b) Arunachal Pradesh  
c) Mizoram  
d) Nagaland  
Answer c) Mizoram. Mizoram defeats Sikkim in the North East Dr T Ao Football Trophy 2020. The Northeast Dr. T Ao Football Trophy 2020 was held at Indira Gandhi Stadium in Kohima, Nagaland on 28 January 2020.

310. Who has been appointed as principal advisor to the monetary policy department, as executive director?
   a) Michael Patra  
b) MG Vara  
c) Janak Raj  
d) Agni Prasad  
Answer c) Janak Raj. The Reserve Bank of India has appointed Janak Raj, principal advisor to the monetary policy department, as executive director. He succeeds Michael Patra effective January 24. With this, the RBI will have 12 EDs, its full strength.

311. World Sustainable Development Summit organized by TERI first time in___________.
   a) Lucknow  
b) Chennai  
c) Bengaluru  
d) New Delhi  
Answer d) New Delhi. The World Sustainable Summit is an annual event organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). It is being organized since 2001. The event has become a premier international event focusing on developing actions.

312. According to NITI Aayog’s Aspirational District Ranking, which district is topped in Aspirational Districts of the country for the month of December 2019?
   a) Sahibjanj  
b) Chandauli  
c) Bolangir  
d) Madurai  
Answer b) Chandauli. NITI Aayog released the ranking of Aspirational Districts of the country for the month of December 2019. The ranking is released every month. The Chandauli district of UP topped the list followed by Bolangir of Odisha, YSR (AP) in second and third positions respectively.
313. Indian Coast Guard commissions high speed interceptor boat in ____________.
   a) Mysore  
   b) Mangaluru  
   c) Hyderabad  
   d) Pune
Answer b) Mangaluru. Indian Coast Guard commissioning a high-speed interceptor boat in Mangaluru on January 29. The water-jet-propelled vessel deployed for patrolling and rescue operations. The 500 nautical miles at 20 knots and is capable of doing speeds of up to 45 knots.

314. World largest meditation centre inaugurates in ________________.
   a) Andhra Pradesh  
   b) Tamil Nadu  
   c) Telanagana  
   d) Kerala
Answer c) Telangana. A one lakh capacity meditation center claimed to be the world’s largest such facility was inaugurated at the global headquarters of the Heartfulness Institute and the Shri Ram Chandra Mission (SRCM) in Hyderabad.

315. World Neglected Diseases day is observed on ________________.
   a) January 27  
   b) January 29  
   c) January 30  
   d) January 31
Answer c) January 30. January 30 is to be marked as World Neglected Diseases day. This is the first time World NTD Day is marked. Aim of the Day The day creates awareness in addressing tropical diseases.

316. NASA headquarter is situated in__________.
   a) Washington  
   b) California  
   c) Canada  
   d) Spain
Answer a) Washington. NASA’s Parker Solar Probe took one step closer to the sun when it executed its fourth flyby of our star. This is the first such maneuver called a perihelion that the spacecraft has completed since swinging past Venus in December, a move that shrank the probe’s orbit.

317. Assam Rifles builds war memorial in ________________.
   a) Nagaland  
   b) Arunachal Pradesh  
   c) Meghalaya  
   d) Tripura
Answer a) Nagaland. Assam Rifles constructed a combined war memorial in Nagaland for the 357 Army and Assam Rifles personnel killed. At the same time, fighting insurgency in the northeastern state. The monument was built at Mokokchung, which is also the cultural and intellectual center of Nagaland.

318. NCRB - in this "C" represents______________.
   a) Control
b) Counterpart  
c) Cabinet  
d) Crime  

Answer d) Crime. National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) launches Police Citizen centric services on the CCTNS platform. The Director, Intelligence Bureau, Shri Arvind Kumar, presided over the launch function. These online services will help citizens in searching their Missing Persons and Generating Vehicle NOC.

319. Which country has created Guinness World Record for highest altitude fashion show event?  
a) India  
b) Bangladesh  
c) Sri Lanka  
d) Nepal  
Answer d) Nepal. Nepal has set an all-new Guinness World Record for the highest altitude fashion show event. Mount Everest Fashion Runway organized by RB Diamonds and KASA Style in support of the Nepal Tourism Board held at 5340 meters (17515 ft) elevation at Kala Patthar near the Everest base camp on January 26.

320. Which Bank has launched a self-service delivery tool for customers called the iBox?  
a) Axis  
b) ICICI  
c) PNB  
d) HDFC  
Answer b) ICICI. Using the new facility, ICICI Bank customers can collect their deliverables like debit cards, credit cards, cheque book and returned-cheques from the bank branch near to their home or office.

321. According to TomTom Traffic Index 2019, Which city has World’s Worst Traffic?  
a) Moscow  
b) Istanbul  
c) Bengaluru  
d) Jakarta  
Answer c) Bengaluru. India has topped the TomTom Traffic Index 2019 with 4 of its cities amongst the 10 most congested cities globally. Bengaluru (71%), Mumbai (65%), Pune (59%) and New Delhi (56%) ranks 1st, 4th, 5th and 8th respectively.

322. Which bank has taken over as lead financier of Navi Mumbai Airport project?  
a) Indian Overseas Bank  
b) State Bank of India  
c) HDFC  
d) Punjab National Bank  
Answer b) State Bank of India. State Bank of India has taken over as the lead financier for India’s costliest airport project planned to be set up in Navi Mumbai, said multiple people aware of the development.

323. Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO held in___________.  
a) Mumbai  
b) Pune

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c) New Delhi  
Answer c) New Delhi. Indian Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) was chaired by the Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal “Nishank”.

324. SAMPRITI-IX - a joint Military Exercise between India and ____________.
   a) Sri Lanka  
   b) Bangladesh  
   c) Nepal  
   d) Japan  
Answer b) Bangladesh. A Joint Military Exercise between India and Bangladesh is to be held at Umroi, Meghalaya between 3rd February, 2020 and 16th February, 2020. The exercise is called “SAMPRITI”.

325. According to the survey conducted by Transparency International, Which state has topped in budget formulation?
   a) Assam  
   b) Odisha  
   c) Arunachal Pradesh  
   d) Maharashtra
Answer a) Assam. According to the survey conducted by Transparency International, Assam tops in terms of budget formulation followed by Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. The states that were ranked lower in terms of budget formulation are Goa, Maharashtra and Punjab.

326. According to the United National Development Programme (UNDP), Which state has emerged the best performing states in terms of achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)?
   a) Punjab  
   b) Maharashtra  
   c) Uttarkhand  
   d) Telangana
Answer d) Telangana. According to the United National Development Programme (UNDP), Telangana has emerged the best performing states in terms of achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

327. Surajkund Mela-International Crafts Fair organized by ____________.
   a) Punjab  
   b) Uttar Pradesh  
   c) Tamil Nadu  
   d) Haryana
Answer d) Haryana. President Ram Nath Kovind will inaugurate the 34th Surajkund International Crafts Fair. The fair is being organized by the Haryana Government in Faridabad. Around 20 countries and the states of India are participating in the fair.

328. Who has become first ever hockey player to win World Games Athlete of the Year’ award?
   a) Uma Devi  
   b) Rani Rampal  
   c) Divya Dharshini
329. Who has been appointed CEO of global tech giant IBM?
   a) Sanjay Moorthi
   b) Arvind Krishna
   c) Ajay Kumar A
   d) Hari Krishna
   Answer b) Arvind Krishna. The 57-year-old will take over on April 6. “I am thrilled and humbled to be elected as the next Chief Executive Officer of IBM, and appreciate the confidence that Ginni and the Board have placed in me,” Krishna said in a press statement released by IBM.

   a) 5%
   b) 5.1%
   c) 5.3%
   d) 5.5%
   Answer d) 5.5%. Industry body Ficci said its Economic Outlook Survey has projected the country’s annual median GDP growth for 2019-20 at 5 per cent, in line with the projections made by the National Statistical Organisation (NSO).

341. RFID - in this "R" represents______________.
   a) Required
   b) Reserved
   c) Radio
   d) Regulators
   Answer c) Radio. Keeping on track the implementation of latest Radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology, to accurately track and trace Railway movement across the country with focus on safety.

342. Wipro headquarters is situated in______________.
   a) India
   b) USA
   c) China
   d) Japan
   Answer a) India. Wipro said its CEO Abidali Neemuchwala has resigned due to family commitments, a year before his term was scheduled to end, but that he would stay on until a successor was appointed. Analysts say a slew of internal candidates could be in the running.