

Reserve Bank of India slaps Rs 1-crore penalty on Bajaj Finance

- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on Bajaj Finance for deficiencies in regulator compliance.
- According to RBI, the penalty has been imposed, by an order on January 3, for violation of 'fair Practices Code of Master Direction DNBR'.
- "This action is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the NBFC with its customers,"

Sushil Modi to head committee to look into GST revenue shortfall faced by states

- The Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, Sushil Modi will be heading the seven-member group of ministers (GoM) that will look into revenue shortfall being faced by the states after the GST roll-out and suggest steps for augmenting collections.
- The GST Council, headed by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and comprising state ministers, had on December 22, 2018, decided to set up the group of ministers to analyse reasons for the shortfall in revenue collections by the states since July 2017. As per terms of reference (ToR) of the GoM, the seven-member committee will undertake data analysis using econometric and statistical tools and suggest suitable measures and policy intervention for course correction for revenue augmentation, particularly for the states suffering high revenue shortfall.
- The committee would also take into account trends of revenue collection before and after implementation of goods and services tax (GST).

Gujarat becomes the first state to implement 10 per cent quota for EWS in general category

- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani announced on January 13, 2019 that his government will implement the 10 per cent reservation for economically weaker sections of the general category with immediate effect.
- The announcement comes less than a week after the Indian Parliament passed a constitutional amendment bill to facilitate
- 10 per cent reservation for upper castes in higher education and employment.

PM Modi releases commemorative coin and stamp on Guru Gobind Singh ji

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 13, 2019 released a commemorative silver coin of Rs 350 and stamp on Tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji to mark his 352nd birth anniversary.
- Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, former Chief Justice of India JS Khehar and several Sikh leaders were also present at the event.
- The birth anniversary of the Guru Gobind Singh was also celebrated as Prakashotsava at Patna Sahib, Bihar. The main function was organised at Takhat Sri Harmandir Sahib Gurdwara, Patna Sahib, the birth place of Guru Gobind Singh.

President gives assent to Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019

- The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind on January 12, 2019 gave his assent to the Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019 which aims to provide reservation in public employment and higher education to economically weaker sections in the general category.
- The Rajya Sabha had passed the Constitution 124th (Amendment) Bill, 2019 that seeks to provide 10 per cent reservation in jobs and educational institutions to economically backward sections in the general category. The legislation was passed in the upper house of the Parliament with 165 members voting in favour of it and seven voting against.

PM Narendra Modi conferred with first-ever Philip Kotler Presidential Award

- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on January 14, 2019 conferred with the first-ever Philip Kotler Presidential Award. The Award focuses on the triple bottom-line of 'People, Profit and Planet'. The award will be offered annually to the leader of a Nation.

Namita Gokhale wins Sushila Devi Literature Award

- Writer Namita Gokhale has won the Sushila Devi Literature Award for her novel “Things to Leave Behind”.
- She was awarded in the ‘Best Book of Fiction Written by a Woman Author’ category at the inaugural edition of Bhopal Literature and Art Festival (BLF) that began in Bhopal on January 12, 2019.

Niyogi Books launches Hindi imprint

- Niyogi Books has launched a new imprint Bahuvachan dedicated to Hindi titles. The first 12 books under this imprint are illustrated titles, which have already been published in English.
- These books range across diverse subjects – from biographies to travel and food to culture.
- In January 2018, the publishing house had launched three imprints for fiction, non-fiction and translated titles. The initial titles under Bahuvachan include books on M F Husain, Bismillah Khan, Zohra Segal, Sariska and Kumbh Mela.

Tulsi Gabbard first Hindu elected to US Congress to run for President in 2020

- Tulsi Gabbard, the first Hindu elected to US Congress and a four-time Democratic lawmaker, has said she will run for President in 2020, becoming the latest member of her party to challenge Republican President Donald Trump.

PM Modi launches development projects worth over Rs 1500 crore in Odisha

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 15, 2019 visited Odisha and launched several development projects worth over Rs 1,500 crore at Balangir, Odisha.
- PM Modi dedicated electrified Jharsuguda-Vizianagaram and Sambalpur-Angul lines spanning 813 kilometres to the nation. These railway lines were electrified at a cost of around Rs 1,000 crore.
- The Prime Minister inaugurated the doubling of Barpali-Dungaripali and Balangir-Deogaon railway lines in the state.
- The 15 km-long Balangir-Bichhupali railway line laid at a cost of Rs 115 crores was also launched. It is part of the new 289 kilometre Balangir-Khurda road line which connects Howrah-Chennai main line on Khurda Road and Titlagarh-Sambalpur line at Balangir.

All time high Rs. 61,084 Crores for MGNREGA

- The Centre has allocated an additional 6 thousand 84 crore rupees to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, MGNREGA.
- With this the total allocation for the scheme has reached an all time high of 61 thousand 84 Crore rupees. Over the last 4 years, the Ministry of Rural Development has completed major reforms in the MGNREGA to transform it into a resource for sustainable livelihoods for the poor.
- The Ministry said, there has been a remarkable increasing trend in the budget allocation and release for the programme from nearly 33 thousand crore rupees in 2014-15 to over 55 thousand crore rupees in 2017-18.

India's first smart electric cabs Blu-Smart launched in Delhi

- Gensol Mobility has launched India's first ever 100 percent smart electric fleet of taxis namely Blu-Smart in Delhi NCR. The company has said in a press statement that it has invested over Rs 50 crore as capital expenditure and is currently setting up charging infrastructure of 65 stations, with each offering up to 20 charging points across the NCR.
- With this, the company aims to offer an assured charging point within 5 km radius. Blu-Smart is a shared travel solution and will be surge-price free according to the company.
- In the first phase, 70 Blu-Smart cabs will be available in Noida, Greater Noida, Gurugram and Aerocity.

Sikkim launches 'One Family, One Job' scheme

- Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Chamling on Saturday launched 'One Family, One Job' scheme.

- The scheme envisions employment to a member of every family which does not have a government job in the state. Under this scheme, all loan debts in the farming and agriculture sector would be revoked. At present recruitments are being made for Group C and Group D posts in 12 government departments.

Teachers, academic staff of tech institutes to get 7th Central pay commission benefits

- The government has approved a proposal to extend the 7th Central Pay Commission benefits to teachers and other academic staff of the state government and government-aided degree level technical institutes.
- This will have additional Central government liability of over 1240 crore rupees. The Centre will reimburse 50 per cent of the total additional expenditure from 1st January 2016 to 31st March this year to be incurred by these institutes for payment of arrears.

Union Minister Harsh Vardhan launches DD Science and India Science channels

- The Department of Science and Technology, along with Doordarshan, launched two science communication initiatives – DD Science and India Science.
- The aim is to launch a 24/7 channel dedicated to science. The two channels will have science based documentaries, studio based discussions, and virtual walkthroughs of scientific institutions, interviews and short films and will be free to access.
- While DD Science is a one hour slot on Doordarshan National channel, India Science is an internet based science channel.

10-year-old Abhinav Shaw becomes youngest gold medallist in Khelo games

- 10-year-old, Abhinav Shaw teamed up Mehuli Ghosh and won the gold medal in 10 m air rifle mixed team event in Khelo India Youth Games on Sunday. This makes him the youngest gold medallist at Khelo Games.
- The sixth-standard student had to bide his time to get on the range and display his talent, not being among the 16 shooters chosen to compete in the individual events in either Junior (under-21) and Youth (under-17) categories. The West Bengal team scored 501.7 points in the final, better than their 498.2 in the Junior final and the 498.8 in the Youth final in Thiruvananthapuram.

71st Army Day celebrated in India

- 71st Army Day was celebrated across India on January 15, 2019. President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended their greetings to the soldiers and their families on Army Day.
- The Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the day when General (later Field Marshal) KM Cariappa took over the command of Indian Army from General Sir FRR Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief in 1949 and became the first Commander-in-Chief of Indian Army.

Cabinet approves Recapitalisation of Export-Import Bank of India

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on January 16, 2019 approved the recapitalisation of the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank).
- The Cabinet also approved an increase in the authorized capital of EXIM Bank from Rs 10,000 crore to Rs. 20,000crore. The Government will issue the Recapitalization Bonds to the tune of Rs 6000 crore for capital infusion in the EXIM Bank.
- The equity will be infused in two tranches. First tranche will be of Rs 4,500 crore in FY 2018-19, and then of Rs 1,500 crore in FY 2019-20. The recapitalisation bonds will be on the lines issued to Public Sector Banks.
- Exim Bank is the principal export credit agency for India. The infusion of capital into Exim Bank will enable it to augment capital adequacy and support Indian exports with enhanced ability.

7-Member GoM constituted for boosting Real Estate Sector under GST regime

- The Ministry of Finance on January 15, 2019 constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) for boosting the Real Estate Sector under the GST regime.
- The GoM was constituted in pursuance of the decision of GST Council taken in the 32nd meeting held on January 10, 2019 at New Delhi. The group has been tasked to provide a Composition Scheme for Residential Construction Units.
- The Secretary of the GoM will be Manish Sinha, Joint Secretary (TRU-II), Central Board of Indirect taxes and Customs (CBIC).

SBI, other banks agree to finance Nagpur-Mumbai Samruddhi Corridor

- A consortium of banks led by State Bank of India has agreed to provide finance for Nagpur-Mumbai 'Samruddhi Corridor' expressway project. Bhushan Gagrani, Principal Secretary in the Chief Minister's Office said, SBI has agreed to lend the highest amount, 8,500 crore rupees. Other lenders include Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, Bank of Maharashtra as well as the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India.
- The estimated cost of the project, being constructed by the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation, is around 50,000 crores, of which around 26,000 crores are required for the construction of the expressway. The corridor will have 25 toll plazas, and the toll will be collected for 40 years.
- The state government was falling short of 3,000 to 4,000 crores to reach the target of 26,000 crore rupees. The consortium of banks has agreed to share that shortfall too. It has solved the major issue of financial support.

PM Modi to inaugurate Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019 on January 18

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the ninth edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019. The summit will be held at the Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The Summit will witness presence of Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani, Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrashekhara, Chairman of Aditya Birla Group Kumar Mangalam Birla, Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani, Godrej Group Chairman Adi Godrej, among others.
- The theme of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019 will be "Youth Connect 2019: Shaping A New India – The Story of Billion Dreams".

9th International Micro irrigation conference begins in Aurangabad

- The 9th International Micro irrigation conference began in Aurangabad, Maharashtra.
- The conference will focus on the theme of "Micro Irrigation and Modern Agriculture".

MP launches Rs 50000 crore 'Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana

- In Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Kamal Nath launched the Rs 50000-crore farm debt-waiver scheme named 'Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana'.
- It would benefit 55 lakh small and marginal farmers.

Odisha celebrates 1st Turtle Festival in Puri

- Hundreds of tourists thronged Puri sea beach here to witness the first Odisha Turtle Festival held today to create awareness and promote ideas on conservation of olive ridley turtles.
- The one-day festival organised by Cox & Kings Foundation in association with Humane Society International/India and Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA) featured events like sand art and painting exhibitions. Several attractive stalls showcasing local artifacts were also put up at the festival.

India-Myanmar begin Army exercise 'IMBEX 2018-19' for UN peacekeeping

- The second India-Myanmar bilateral Army exercise 'IMBEX 2018-19' commenced at Chandimandir military station near here on Monday, a Defence Ministry spokesman said here.
- The Myanmar delegation will form the core group of trainers who will further impart training to Myanmar Army personnel who are likely to serve in UN peacekeeping operations.

- This is the second military training exercise on UN peacekeeping between the two countries being conducted on Indian soil.

Centre announces Gandhi Peace Prize awardees for 2015-18

- After a gap of four years, the Centre announced the awardees for the prestigious Gandhi Peace Prize for 2015 to 2018.
- While Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, won the award for 2015 for rural development and education.
- For 2016, the award has been jointly given to Akshaya Patra Foundation for providing mid-day meals to children across the country and Sulabh International for its work towards emancipation of manual scavengers, the Ministry of Culture announced.
- For 2017, the award has been given to Ekai Abhiyan Trust for its contribution to education for rural and tribal children.
- And for 2018, to WHO Goodwill Ambassador Yohei Sasakawa for his role in leprosy eradication.
- The Gandhi Peace Prize, which is given to individuals and institutions for their contribution towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violence and other Gandhian methods, was last conferred upon the Indian Space Research Organisation in 2014.

India's Satyarup becomes world's youngest mountaineer to climb 7 peaks, 7 volcano summits

- Mountaineer Satyarup Siddhanta today conquered Antarctica's highest point, Mount Sidley. With this feat, he became the first Indian and youngest man to climb the seven highest peaks and volcanic summits across all continents.

Bengaluru world's most dynamic city, Hyderabad ranked second: Survey

- Bengaluru, is the world's most dynamic city among 131 major established and emerging business hubs globally, followed by Hyderabad that is ranked second with Delhi (4th), Pune (5th) and Chennai (7th) featuring in the top 10 cities, according to the sixth City Momentum Index published by JLL.
- At 15th position, Kolkata was the sixth Indian city ranked amongst top 20.
- JLL's City Momentum Index measures momentum for 131 of the world's most commercially active cities by tracking a range of socio-economic and commercial real estate indicators over a three-year period to identify the urban economies and real estate markets undergoing the most rapid expansion.

BHEL and LIBCOIN in dialogue to build India's first lithium ion factory

- Consortium to initially build 1 GWh lithium ion battery plant and capacity will be scaled up to 30GWh in due course. Bharat Heavy Electricals (BHEL) and Libcoin are in dialogue to form a world class consortium to initially build 1GWh lithium ion battery plant in India. Its capacity will be scaled up to 30GWh in due course. With this, India has finally taken steps into its energy security and clean energy commitment to the world.

Two-day Agri Vision concludes in Hyderabad

- The 2-day Agri Vision 2019 Conference on envisioning Agro solutions for Smart and Sustainable Agriculture, which was inaugurated by Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu .
- The two day conference was jointly organized by Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU), Confederation of Indian Industry(CII) and Cornell University, USA.

PM Narendra Modi launches National Museum of Indian Cinema in Mumbai

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC) in Mumbai.
- The development of the Museum was guided by the Museum Advisory Committee headed by Shyam Benegal.
- An innovation Committee headed by Prasoon Joshi provided an upgrade to the NMIC.

Narendra Modi inaugurates India's first private Howitzer-manufacturing facility in Gujarat

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated the Armoured Systems Complex of Larsen and Toubro in Gujarat, the first private facility in the country where the K9 Vajra self-propelled Howitzer guns will be manufactured.
- L&T had in 2017 won the Rs 4,500-crore contract from the Ministry of Defence to supply 100 units of K9 Vajra-T 155 mm/52 calibre tracked self-propelled gun systems to the Indian Army under the Centre's 'Make in India' initiative.

Shehri Samridhi Utsav to begin from February 1; will focus on extending outreach of DAY-NULM

- Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs informed that a series of events named 'Shehri Samridhi Utsav' will begin from February 1, 2019 and will go on till February 15, 2019.
- The event, organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, will focus on urban livelihoods and extending the outreach of National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) to the poorest of the poor and the most vulnerable, and facilitate access of SHG members to the other government schemes.
- Safety Net Survey – The survey is being conducted to identify eligible SHG members not covered by government programs such as SBM(U), PMAY(U), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana and National Nutrition Mission.

NAS Shibpur to be commissioned as INS Kohassa

- Naval Air Station (NAS) Shibpur will be commissioned as INS Kohassa by Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba.
- The move is being undertaken to enhance the operational capability of Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC).
- NAS Shibpur was established in 2010. The NAS Shibpur was set up as a Forward Operating Air Base (FOAB) for surveillance in North Andaman.

2nd World Orange Festival begins in Nagpur

- The second World Orange Festival began in Nagpur on January 18, 2019.
- The festival, while offering its famed oranges to the world, will also showcase and brand the exquisite fruit in order to boost its export.

Suresh Prabhu inaugurates 10th edition of India Rubber Expo 2019

- Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the 10th edition of the India Rubber Expo – 2019 in Mumbai.

RBI approves appointment of V Vaidyanathan as MD, CEO of IDFC First Bank

- The Reserve Bank has approved the appointment of V Vaidyanathan as MD and CEO of IDFC First Bank for a period of three years, according to a regulatory filing. His tenure is effective from December 19, 2018.
- Last month, IDFC Bank and non-banking financial company Capital First completed their merger, creating a combined loan asset book of Rs 1.03 lakh crore for the merged entity IDFC First Bank.

Justice Asif Khosa takes oath as Chief Justice of Pakistan

- Justice Asif Saeed Khosa took oath as the 26th Chief Justice of Pakistan in a simple ceremony. President Arif Alvi administered oath to the new Chief Justice who took office after the retirement of Chief Justice Saqib Nisar.

Vinesh Phogat becomes first Indian athlete to be nominated in Laureus World Comeback of Year

Award

- Indian star wrestler Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian athlete to be nominated for the prestigious Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award.

- Vinesh has been nominated in “Laureus World Sporting Comeback” category for the year 2019 and will be competing for the award with some of the world’s greatest sportspersons including golfer Tiger Woods, Canadian snowboarder Mark McMorris, American alpine ski racer Lindsey Vonn, Japanese figure skater Yuzuru Manyu and Dutch para-snowboarding star Bibian Mentel-Spee.

WEEKLY OBJECTIVE MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS ON CURRENT AFFAIRS:
FOR WEEK 03/52 (JAN 15–JAN 21- 2019)

1. India and _____ signed a MoU for the establishment of the Joint Task Force on Blue Economy, in order to promote multi-sectoral cooperation in various aspects of Blue Economy?
(a) Japan (b) China (c) Mexico
(d) Norway (e) None of these
2. Which state government launched the ‘One Family One Job’ scheme under which for every family one government job has been allotted?
(a) Assam (b) Telangana (c) Himachal Pradesh
(d) Sikkim (e) None of these
3. Who will head the seven-member committee formed by the GST (Goods and Services Tax) Council to look into revenue shortfall being faced by the states after the GST roll-out, and suggest steps for augmenting collections?
(a) Nitish Kumar (b) Sushil Modi (c) Suresh Kumar
(d) Debashish Banerjee (e) None of these
4. President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent to the Constitution (One Hundred and third Amendment) Act, 2019 which grants _____ % reservation in jobs and educational institutions to the economically weaker sections in the general category?
(a) 12 % (b) 5 % (c) 10 %
(d) 7 % (e) None of these
5. Norway Government Pension Fund Global has made a portfolio investment of _____ dollars in India?
(a) \$12 billion (b) \$10 billion (c) \$15 billion
(d) \$13 billion (e) None of these
6. Private sector lender IDFC Bank changed its name to _____ owing to the merger of the bank with Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) Capital First?
(a) IDFC First Bank Ltd
(b) IDFC Capital Bank Ltd (c) ID First Bank Ltd (d) Capital IDFC Bank Ltd
(e) None of these
7. Who won the Sushila Devi Literature Award for her novel “Things to Leave Behind” in the ‘Best Book of Fiction Written by a Woman Author’ category at the Bhopalth January 2019?
(a) Manju Kapur (b) Namita Gokhale (c) Gayathri Prabhu
(d) Easterine Kire (e) None of these
8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a commemorative coin of _____ rupees on Guru Govind Singh ji in New Delhi on his 352nd birth anniversary?
(a) Rs 250 (b) Rs 150 (c) Rs 350
(d) Rs 200 (e) None of these
9. Which state government became the first to implement 10 % quota for Economically Weaker sections of general category in educational institutions and government jobs ?
(a) Rajasthan (b) Uttar Pradesh (c) Gujarat
(d) Kerala (e) None of these

10. Madras High Court formed an expert committee to suggest ways and means to remove the invasive species of the plants from _____ and rehabilitate the forests?
(a) Eastern Ghats (b) Western Ghats (c) Sahyadri Range
(d) Aravalli Range (e) None of these
11. Union Government re-promulgated _____ ordinance that aims to amend the companies law to further improve the ease of doing business and ensure better compliance levels?
(a) Companies (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019
(b) Business laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018
(c) Company Rules (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019
(d) Corporate laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018
(e) None of these
12. Which union ministry has drafted a 5-year action plan named National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction 2018 -2023 (NAPDDR) aimed to employ a multi-pronged strategy to address the problem of drug and substance abuse in India?
(a) Ministry of Home Affairs
(b) Ministry of Women and Child Development
(c) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(d) Ministry of Law and Justice
(e) None of these
13. The production, sale and use of single-use plastic products will be banned in the Union Territory of Puducherry from _____?
(a) March 1, 2019 (b) February 1, 2020 (c) September 1, 2019
(d) January 1, 2020 (e) None of these
14. Union Minister Dr Harshvardhan launched “Kumbh Mela Weather Service” mobile application and special weather services for the benefit of people participating in Kumbh Mela held in which city?
(a) Udaipur, Rajasthan (b) Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh (c) Rajkot, Gujarat
(d) Haridwar, Uttarakhand (e) None of these
15. Macedonia was renamed as _____ on 11th January 2019, on a mutual agreement with Greece to put an end to a 27-year rivalry?
(a) Republic of North Macedonia
(b) Democratic Republic of Macedonia
(c) Republic of South Macedonia
(d) Democratic Republic of West Macedonia
(e) None of these
16. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised a red-flag that bad loans under PMMY (Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana) launched in 2015, have risen to _____ rupees?
(a) Rs 11,000 crore (b) Rs 13,000 crore (c) Rs 24,000 crore
(d) Rs 20,000 crore (e) None of these
17. Where was the 6th ‘Women of India Organic Festival’ held from 12th to 14th January 2019, to encourage women farmers and entrepreneurs in the organic sector from the remotest parts of India?
(a) Ranchi (b) Chandigarh (c) Varanasi
(d) Cuttack (e) None of these
18. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis reaffirmed the state government’s commitment towards doubling farmers income by _____?
(a) 2020 (b) 2022 (c) 2024
(d) 2025 (e) None of these

19. A harvest festival named "Pongal" is celebrated in which state ?
 (a) Karnataka (b) Uttar Pradesh (c) Tamil Nadu
 (d) Gujarat (e) None of these
20. Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP), spread over 28.3 acres and built at a cost of Rs 100 crore at Jharsuguda in ____ was dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
 (a) Bihar (b) Odisha (c) Uttar Pradesh
 (d) Himachal Pradesh (e) None of these
21. Which was the first city to introduce ROADEO, the robot which will assist the pedestrians, especially children while crossing the roads?
 (a) Kolkata (b) New Delhi (c) Pune
 (d) Agra (e) None of these
22. India's headline inflation rate based on the consumer price index (combined) reduced to an 18-month low of what percent in December 2018, as per an official release by Central Statistics Office (CSO)?
 (a) 3.22 % (b) 2.19 % (c) 4.12 %
 (d) 3.14 % (e) None of these
23. Who was awarded the Franco-German Prize for Human Rights and the Rule of Law for 2018 in Beijing, China?
 (a) Xu Wen Lang (b) Yu Wensheng (c) Sia Cheng
 (d) Jin Lee (e) None of these
24. Name the former SBI Managing Director who was appointed by ICICI Bank on its board as independent director for 5 year?
 (a) R Gandhi (b) Arundathi Bhattacharya (c) B Sriram
 (d) Akash Parekh (e) None of these
25. The bilateral army exercise named IMBEX 2018-19 between India and which country began at Chandimandir, in Chandigarh?
 (a) Malaysia (b) Myanmar (c) Mauritius
 (d) Maldives (e) None of these
26. Name the convener of the 7-member Group of Ministers (GoM) under the title 'GoM for boosting Real Estate Sector under the GST regime' announced by Finance Ministry on 15th January 2019?
 (a) Naveen Karmakar (b) Dinesh Kumar (c) Nitin Patel
 (d) Manoj Sinha (e) None of these
27. One out of every ____ Class 8 students in rural India is unable to read simple texts as per the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2018 by NGO Pratham?
 (a) 10 (b) 5 (c) 7
 (d) 4 (e) None of these
28. Which state government launched "Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana", which is a Rs 50,000 crore farm loan waiver scheme for farmers?
 (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Telangana (c) Rajasthan
 (d) Bihar (e) None of these
29. Where was the 1st one day Turtle Festival celebrated in?
 (a) Pune, Maharashtra (b) Puri, Odisha (c) Calicut, Kerala
 (d) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh (e) None of these
30. Where was the Global Aviation Summit (GAS) 2019 organised by Ministry of Civil Aviation, Airport Authority of India (AAI) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), held in?
 (a) Dehradun (b) Mumbai (c) New Delhi
 (d) Bengaluru (e) None of these

31. Vision 2040 document released at the Global Aviation Summit (GAS) 2019, aims to have _____ air passengers in 2040 from 187 million air passengers in 2018?
(a) 1.12 billion (b) 2.35 billion (c) 4.55 billion
(d) 3.78 billion (e) None of these
32. Name the Indian who has been featured in the Top “Global Thinkers 2019” ranking released by the Foreign Policy publishing?
(a) Shiv Nadar (b) Mukesh Ambani (c) Kiran Mazumdar
(d) Ritesh Gupta (e) None of these
33. Where did Minister of State in Department of Space Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurate the 1st batch of UNNATI programme of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) ?
(a) New Delhi (b) Hyderabad (c) Bengaluru
(d) Kochi (e) None of these
34. President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent to _____ act that seeks to do away with the no-detention policy in schools ?
(a) Right to education for All (Amendment) Act, 2019
(b) Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Act, 2019
(c) School Education Regulations (Amendment) Act, 2019
(d) Compulsory School Education (Amendment) Act, 2019
(e) None of these
35. Union Cabinet approved recapitalization of Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) to the tune of _____ rupees to expand its business?
(a) Rs 2,000 crore (b) Rs 4,000 crore (c) Rs 6,000 crore
(d) Rs 5,000 crore (e) None of these
36. Where was the Indian Panorama Film Festival held at?
(a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Kolkata
(d) Chennai (e) None of these
37. Reserve Bank of India rationalised the overseas borrowing norms allowing a uniform borrowing limit of _____ rupees a year across tenors in its New External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) Framework released on 16th January 2019?
(a) Rs 250 million (b) Rs 400 million (c) Rs 500 million
(d) Rs 750 million (e) None of these
38. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued drafts norm for commodity indices allowing trading in commodity-index-based futures. It has proposed a maximum weightage of _____ % and minimum 1% for a constituent?
(a) 25 % (b) 20 % (c) 45 %
(d) 50 % (e) None of these
39. Name the Goodwill Ambassador of the World Health Organization for Leprosy Elimination who has been conferred with Gandhi Peace Prize for 2018?
(a) Lee Win Shui (b) Yohei Sasakawa (c) Adam Gillworth
(d) Stephen Gotham (e) None of these
40. Which Indian born professor was announced the recipient of the 2019 Japan Prize in the field of “Biological Production, Ecology” by the Japan Prize Foundation?
(a) Dr. Mithra Dubey (b) Dr. Rattan Lal (c) Dr. Raveena Singh
(d) Dr. Mithun Khanna (e) None of these
41. Who was appointed as Additional Solicitor General of India for the Supreme Court?
(a) Rujuta Sen (b) Sanjay Jain (c) Advyith Mahila
(d) Arpit Kumar (e) None of these

42. Where was the 2019 edition of 'Saksham', an annual high intensity one-month long people-centric mega campaign of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) launched at?
- (a) Kolkata (b) New Delhi (c) Mumbai
(d) Chennai (e) None of these
43. Where did Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, organize the 2nd regional conference on 'Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)' ?
- (a) Mumbai (b) Kolkata (c) Bengaluru
(d) Dehradun (e) None of these
44. Which state became the third state after Jharkhand and Gujarat to approve the 10 % reservation for economically backward among upper castes in jobs and educational institutions?
- (a) Telangana (b) Uttar Pradesh (c) Rajasthan
(d) Chhattisgarh (e) None of these
45. Which state government launched the Project for Sustainable Catchment Forest Management on 16th January 2019, for which Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is providing Rs. 1000 crores?
- (a) Meghalaya (b) Tripura (c) Assam
(d) Kerala (e) None of these
46. Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPPY), the Central Government scheme for employment generation has crossed the milestones of _____ beneficiaries at?
- (a) 50 lakh (b) 1 crore (c) 10 crore
(d) 75 lakh (e) None of these
47. Where was the 7th Meeting of Tourism Ministers of ASEAN-India held at?
- (a) Xuhai, China (b) Bangkok, Thailand (c) New Delhi, India
(d) Ha Long City, Viet Nam (e) None of these
48. Name the Indian female wrestler who became the first Indian athlete to receive a nomination in the Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award ?
- (a) Geeta Phogat (b) Vinesh Phogat (c) Kavita Devi
(d) Babita Kumari (e) None of these
49. Which state government announced "Shaurya Award" to students in the name of 71 state police force martyrs who sacrificed their lives while maintaining law and order and protecting society since the formation of state in 1966?

- (a) Jharkhand (b) Haryana (c) Chhattisgarh
 (d) Goa (e) None of these

50. Who took oath as the 26th Chief Justice of Pakistan ?

- (a) Justice Asif Saeed Khosa (b) Justice Rasheed Ahmed Khan
 (c) Justice Areef Sheikh (d) Justice Mohammed Rafeeq
 (e) None of these

ANSWER KEYS

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5	a	15	a	25	b	35	c	45	b
6	a	16	a	26	c	36	a	46	b
7	b	17	b	27	d	37	d	47	d
8	c	18	b	28	a	38	b	48	b
9	c	19	c	29	b	39	b	49	b
10	b	20	b	30	b	40	b	50	a