

#### **Bandhan Bank gets RBI nod for acquiring Gruh Finance**

- Bandhan Bank has received no objection from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the proposed acquisition of Gruh Finance.
- “The Reserve Bank has by its letter dated March 14, 2019, conveyed its no objection for the voluntary amalgamation of Gruh Finance Ltd into and with Bandhan Bank, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions therein,” the bank said in a regulatory filing.
- Gruh Finance, the affordable housing finance arm of HDFC Ltd, was taken over in January by Kolkata-based Bandhan Bank in a share-swap deal.
- As part of the deal, Bandhan Bank has to transfer 14.9 per cent stake to HDFC for merging Gruh with itself.

#### **HDFC Bank becomes 3rd company to cross Rs 6 lakh crore m-cap**

- India’s most valued lender HDFC Bank on Wednesday crossed the Rs 6 lakh crore market capitalisation mark, becoming the third company to do so after Reliance Industries and Tata Consultancy Services.
- HDFC, which is the promoter of HDFC Bank, is majority foreign owned and hence is classified as a foreign institution. So effectively, 26 per cent of the 74 per cent FPI shareholding is held by HDFC and 48 per cent is owned by other foreign entities.

#### **India-US to co-develop small air launch UAVs, lightweight arms: Pentagon**

- India and the US have identified small air launch unmanned aerial vehicles and a lightweight small arms technology project along with aircraft maintenance for defence collaboration, a top Pentagon official.
- The US statement came as defence officials from the two countries held their latest round of Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) talks here. The India-US DTTI meeting focused on encouraging the US and Indian industry to work together and develop next-generation technologies.

#### **Coorg Arabica Coffee, four others get GI Tag**

- The Geographical Indications Registry granted the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag to Coorg Arabica Coffee, Wayanad Robusta Coffee, Chikmagalur Arabica Coffee, Araku Valley Arabica Coffee and Bababudangiris Arabica Coffee.
- The Coorg Arabica Coffee is grown exclusively in Kodagu district of Karnataka. The Coffee cultivation forms the backbone of economy of the district. The landscape of the district provides unique aroma and flavour notes to the coffee, when roasted.
- The Wayanad Robusta Coffee is characteristic of the Western Ghats and the plantation crop is grown in the cool climate of Wayanad, Kerala. Chikmagalur Arabica Coffee and Bababudangiris Arabica Coffee are grown in Chikmagalur district of Karnataka.
- The production of only Chikmagalur Arabica Coffee in the year 2016-17 was around 10426 MT. Araku Valley Arabica Coffee is grown around the Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh and in the Koraput district of Odisha.
- This coffee has a citrus note of grape fruit and a mild jaggery-like sweetness.

#### **Pinaki Chandra Ghose set to be India’s First Lokpal**

- Former Supreme Court judge and current member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Pinaki Chandra Ghose, is likely to be India’s first anti-corruption ombudsman, or Lokpal, after his name was cleared and recommended by the high-level selection committee chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Other members of the committee are Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan and eminent jurist Mukul Rohatgi.
- The Lokpal Act, which was passed in 2013 after a nationwide anti-corruption movement, provides for setting up of Lokpal at the centre and Lokayuktas in the States to probe corruption complaints against top functionaries and public servants, including the Prime Minister and the Chief Ministers.

#### **Kotak Mahindra Bank elevates KVS Manian, Gaurang Shah as board directors**

- Kotak Mahindra Bank has appointed KVS Manian and Gaurang Shah as whole-time directors for a three-year term effective from the date of approval from the Reserve Bank of India.
- The appointment of Manian and Shah is also subject to share holders’ approval, the bank informed the BSE.

#### **UN Environment’s sixth Global Environment Outlook released**

- The United Nation Environment Program (UNEP) has released the sixth edition of the Global Environment Outlook (2019) titled ‘Healthy Planet, Healthy People’.

- The report calls on the decision makers to take immediate action to address pressing environmental issues to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals as well as other internationally agreed environment goals, such as the Paris Agreement.
- The GEO -6 has reviewed the state of the health of the environment and the related health of the people and the prospects for meeting the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN's Agenda 2030.

#### **Mukesh Ambani tops list of world's richest sports team owners**

- Reliance Industries chairman and Asia's richest man Mukesh Ambani recently topped Forbes' The World's Richest Sports Team Owners 2019 list.
- The top 20 owners in the list include 13 rising fortunes, two static and five decliners. With a total net worth of about \$50 billion, Ambani topped the list. He bought the IPL team Mumbai Indians for over \$100 million in 2008 through a RIL subsidiary.
- Former Microsoft CEO, Steve Ballmer who own the Los Angeles Clippers team follows Ambani at the second spot in the list. He purchased the basketball team for about \$2 billion after he retired from Microsoft. Red Bull energy drink company founder Dietrich Mateschitz followed at number three spot.
- He owns Red Bull Toro Rosso Honda, Formula One team Red Bull Racing and MLS club New York Red Bulls.

#### **Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar passes away at 63**

- Goa Chief Minister and former Union Defence Minister, Manohar Gopalkrishna Prabhu Parrikar passed away on March 17, 2019 after battling with pancreatic cancer.
- He was 63. Earlier in February 2018, Parrikar was diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer and had been in and out of hospital in Goa, Mumbai, Delhi and New York since then.
- He was constantly seen wearing medical paraphernalia, a nasogastric tube.

#### **RBI panel on MSME sector seeks public views on various aspects**

- An RBI-appointed panel on Monday sought suggestions from the public on long-term solutions for economic and financial sustainability of MSME sector, including ways to improve credit rating mechanism to help them raise funds at competitive rates.
- The panel is undertaking a comprehensive review of the sector to identify causes and propose long-term solutions for its development, the central bank said in a statement.
- The committee was set up in January under former SEBI chairman UK Sinha. MSMEs contribute about 45 per cent of the manufacturing output, over 40 per cent of total exports of the country, and around 8 per cent of the country's GDP.
- The committee has sought suggestions till March 28 on "definition of MSME for classification / identification of MSME in the context of present system of investment / turnover based criteria".

#### **India, Maldives sign three agreements**

- India and Maldives signed three agreements on visa facilitation for diplomatic and official passport holders, development cooperation and renewable energy after extensive talks between Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Foreign Minister of Maldives, Abdulla Shahid during the former's visit to the tropical island nation from March 17-18, 2019.

#### **The following are the three agreements:**

1. Agreement on exemption from visa requirement for holders of diplomatic and official passports.
2. Memorandum of Understanding regarding Indian grant assistance for implementation of high impact community development projects through local bodies.
3. Memorandum of Understanding on collaboration in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy.

#### **Government increases incentives of Central Government staff for acquiring qualifications while in job**

- The Union Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions on March 15, 2019 announced the increase in incentives of Central Government employees acquiring higher qualifications while serving in the job.
- Till now, the Central Government employees acquiring fresh higher qualifications after coming into service were granted incentives in the form of one-time lump-sum amount ranging Rs 2000 to Rs 10,000.
- Now with the hike, the employees will get minimum of Rs 10,000 to a maximum of Rs 30,000 as incentives for acquiring higher qualifications like Ph.D, a five-fold increase in one-time incentive.

#### **INS Khanderi: Second Scorpene Class Submarine to be inducted soon in Indian Navy INS**

- INS Khanderi, the second of the 6 Scorpene Class Submarines, will soon be inducted into the Indian Navy by May 2019.

- It was launched at the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in Mumbai on January 12, 2017 and since then it has been undergoing trials and tests.
- The INS Khanderi is a part of Project 75 of Indian Navy. The submarine includes superior stealth, which may provide invulnerability to it.

#### **Pramod Sawant appointed as CM of Goa**

- BJP's Pramod Sawant will be the new chief minister of Goa, ending the suspense over who will succeed Manohar Parrikar. Parrikar, 63, who died after battling pancreatic cancer, was cremated with state honours.
- Sawant is now Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly, while the two would-be Dy CMs are Goa Forward Party chief Vijai Sardesai and Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party MLA Sudin Dhavalikar.

#### **Ritu Beri appointed as Cultural & Tourism Ambassador of Uzbekistan in India**

- Popular Indian fashion designer Ritu Beri has been appointed as the Cultural and Tourism Ambassador of Uzbekistan in India by the Ministry of Tourism of Uzbekistan.
- This is in recognition of her contribution towards bringing the two countries together by way of fusing cultures in her clothes line. She is the first Indian to be appointed to this position.

#### **Athletics: India nishes second in medal tally at Asian Youth C'ships**

- In Asian Youth Athletics Championships in Hong Kong, boys medley relay team won a gold medal for India on the final day to help Indian youth team finish second in the overall medals tally with a total of 26 medals including eight gold, nine silver and nine bronze medals. China topped the overall medals tally with 31 medals that included 12 gold, 11 silver and eight bronze medals and Japan finished third with 20 medals that included 6 Gold, 8 Silver and 6 bronze.

#### **Africa-India Field Training Exercise-2019 (AFINDEX-19) begins**

- The Africa-India Field Training Exercise 2019 (AFINDEX-19) between India and African nations began on March 18, 2019 at Aundh Military Station, Pune.
- The exercise will conclude on March 27, 2019. 17 African Nations- Benin, Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe are participating in the exercise.
- A fly past by a set of Advanced Light Helicopters and Cheetah Helicopter of the Indian Army carrying the flags of United Nations, India and the AFINDEX was the highlight of the opening ceremony.

#### **India Post releases special stamp cover on Ice Stupas**

- The Indian Department of Post released a 'special stamp cover on Ice Stupa'. The stamp was released by Jammu and Kashmir's Chief Postmaster General during a function organised at the Ice Stupa site at Gangles Village in Leh.
- A number of officers and dignitaries from Army and civil administration were present on the occasion. The special stamps aim to create awareness about depleting glaciers and affect the ecology around the Himalayas. Global warming and ecological imbalance have caused irreparable damage to the Himalayas in the past several years.

#### **India bags 188 medals at Special Olympics World Games**

- India has so far won a total of 188 medals at the Special Olympics World Games, which is being held in UAE's capital city Abu Dhabi.
- India's medal tally comprises 50 gold, 63 silver and 75 bronze medals. Held in West Asia for the first time, 7,500 athletes from 190 countries across the world are taking part in the 15th edition of the Games, which boasts of 24 Olympic-style sporting events.
- Team India is the second largest contingent after the host UAE with 378 athletes. Indian paddlers have made history in table tennis by clinching four gold medals and one silver medal.

#### **Priyanka Chopra joins Oprah Winfrey, Meryl Streep in USA Today's list of most powerful women**

- Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas joined international celebrities Oprah Winfrey and Meryl Streep in the list of "50 Most Powerful Women in Entertainment" of the USA.
- The list also included Beyonce, Ellen Degeneres, Jennifer Lawrence, Jennifer Lopez, Tina Fey, Nicole Kidman, and Reese Witherspoon among many others.

#### **Important Days**

- 2019 **World Sparrow Day** was observed globally on 20 March, 2019. The theme of 2019 World Sparrow Day was I Love Sparrows.

- **The Global Recycling Day** was observed across the world on March 18, 2019 to help recognise, and celebrate the importance recycling plays in preserving the precious primary resources. The theme of 2019 Global Recycling Day was 'Recycling into the Future'.
- **International Day of Happiness** was observed on 20 March, 2019. The 2019 International Day of Happiness theme was Happier Together.
- **World Storytelling Day** 2019 was observed globally on 20 March, 2019. The theme of 2019 World Storytelling Day was Myths, Legends, and Epics.
- **UN French Language Day** is observed on 20 March. March 20 is also recognized by the International Organization of La Francophonie as the International Day of La Francophonie.
- **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** 2019 was observed globally on 21 March, 2019. The theme of 2019 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was "Mitigating and countering rising nationalist populism and extreme supremacist ideologies".
- **International Day of Forests** 2019 was observed globally on 21 March, 2019. The theme of International Day of Forests 2019 was "Forests and Education – Learn to Love Forests".
- **World Poetry Day** was observed globally on 21 March, 2019. A decision to proclaim 21 March as World Poetry Day was adopted during UNESCO's 30th session held in Paris in 1999.
- **World Puppetry Day** was observed globally on 21 March, 2019. World Puppetry Day is observed by Union Internationale de la Marionnette, (UNIMA) in Magdeburg.
- **International Nowruz Day** was observed globally on 21 March, 2019. Nowruz is an ancestral festivity marking the first day of spring and the renewal of nature observed in Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey and Turkmenistan.
- **World Meteorological Day** observed globally on 23 March, 2019. The theme of 2019 World Meteorological Day was "The Sun, the Earth and the Weather".
- **World Water Day** observed with theme 'Leaving no one behind' World Water Day observed with theme 'Leaving no one behind' The World Water Day was observed across the globe on March 22, 2019 with the theme 'Leaving no one behind'.

#### **SBI inks MoU with Bank of China to boost business opportunities**

- The country's largest public sector lender State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a pact with the Bank of China to boost business opportunities.
- SBI has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Bank of China (BoC), third-largest bank in the world by capital size and one of the major players in the Chinese banking sector, to enhance business synergies between both the banks, State Bank of India (SBI) said in a release.
- Through this pact, both SBI and BoC will gain direct access to their respective markets of operation, the release said. SBI said it has a branch in Shanghai and BOC is opening its branch in Mumbai.

#### **33rd edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol commences at Port Blair**

- The 33rd edition of the India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Ind-Indo Corpat) began on March 19, 2019.
- The patrol will be held at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands from March 19 till April 4, 2019.
- The coordinated patrol aims to underscore India's peaceful presence and solidarity with friendly maritime neighbours, in order to ensure good order in the maritime domain, consolidate interoperability and strengthen the existing bonds of friendship between India and Indonesia.

#### **India, Sri Lanka to conduct joint exercise 'Mitra Shakti-VI'**

- The annual joint exercise between India and Sri Lanka, 'Mitra Shakti-VI', will be conducted from March 26 to April 8, 2019 for the year 2018-19 in Sri Lanka.
- The exercise is conducted every year as a part of military diplomacy and interaction between the armies of the two nations.
- The key aim of the exercise is to build and promote close relations between armies of both the nations and to enhance the ability of joint exercise commander to take military contingents of both nations under command.

#### **Kazakhstan to rename country's capital Astana as Nursultan**

- Kazakhstan's parliament voted to rename the country's capital Astana as Nursultan in honour of longtime ruler Nursultan Nazarbayev, a day after he resigned as president.

- The state-owned Kazinform news agency said after a parliamentary vote Astana is now officially renamed Nursultan. Kazakhstan's new interim president Kassym-Jomart Tokayev proposed renaming the capital. Astana replaced Kazakhstan's largest city Almaty as the capital in 1997.

#### **Abu Dhabi to host T10 Cricket League**

- The Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi will be hosting an exclusive T10 Cricket League for the next five years, starting with the 2019 season. So far, there were two short formats in cricket including ODI and T-20.
- Now, a third format, T10 has been introduced. Abu Dhabi Cricket, in partnership with Abu Dhabi Sports Council and the Department of Culture and Tourism-Abu Dhabi, has signed a five-year agreement with the organisers of the T10 Cricket League.

#### **India GDP growth forecast for FY20 revised to 6.8% from previous 7%: Fitch**

- Fitch Ratings on Friday reduced India's economic growth forecast for the next financial year starting April 1, to 6.8 per cent from its previous estimate of 7 per cent, on 'weaker than expected momentum' in the economy.
- 'We have cut our growth forecasts for the next fiscal year (FY20, ending in March 2020) on weaker-than-expected momentum, we still see Indian GDP growth to hold up reasonably well, at 6.8 per cent, followed by 7.1 per cent in FY21,' the rating agency said.
- India's GDP growth softened for the second consecutive quarter in Quarter 4 of 2018, with the economy growing by 6.6 per cent yoy after increases of 7 per cent and 8 per cent in third Quarter of 2018 and second Quarter of 2018.

#### **India one of world's fastest-growing large economies: IMF**

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said that India has been one of the fastest growing large economies in the world.
- The IMF asserted that the country has carried out several key reforms in the last five years and more reforms are needed going forward to sustain the high growth, including to harness the demographic dividend opportunity.
- This was stated by IMF communications director Gerry Rice while responding to a question on India's economic development in the last five years at a fortnightly news conference in Washington.

#### **India kicks off military drill with 17 African countries**

- In the first such military outreach to Africa, where China has made deep strategic inroads, India on March 18, 2019 kicked off an exercise with 17 nations from the continent at the Aundh military station at Pune.
- The inaugural Africa-India field training exercise-2019 (AFINDEX-19)", being held from March 18 to 27, is aimed at training the participating nations in humanitarian mine action (demining and other protocols to handle landmines and explosives) and UN peace-keeping operations in which India has decades of experience.
- The 17 African nations participating in the exercise include Benin, Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

#### **Indian Air Force to participate in LIMA 2019**

- The Indian Air Force will participate in Langkawi International Maritime Aero Expo, LIMA 2019. The expo will take place in Langkawi, Malaysia from March 26-30, 2019.
- The Defence Ministry stated in a release that the Indian Air Force is participating in the Expo for the first time and it will showcase its indigenously developed LCA fighter aircraft.
- The participation of the Indian Air Force in LIMA – 2019 will provide an opportunity to air-warriors to interact with their Royal Malaysian Air Force counterparts and foster close relationship between the two services.

#### **India ranked 140 in World Happiness Index 2019**

- India was ranked at 140 on the United Nation's latest World Happiness Report that gauged 156 countries, a decline of seven spots from the last edition of the survey.
- India was also among the five countries that experienced the highest decline since 2005-2008 in the index.
- Finland topped the list for the second consecutive year, followed by Denmark and Norway. South Sudan was ranked at the bottom of the index.

**Vice Admiral Karambir Singh appointed next Navy Chief**

- The government has appointed Vice Admiral Karambir Singh as the next Chief of the Naval Staff. He is currently the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C), Eastern Naval Command.
- Vice Admiral Singh will take over as the 24th Navy Chief from Admiral Sunil Lanba who is set to retire on May 31 on completing three years in office. Adm. Lanba assumed charge in May 2016.

**WEEKLY OBJECTIVE MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS ON CURRENT AFFAIRS:  
FOR WEEK 12/52 (MARCH 19-25- 2019)**

1. Who won Life Time Achievement Award in the 64th Film Fare Awards 2019?  
a) Sridevi                      b) Amitabh Bachchan                      c) Aamir Khan                      d) Shah Rukh Khan
2. Who won the Men's Singles title in 2019 Lingshui China Masters?  
a) Yang Po-hsuan                      b) Weng Hongyang                      c) Liu Haichao                      d) Lee Jhe-huei
3. Who is the author of the book 'Every Vote Counts', released by former Vice President of India, Hamid Ansari in New Delhi?  
a) Navin Chawla                      b) Arundhati Roy                      c) Vikram Seth                      d) Salman Rushdie
4. What was the theme of the World Tuberculosis Day 2019?  
a) Theme – 'Wanted: Leaders for a TB-free world'  
b) Theme – 'Its time'  
c) Theme – 'Unite to End TB'  
d) Theme – 'World free from TB'
5. Danish Joachim Persson banned over match-fixing. He belongs to which sport?  
a) Football                      b) Tennis                      c) Cricket                      d) Badminton
6. With which company, ICICI Lombard announced a strategic partnership to provide cyber insurance cover?  
a) Freecharge                      b) PhonePe                      c) Paytm                      d) Mobikwik
7. Who became the youngest Indian women to win on the Ladies European Tour in Cape Town, South Africa?  
a) Diksha                      b) Kavya                      c) Akansha                      d) Deepika
8. Where did External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj unveil a plaque of the renovated Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital?  
a) New Delhi, India                      b) Male, Maldives                      c) Bengaluru, India                      d) Funadhoo, Maldives
9. Which country had exempted the Tier 2 (General) cap of PhD-level work visas?  
a) Russia                      b) US                      c) UK                      d) Malaysia
10. Who was awarded with 'Uttam Yudh Seva Medal' for successfully organizing the counter-terrorist operations in Jammu & Kashmir?  
a) Pradip Kumar Panda                      b) Anil Kumar Bhatt                      c) Vijay Kumar                      d) Irfan Ramzan Sheikh
11. Name the person, who has assumed charge as the Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) at Kochi after succeeding Rear Admiral Sanjay J Singh?  
a) Krishna Swaminathan                      b) Karambir Singh                      c) Ajit Kumar                      d) Ashok Kumar
12. Which app was developed by Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar, Gujarat, (IIPHG) in collaboration with National Mental Health Program to reduce the exam pressure?  
a) Reduce Pressure                      b) Conquer Exam, Be a Warrior                      c) Tension Free                      d) Attempt Exam
13. Who was sworn in as 13th Chief Minister of Goa after the demise of Manohar Parrikar?  
a) Neelkannth Desai                      b) N. Biren Singh                      c) Bhupesh Baghel                      d) Pramod Sawant
14. Name the bank which is categorized as Private Sector Lender by RBI recently.  
a) JK Bank                      b) IDBI Bank                      c) RBL Bank                      d) Yes Bank
15. Who was the first Indian appointed as Cultural & Tourism Ambassador of Uzbekistan in India?  
a) Benegal Rama Rau                      b) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar                      c) Arun Kumar Singh                      d) Ritu Beri
16. Where did 4th Round of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) to enhance the two-way commerce between India and Peru held?  
a) Trujillo, Peru                      b) Bengaluru, India                      c) New Delhi, India                      d) Lima, Peru
17. Which country has renamed its capital as Nursultan recently?  
a) Uzbekistan                      b) Kazakhstan                      c) Tajikistan                      d) Kyrgyzstan
18. Which bank has signed MoU with State Bank of India to boost business opportunities between both the banks?  
a) Bank of America                      b) Bank of China                      c) Bank of Scotland                      d) HSBC Bank

19. K M Mammen was appointed as the chairman of which Association?
  - a) National Association Of Software And Service Companies
  - b) Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)
  - c) Indian Banks Association (IBA)
  - d) Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association
20. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev was sworn in as president of which country?
  - a) Azerbaijan
  - b) Georgia
  - c) Kazakhstan
  - d) Uzbekistan
21. As per US based researchers from NASA, which planet is closer to earth?
  - a) Uranus
  - b) Mercury
  - c) Jupiter
  - d) Neptune
22. Organisers of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics unveiled a \_\_\_\_\_ shaped torch for the 2020 Olympics?
  - a) Cherry-Blossom
  - b) Trumpet-Shaped
  - c) Stellate-Shaped
  - d) Cruciform-Shaped
23. When was the World Sparrow day observed?
  - a) 17th March
  - b) 18th March
  - c) 19th March
  - d) 20th March
24. What was the theme of International Day of Happiness 2019?
  - a) Theme – "Happier Together "
  - b) Theme – "Share Happiness"
  - c) Theme – " Happiness to be Shared "
  - d) Theme – "Live Happily "
25. Who has been appointed as the country's first Lokpal or the anti-corruption ombudsman by President Ram Nath Kovind?
  - a) Pinaki Chandra Ghose
  - b) Jagdish Singh Khehar
  - c) H.J.Kania
  - d) Mehr Chand Mahajan
26. Karen Uhlenbeck has become the first woman to win Abel Prize. Abel Prize is referred as noble prize of which field?
  - a) Physics
  - b) Mathematics
  - c) Chemistry
  - d) Poetry
27. The Asian Race Walking Championships 2019 held in which country?
  - a) Bangladesh
  - b) Japan
  - c) China
  - d) India
28. Recently, Chinmoy Roy passed away. He was related to which field?
  - a) Sports
  - b) Journalist
  - c) Writer
  - d) Actor
29. What is the rank of India, according to the United Nation's World Happiness Report 2019?
  - a) 127
  - b) 130
  - c) 133
  - d) 140
30. Which bank has signed loan agreement worth USD 50 million with Avaada Energy Private Limited (AEPL) to expand the Renewable Energy Capacity in India?
  - a) World Bank
  - b) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
  - c) European Investment Bank (EIB)
  - d) New Development Bank (NDB)
31. Name the first latin American, who won the 2019 Templeton Prize worth \$1.4m for combining science and spirituality in his work.
  - a) King Abdullah II
  - b) Marcelo Gleiser
  - c) Dalai Lama
  - d) Mike Brown
32. Which football club won the I-League Champion by All India Football Federation (AIFF) in Chennai?
  - a) Minerva Punjab
  - b) Bengaluru FC
  - c) Chennai City
  - d) Aizawl
33. Which city has signed to host T10 league, the shortest form of cricket for five years?
  - a) Beijing
  - b) Melbourne
  - c) Barcelona
  - d) Abu Dhabi
34. What was the focus of the World Down Syndrome Day 2019?
  - a) Leave no one behind
  - b) Reviving the Millennial Partnership
  - c) Shaping a New World
  - d) One World One Sun One Grid
35. Which telescope of NASA discovered pulsar hurtling through space?
  - a) Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope
  - b) Spitzer Space Telescope
  - c) Hubble Space Telescope
  - d) Galileo National Telescope
36. Name the Japanese unmanned spacecraft, that probes Asteroid Ryugu and discovered small amount of minerals containing water on the surface of the asteroid?
  - a) Hiten
  - b) Hayabusa2
  - c) Akatsuki
  - d) SELENE
37. According to Global Economic Outlook by Fitch ratings, what is the growth projection of Indian economy?
  - a) 6.5%
  - b) 6.8%
  - c) 7.2%
  - d) 7.5%
38. Who was appointed as the chief financial officer of the Ford Motor Co?
  - a) Edsel Ford II
  - b) Tim Stone
  - c) James Hackett
  - d) Marcy Klevorn

39. Name the organization, which had appointed Aamir Khan as its Brand Ambassador?  
 a) PayUMoney      b) MobiKwik      c) PhonePe      d) FreeCharge
40. NSEIT acquired Global cyber security company Aujas recently. NSEIT is a Subsidiary of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) Bombay Stock Exchange      b) National Stock Exchange  
 c) London Stock Exchange      d) New York Stock Exchange
41. Which of the following mobile application was launched by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to upload podcast on Class 10, 12 exam evaluation process?  
 a) Umang      b) MooFarm      c) ReUnite      d) Shiksha Vani
42. According to its recent discovery of NASA, the surface of which asteroid comprises the water and plumes?  
 a) Ceres      b) Bennu      c) Tholen      d) Itokawa
43. What is the recent official name of European T20 league?  
 a) Euro T20 Slam      b) Euro T20      c) Euro T20 league      d) European T20 Slam
44. Which Indian English word is added as the 650th entry in Oxford Dictionary?  
 a) Mantra      b) Chuddies      c) Loot      d) Multan
45. Cabinet minister C.S. Shivalli, who had died recently belongs to which state?  
 a) West Bengal      b) Gujarat      c) Meghalaya      d) Karnataka
46. When was Martyr's Day (88th) or Shaheed Diwas observed?  
 a) 21st March      b) 22nd March      c) 23rd March      d) 20th March
47. Which entity has developed a storage device that translates digital information into the DNA language with Washington University?  
 a) Intel      b) IBM      c) Google      d) Microsoft
48. Rear Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh was appointed as the Fleet commander in which of the following Naval command?  
 a) Andaman & Nicobar Command      b) Southern Naval Command  
 c) Eastern Naval Command      d) Western Naval Command
49. Gafur Rahimov, who recently resigned was the president of which association?  
 a) International Boxing Association (amateur)  
 b) International Gymnastics Federation  
 c) International Handball Federation  
 d) International Ice Hockey Federation
50. Which city topped in the Mercer's annual Quality of Living Survey 2019 making it the 10th year in a row?  
 a) Auckland      b) Geneva      c) Munich      d) Vienna

**ANSWER KEYS**

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| 1. a  | 2. b  | 3. a  | 4. b  | 5. d  | 6. d  |
| 7. a  | 8. b  | 9. c  | 10. b | 11. a | 12. b |
| 13. d | 14. b | 15. d | 16. d | 17. b | 18. b |
| 19. b | 20. c | 21. b | 22. a | 23. d | 24. a |
| 25. a | 26. b | 27. b | 28. d | 29. d | 30. b |
| 31. b | 32. c | 33. d | 34. a | 35. a | 36. b |
| 37. b | 38. b | 39. c | 40. b | 41. d | 42. b |
| 43. a | 44. b | 45. d | 46. c | 47. d | 48. d |
| 49. a | 50. d |       |       |       |       |