

#### **IDBI Bank gets govt nod to handle import, export transactions with Iran**

- The IDBI Bank has received government nod to handle import and export transactions with Iran, a move which would help in promoting two-way trade amid US sanctions on the Persian Gulf nation.
- IDBI Bank has been identified to route the payments. UCO Bank had in the previous round of sanctions handled rupee payments. India used to pay its third largest oil supplier in euros using European banking channels. But this channel is also blocked from November last year.
- Iran is India's third-largest oil supplier after Iraq and Saudi Arabia. It was India's second biggest supplier of crude oil after Saudi Arabia till 2010-11 but sanctions by the West over its suspected nuclear programme relegated it to the seventh spot in the subsequent years.

#### **DIPAM to set up asset-monetisation cell to hasten sale of CPSE assets**

- The Ministry of Finance is planning to set up a special cell in the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) to expedite the monetisation of non-core assets of state-owned companies.
- The 'Asset Monetisation cell' will also deal with cases related to the sale of immovable enemy property, which refers to the assets left behind by people who migrated to Pakistan or China and are no longer citizens of India.
- The DIPAM would be seeking a director level officer from the personnel department to man the cell.

#### **RBI slaps Rs 1 crore ne on Yes Bank for non-compliance in Swift operations**

- Private sector lender Yes Bank Tuesday said the Reserve Bank of India has slapped a fine of Rs 1 crore on the bank for non-compliance of directions on Swift messaging software.
- "The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)... has levied an aggregate penalty of Rs 10 million (Rs 1 crore) on the bank for non-compliance of regulatory directions observed during assessment of implementation of SWIFT-related operational controls," Yes Bank said in a regulatory filing.
- Swift is the global messaging software used for transactions by the financial entities. Notably, the massive Rs 14,000 crore fraud at the Punjab National Bank (PNB) was a case of misuse of this messaging software.
- Post the PNB fraud, which came to light in February 2018, the RBI has been tough on banks to tighten all kinds of transactions.

#### **Bank RBI slaps Rs 4 crore ne on Karnataka Bank**

- Private sector Karnataka Bank Monday said the RBI has slapped a fine of Rs 4 crore on the bank for violating regulatory norms. The Reserve Bank of India has levied an aggregate penalty of Rs 40 million on the bank for delayed implementation of four of the Swift related operational controls.
- Swift is the global messaging software used for transactions by the financial entities.

#### **LIC Housing Finance, IMGIC ink deal to offer special loan scheme**

- LIC Housing Finance on Monday announced that it has inked a partnership with India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGIC) in order to offer its customers a special loan scheme under which borrowers will be able to repay the amount till they turn 75 years of age.

#### **One Nation, One Card: PM Modi launches mobility card for seamless travel through different**

- Prime Minister Narendra launched 'One Nation, One Card' Model from Ahmedabad, Gujarat for seamless travel through different metros and other transport systems. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs introduced the 'National Common Mobility Card' (NCMC) to enable seamless travel by different metros and other transport systems across the country besides retail shopping and purchases.
- India's first indigenously developed payment eco-system for transport mobility consists of:
  - National Common Mobility Card (NCMC)
  - SwachalitKiraya: Automatic Fare Collection System (SWEELAR)
  - Swachalit Gate (SWAGAT) based on NCMC Standards
- The 'National Common Mobility Card' (NCMC), an indigenous automatic fare collection system based on One Nation One Card Model, is the first of its kind indigenously developed payment platform in India.
- These are bank issued cards based on Debit, Credit and Prepaid card platform.

#### **India's first monorail is now fully operational in Mumbai**

- Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated the 11.28 km second phase of the monorail.
- The full route of the monorail is 19.54 km long, Chembur-Wadala-Jacob Circle.

- The network was developed and is being implemented by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA). The first phase was commissioned in February 2014 and was built and operated by Larsen & Toubro and Malaysia's Scmi Engineering.

#### **Plastic free India anthem released in 7 languages by Environment**

- Union Minister Harsh Vardhan launched an anthem as a part of a campaign to make India plastic-free by 2022 and stressed on strengthening plastic waste management and recycling ecosystem in the country.
- The 'Plastic Waste-Free India' anthem has been produced by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Smriti Manch (PDUSM), a non-profit organisation which claims to be working on various social and environmental issues.

#### **Exercise Sampriti 2019: India-Bangladesh joint military exercise begins**

- Indo-Bangladesh joint military exercise, 'Exercise Sampriti 2019' at Tangail, Bangladesh.
- This will be the eighth edition of the exercise which is hosted alternately by both countries.
- The exercise will conclude on March 15, 2019. As part of the ongoing India-Bangladesh defence cooperation, Exercise Sampriti is an important bilateral endeavor between India and Bangladesh.

#### **Exercise Al Nagah III between India and Oman to be held**

- Exercise Al Nagah III, third in the series of bilateral joint exercise between India and Oman is scheduled to be held from March 12 to 25, 2019 at Jabel Al Akhdar Mountains in Oman.
- The exercise will see both the armies exchanging expertise and experience in tactics, weapon handling and firing.
- It aims to enhance interoperability in counterterrorist operations in semi urban mountainous terrain. Exercise Al Nagah III follows the first two joint exercises that were held in Oman in January 2015 and India in March 2017 respectively.

#### **Cricket set for Asian Games return in 2022**

- Cricket is set for a return at the Asian Games after the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Sunday included it in the sports programme for the 2022 edition in Hangzhou.
- The decision was taken at the OCA's General Assembly in Bangkok. Cricket was dropped from the 2018 Asian Games in Indonesia after featuring in 2010 and 2014, albeit without the presence of the game's powerhouse India.

#### **Survey India tops Global Consumer Confidence Survey**

- The global consumer confidence in India is at peak. This was revealed in the latest Conference Board Global Consumer Confidence Survey, which is conducted in collaboration with Nielsen.
- The survey which was conducted over the internet, polls more than 32,000 consumers in 64 countries across Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, Africa and North America.
- India had a Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) score of 133 in the fourth quarter of 2018 edging past the Philippines (131) and Indonesia (127).
- India maintain its number one position from the third quarter when it scored 130 on the index whereas Philippines and Indonesia were joint fourth in Q3 of 2018 with an identical score of 126.
- South Korea has the most pessimistic consumers in the world. People there are worried about rising inflation, lower wage growth, a weak stock market, unemployment and global trade uncertainties.

#### **World Wildlife Day observed on 3 March**

- World Wildlife Day 2019 was observed on 3 March, 2019. The World Wildlife Day 2019 theme was "Life below water: for people and planet".

#### **World Hearing Day observed on 3 March**

- World Hearing Day 2019 was observed on 3 March, 2019. The theme of 2019 World Hearing Day was Check your hearing!.

#### **India signs loan agreement with World Bank Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project**

- India today signed a loan agreement with the World Bank for 96 Million US dollars for additional financing of Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project.
- Finance Ministry in a release said the World Bank has been supporting the State Government since 2014 to restore housing and rural connectivity and to build the resilience of communities.

#### **PM-SYM: PM Modi launches Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana from**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Yojana (PM-SYM), a mega pension scheme for unorganised sector, from Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The scheme was announced in the Interim Budget 2019.

- The PM-SYM is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme that will benefit as many as 10 crore workers in the unorganised sector. It will provide monthly pension of Rs 3000 to the employees of unorganised sector after 60 years of age.

#### **Nepal Government officials join INGAF Training Course in New Delhi**

- The Third group of 22 officials of Nepal's Ministry of Finance joined the training course on 'Global Perspectives on Public Financial Management' at the Institute of Government Accounts and Finance (INGAF) in New Delhi.
- The training is being held under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme of the Ministry of External Affairs.

#### **Swachh Bharat Mission (G): Over 96 percent of households in Rural India actually use**

- Around 96.5 percent of the households in Rural India who have access to the toilet use it as per the National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) 2018-19, conducted by Independent Verification Agency (IVA).
- The NARSS also re-confirmed the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status of 90.7 percent of villages which were previously declared and verified as ODF by various districts/States themselves.
- The survey was conducted under the World Bank support project to the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G). The survey was conducted between November 2018 and February 2019 and covered 92040 households in 6136 villages across all the States and UTs of India.

#### **World Air Quality Report 2018: 7 of the top 10 most polluted cities in the world are in India**

- As per the World Air Quality Report 2018 released by IQAir AirVisual and Greenpeace on March 5, 2019, seven of the top 10 most polluted cities in the world are in India.
- India's Gurugram led the list of most polluted cities in the world in 2018, followed by Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Noida, and Bhiwadi in the top six worst-affected cities. Of the 10 cities with highest pollution, seven are in India, while one is in China and two are in Pakistan. Among the Indian cities are Gurgaon, Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Bhiwadi, Noida, Patna and Lucknow.
- The other three are Hotan in China and Lahore and Faisalabad in Pakistan. The main objective behind the report was to measure the presence of fine particulate matter known as Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5, which has been recorded in real-time in 2018.

#### **France reiterates support for India's permanent seat in UN Security Council**

- France, which assumed the Presidency of the United Nations Security Council for the month of March, has reiterated its support for India as the permanent member of the powerful UN body.
- The nation also reiterated its support for Germany and Japan as permanent members of an expanded UNSC. Speaking on the occasion, French Permanent Representative to the UN, François Delattre said that enlargement of the powerful UN body in both permanent and nonpermanent categories is the first crucial part towards its reform.

#### **India, World Bank sign \$250 million agreement to boost rural income**

- The Indian Government on March 5, 2019 signed a \$250 million loan agreement with the World Bank for the National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP) that aims to help women in rural households shift to a new generation of economic initiatives by developing viable enterprise for farm and non-farm products.

#### **Google launches 'Bolo' app to tutor children to read in Hindi, English**

- Technology giant Google has unveiled a new app called 'Bolo' that aims to help children in primary school learn to read in Hindi and English.
- The free app, which is being launched in India first, uses Google's speech recognition and text-to-speech technology.

#### **Women to get Permanent Commission in Indian Armed Forces**

- The Union Ministry of Defence has taken steps to ensure permanent commission to women officers in the Indian Armed Forces, implementing the announcement made regarding the same by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 15, 2018.
- All branches of the Indian Air Force, including the post of fighter pilots, are now open for women officers.

#### **Indore adjudged cleanest city in Swachh Sarvekshan for third year in a row**

- Three cities in Madhya Pradesh bagged top awards in Swachh Sarvekshan 2019 announced by the union government at a function in New Delhi.
- Every year, cities and towns across India are awarded with the title of 'Swachh Cities' on the basis of their cleanliness and sanitation drive as a part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan that was launched in 2014.

- Three cities Indore, Bhopal and Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh bagged top awards. While Indore has now retained the top spot in the survey of being the cleanest city for a consecutive three years, it was a hat trick for Bhopal too, as it was adjudged the cleanest capital city in the 2019 survey. Another city of state, Ujjain was awarded cleanest city in 3 lakh to one million category.

#### **Israeli spacecraft on its maiden Lunar mission sends back its 1st selfie**

- An Israeli spacecraft on its maiden mission to the moon has sent its first selfie back to Earth.
- The image shows a part of the Beresheet spacecraft with Earth in the background.
- NGO SpaceIL and state-owned Israel Aerospace Industries launched the unmanned Beresheet – Hebrew for Genesis — from Cape Canaveral in Florida.

#### **India to celebrate 7 March as 'JanaushadhiDiwas'**

- Mansukh Mandaviya, the Union Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers, Road Transport & Highways, and Shipping announced March 7, 2019 will be observed as the 'JanaushadhiDiwas' across the country.

#### **State Bank of India to join SWIFT's global payment interface**

- State Bank of India will soon sign up with the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Transactions' (SWIFT) Global Payment Interface (gpi), adding to the list of Indian banks that have subscribed to the interbank communication channel's new payment interface which is set to make cross-border transactions much more secure and transparent
- India's largest lender will join 11 of its counterpart banks that will have subscribed to this payments platform which comes with features such as end-to-end payment tracking, access to unaltered remittance information, faster and more transparent transactions.
- These banks are ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, Punjab National Bank, Yes Bank, City Union Bank, HDFC Bank, Bank of India, Federal Bank Limited, Union Bank of India, Indian Bank and IndusInd Bank.
- SWIFT said that they want to make gpi a universal payments interface by partnering with all major global banks by 2020.

#### **IBBI signs pact with International Finance Corporation to train professionals**

- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has signed a cooperation agreement with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to train professionals, the government .
- The pact calls for organising workshops and training for insolvency professionals and IBBI officers, training the trainers, development of a national insolvency programme besides insolvency and valuation examinations. The agreement runs through till June 30, 2021.

#### **PM Modi releases new series of visually impaired friendly coins; 12-edged Rs 20 coin launched**

- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 7, 2019 released the new series of visually impaired friendly circulation coins of Rs 1, Rs 2, Rs 5, Rs 10 and Rs 20.
- The coins were released at a function in New Delhi where visually impaired children were specially invited.
- The new circulation coins with various differentiating features, will greatly aid the visually impaired. The coins will facilitate the visually impaired Divyang community, and will instill them with confidence.

#### **Agencies behind the design & development of coins**

Design	-	National Institute of Design
Development	-	Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited
Conception	-	Union Ministry of Finance

#### **Cabinet approves promulgation of Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Ordinance, 2019**

- Union Cabinet approved the proposal for promulgation of the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Ordinance, 2019.
- The Ordinance will ensure that the Constitutional provisions of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the socially and educationally backward classes in the faculty recruitment will be protected.

#### **ISRO, French space agency CNES sign agreement on maritime security**

- National space agency ISRO and its French counterpart CNES signed an agreement to set up a joint maritime surveillance system in the country.
- The two nations will explore putting up a constellation of low-Earth orbiting satellites that will identify and track movement of ships globally and in the Indian Ocean region where France has its Reunion Islands.

- They will initially share data from their present space systems and develop new algorithms to analyse them. The agreement comes a year after the two governments initiated broad collaboration plan during French President Emmanuel Macron's visit in March 2018.

**Uttarakhand Chief Minister lays foundation stone for Doon-Mussoorie ropeway project**

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat laid the foundation stone for the Dehradun-Mussoorie ropeway project.
- The 300-crore rupees ropeway project is expected to be completed in three years. It will be one of the world's longest ropeways, and will shorten the one-hour zigzag drive to just 15 minutes from Purkul village the base camp at Dehradun to Mussoorie

**Soumya Swaminathan named Chief Scientist at WHO**

- Soumya Swaminathan, a Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organisation has been named Chief Scientist of the WHO.
- As Deputy Director-General Programmes (DDP), she was one of the three DDGs assisting WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. The new position, a component of Ghebreyesus's long-standing idea of ushering in reforms at the WHO, has specially been created for Swaminathan.

**Ausaf Sayeed appointed new Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia**

- Ausaf Sayeed, presently High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Seychelles, has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia.

**Former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan to get Yashwantrao Chavan national award**

- Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Raghuram Rajan has been chosen for the 'Yashwantrao Chavan National Award 2018' for his contribution towards economic development.
- Rajan will be presented the award at a function here on March 12 on the occasion of 106th birth anniversary of late Yashwantrao Chavan, who was the first chief minister of Maharashtra.

**Malaysia joins the International Criminal Court**

- Malaysia ratified the Rome Statute making it the 124th State party to join the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- Even though Malaysia had helped to negotiate the Rome Statute, it has been long been reluctant to ratify it.
- The downing of flight MH17 and the Rohingya crisis have focused Malaysia's attention on the ICC. After the election of Mahathir Mohamad as Prime Minister in May 2018, there has been a significant shift in the relationship between the Malaysian government and monarchy.

**International Women's Day 2019: President Ram Nath Kovind to present Nari Shakti Puraskar 2018**

- The International Women's Day 2019 was observed across the world on March 8, 2019.
- The Day is observed to stand in harmony with all those fearless women fighting for gender equality, and highlight those women who often pass unnoticed.
- Theme: 'Think equal, build smart, innovate for change'

**India, Russia sign USD 3 billion deal on nuclear submarine**

- India signed a USD 3 billion deal with Russia for leasing a nuclear-powered attack submarine for the Indian Navy for a period of 10 years.
- The countries signed an inter-governmental agreement under which, Russia will have to deliver the Akula class submarine (Chakra III) to the Indian Navy by 2025.
- It will be the third Russian submarine to be leased to the Navy.

**Cabinet approves implementation of Khurja Super Thermal Power Project in Uttar Pradesh**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the investment approval for 2x660MW Khurja Super Thermal Power Plant (STPP) in District Bulandshahar of Uttar Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs 11,089.42 crore and Amelia Coal Mine in District Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh.
- The project will be implemented at an estimated cost of Rs 1587.16 crore and will be implemented by THDC India Limited, a Mini Ratna CPSU under the Union Ministry of Power.

**Prime Minister attends the National Women Livelihood Meet -2019 at Varanasi**

- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the National Women Livelihood Meet 2019, held at Deendayal Hastkala Sankul in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on the occasion of International Women's Day 2019.
- The Prime Minister visited the exhibition on products manufactured by Self Help Groups aided by Uttar Pradesh Rural Livelihood Mission.

**KummanamRajasekharan resigns as Mizoram Governor**

- Mizoram Governor KummanamRajasekharan resigned from his post on March 8, 2019. President Ram Nath Kovind accepted the resignation of Rajasekharan. Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi has been given additional charge of the state.

**Padma Lakshmi appointed as UNDP Goodwill Ambassador**

- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has appointed Indian-American television personality and food expert Padma Lakshmi as its new Goodwill Ambassador, in support of its fight against inequality and discrimination around the world.
- The announcement was made by UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner in a ceremony at the UNDP headquarters on March 7, 2019, on the eve of International Women's Day.

**WEEKLY OBJECTIVE MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS ON CURRENT AFFAIRS:  
FOR WEEK 10/52 (MARCH 5-11- 2019)**

1. When is the International Women's Day celebrated across world?  
a) 7th March      b) 8th March      c) 9th March      d) 10th March      e) None of these
2. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the Dictionary on which of the following to highlight the India's Freedom Struggle?  
a) Indian Army      b) Indian Air Force      c) Indian Martyrs      d) Police Officers      e) None of these
3. Which app has been launched by Union Urban Affairs Minister that digitilises the process of conversion of a property from leasehold to freehold?  
a) e-Dharti      b) Proper-T      c) Urban-U      d) Conversion      e) None of these
4. The Supreme Court has approved to form mediation panel to resolve Ram Temple-Babri Masjid dispute case. The mediation proceedings are scheduled to take place in which city?  
a) Prayagraj      b) Faizabad      c) Varanasi      d) Lucknow      e) None of these
5. Thirty-six nations have signed an open letter criticizing which nation's human rights record?  
a) Russia      b) Israel      c) Myanmar      d) Saudi Arabia      e) None of these
6. Ausaf Sayeed has been appointed as the new Indian Ambassador to which nation?  
a) Egypt      b) Kazakhstan      c) Saudi Arabia      d) UAE      e) None of these
7. The Union Cabinet has approved a MoU on Cancer Research Initiative between India and which nation?  
a) Germany      b) Japan      c) UK      d) Austria      e) None of these
8. KummanamRajasekharan recently resigned as the Governor of which state?  
a) Mizoram      b) Assam      c) Meghalaya      d) West Bengal      e) None of these
9. The BCCI in the latest list of Central Contracts demoted which player?  
a) Khaleel Ahmed      b) Rohit Sharma      c) JaspritBumrah      d) Shikhar Dhawan      e) None of these
10. Marayoor jaggery, a world-famous delicacy, got a Geographical Indication (GI) tag recently. It belongs to which state?  
a) Karnataka      b) Kerala      c) Tamil Nadu      d) Odisha      e) None of these
11. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Yojana from which state?  
a) Tamil Nadu      b) Uttar Pradesh      c) Gujarat      d) Delhi      e) None of these
12. Which Ministry came up with the 'One Nation, One Card' Model to enable seamless travel by different metros and other transport systems across the country besides retail shopping and purchases?  
a) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs      b) Ministry of Home Affairs  
c) Ministry of Commerce & Industry      d) Ministry of Human Resource Development  
e) None of these
13. Which city was ranked as the World's most polluted city of 2018 as per the report released by IQAir AirVisual and Greenpeace?  
a) Lahore      b) Hotan      c) Delhi      d) Gurugram      e) None of these
14. Around what percent of the households in Rural India who have access to the toilet use it, as per the National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) 2018-19?  
a) 95 percent      b) 95.5 percent      c) 96 percent      d) 96.5 percent      e) None of these
15. Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the new series of "visually impaired friendly circulation" coins. Which denomination coin will be of 12-edged polygon shape?  
a) Rs 2      b) Rs 5      c) Rs 10      d) Rs 20      e) None of these

16. Which city was adjudged as India's Cleanest City for the third consecutive year as per Swachh Survekshan 2019?  
a) Bhopal                      b) Indore                      c) Ambikapur                      d) Mysuru                      e) None of these
17. Which city was awarded as the Cleanest Capital in the Swachh Survekshan 2019 survey?  
a) Bhopal                      b) Chennai                      c) Greater Mumbai                      d) Chandigarh                      e) None of these
18. Which is the only Hindu party to support the idea of court-monitored mediation in the Ayodhya land dispute case?  
a) NirmohiAkhada                      b) Hindu Parishad                      c) Ram LallaVirajman                      d) Hindu Mahasabha                      e) None of these
19. Which bank became the 1st bank in India to link deposit & loan rates to RBI's repo rate?  
a)RBI                      b) UBI                      c) SBI                      d) UCO Bank                      e) None of these
20. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology?  
a) Mumbai                      b) Greater Noida                      c) Lucknow                      d) Jahanpanah                      e) None of these
21. Highest number of free LPG connection is distributed in which of the following state as a part of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)?  
a) West Bengal                      b) Bihar                      c) Uttar Pradesh                      d) Maharashtra                      e) None of these
22. According to the ASSOCHAM – PwC Study, what will be the Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of data consumption in India by 2022?  
a) 80.5%                      b) 70.8%                      c) 72.6%                      d) 75.9%                      e) None of these
23. Who was appointed as the Finance Secretary of India?  
a) Hasmukh Adhiya                      b) Subhash Chandra Garg                      c) Ashok Lavasa                      d) Bimal Jalan                      e) None of these
24. Which of the following organization appointed Ashu Khullar as its CEO of the India business?  
a) Citibank India                      b) HDFC Bank                      c) ICICI Bank                      d) Yes Bank                      e) None of these
25. 5 Indians were appointed as members of technical committees of Asian Gymnastic Union. Who was not one among them?  
i. Deepak Kabra – Men's Artistic Gymnastics                      ii. AkshataShete – Rhythmic Gymnastics  
iii. Sumith MR – Acrobatic Gymnastics                      iv. Makarand Joshi – Aerobic Gymnastics  
v. DipaKarmakar – Women's Artistic Gymnastics  
a) Option i is not a member                      b) Option i and iii are not a member                      c) Option v is not a member  
d) Option iii is not a member                      e) None of these
26. Name the organization that was awarded with the 'Green Era Award for Sustainability' at Lisbon, Portugal?  
a) Infosys                      b) TCS                      c) TVS Motor                      d) Wipro                      e) None of these
27. Who was appointed as the chairman of Coordination Committee for 2022 Asian Games?  
a) Kumar Birl                      b)Randhir Singh                      c) Shantanu Narayen                      d) Pierre Nanterme                      e) None of these
28. Which Bank acquired 9.9% stake in Kisan Finance for cash consideration of Rs 17.82 crore?  
a) SBI Bank                      b) ICICI Bank                      c) RBI Bank                      d) HDFC Bank                      e) None of these
29. Who is the author of the book "Designing Destiny: The Heartfulness Way"?  
a) Ruskin Bond                      b) Khushwant Singh                      c) Amrita Pritam                      d) Kamlesh Patel                      e) None of these
30. What was the theme of the Rare Disease day 2018?  
a) Bridging health and social care                      b) Sending recovery good thoughts your way  
c) Fill yourself with all the positive energy                      d) Recovery is a relaxing and restful  
e) None of these
31. The historic Guinness World record in Yoga was made in which city?  
a)London                      b)Paris                      c)New Delhi                      d)Hong Kong                      e) None of these
32. Recently,Imran Tahir announced his retirement.He belongs to which sports?  
a)Football                      b)Cricket                      c)Tennis                      d)Table Tennis                      e) None of these
33. Who stepped down from the post of India's doubles badminton coach?  
a)Malaythong                      b)Elite Hay                      c)Coach Xiao                      d)Tan Kim Her                      e) None of these
34. Recently,Luke Perry passed away.He was related to which field?  
a)Sports                      b)Poet                      c)Actor                      d)Director                      e) None of these
35. When is World Day of Fight Against Sexual Exploitation observed?  
a)March 3                      b)March 4                      c)March 5                      d)March 6                      e) None of these
36. Which city topped Swachh Survekshan Award 2019 for being the cleanest city?  
a)Indore                      b)Mumbai                      c)Bhopal                      d)Lucknow                      e) None of these

37. Who has received this year's Pritzker Prize 2019?  
a)Tanaka Ito      b)Arata Isozaki      c)Yamamoto Saki d)Saito Kobayashi e) None of these
38. The 49th Foundation Day of Sulabh International held in which city/UT?  
a)New Delhi      b)Chennai      c)Lucknow      d)Pune      e) None of these
39. Hitachi Payments Services Pvt Ltd rolled out digital payments platform in collaboration with which bank?  
a)HDFC      b)IDBI      c)SBI      d)PNB      e) None of these
40. What was the rank secured by India's Kidambi Srikanth in the men's singles list in the latest BWF world ranking release recently?  
a)4<sup>th</sup>      b)8<sup>th</sup>      c)6<sup>th</sup>      d)5<sup>th</sup>      e) None of these
41. Which state becomes the highest natural gas producer in the country?  
a) New Delhi      b) Tripura      c) Maharashtra      d) West Bengal      e) None of these
42. Which organization launched Young Scientist Programme to train class 9 students in space technology and its applications?  
a)DRDO      b)HCL      c)ISRO      d)TCS      e) None of these
43. Recently, Geological Survey Of India launched how many permanent global positioning systems(GPS) stations across India?  
a)16      b)21      c)18      d)22      e) None of these
44. Recently, China lowered its economic growth for 2019 to how much percent?  
a)7.2-7.6%      b)6.2-6.6%      c)6-6.5%      d)7.0-7.5%      e) None of these
45. PM Narendra Modi launched which programme to ensure seamless travel across the country?  
a)National Nation Card      b)One Nation, One Card      c)Bharat Card  
d)Common Mobility Card      e) None of these
46. Who launched the countrywide Pulse Polio Programme 2019?  
a) Narendra Modi      b) Ram Nath Kovind      c) Arun Jaitley      d) Dr Harsh Vardhan      e) None of these
47. President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the Padam Shri 2019 on which of the following personality?  
a) Nambi Narayan      b) Bachendri Pal      c) Teejan Bai      d) Gautam Gambhir      e) None of these
48. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of the state of Palestine?  
a) Mohammad Shtayyeh      b) Mohammad Abbas      c) Muhammad Mustafa  
d) Ziad Abu-Amr      e) None of these
49. Which state has increased its reservation quota of OBCs to 27 per cent?  
a) Gujarat      b) Rajasthan      c) Uttar Pradesh      d) Madhya Pradesh      e) None of these
50. Which nation's cricket board has written to the ICC for action against India for wearing camouflage caps?  
a) Bangladesh      b) Pakistan      c) Australia      d) Sri Lanka      e) None of these

**ANSWER KEYS**

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