

### **RBI to transfer Rs 28,000 cr interim surplus to Centre**

- The Reserve Bank has announced that it will transfer an interim surplus of Rs 28,000 crore to the central government for the half-year ended 31st December, 2018.
- In a statement issued on Monday evening, the RBI said the decision has been based on a limited audit review and after applying the extant economic capital framework.
- This is the second successive year that the Reserve Bank will be transferring an interim surplus to the government. The decision follows the RBI Board meeting held in New Delhi earlier today. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley addressed the board and outline various reforms and policy measures taken by the government in the past four years.

### **Indian Oil signs USD 1.5 billion deal to buy US crude oil**

- In the first-ever deal by an Indian company, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) on Monday said it has signed an annual deal worth USD 1.5 billion to import 3 million tonnes of crude oil in the fiscal year beginning April 1.
- This is the first time any Indian refiner has signed an annual contract since the country in 2017 began importing crude oil from the US. The term contract follows IOC signing up to buy crude oil from the US through a term-tender deal in August last year.
- It had at that time bought about 6 million barrels of US crude oil under single tender for delivery between November 2018 and January 2019.

### **LIC introduces new micro insurance plan "Micro Bachat"**

- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) Monday launched a new microinsurance plan 'Micro Bachat'. It is a regular premium, non-linked, participating endowment microinsurance plan, which offers a combination of protection and savings, LIC said in a statement.
- For the first time, a microinsurance plan has been launched providing coverage up to Rs 2 lakh, it said. This plan provides financial support for the family in case of unfortunate death of the policyholder during the policy term and a lump sum amount at the time of maturity for the surviving policyholders, it said. This plan is available for standard healthy lives only in the age group of 18-55 years without undergoing any medical examination.

### **Government to launch 3 initiatives centering women's safety**

- Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry will on Tuesday launch three initiatives, including safety tool "Panic Button" and DNA analysis facilities, said an official. The initiatives will be jointly launched by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh and WCD Minister Maneka Gandhi.
- The Panic Button, which was conceived in 2015, will be launched across 14 states at a cost of Rs 321.69 crore made available from the Nirbhaya Fund. This emergency response system was soft-launched in Himachal Pradesh and Nagaland recently.
- Safe City Implementation Monitoring (SCIM), a web portal developed by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), will also be launched at Tuesday's event which will help online track deployment of assets and infrastructure created under the Safe City projects.
- The DNA analysis centres will have facilities like refrigeration of samples, automated DNA extractor and sequencer, centrifuges and genetic analysers, among others. A sum of Rs 78.86 crore has been sanctioned for this initiative.

### **Trump declares national emergency to build US-Mexico border wall**

- US President Donald Trump signed an executive order declaring national emergency in the nation. The move would unblock billions of dollars of federal money to construct a wall along the US-Mexico border.
- Trump explained the move by saying that it was essential to prevent the country from "invasion" of illegal immigrants, drug dealers and criminal cartels. The move followed a rare show of cooperation between opposition parties when the US legislators reached a tentative deal on funding for border security to avoid another government shutdown that was due to start. However, the budget for a wall along the Mexico border is far less than what President Donald Trump had demanded.

### **Rajnath Singh launches pan-India number 112 for women safety**

- Home Minister Rajnath Singh and Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi launched a range of citizen safety initiatives in New Delhi.
- It includes the Emergency Response Support System, ERSS, for women safety in 16 states and Union territories. The states include Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir.

- The service has already been launched in Himachal Pradesh and Nagaland. Persons in distress can dial a pan-India number: 112. Under this system, all the states have to set up a dedicated Emergency Response Centre, ERC. A citizen may Press power button on a smartphone thrice quickly to activate a panic call to ERC. In case of a feature phone, long press on number 5 or 9 on the phone keypad will activate the panic call.

#### **PM flags off 1st ever diesel to electric converted locomotive twin engine at Varanasi**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 19, 2019 flagged off the first ever diesel to electric converted locomotive twin engine of ten thousand Horse Power at DLW Varanasi.
- He also inspected an exhibition on locomotives at DLW campus. Such locomotives will be more economical and will increase the speed of goods trains.

#### **Astronomical Society of India gets first woman president**

- Dr G C Anupama, Senior Professor (Dean) from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, became the first woman to be elected president of Astronomical Society of India (ASI), prime association of professional astronomers in the country. She is the second Kannadiga after former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Prof U R Rao. Anupama will be taking over charge.

#### **Laureus World Sports Awards 2019 presented**

- Laureus World Sports Awards 2019 were announced at the Laureus Awards Ceremony in Monaco.
- The Laureus World Sports Awards is an annual award ceremony honouring individuals and teams from the world of sports along with sporting achievements throughout the year.
- Ace Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian to receive a nomination in the prestigious Laureus World Sports Awards. She was nominated for the Laureus World Comeback of the Year.

#### **List of Awardees**

##### **Award Name Person Won Country Sports related to**

Sportsman of the Year Novak Djokovic Serbia Tennis

Sportswoman of the Year Simone Biles USA Gymnastics

Team of the Year France's Football Team France Football

Comeback of the Year Tiger Woods USA Golf

Breakthrough of the Year Naomi Osaka Japan Tennis

Lifetime Achievement Award Arsene Wenger France Manager of Arsenal Football

Sport for Good Award Yuwa (Jharkhand based NGO) India Football

#### **Sunil Chhetri honoured with the first ever Football Ratna award**

- India's national football captain Sunil Chhetri has been conferred the first ever Football Ratna honour by Football Delhi.
- The governing body for football in the Capital conferred the honour on India's leading international goal scorer at a glittering ceremony at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.

#### **Govt to infuse Rs 48,239 crore in 12 public sector banks**

- The government has approved recapitalisation of Rs 48,239 crore in 12 public sector banks in this fiscal to help them maintain regulatory capital requirements and finance growth plans.
- Financial Services Secretary Rajiv Kumar said the recapitalization will help these banks perform better.
- He said, the government will infuse over nine thousand crore rupees in Corporation Bank and six thousand 896 crore rupees in Allahabad Bank.
- They are better-performing banks currently under the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) supervision of the RBI. Besides, four thousand 638 crore rupees will be provided Bank of India and 205 crore rupees to Bank of Maharashtra. These banks have recently come out of the regulatory supervisory framework PCA of the RBI.
- Mr Kumar also said, Punjab National Bank will get over 5,900 crore rupees, Union Bank of India 4,112 crore rupees, Andhra Bank 3,256 crore and Syndicate Bank will get over 1,600 crore rupees.
- The government will also pump in 12,535 crore rupees in Central Bank of India, United Bank, UCO Bank and Indian Overseas Bank.

#### **Commerce Minister launches 'SWAYATT' on GeM**

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu launched SWAYATT initiative to promote Start-ups, Women and Youth Advantage through eTransactions on Government e Marketplace (GeM).
- This will bring together the key stakeholders within the Indian entrepreneurial ecosystem to Government e-Marketplace.

- The SWAYATT would seek to promote inclusiveness by catapulting various categories of sellers and service providers, take proactive steps to facilitate the training and registrations of such specific category of manufacturers and sellers.

#### **CCEA approves continuation of Khadi Gramodyog Vikas Yojana from 2017-18 to 2019-20**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved to continue the existing schemes of MPDA, Khadi Grant, ISEC and Village Industry Grant, all subsumed under 'Khadi and Gramodyog Vikas Yojana' at the total cost of Rs. 2800 crore for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20.
- It approved to bring in a new component of 'Rozgar Yukt Gaon' to introduce enterprisebased operation in the Khadi sector and to create employment opportunities for thousands of new artisans. Rozgar Yukta Gaon (RYG) aims at introducing an 'Enterprise-led Business Model' in place of 'Subsidy-led model' through partnership among 3 stakeholders- KRDP-assisted Khadi Institution, Artisans and Business Partner.

#### **CCEA approves 'Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan' Scheme for farmers' welfare welfare**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the launch of 'Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan' with the objective of providing financial and water security to farmers. The Central Government will provide a total financial support of Rs 34,422 crore for the scheme.
- The Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan scheme consists of three components:

Component-A: 10,000 MW of Decentralised Ground Mounted Grid Connected Renewable Power Plants.

Component-B: Installation of 17.50 lakh standalone Solar Powered Agriculture Pumps.

Component-C: Solarisation of 10 Lakh Grid-connected Solar Powered Agriculture Pumps.

- With all these three components combined, the scheme aims to add a solar capacity of 25,750 MW by 2022.

#### **Kerala Police Introduces India's First RoboCop**

- KP-Bot is India's first humanoid Police robot that will work at the Kerala Police Headquarters in the state capital. It has been given the Sub Inspector (SI) rank.
- Chief Minister Vijayan welcomed the robot into the service at the police headquarters with an honorary salute Tuesday and the 'RoboCop' responded with a perfect salute. Kerala Police has become the first police department in the country to use a robot for police work.

#### **Operation Digital Board launched to provide better digital education**

- Government launched Operation Digital Board on the lines of Operation Blackboard to provide better digital education in schools. Under the initiative, 7 lakh classrooms of 9th, 10th and 11th standards and 2 lakh classrooms of colleges and Universities will be equipped with digital boards in the next three years.
- It will improve the quality of education and offer new opportunities and new ways of teaching and learning. It will convert the monologue classrooms into interactive ones. The move will revolutionise the education system in the country with different kinds of digital teaching materials, quality lectures and other facilities.

#### **Cabinet approves Swadesh Darshan Scheme: Integrated Development of Theme-based Tourist Circuits**

- The Union Cabinet approved continuation of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme during 14th Finance Commission period and beyond. It approved Rs 2055.96 crores for 60 on-going projects completing in December 2019.
- Funding of Rs. 324.09 crore was approved for 6 projects for which substantial funds have been released and projects will be completed in September 2020.
- Swadesh Darshan Scheme – Integrated Development of theme based tourist circuits is the flagship scheme of Ministry of Tourism for development of tourism infrastructure in the country.

#### **Asia's premier Air show 'Aero-India' began in Bengaluru**

- The 12th edition of Asia's premier Air show 'Aero India-2019' began at Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru. 61 aircraft, including HAL's indigenous products LCA Tejas are all set to roar in the city skies. The five-day long biennial event, which will showcase India's air defence prowess, will also act as a platform for aviation companies to forge new alliances and contracts.

#### **Kerala hosted Attukal Pongala, world's largest religious congregation of women**

- In Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram hosted the Attukal Pongala festival which is considered as one of the world's largest religious gathering of women on a single day.
- Lakhs of women prepared 'Pongala' – the offering in makeshift brick stoves to worship the presiding deity of Attukal Bhagavathy temple.

#### **Cabinet approves continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin beyond March 2019**

- The Union Cabinet approved the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) beyond March 2019 (PMAY-G) Phase-II. The total target under PMAY-G Phase-II is construction of 1.95 crore houses by 2022.

- The rural housing scheme Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) in Phase-II will be continued beyond 2019-20 up to 2021-22 as per the existing norms of PMAY-G Phase-I, with a target of 60 lakh houses involving financial implication of Rs 76,500 crore.

#### **International Mother Language Day observed**

- 2019 International Mother Language Day is observed globally on 21 February, 2019.
- The theme of 2019 International Mother Language Day is “Local languages for Global Citizenship: Spotlight on Science”.
- The idea to celebrate International Mother Language Day was the initiative of Bangladesh. In Bangladesh the 21 February is the anniversary of the day when Bangladeshis fought for recognition for the Bangla language.

#### **World Day of Social Justice observed on 20 February**

- The 2019 World Day of Social Justice was observed globally on 20 February, 2019. The theme of 2019 World Day of Social Justice is “If You Want Peace & Development, Work for Social Justice”.
- The technical assistance provided by NRETP will enhance the livelihoods promotion and access to finance and scale-up initiatives on digital finance and livelihood interventions.

#### **4TH India-Asean Expo Summit on 21 – 23 February 2019 in New Delhi**

- The 4th India-ASEAN Expo and Summit will be held in New Delhi. This is a flagship event of Department of Commerce, being organised with FICCI to carry forward the momentum and to further strengthen India-ASEAN relations under the Act-East Policy.
- The 4th India-ASEAN Expo and Summit will build upon the success of the previous edition of ASEAN-India Business and Investment Meet and Expo which was held in 2018 as a precursor to India-ASEAN Commemorative Summit.

#### **India's ghter jet 'LCA Tejas' now fully combat-ready; gets Final Operational Clearance**

- Landmark day for India's defence sector, India's first self-made fighter jet, Light Combat Aircraft Tejas MK I (LCA Tejas) on February 20, 2019 received the Final Operational Clearance for induction into the Indian Air Force (IAF) as a fully-weaponised fighter jet.
- The formal declaration of Final Operational Clearance (FOC) of the aircraft was made by Dr G Satheesh Reddy, Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Secretary of Defence (R&D).

#### **Mahatma Gandhi Scholarships awarded to 150 Sri Lankan students**

- Sri Lanka's 150 students from all 25 districts were awarded the prestigious Mahatma Gandhi scholarships for study in India. Sri Lankan Education Minister Akila Viraj Kariyawasam and Indian High Commissioner Taranjit Singh Sandhu gave the scholarships at a special ceremony in Colombo.
- This is the twelfth year in which India has provided Mahatma Gandhi scholarships to bright students across Sri Lanka. India recently opened up new trilingual school in Polonnaruwa and Saraswathy College in Kandy.

#### **Justice Uma Nath Singh to take oath as First Lokayukta of Nagaland**

- Justice Uma Nath Singh will take oath as the First Lokayukta of Nagaland today. Governor PB Acharya will administer the oath of office to Justice Singh at a ceremony at Raj Bhavan in Kohima. Justice Singh is a former Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court.
- He will hold the office of the Lokayukta of Nagaland for a term of five years or till he attains the age of 70.

#### **Rajyavardhan Rathore inaugurated ISSF Shooting World Cup**

- Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore inaugurated the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup in New Delhi.
- Various events in the world cup will start from February 23 and will end on the February 27, 2019. The ISSF World Cup is crucial for Indian shooting as it has 16 quotas up for grabs for Tokyo 2020 Olympic qualification.

#### **Merger of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank with BoB to be effective from April 1**

- Bank of Baroda said the merger of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with itself would be effective from April 1 as per the scheme of amalgamation approved by the government.
- Besides, the board of the bank fixed March 11, 2019, as record date for issuing and allotting equity shares of the Bank of Baroda to the Shareholders of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank.
- This scheme may be called the Amalgamation of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda Scheme, 2019, BoB said citing the government notification.
- “It (amalgamation) shall come into force on the 1st day of April, 2019,” it said. As per the Scheme of Amalgamation, shareholders of Vijaya Bank will get 402 equity shares of BoB for every 1,000 shares held.
- In case of Dena Bank, its shareholders will get 110 shares for every 1,000 shares of BoB.

### **EPF interest rate hiked to 8.65 percent**

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), the retirement fund manager under the Union Labour Ministry, raised the interest rate on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accumulations to 8.65 percent for 2018-19.
- This is a 10 basis point increase from the 8.55 percent EPF interest rate announced by the retirement fund for 2017-18.
- The Central Board of Trustees (CBT) ratified the amendment in EPF Scheme 1952, as approved in the 141st meeting of Financial Investment and Audit Committee (FIAC) held on February 12, 2019, to enable accounting of Investment in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) (Equity & Related Investment).

### **SC appoints Justice DK Jain as ombudsman for BCCI**

- The Supreme Court appointed former apex court judge Justice DK Jain as the first court-appointed ombudsman for the BCCI under the terms of newly approved constitution of the cricket board.
- The role of the ombudsman would be to resolve the disputes relating to the players within the state cricket associations as also financial issues.
- The Committee of Administrators of BCCI had said there was a need for appointment of an ombudsman and an ethics officer at the earliest in BCCI.

### **PM Narendra Modi receives Seoul Peace Prize for 2018**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the prestigious Seoul Peace Prize 2018 for his contribution to international cooperation and fostering global economic growth.
- The committee credited him for his efforts in promoting global peace and harmony through inclusive economic growth and improving quality of life.
- The award was presented to him by Kwon E-hyock, the Chairman of the Seoul Peace Prize Cultural Foundation at a grand ceremony in Seoul, South Korea. A short film on the life and achievements of Prime Minister Modi was also screened at the event. With this, PM Modi became the 14th recipient of the Seoul Peace Prize.

### **RBI to merge three categories of NBFCs to create new category**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that it will merge three categories of Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) into a new one.
- According to a release, NBFCs categorized as Asset Finance Companies (AFC), Loan Companies (LCs) and Investment Companies (ICs), will be merged into a new category called NBFC – Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC).
- "On a review, it has been decided that in order to provide NBFCs with greater operational flexibility, harmonisation of different categories of NBFCs into fewer ones shall be carried out based on the principle of regulation by activity rather than regulation by entity,".

### **Kamal Nath Government Launches Farm Loan Waiver Scheme in Madhya Pradesh**

- Kamal Nath government on Friday started doling out funds by launching the ambitious project formally from Ratlam district in Madhya Pradesh. In the first phase of loan waiver, 25.49 lakh farmers would receive the waived off loan amounts in their accounts while starting off the waiver.
- Nath transferred over Rs 134 crore into the bank accounts of 40,000 plus farmers in Ratlam. He also laid foundation of over Rs 197 crore worth developmental works in the district.
- Under the Jai Kisan loan waiver scheme, farmers who had unpaid farm loans as on March 31, 2018 would be covered and those who had paid their dues by December 12, 2018 would also benefit through proportionate amount to be transferred in their accounts.

### **Apurvi Chandela wins India's First World Cup gold in Women's 10m**

- Apurvi Chandela on Saturday broke World Record to register India's first gold medal at the ISSF World Cup 2019. The 26-year-old shooter shot 252.9 in a thrilling 10m Women Air Rifle finale to bag the yellow metal on Day 1 of the tournament at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi.

## **WEEKLY OBJECTIVE MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS ON CURRENT AFFAIRS: FOR WEEK 08/52 (FEB 19-25- 2019)**

1. Name the bank, which is penalised by RBI with Rs 1.5 crore recently?  
(a) Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) (b) Bank of India (c) Punjab National Bank (PNB)  
(d) Indian Bank (e) None of these

2. Which Team won the Irani Cup title recently and becomes the 3rd team after Bombay and Karnataka to defend the Ranji Trophy and Irani Cup?  
(a) Rest of India (b) Delhi (c) Vidarbha (d) Tamil Nadu (e) None of these
3. Centre has identified 106 Coastal and Marine sites as Conservation Reserves, according to which of the following biennial report?  
(a) National Coastal and Marine plan for the period of 2017-2019  
(b) National Wildlife Action plan for the period of 2017-2031  
(c) National Marine Life Plan for the Period of 2018-2019  
(d) National Coastal Life Plan for the Period 2017-2019  
(e) None of these
4. Who was the Former interim President and former Afghan mujahideen commander passed away recently at the age of 93?  
(a) Yar Mohammad Tokhi (b) Sibghatullah Mojaddedi (c) Maharram Durrani  
(d) Abadullah Hananzai (e) None of these
5. Who was appointed as the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?  
(a) Pramod Chandra Mody (b) Salil Parekh (c) Sushil Chandra (d) Ashwin Chandra (e) None of these
6. Name the Country, whose Custom duty on all its imported products are hiked to 200% by India recently?  
(a) China (b) Pakistan (c) Russia (d) Srilanka (e) None of these
7. Name the Music legend who was awarded with India's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna posthumously in the year 2019?  
(a) Bhupen Hazarika (b) Kishori Amonkar (c) M Balamurali Krishna  
(d) Annapurna Devi (e) None of these
8. Name the app launched by Infosys to facilitate engineering students with best learning experiences?  
(a) InfyStud (b) InfyLearn (c) InfyEng (d) InfyTQ (e) None of these
9. Which of the following insurance group received broking licence recently from Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?  
(a) WomemSHG.com (b) YonoInsurance.com (c) UnionInsurance.com  
(d) IndianMoneyInsurance.com (e) None of these
10. Attaukal Ponkala festival, world's largest religious congregation of women was hosted by which of the following city?  
(a) Kathmandu, Nepal (b) Mumbai, Maharashtra (c) Newyork, US  
(d) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala (e) None of these
11. Name the Scheme launched by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik with an objective of providing scholarship for the children of farmers?  
(a) KALIA Eduhelp (b) KALIA Scholarship (c) KALIA Chhatra Bruti  
(d) KALIA CMFund (e) None of these
12. Which organisation had received a order to produce 114 'Dhanush' Artillery Guns, first long-range artillery gun indigenously developed in India?  
(a) Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)  
(b) Ashok Leyland Defence Systems (ALDS)  
(c) Continental Defence Solutions Private Limited (CoDSO)  
(d) Reliance Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group (Reliance Group)  
(e) None of these
13. Name the person, who is appointed as the CEO of PayU India?  
(a) Anirban Mukherjee (b) Shantanu Narayen (c) Sunil Mittal (d) Francisco D'Souza (e) None of these
14. Hindi author and literary critic Namwar Singh passed away at the age of 92 in New Delhi recently. Name the book for which he received the Sahitya Akademi award for literary criticism in the year 1971?  
(a) Aangan Ke Par Dvar (b) Kavita Ke Naye Pratiman (c) Rasa Siddhanta  
(d) Nirala Ki Sahitya Sadhana (e) None of these
15. Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi had approved continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) phase II with a target of constructing 1.95 crore houses by the year \_\_\_\_\_?  
(a) 2020 (b) 2025 (c) 2030 (d) 2022 (e) None of these

16. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid foundation stone for which of the following Rail Project worth more than Rs 13,000 crore?
  - (a) Danapur Metro Rail Project
  - (b) Patna Metro Rail Project
  - (c) Akal Takht Metro Rail Project
  - (d) Gaya Metro Rail Project
  - (e) None of these
17. Name the West Indies Batsman, who had announced his retirement from One Day Internationals (ODIs) after the forthcoming World Cup?
  - (a) Shimron Hetmyer
  - (b) Keemo Paul
  - (c) Chris Gayle
  - (d) Oshane Thomas
  - (e) None of these
18. Elise Mertens defeated world number 3, Simona Halep and won the Qatar Open held in Doha, Qatar. She belongs to which country?
  - (a) Belgium
  - (b) Australia
  - (c) Canada
  - (d) Russia
  - (e) None of these
19. Which Country won the First Mallakhamb World Championship, held in Shivaji Park, central Mumbai?
  - (a) Spain
  - (b) India
  - (c) Iran
  - (d) Norway
  - (e) None of these
20. Who won the women's singles in the 83rd Yonex Sunrise Senior Badminton Nationals held in Guwahati, Assam?
  - (a) Jwala Gutta
  - (b) Saina Nehwal
  - (c) Ashwini Ponnappa
  - (d) PV Sindhu
  - (e) None of these
21. Which City houses the 83rd Yonex Sunrise Senior Badminton Nationals?
  - (a) Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - (b) Kolkata, West Bengal
  - (c) Guwahati, Assam
  - (d) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
  - (e) None of these
22. Name the first Iranian-made semi-heavy submarine launched by Iran's President Hassan Rouhani?
  - (a) Sina
  - (b) Fateh
  - (c) Kalat
  - (d) Parvin
  - (e) None of these
23. Who was appointed as the Brand Ambassador of PUMA?
  - (a) M C Mary Kom
  - (b) Mithali Raj
  - (c) Saina Nehwal
  - (d) PV Sindhu
  - (e) None of these
24. Name the person who became the first woman to climb Kerala's 1868 metre Agasthyarkoodam peak?
  - (a) Harshini Kanhekar
  - (b) Puja Thakur
  - (c) Bhakti Sharma
  - (d) Dhanya Sanal
  - (e) None of these
25. Sandeep Mohan Bhatnagar and Ashok Kumar Pandey as the members of which of the following organization?
  - (a) Cashew Export Promotion Council of India (CEPCI)
  - (b) Central Economic Intelligence Bureau
  - (c) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)
  - (d) National Council Of Educational Research And Training (NCERT)
  - (e) None of these
26. Who won the Shiv Chhatrapati life-time achievement award for dedicating his life to the traditional sport, Mallakhamb?
  - (a) Pullela Gopichand
  - (b) Shirash Pal Singh
  - (c) Nripjit Singh Bedi
  - (d) Uday Deshpande
  - (e) None of these
27. President Donald Trump declared national emergency at which of the following border and sought construction of long wall?
  - (a) US-Russia border wall
  - (b) US-Pakistan border wall
  - (c) US-Mexico border wall
  - (d) US-Canada border wall
  - (e) None of these
28. Who flagged off 33 'Sarthi Sandesh Vahini' vehicles in Gorakhpur?
  - (a) Ram Nath Kovind
  - (b) Piyush Goyal
  - (c) Narendra Modi
  - (d) Yogi Adityanath
  - (e) None of these
29. Name the 2 new Districts erected in Telangana after which the total number of districts raised to 33?
  - (a) Sangareddy and Ranga Reddy
  - (b) Mulugu and Narayanpet
  - (c) Vikarabad and Suryapet
  - (d) Nirmal and Nizamabad
  - (e) None of these
30. Name the mega exercise conducted by Indian Air Force in Pokhran, Rajasthan?
  - (a) Yudh Agyas
  - (b) Hind Shakti
  - (c) Vayu Shakti
  - (d) Ekuverin
  - (e) None of these
31. During visit to Varanasi, PM Modi inaugurated Virtual Experiential Museum in the banks of which River?
  - (a) River Yamuna
  - (b) River Betwa
  - (c) River Ganges
  - (d) River Ramganga
  - (e) None of these
32. Who was appointed as the first woman president of Astronomical Society of India?
  - (a) GC Anupama
  - (b) Arati Saha
  - (c) Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi
  - (d) Reita Faria Powel
  - (e) None of these
33. Lieutenant General Depinder Singh Ahuja, awardee of the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, has taken charge as the new Chief of Staff for which command?
  - (a) Eastern Command
  - (b) Southern Command
  - (c) Western Command
  - (d) Northern Command
  - (e) None of these

34. Name the drainage-cleaning robot introduced in Chennai,TamilNadu recently?  
 (a) Mitra (b) Bandicoot (c) Daksh (d) Robocop (e) None of these
35. Name the person,who was popularly known as 'Grandfather of Climate Science' died at the age of 87 in New York?  
 (a) Max Planck (b) Rosalind Franklin (c) Francis Crick (d) Wallace Smith Broker (e) None of these
36. Who won the Sportsman of the Year in Laureus World Sports Awards 2019 at the Laureus Awards Ceremony in Monaco?  
 (a) Lionel Messi (b) Roger Federer(c) Novak Djokovic (d) Rafael Nadal (e) None of these
37. The Ordnance Factory Board has received a bulk production clearance from the Indian Army and Defence Ministry for production of which artillery guns?  
 (a)Mauser (b)Assault (c)Dragunov (d)Dhanush (e) None of these
38. 79th Indian History Congress to be held in which city?  
 (a)Indore (b)Raipur (c)Bhopal (d)Vadodara (e) None of these
39. What is the name of the first walking robot that navigates without GPS?  
 (a)Kitt (b)Gerty (c)AntBot (d)Tachikoma (e) None of these
40. Who was conferred with "CEO of the Year" award at the 8th World CSR Congress held in Mumbai?  
 (a)Dr Subroto Banerjee (b)Dr Sushmita Sen (c)Dr Soumitro Chakraborty  
 (d)Dr Kartikeya Nayan (e) None of these
41. Who was appointed as the first ombudsman of the BCCI?  
 (a)RM Lodha (b)CK Manohar (c)DK Jain (d)AK Jain (e) None of these
42. What is the theme of this year's World Day of Social Justice?  
 (a)A Just Transition environmentally sustainable economies and societies  
 (b)Workers on the Move:The quest for Social Justice  
 (c)Social Justice and Labour Migration  
 (d)If You want Peace and Development, Work For Social Justice  
 (e) None of these
43. What is the HQ of Ordnance Factory Board?  
 (a)Pune (b)Lucknow (c)Mumbai (d)Kolkata (e) None of these
44. Recently, Raj Kumar Barjatya passed away. He was related to which profession?  
 (a)Actor (b)Singer (c)Poet (d)Film Producer (e) None of these
45. Which veteran coach was recently banned from all forms of cricket for 10 years after ICC Anti-Corruption Code?  
 (a)Irfan Ansari (b)Bal Gopal Maharjan (c)Mickey Arthur  
 (d)Ujjwal Manandhar (e) None of these
46. Which company has been recognised as a global top employer for the 4th consecutive year by the Top Employers Institute?  
 (a)Wipro (b)TCS (c)Capgemini (d)Syntel (e) None of these
47. Recently, Suresh Prabhu launched which initiative to promote Start-ups, Women and Youth Advantage Through eTransactions on Government e-Marketplace (GeM)?  
 (a)TUSHARR (b)MUDRA (c)VIVEK (d)SWAYATT (e) None of these
48. The 4th India ASEAN Expo and Summit will be held in which state/UT?  
 (a)Odisha (b)Gujarat (c)Uttar Pradesh (d)New Delhi (e) None of these
49. Global Business Summit 2019 held in which city/UT?  
 (a)Mumbai (b)New Delhi (c) Pune (d)Chennai (e) None of these
50. The GST on affordable housing properties without input tax credit(ITC) has been reduced to how much percent?  
 (a)2% (b)3% (c)1% (d)4% (e) None of these

**ANSWER KEYS**

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| 3 | b | 8  | d | 13 | a | 18 | a | 23 | a | 28 | d | 33 | b | 38 | c | 43 | d | 48 | d |
| 4 | b | 9  | d | 14 | b | 19 | b | 24 | d | 29 | b | 34 | b | 39 | c | 44 | d | 49 | b |
| 5 | a | 10 | d | 15 | d | 20 | b | 25 | c | 30 | c | 35 | d | 40 | c | 45 | a | 50 | c |