

India's GDP estimated to grow at 7.2 per cent in 2018-19

- India's GDP (gross domestic product) is estimated to grow at 7.2 per cent in 2018-19 compared to 6.7 per cent attained during the previous fiscal.
- "Real GDP or GDP at Constant Prices (2011-12) in the year 2018-19 is likely to attain a level of Rs 139.52 lakh crore, as against the 'Provisional Estimate of GDP for the year 2017-18' of Rs 130.11 lakh crore, released on 31st May 2018," the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation said in "First Advance Estimates of National Income, 2018-19".
- "The growth in GDP during 2018-19 is estimated at 7.2 per cent as compared to the growth rate of 6.7 per cent in 2017-18,"

Bandhan Bank to buy mortgage provider Gruh Finance in share-swap deal

- Bandhan Bank Ltd will buy mortgage provider Gruh Finance Ltd in a share-swap deal to build up its housing loan portfolio, the companies said on Monday.
- Under the merger cooperation agreement, shareholders of Gruh Finance will get 568 shares of Bandhan Bank for every 1,000 shares held.

Kerala to set up country's largest Integrated Startup Complex on 13.5 acres

- Kerala is setting up the country's largest Integrated Startup Complex, which will house a Maker Village, Bionest, and BRINC, the country's first international accelerator for Hardware startups, among other facilities.

Cabinet approves 10% quota for economically backward upper castes

- Union Cabinet has approved 10 per cent reservation in direct recruitments and for admission in higher educational institutions for the economically backward section in the general category.
- The reservation benefit is likely to be availed by those whose annual income is below Rs 8 lakh and have up to five acres of Agricultural land.
- The government is likely to bring a constitutional amendment bill in Parliament on Tuesday as the quota will be over and above the existing 50 per cent reservation. Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution will have to be amended for implementation of the decision.

NCR launches mobile app to help people navigate through Prayagraj during Kumbh Mela

- The North Central Railway, NCR has launched a mobile application to help people navigate through Prayagraj city during Kumbh Mela starting from January 15.
- The 'Rail KumbhSeva Mobile App' will also provide information regarding all the 'Mela special' trains that will run during the period.

Lok Sabha passes bill to remove leprosy as ground for divorce

- The Lok Sabha passed the Personal Laws (Amendment Bill), 2018, which seeks to remove leprosy as a ground for divorce.
- Leprosy is being removed as a ground for divorce as it is now a curable disease as against the earlier notion of it being incurable.
- The Bill seeks to amend five personal laws- the Hindu Marriage Act 1955, Dissolution of Muslim Marriages Act 1939, Divorce Act (for Christians) 1869, Special Marriage Act 1954 and the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act 1956- to remove leprosy as a ground for divorce.

2019 Golden Globe Awards: Bohemian Rhapsody wins Best Picture Drama

- The 76th Annual Golden Globe Awards were announced at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California, the United States of America. These annual awards honour the best in Motion Pictures and Television for the year 2018.
- This year's event was hosted by actors Andy Samberg and Sandra Oh, who took over from 2018 host, comedian Seth Meyers. Oh joined a small group of actors who won an award in the same ceremony they hosted.

• Awardees Best Motion Picture Drama	-----	Bohemian Rhapsody
• Best Motion Picture Musical/Comedy	-----	Green Book
• Best Director in Motion Picture-Drama	-----	Alfonso Cuaron (Roma)
• Best Actress in Motion Picture-Drama	-----	Glen Close (The Wife)
• Best Actor in Motion Picture-Drama	-----	Rami Malek (Bohemian Rhapsody)

Egypt opens West Asia's largest cathedral in its New Administrative

- Egypt has opened West Asia's largest cathedral in its New Administrative Capital, 45 kilometres east of Cairo.
- President Abdul Fattah al-Sisi inaugurated the newly-built Cathedral of Nativity and also a mosque on the eve of Coptic Christmas. The Grand Sheikh of Al-Azhar, the world's primary seat of learning for Sunni Muslims, said that the two places of worship stand as a symbol in the face of attempts to undermine the country's stability and sectarian seditions. The ceremony was attended by Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and a host of Arab dignitaries. It included recorded video messages of support from the region's top Christian clerics as well as Pope Francis.

RBI issues guidelines on use of tokenisation to make card payments safer

- Reserve Bank of India released guidelines on tokenisation for various card transactions, including from debit and credit cards. Tokenisation, which aims at improving safety and security of the payment system, refers to replacement of actual card details with a unique alternate code called the 'token', which shall be unique for a combination of card, token requestor and identified device.
- Instead of using actual card details, this token is used to perform card transactions in contactless mode at point of sale (POS) terminals, quick response (QR) code payments.
- RBI has given permission to offer tokenised card transactions services to all channels such as near field communication (NFC), magnetic secure transmission (MST) based contactless transactions, in-app payments, QR code-based payments or token storage mechanisms, including cloud, secure element and trusted execution environment.

RBI forms Nandan Nilekani committee to boost digital payments

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted a High-Level Committee on Deepening of Digital Payments to encourage digitisation of payments and enhance financial inclusion.
- The five-member committee headed by UIDAI's former Chairman Nandan Nilekani will include RBI's former Deputy Governor Mr. H.R. Khan and Former Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology, Mrs. Aruna Sharma among others.
- In a statement, RBI said the committee will review the existing status of digitisation of payments and suggest ways to bridge any gaps in the ecosystem, if any.
- The committee will also undertake cross country analysis to identify best practices that can be adopted to accelerate digitisation of the economy and financial inclusion through greater use of digital payments.
- The Nandan Nilekani led panel will suggest measures to strengthen the safety and security of digital payments; while also providing a road map for increasing customers' trust while accessing financial services through digital modes.

Indian-origin Gita Gopinath joins IMF as Chief Economist

- India born Gita Gopinath joined the International Monetary Fund as its Chief Economist.
- She is the first woman to occupy the top IMF post.
- Gopinath succeeds Maurice (Maury) Obstfeld as Economic Counsellor and Director of the IMF's Research Department. Obstfeld retired on December 31, 2018.
- Gopinath is the 11th chief economist of the IMF.

India's GDP to grow at 7.3% in FY19, 7.5 % in next two years: World Bank

- India's GDP is expected to grow at 7.3 per cent in the fiscal year 2018-19, and 7.5 per cent in the following two years, the World Bank has forecast, attributing it to an upswing in consumption and investment.
- The bank said India will continue to be the fastest growing major economy in the world.
- China's economic growth is projected to slow down to 6.2 each in 2019 and 2020 and 6 per cent in 2021, according to the January 2019 Global Economic Prospects report released by the World Bank.
- In 2018, the Chinese economy is estimated to have grown by 6.5 per cent as against India's 7.3 per cent.

Adani partners Andhra to develop 'world's first green data center parks'

- Andhra Pradesh government today signed an MoU with Adani Group to build data center parks up to 5 gigawatt (gw) capacities in and around Visakhapatnam using 100 percent renewable energy over the next 20 years.

India's GDP set to eclipse US' by 2030: StanChart

- Seven of the world's top 10 economies by 2030 will likely be current emerging markets. The prediction for a shake-up of the world's gross domestic product (GDP) rankings comes in new long-term forecasts by

Standard Chartered Plc, which includes a projection for China to become the largest economy by 2020, using purchasing power parity exchange rates and nominal GDP.

- India will likely be larger than the US in the same time period while Indonesia will break into the top 5 economies. They project trend growth for India to accelerate to 7.8% by the 2020s while China's will moderate to 5% by 2030 reflecting a natural slowdown given the economy's size. Asia's share of global GDP, which rose to 28% last year from 20% in 2010, will likely reach 35% by 2030—matching that of the euro area and US combined.

SEBI constitutes advisory panel to link research to policy making

- Market regulator Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a "Research Advisory" committee that will assist in formulating policy to undertake research relevant for development and regulation of capital markets.
- The committee, headed by Sankar De, would comprise prominent financial economists and market practitioners. SEBI has constituted the research advisory committee to strengthen its research function and enhance its linkage to policy making.

Guatemala to withdraw from UN-backed anti-corruption commission

- Guatemala has said it is withdrawing from a UN-backed anti-corruption commission. It has given the UN body's staff 24 hours to leave the country.
- President Jimmy Morales accused the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala, commonly known as CICIG, of polarising the country and putting its security at risk.

Japan tops list of most powerful passports, India ranks

- Japan, for the second time in a row, has topped a global index for the world's most powerful passport in 2019, while India ranked at the 79th position.
- According to the Henley Passport Index, which periodically measures the access each country's travel document affords, Japan retained its top spot as the world's most travel-friendly passport due to the document's access to 190 countries.
- India jumped two positions from 81st in 2018 to 79th this year. Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nepal ranked further low at 104, 102 and 94 respectively.

ICC Announces USA Cricket as 105th Member

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced USA Cricket as its 105th member. The development is a historical milestone for the governing body established in 2017 to unify and develop the cricket community in the United States following the expulsion of USACA.

GST exemption limit for MSMEs doubled

- In a major relief to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), the GST Council chaired by finance minister Arun Jaitley on January 10, 2019 doubled the GST exemption limit for companies in the sector to those with an annual turnover of Rs 40 lakh from the current Rs 20 lakh. For North East and hilly states, the limit has been increased to Rs 20 lakh from Rs 10 lakh.
- The move to raise the threshold for GST registration is significant considering that small businesses have been hit by the government's move to demonetise high-value currency notes in November 2016, business disruption in the early days of GST implementation and a credit squeeze in recent months.
- Bringing about major changes in the composition scheme, the current turnover limit was increased to Rs 1.5 crore from Rs 1 crore.

Women and Child Development Ministry launches '#www: WebWonderWomen' Campaign

- The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development launched an online campaign, 'Web – Wonder Women' also known as '#www'. The Campaign aims to discover and celebrate the exceptional achievements of women, who have been driving positive agenda of social change through the social media itself.

Cabinet approves establishment of three new AIIMS

- The Cabinet on Thursday approved the establishment of three more All India Institute of Medical Sciences, AIIMS to boost healthcare infrastructure in the country.
- Two of them will be set up in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba and Pulwama district. The third AIIMS will be set up at Rajkot in Gujarat.

Mary Kom becomes 'World No 1' Boxer in latest AIBA World Rankings

- MC Mary Kom became the World No 1 Boxer in 45-48 kg category in the latest International Boxing Association's (AIBA) World Rankings .Mary Kom was placed by AIBA at top of the charts in the 45-48 kg category weight division with 1700 points.
- She is also the only woman boxer to have won a medal in each one of the seven world championships. She once won silver.

Harendra Singh removed as head coach of Indian men's hockey team

- Indian men's hockey coach Harendra Singh was sacked from the position and offered the task of helming the junior squad by the national federation.

Sri Lanka's Central Bank gets \$400 mn swap from RBI

- Sri Lanka's Central Bank on Wednesday said that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has agreed to provide USD 400 million under a swap arrangement to boost the island nation's reserves. It said that a further request to the RBI for another SWAP arrangement of USD 1 billion is "under consideration".
- These are to be made available under the SAARC SWAP facility.

Jana Small Finance Bank launches current account with auto-sweep facility

- Jana Small Finance Bank has launched a current account with auto-sweep facility.
- The facility will enable the bank's existing and potential new customers to auto sweep-in and sweep-out idle funds in the current account to the Sweep Fixed Deposit and earn interest on the funds. For a tenor of 365 days on sweep deposit, customers will be able to earn interest of 8.5 per cent.

Ashok Chawla resigns as chairman with immediate effect in light of recent legal developments: National Stock Exchange

- National Stock Exchange said Ashok Chawla has resigned as chairman with immediate effect in light of recent legal developments.

First manned mission to space by December 2021: ISRO

- ISRO announced on January 11, 2019 that it is well prepared to meet the targets of launching Gaganyaan manned mission to outer space by December 2021.
- Addressing a press conference, ISRO Chairman Dr K Sivan said that a human space centre has been set up for the mission. Under the Gaganyaan project, India is planning to send three astronauts to outer space for seven days and bring them back.

Su Tseng-chang appointed as Taiwan PM Su

- Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen appointed Su Tseng-chang as Prime Minister of the state during a Cabinet reshuffle following the ruling Democratic Progressive Party's heavy losses in local elections.

2019 Rajyavardhan Rathore launches National Youth Parliament Festival 2019

- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Col Rajyavardhan Rathore today launched the National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 at a function in New Delhi.
- The festival will continue till 24th of next month. The theme of the festival is- Be the Voice of New India and Find solutions and contribute to policy. Addressing the media in New Delhi

8-year-old Kartik Singh becomes youngest to win Junior World title in golf

- 8-year-old Kartik Singh has won the under-8 category at the Kids' Golf World Championship organised by US kids Golf in Malaysia, which makes him the youngest Indian to win the title.
- Kartik is well known all across DLF Golf and country club for his dedication and hard work. Winner of US Kids World Junior Championship 2018 in an 8-year category, thereby becoming the youngest Indian ever do so.

National Youth Day 2019 observed across India

- National Youth Day 2019 was celebrated across India on 12 January, 2019. It was a decision of Government of India taken in 1984 to celebrate the birthday of great Swami Vivekananda, i.e. 12 January, as National Youth Day every year.

WEEKLY OBJECTIVE MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS ON CURRENT AFFAIRS:
FOR WEEK 02/52 (JAN 08–JAN 14- 2018)

1. Name the head of the task force that has been constituted by Ministry of Human Resource Development to look into the circumstances of reported suicides of 49 students of residential Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) between 2013 and 2017?
(a) Dr. Navjeet Singh (b) Dr. Jitendra Nagpal (c) Dr. Raghav Natwar
(d) Dr. Mithila Yadav (e) None of these
2. Which state announced interest-free loans of up to Rs.3 lakh for 6 lakh women self-help groups (WSHG) under 'Mission Shakti' scheme benefitting about 70 lakh women in the state ?
(a) Assam (b) Odisha (c) Jharkhand (d) West Bengal (e) None of these
3. Where did the 9-day long international kite festival which marks the Uttarayan or Makar Sankranti, the day when winter season starts changing to summer, commence on 6th January 2019?
(a) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh (b) Ahmedabad, Gujarat (c) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
(d) Mysuru, Karnataka (e) None of these
4. The Expediency Council of which country approved an anti-money laundering bill to ease trade, which will be in line with the standards set by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)?
(a) Pakistan (b) Iran (c) United States of America (USA)
(d) United Arab Emirates (UAE) (e) None of these
5. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has notified all authorised non-bank Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) Issuers in order to limit the liability of Customers in unauthorised electronic payment transactions in PPIs. According to this, if the fraud is reported between 3 and 7 days, customer liability will amount to the transaction value or _____, whichever is lower?
(a) Rs 50,000 (b) Rs 10,000 (c) Rs 90,000 (d) Rs 20,000 (e) None of these
6. Which Union Ministry conferred National Awards to 97 Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) for Exceptional Achievements for 2017-18, under Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) in New Delhi?
(a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (b) Ministry of Women & Child Development
(c) Ministry of Human Resource Development (d) Ministry of Home Affairs
(e) None of these
7. Lunar rover Yutu-2 or Jade Rabbit-2 of China's _____ spacecraft made the first-ever soft landing on the far side of the moon, on 4th January 2019?
(a) Chang'e-4 (b) Beidou 292 (c) Radix II (d) Moonlight X (e) None of these
8. Name the pair that won the Hopman Cup, which is an annual international tennis tournament in which male and female players are on combined teams, for the 2nd year in a row, held in Perth, Australia?
(a) Roger Federer and Belinda Bencic of Switzerland
(b) Angelique Kerber and Alexander Zverev of Germany
(c) Serena Williams and Frances Tiafoe, United States of America
(d) Rafael Nadal and Maria Jose of Spain
(e) None of these
9. Union Cabinet approved what per cent quota in jobs and educational institutions for economically weaker sections in general category?
(a) 20 % (b) 15 % (c) 10 % (d) 7.5 % (e) None of these
10. Union Government has allocated _____ rupees for the development of 40 satellite launch vehicles in the next 4 years, as announced by Dr K Sivan, Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?
(a) Rs 12,540 crore (b) Rs 10,900 crore (c) Rs 13,678 crore
(d) Rs 15,243 crore (e) None of these
11. Human Resource Development (HRD) ministry has introduced a _____ point grading index to assess the quality of school education offered by states?
(a) 50 (b) 20 (c) 70 (d) 40 (e) None of these
12. Which country opened West Asia's largest cathedral in its New Administrative Capital, on 7th January 2019?
(a) Spain (b) Egypt (c) Greece (d) Palestine (e) None of these

13. Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB), Nepal's central monetary authority, wrote to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to legalize Indian currency notes of denominations higher than _____ in Nepal, on 6th January 2019?
 (a) Rs 100 (b) Rs 200 (c) Rs 500 (d) Rs 1000 (e) None of these
14. Who won the Best Director award under 'Films' category at the 76th Golden Globe Awards, in California, USA?
 (a) Rami Malek (b) Mahershala Ali (c) Alfonso Cuaron
 (d) Christian Bale (e) None of these
15. Which country has developed a massive bomb, said to be the counterpart to the US-built 'Mother of All Bombs', the most powerful non-nuclear weapon?
 (a) North Korea (b) Japan (c) China (d) South Korea (e) None of these
16. India's GDP would grow at what percent in 2018-19, as per the first advance estimates of National Income at Constant (2011-1(b) and Current Prices, for the financial year 2018-2019, released by Central Statistics Office (CSO)?
 (a) 7.6 % (b) 7.2 % (c) 7.4 % (d) 7.7 % (e) None of these
17. Where is the world's largest cricket stadium, which will have a seating capacity of over 1 lakh, being constructed?
 (a) Motera, Ahmedabad (b) Cachar, Guwahati (c) New Town, Kolkata
 (d) Koramangala, Bengaluru (e) None of these
18. Reserve Bank of India constituted a 5-member high-level committee under _____ to suggest measures to strengthen the safety and security of digital payments in India, on 8th January 2019?
 (a) Salel Parekh (b) Mahesh Jain (c) Viral Achari (d) Nandan Nilekani (e) None of these
19. Which bank launched a new Current Account with Auto-Sweep facility on 8th January 2019, that will enable the bank's existing and potential new customers to auto sweep-in and sweep-out the idle funds in the current account to Sweep Fixed Deposit and earn high interest?
 (a) AU Small Finance Bank (b) Jana Small Finance Bank (c) Federal Bank
 (d) Karnataka Bank (e) None of these
20. Who took charge as India's new ambassador to China ?
 (a) Ajay Bisaria (b) Lakshmi Ramakrishnan (c) Vikram Misri
 (d) Atul Goel (e) None of these
21. Name the chairman of National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI), _____ who took over as the president of Global Solar Council (GSC) ?
 (a) Pranav R Mehta (b) Sunil Chandra (c) Rishi Jain (d) Vishwas Gupta (e) None of these
22. Who joined International Monetary Fund (IMF) as its 11th chief economist, thus becoming the first woman to occupy the post, on 8th January 2019?
 (a) Mallika Jayanth (b) Sakshi Roy (c) Gita Gopinath (d) Priyanka Mayank (e) None of these
23. _____ will resign as the President of World Bank much before the end of his term in 2022?
 (a) Kristalina Georgieva (b) Jim Yong Kim (c) Takehiko Nakao
 (d) Christine Lagarde (e) None of these
24. Australian cities Sydney and _____ have been announced as the first two host locations for the newest team event in men's tennis for the multi-million dollar ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) Cup from 2020?
 (a) Melbourne (b) Brisbane (c) Perth (d) Canberra (e) None of these
25. Jammu and Kashmir Law Department set up a State law commission, for 3 years, under the chairmanship of _____, ?
 (a) Justice (Retd) M K Hanjura (b) Justice (Retd) Azeem Bahadur
 (c) Justice (Retd) Vinay Mishra (d) Justice (Retd) L M Sushil Kumar
 (e) None of these
26. Where was the "Development of North East Circuit: Umiam (Lake View) – U Lum Sohpetbneng- Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort" project under Tourism Ministry's Swadesh Darshan Scheme inaugurated ?
 (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Sikkim (c) Manipur (d) Meghalaya (e) None of these
27. Which Union Ministry launched an online campaign, '#www: Web- Wonder Women' to recognize the exceptional women who have been driving positive agenda of social change via social media ?
 (a) Ministry of Human Resource Development
 (b) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
 (c) Ministry of Women and Child Development

- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs
 (e) None of these
28. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has released a Global Report on “Trafficking in Persons”, as per which, more victims of human trafficking were reported to UNODC in 2016 than at any time in the past 13 years, and children account for _____ % of those being trafficked?
 (a) 50 % (b) 25 % (c) 60 % (d) 30 % (e) None of these
29. Which body allowed tokenization of debit, credit and prepaid card transactions to enhance the safety of digital payments ecosystem in India?
 (a) Finance Ministry (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
 (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (d) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
 (e) None of these
30. Name the venture capital entity incorporated by NABARD (National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development) under the Companies Act, which will launch its maiden early stage capital fund offer to agriculture and rural enterprises?
 (a) NABVENTURES Ltd (b) NABARD Capital Ltd (c) NABFINANCE Ltd
 (d) NABARD Credit Ltd (e) None of these
31. Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) released a report on the “Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM)”. Who is the 13th CAG of India?
 (a) Rajiv Mehrishi (b) Rajiv GAuba (c) N K Singh (d) Arvind Saxena (e) None of these
32. India is set to become the world’s _____ largest consumer market by 2030, as per the “Future of Consumption in Fast- Growth Consumer Market- India” report released by World Economic Forum?
 (a) Second (b) Third (c) Fourth (d) Fifth (e) None of these
33. Standard Chartered released its long term forecast, which states that India will become the world’s _____ largest economy by 2030?
 (a) Second (b) Fourth (c) Fifth (d) Seventh (e) None of these
34. Where was the first edition of the ‘National Consultation on Child Protection’ 2019 held on ?
 (a) Chennai (b) Bengaluru (c) Hyderabad (d) New Delhi (e) None of these
35. What is the rank of India in the Henley Passport Index of most powerful passports?
 (a) 56 (b) 112 (c) 95 (d) 79 (e) None of these
36. Reserve Bank of India has agreed to disburse Sri Lanka’s loan amount of _____ to boost the nation’s reserve?
 (a) USD 100 million (b) USD 400 million (c) USD 300 million
 (d) USD 200 million (e) None of these
37. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved which country’s Pasargad Bank to open branches in Mumbai for easing trade related transactions ?
 (a) Egypt (b) Afghanistan (c) Myanmar (d) Iran (e) None of these
38. GST Council approved doubling of exemption threshold under Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime to Rs 40 lakh along with raising the turnover limit under composition scheme to _____ with effect from April 1, 2019?
 (a) Rs 1.5 crore (b) Rs 2 crore (c) Rs 2.5 crore (d) Rs 3 crore (e) None of these
39. Name the head of the committee that was constituted by Election Commission of India (ECI) to look into Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act 1951, which submitted the report ?
 (a) Shankar Ram S (b) Umesh Sinha (c) Joshwin Sebastian
 (d) Debashish Banerjee (e) None of these
40. Government of India has formulated an Agricultural Export Policy, for the first time, to boost India’s agricultural exports to _____ by 2022?
 (a) USD 100 billion (b) USD 60 billion (c) USD 50 billion
 (d) USD 75 billion (e) None of these
41. Composition Scheme will be made available for Suppliers of Services (or Mixed Suppliers) with a Tax Rate of 6% (3% CGST +3% SGST) having an Annual Turnover in the preceding financial year up to _____ rupees, as announced in the GST Council’s 32nd Meeting in New Delhi on 10th January 2019?
 (a) Rs 50 lakhs (b) Rs 100 lakhs (c) Rs 20 lakhs (d) Rs 40 lakhs (e) None of these
42. Where was Sanskriti Kumbh, a 29 days cultural extravaganza inaugurated on 10th January 2019?
 (a) Rajkot, Gujarat (b) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
 (c) Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh (d) Bhubaneswar, Odisha (e) None of these

43. Union Cabinet approved the creation of the post of Vice Chancellor for India's first rail and Transportation University named the National Rail & Transport Institute (NRTI), located in _____ ?
 (a) Vadodara, Gujarat (b) Mumbai, Maharashtra (c) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
 (d) Indore, Madhya Pradesh (e) None of these
44. What is the rank of India in the 11th edition of EIU Democracy Index 2018 released by the Economist Intelligent Unit compiling the state of democracies in 167 countries in the world?
 (a) 75 (b) 24 (c) 41 (d) 55 (e) None of these
45. Virat Kohli and coach _____ received honorary membership of the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) for their contribution to cricket?
 (a) Rahul Dravid (b) Saurav Ganguly (c) Ravi Shastri
 (d) Anil Kumble (e) None of these
46. Name the person who took charge as Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) ?
 (a) Alok Verma (b) M. Nageswara Rao (c) A.K. Sikri (d) Ram Charan V (e) None of these
47. _____ was appointed as the new Prime Minister of Taiwan ?
 (a) Tsai Ing-wen (b) Su Tseng-chang (c) Lai Ching (d) Sei Wang (e) None of these
48. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Chairman K Sivan announced that India's 1st Gaganyaan manned mission to outer space would be launched by _____?
 (a) January 2023 (b) December 2021 (c) March 2022 (d) April 2025 (e) None of these
49. Name the Indian Weightlifting Federation President who has been named as Chef de Mission for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics?
 (a) Narendar Batra (b) Birendra Prasad Baishya (c) Sunil Dev
 (d) Rishab Chawla (e) None of these
50. Which state government launched the 'Ama Ghare LED' scheme under which about 95 lakh families in the state will each get 4 LED bulbs free of cost?
 (a) Bihar (b) Assam (c) Rajasthan (d) Odisha (e) None of these

ANSWER KEYS

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7	a	24	b	41	a
8	a	25	a	42	c
9	c	26	d	43	a
10	b	27	c	44	c
11	c	28	d	45	a
12	b	29	c	46	b
13	a	30	a	47	b
14	c	31	a	48	b
15	c	32	b	49	b
16	b	33	a	50	d
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