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Rio - World Capital of Architecture for 2020



ISRO launched Microsat-R



INS Kohassa- India's 3rd Naval base

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa to be Chief Guest at R-Day Parade

- South Africa President **Cyril Ramaphosa** will be the Chief Guest at the Republic Day Parade. He is the second President of South Africa after Nelson Mandela to be the Chief Guest at the parade.
- President Ramaphosa will be accorded ceremonial welcome at Rashtrapati Bhawan Friday morning.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Ramaphosa will hold delegation level talks on bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest.
- Both the leaders will also address the India-South Africa Business Forum with the objective to grow business ties between the two countries.
- AIR correspondent reports, relations between India and South Africa are age old.
- Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi is revered in the African nation as he had an important role in the non-violent movement in South Africa.

India and Kuwait signed MoU for cooperation on the recruitment of domestic workers

- The **Union Cabinet** approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between **India and Kuwait** for **cooperation on the recruitment of domestic workers**.

- This signing will benefit around **3,00,000 Indian workers** deployed in Kuwait, including about **90,000 female domestic workers**.
- The MoU provides a structured framework for cooperation **on domestic workers related matters** and provides strengthened safeguards for Indian domestic workers, including female workers deployed in Kuwait. The MoU is initially valid for a **period of five years** and incorporates provision for automatic renewal. Under this MoU, a **joint committee** will also be set up to follow up the implementation.

India signed 11 MoUs worth \$9.5 million with Afghanistan

- India signed **11 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs)** with Afghanistan for 26 projects worth 9.5 million dollars in the field of infrastructure, public services such as health clinics and governance-related projects.
- The MoUs signed will involve the construction of classrooms, orphanages, health clinics, canal protection walls and enhancing economic opportunities for women.
- The projects will be developed in seven provinces of Afghanistan- Balkh, Ghor, Herat, Kabul, Bamyán, Badghis and Kapisa.
- It will help local communities in education, employment and livelihood generation and capacity building.
- These projects which are part of 577 community-based **Small Development Projects (SDP)** are being funded by India from 2005-2021 and worth \$120 million.

CNIL imposed 50 billion euros on Google

- **CNIL (National Commission on Informatics and Liberty)**, France's data watchdog imposed a **fine of 50 million (\$57 million) on U.S. search giant Google**, using the EU's strict General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for the first time.

- According to CNIL, these violations are yet to have been rectified by Google. Under **European Union's strict General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**, companies are required to gain the user's genuine consent before collecting their information, which means making consent an explicitly opt-in process that's easy for people to withdraw.

CNIL (National Commission on Informatics and Liberty):

- National Commission on Informatics and Liberty (CNIL) is France's **data protection regulator**
- It aims to ensure that **data privacy law** is applied to the collection, storage, and use of personal data

Rio named as World Capital of Architecture for 2020 by UNESCO

- The Brazilian city of **Rio de Janeiro** has been named as the **World Capital of Architecture for 2020** by the **UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**.

- Rio will be the first city to receive the title under a programme launched together by UNESCO and the **International Union of Architects (UIA)** in November 2018. Earlier Paris and Melbourne secured the position.

- According to UNESCO, the World Capital of Architecture is intended to become an international forum for debates about pressing global challenges from the **perspectives of culture, cultural heritage, urban planning, and architecture**. As one of the oldest cities in Brazil, Rio has a mix of modern and colonial architecture, with world-renowned sites like the statue of Christ the Redeemer and contemporary constructions like the **Museum of Tomorrow**.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

MGU to receive Rs.50 crore under RUSA scheme

- **Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU)**, Kottayam, has been granted **Rs.50 crore** under the **Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)** scheme as a major boost to its research and academic programmes.

- The university was among the 16 institutions shortlisted by the Centre to bestow the grant. The primary objective of the RUSA scheme is to improve the overall standard of state-funded institutions and to ensure that they are run according to global standards.

- Of the grant, **Rs.15 crore** is being allotted for enhancing the efficiency of its student start-up, employability and career hub programmes by launching innovative projects in association with 500 select industrial units. The remaining amount will be spent on initiating research jointly with foreign universities.

Maharashtra State seeks Rs.7,900 crore for drought relief

- **Maharashtra** State recently announced **151 talukas** out of a total 355 as drought-affected at the beginning of **January, 2019**. The government announced disbursement of **Rs.2,900 crore on 24th January** for relief measures in affected areas. It has already started fodder camps at Mandal Levels.

- The State has demanded **Rs.7,900 crore from the Centre** for drought relief measures. In view of this, the State govt is to hold a Disaster Management Conference at the IIT Bombay with the theme 'Building the Future We Want: Bridging Gaps between promises and Action'. 56 nations are expected to participate in the conference.

Ninth National Voters Day to be celebrated across country

- 9th **National Voters Day** will be celebrated across the country today for enhanced participation of citizens in the electoral process.
- The National Awards for the Best Electoral Practices will be conferred on Officers for their outstanding performance in the conduct of elections.
- President Ram Nath Kovind will be the Chief Guest at the main function being organized by Election Commission in New Delhi.
- The National Voters Day is celebrated all over the country on January 25 every year since 2011 to mark the Foundation day of Election Commission of India, which was established on 25th January 1950.
- The main purpose of the celebration is to encourage, facilitate and maximize the enrollment, especially for the new voters.

Worlds longest 3D printed concrete bridge opened in china

- World's longest 3D printed concrete bridge was opened in **China**.
- It is located on the Wenzaobang River in Shanghai.
- The Bridge is designed by Professor Xy Weiguo from Tsinghua University in China.
- The bridge is of 26.3 metre-long and 3.6-metre-wide and is made out of 44 hollowed-out 3D printed concrete blocks.

Telangana to set up Save Tiger Protection Force

- The Telangana government decided to form a State Tiger Protection Force to save the Big cat population in the State.
- The State and Central government will share the cost of the force with 112 members headed by the assistant conservator of the forest on 40:60 basis.
- They are organized to protect the tiger population in the areas of Amarabad and Kawal tiger reserves.

President Ram Nath Kovind to address nation on 70th Republic Day

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** will address the nation today on the eve of the 70th Republic Day.
- The address will be broadcast from 7 PM on the entire national network of All India Radio and telecast over all channels of Doordarshan in Hindi followed by the English version.
- AIR will broadcast regional language versions from 9:30 PM onwards on its respective regional networks.

BANKING & FINANCE

Svamaan Financial Services launched a microfinance venture

- **Anushree Jindal** founder of **Svamaan Financial Services**, a microlender, has launched a **microfinance venture**, initially in two States, Karnataka and Maharashtra. It aims in **expanding into banking services in the future**.
- Svamaan Financial Services recently received **Reserve Bank of India's** approval for starting operations, will offer financial products to unbanked and under-banked sections of the population.
- Initially, the **Micro Finance Institutions (MFI)** will focus on Karnataka and Maharashtra with plans to enter the eastern markets of Orissa and Chhattisgarh by 2020. Svamaan aims to reach 100,000 customers by 2021.

Jharkhand CM tabled an estimated Rs.85,429 crore budget in the SLA

- **Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das** tabled an estimated **Rs.85,429 crore** budget for the financial year 2019-20 in the **State Assembly**. Out of the total budget, **Rs.65,803 crore** is on the head of revenue expenditure while **Rs.19,626 crore** is on capital expenditure.
- **25%**, that is, **Rs.27,142.60 crore** has been earmarked for the **development of ST/SC areas**. Mr. Das, presenting his fifth straight budget who also holds charge of the Finance Department.

About Jharkhand:

- Capital: Ranchi
- Governor: Draupadi Murmu
- Chief Minister: Raghubar Das

Flipkart promotes Rishi Vasudev to head Myntra-Jabongs fashion & lifestyle categories

- Walmart backed E-Commerce giant **Flipkart** promoted its Fashion department head Rishi Vasudev to head Myntra Jabongs Fashion and lifestyle categories as an additional responsibility.

- **Rishi Vasudev** will report to Flipkart CEO Kalyan Krishnamurthy after the formal announcement which is expected in next 10 days.

Nepals Central Bank Announces Ban of Indian Notes Above Rs100

- **Nepals** central bank banned the use of Indian currency notes of Rs 2,000, Rs 500 and Rs 200 denominations, a move that could affect Indian tourists visiting the Himalayan nation where Indian currency is widely used.

- Nepal Rastra Bank issued a circular prohibiting Nepali travelers, banks and financial institutions from holding or carrying and trading Indian bank notes higher than Rs 100.

- Under the new regulation, Nepali citizens cannot carry these denominations to countries other than India.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

BHEL and LIBCOIN to Build Indias First Lithium Ion Giga Factory

- Government announced that **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)** and Libcoin are in dialogue to form a world-class consortium to initially build the first lithium Ion battery plant in India.
- The Initial capacity of the plant will be 1GWh and it will be scaled up to 30 GWh in due course.
- This project will include Made by India, for India with a focus on core cost component manufactured domestically.
- This project will bring energy independence by replacing oil imports with abundant renewable energy sources.
- The main aim of the project is to create an integrated manufacturing ecosystem resulting in self-reliance and lower cost.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ISRO has planned 32 missions

• The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has planned **32 missions**, including the prestigious **Chandrayaan-2**, during 2019. The organization has also received approval for the **Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)** and is working on reusable launch vehicle development.

- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO):**
- **Formation:** 15 August 1969
- **Headquarters:** Bangalore, Karnataka
- **Chairman:** Dr.K.Sivan
- **Primary spaceport:** Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SHAR), Sriharikota
- **Parent organization:** Department of Space, Government of India

India launched Apollo Proton Cancer Centre (APCC) in Chennai

• **India** launched **Apollo Proton Cancer Centre (APCC)** in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. With this launch, India has become the **16th country** in the world to offer proton therapy for cancer.

• The Centre offers proton therapy with **pencil-beam technology** that provides a high degree of precision. APCC is a **150-bed integrated cancer care Centre**. It has the Intensity Modulated Proton Therapy and Image-Guided Radiotherapy component.

- At present, there are 72-odd facilities operational across the globe. Around 60 to 70% of cancer patients need radiation. Through proton beam therapy, which is a form of radiation, zero dose beyond the tumour is achievable.

TN government plans to unveil a new electronics manufacturing policy

- The **Tamil Nadu government** plans to **unveil a new electronics manufacturing policy** in February, with the aim of becoming the leader in the sector. The State was working on an electronics manufacturing policy, which was being prepared with inputs from experts.

- The State is currently the second largest in terms of electronics manufacturing and has huge potential to become No. 1. **Uttar Pradesh** holds the first position.

ISRO successfully launched Microsat R into space

- **Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO)** first mission of 2019, **Microsat-R**, was successfully launched into space on **24th January 2019**. **PSLV-C44** was launched from the older First Launch Pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. The 130-kg Microsat-R is a **military imaging satellite**.

- Microsat-R and its payload come assembled from a handful of laboratories of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and is meant for military use.

- ISRO also used this launch as an opportunity to demonstrate the usability of the fourth stage of the rocket after the satellites are ejected into orbit. This would enable any agency that wants to conduct experiments in space to use the fourth stage till it disintegrates naturally. The fourth stage of the rocket may be orbiting in space for six

months to a year. ISRO is aiming to use this time-frame to enable agencies to run short time experiments. Mr. Sivan asked students in India to develop such satellites and ISRO would take care of the launch.

DEFENCE

Indian Navy has commissioned its third naval base

- The **Indian Navy** has commissioned its **third naval base, INS Kohassa** at **Andaman and Nicobar islands**. The **Naval Air Station (NAS) Shibpur** has been commissioned as **INS Kohassa in Andaman and Nicobar islands**.

- It is Indian Navy's third naval air facility in the Andamans. The base is in close proximity to Coco Islands (of Myanmar) and the wide expanse of the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone.

- The new base was inaugurated by **Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba** in the presence of top naval commanders. This is to expand operational presence in the Indian Ocean where China has been increasing its military presence. The Naval Air Station has been developed for both military and civil - airfield.

India Africa Field Training Exercise (IAFTX) 2019 to be held in Pune

- The final planning conference to work out the modalities for **India Africa Field Training Exercise (IAFTX)** which is to be held from 18th to 27th March 2019 commenced in Pune, Maharashtra.

- **India Africa Field Training Exercise (IAFTE) 2019** will boost strategic Cooperation, political and military ties between the countries.

- Representatives from Egypt, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, South Africa, Tanzania, Namibia, Mozambique, Uganda, Niger, and Zambia are attending the conference.

- Field Training Exercise will be carried out at Aundh Military station and College of Military Engineering in Pune.
- At present, the Chinese Military has spread its tentacles in Africa through military hardware cooperation.
- The exercise will unify humanitarian action and joint peace operation.

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the Diffo Bridge over Chipu River in Arunachal Pradesh

- Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated the 426 metres long Diffo Bridge over Chipu River in Lower Dibang Valley District of Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Border Roads Organization (BRO)** constructed the bridge along Indo-China border. The construction of the bridge began in 2011.
- The total cost to build the bridge was Rs 4,847.83 lakh and was funded by the Union ministry of road transport and highways.

AGREEMENTS, MOU

Omega Healthcare inks MoU with IIT-Bangalore

- **Omega Healthcare Management Services** signed a pact with IIT-Bangalore for advanced use of latest technology in providing healthcare solutions.
- This MoU was signed to build industry-grade AI engines that can be embedded as part of Omegas business solutions to solve healthcare business challenges.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCE

T.N. government signed 304 MoUs at the second edition of Global Investors Meet

- The **second edition of Global Investors Meet (GIM) 2019** was held at Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The T.N. government signed **304 Memoranda of Understanding** and agreements entailing investments to the tune of over **Rs.3,00,431 crore at GIM-2**.

About Global Investors Meet (GIM):

- The first edition happened on 2015 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- The Second edition was held at Chennai
- This summit is to showcase the competitive strengths and opportunities in Tamil Nadu
- GIM 2019 provides an ideal platform for understanding Tamil Nadu as a preferred Investors Choice

SPORTS

Mohammed Shami is the fastest Indian bowler to reach 100 ODI wickets

- Mohammed Shami succeeded the Indian record held by Irfan Pathan to become the fastest Indian bowler to claim 100 ODI wickets.

- Shami got this milestone at his **56th match** whereas Irfan got in his **59th match**.

Maharashtra won the Khelo India Youth Games

- **Khelo India Youth Games 2019** was held at **Pune, Maharashtra**. Maharashtra won the title and won 85 gold, 62 silver and 81 bronze for a total of **228 medals**.

- Khelo India School Games 2018 trophy was won by Haryana. This year, **Haryana won** 62 gold, 56 silver and 60 bronze for a total of **178 medals** and stood in **second place**. **Delhi stood third** by securing 48 gold, 37 silver and 51 bronze, a tally of 136 medals.

- **About Maharashtra:**
- Capital: Mumbai
- Governor: C.Vidyasagar Rao
- Chief Minister: Devendra Fadnavis
- Official language: Marathi

Ankita Raina won the ITF womens tennis tournament title

- **India's Ankita Raina** defeated **Arantxa Rus**, the top seed and World No.122, of

the Netherlands. She secured **6-3, 6-2** in the final of the \$25,000 International Tennis Federation (ITF) women's tennis tournament in Singapore.

Results:

\$25,000 ITF women, Singapore:

- Final: Ankita Raina bt Arantxa Rus (Ned) 6-3, 6-2.

ENVIRONMENT

Greenlands melting ice causes sea levels to rise

- Researchers warned that **Greenlands melting ice** disappeared four times **faster in 2013 than in 2003** and is noticeable across the Arctic island, not just on glaciers. Greenlands melting ice **causes sea levels to rise**. The report said that 111 cubic kilometres of ice disappeared per year in 2003, 10 years later this figure had almost quadrupled to 428 cubic km.

- The melting ice observed in the study is caused by **rising land temperatures**, and in part, the fact that the ice comes into contact with waters that are **increasingly warmer**. As the atmospheres temperature gradually rises, an acceleration of the ice melt can be immediately noticed.

Two Rhinos from Kaziranga has been transferred to Manas

- Two Rhinos, One male, and other female, from **Kaziranga national park** has been moved to Manas National Park. The officials overseeing the translocation said that both the animals, who grew up together at **Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC)** at Kaziranga, have been radio-collared so that their movement in the wild are monitored.

- The augmentation of Rhinos were part of the initiative **Bring Back Manas**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Manas National Park:

- Location: Assam

- Established on: 1990
- It functions under the **Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of**

India

- It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Listed as **Endangered Wildlife Sanctuary** by UNESCO in 1992-2011

ZSI says 19 species of amphibians are critically endangered and 33 species are endangered

• As per the **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)** update on **Indian amphibians, 19 species** being treated as **critically endangered** and **33 species as endangered** according to the **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)**.

• Since 2009, the scientists of the ZSI in collaboration with other institutes have been updating the Indian amphibian checklist periodically. In 2009, the total number of species listed was 284. In 2010 it was 311, in 2011 it was 314, in 2012 and 2013 it was 342, in 2015 it was 384 and in 2017 it was 405 species.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

President of India Presents Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

- **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, the President of India, presented the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2019 at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- The awards were presented in the presence of Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Union Minister for Women and Child Development and other dignitaries.
- The Awards were given in two categories- Bal Shakti Puraskar (erstwhile known as National Child Award) for which 26 children were shortlisted and Bal Kalyan Puraskar (erstwhile known as National Child Welfare Award) for which 2 individuals and 3 institutions were awarded.
- The Bal Shakti Puraskar award which is given in the field of Innovation, Social Service, Scholastic, Sports, Art & Culture and Bravery carries a cash prize of Rs. one lakh, book vouchers worth Rs. ten thousand, a certificate and a citation.
- The **Bal Kalyan Puraskar** which is given in the category of individual and institution consists of a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh, a medal, a citation and a certificate for individual and consists of a cash prize of Rs.5 lakh for the institution.

Tamil Nadu State government bagged awards for BBBP scheme

- The **Tamil Nadu State government** bagged two awards for its performance pertaining to the Union governments **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao** (BBBP) scheme at the

National Girl Child Day celebrations in New Delhi. Maneka Gandhi, Minister for Women and Child Development, presented the awards. While one award was for the States performance, the other was for Tiruvannamalai district.

Collector B.Lakshmikantham has been selected for the Best Electoral Practices Award

- **Vijayawadas Krishna District Collector B. Lakshmikantham** has been selected for the **Best Electoral Practices Award** to be presented by **Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan** during **national votersday celebrations** in the city.

- The district registered 2,54, 576, a record number of new voters in September and October last year following various voter awareness campaigns under the **Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation initiative**.

- As on September 1, the number of voters was 30.51 lakh. Krishna was the only district in the country to achieve this in short span and has now over 33.03 lakh voters enrolled with the Election Commission of India against 46 lakh population. The district also crossed the ideal electoral population ratio.

Kerala Sahitya Akademi Awards for 2017 has been announced

- The **Kerala Sahitya Akademi Awards for 2017** have been announced.

Nireeswaran by **V.J. James** has been selected the best novel. **Mindaprani**, written by **Veerankutty**, is the best poetry. **Aymanam Johns Ethara Characharangalude Charitra Pusthakam** has secured the award for the **best short story**.

- **Pazhavila Rameshan**, **M.P. Parameswaran**, **Kunjappa Pattannur**, **K.G. Paulose**, **K. Ajitha**, and **C.L. Jose** have been selected for awards for their overall contributions. The

awards carry a purse of Rs.30,000. K.N. Panikker and Attur Ravivarma will be presented with akademis fellowships worth Rs.50,000.

M.R.Ravi to be awarded the State level EC award

- The **Karnataka Election Commission** has selected **M.R.Ravi**, former Chief Executive Officer of Dakshina Kannada Zilla Panchayat for the for a State-level Election Commission award.

- The award will be presented to him for functioning effectively as the **Nodal Officer in the Assembly election process**. The award will be presented to him at a function to be attended by **Governor Vajubhai R. Vala** in the Town Hall in Bengaluru on January 25. Mr. Ravi is now Commissioner for Textile Development and Director of Handlooms and Textiles in Bengaluru.

Ranjani Murali won Womans Voice Award at AKLF 2019

- US Based Indian poet Ranjani Murali was awarded the **Womans Voice Award** on the last day of Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF).

- The main Objective of the award is to recognize and encourage creative writing by women in India.

- The Award carried a cash prize of Rs 1 Lakh along with a citation.

- Ranjani Muralis second book Clearly you are ESL won the Great Indian Poetry Collectives (GIPCs) Editors Choice award.

APPOINTMENTS / RESIGN

IndiGo Airlines appointed Ronojoy Dutta as its new CEO

- **IndiGo Airlines** appointed global aviation professional **Ronojoy Dutta** as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Mr.Ronojoy Dutta replaces the **former CEO Aditya Ghosh**. The place has been vacant after his resignation in April 2018. Mr. Dutta was president of United Airlines, where he worked for nearly twenty years.He has served on the boards of United Airlines, US Airways, and Marsico Trust Funds.

IndiGo airlines:

- **Founded:** 2005
- **Parent company:** Interglobe Aviation Ltd
- **Headquarters:**Gurgaon, India
- **Co-founders:** Rakesh Gangwal, Rahul Bhatia
- **President:** Aditya Ghosh
- **Chairman:** M. Damodaran
- **CEO:** Ronojoy Dutta

OBITUARY

Sahitya Akademi Award Winning Bengali Writer Atin Bandyopadhyay passed away

- Sahitya Akademi award winning Bengali writer Atin Bandyopadhyay passed away of brain stroke. Bandyopadhyay, who was 85 was born in Dhaka in then undivided Bengal and had taken up various jobs as a sailor, school teacher, factory manager, journalist to finally become a writer.

- Winner of 2001 Sahitya Akademi award for his compilation of short stories Panchayati Galpo, Bandyopadhyay had also penned popular fiction pieces like Nilkantha Pakhir Khonje, Aloukik Jaljaan, Nil Timi, Ekti Jaler Rekha in his illustrious career spanning over decades.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Telangana Women and Child Welfare Department organized National Girl Child Day

- **Telangana Women and Child Welfare Department** and IMA jointly organized the occasion of **National Girl Child Day on 24th January 2019**.
- Collector M. Ram Mohan Rao, in his speech, said discrimination against girls/women persists at many places, despite the changes that the society has been witnessing in recent times. He also said women were at the helm of affairs in several fields, fighting discrimination at all levels. New opportunities must be created for women in all fields.

FESTIVALS

Flamingo festival in Andhra Pradesh

- A visual treat for birdwatchers began.
- The Flamingo Festival, kicked-off at Pulicat Lake and Nellapattu in Sullurpet mandal, Andhra Pradesh
- Flamingo Festival is a 12-year-long tradition of the region.
- The main highlight of this fest is the sight of colorful migratory birds from Siberia that visit the region for nesting and breeding.

QUIZ CORNER

1) Who is the President of South Africa?

- A.Nomazizi Mtshotshisa
- B.Cyril Ramaphosa
- C.Thabo Mbeki
- D.Jacob Zuma

Answer B

2) Who is the Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India?

- A.Sunil K.Gupta
- B.S.Khuntia
- C.R.S.Sharma
- D.Deepak Kumar

Answer C

3) Who is to be awarded the Ashok Chakra for the counter-insurgency operation in Kashmir?

- A.Lance Naik Nazir Ahmad Wani
- B.Narbahadur Thapa
- C.Ummed Singh Mahra
- D.Ram Prakash Roperia

Answer A

4) What is the name of the hub that received Rs.200 crore from U.K. government to study Nitrogen Pollution?

- A.South Asian Nitrogen Study Association (SANSA)
- B.Asian Nitrogen Study Association (ANSA)
- C.South Asian Nitrogen Hub (SANH)
- D.Anglo Asian Nitrogen Hub (SANH)

Answer C

5) Which of the following DRDO's missile is used to destroy enemy radars and communication facilities?

- A.Anti-tank missile
- B.Ballistic missiles
- C.Anti-radiation missile
- D.Cruise missiles

Answer C

6) Who is appointed as the MD & CEO of Yes Bank?

- A.Rana Kapoor
- B.Ravneet Gill
- C.Ashok Kapur
- D.Brahm Dutt

Answer B

7) Which of the following State has sought Rs.7,900 crore for drought relief?

- A.Karnataka
- B.Odisha
- C.Bihar
- D.Maharashtra

Answer D

8) In which State did the Centre launch Apollo Proton Cancer Centre (APCC)?

- A.Karnataka
- B.Uttar Pradesh
- C.Gujarat
- D.Tamil Nadu

Answer D

9) When is National Girl Child day celebrated in India?

- A.24th January
- B.25th January
- C.26th January
- D.27th January

Answer A

10) Under which Scheme did the Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU) was granted Rs.50 crore its research and academic programmes?

- A.Mahila Samakhya Programme (MSP)
- B.Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme
- C.Scheme to Provide Quality Education In Madrasas (SPQEM)
- D.Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Scheme

Answer B

11) Who is appointed as the CEO of IngiGO airlines?

- A.Aditya Ghosh
- B.Ronojoy Dutta
- C.Rakesh Gangwal
- D.Damodaran

Answer B

12) Who is the Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?

- A.A.S.Kiran Kumar
- B.K.Sivan
- C.G.Madhavan Nair
- D.B.N.Suresh

Answer B

13) Which country clones five gene-edited monkeys?

- A.China
- B.Saudi Arabia
- C.Indonesia
- D.Pakistan

Answer A

14) When did the first edition of Global Investors Meet (GIM) happen?

- A.2014
- B.2015
- C.2016
- D.2017

Answer B

15) Which state to provide land to service sector industries?

- A.Bihar
- B.Andhra Pradesh
- C.Kerala
- D.TamilNadu

Answer A

16) India Africa Field Training Exercise (IAFTX) 2019 to be held in

- A.Pune
- B.Chennai
- C.Hyderabad
- D.Secunderabad

Answer A

17) Who inaugurated National Declamations Contest on Patriotism and nation building ?

- A.Shri Suresh Prabhu
- B.Shri Rajyavardhan Rathore
- C.Shri Vikram Sharma
- D.Shri Piyush Goyal

Answer B

18) Fifteenth Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Convention held in -----

- A.Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- B.Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- C.Andhra Pradesh(Hyderabad)
- D.Arunachal Pradesh(Itanagar)

Answer B

19) Who is the author of the novel Nireeswaran, which won Kerala Sahitya Akademi Awards for 2017?

- A.V.J.James
- B.Veerankutty
- C.Aymanam John
- D.Navaniti Prasad Singh

Answer A

20) How much did the Adani Group and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) invested on Tamil Nadu State during Global Investors Meet (GIM) 2019?

- A.Rs.25,000 crore
- B.Rs.28,000 crore
- C.Rs.32,000 crore
- D.Rs.30,000 crore

Answer B

21) Who is to be awarded the State level Election Commission (EC) award in Karnataka?

- A.M.R.Ravi
- B.Anil Kumar Jha
- C.Sanjiv Kumar

D.Rajath Kumar

Answer A

22) In which year did the Jallianwala Bagh massacre take place?

A.1916

B.1917

C.1918

D.1919

Answer D

23) Where is the Subhash Chandra Bose museum located?

A.New Delhi

B.Srinagar

C.Cuttack

D.Mumbai

Answer A

24) From which national park did the Centre move two rhinos to Manas National Park?

A.Gir National Park

B.Jim Corbett National Park

C.Kaziranga National Park

D.Ranthambore National Park

Answer C

25) Where is Manas National Park located?

A.Manipur

B.Assam

C.Madhya Pradesh

D.Gujarat

Answer B

26) Which country Ranks 80th On Global Talent Competitiveness Ranking: Survey?

A.India

B.Pakistan

C.Saudi Arabia

D.Indonesia

Answer A

27) With which Country did India recently sign a MoU for cooperation on the recruitment of domestic workers?

A.Saudi Arabia

B.Oman

C.Fujairah

D.Kuwait

Answer D

28) Vodafone Idea Board Approves Rights Issue for -----?

A.Rs 25,000 crores

B.Rs 34,000 crores

C.Rs 64,000 crores

D.Rs 72,000 crores

Answer A

29) Who Presents Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar award ?

A.Shri Ram Nath Kovind

B.Shri Suresh Prabhu

C.Shri Prakash Javadekar

D.Shri Vijay Prakash

Answer A

30) How much did the Maharashtra State government approve for the Women Safety Initiative Scheme?

A.Rs.195 crore

B.Rs.151.20 crore

C.Rs.220.80 crore

D.Rs.252 crore

Answer D

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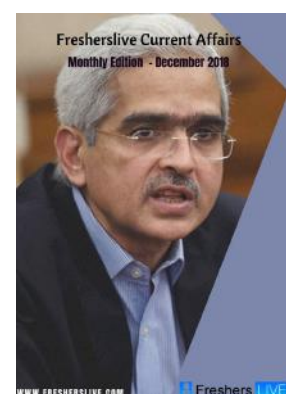
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